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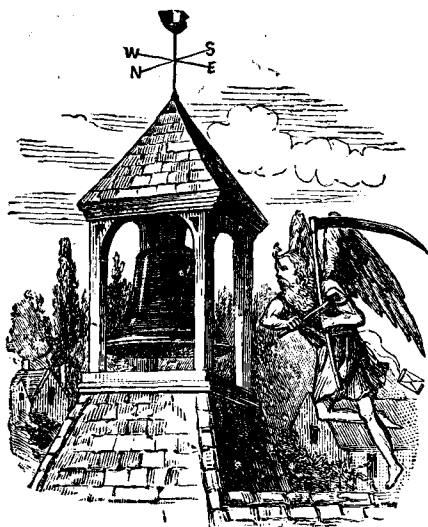
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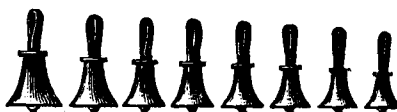
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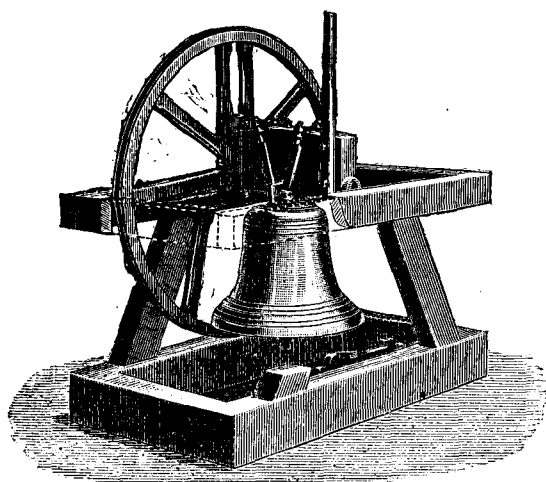
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MR. THOMAS HATTERSLEY, OF SHEFFIELD.

[Vide Portrait.]

The gentleman who is selected for portraiture on this occasion has sprung from an old ringing family. We find that as far back as 1816 his grandfather on his mother's side, Mr. WILLIAM BOOTH, visited the metropolis (which was in those days a journey of considerable importance), and rang a 5080 of Oxford Treble Bob Royal, in which the late GEORGE GROSS and WILLIAM SHIPWAY took part. This peal was rung at St. Leonard's church, Shoreditch, and was composed and conducted by W. GROSS. Anterior to this period Mr. BOOTH rang 3-4 in peals of Oxford Treble Bob Major, Royal, and Maximus, which were the first peals ever rang in the country on handbells.

Mr. HATTERSLEY, who was born in Sheffield on October 6th, 1835, began his ringing career when a mere lad, and at a time when the chances of learning were not so favourable as at present. In consequence of this fact he did not score his first peal until he was well up into manhood. His position in the Exercise is sufficient to show that this was more on account of not having the opportunity then for the want of ability. Being naturally bred a ringer, we look to find in him a staunch supporter of the science, fond of good striking, and one who will not shirk a bit of hard work at the heavy end when it is required, and such qualities will be not looked for in vain. It has been his good (or otherwise) fortune to have had the tuition of many young aspirants to ringing fame, who, notwithstanding their desire to learn, might have benefitted largely had they been more diligent in their application. Indifference from any portion of a young band is apt to check its progress, and adds much to the annoyance not only of those who have the desire to excel, but to those who take the trouble (not always pleasant) to teach.

Mr. HATTERSLEY has rang altogether one hundred and thirty peals, in Grandsire, Treble Bob, Stedman, Plain Bob, and Double Norwich methods. Out of these he has conducted upwards of fifty, Holt's Original coming in for a large share of his patronage, having called this peal from every bell. It will be in the recollection of many that he was one of the band who rang in the silent peal, viz.: Holt's Original, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, in October, 1884. He also called the same composition for Mr. M. A. WOOD's 300th peal, which was rung at St. Matthew's, Mr. HATTERSLEY making a special journey to oblige his old friend MATTHEW on that occasion. Perhaps it is hardly necessary to state that our friend is an elder brother of Mr. CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and that he is a great favorite up at those quarters of the College Youths near to which in years gone by the celebrated long peal of Treble Bob Major and other renowned feats were performed.

HATFIELD, HERTS.

The Annual Dinner of the Hatfield College Youths took place on Tuesday, February 18th, at the "Baker's Arms." The chair was occupied by the Rev. Lord W. G. Cecil, rector, and Mr. E. P. Debenham (St. Alban's), the vice-chair. Amongst those present were Messrs. W. Whitby (Hon. Sec.), H. G. Rowe, A. Shepherd, T. Gathard, J. Hollingsworth, J. Shepherd, W. E. Powers, G. Smith, H. Tharby, J. Greenham, H. Shepherd, J. Kentish, jun., J. Stratton, W. J. Richardson, W. J. Rumney, H. H. Hankin, and A. Finch. An excellent dinner was provided by Mr. and Mrs. J. Kentish.

On removal of the cloth the usual loyal toasts were given and heartily received. A course of Grandsire Caters was given on the handbells by Messrs. J. Hollingsworth, J. Shepherd, H. G. Rowe, A. Shepherd, and W. Powers.

The Chairman in proposing "Success to the Hatfield College Youths," said they had every reason to congratulate themselves on the success of the society. He hoped they would do their

best to get new members; he should advise them to turn into recruiting officers. Care however should be taken in getting members to find out those who really cared for bell-ringing. They did not want half-hearted members. As this was a representative meeting, he thought he would congratulate Mr. Kentish on being elected Master, and also to thank Mr. Shepherd for the manner in which he carried out his office as Master. The name of Mr. Kentish was coupled with the toast.

Mr. Kentish thanked the company for responding so heartily to the toast, and also for duly electing him master; he could only say he would possibly do all he could to carry out his duties in an efficient manner.

Mr. H. H. Hankin proposed "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," and the rector responded.

Mr. W. J. Richardson proposed "The Herts County Association." He said the Association had done a deal of good work in every way connected with ringing. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. E. P. Debenham, who had done much for the Association. He was sure that ringing would not have been so forward as now.

Mr. E. P. Debenham responded.

Among the other toasts were "The Secretary," proposed by Mr. W. J. Richardson, and responded to by Mr. Whitby; also "The health of Mr. Hankin," proposed by Mr. W. J. Richardson. Mr. W. Whitby then proposed "The Host and Hostess" with musical honours, to which Mr. Kentish responded.

During the evening several capital songs and recitations were rendered by various members of the society, and touches on the handbells. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman for being present. The meeting was brought to a close at one o'clock by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem, all having enjoyed one of the most pleasant evenings that could be wished for.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Masters of Companies in union with the Association are earnestly requested to supply the Hon. Secretary, as soon as possible, with lists, *corrected to the present time*, of names and postal addresses of those attached to their companies who are also members of the Association. They are also reminded that all subscriptions for the year 1890 are now due, and should be paid in with as little delay as possible. The Secretary will attend at the Royal Hotel, Norwich, on Saturday, March 8th, from 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving subscriptions for 1890, and the arrears for 1888-9, and transacting other business of the Association. Members (annual) who are "unattached" to any company, whether residing within or without the diocese, are urgently requested to pay their subscriptions for 1890 *at once*. Those who are in arrear should also pay their contributions for 1888-9 forthwith, if they desire that their names should continue on the roll of the Association. All communications on the business of the Association should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT BRANCH.—A General Meeting of this branch of the above Association was held in the Parish Room, St. Paul's Institute, on Thursday, February 20th, for the election of officers, and the following were unanimously elected: Vice-President—The Rev. F. H. Beaven, vicar of St. Paul's; District Secretary—Mr. Arthur Wakley; Committee—Mr. Leonard Bullock and Mr. Harry Wakley.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. John Jaggar for services rendered as District Secretary since its formation, Easter, 1883.

The question of instituting monthly ringing meetings in connection with the district was discussed, and unanimously agreed to, and it was suggested that they should if possible be held the first week in each month, the first meeting to take place at Winhill on Monday, March 3rd, and the necessary arrangements to be made by the District Secretary.



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SUPPLEMENT TO "THE BELL NEWS."

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.

The work of Church restoration which has during the past few years been so actively carried out in Sussex, has recently transformed the fine old parish church of the old market town of Hailsham. The following lines, which are from a local paper, explain the cause of the unusual commotion which was noticeable on Saturday, the 8th February:—

MY VISIT TO HAILSHAM.

February 8th, 1890.

My native town I visit once again,
Once more to breathe my own sweet native air,
A pleasure now that's intermixed with pain,
Anent the broken ranks of old friends there.

For some few weeks or months, I must relate,
No church bell sound has stir'd the wintry air,
No clock to strike, no curfew rang at eight,
Folks marched to church like Quaker going to prayer.

All five bells went to London for a change,
Been sharpened up, for some were going flat,
Returning with three little ones, how strange,
What will their prudent neighbours think of that?

Now, as I linger on this sacred soil,
A hundred generations near me lie.
'Twould fill the space all round me for a mile,
If they should rise in radiant garb this day.

Could they behold the church they loved, may be,
Raised from its grave of ugliness and shame,
Some shape of comeliness they now might see,
With some faint traces of its pristine fame.

The roof raised to pre-Reformation height,
With open timber work instead of plaster,
With transept windows, giving air and light,
Which has been minus since the great disaster.

Lion and unicorn have fairly fled,
The Ten Commandments now no more are seen;
No more shall high pews screen the sleeping head,
No red brick floor, no walls turned damp and green,
From east to west no lath and plaster screen.

Now, as I gaze upon this ancient tower
The sun's resplendent rays glint up the vanes.
The Sussex ringers ply artistic power,
Flooding the frosty air with changeful strains.

E.H.

Tunbridge Wells.

The church, dedicated to St. Mary, was anciently a chapel to Hellingly, and is a large and commanding building, consisting of western tower with crocketed pinnacles, nave with north and south aisles, and chancel, and until now possessed a peal of five bells, dating from the 17th century. On the completion of the restoration of the building it was suggested that the bells should be rehung and a treble added, but at a meeting of the parish called to consider the question, the cause was so heartily taken up that instead of six, sufficient funds were provided to complete the octave, recast the tenor, and rehang the whole with new fittings. The work, which has given great satisfaction, was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The opening proceedings commenced shortly after three o'clock, with a touch of Grandsire Triples, during which the church rapidly filled, and a short special dedicatory service with address was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. — Harvey). Immediately at the conclusion eight members of the Sussex County Association started for a peal of Grandsire Triples. All went well for two hours, when a sudden collapse occurred. As an evidence of the interest the Hailsham people took in the proceedings, between 200 and 300 remained watching the ringers during the whole of the ringing—a somewhat novel experience for the ringers while attempting a peal. During the evening the Vicar entertained at supper those members of the Sussex County Association who were present, and his own ringers. He expressed a strong hope that a new branch of the Association would shortly be formed at Hailsham. This is the second case this year in Sussex of an old peal being augmented to the complete octave, the Steyning peal having been re-opened last month, while rumours are heard of like additions in several other quarters.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 17th, a general meeting of the above was held at Shotley Bridge. There was a fairly good attendance, the following branches being represented: St. John's, Newcastle, St. Peter's and Christ Church, Jarrow, St. Oswald's, Durham, St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, Christ Church, Consett, St. Paul's, Winlaton, St. James', Newton Hall, and St. Michael's, Bishop Wearmouth. Sharow and South Bank were also represented. A committee meeting was held at the Commercial inn, at which was decided that a peal of handbells be bought for the Association. The dinner was held at two o'clock, to which about thirty members sat down and did ample justice to the good things provided by the host, Mr. Moffatt.

After dinner Mr. F. Lees (vice-president) of Newcastle, in the absence of Mr. R. S. Story, the president, occupied the chair, being supported by the Rev. G. H. Ross-Lewin, Vicar of Benfieldside. After disposing of the loyal toasts, the chairman proposed "The Health of the Bishop and Clergy of the Dioceses of Durham and Newcastle."

The Rev. G. H. Ross-Lewin responded, and spoke at great length upon the benefits conferred upon Church work, and progress by such worthy institutions as Bellringers' Associations, and said that they were a class of men worthy of the support of both the clergy and laity in the two dioceses, and of equal importance to Sunday school teachers, district visitors, and choristers. He also referred to the fact that before long a peal of bells would be hung in the tower of Tanfield parish church.

The Hon. Sec. (Mr. L. Newton, Durham) presented the annual report, which ought to have been submitted at the annual meeting held at Durham in October last, but owing to change of Secretary the necessary particulars were not forthcoming. The total membership was 300. The balance-sheet indicated that the sum of £17 11s. 11d. was in the hands of the Secretary and Treasurer.

The report was adopted, and a number of new members were elected. The bells of St. Mary's, Lanchester, St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside, Christ Church, Consett, and St. Mary's (R.C.), Blackhill, were at the disposal of the ringers during the day, and the following were rung: A 720 Plain Bob Minor at St. Cuthbert's. E. Carr (Jarrow), 1; F. Harrison (Jarrow), 2; J. W. Smith, 3; L. Scott (Winlaton), 4; W. C. Bennett (Winlaton), 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor, Newcastle), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Lees (conductor, Newcastle), 1; W. Barron (Benfieldside), 2; C. L. Routledge, 3; L. Newton (Durham), 4; C. J. Butterworth (Durham), 5; F. Harrison (Jarrow), 6.

BRASS TABLET AT TWYFORD, HANTS.

The ringers of the above parish church met on Tuesday, February 18th, for the purpose of ringing a date touch (1890 changes) of Doubles, consisting of Plain Bob and Grandsire, which was successfully brought round in 1 hr. 4 mins. This was rung to commemorate the erection of a brass tablet recording the first 720 of Grandsire Minor rung on the Twyford bells by a purely local band. It is a handsome tablet, is beautifully engraved, and is the gift of the Rev. C. Buston, of Deane, near Micheldever (local secretary for the Winchester Diocesan Guild) who rang the 3rd in the 720. It is quite needless to further comment upon the Rev. C. Buston's good and generous disposition and enthusiasm in the art, for anyone who has been fortunate enough to have even the shortest interview with him, must have come to the general conclusion that he so well deserves, in the true sense of the term, the words that the writer has so often heard sung to his name—"For he's a jolly good fellow." May this adornment to the belfry act as an incentive to those members whose names are not inscribed thereon, to still further exert their ringing capabilities in the direction of the next 720 of Bob Minor.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of this Association was held at Highgate, on Saturday, February 15th, when about twenty-five members attended from Barnet, Hadley, Tottenham, Hendon, and Finchley. Touches of Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, STOKE NEWINGTON, LONDON.

The first annual supper of the Stoke Newington Branch of the Royal Cumberland Youths was held on Tuesday evening at the "Rose and Crown," Church-street, Stoke Newington.

The Rev. Prebendary Shelford occupied the chair, supported by Mr. J. J. Runtz. The whole of the members of the branch Society were present (as well as four ringers from the parish of St. Ann, Stamford Hill,) numbering in all 24. The Host, Mr. W. Elliott, provided a capital supper, which was punctually placed on the table shortly after 8 o'clock, and ample justice done thereto by the company. The tables having been cleared, the room was afterwards got ready for a social evening, the host not forgetting the good cheer of his guests.

After the royal toasts had been duly honoured, the Chairman asked them to drink to "The Prosperity of the Church of the Country, and especially to the Church in Stoke Newington," and took the opportunity of expressing his pleasure, and no doubt the pleasure of the whole of the people of Stoke Newington, at the near completion, after many difficulties, of the church spire. He hoped that the six bells in the old church would be placed in the new tower, but they could not remove them without first getting the consent of the authorities, and also the parishioners. But the peal would not be large enough, and they would want four more, and if they succeeded in getting a peal of ten bells in the new tower, they would have attained a grand object. This would cost a matter of between £500 and £600, and although they could not expect to see their object at once realised, he hoped that before long the ringers would be able to celebrate the occasion by ringing the bells in the new tower. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. J. J. Runtz.

Mr. J. J. Runtz in response thanked the company, and said that he had for the last ten years been officially connected with the church, and it afforded him intense satisfaction that it was now on the point of being completed.

The next toast was "Prosperity to St. Mary's Stoke Newington Society of Change Ringers," responded to by Mr. Waterman.

The Chairman next gave "Prosperity to the Metropolitan Societies of Change-Ringers," coupling with the toast the names of Mr. Davidson who represented the College Youths, and Mr. Hannington, as representing the Royal Cumberlands. The Chairman referred to his connection with the College Youths when at the church of St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, who offered to ring the bells there, the same as Mr. Scarlett had done for St. Mary's, on behalf of the Royal Cumberland Society. He (the chairman), would be glad to see the latter within the church walls on Sundays as he had seen the former at St. Matthew's.

The toast having been heartily drunk,

Mr. Hannington and Mr. Davidson respectively responded, speaking in high praise of Mr. Scarlett for his efforts in training the St. Mary's ringers.

Mr. Runtz in giving "The Rector," paid a fitting tribute to his services in the parish. The toast was received with acclamation, and

The Chairman in reply thanked the company for the kind and enthusiastic way in which they had received the toast.

The next toasts were the healths of Mr. Scarlett and the vice-chairman, proposed by the Chairman, who offered his grateful appreciation to Mr. Scarlett for all he had done for the bell-ringers of St. Mary's.

Mr. Scarlett and the vice-chairman having suitably responded, the remaining toasts were got through and the proceedings concluded.

THORNCOMBE, DORSET.

A large clock with quarter chimes has just been erected in the parish church at the above place. It is fitted with all the latest improvements, and shews time on dials facing south and west. The work was carried out by John Smith and Sons, Derby, who are also making a large clock and chimes for Portishead church, Somerset.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. W. W. Thorne, Hon. Sec. of the Waterloo Society, has removed to 16, Mawbey Street, South Lambeth Road, S.W.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, ST. ALBANS, ANNUAL SUPPER.

The annual supper of the above society was held on Monday, February 17th, at the house of Mr. T. Waller, when the following were present: Mr. E. P. Debenham (chairman), Mr. T. Waller (vice-chairman), and Messrs. A. Hull, E. Hull, H. Brewer, J. W. Brewer, D. Gibbons, W. Little, T. Conley, W. T. Waller, W. A. Cawston, G. W. Cartmel, W. H. L. Buckingham, W. H. Buckingham, and W. Battle. A substantial meal was put on the table by Mrs. Waller, which received all the attention it deserved; and on the removal of the cloth a very lengthy toast list was proceeded with. "The Queen and Royal Family," and "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese" were duly honoured, as also "The Army, Navy and Reserve Forces," the last mentioned toast being responded to by lance-corporal A. Hull, of the St. Albans company of volunteers. The chairman then rose to propose what he said was one of the toasts of the evening, that of "Success to the St. Peter's Society" and in doing so he referred with much gratification to the progress which had been made by the members during the year. Messrs. T. Conley, W. Little, and D. Gibbons responded to the toast, they each having scored their first peal, and also Messrs. E. Hull and J. W. Brewer, who had both rung a handbell peal. "The Honorary Members" was the next on the list, and this was acknowledged by Messrs. Buckingham (2), Cartmel and Battle. The health of the chairman was proposed by Mr. T. Waller in eulogistic terms, and was accorded musical honours. "The New Ringing Member" and "The Probationer" also came under notice, and these were responded to by Messrs. W. T. Waller and W. A. Cawston respectively. "Our Absent Friends" were also remembered, mention being made in particular of Mr. Barnes, who is now living near Birmingham. The toast of "The Press" was proposed by the chairman, who referred to the time when the only paper that deemed ringing news of sufficient interest to publish was *Bell's Life in London*, and he also spoke of the benefit to the Exercise which was rendered by the issue of *Church Bells* and "THE BELL NEWS." He likewise desired to thank the editors of the local press as well as the ringing newspapers, for the kindness shown by the insertion of paragraphs recording the doings of the Society from time to time. This toast was replied to by Mr. W. Battle of the *Hertfordshire Advertiser*, and Mr. G. W. Cartmel of the *Hertfordshire Standard*. Mr. Cartmel, as the conductor of the cathedral society, also acknowledged the toast of "Kindred Societies" one, as the chairman remarked, so comprehensive as to include the great majority of their brother-ringers in the kingdom. "The Host and Hostess," "The President" and the "City and trade of St. Albans" were also dealt with, and as a wind-up "Our next merry meeting," the proceedings terminating at an early hour in the morning. Most of those present contributed songs, sentimental and comic. Mr. Cawston, who is the organist of St. Peter's, kindly acted as accompanist, and also played a selection on the piano. In reference to a remark that gentleman made during the evening, it would be interesting to hear of instances amongst his "brother organists" where they can be styled "brother-strings" as well.

Obituary.

WILLIAM PHILLIPS.

On Saturday, February 15th, William Phillips, of Kingston-on-Thames, passed away in his 76th year. He had been a ringer at All Saints over fifty years, and twenty years of that time had been steeple-keeper. He was a member of the Royal Cumberland Society, and the Surrey Association, and had rung several peals of which he kept no account. The funeral took place on Wednesday, and was met at the cemetery by ringers from All Saints, Hampton, and Thames Ditton. After the service, which was read by the Vicar, the Rev. A. S. W. Young, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by J. Parslow, 1-2; J. Strutt, 3-4; J. Wright, 5-6; G. Gray, 7-8. At 4 o'clock the ringers of All Saints rang 1022 Grandsire Triples, with the bells deeply muffled. A. Challis, 1; E. J. Strutt, 2; H. Parslow, 3; J. Parslow, 4; J. Wright, 5; J. Strutt (conductor), 6; G. Gray, 7; C. Slade, 8.

MR. HAWEIS AND CHANGE-RINGING.

It would appear that the contemptible attack made by the Rev. H. R. Haweis upon change-ringing is not to be lightly passed by. Following in the wake of the Rev. E. W. Carpenter come the following comments:—

The Rev. T. L. Papillon, Hon. Secretary of the Essex Association, writes:

"I am glad to see that the Rev. E. W. Carpenter has attacked the writer of the article on 'Bells and Belfries' in the *English Illustrated Magazine* of February, for the combined injustice and ignorance of the few sentences devoted to English change-ringing. Had the article in question been headed 'Belgian Bells and Belfries,' and those sentences omitted, it would have been to many of us an interesting contribution to a branch of the subject upon which we are as ignorant as Mr. Haweis apparently is of ours.

"A magazine article, however well written and prettily illustrated, is fugitive, and will soon be forgotten. But it is more serious to find Mr. Haweis' views stamped with the high authority of the new edition of the *Encyclopædia Britannica*, a standard work of reference, presumably up to the latest lights on every subject of which it treats. In the article 'Bell' (written by Mr. Haweis) one short paragraph out of seven columns is devoted to English change-ringing; in which occurs the following sentences: 'Of these changes there is a great variety, spoken of technically as hunting, dodging, snapping, place-making, plain-bob, bob-triple, bob-major, bob-major reversed, double-bob-major, grandsire-bob-cator, &c.' One almost wishes that the writer, having got as far as 'grandsire-bob-cator,' had continued with a few more ingenious combinations of words, on the principle of the six changes upon three bells which are his only illustration of actual change-ringing. The *Encyclopædia Britannica*, be it remembered, is the standard book of reference, to which any one would naturally turn for compendious and well-digested information upon a science or art of which he is himself ignorant. My quotation from it is, I venture to think, a suggestive supplement to Mr. Carpenter's citations from the *English Illustrated Magazine*."

Another clerical ringer, who is the vicar of a large parish in the metropolis, says:—

"The Rev. H. R. Haweis, M.A., in the February number of the *English Illustrated Magazine*, has a very interesting article on 'Bells and Belfries,' which should be read by all bellringers. It is a pity, however, that Mr. Haweis should go out of his way to depreciate English bellfounders, and to scoff at English bell-ringing. Surely to prefer the mechanical music of a carillon to intelligent peal-ringing is a matter of personal preference, and *de gustibus non est disputandum* (it is useless to discuss people's taste). Some strange Englishmen always decry their own country and its ways, and think foreign countries and customs much better than home ones.

"Our English fashion of ringing bells, it is well known, is confined to Englishmen, and is a product of these islands alone. It is therefore impossible to compare it with carillon or musical-box performances on the continent.

"Mr. Haweis says that our 'bellringing is not music.' It is a great deal more than music. It is the orderly and regular production of notes of the scale, well and truly struck, and produced by human skill, intelligence, endurance, and method. This as an art must rank infinitely higher than the tapping of bells by means of clockwork machinery.

"Bells for carillons and bells for ringing are so different that however much we may prefer the one, there is no need to despise the other. Let both flourish."

The following is from a layman, a ringer and bell-warden:—

"I am sure that all ringers will feel much obliged to the Rev. E. W. Carpenter for his reply to Mr. Haweis' article in a magazine. As a bookseller, and one who has made a point of reading all Mr. Haweis' books and his various articles on carillons and bells, and who has read them with much interest and instruction (for in addition to being a ringer and a church official, with some little knowledge of the practical part of the work in a belfry, I also take an antiquarian's interest in the musical inhabitants of our old towers and spires), still I must say that however

much Mr. Haweis may know about Belgian bells and tune-playing, yet it has often struck me that when he commences to talk about English bells, and the method of ringing them, he shows himself to be as ignorant (I say this with all proper respect) of that subject as he now states many English ringers are of music. In his book *Music and Morals* in particular, some of his suggestions for the improvement of our belfries are utterly absurd. Whilst the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, Mr. Snowdon, and others, not only criticised English bells and belfries, and their bad management, but also worked hard to bring about improvement and reform of the ringers, Mr. Haweis has simply contented himself with making harsh and unkind remarks concerning our bells, our founders, and our ringers, not troubling to put his own shoulder to the wheel to help on belfry reform. A gentleman of his knowledge and position might have done much, but all he really has succeeded in doing is, I think, to promote ill-feeling between ringers and the public. With such help and such belfry reformers (?) as this we can very well dispense. The names of Ellacombe, Snowdon, Heywood, and many others are as familiar in the mouths of ringers as household words, but that of Haweis is simply known as that of an ill-natured critic who has said much but done little to improve the bell music of which he professes to be so fond."

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NUNEATON BRANCH.—The usual monthly meeting of this branch took place at Barwell, near Hinckley, on Saturday, February 8th, when members from Sapcote, Hinckley, Stony Stanton, and Nuneaton, met and rang touches of various methods on the fine-toned peal of six bells.

At 6.45 an adjournment was made to the "Three Crowns," where a welcome repast was partaken of, being well served by host Garratt.

The Rev. R. Titley presided, and after grace had been said and the cloth removed, proposed "Church and Queen." He said though the time might come when bell-ringing would be undenominational, he thought at present that branch of art belonged absolutely to the Church.

The toast of "The Midland Counties' Association of Change-Ringers" was then proposed by the Chairman, who said though he did not understand the intricacies of ringing, he knew it must be a good bodily exercise, as all ringers must have a certain amount of endurance. The rev. gentleman spoke at some length in encouraging those present. He said their ringing that afternoon had already been criticised, especially by his wife, who was pleased with the music produced by bell-ringing. At the conclusion of his address, Mr. Titley was elected an honorary member of the Association.

Mr. H. Argyle (Local Secretary), thanked the chairman on behalf of the Association generally for his well wishes, and especially on behalf of the members present for the kind address he had given them, and said if everyone would criticise the music of bellringing as Mrs. Titley had done, there would not be so many complaints of the bells from people who were ignorant of the art. Before sitting down the Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the vicar for the use of the bells that afternoon, which was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Titley in replying said he was pleased the meeting had been held there, and assured them of his support. He was sorry he could not stay longer, but hoped to see them on some future occasion, and left the room amidst cheers.

The remainder of the evening was spent in a convivial way, the Barwell glee party contributing to the harmony of the evening, while various members performed with the handbells.

The next monthly meeting will be held at Hinckley on March 8th.

COMBINED MEETING OF THE BLACKBURN AND ROSSENDALE BRANCHES.

On Saturday, March 8th, a meeting will be held at the parish church, Burnley. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock. Members of all towers are invited to attend. Non-members will be welcome.

J. SHEPHERD, } Branch Secs.
J. HORROCKS, }

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."

AN EXPLANATION.

SIR,—The paragraph to which your correspondent, Mr. Richard T. Woodley takes exception, was badly constructed and improperly punctuated. The words "a thing, by the bye, unknown in London," form a parenthesis, and had this been clearly shewn, no misconception would have arisen. The allusion has only a local, not a general application, and I am obliged by Mr. Woodley giving me an opportunity of removing an impression which I did not wish to convey. To insult any society or individual is not at all my habit. I regret that a slipshod sentence should have rendered an explanation necessary, and I am most happy to give Mr. Woodley the explanation he so courteously requests.

FREDERICK W. THORNTON.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

SIR,—Allow me to demur very seriously to the tone of the concluding paragraph of Mr. Parker's communication on Stedman Triples, in your last issue, and to assure him that Mr. Heywood and myself were perfectly aware of the practicable character of singles at 9 and 11, nine or ten months ago, but we did not make use of them, on account of the difficulty that would have ensued with regard to the notation. I happened to be staying with Mr. Heywood last May, when we studied Thurstans' five-part together, and Mr. Heywood in my presence transposed it so as to have the 7th the observation. The peal itself in its original form is built upon an undisturbed observation: it really does not matter what bell the observation is, the construction is precisely the same in any case, and one bell may be substituted for another as the observation, without in the least altering the composition, but of course, the mechanical act of transposition causes the bobs and singles to appear at different sixes, but their relative position is precisely the same. It was by no means unusual with the old composers to adopt the 6th as the undisturbed observation, but these

peals would transpose so as to have the 7th instead in that office, without altering the general run of the composition. It is simply a matter of convenience so far as composition is concerned, and I am surprised Mr. Parker does not seem to be aware of these facts. He admits that Thurstans' peal can be transposed to have the 7th the undisturbed observation, in which case the singles will fall at 9 and 11. It follows therefore, that Thurstans did actually use the plan, though in a shrouded form, and Mr. Heywood is perfectly right in saying that the plan was used by Thurstans. Mr. Parker's last two peals are very interesting, but as yet I have not had time to study them thoroughly. There is no doubt that these varying ways of employing the singles will repay the trouble of studying and enquiring into them, and may eventually lead to startling results.

H. EARLE BULWER.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—I am sorry that after my letter in "THE BELL NEWS" of the 15th inst., any member of our association should have thought it necessary or desirable to write you further under the above heading. But since the local secretary of the Midhurst branch has done so and has made such a variety of charges against my mode of dealing with Association matters, I feel bound to ask you to grant me space in your correspondence column, not to reply, as my friend "Free Lance" advises, but simply to say that I have attended every meeting held by the Sussex County Association, at all of which I have been prepared to give an account of my secretaryship, and that I hope to be present at the annual general meeting, to be held on Whit-Monday, when I will reply before the members to any questions of which I may have had three days' notice, and further, if any one of our fifty-five branches should desire the election of some other member, having more time at his disposal, or better able to undertake the work, I will most certainly withdraw from the post of Hon. Sec., which I have held since the formation of the Association, I would add that the only condition upon which I shall offer myself for re-election is, that the meeting shall approve of my past efforts by recording a unanimous vote.

GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

Brighton.

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

	Jan.	Treble Bob Methods.	Grandsire	On 6 bells.	Plain Methods.	Double Methods.	Surprise Methods.	Stedman	Total	Position in 1899.
1. Midland Counties' Association	8	..	I	I	..	2	3	I	8	4th.
2. Ancient Society of College Youths	7	..	4	..	..	..	..	3	7	2nd.
3. Oxford Diocesan Guild	7	..	I	..	..	2	I	3	7	3rd.
4. Sussex County Association	5	I	I	..	..	..	2	I	5	1st.
5. Kent County Association	4	..	2	I	..	..	..	I	4	13th.
6. Norwich Diocesan Guild	3	I	I	..	I	..	..	..	3	6th.
7. Yorkshire Association	3	2	..	..	I	..	..	..	3	7th.
8. Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	I	3	11th.
9. Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	12th.
10. Worcestershire & Adjoining Districts Association	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	8th.
11. Lancashire Association	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	9th.
12. Royal Cumberland Youths	2	I	..	..	..	..	..	I	2	15th.
13. St. Martin's Society, Birmingham	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	20th
14. Trinity Youths	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	21st
15. Middlesex Association	2	..	..	I	I	..	..	..	2	30th
16. Essex Association	I	I	..	..	..	..	..	..	I	5th
17. Hertford Association	I	..	I	..	..	..	..	..	I	10th
18. Salisbury Diocesan Guild	I	..	I	..	..	..	..	..	I	14th
19. United Counties' Association	I	..	..	..	I	..	..	..	I	16th
20. Winchester Diocesan Guild	I	..	..	..	..	I	..	..	I	17th
21. Surrey Association	I	..	I	..	..	..	..	..	I	18th
22. All Hallows' Society, Tottenham	I	..	..	..	I	..	..	..	I	23rd
23. Birmingham Amalgamated Society	I	..	..	..	I	..	..	..	I	24th
24. Waterloo Society, London	I	..	I	..	..	..	..	..	I	25th
25. Bedfordshire Association	I	..	..	I	..	..	..	..	I	28th
Independent Societies	6	..	I	2	2	..	..	I	6	..
Less peals entered under two Associations	71	6	26	6	8	4	7	14	71	..
	7	I	3	..	I	..	I	I	7	..
	64	5	23	6	7	4	6	13	64	..

The above peals were rung as follows:—Surprise methods—Superlative Surprise Major, 4; in seven Surprise Minor methods, 2. Double methods: Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 3. Forward Royal, 1. Stedman's principle: Cinques, 1; Caters, 3; Triples, 9. Treble Bob methods: Royal, 1; Major, 3; in seven Minor methods, 1. Grandsire: Caters, 3; Major, 1; Triples, 19. Plain methods: Bob Major, 4; Bob Triples, 2; Union Triples, 1. On six bells: in fourteen Minor methods, 1; in seven ditto, 1; in five ditto, 1; in three ditto, 2; in one ditto, 1; total 64.

The six peals by independent societies were rung in the following counties: Cheshire, 1; Kent, 1; Lincolnshire, 1; Middlesex, 1; Shropshire, 1; Yorkshire, 1.

1888, January—52.

1889, January—83.

1890, January—64.

Brighton.

GEORGE F. ATTREE.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 1890.

WE think it was the Frenchmen MIRABEAU who maintained that a man who believed in himself was sure to accomplish great things. Perhaps the cynic meant by "great" not things wonderful or clever in their inception or execution, but that great clamour or bombast would attend their introduction and development, if they happened to reach the latter stage. "Great cry and little wool" is a phrase common enough in these days, and well understood to be a peculiar characteristic of those people who believe in themselves. Among such persons we must class the Rev. HUGH REGINALD HAWEIS, *Artium Magister*, Incumbent of St. James's, Marylebone. He is a man who evidently believes in himself; but so far as we

know he has yet performed no great things. He has not discovered perpetual motion, fathomed the source of the Nile, or set the Thames on fire. The saying of MIRABEAU is not fulfilled in his case, for though he evidently believes in himself, he has not accomplished anything great, and his latest literary feat may well be described as one of "great cry and little wool."

This gentleman has thought fit to give to the public, through the columns of a magazine, his views on change-ringing. No doubt he believes what he says to be true, and, like other people who believe in themselves, prefers not to be contradicted, or have his statements questioned. The "exceedingly courteous" reply to Mr. Carpenter is a true characteristic of such people.

Let Mr. HAWEIS write about what he understands. He is a performer on the violin; could he not tell the public something new about that instrument? how to fiddlestick it, to catgut-scraps it, to resin-the-bow it, and so forth. These terms are just as sensible as those he has used in connection with ringing. We advise him to let English bells and bell-ringing alone. Nobody believes in Mr. HAWEIS, and if he pursues the subject his own belief in himself is likely to be shattered.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, February 25, 1890, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN BONNEY Treble.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE 5.
WILLIAM GREENLEAF 2.	HENRY SPRINGALL 6.
WILLIAM BURKIN 3.	SAMUEL HAYES 7.
GEORGE J. SMITH 4.	EDWARD MARRIOTT Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

Rung as a farewell to W. Greenleaf, who is leaving London for Salisbury.

The Provinces.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, February 14, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE Treble.	WILLIAM NEWELL 5.
A. P. GODDARD 2.	WILLIAM NAPPER 6.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK 7.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON 4.	DENNIS NAPPER Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

FRIEZLAND, SADDLEWORTH.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION,

On Thursday, February 20, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven 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 Treble Bob, Merchants' Return, New London Pleasure, Oxford and Violet.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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

Conducted by JOSEPH W. SHAW.

Rung as a birthday peal for George T. Shaw, who attained his 24th year on that day; his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1890, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART.

R. NASH	Treble.	*R. WALTERS	5.
W. GIBSON	2.	H. MITCHELL	6.
L. GIBB†	3.	F. HOUNSELL	7.
W. FOX	4.	H. BOWELL	Tenor.

Conducted by F. HOUNSELL.

†First peal with a bob bell. *First peal. R. Walters hails from Chichester.

HEENE, NEAR WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

HERBERT HODGE*	Treble.	†JAMES BATTS	5.
EDWARD C. MERRETT	2.	†BENJAMIN BASSETT	6.
ARTHUR A. FULLER	3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7.
PHILIP ALLFREY	4.	*EDMUND H. LINDUP	Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Messrs. Hodge, Bassett and Lindup belong to the local Band; the rest hail from Brighton.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 22, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN BASDEN	Treble.	ALLEN H. TABER	5.
GEORGE STANBROOK	2.	ALFRED W. GARRAWAY	6.
EDWARD WILLIS	3.	REUBEN FLAXMAN	7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER	4.	*THOMAS GOODCHILD	Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH JOHN PARKER.

*First peal. The above was arranged as a birthday peal for J. Basden and A. H. Taber, their brother ringers wish them many happy returns. The ringers wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the vicar and churchwardens for allowing them the use of the bells, also the worthy steeple-keeper, Mr. H. Parsons, for having everything in readiness.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARY'S EASTBOURNE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 22, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

JOHN ROLLISON	Treble.	EDWARD WILLOUGHBY	5.
THOMAS WILLOUGHBY	2.	THOMAS LEWIS	6.
CHARLES HARFEY	3.	THOMAS HART	7.
LEONARD HUGGETT	4.	CHARLES BRABAN	Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS WILLOUGHBY.

This is the first peal on the bells, and the band take this opportunity of very sincerely thanking the Vicar, the Rev. F. Clyde Harvey, for the use of the bells, also Mr. William Weller, the steeplekeeper, for having everything in readiness and his untiring attention.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

GEORGE COOK	Treble.	EDWARD E. RICHARDS	5.
GEORGE CONYARD	2.	FREDERICK CULLUM	6.
HENRY GIBBS	3.	EDWIN BARNETT	7.
THOMAS SAXBY*	4.	HENRY WEBB	Tenor.

Conducted by G. CONYARD.

*First peal with a bob bell.

KEIGHLEY, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 23, 1890, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

THOMAS GRIMES	Treble.	EMANUEL GREENWOOD	5.
WILLIAM LAWRANCE	2.	ASA SMITH	6.
WILLIAM BASTON	3.	MIDGLY MOORE	7.
WILLIAM SMITH	4.	WILLIAM GILL	Tenor.

Composed by W. GODDALL of Liversedge, and Conducted by MIDGLY MOORE of Keighley.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Monday, February 24, 1890, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM CLARK	Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY	5.
GEORGE DAWSON	2.	SAMUEL JOHNSON	6.
A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD	3.	JOHN HOWE	7.
HENRY MIDGLEY	4.	WILLIAM HICKLING	Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq.

In this peal, which is in five exactly equal parts, and is now rung for the first time, the 2nd and 3rd are never in 6th's place.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.—THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 24, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN FOUR DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being Two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, Two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, Two 720's of Bob Minor, and 720 Grandsire Minor.

Tenor 9 cwt.

FRED PAGE	Treble.	ROBERT WELLS	4.
WILLIAM DREW	2.	FRED WATLING	5.
GEORGE NOY	3.	RICHARD W. STANNARD	Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD W. STANNARD.

First 5040 on six bells by the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd men, and first 5040 by F. Watling, Ring as a farewell peal to the conductor, who is leaving the county. The ringers wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the rector for the use of the bells. Messrs. Page, Drew and Noy from Kelsale; Wells and Watling local company; and Stannard, late of Leiston.

Date Touches.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON.—On Sunday afternoon, February 16th, for Divine Service, a date touch of 1890 Stedman Triples, composed by A. P. Heywood, in 1 hr. 3½ mins. G. Williams, 1; E. C. Merritt, 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; G. F. Attree, 4; G. A. King, 5; W. Allfrey, 6; J. R. Reilly (conductor), 7; H. Tugwell, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Tuesday, February 18th, at St. Michael's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, composed by the Editor, in 1 hr. 5 mins. F. Wilson, 1; T. Curtis, 2; W. Bulpitt, 3; S. Powell (aged 13), 4; J. Ballard, 5; J. R. Higgins, 6; H. White (conductor), 7; W. Hatten, 8. Tenor 16½ cwt.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Monday, February 17th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 11 mins. S. V. Salisbury, 1; *P. Long, 2; W. Jennings, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; A. R. Ward, 5; H. Jennings (composer and conductor), 6; W. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8. Tenor 26½ cwt. *Longest touch in the method.

THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

EXETER.—On Sunday, February 9th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of 1890 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 7 mins., composed by the Editor. T. Mudge, 1; C. Cater, 2; S. Binfield, 3; F. Davey, 4; F. Shepherd, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; W. Carnell, 8. Tenor 24 cwt.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KEIGHLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, February 16th, at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins. W. Laurance, 1; T. Thompson, 2; J. Normington

(aged 77 years), 3; W. Smith, 4; E. Greenwood, 5; A. Smith, 6; M. Moore, 7; W. Gill (conductor), 8. Composed by S. Marsh of West Bromwich.

HULL.—On Monday, February 17th, at Holy Trinity Church, the following members of this branch of the association rang a date touch of Stedman Triples, (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 8 mins. C. Jackson (conductor), 1; D. W. Brown, 2; W. Southwick, 3; H. Jenkins, 4; J. Pollard, 5; J. Dixey, 6; F. Drabble, 7; J. W. Dale, 8. Composed by A. Percival Heywood, Esq.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Saturday, February 15th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a date touch (1890 changes), in the following methods, being 90 of Plain Bob Minor, 360 of Woodbine, 720 of Kent and 760 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 1 hr. and 2 mins. T. J. Watts, 1; J. Luckey, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill (composer and conductor), 6. Rang on the occasion of a peal-board being erected in the belfry recording the 5040 rang in seven different methods on November 23rd, 1889. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER.—On Tuesday, February 11th, at St. Margaret's church, a date touch of Grandsire Caters (in the tittums), was rung in 1 hr. 16 mins. J. Wilson, 1; G. Cleal, 2; J. Buttery, 3; G. Burrows, 4; W. P. Cooper, 5; J. Needham, 6; J. Cooper, 7; A. Millis (composer and conductor), 8; J. Marlow, 9; W. Walker, 10. Tenor 30 cwt. in D. The above was rung in honour of the marriage of the eldest daughter of Mr. S. Cooper, who for several years has been president of this branch, and also one of the vice-presidents of the Association. His brother-ringers wish the newly-married pair health, happiness, and prosperity.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WEST BROMWICH.—On Sunday, February 2nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. J. Cooper, 1; J. Culwick, 2; G. Griffiths, 3; J. Siddons, 4; E. Woodhall, 5; S. Slater, 6; W. A. Cooper (conductor), 7; E. Cashmore, 8. Composed by Samuel Marsh.

SHILAKE (Oxon).—On Wednesday evening, February 12th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles (1890 changes), in 1 hr. and 5 mins. H. Wenman, 1; G. Slade, 2; W. Wenman, 3; C. Walters, 4; F. Wenman (conductor), 5; C. Stallwood, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. Longest touch by all the above. The ringer of the treble is seventy years of age.

Miscellaneous.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.—Recently for practice at St. Cuthbert's church, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. *M. Gibson, 1; J. W. Forster, 2; F. Barron, 3; T. H. Surtees, 4; W. Oliver, 5; A. Nichol (conductor), 6. Tenor 14 cwt. *First 720. A. Nichol hails from Blackhill.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH.—On Thursday, February 13th, at Christ Church, eight members of this Association attempted Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 1000 changes, in 40 mins., it came to grief. J. Holman (Bath), 1; T. Hibbert (conductor, Reading), 2; G. Temple (Twerton), 3; G. Hill (Bath), 4; H. Pring (Bristol), 5; F. Price (Bristol), 6; J. Gould (Bristol), 7; J. Hinton (Bristol), 8. And on handbells, retained in hand, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 36 mins. T. Hibbert, 1-2; J. Hinton (conductor), 3-4; F. Price, 5-6; J. Holman (first quarter-peal on handbells), 7-8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, February 16th, for Divine service at the parish church, a 630 of Grandsire Triples, in 25 mins. J. Smith jun., 1; J. Walker, 2; J. Smith, sen., 3; J. Griffith, 4; J. Walker (conductor), 5; J. Watson, 6; W. E. Wilson, 7; M. Adams, 8. Also for evening service, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (with 7 and 8 covering), in 29 mins. J. Smith, 1; J. Walker, 2; J. Griffith, 3; J. Watson, 4; W. E. Wilson, 5; J. Walker (conductor), 6; M. Adams, 7; J. Fardoe, 8.

HOGHTON (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, February 4th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. J. Harrison, 1; T. Calderbank, 2; J. Vogwell, jun., 3; T. Dowhurst, 4; J. Walker (conductor), 5; Jos. Dewhurst, 6; J. Vogwell, 7; J. King, 8. Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lbs.

OSWALDTWISTLE (Lancashire).—On Saturday, Feb. 15th at Immanuel church, 720 Plain Bob in 27½ mins. Y. Duckworth (conductor), 1; J. Whittaker, 2; A. Whittaker, 3; A. Clegg, 4; W. Norris, 5; J. Atherton, 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor in 28 mins. James Smith, 1; jun., 1; J. Walker, 2; J. Griffiths, 3; J. Watson, 4; James Smith, sen., 5; J. Walker (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Plain Bob. Yates Duckworth (conductor), 1; J. Whittaker, 2; A. Whittaker, 3; J. H. Shepherd, 4; W. Norris, 5; C. Watson, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob. H. Hayes (conductor), 1; R. Grime, 2; J. Bentley, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. Pattison, 5; T. Horrocks, 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CUCKFIELD (Sussex).—On Sunday, February 16th, at the parish church, for morning service, a 504 of Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins. E. Morfee, 1; L. Gibb, 2; A. Lukehurst, 3; W. Gibson, 4; R. Walters, 5; H. Howell, 6; F. Hounsell (conductor), 7; F. Smith, 8. Also a 882 of Grandsire Triples (by Banister), in 32 mins. E. Morfee, 1; L. Gibb, 2; W. Fox, 3; W. Gibson, 4; R. Walters, 5; H. Howell, 6; F. Hounsell (conductor), 7; F. Smith, 8. And for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (by H. Hubbard), in 45 mins. E. Morfee, 1; L. Gibb, 2; W. Fox, 3; W. Gibson, 4; R. Walters, 5; H. Howell, 6; F. Hounsell (conductor), 7; F. Smith, 8. Tenor 15 cwt.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On Wednesday, February 5th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Mathew, a member of the above Association, with the second daughter of A. Ayling, Esq., a 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. — Steer, 1; T. Elliss, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; C. Tribe, 4; W. Selby, 5; J. Lee, 6. Steer hails from Fittleworth, and this is his second attempt at Minor, also the first 720 by him. And 360 with A. T. Bennet, 1; the rest as before. Also three courses of Kent Treble Bob. For practice on Wednesday, February 12th, 180 College Single, 120 Oxford Single Bob, and a course of Bob Minor. *A. T. Bennet, 1; T. Elliss, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; C. Tribe, 4; W. Selby, 5; J. Lee, 6. *First in the methods.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—On Saturday, February 15th, by a mixed band, 742 Grandsire Triples, the last part of Holt's Original, without a cover. G. Treagus, 2; C. Blackman, 3; H. Huggett, 4; P. Allfrey (Brighton), 5; G. Balchin, 6; G. Baker, 7; G. Williams (conductor), 8. The above was rung owing to the band meeting one short for a peal.

BRIGHTON.—On Sunday morning, February 16th, 504 Stedman Triples, in 18 mins. G. Williams (conductor), 1; J. Reilly, 2; G. A. King, 3; J. Jay, 4; E. C. Merritt, 5; A. A. Fuller, 6; G. F. Attree, 7; D. Ross, 8.

HORLEY.—On Thursday February 6th, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Songhurst, 1; J. Taylor (conductor), 2; E. Dewey (Reigate), 3; J. Kenward, 4; G. Apps, 5; P. Etheridge, 6; W. Edwards, 7; J. Hitchcock, 8. On Sunday, February 9th, 842 Grandsire Triples, in 32 mins. W. Wallis, 1; W. Edwards, 2; T. Whitmore, 3; S. Kenward, 4; J. Taylor, 5; P. Etheridge, 6; T. Sparks (conductor), 7; A. Songhurst, 8.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON.—On Wednesday, February 12th, at the parish church, a 720 College Single Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26½ mins. H. Martin, 1; F. Pratt, 2; C. Martin, 3; T. Card (conductor), 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. Crampton, 6. This is the first 720 in the method by the Association, also the first on the bells, and by all the ringers except F. Carroway. Also on Thursday, February 13th, a 720 of College Single, in 27 mins. H. Martin, 1; T. Card (conductor), 2; C. Martin, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. Crampton, 6. And a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 26 mins. H. Martin, 1; F. Pratt, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. Martin (first 720 in the method as conductor), 5; T. Card, 6. Also on Sunday morning, February 16th, for Divine service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. H. Martin, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. Tucker (first 720 in the method), 3; T. Card, 4; F. Pratt, 5; C. Martin (conductor), 6. Also for Divine service in the evening, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. C. Martin (conductor), 1; F. Pratt, 2; C. Tucker, 3; J. Barrett, 4; J. Edmonds, 5; T. Card, 6. Also on Wednesday, February 19th, for practice, three courses of Kent Treble Bob Minor. Tenor 16½ cwt.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Tuesday, February 25th, 1890, at the church of St. Saviour, Southwark, a 1248 of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, in 60 mins. J. Pettit, 1; R. French, 2; E. Horrex, 3; A. S. Barrell, 4; C. F. Winny, 5; G. T. McLaughlin, 6; R. T. Woodley, 7; E. E. Clarke, 8; W. T. Cockerill, 9; E. Carter, 10; F. G. Newman, 11; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 12. Rung to celebrate the 49th birthday of the conductor, and upon which occasion he received the good wishes of his brother-strings.

ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Sunday evening, February 23rd, ten members of the above, met at the church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, by the invitation of the steeple keeper, for a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters, but as time would not permit, a touch of 665 was rung in 27 mins. S. J. Reed, 1; J. N. Oxborough, 2; E. Duff, 3; H. R. Newton, 4; W. Carter, 5; H. S. Ellis, 6; J. Willshire, 7; W. H. George, 8; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 9; W. Cropley, 10.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

BROMSGROVE.—On Tuesday, February 4th, at the parish church, an attempt was made to ring a peal of 5040 Bob Royal, but after ringing 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 43 minutes, it came to grief. G. Hinton, 1; G. Bourne, 2; A. J. Mason, 3; E. Crump, 4; W. James, 5; H. B. Kingsford, 6; G. Hayward (composer and conductor), 7; J. Hinton, 8; O. James, 9; W. Rea, 10. J. Hinton hails from Bristol; G. Hinton and H. B. Kingsford from Worcester.

THE ALLHALLOWS SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Monday, February 17th, at Christ Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A. Fox, 1; G. B. Lucas, 2; T. C. Grove, 3; T. Card, 4; J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 5; W. P. English, 6. It was intended to start for a peal of Triples, but meeting one short the above was rung.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHESTER.—On Saturday, February 15th, at the church of St. Mary-without-the-walls, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. and 26 mins. W. Foster, 1; J. Johnson, 2; W. Povey, 3; H. Gibson, 4; A. Cross, 5; T. J. Bethell, 6; J. Moulton (conductor), 7; F. Jarvis, 8. Tenor 20 cwt. in Eb. The above is the first half of Holt's ten-part. W. Foster hails from Northwich and this is his longest touch.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASPLEY GUISE.—On Thursday, February 6th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Smith, 1; Chas. Herbert, 2; W. Mynard, 3; C. Herbert, 4; W. E. Turney, 5; M. Lane (conductor), 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Monday, February 17th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob. R. Munn, 1; L. Digweed, 2; H. Digby, 3; M. Digby, 4; C. Waterman, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. C. Waterman hails from Schorne; R. Munn from Milton, and this is his first 720. And on Sunday evening, February 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. L. Digweed, 1; J. Broom, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Sunday, February 16th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 360 Grandsire Minor, with 7-8 covering. T. Page, 1; F. Wilson, 2; T. Curtis, 3; W. Bulpitt, 4; J. Ballard, 5; H. White (conductor), 6; W. Hatten, 7; A. Knight, 8. And in the evening, 447 Grandsire Triples. F. Wilson, 1; J. Ballard, 2; W. Bulpitt, 3; S. Powell, 4; T. Curtis, 5; J. R. Higgins, 6; H. White, 7; W. Hatten, 8. Recently, on handbells, retained in hand, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Page, 1; F. Wilson, 2; T. Curtis, 3; J. Ballard, 4; H. White (conductor), 5-6; W. Bulpitt, 7-8. Also a course of Stedman Triples. F. Wilson, 1; J. Ballard, 2; S. Powell, 3; T. Curtis, 4; H. White, 5-6; W. Bulpitt, 7-8. And 360 Plain Bob Minor. H. White, 1-2; F. Wilson, 3; T. Curtis, 4; J. Ballard, 5; W. Bulpitt, 6.

BLACKHILL, DURHAM.—On Wednesday evening, February 12th, at St. Mary's (R.C.) church, 720 Bob Minor, in 31 mins. J. Moore, jun., 1; W. Oliver, 2; J. T. Dobson, 3; F. Barron, 4; A. Nichols (conductor), 5; J. Moore, 6. Oliver and Barron hail from St. Cuthbert's, Benfieldside. Tenor 22 cwt.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Saturday, February 8th, at the parish church, 720 Bocking Treble Bob. W. Hammond, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. L. Bumpstead, 3; S. Sargent, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6.

HACKNEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, February 16th, at the parish church of St. John, before Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. A. E. Edridge, 1; G. Page, 2; J. Carmichael, 3; A. S. Barrell, 4; W. D. Smith (conductor), 5; J. Nunn, 6; G. J. Smith, 7; H. Spencer, 8.

LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday, February 9th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples in 20 mins. Richard Williams, 1; E. Booth, 2; J. Brown, 3; J. Moore, 4; T. Hammond, 5; R. Williams (conductor), 6; J. Martin, 7; C. Williams, 8. And on Sunday morning, February 16th, for Divine Service, 504

Stedman Triples in 20 mins. H. Meadows, 1; E. Booth, 2; J. Moore, 3; J. Brown, 4; T. Hammond, 5; R. Williams (conductor), 6; J. Martin, 7; C. Williams, 8.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Sunday, January 16th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Mannerling, 1; G. Pawley, 2; A. Woolley, 5; A. C. West (late of Whitchurch, Oxon), 4; J. Gransbury, 5; A. Palmer, 6; A. Moorcraft (conductor), 7; W. Palmer, 8. And 503 Grandsire Triples. J. Warren, Esq., 1; C. Gasson, 2; J. Constable, 3; R. Simmonds, 4; A. C. West, 5; A. Palmer (conductor), 6; G. Pawley, 7; A. Woolley, 8.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Monday, February 17th, for practice at All Saints' church, Hamer, 360 Bob Minor (nine bobs), in 14 mins. J. Hartley, 1; R. Whittles, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; R. Holden, 4; G. Hoyle, 5; J. Crossley (conductor), 6. Also 720 College Single in 28 mins. J. Hartley, 1; R. Whittles, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; G. Hoyle (first 720 in the method), 4; J. Crossley, 5; A. Crossley (conductor), 6. G. Hoyle hails from St. James, Milnrow; and G. Hoyle, J. Crossley, A. Crossley, and R. Holden are members of the Lancashire Association.

SELBY (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, February 9th, for Divine Service in the morning at the Abbey church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins, on the back seven. C. Everatt, 1; W. Winder, 2; S. James, 3; A. Cryer, 4; F. Cryer (conductor), 5; A. Dobson, 6; M. Hague, 7. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). W. Connell, 1; C. Everatt, 2; W. Winders, 3; S. James, 4; A. Cryer, 5; F. Cryer (conductor), 6; A. Dobson, 7; M. Hague, 8.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Friday, January 17th, at the parish church, a 720 of Plain Bob. R. Theobald, 1; R. Gowers, 2; A. Clarke, 3; R. Brett, 4; G. Smith (conductor), 5; A. Papworth, 6. Also on Sunday, January 26th, a 720. A. Papworth, 1; A. Clarke, 2; C. Carter (Foxearth), 3; R. Gowers, 4; R. Theobald, 5; R. Brett (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, February 2nd, a 720. R. Gowers, 1; A. Clarke, 2; A. Papworth, 3; G. Smith, 4; R. Brett, 5; R. Theobald (conductor), 6. Also on Saturday, February 8th, a 720 of Plain Bob. Clarke (conductor), 1; Theobald, 2; Papworth, 3; Brett, 4; Smith, 5; Gowers, 6. Also on Saturday, February 15th, at the residence of R. Gowers, on handbells retained in hand, a 720 of Plain Bob. Clarke, 1; Theobald, 2; Papworth, 3; Brett, 4; Smith, 5; Gowers (conductor), 6.

SUNDBURY (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 1st, the local company met for practice at St. Gregory's church, and rang a touch of 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; W. Howell, 2; G. Brown, 3; M. Silvester, 4; W. Bacon, 5; W. B. Ramsom, 6; J. Campin, 7; A. Scott, 8. Also at St. Peter's, on Monday, February 2nd, for evening service, a 1008 of Stedman Triples. W. Cross, 1; W. Bacon, 2; G. Brown, 3; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 4; J. Campin, 5; W. Howell, 6; A. Scott, 7; H. Brackett, 8. On Saturday, February 15th, for practice at St. Gregory's, two touches of Grandsire Triples, 350 and 546 changes. *W. Howell, jun., 1; W. Howell, sen., 2; W. B. Ramsom, 3; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 4; W. Bacon, 5; A. Scott, 6; W. Cross, 7; *G. Tatum, 8. *Longest touch in any method. Also on Sunday, February 16th, for evening service at St. Peter's, 588 Stedman Triples, and after service 504 in the same method. W. Cross, 1; M. Silvester, 2; G. Brown, 3; W. B. Ramsom, 4; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 5; W. Howell, 6; A. Scott, 7; H. Brackett, 8. Tenor 23 cwt.

THIRSK (Yorkshire).—On Sunday morning, February 16th, for Divine service at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. J. W. Long, 1; H. Brown, 2; R. Boddy, 3; G. Wright, 4; G. Neesam, 5; J. Wrightson (conductor), 6; H. Wright, 8. This was J. W. Long's first 720, age only fourteen years. And on Thursday, February 20th, for practice, the local company, assisted by Messrs. T. and A. Clark, of Sharow, Ripon, rang 1260 Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. Tenor 19 cwt. T. Clark, 1; D. Burton, 2; H. Brown, 3; R. Boddy, 4; G. Wright, 5; G. Neesam, 6; A. Clark, 7; H. Wright, 8. Conducted by T. Clark.

TIPTON (Staffordshire).—Recently before Divine Service on Sunday evening at St. Martin's church, 712 Stedman Triples. W. R. Small, 1; B. Gough, 2; S. Jesson, 3; W. Horton, 4; E. Goodreds, 5; H. Williams, 6; W. Cooper (conductor), 7; H. Mills, 8. Gough and Horton hail from Coseley; Williams from Kidderminster; and Cooper from All Saints, West Bromwich.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, February 16th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; R. Hurst, 3; H. N. Spinks, 4; T. R. Somerville, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. And in the evening for Divine Service 216 Grandsire Minor. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; R. Hurst, 3; T. Rushton, 4; H. N. Spinks, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. The above 720 contained eighteen bobs and forty-two singles, and was composed by J. J. Parker, Farnham Royal, Bucks.

GRAVELEY, HERTS.

The parish church of this village, which was a few years ago thoroughly restored, contains a good ring of six bells (tenor about 9 cwt.). The tower formerly contained only four bells, but in July of last year they were thoroughly overhauled, fitted with new frame, wheels, &c., and augmented to a peal of six. The go of the bells is all that could be desired. Mr. Jas. Wright (one of the churchwardens), having been a great lover of bells and ringing from his youth, but wholly unacquainted with scientific ringing, determined upon forming a guild of young men who would undertake to learn the art. Having formed his guild he bestowed great pains in teaching them to pull a bell and ring rounds. About six weeks ago he engaged Mr. Richard Jackson of Baldock, as their instructor, and on Sunday morning last they accomplished their first 120s on the tower bells. Many thanks are due to Mr. Wright for bestowing so much time in teaching the men to handle their bells, and undertaking to have them taught change-ringing, and also to Mr. Richard Jackson for the able manner in which he has taught them in so short a time. On Sunday, February 23rd, for morning service, three 120's of Grandsire Doubles. Thos. Webb (conductor), 1; Jas. Wright, 2; J. Craft, 3; E. Chalkley, 4; R. Jackson, 5; G. Munns, 6. Also three 120's by all local men. James Beale, 1; Jas. Wright, 2; J. Bracey, 3; E. Chalkley, 4; J. Grey (conductor), 5; G. Munns, 6. First 120's on the bells by all local men. Messrs. Webb, Craft, and Jackson are members of the Baldock Society.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—On Saturday last, February 22nd, the usual monthly meeting of this branch was held at Walton-on-the-Hill, near Liverpool, when about thirty ringers attended from Liverpool, Prescott, Huyton, and Southport, besides the local companies of Walton and Bootle. Several 720's and touches were rung during the afternoon and evening, both at Walton and Bootle. Methods rung: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure. The business meeting was held in the school-room, at 6 p.m. In the unavoidable absence of the rector, Mr. R. Williams of Liverpool was unanimously elected to take the chair, who, in a very forcible speech, encouraged all ringers to join the association, showing the advantages to young ringers to be gained at these meetings of learning something in the art of change-ringing, and that he was always anxious to impart to others what he knew of the art himself. The chairman's remarks were briefly endorsed by Mr. Davies of Liverpool, and Mr. Hill of Southport. Ten new members were unanimously elected. The usual votes of thanks were proposed to the rector of Walton for the use of the bells and schoolroom, also to the vicar of Bootle, and the tower-keepers at each place, for having everything in readiness; also to the chairman for presiding, which brought a very successful meeting to a close. The next meeting will be held at Prescott (8 bell tower), on Saturday, March 22nd. RICHARD HILL,
78, Cemetery Road, Southport. Hon. Branch Sec.

NORBURY, NEAR ASHBOURNE.

A large chime clock has just been given to this church by S. W. Clowes, Esq., which has one large dial, and will prove a great boon to the parish. J. Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, were the makers.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.—The second monthly meeting of this district will be held at Beeston parish church on Saturday, March 8th. The belfry will be open for ringing at 3 o'clock. A. LAMBERT, Local Secretary.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—DISTRICT MEETING AT EASTBOURNE.

ON Saturday, February 15th, a district meeting was held at Eastbourne (eight-bell tower), in the eastern division of the county. The towers of St. Mary's, All Saints, and Christ Church were kindly placed at the disposal of the members during the day. Luncheon was provided at the New Hotel, at which the Rev. R. S. Woodward, incumbent of All Saints, presided. A meeting followed, when the following business was transacted:—Four honorary members, including G. Street, Esq., and C. R. Longbourne, Esq., churchwardens of Milland; J. V. Longbourne, Esq., of Milland, and the Rev. W. W. Kelly, vicar of Aldingbourne, and forty-two active members were elected, the active members including a new branch at West Grinstead, and additional members to eleven branches. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies and Geo. F. Attree were elected as the two representatives to attend the preliminary meeting of the Central Council. Battle and Ringmer were proposed as suitable places for holding the next eight-bell tower meeting in East Sussex. The majority being in favour of Battle, that place was selected.

It was agreed that the Annual General Meeting should be held as usual on Whit-Monday at Brighton, and the next District Meeting in West Sussex on Easter Monday.

Votes of thanks to the rev. chairman for presiding, and to the vicars and churchwardens of the above-mentioned churches for the use of the bells concluded the meeting.

The following are the places selected for holding District Meetings during the present year:—Easter Monday (eight-bell tower), West Sussex—Chichester; Whit Monday (Annual General Meeting),—Brighton; Date not fixed (six-bell tower), East Sussex—Balcombe; Date not fixed (six-bell tower), West Sussex—Billingshurst; Date not fixed (eight-bell tower), East Sussex—Battle. GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TAMWORTH BRANCH.—On Tuesday, February 18th, through the kindness of the vicar, the Rev. E. G. Thatcher, M.A., the choir and ringers were entertained to a most excellent supper at the vicarage, after which they adjourned—to the library, those who wished to enjoy a little of the fragrant weed provided by the worthy host, and to the dining room those who wished to sing or chat. Several songs and glees were sung by members of the choir, and a few touches on the handbells by the ringers, when "stand" was called, and coffee and biscuits served, after which, a few more songs and glees. A hearty vote of thanks to the rev. gentleman for his kindness, was proposed by Mr. Hicklin, and seconded by Mr. Hunt, brought a most enjoyable evening to a close shortly before 12 o'clock, when all wended their way home, having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

THE JOHNSON ANNIVERSARY DINNER.

IN honour of the memory of the late Mr. Henry Johnson, the St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham will continue to hold the usual annual dinner. The next will take place to-day, Saturday, March 1st, at the "Woolpack" hotel, Moor Street, Birmingham. The chair will be taken at 5.30 p.m. by A. P. Heywood, Esq., President of the Midland Counties' Association. Dinner tickets 2s. 6d. each. W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

KINGSTON, SOMERSET.

On Tuesday, February 11th, at the parish church, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, T. Doble (conductor), 1; T. W. Radford, 2; J. Summerhayess, 3; J. Burge, 4; J. Maddock, 5; H. Bosley, 6. Tenor about 17 cwt. Great difficulty was experienced in getting a 6-score, as the bells are far from good order, they are odd struck, and the treble could not be thrown over the balance at back-stroke, consequently they had to be rung very fast, each 120 being rung in 3½ minutes. These bells have recently been re-hung by the village carpenter. The above are the first 6-scores ever rung on the bells.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

Notice is hereby given that the next meeting will be held at St. Mary's church, Lewisham, on Tuesday next, March 4th, at 8 p.m. FREDERICK W. THORNTON, Hon. Sec.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

"A little learning is a dangerous thing."

It is with pleasure that I "open out" this week with a compliment to my brother "Ancients" on the accomplishment of their peal of Stedman Cinques at Cripplegate. Not that this performance is anything extraordinary in the annals of the Society, or to the sturdy and talented yeomen of the Exercise who took part in it, but for three features which it presents. First the "majority" birthday of one of the members; second the three stars; and last, but by no means least (to use that old hackneyed phrase) the fact of our veteran friend Robert Jameson's name appearing in the list. Friend Hibbert returned home with most pleasurable feelings at thus having accomplished his first peal of Cinques, and had his coming of age honoured in such a manner. And well he might. I remember how my "21st" was honoured with modest rounds and Churchyard Bob. But we were just beginning in good earnest then, and thought ourselves clever in managing that; and I likewise felt no less elated that my attaining the estate of manhood had been signalled by the sound of our bells. That is a long time ago; but the remembrance of it will never fade in my mind. I trust such will be the case with Mr. Hibbert, that this peal will create in him a firm determination to perfect himself in the science, and while he is improving himself to assist others in the way he is going, so that if he—like "Robert the steeple-keeper"—is spared to see his three-score-and-ten, he may then reflect with pride on what he has accomplished and what he has striven to do during the years that were between. I look forward to have the pleasure of congratulating Mr. Jameson on the arrival of his next birthday, and hope I shall be able also to compliment him on the successful bringing round of another peal in honour thereof.

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While on the subject of peals, I cannot omit noticing some others which appear last Saturday. The Guildford men have thus fittingly commemorated the coming of age of one of their number—Ernest Heathorn—and at Maidstone Thomas Mantering signalled his twentieth birthday by conducting Holt's Original on their bells at All Saints. These will no doubt be both "red-letter" peals to all who took part, but particularly to those in whose honour they were rung, and I venture to hope that my cordial good wishes to both of them will not be taken amiss.

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Another peal of a very different character is also recorded—Annabell's six-part of Grandsire Triples at Trevethin, with the bells deeply muffled in token of sympathy with the sufferers at the sad and disastrous colliery explosion at Llanerch. The Caerleon men did well to thus demonstrate by the voices of the bells how that the church "mourns with those that mourn" as well as "rejoices with those that rejoice." It is most fervently to be hoped that they will never again have occasion to ring a peal under such heart-rending auspices.

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Now, all you change-ringers—you whose work requires but "a little arithmetic and a strong arm, no fine musical ear, and certainly no love for music"; you who do not "care twopence for the sound or the tune": you who think nothing but "whether the bell swings easily, and whether" you "can dodge it, snap it, triple-bob major it, and so on in time"; you who perpetrate

that "present purgatorial system of change-ringing *ad infinitum*"; you whose "Paradise is the musician's Inferno," *et cetera, et cetera*. Hide your diminished heads in shame, and consign your unworthy selves to oblivion *instantly*. For behold, Sir Oracle hath spoken; let the world be still. Parson Haweis hath pronounced the sentence—and change-ringing must cease forthwith. What a dreadful state of affairs! I have been indulging in a look over this precious article so ably replied to by Mr. Carpenter. It seems to me but a mere "hash up" of a portion of his *Music and Morals*, a book which got considerably more attention than it deserved some years ago. Unfortunately for us, Mr. Haweis has acquired a certain amount of notoriety in this direction among a peculiar class of individuals: thus what he says or writes is accepted by some (who don't know better) as a sort of gospel truth. Although I have no desire to detract from his real merits, I cannot help thinking that he is a much over-rated man. When he treats upon a subject with which he is thoroughly conversant, there is no doubt about it that he can do so in a very catching (and thus popular) manner. This is how he has gained his reputation. But when he attempts to pose as a critic of the science of change-ringing, a subject which he is manifestly ignorant of—he (to use a homely phrase) "puts his foot in it," and this is where the mischief comes in. People who have read his works or heard him preach or lecture on subjects which he (comparatively speaking) thoroughly understands and thus can competently treat upon, will naturally give credence to what he says upon other subjects which *they don't* understand. Thus in these cases, his effusions carry a weight to which they are by no means entitled, and thus also are calculated to form erroneous impressions and mistaken notions. Such is the case when Mr. Haweis attempts to deal with change-ringing. When I first read his "*Music and Morals*," my idea was that Mr. Haweis had at some early part of his career attempted the art of change-ringing, but had failed, and then instead of taking his failure in good grace had turned round upon it in the vain endeavour to demonstrate that there was after all nothing in it. Of course, I may be wrong in this surmise, but to say the least of it, his effusions would naturally lead one to that conclusion. His aim as a preacher, also, seems to me to have been of a sensational character. He has been a sort of under-study of the "apostle of æstheticism" on the one hand and of Dr. Talmage on the other. And no very great success in either. But perhaps the secret of it all lies in the terse reply, and made by the latter gentleman—"it pays." Anyhow, it is satisfactory to know that his animadversions on the science of change-ringing have not been allowed to go unchallenged; and thus (thanks to Mr. Carpenter), probably he will hesitate before he again attempts to criticise a science, the very elements of which he has yet to learn.

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As Mr. Carpenter observes, the columns of the *English Illustrated Magazine* are not open to correspondence. Although through this circumstance it is impracticable to combat in those pages by means of a letter, the erroneous statements of Mr. Haweis; might I suggest to Mr. Carpenter the feasibility of writing another article for that journal in explanation and defence of change-ringing, which would be a most effective counterblast to the misrepresentations of Mr. Haweis? Such an article, well written would, I thoroughly believe, be cordially accepted; and, thus the effect of the former article be neutralised. The more we make our art intelligible to the people, the better will it be appreciated. Of that I am quite certain.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

A Committee Meeting of this Association will be held in St. James's schoolroom, Wollaston, near Stourbridge, on Saturday, March 8th, at 5 p.m., prompt. The tower containing six bells, will be at the disposal of the members. The Rev. G. Gilbanks, vicar, will preside. JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*
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THE APPLETON ANNIVERSARY.

This Festival will be held as usual on Tuesday, March 4th. There will be two peals attempted. Friends wishing to take part in these, please correspond with Mr. J. W. Washbrook, Christ Church Buildings, Oxford, before Monday, March 3rd.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE DISTRICT.—A meeting of this branch will be held at St. James's church, Milnrow, on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting in the schoolroom presided over by the vicar at 6 p.m. F. BIRSTWISTLE, *Branch Sec.*

MANCHESTER BRANCH.—The next meeting of this branch will be held on Saturday, March 8th, at St. Philip's church, Hulme, Manchester. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7. JOHN EACHUS, *Branch Sec.*

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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ASHFORD DISTRICT.—The Annual Meeting of this district will be held at Mersham on Saturday, March 8th. The tower will be open for ringing from 12 noon, and a Committee Meeting will be held at 3 p.m. All members are reminded that the subscription for the current year is now due. The usual allowance (full members, 2s., probationers, 1s.), will be paid to all attending. Those desiring certificates to enable them to obtain reduction in railway fares, are requested to communicate at once with

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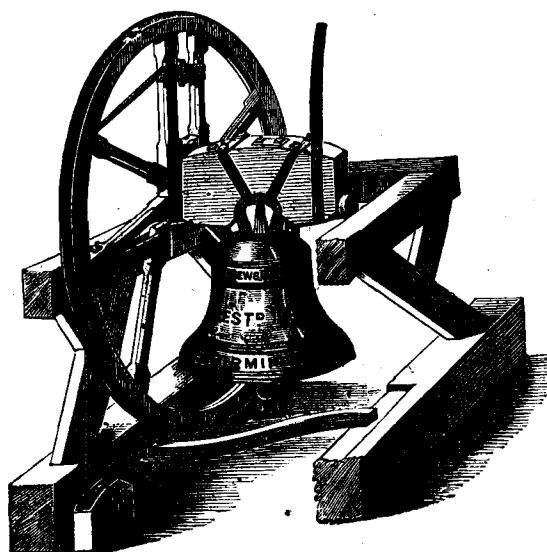
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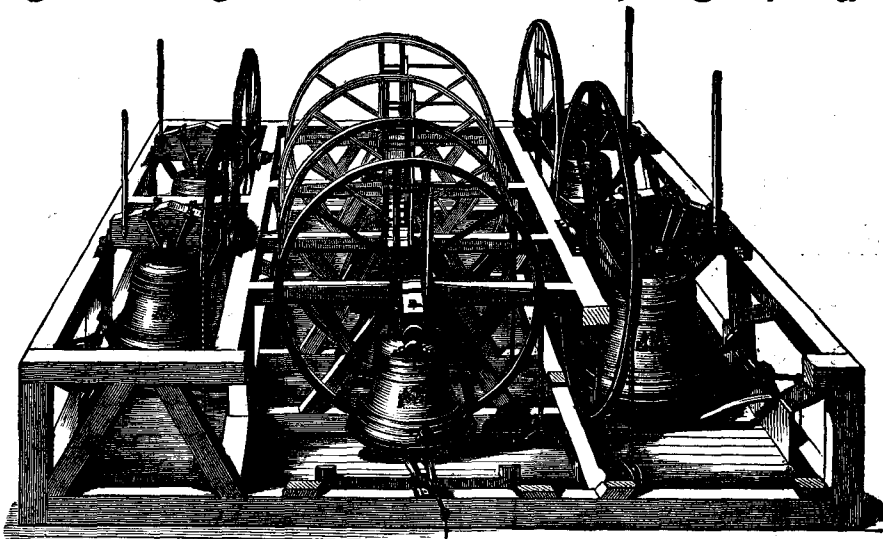
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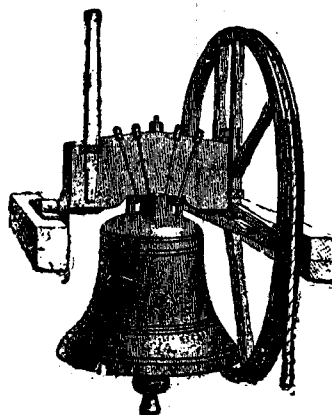
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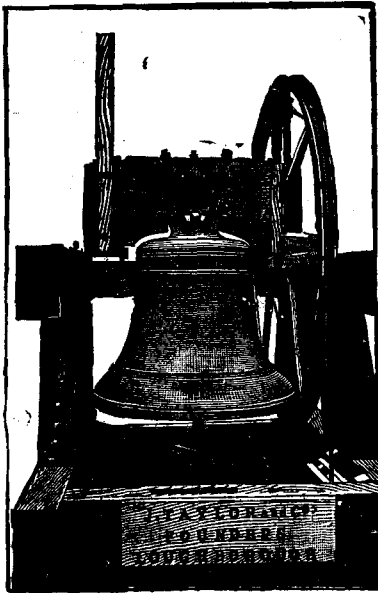
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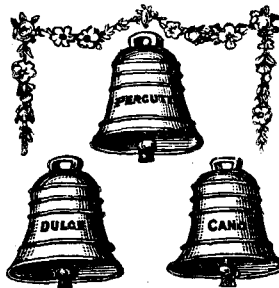
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