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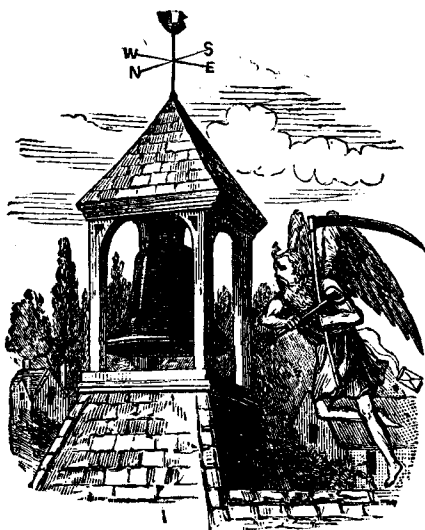
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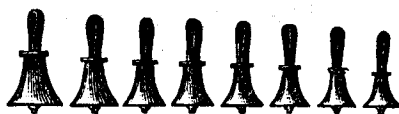
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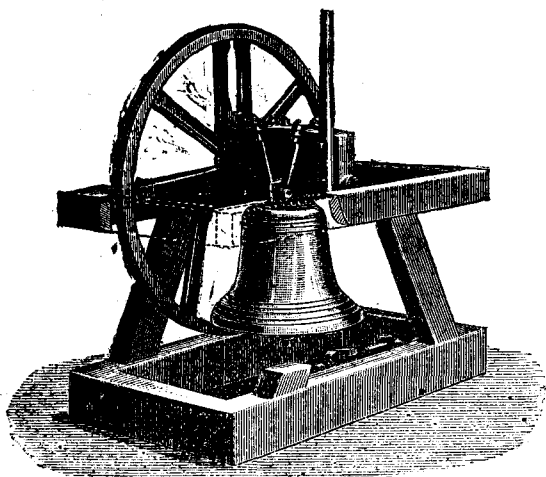
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The first general meeting of this Association for the present year was held at Halifax on Saturday, February 1st, at which there was a large attendance of members and friends from all parts of the county. During the forenoon an attempt was made at the parish church for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, but after 2 hrs. 32 mins. steady ringing, the tenor-man, to the surprise of the rest of the company, called "stand," pleading faintness. At four o'clock the official committee met and transacted business, Mr. W. Davies, of Liverpool, being also present. Several new members were elected, and among other items the question of the two delegates' expenses to the Central Council preliminary meeting discussed and settled.

At five o'clock, an excellent meat tea was provided at "The Crown" cocoa house, which was partaken of by the visitors, the large room being well filled.

Immediately after this pleasant part of the proceedings had been gone through to the satisfaction of every one, an adjournment was made to the assembly-room, where the general business meeting was held.

Mr. W. Snowden, on taking the chair, was supported by the Ven. Archdeacon Brooke, Vicar of Halifax, the Rev. T. Lewthwaite, Vicar of All Souls', and other clergy, the wardens of the parish church, and nearly all the officers and members of the Committee, a large number of members being also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and passed, the Chairman referred in fitting terms to the recent losses by the Association through death, especially mentioning Mr. Henry Johnson, and Mr. Underwood of York.

Mr. B. T. Copley (Hon. Sec.), after reading a letter received from the Skipton branch, proposed on their behalf that the June meeting be held at Skipton.

Mr. C. H. Hattersley (Sheffield) seconded, and it was carried unanimously.

Mr. W. H. Howard (York) moved a cordial vote of thanks to the Vicars and wardens of the parish church, and All Souls', Haley Hill, for the use of the bells.

Mr. W. Abbshaw (Rothwell) seconded, and it was carried.

The Ven. Archdeacon Brooke, on rising to respond, received a very hearty greeting. He could not, he said, speak to them as a practical change-ringer, although he did once, when much younger than now, make an attempt to learn how to ring a bell. After describing in a humorous fashion his experiences in that direction, he went on to speak of the position which ringers and ringing should hold in connection with the church. Change-ringing was not and should not be regarded as a mere musical performance; it was a work with a definite object. He was often, when hearing the bells ring, reminded of the Poet Laureate's well-known poem which spoke of ringing out the false and ringing in the true, at the same time he could not help remarking on the fact that too often the bells on Sundays rang in the congregation, but rang out the ringers. This was a matter which had many times been the subject of serious thought to him, and he had wondered if some means could not be found whereby this anomalous state of things could be altered. He knew there were practical difficulties in the way of the regular attendance of ringers at church, how to overcome these difficulties was a problem which the ringers themselves were able to solve. He believed the Yorkshire Association was in itself a powerful instrument for good in this matter; it was a movement in the right direction; and if it accomplished its aims and objects it would prove a great aid to the Church. He therefore gave it a most cordial welcome to Halifax, and concluded by expressing a hope that it would soon again revisit their town. The Ven. Archdeacon's address was listened to with marked attention, his witty remarks and pungent home-thrusts being greeted with warm approval by those present.

Mr. Simeon Langstaff (Pudsey) proposed, and Mr. Tom Haigh (Huddersfield) seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Halifax parish church ringers for their generous arrangements, and to the All Souls' branch for their kind co-operation, which was carried with applause, and suitably responded to by Mr. Richard Ryland.

Mr. C. H. Hattersley, in a few well-chosen words, then pro-

posed a vote of condolence to the Johnson family in particular, and Birmingham friends generally, on the bereavement they had sustained in the death of Mr. Henry Johnson.

Mr. J. T. Hollis (Wakefield) seconded, and the motion was carried in silence, all present rising.

Other items of business were transacted, and a vote of thanks to the president concluded the proceedings.

The members then adjourned—some to the towers for ringing, others for a stroll round the historic and interesting old town, thus bringing to a close a very successful and pleasing meeting.

THE NEW RING OF BELLS AT YARNSCOMBE, NORTH DEVON.

The ring of bells in the old parish church of St. Andrew, Yarnscombe, North Devon, which has been thoroughly overhauled, and augmented to six, were formally dedicated on the 29th ult. in the presence of a large congregation of parishioners and others, and many of the neighbouring clergy were present in the chancel. The Rev. J. B. Singleton, Vicar, conducted the special service, and the Rev. T. W. Whale, Vicar of Dolton, and Rural Dean, read the special lesson. The dedicatory prayers were offered, and the sermon was preached by the new Archdeacon of Barnstaple, the Ven. A. E. Seymour, now Vicar of Chittlehampton, formerly of Bromsgrove and Barnstaple. Amongst the other clergy in the procession were the Rev. G. de C. Guille, Rector of Little Torrington with Tadiport, Rev. J. H. Kempe, Rector of Meeth, Rev. Pitt Eykyn, Vicar of Magor with Redwick (Mon.), Rev. R. Mortimer, Rector of Roborough, Rev. W. B. Vere-Stead, Vicar of Huntshaw, Rev. W. Arthur, Rector of Atherington, Rev. M. Loveband, Rector of Warkleigh, Rev. W. Vassal, Vicar of Wear Gifford, Rev. R. Vidal, Vicar of Abbotsham, Rev. J. Warren, Rector of Alverdiscott, and Rev. W. Draper, curate of Merton. The Hon. Mark Rolle, Lord of the manor, who gave the wood for the new bell-cage, was also amongst the congregation.

Mr. Harry Stokes, who has done all the wood-work, has given every satisfaction, and the "go" of the bells is all that can be desired. The two new trebles and the 4th (recast) are from Messrs. Taylor's firm, and are in perfect tune, the splice being excellent. There were sixteen bands of ringers present during the day, and all expressed themselves highly pleased. The following inscriptions are on the bells:—

- 1.—To the greater glory of God. J. B. Singleton, Vicar.
R. Oatway, } Churchwardens. 1889.
F. Thorne, } Measures 27 inches.
- 2.—To the greater glory of God. J. B. Singleton, Vicar.
R. Oatway, } Churchwardens. 1889.
F. Thorne, } Measures 29½ inches.
- 3.—R. Loveband, } Wardens. 1709.
C. W. Campin, } Measures 30½ inches.
- 4.—To the greater glory of God. 1889. Recast. Measures 33½ inches.
- 5.—O. Panel. Measures 36½ inches.
- 6.—Soli Deo deter (sic) gloria R. P. 1608. Measures 40½ inches.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—FEBRUARY MEETING.

A General Meeting of the above will be held at Shotley Bridge on Monday, February 17th. The Committee will meet at the "Commercial" inn at 1 p.m., and all members of the committee are especially requested to attend. Dinner at the "Commercial" inn at 2 p.m.; tickets, 1s. each to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members. The bells of St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside (tenor 14 cwt.), Christ Church, Consett (tenor 17 cwt.), and St. Mary's, Lanchester (tenor 9 cwt.), will be open to ringers during the day. It is particularly requested that members who have not already done so will forward their subscriptions at their earliest convenience. It is also requested that secretaries of the different branches will forward at once an account of the ringing done in 1889 by the respective companies. This is very necessary in order to complete the report. Members intending to be present at the meeting are requested to notify the same not later than Monday, February 10th, to

LANCELOT NEWTON, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

THE LANCASHIRE SCHISM.

It is unfortunately too well known that a rift or schism has occurred in the Lancashire Association, and that a number of members have seceded, and formed another distinct body. It is not the intention here to reflect upon the course adopted by either side, but a hope may be expressed that the spectacle of such a secession may never again be witnessed. Below are reports of meetings held:—

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—On Saturday, January 25th, a meeting of ringers' delegates, etc. was held at Christ Church schoolrooms, Southport, when upwards of thirty ringers attended from various parts of the diocese, viz.: Aughton, Crossens, Croston, Hindley, Liverpool, Ormskirk, Southport, Wigan, etc. The meeting was presided over by the Rev. C. Clarke, and amongst those present were the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, the Rev. H. J. Elsee (vice-president of the Lancashire Association), and Messrs. G. Ball, R. Holmes, E. Bentham, T. Halliwell, J. Prescott, S. C. C. Turner, D. Rimmer, W. James, H. Coley, etc. The Chairman called on the Secretary (Mr. W. Bentham, of Aughton) to read the minutes of the last meeting, and this having been done, the Rev. W. T. Bulpit reported that the Bishop was willing to become president if such a society was formed, and that favorable replies had been received from several dignitaries of the diocese; the advantages would be that local matters would be better understood, and could be attended to better than by the County Association. Also the diocese being compact, there would be less distance to be travelled, and this would mean a great saving in railway fares. It was also hoped that as connected with the diocese the clergy would give it a warmer support. He proposed a diocesan society (apart from the Lancashire Association) and it was seconded by a delegate from Wigan, and supported by Mr. Ashcroft from Croston. The Rev. H. J. Elsee said he was sorry to see any attempt to break away from the parent society, and set forth the weakness of a diocesan guild; his views being supported by Mr. R. Hill, of Southport. Mr. James (Liverpool) said the ringers there would join the guild if it should be a success; Mr. Martin (churchwarden of Sefton) advocated (by letter) its formation; and the delegate from Hindley spoke in its favor. The resolution was unanimously carried, and a sub-committee was then appointed to draw up rules, etc. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and to the ven. Archdeacon for the use of the bells and schoolroom, brought the meeting to a close.

W. BENTHAM, Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Liverpool Diocesan Branch).—A special meeting was held on Saturday last in the Cocoa Rooms, St. Luke's Place, Liverpool, to hear the report of the meeting held on the previous Saturday at Southport; the election of local branch secretary; and arrangements for the next meeting. Mr. Richard Hill (Southport) occupied the chair; Messrs. Redford and Wreaks (Hon. Secs.) were also present; and there was a good representative gathering of members. The Chairman very much regretted the circumstances which necessitated the holding of the meeting that day. If more consideration had been used by a portion of the members, that meeting could have been avoided. Ten towers had decided to secede from the Association, but there still remained twenty-one from which to extend their operations. He wished to specially mention the excellent manner in which the Rev. H. J. Elsee defended the Association, but he was sorry to say it was all to no purpose, as the members present had evidently made up their minds beforehand. Mr. Redford (who had received a telegram from the Rev. H. J. Elsee stating that he could not attend) said that they had another object in calling the meeting, which was to ascertain their true position, and, as the chairman had said, to endeavour to place the branch on a solid foundation. He regretted the result of the Southport meeting, and he wished to specially allude to one company which had joined hands with the new body. He had many pleasant reminiscences of his visit to Southport—the tower referred to—since the formation of the Association; it had been represented uninterruptedly by the first president (the late Mr. Mason) and since by Mr. Hill. He had cause to rejoice, however, in the fact that the members of the Liverpool district had remained true to the Association, and he hoped, that as they were about to proceed with the election

of branch secretary, they would elect one in whom they had the greatest confidence, and one warmly interested in their excellent association. Their work would still continue to cover the whole county, which he believed would be attended with good results. Mr. W. G. Mann, Liverpool, proposed that Mr. R. Hill, Southport, be appointed local branch secretary, that he was a man in whom they had the greatest confidence, and and one who would do his duty. Mr. T. Hammond, Liverpool, seconded, and the proposition was unanimously carried. Walton-on-the-Hill and Bootle, which are within easy distance, were selected for the meeting on February 22nd. Mr. W. G. Mann then proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, Mr. Wreaks seconded, remarking that he had been pleased to attend the meeting, and hoped that the branch would now go on better than previously. Mr. Robert Williams said they ought not to depart before thanking Messrs. Redford and Wreaks for their attendance, and the chairman offering a few complimentary remarks, which Mr. Redford acknowledged, an enjoyable and harmonious meeting was then declared closed.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday evening, January 25th, the Rochester branch of the above Association paid a friendly visit to Milton, near Gravesend, where they were met by the leader of the local company, Mr. G. Hayes, who had everything in readiness for them to begin. As time was short, they were not long in placing themselves at the ropes, and rung 720 Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins. O. Sullivan, 1; G. Chantler, 2; J. Rayner, 4; C. Waterman (Shorne), 4; J. P. Kidd, 5; W. Baker (conductor), 6. Also several touches of Grandsire Minor and Treble Bob. After ringing the bells down an adjournment was made to the "Prince of Wales," where an hour or two was spent in harmony, the chair being occupied by Mr. Royston (Milton), with Mr. Baker in the vice-chair. After several songs had been sung, the health of both bands were drunk with musical honours and a very pleasant evening was ended by singing the National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne." The ringers wish to thank their Milton friends for their kindness in meeting them, and for having the bells ready for them.

DEAL BRANCH.—On Thursday, January 16th, the members of the above branch with a few friends sat down to their anniversary dinner at the "Liverpool Arms," provided by the worthy host, Mr. G. Burton. The room was most tastefully decorated with evergreens and mottoes, among which were "The compliments of the season to Captain Coleman; long may he live to hear the bells,"; and "May change-ringing prosper till the world's at an end," etc.; one of the most noticeable items being the handbells across the ceiling.

The chair was taken by Mr. G. Denne, sen. (clerk), supported Mr. Giraud (churchwarden), Messrs. Stunt, Turner, Amos, Taylor, Lawrence, and Dixon; Mr. S. Parker occupying the vice-chair. After dinner the Chairman proposed the toast of "The Queen," which was heartily responded to. Mr. Parker proposed "The health of the Rev. — Griffith, and churchwardens," coupling with it the name of Mr. Giraud, who briefly responded.

Mr. Silver proposed "The health of Captain Coleman," which was drunk with musical honours. "The health of the ringers" having been proposed and drank, Mr. G. Denne, jun., responded.

"The health of the host and hostess," being proposed, Mr. Burton responded; after which some handbell ringing and songs were given by both the ringers and visitors, especially Mr. Harvey, who caused very much laughter and encores. The evening, which was one of the best the ringers had ever held, was brought to a close by the ringers finishing with "God bless the Prince of Wales," and "God save the Queen," on the bells, after which the company separated, every one pleased with the evening's proceedings.

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THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

One of the most important meetings in connection with this Association was held at Retford on Saturday, February 1st., when ringer were present from Worksop, Shireoaks, Everton, and also a goodly number of the Retford company. Shireoaks and Worksop were the first to arrive, and at once proceeded to the tower of St. Michael's, where it was arranged to ring a date touch (188c changes), in three Treble Bob methods, viz., 720 each of Oxford and Violet, and 450 of New London Pleasure, but just when everything seemed to be in full swing and to promise a very creditable performance, it unfortunately came to grief after ringing the first two 720's in 50 mins. S. Tomlinson, 1; R. Knowles, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; G. Barowcliff, 5; R. Beeston, 6. Ringing at St. Swithin's church commenced at 4 p.m., when 672 Grandsire Triples was rung. H. Warburton, 1; J. W. Clark, 2; W. Kipling, 3; W. Drake (conductor), 4; N. G. Hunt, 5; R. Potter, 6; R. Beeston, 7; T. Thorpe, 8. This is the first touch of Triples by the ringers of the 7th and 8th bells.

At 5 o'clock the ringers, together with the Rev. Watkin Homfray, Canon Ebsworth, and the Rev. G. Henley, adjourned to the "Vine" inn, to partake of an excellent meat tea provided by host Miner. Thirty-two were present, who rang a true and complete peal on their knives and forks in 35 mins., the course ends rolling up beautifully.

After the cloth had been removed, the Rev. Canon Ebsworth, who was very cordially received, thanked the ringers for their very kind invitation to him and his clerical friends. He was pleased to meet them not only that evening, but at any time, and would be pleased to render them any assistance that lay in his power. With regard to the bells of East Retford, he knew perfectly well it was almost impossible to ring them, but he was glad to inform them that a Committee had been got together and arrangements had been made for the first meeting to take place sometime in February, when it would be decided to issue an appeal to the public to join in helping them to put the bells in proper ringing order, and to increase and make them a ring of ten. Whether they would be successful in their endeavours it was very difficult to say, but at all events the eight bells would be rehung and space would be left for two more bells, and he trusted when the work was completed, the bells would be rung in a scientific manner to the delight of all.

Mr. H. Haigh, in responding, said he was very pleased indeed, and he was sure the other ringers were to see the Rev. Watkin Homfray, Canon Ebsworth, and the Rev. G. Henley present on such an occasion as this. It was very essential they should be present, because bell-ringers were a section of Church workers. There was one little thing he would like to remind the ringers of, and it was this: at the Annual Meeting which is to be held at Worksop some time in Whitsuntide week, there is to be a special service held for the express purpose of ringers. He was sure their Secretary, the Rev. H. T. Slodden, would be pleased to see all those who were now present, and as many others as could make it convenient to attend. In conclusion he congratulated those present for making the gathering a successful one, and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the clergy for their presence that evening.

Mr. R. Beeston proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy for granting the use of the bells to the ringers.

Mr. D. Russon proposed a vote of thanks to the Retford society for making the day's arrangement an enjoyable one, and for providing such an excellent spread. After the meeting was over, the ringers rang at East Retford for evening service 336 Grandsire Triples in 14 mins. H. Warburton, 1; H. Haigh, 2; W. Skelton, 3; W. Drake (conductor), 4; N. G. Hunt, 5; W. Crawford, 6; R. Beeston, 7; T. Thorpe, 8. The last touch of the day was a 240 of Violet Treble Bob. J. Marshall, 1; J. Swindon, 2; R. Knowles (conductor), 3; W. Hargreaves, 4; H. Haigh, 5; W. Crawford, 6.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Everton on Easter Monday.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than 1300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is brought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

THE HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—SANDRIDGE, HERTS.

ON Saturday, January 25th, a company of ringers from St. Albans visited the above village, which is situated about two miles from St. Albans, having received an invitation from the vicar, the Rev. Dr. Griffith, to have a pull upon his new ring of six. The first touch was 120 of Grandsire Doubles. E. Chapman (first 120), 1; A. Hull, 2; R. A. Fowler, 3; G. W. Cartmel (conductor), 4; E. Hull, 5; W. Battle, 6. Also another 120. T. Long, 1; R. A. Fowler, 2; G. W. Cartmel (conductor), 3; J. W. Prewer, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; E. Chapman, 6. And a 720 of Bob Minor. R. A. Fowler, 1; J. W. Brewer, 2; G. W. Cartmel (conductor), 3; H. Brewer, 4; W. Battle, 5; W. H. L. Buckingham, 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. T. Long (first 720), 1; J. W. Brewer, 2; E. Hull, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5; W. Battle, 6. And 120 of Stedman Doubles. W. Battle, 1; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 2; J. W. Brewer, 3; H. Brewer, 4; G. W. Cartmel, 5; A. Hull, 6. Several touches of Grandsire and Bob Triples, and 120 of Stedman Doubles were also rung upon the handbells. A band of ringers is in course of formation, Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham having kindly volunteered his services as instructor, together with other St. Albans ringers.

HOLY TRINITY, HULL.

ON Tuesday, January 28th, Captain Judge, churchwarden of the above church, entertained the ringers to dinner at the "George" hotel, Hull. Captain Judge was in the chair, and Mr. Charles Jackson was in the vice-chair, and there were also present Major Wellsted (churchwarden), H. E. Stevens, Esq., Master of the choir school. The company, numbering fifteen in all, sat down to a most excellent and varied repast which took some time to dispose of, and after the loyal toasts had been duly honoured, the company resolved itself into a social gathering, and the remainder of a most enjoyable evening was spent in songs, recitations, tunes and change-ringing upon the handbells, which were rung by Messrs. C. Jackson, W. Southwick, R. Chaffer, S. Slingsby, and T. Stockdale.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

The usual Quarterly Meeting of this Guild was held on Thursday, January 30th, at the Guild's meeting-house, the "Tamworth Arms," Moor Street, Birmingham, Mr. John Day presiding. In addition to other important business, it was unanimously decided to continue to hold an anniversary dinner in honour of the late Mr. Johnson, conducted on lines similar to those held in his life-time. Mr. John Day was elected presiding ringing master in place of the late Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Henry Bastable was elected to represent the Guild on the forthcoming National Council. Details as to the dinner mentioned above will be duly announced.

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

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Swanscombe to-day, Sat., February 8th. Any member requiring a certificate for obtaining cheap fares on the S.E.R. only should apply at once to the Secretary.

W. MARTIN, *Local Hon. Sec.*

TUNBRIDGE DISTRICT.—The Annual District Meeting will be held at St. Peter's parish room, Tunbridge Wells, on Thursday, February 13th, at 3 p.m. The usual allowances will be paid at 2.30. The belfries at Speldhurst and Tunbridge will be open to members.

THOS. S. CURTEIS, *District Sec.*

Sevenoaks Rectory.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

There will be a ringing meeting of the above Association at St. Anne's church, Highgate, on Saturday, February 15th. Tower open at 5 o'clock p.m.

F. A. MILNE, *Hon. Sec.*

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1889, AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER.

	Jan. to Nov.	Decr.	Total	Treble Bob Methods.	Grandsire	On 6 bells	Plain Methods.	Double Methods.	Surprise Methods.	Stedman	Total	Position in 1886.	Position in 1887.	Position in 1888.
1. Sussex County Association ..	72	26	98	8	19	28	36	—	1	6	98	9th	st	2nd
2. Anc. Soc. College Youths ..	75	9	84	13	33	—	12	1	—	25	84	3rd	nd	1st
3. Oxford Diocesan Guild ..	65	15	80	1	33	3	2	7	2	32	80	2nd	th	4th
4. Midland Counties' Associatn.	53	4	57	5	14	4	5	10	7	12	57	1st	th	3rd
5. Essex Association ..	46	3	49	5	21	3	19	—	—	1	49	19th	th	5th
6. Norwich Diocesan Guild ..	39	6	45	24	10	1	7	1	—	2	45	6th	th	7th
7. Yorkshire Association ..	39	3	42	27	6	3	4	1	—	1	42	5th	3d	8th
8. Worcester and Distcs. Assn.	32	6	38	1	15	5	12	—	1	4	38	28th	1th	14th
9. Lancashire Association ..	34	0	34	4	16	—	10	2	—	2	34	4th	6a	6th
10. Hertford Association ..	26	3	29	—	15	—	7	1	1	5	29	13th	2st	16th
11. Gloster and Bristol Assocn.	22	4	26	1	15	3	4	—	—	3	26	21st	1th	10th
12. Society for Archdeaconry of Stafford ..	20	3	23	—	16	—	2	—	1	4	23	18th	14h	13th
13. Kent County Association ..	15	8	23	—	22	—	1	—	—	—	23	10th	13h	15th
14. Salisbury Diocesan Guild ..	21	1	22	7	4	1	—	4	—	6	22	22nd	20h	17th
15. Royal Cumberland Youths ..	20	2	22	2	14	—	3	—	—	3	22	11th	9th	12th
16. United Counties' Associatn.	19	2	21	5	10	—	4	1	—	1	21	8th	12h	11th
17. Winchester Diocesan Guild ..	19	2	21	15	2	2	2	—	—	—	21	14th	16h	20th
18. Surrey Association ..	18	3	21	1	11	—	3	3	2	1	21	15th	15h	9th
19. St. James's Society, London ..	8	3	11	1	10	—	—	—	—	—	11	7th	7th	18th
20. St. Martin's Society, Bham ..	10	0	10	—	1	—	—	—	—	9	10	—	18h	24th
21. Trinity Youths ..	8	0	8	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	23rd
22. Hertford College Youths ..	7	0	7	—	1	—	—	1	1	4	7	—	—	21st
23. All Hallows' Soc., Tottenham	6	1	7	4	—	—	3	—	—	—	7	—	—	27th
24. Birmingham Amalgam. Soc. ..	6	0	6	—	3	—	1	1	—	1	6	12th	27h	26th
25. Waterloo Society, London ..	5	0	5	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	23d	28th
26. Chester Diocesan Guild ..	4	0	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	34th
27. North Lincolnsh. Assocn. ..	3	0	3	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	3	—	29th	35th
28. Bedfordshire Association ..	2	0	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	2	27th	19th	29th
29. Eastern Counties' Guild ..	2	0	2	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	2	29th	28th	30th
30. Middlesex Association ..	1	1	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
31. Lichfield and Salop Dio. Guild	1	0	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
32. Hereford Diocesan Guild ..	1	0	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
33. Bath and Keynsham Assocn. ..	0	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	33rd
Independent Societies ..	63	11	74	9	45	9	7	1	—	3	74	—	—	—
Less peals entered under two Asso-	762	117	879	139	354	63	148	34	16	125	879	—	—	—
ciations ..	78	4	82	16	33	1	18	5	3	6	82	—	—	—
Total ..	684	113	797	143	321	62	130	29	13	119	797	—	—	—

The above peals were rung in the following methods: London Surprise Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 8; Cambridge Surprise Major, 2; Double Oxford Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 24; Duffield Royal 2; Duffield Major, 1; Forward Major, 1; Cumberland Exercise Major, 1; Stedman Cinques, 10; Stedman Caters, 17; Stedman Triples, 92; Treble Bob Maximus, 2; Treble Bob Royal, 12; Treble Bob Major, 97; London Treble Bob Major, 1; Grandsire Caters, 44; Grandsire Major, 4; Grandsire Triples, 262; Grandsire Doubles (5040), 11; Oxford Bob Triples, 15; Union Triples, 10; Bob Maximus, 1; Bob Royal, 2; Bob Caters, 1; Bob Major, 60; Bob Triples, 25; College Single Major, 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 2; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 9; In fourteen Minor methods, 1; in seven ditto, 54; in four ditto, 8; in three ditto, 2; in two ditto, 3; in one ditto, 6; Total 797. Greatest number of changes in one peal, 15,227; number of peals containing 10,000 changes or upwards, 3; over 6000, 9; under, 6000, 785; Quickest 5000 on church bells, 2 hrs. 27 mins. The seventy-four peals by independent societies were rung in the following counties: Staffordshire, 10; Lancashire, 10; Yorkshire, 8; Monmouthshire, 7; Kent, 5; Cheshire, 5; Suffolk, 4; Gloucestershire, 4; Warwickshire, 3; Berkshire, 3; Northamptonshire, 3; Hertfordshire, 2; Worcestershire, 2; and Derbyshire, Norfolk, Middlesex, Somersetshire, Denbighshire, Essex, Leicestershire, and Lincolnshire, one each.

The 259 peals of Grandsire Triples are made up as follows: Holt's Original, 75; Holt's ten-part and its variations, 76; Holt's 6-part, 7; Taylor's Bob-and-Single, 22; Hollis's one-part, 1; Hollis's five-part, 7; Davies' ten-part, 7; Davies' six-part, 4; Davies' five-part, 6; Penning's one-part, 1; Other peals, 53. The ninety-one of Stedman Triples; Thurstans', 53; Brook's, 16; Other peals, 22. The 139 Treble Bob peals: 123 in the Kent Variation, 14 in the Oxford; one London Treble Bob, and one Cambridge Exercise. The time occupied in ringing the 797 peals was 2370 hours and 30 minutes, or 99 days and nights. The average for each peal being 2 hours 58 $\frac{1}{4}$ minutes.

Conductors of four peals and upwards: J. W. Washbrook, 88; C. Hills, 22; H. H. Chandler, 21; G. Williams and G. Newson, 17; J. Motts and F. G. Newman, 13; W. Charman, 11; A. P. Heywood and C. F. Winny, 10; W. Lincoln and S. Reeves, 9; W. H. L. Buckingham, J. Griffin, G. Lindoff, W. J. Sevier, and J. W. Taylor, jun., 8; T. Blackburn, J. Carter, C. H. Hattersley, J. Pettit, and Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; W. Gregory, J. Moulton, W. Short, W. Wakley, and F. E. Ward, 6; F. Brierly, H. Bastable, E. P. Debenham, W. F. Hartshorne, C. Jackson, J. W. Kelly, L. Longney, D. G. Wightman, and W. S. Wise, 5; E. Bennett, W. Bedwell, A. B. Carpenter, A. Edwards, J. M. Hayes, J. Hinton, W. Ireland, W. Johnson, D. Jordan, W. Long, J. Maloney, A. J. Perkins, R. Ridyard, G. Smart, J. Souter, H. Springall, S. Woods, and A. E. Wreaks, 4. In addition to these there were twenty-two who conducted three peals, fifty who conducted two peals, and 168 who conducted one peal, and three published without a conductor's name, making a total of 297 persons who acted as conductors during the year.

Peals on church bells, 745; Peals on handbells, 52. They were rung as follows: In

January, 83	March, 84	May, 45	July, 32	September, 38	November, 81
February, 96	April, 67	June, 50	August, 52	October, 56	December, 113

Increase during the past twelve months upon 1888, 38.

The following table shows the continued increase in peals rung annually since the publication of "THE BELL NEWS":—

1881	From January to December	156	1886	From January to December	556
1882	"	244	1887	"	646
1883	"	330	1888	"	759
1884	"	419	1889	"	797
1885	"	500			

Brighton.

GEORGE F. ATTREE.

NOTES BY THE WAY,

Shoulder to shoulder,
Ever ready—ever steady—
Marching along.

I am very well pleased in being able to congratulate our Steyning friends on their recent acquisition of a handy ring of eight. Undoubtedly this branch of the Sussex Association has (in the words of the report of this event) "earned a name in the ringing world by their 720's of Minor," and I join with the writer in expressing the hope that they will "prove themselves equal to the task of maintaining their reputation by peals of Triples and Major." This work of restoration in their belfry appears to have been taken up and carried out in no grudging manner by the good folk of Steyning, who have evidently adopted the sensible plan of having the work done thoroughly while they were about it. This is all the more pleasing from another point of view, seeing that it gives one more exception to the general rule that a prophet has no esteem in his own country. If the Steyning men have through their energy and ability gained for themselves a good repute among their neighbours far and near, they have also made themselves appreciated at home, which is doubly creditable to them. I hope soon to have the pleasure of complimenting them on the accomplishment of their first peal of Triples or Major on their own ring of eight.

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It was also with feelings of unalloyed pleasure that I read of the interesting ceremony which took place at Spalding. That Mr. Creasey has well-earned the "token of appreciation" which took the shape of a marble timepiece, is undeniable. But it is not in the way of an equivalent for value received that we look at these acknowledgements. "The value of a gift is in the manner of giving," is a well-known saying; and thus, whether the tangible token be of large or small intrinsic worth, the way in which it is subscribed for and given, coupled with the remembrance of what led up to it, and the kindly words uttered when it is transferred from the giver to the recipient, are the considerations which raise it in the eyes of the receiver, far above thoughts of pounds, shillings, and pence. Mr. Creasey has done excellent work both for the South Lincolnshire Association and his own band at St. Paul's, Spalding. I trust most heartily that he will be long blessed with health and strength to continue his good efforts, and to hear the clock striking the hours and half hours in musical recognition of his labours during the past.

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What can be the matter with the Sussex Association just now? Every two or three weeks comes a complaint or else an enquiry from some of their members, with reference to the holding (or rather the non-holding) of meetings at times specified. Is it that officers are dilatory—or members negligent—or critical ditto inconsiderate and unreasonable—or what? But really these impatient queries and strong complaints should not be allowed to go unanswered or unchallenged. They cannot fail to do the reputation of the Sussex Association much harm in the minds of their neighbours, whatever may be the result among their own members at home. If these complaints are groundless, then let them be exposed; on the other hand, if they are just, let the officers look about them and ask if this state of things is conducive to the Association's good—if it is not calculated rather to injure it both inside and out.

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We are now within measurable distance of the coming Easter

and its meeting of the Provisional Central Council. I should imagine very few (if any) of our large organisations have by this time failed to elect their delegates, so that when it does meet, whoever has the good fortune to take part in it, may safely calculate on meeting such a thoroughly representative assembly as has never before been gathered together in the history of our country. In my peregrinations lately, I find existing a very strong desire to hear something as to how the matter stands up to now. Of course, it is not to be expected that Mr. Heywood has perfected or even matured his arrangements for the actual meeting yet; but perhaps it would not be amiss if he would furnish us with a list of the delegates who have been already appointed. Anyhow, I believe a little information from him as to the state of affairs would be peculiarly agreeable to very many of our friends.

FREE LANCE.

A DAY WITH THE ROYAL CUMBERLANDS.

On Saturday, February 1st, by kind permission of the Vicar of All Saints', Fulham, eight members of the London contingent of this Society, with G. Williams (Brighton), and G. Welling (Mitcham), met for a peal on the fine-toned and well-going bells of this church. All turning up, as ringers should, at the time appointed, "go" was called at 6.15, and at 9.25 the welcome words "that's all" came, and a peal of Treble Bob Royal was an accomplished fact, particulars of which will be found in the proper place. By the excellent arrangements of Mr. E. F. Cole (an honoured member of this Society) a good day's ringing was the programme for the following day, Sunday, no less than five towers having to be rung at—St. Michael and All Angels, Paddington, St. Mary Abbot, Kensington, in the morning; St. Mary's, Acton, St. Mary's parish church, South Ealing, in the afternoon, and St. Martin's-in-the-Fields in the evening.

Sunday morning, nine o'clock, found us at St. Michael's, where Grandsire Triples was intended with the local band, but after striking the bells round a few times the clapper of the treble flew out, so a 360 Bob Minor was rung on the middle six, with tenor behind. After a very pleasant walk through Kensington Gardens, and viewing several objects of interest (the Albert Memorial being not the least), St. Mary Abbot's church, Kensington was reached, where a long touch of Stedman Caters was anticipated on these fine-toned bells, but an extra service was being held, therefore after raising the bells they were only able to ring for ten minutes before the 11.30 service, Stedman Caters being the method.

One p.m. found us enjoying an excellent repast, provided by Mr. Cole, and to which ample justice was done. This successfully brought round (not without change-courses, etc.) no time had to be wasted, and at 2.25 we were at the church of St. Mary's, Acton, when we were allowed about twenty-five minutes' ringing, and where the touch of the day (five courses—560 changes of Double Norwich Court Bob Major) was rung, conducted by Mr. Newson, the striking being almost perfect. The bells are a fine little peal and go like tops, tenor about 13 cwt. A walk of about two miles brought us to the parish church of St. Mary's, South Ealing, where there is a peal of eight, tenor 21 cwt. Here a touch each of Double Norwich and Stedman was intended, but owing to the limit of time only Double Norwich was rung. Although not a heavy peal these bells require a lot of ringing in Major, a well-known conductor saying he would not care to ring the tenor a peal in Double Norwich. Leaving here we were able to catch a train to Charing Cross, arriving at St. Martin's at 6.20, where with several other Cumberlands a touch of Stedman Cinques was rung, which finished the day's ringing. Those who took part in the ringing at the various towers throughout the day were Messrs. E. F. Cole, G. Newson, A. Jacob, Barber, Thorne, Pittam, Williams (Brighton), Welling, and Fayers (Mitcham). The visitors wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the steeplekeepers at the various towers for their kindness, also to Mr. Cole, who had made such excellent arrangements.

G. W.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1890.

FOR the benefit of our readers our valued contributor, Mr. G. F. ATTREE, furnishes his analysis in the present number. It is obvious to the meanest capacity that though the compilation of such interesting statistics may be a labour of love to this gentleman, yet the work is of that character and extent which without doubt necessitates many hours of close application. The Exercise at large will feel deeply indebted to Mr. ATTREE; not only for this last exhaustive schedule of ringing performances, but

also for what may be termed the minor or secondary analyses, which periodically appear.

A result of the present analysis will be a greater ambition than ever to secure peals. And a very laudable ambition too. But it becomes more than ever necessary, now that these performances are tabulated annually in such a clever and exhaustive manner, that no semblance of doubt should attach itself to any one of them. They should be practically above the least suspicion. When from their nature scepticism is likely to arise, either from real or supposed intricacy, frequent repetition, or any other cause, measures of some kind should be adopted whereby absolute evidence of truth should be made plain. One way of securing such testimony is to have referees or judges whose honesty and abilities are reliable; and we may mention that notice of an intention to attempt a peal is a procedure which may with advantage be more frequently gone through.

It behoves ringers then to pay more attention to the matter of peal-ringing, so far as the truth of peals is concerned. This yearly analysis must be faithfully revered as the truthful register of the year's work, and it should be the bounden duty of all to sacredly guard it from fraud in the shape of doubtful performances.

Not often is it, unfortunately, that we find the *amende honorable* so readily made as it is in a letter in this number from a correspondent. At a recent District Meeting of the Worcestershire Association, some unpleasantness was occasioned by the delay caused at the steeple door through a foreign key being sent. The worthy Secretary of the Association, in reporting the occurrence, temperately alluded to the disappointment caused, and it was quite right he should do so. This has brought about what we believe will be considered a very satisfactory explanation: and the chivalrous letter of Mr. PARSONS, who unknowingly was the cause of the unpleasantness, is of a character we should like to see oftener when "offences" appear.

Attention is called to the careless manner in which some of our readers are getting into in transmitting their reports. It is generally thought that the instructions in the previous column are sufficient; we may however add that reports of *peals* should be sent separately from any other matter; and that for such purpose the use of pencil and post card should be avoided. Names of performers should be in full (for peals), not abbreviated or corrupted into slangy terms.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, February 16th, when by kind permission, the tower will be open from 3 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. at the house of Mr. Kentish, after which the business meeting will be held. Members requiring cheap tickets to Hatfield by the Great Northern line will please send in their names to me not later than Wednesday, February 12th. Members whose subscriptions are in arrear, are asked to remit the same to the Secretary as soon as possible.

St. Albans.

E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

The Metropolis.

FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 1, 1890, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE NEWSON Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6.
ARTHUR JACOB 2.	THOMAS TITCHENER 7.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 3.	GEORGE WELLING 8.
EDWARD F. COLE 4.	WILLIAM BARON 9.
ALBERT PITTAM 5.	HENRY HOPKINS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

This peal has the 6th the extent in 5-6. George Williams hails from Brighton, and this is his first peal of Royal.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 1, 1890, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MATFELON, WHITECHAPEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JOHN BONNY Treble.	MATTHEW A. WOOD 5.
JAMES PETTIT 2.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE 6.
HENRY SPRINGALL 3.	WILLIAM GREENLEAF 7.
EDWARD WALLAGE 4.	WALTER PRIME Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

The above was rung as a birthday peal, E. Wallage being within one day of his 39th anniversary, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

PUTNEY, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lbs.

JOHN G. GREEN Treble.	JAMES W. DRIVER 5.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 2.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD 6.
JAMES NICHOLLS, JUN. 3.	HARRY KENTEN 7.
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 4.	SAMUEL HOW Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. DRIVER.

All of the above are members of the All Saints' Fulham Association.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1890, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

JOSEPH DAVIDSON Treble.	GEORGE J. SMITH 5.
ALFRED FOX 2.	ABRAHAM G. FREEMAN 6.
EDWARD E. RICHARDS 3.	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN 7.
FREDK. G. NEWMAN 4.	CHARLES J. DAVIDSON Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

The Provinces.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 24, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

T. BRADLEY Treble.	A. ROTHWELL 5.
J. STANDRING 2.	W. HAWORTH 6.
J. B. TAYLOR 3.	JOHN SHEPHERD 7.
SAM. KAY 4.	JOHN CROPPER Tenor.

Conducted by J. SHEPHERD.

LEE, KENT.—THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, January 29, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT W. EDRIDGE* .. Treble.	JOHN CROWDER 5.
THOMAS G. DEAL 2.	EDWIN BARNETT 6.
JAMES SAXBY 3.	FREDERICK FRENCH 7.
GEORGE CONYARD 4.	WILLIAM SAXBY Tenor.

Conducted by F. FRENCH.

W. Saxby was proposed a member of the above society previous to starting for the peal. *First peal.

TWERTON, NEAR BATH.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 30, 1890, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

W. DICKS* Treble.	S. PHILLIPS 5.
G. TEMPLE* 2.	J. HOLMAN 6.
H. BROWN* 3.	T. HIBBERT 7.
H. PRING 4.	J. HINTON Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER and Conducted by J. HINTON.

*First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, January 30, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

HENRY HIPKISS Treble.	CHARLES TIMMS 5.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	JAMES HALL 6.
WILLIAM A. COOPER 3.	REUBEN HALL 7.
THOMAS HORTON 4.	CHARLES PRICE Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Henry Johnson, of Birmingham.

BACUP.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Friday, January 31, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION.

T. BRADLEY Treble.	A. ROTHWELL 5.
J. STANDRING 2.	W. HAWORTH 6.
J. PICKUP* 3.	J. SHEPHERD 7.
S. KAY 4.	J. WATTS Tenor.

Conducted by J. SHEPHERD.

*First peal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.—THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 1, 1890, in Three Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5169 CHANGES.

Tenor 27½ cwt. in D.

JOHN HOPWOOD Treble.	JAMES ADAMS 7.
WILLIAM SMITH 2.	JOHN THORP 8.
THOMAS TAYLOR 3.	BENJAMIN BROADBENT 9.
JOSEPH MELLOR 4.	SHEPARD ANDREW 10.
JAMES WOOD 5.	SAMUEL WOOD 11.
DANIEL HEAP 6.	JUSTIN ANDREW Tenor.

Composed by the late JAMES WOOD and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

First peal of Cinques by all. The above is also the first peal on the bells since their augmentation to twelve. The peal was rung by the Ashton ringers at St. Mary's, Oldham, on January 27th, 1855, conducted by its composer.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1890, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven & ½ Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. CARTMEL, VICTORIA STREET,
ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

GEORGE W. CARTMEL ..	1-2.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM	5-6.
E. PERCY DEBENHAM ..	3-4.	*HENRY G. ROWE ..	7-8.

Composed and Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal on handbells and first peal of Major. H. G. Rowe hails from Hatfield.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, CHESHIRE.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 1, 1890, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

SAMUEL TAYLOR..	.. Treble.	*JOHN CRABTREE ..	.. 5.
THOMAS JAKEMAN*	.. 2.	*ALBERT ADAMS..	.. 6.
WILLIAM JAKEMAN ..	.. 3.	JOHN LEIGH ..	.. 7.
HARRY HEAP ..	.. 4.	GEORGE LONGDEN ..	.. Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by
WILLIAM JAKEMAN.

*First peal in any method.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1890, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

GLAD. I. WINTER ..	.. Treble.	THOS. W. CHAPMAN ..	.. 5.
HARRY ARGYLE†	.. 2.	JAMES F. CLARKE ..	.. 6.
JOHN H. SWINFIELD ..	.. 3.	HARRY HORWOOD ..	.. 7.
HARRY BRIGES*	.. 4.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM ..	.. Tenor.

Composed by the late H. HUBBARD and Conducted by
ARTHUR R. ALDHAM.

This is the first peal of Major rung upon the bells, also the first in the method by all except the conductor, and rung at the first attempt. *First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Messrs. Aldham, Swinfield, and Briggs hail from Barwell, Earls Shilton, and Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, respectively.

FRIEZLAND, SADDLEWORTH.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 3, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS
UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

DUKE OF YORK, YORKSHIRE DELIGHT, KENT, MERCHANT'S RETURN,
NEW LONDON PLEASURE, OXFORD, AND VIOLET.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH W. SHAW ..	.. Treble.	SAMUEL DICKEN ..	.. 4.
GEORGE T. SHAW ..	.. 2.	JAMES DICKEN ..	.. 5.
WILLIAM DICKEN*	.. 3.	JOHN T. DICKEN ..	.. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH W. SHAW.

*First 5040.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1890, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

T. BRADLEY..	.. Treble.	A. ROTHWELL ..	.. 5.
— STANDRING ..	.. 2.	J. B. TAYLOR ..	.. 6.
J. SHEPHERD ..	.. 3.	J. WATTS ..	.. 7.
SAM. KAY ..	.. 4.	*JAS. DIVER ..	.. Tenor.

Conducted by J. SHEPHERD.

*First peal

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BACUP.—On Tuesday, January 21st, at St. Saviour's church, eight members of the Rossendale branch of the above Association rang a date touch of 1890 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 5 mins. T. Broadley, 1; J. T. Standring, 2; J. Pickup, 3; S. Kay, 4; A. Rothwell, 5; W. Haworth, 6; J. Shepherd, 7; W. Bradley, 8. Composed by A. P. Heywood, and conducted by J. Shepherd.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE LEEDS AND
DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

HOLBECK (Yorks).—On Friday, January 24th, at St. Matthew's church, a date touch of Bob Major (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins. T. Harrison, 1; H. Hubbard, 2; H. Moss, 3; G. Tingle, 4; J. Woodhead, 5; H. W. Needham (composer and conductor), 7; D. Yorke, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. [Where's the 6th?—Ed.]

HEADINGLEY (Yorks).—On Saturday, January 25th, at St. Chad's church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 14 mins. T. Lockwood, 1; H. Moss, 2; F. G. Robinson, 3; W. Child, 4; A. Naylor, 5; H. W. Needham (composer and conductor), 6; J. Hutchinson, 7; D. Yorke, 8. Tenor 21 cwt.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—Handbell Ringing.—On Monday evening, January 20th, at the "Crown" inn, on handbells retained in hand, a date touch of Bob Major (1890 changes), in 1 hr. W. Jakeman (conductor), 1-2; G. Longden (composer), 3-4; C. Willocks, 5-6; H. Heap, 7-8. And on Tuesday, January 21st, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Cinques (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 30 mins. W. Burgess (aged 72 years), 1; J. Hopwood, 2; T. Taylor, 3; W. Smith, 4; J. Wood, 5; D. Heap, 6; J. Mellor, 7; J. Gillot, 8; S. Andrew, 9; J. Harrison, 10; S. Wood (composer and conductor), 11; J. Andrew, 12. Tenor 27½ cwt. Also on Thursday, January 23rd, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of Bob Major (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 13 mins. S. Taylor, 1; T. Jakeman, 2; W. Jakeman (conductor), 3; A. Adams, 4; J. Crabtree, 5; J. Harrison, 6; J. Leigh, 7; G. Longden (composer), 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Sunday evening, February 2nd, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1889 changes). E. Brazier, 1; A. Edwards, 2; H. Allen, 3; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 4; G. Green, 5; F. Radley, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; W. E. Emery, 8. Longest touch by Messrs. Allen and Green, of Great Baddow, where there is a young band who have only recently mastered Triples. Composed by G. Hayward, of Bromsgrove.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Saturday, January 25th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 3 mins. E. Dunn, 1; H. P. Harman, 2; G. Emery, 3; T. Durling, 4; W. Smith, 5; W. Fright, 6; H. G. Fruin (conductor), 7; W. James, 8.

DEWSBURY (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, January 26th, at All Saints' church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 9 mins. J. Garforth, 1; J. H. Dixon (conductor), 2; I. Idle, 3; H. Robinson, 4; N. Hepworth, 5; G. H. Hardy (composer), 6; J. Buckley, 7; G. Taylor, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs.

LYNN (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, January 1st, at St. Nicholas chapel, a date of Bob Major (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 15 mins. W. G. Cross, 1; J. W. Sedgley (composer and conductor), 2; W. Brown, 3; W. Curston, 4; W. Brooke, 5; R. Crome, 6; J. Dodman, 7; G. Holland, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

OLDHAM (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, January 22nd, for practice at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 3 mins. J. Butterworth, 1; S. Elson, 2; F. Crossland, 3; A. Crossley, 4; J. Davies, 5; S. Stott (conductor), 6; J. Dyson, 7; J. Ormerod, 8. Composed by John Carter, of Birmingham, and contains the twenty-four 6-7's, Queen's, Tittums, and Whittington. Longest touch by all except Messrs. Stott and Crossland. F. Crossland hails from Lees.

SEDGLEY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, January 26th, at the church of All Saints, a date of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Goodman, 1; W. Mills, 2; D. Bruce, 3; S. Bunn, 4; J. Screen, 5; J. Devonport, 6; R. Schofield (conductor), 7; A. Screen, 8. Composed by W. Johnson, of Darlaston. Also on Saturday, February 1st, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Major (5040 changes), but after ringing 1,700 changes in 1 hr. 10 mins., it came to grief through the sixth man missing rope. J. Goodman, 1; W. Mills, 2; S. Bunn, 3; D. Bruce, 4; W. Johnson (Darlaston), 5; J. Devonport, 6; R. Schofield, 7; J. Goodman (Dudley), 8. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qrs.

Miscellaneous.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, January 26th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 25 mins. T. Hill, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Reynolds, 3; R. Round, 4; T. Griffiths, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. Messrs. Reynolds and Griffiths hail from Areley Kings.

ROWLEY REGIS (Staffordshire).—On Saturday evening, January 25th, after the Quarterly Meeting at Old Hill, eight of the members adjourned to the above place and attempted Mr. Washbrook's peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing 2200 changes in 1 hr. 14 mins., a slight trip occurred in 4-5, and the conductor called "stand." Two of the band were indisposed, and it was seen that they could not stand the peal out. J. T. Salter, 1; A. E. Parsons, 2; W. Wakeman, 3; T. Bennett, 4; H. Smith, 5; J. T. Bennett, 6; R. E. Grove (conductor), 7; H. Woodhall, 8. A. E. Parsons hails from Old Hill; H. Woodhall from Cradley; the others from Kidderminster. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rowley Regis band for giving up their practice-night.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH.—On Friday, January 24th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 29 mins. R. C. Hudson, 1; Thos. Hudson, sen., 2; *G. Lowden, 3; *H. Dawson, 4; Thos. Hudson, jun., 5; W. Story (Newcastle, conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. *First 720.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEBINGTON (Cheshire).—On Monday, January 20th, at the parish church, some members of the Wirral branch of the above Guild rang for practice a 720 Grandsire Minor in 23 mins. J. A. Hough, 1; H. E. Hough (first 720), 2; F. Jones, 3; J. Cliffe, 4; H. Bird, 5; J. Dillon (conductor), 6. Messrs. Jones, Bird, and Dillon hail from Bromborough; the rest belong to the local company. This is believed to be the first 720 by any of the Bebington men in their own tower.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Thursday evening, January 23rd, for practice at the church of St. Nicolas, 672 Bob Major. M. Brown, 1; E. Heathorn, 2; F. Bennett, 3; F. W. J. Rees, 4; J. J. Jones, 5; C. W. Miller, 6; G. Croucher, 6; W. Grove (conductor), 8. Tenor 23 cwt.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Tuesday, December 24th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; W. Jennings, 2; A. R. Ward, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; W. Ward, 5; E. Hatcher, 6; H. Jennings (conductor), 7; A. Ward, 8. And on Christmas Day, December 25th, for Divine Service, 700 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; W. Jennings, 2; G. Derrick, 3; H. Jennings, 4; J. G. Norris (conductor), 5; A. R. Ward, 6; W. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8. Also on New Year's Eve, December 31st, for Divine Service, 770 Grandsire Triples. J. G. Norris, 1; A. Williams, 2; H. Jennings, 3; W. Ward (conductor), 4; W. Jennings, 5; A. R. Ward, 6; O. Coombes, 7; A. Ward, 8. And to ring the New Year in, 391 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; W. Ward, 2; A. R. Ward, 3; W. Jennings, 4; H. Jennings (conductor), 5; E. Hatcher, 6; J. G. Norris, 7; A. Ward, 8. Also on Thursday, January 16th, for practice, 350 Grandsire Triples. *H. Coombes, 1; A. Williams, 2; *P. Long, 3; O. Coombes, 4; W. Jennings, 5; H. Jennings (conductor), 6; W. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8. And 168 in the same method, standing as before, with the exception of *S. Caillon, 5. *Longest touch in the method. Also on Sunday morning, January 26th, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; O. Coombes, 2; W. Ward, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; A. R. Ward, 5; W. Jennings, 6; H. Jennings (conductor), 7; A. Ward, 8.

HAWLEY (Hants).—On Tuesday, January 14th, at the church of the Holy Trinity, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently.

G. Hawkins, 1; F. Bennett (conductor), 2; A. Belcher, 3; J. Butler, 4; J. Chitty, 5; W. Paice, 6. Also a 360 with H. Boyles, 2; F. Bennett, 4. The above was rung on the occasion of the wedding of the rector's daughter with H. A. Peake, Esq. And on Saturday, January 25th, on their returning to Hawley, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), being ten and a half 6-scores, each called differently, in 40 mins. G. Hawkins, 1; H. Boyles, 2; A. Belcher, 3; F. Bennett (conductor), 4; J. Chitty, 5; J. Butler, 6. Longest length by all the band except F. Bennett, who hails from Guildford.

EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

WALPOLE (Norfolk).—On Thursday, January 23rd, at St. Peter's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Merrishaw, 1; Dr. Seccombe, 2; H. Hill, jun. (conductor), 3; H. Allen, 4; Jas. Brett, 5; W. Wright, 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Thursday, January 9th, for practice at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 College Double Bob in 24½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 720 Stanstead Bob Minor in 24 mins. †T. J. Watts, 1; W. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And on Sunday morning, January 12th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Bob (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 24 mins. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Cavill, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Hammond, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Oxford Bob ever rung on the bells with a call every lead. Also for afternoon service 720 Double Oxford Bob (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 23 mins. T. J. Watts, 1; J. Luckey, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill (composer and conductor), 6. In this 720 the 5th is the observation bell. And on Thursday, January 16th, for practice, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob in 24½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and the first on the bells. Also on Sunday morning, January 19th, for Divine Service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts (conductor), 5. And for afternoon service 360 Canterbury Pleasure. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, January 21st, an attempt was made to ring a 5040 in seven different methods, but after 720 Woodbine and about 300 Kent Treble Bob had been rung, the conductor called "stand" on account of two bells changing course. †T. J. Watts, 1; W. Watts, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. †First 720 in the methods. This is J. Luckey's first time as conductor of College Double Bob; also J. Watts' first time as conductor of Woodbine Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER.—On Thursday, January 16th, at St. Michael's church, nine members of the above society attempted a peal of Plain Bob Triples, but after ringing 2 hrs. and 30 mins., the conductor called "stand" owing to an error which occurred a few leads previously. S. E. Romans, 1; F. E. Hart, 2; G. Brunson, 3; W. C. Jones, 4; A. Roberts, 5; W. Sevier (conductor), 6; H. Mitchell, 7; E. E. Bewick and G. Watts, 8. The above was rang with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Henry Johnson. And on Thursday, January 23rd, for practice, 447 Bob Major. S. E. Romans, 1; F. E. Hart, 2; *E. E. Bewick, 3; C. Jones, 4; D. J. Aston, 5; A. Roberts, 6; H. Mitchell, 7; W. Sevier (conductor), 8. Also 252 Stedman Triples. R. J. Wilkins, 1; S. E. Romans (conductor), 2; D. J. Aston, 3; C. Jones, 4; A. Roberts, 5; H. Mitchell, 6; W. Sevier, 7; G. Brunson, 8. And on Sunday, January 27th, for Divine Service, 504 Bob Triples. T. Eaves, 1; R. J. Wilkins, 2; D. J. Aston, 3; C. Jones, 4; S. E. Romans, 5; F. E. Hart, 6; W. Sevier (conductor), 7; A. Roberts, 8. *Longest touch of Bob Major with a bob bell, and first 500 in any method by T. Eaves.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Sunday evening, January 19th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). W. Adler, 1; G. Winter, 2; W. Hickley, 3; H. Argyle, 4; J. Clarke, 5; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 6. Also on Thursday evening, January 23rd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. W. Adler, 1; W. Hickley, 2; G. Winter, 3; H. Argyle, 4; T. Bates, 5; T. Chapman (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, January 26th, for Divine Service, 504 Plain Bob Triples. W. Adler, 1; H. Argyle, 2; W. Hickley, 3; G. Winter, 4; J. Clarke, 5; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 6; H. Horwood, 7; T. Bates, 8. First touch in the method by all, and first on the bells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, January 21st, for practice at Christ Church, 720 Woodbine and 720 Violet Treble Bob. W.

Ormerod, 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; Z. Lord, 4; A. White (conductor), 5; W. Smith, 6. Also on Sunday evening, January 26th, 720 Plain Bob (six bobs and thirty singles). W. Ormerod, 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; A. White (conductor), 4; J. Smith (Rawtenstall), 5; W. Smith, 6. On Saturday, January 25th, eight members of the Rossendale branch of this Association attempted Thurstan's bob-and-single peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 1000 changes it came to grief. T. Bradley, 1; J. Standing, 2; J. B. Taylor, 3; E. Bradley, 4; F. Birtwistle, 5; J. Shepherd (conductor), 6; W. Haworth, 7; J. Driver, 8. On Sunday, January 26th, for morning service, 840 Grandsire Triples. T. Bradley, 1; E. Bradley, 2; J. Pickup, 3; S. Kay, 4; A. Rothwell, 5; W. Haworth, 6; J. Shepherd (conductor), 7; W. Bradley, 8. In the afternoon a 1064 Grandsire Triples, taken from Shipway's bob-and-single. T. Bradley, 1; E. Bradley, 2; J. Pickup, 3; S. Kay, 4; A. Rothwell, 5; W. Haworth, 6; J. Shepherd (conductor), 7; W. Bradley, 8. In the evening 798 in the same method. T. Bradley, 1; J. B. Taylor, 2; J. Pickup, 3; S. Kay, 4; A. Taylor, 5; W. Haworth, 6; J. Shepherd (conductor), 7; A. Rothwell, 8.

OSWALDTWISTLE (Lancashire).—On Sunday afternoon, January 26th, for Divine Service at the parish church, some members of the Blackburn branch of the above Association rang 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 27½ mins. F. Calvert, 1; H. Hayes (conductor), 2; J. Bentley, 3; A. Clegg, 4; W. Pattinson, 5; J. T. Dodds, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON.—On Saturday, January 15th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. J. Barrett (first 720), 1; F. Pratt, 2; T. Card, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. Martin (first 720 as conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday, January 26th, for morning service at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. F. Sanders, 1; T. Durling, 2; T. Durling (first 720), 3; H. P. Harman, 4; E. Dunn, 5; H. G. Fruin (conductor), 6.

BUNWELL (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, December 25th, at St. Michael's church, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), taken from "Troyte." A. Dunnett, 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; J. Hilling, 3; J. Hinchley, 4; G. Smith, jun., 5; R. Hutton (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, January 15th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Hutton (conductor), 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; J. Hilling, 3; A. Dunnett, 4; G. Smith, jun., 5; J. Hinchley, 6. On Wednesday, January 22nd, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, standing as before.

COALBROOKDALE (Salop).—On Wednesday, January 22nd, at the parish church, the local company attempted a peal of Bob Triples, but after ringing 4032 changes in 2 hrs. 35 mins., a change-course occurred, and the bells were called into rounds. J. Jukes, 1; W. Jukes, 2; A. Wale, 3; R. Dunn, 4; W. Morgan, 5; A. Morgan, 6; D. Bradburn (conductor), 7; N. Boden, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.

CROSSENS (Lancashire).—On Friday, January 24th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26½ mins. T. Hunter, 1; T. Hosker, 2; J. Brookfield, 3; J. Brookfield, 4; R. Holmes (conductor), 5; G. Ball, 6.

KEMERTON (Gloucestershire).—On Wednesday, January 22nd, at the parish church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with extremes, in 24 mins. E. Devereux, 1; A. Wallace, 2; H. Payne, 3; W. Perks, 4; A. Atwood, 5; S. Wallace, 6. Also on Sunday, January 26th, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with extremes, in 25 mins. C. Smith, 1; S. Wallace, 2; A. Wallace, 3; W. Perks, 4; E. Devereux (conductor), 5; H. Franklin, 6. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES (Surrey).—On Sunday, January 26th, at the church of All Saints, 1022 Grandsire Triples. J. Chandler, 1; E. J. Strutt, 2; H. Parslow, 3; J. Wright, 4; G. Naish, 5; J. Strutt (conductor), 6; G. Gray, 7; C. Slade, 8.

LAMBETH (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, January 26th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. M. Hayes, 1; H. R. Newton, 2; H. Langdon, 3; W. E. Garrard, 4; W. T. Cockerill, 5; W. Grove, 6. First 720 by all except the treble man. W. Grove hails from Guildford.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, January 18th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Symonds, 1; H. Smith, 2; H. Parker, 3; J. Moore, 4; C. Jarvis (first 720), 5; T. King, 6. And another 720 in the same method (eighteen bobs and two singles). H. Symonds, 1; H. Parker, 2; A. Symonds, 3; J. Moore, 4; T. King (first 720 as conductor), 5; J. Levitt, 6.

PUDSEY (Yorks).—On Thursday, January 23rd, for practice at the parish church, 360 Bob Minor. D. Farrar, 1; W. Bateman, 2; G. Bolland (conductor), 3; J. Smith, 4; F. Birks, 5; S. Stott, 6. Also 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor. D. Farrar, 1; W. Bateman, 2; S.

Langstaff, 3; J. Smith, 4; G. Bolland, 5; F. Birks, 6. And 240 of Oxford, standing as before, with the exception of J. Ross, 2. Also a course of Bob Major. D. Farrar, 1; W. Bateman, 2; S. Langstaffe, 3; J. Ross, 4; G. Bolland, 5; J. Smith, 6; F. Birks, 7; S. Stott, 8.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Tuesday, January 28th, at St. Edmund's church, 720 Bob Minor in 30 mins. F. Rigden, 1; W. M. Lush, 2; W. J. Prince, 3; S. Lawrence, 4; W. S. Wise (conductor), 5; W. W. Gifford, 6. Tenor 28 cwt. in Cg.

STEBBING (Essex).—Handbell Ringing.—On Saturday, January 25th, on handbells retained in hand, 360 Plain Bob Minor, and 720 Plain Bob Minor. A. Barker, 1; H. Emery, 2; W. Farrow, 3; W. Emery, 4; E. Hynds, 5; *J. T. Barker (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 by the first four; *first 720 as conductor.

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."

NOISY CHURCH BELLS.

SIR,—With reference to "Free Lance's" remarks as to louvres, I may state that at Whitley church, Northumberland, where I have control of the belfry, we have had a good deal of experience of the different systems which have been discussed. The church has a very low tower, with a peal of six, by Taylor, tenor 18 cwt. The church was built, I think, about twenty years since, when deep slanting slate or flag louvres were put in. As might have been expected, the noise of the bells was thrown down upon the adjoining neighbourhood to such an extent, that the nuisance had to be abated in some way. The then Vicar took the matter in hand, and took all the louvres out, but filling each window half-way up, that is, a little lower than the mouths of the bells when up, with a flat slate. This remedied the trouble only to a slight extent, and brought with it more than compensating annoyances. The bells and fittings were at the mercy of all sorts of weather, first being dried and cracked with a hot summer sun, and then being swollen with wet, until their going got a very bad character. The wet naturally came through to the belfry, and the clock got damaged, and ropes rotted. To remedy this a lead floor was put under the bells, but this got into hills and holes to such an extent that the water used to run down the rope-holes, and a further expense was incurred in cementing the belfry-floor to prevent the organ being spoilt. When the writer took charge of the belfry he induced the authorities to put the matter under his guidance into the hands of one of the ringers, who was also an expert joiner, and we have now wooden louvres on the venetian plan, which work very well indeed. They are worked from the belfry by cords, and when ringing is going on they are turned upwards at a suitable angle, thus to some extent throwing the sound higher, and relieving the houses close to the church. At other times they are turned down, a little open, so that the clock chimes can be heard as well as ever. The bells having been looked to a little, go fairly well, and do not vary as they used to do. We did not contemplate stopping the sound altogether.

R. S. STORY.

AN APOLOGY.

SIR,—In your last issue is given a report of a meeting, held at Old Hill, by the Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association, on Saturday, January 25th. It appears, from the concluding paragraph of that report, that a "little unpleasantness arose owing to the wrong keys being handed over to the ringers, and that some went away disappointed." I regret at having been the cause of such unpleasantness, being absolutely ignorant of what I had done until the following morning, in handing over the wrong key, and I sincerely apologise to those persons who were thus deprived of a ring through my carelessness, assuring them the blunder was an unintentional one, happening as it did in the midst of confusion.

ALBERT E. PARSONS.

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Obituary.

WILLIAM PAWSON.

ON Monday, February 3rd, at his residence, 10, Plaid Row, Shannon Street, Leeds, the above-named gentleman died in his 61st year. Deceased was a handbell founder, and for upwards of forty years a member of the Leeds parish church company.

A Selection of Date Touches for the present year, 1890.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By HENRY G. ROWE, *Hatfield, Herts.*

2 3 4 5 6 7

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

Twice repeated.

This touch contains queens and tittums.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By J. W. WASHBROOK, *Oxford.*

2 3 4 5 6 7

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

Twice repeated.

BOB TRIPLES.

By HENRY HARRIS.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

4 2 6 3 5 - -
3 5 6 2 4 - -
6 3 4 5 2 - -
5 2 4 3 6 - -
5 6 3 2 4 - -
4 5 3 6 2 - S
3 4 2 5 6 - -

Twice repeated.

A quarter-peal can also be got by calling a single instead of a bob at the wrong in last course. Also a touch of 630 can be obtained by calling a single at home in the quarter-peal, which will bring the bells round.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By S. MARSH, *West Bromwich.*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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

M B W H
2 4 5 3 6 I - 2 2
6 2 3 4 5 2 I 1 2
6 3 4 2 5 I - 2 2
2 5 3 4 6 I 2 2
2 3 4 5 6 I - 2 2

With nine 8-6s.

The two changes braced constitute the first treble lead.

BOB MAJOR.

By HERBERT W. NEEDHAM, *Leeds.*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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

W 5th 4th M H
5 3 4 6 2 I I
4 5 3 6 2 I I
2 3 5 6 4 I I
5 2 3 6 4 I I
3 5 2 6 4 I I
4 2 5 6 3 I I
5 4 2 6 3 I I
4 3 2 6 5 I I I
5 2 6 4 3 I I I
3 6 4 5 2 I I I
5 2 4 3 6 I I I
4 3 5 2 6 I I I
5 4 3 2 6 I I I
3 2 5 4 6 I I I
5 3 2 4 6 I I I
2 5 3 4 6 I I I
3 4 2 5 6 I I I
2 3 4 5 6 I I I

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By HERBERT W. NEEDHAM, *Leeds.*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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

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

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By GEORGE OLDHAM, *Beeston, Notts.*

2 3 4 5 6 7

S 6 4 2 3 7 5
3 4 6 5 2 7
6 2 3 4 7 5
2 3 6 4 7 5
6 7 2 3 5 4
3 7 6 4 2 5
6 2 3 7 5 4
2 3 6 7 5 4
6 5 2 3 4 7
3 5 6 7 2 4
6 2 3 5 4 7
2 3 6 5 4 7
S 4 6 2 3 7 5
3 6 4 5 2 7
4 2 3 6 7 5
2 3 4 6 7 5
4 7 2 3 5 6
3 7 4 6 2 5
4 2 3 7 5 6
2 3 4 7 5 6
4 5 2 3 6 7
3 5 4 7 2 6
4 2 3 5 6 7
S 3 2 4 5 6 7
4 6 3 2 7 5
2 6 4 5 3 7
4 3 2 6 7 5
3 2 4 6 7 5
4 7 3 2 5 6
2 7 4 6 3 5
4 3 2 7 5 6
3 2 4 7 5 6
4 5 3 2 6 7
2 5 4 7 3 6
4 3 2 5 6 7
S 2 3 4 5 6 7

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By JAMES SHOLICAR, *Ormskirk.*

2 3 4 5 6 7

5 3 2 7 4 6 5
4 6 5 2 7 3 2
2 6 4 3 5 7 5
3 6 2 7 4 5 5
4 5 3 2 7 6 2
2 5 4 6 3 7 5
7 6 2 3 5 4 1
3 6 7 4 2 5 5
4 6 3 5 7 2 5
2 5 4 7 6 3 1
4 6 2 5 3 7 3
7 5 4 3 6 2 1
3 5 7 2 4 6 5
Twice repeated.

2 3 4 5 6 7

7 5 2 6 3 4 I
6 5 7 4 2 3 5
2 3 6 7 4 5 2
7 3 2 5 6 4 5
4 5 7 6 3 2 I
6 5 4 2 7 3 5
2 5 6 3 4 7 5
3 5 2 7 6 4 5
6 4 3 2 7 5 2
2 4 6 5 3 7 5
7 5 2 3 4 6 1
2 4 7 5 6 3 3
7 6 2 4 3 5 3
3 5 7 2 4 6 2
Twice repeated.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By GEORGE CLEAL, *Leicester.*

2 3 4 5 6 7

5 3 2 7 4 6 5
4 6 5 2 7 3 2
2 6 4 3 5 7 5
3 6 2 7 4 5 5
5 7 3 4 6 2 I
4 7 5 2 3 6 5
2 7 4 6 5 3 5
3 6 2 5 7 4 I
7 4 3 2 5 6 2
6 2 7 5 4 3 I
2 7 6 5 4 3 4
6 4 2 7 3 5 3
7 4 6 5 2 3 5
3 5 7 2 4 6 I

Twice repeated.

This touch contains ten 6-7's, ten 7-4's, and ten 4-6's, including queens and tittums.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By THE EDITOR.

2 3 4 5 6 7

3 4 2 5 6 7 4
4 2 3 5 6 7 4
6 7 4 3 5 2 2
2 3 6 5 7 4 I
3 6 2 5 7 4 4
6 2 3 5 7 4 4
7 4 6 3 5 2 2
2 3 7 5 4 6 I
3 7 2 5 4 6 4
4 6 3 2 5 7 2
7 2 4 5 6 3 I
2 4 7 5 6 3 4

A VARIATION.

3 4 2 5 6 7 4
4 2 3 5 6 7 4
6 7 4 3 5 2 2
2 3 6 5 7 4 I
3 6 2 5 7 4 4
7 4 3 2 5 6 2
6 2 7 5 4 3 I
2 7 6 5 4 3 4
3 5 2 4 7 6 I
7 6 3 2 4 5 2
5 2 7 4 6 3 I
6 3 5 7 4 2 2
2 7 6 4 3 5 I
3 5 2 6 4 7 2
7 6 3 4 5 2 I
5 2 7 3 4 6 2
2 7 5 3 4 6 4
7 5 2 3 4 6 4
4 6 7 2 3 5 2
5 2 4 3 6 7 I

Twice repeated.

From the foregoing call the 6th middle and wrong alternately (*i.e.* every lead except when she is before) till 6-7 come home, when the part-end

5 2 4 3 6 7 is produced. The whole twice repeated completes the touch.

Each of the above contains the twelve 7-4's, the twelve 4-6's and the twelve 6-7's, all the right way. They also have several other out-of-course leads with 4-6-7 in like positions; and are the first date touches of the year published containing these properties.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Gathering of the members of the Association, postponed from November 25th on account of the death of the Rev. N. Bolingbroke, the late lamented secretary, will take place at Ipswich on Monday, February 10th. The "Coach and Horses" inn, Brook Street, will be the headquarters for the day. Masters of companies and members are requested to attend as soon as possible after arrival to secure dinner tickets, and be directed as to ringing. All ringing to cease at 12.30. At 12.45 there will be Divine Service at St. Mary-le-Tower church. The sermon will be preached by the Ven. Archdeacon Woolley. At 1.30 dinner will be provided at the "Coach and Horses." After dinner the usual Business Meeting will take place. Ringing may re-commence about 4 p.m. Members are requested to inform the Secretary at once whether they will be present, and how many of their company; also the name of the G.E.R. station from which they will start. Cards will be sent on application in order to obtain the fare and quarter railway tickets.

A. P. MOORE, *Acting Secretary.*

Weybread House, Harleston, Norfolk.

THE ALL SAINTS' (FULHAM) ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting of the above will be held to-day, Sat., February 8th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Special service at 5.30 p.m., with address by the Rev. F. H. Fisher, President of the society. Tea in the Church Room at 6.30 p.m. Business and social meeting afterwards. Tickets 9d. each. All ringers are welcome. Those desirous of attending are requested to let the secretary know by Thursday, February 6th.

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C. E. KELLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN BRANCH.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at the parish church, Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, February 15th. Belfry open at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock; tickets 1s. each.

JAMES HORROCKS, *Secretary.*

93, Henry Street, Church.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's church, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, February 15th. Bells ready at 2.30. Meeting at 6 p.m. J. SHEPHERD, *Branch Sec.*

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Healey, near Rochdale, to-day, Saturday, February 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 4 p.m. in the schools.

F. BIRTWISTLE, *Sec.*

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.—The first monthly meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's church, Nottingham, to-day, Saturday, February 8th. The belfry will be open for ringing at 3 o'clock.

A. LAMBERT, *Local Secretary.*

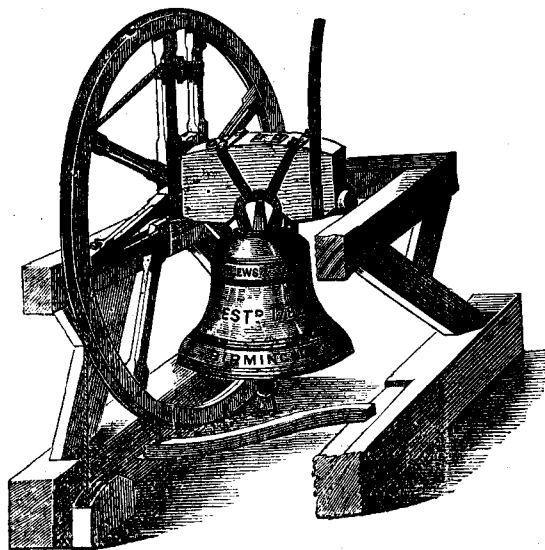
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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held at St. Andrew's, Leyland, to-day, Saturday, February 8th. The tower will be open for ringing from 2 o'clock. Business Meeting in the Grammar School at 5 o'clock.

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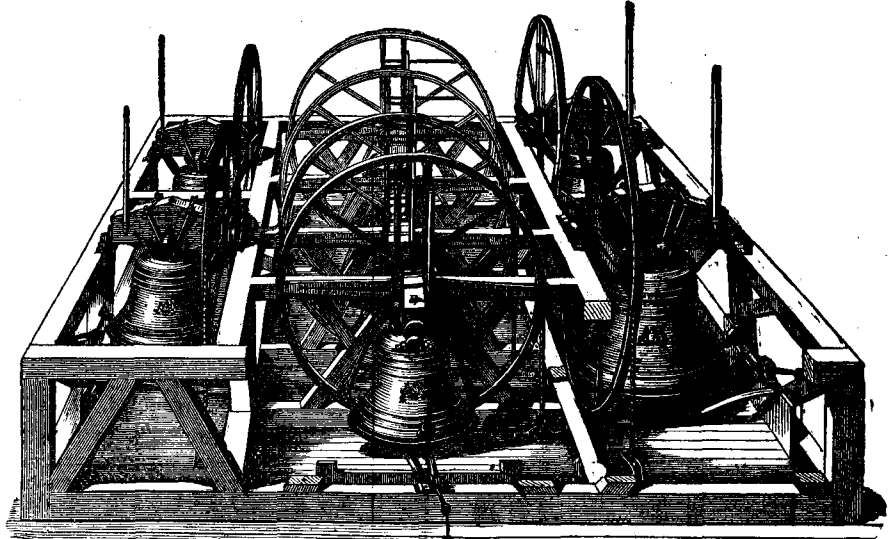
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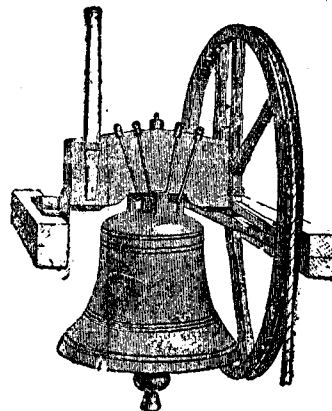
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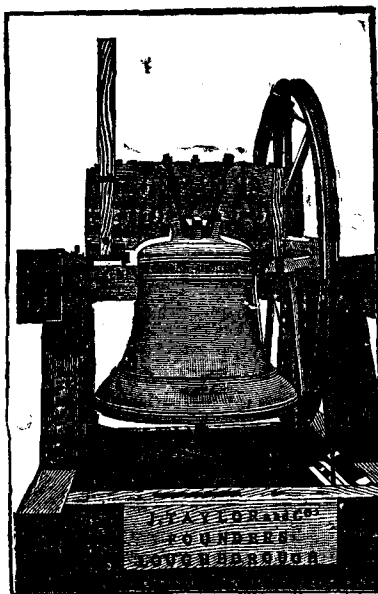
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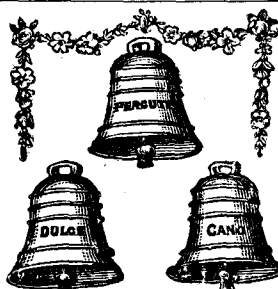
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