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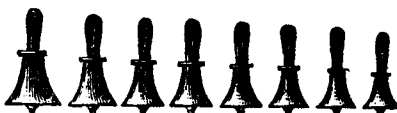
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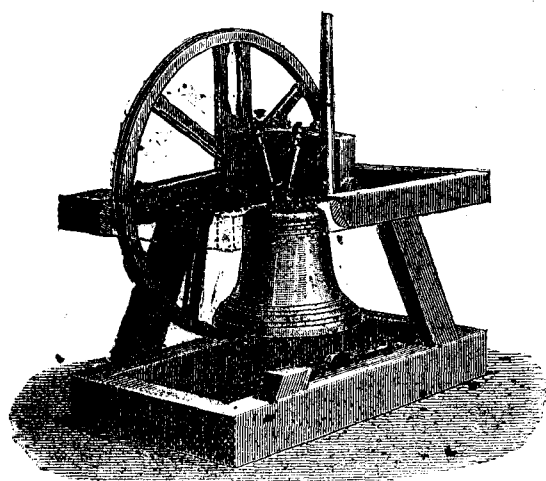
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THE CONSTRUCTION OF PEALS OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

I.

INTRODUCTION.

By A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

From the first days of my acquaintance with the rudiments of composition I have always regarded peals of Stedman Triples with a curiosity tempered by awe. Looking back upon the execrable multibob peals of early times one cannot but admire the assiduous perseverance of the next generation of composers whose persistent efforts culminated in Thurstans' magnificent masterpiece. Some forty years have now elapsed since the close of the labours of the eminent Birmingham band to whom the method is so largely indebted for its development, and the hard won knowledge of years of enquiry has died out a forgotten art. Not a vestige of a hint remains to us, beyond what is afforded by their compositions, of the principles upon which the successful results of these early masters of the method were founded. Near upon half a century of apathy has cast around Stedman Triples a shroud of impenetrable mystery almost romantic in its completeness.

Content, while there were yet unfathomed possibilities in other and less appalling methods, to wonder and wait for light, I came to the conclusion about eighteen months ago that this alone among campanological problems remained an uncracked nut to the present generation. The comparatively simple analysis of composition in all the Standard methods on eight or more bells was, thanks to the perseverance of numerous composers, a *fait accompli*. The musical capabilities of each system had been utilized to the utmost, and no radical novelty was left to be unfolded. In all the plain Triple methods, moreover, the Grandsire investigations of the Rev. Charles Davies and Mr. W. H. Thompson had set vague surmise at rest by laying down fundamental laws of such true mathematical proportion as to be applicable not only to Grandsire but also to the sister systems.

To the study of Stedman Triples I therefore betook myself, with anything, however, but a hopeful heart. My first step was to enlist the co-operation of the two scientists whose abilities were specially likely to enable them to throw light on the subject, the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer and Mr. W. H. Thompson. With the latter gentleman I had some time previously carried on a voluminous correspondence thereon, and although this had ended without any practical result I knew that little was required to rouse his energy afresh. As regarded Mr. Bulwer, who indeed had already begun an attack on the method, I felt that his analytical powers added to unlimited perseverance in composition, as evidenced more particularly in his exposition of New Cumberland Surprise and in his "extent" peals in the Duffield method, would be of invaluable assistance.

As a result of our combined labours, I was enabled in six months' time to produce the first ten-part peal ever composed with legitimate calls alone. A few days later I obtained three, four, and six-part peals, the first of these being a division up to that time—May 1889—unknown in the method. Mr. Bulwer, who had been devoting himself rather to a thorough analysis of principle than to an immediate search after new compositions, began, within a week or so after my first peal, to produce others, of which the pick have appeared in these pages. It is not, however, with an array of compositions that these papers are intended to deal, but with the principles underlying the construction of the various types of peals, both ancient and modern. These principles, unearthed by the united efforts of Mr. Bulwer, Mr. Thompson, and myself, I will now endeavour to place before the Exercise. A general acquaintance with the rudiments of

composition on the part of the readers of these papers will be pre-supposed, as it is impossible to treat so complicated a subject in an elementary manner. My object is not so much to afford instruction to the general reader as to place on record, for the benefit of present and future composers, analyses of the various modes in which the method has been treated, so that there may be no recurrence in the future of the necessity that those who wish to study it must set to work from the very basement.

It is at the outset necessary to give some idea of the lines which this demonstration will follow. In the first place let it be clearly understood that everything that will be advanced has reference exclusively to complete peals of 5040 changes, and in no way to touches of less extent. Next I may point out that the peals of Stedman Triples hitherto composed may be divided into three classes, to the definitions of which particular attention is necessary.

CLASS A.—Multibob peals, comprising all compositions containing nine or more calls in each course.

CLASS B.—Bob-and-single peals, comprising all compositions having two or more common singles in each course, except such as come under Class A.

CLASS C.—Twin-bob peals, comprising all compositions in which the bobs occur throughout in pairs.

As regards peals of Class A, even their composers did not claim for them any further merit than that they rendered possible the performance of a complete peal of Stedman Triples. The degradation of using specially manufactured and multitudinous calls was freely admitted, and doubtless acted as an incentive to the unwearying course of study which culminated, in the year 1846, in the production of Thurstans' "Original," the first peal obtained by the use of legitimate bobs and singles only.

Holding, as I do, very strong views as to the absurdity of classing as legitimate peals compositions which are not in strict conformity with the method, I decidedly maintain that none of those obtained up to the time of Thurstans' "Original" are *bona fide* peals of Stedman Triples in the proper acceptance of the term. In order, however, that the various modes of composition may be fully traced, it will be necessary to go briefly into the construction of the peals in Classes A and B, not one of which is obtained by the use of legitimate calls alone. Class C will be treated (of in detail, as the principles underlying the formation of peals of this class are peculiar to the method, and of immense interest owing to the rigidity of the conditions and the success of the results.

THE RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH, AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The tenth annual meeting of this Society was held at Denford on Monday, May 26th, and the weather being beautifully fine bands of ringers from Raunds, Wellingborough, Higham Ferrers, Rushden, Denford, and Kettering were early in the village, and the bells rang merrily all the morning. At one o'clock Divine Service was held in the parish church, the clergy present being the Rev. H. Bryan (Raunds, Hon. Sec.); the Rev. J. Dun (Higham Ferrers); the Rev. A. S. Lindsay (Kettering); and the Rev. F. Hird (Rushden). An appropriate sermon was preached on the occasion by the Rev. James Dun, M.A., Vicar of Higham Ferrers. At the close of the service there was an offertory in aid of the funds of the Society. An excellent dinner was provided in the National School, to which about sixty ringing and honorary members sat down, the Rev. J. P. Goodman, of Keystone, the Treasurer, also arriving in time for dinner. Business proceedings commenced immediately after dinner. In the absence of the President (the Ven. Archdeacon Lightfoot), the Rev. Hugh Bryan, Hon. Sec., presided.

The Chairman said he regretted having to apologise for the absence of the Archdeacon, Canon Lindsay, Mr. W. J. Henry (Wellingborough), and other hon. members, as well as the Vicar

of Denford (the Rev. O. Leadbitter), who, however, put the Vicarage grounds and his boats for rowing up the river at their disposal. After according thanks to the Rev. J. Dun for his excellent sermon, and welcoming the Rev. F. Hird and the Rev. A. S. Lindsay, he proceeded to give a financial statement of the accounts of the society for the past year, showing the receipts, including balance from last year, to have been £25 11s. 3½d., and the expenditure £12 16s. 2d., leaving a balance of £12 15s. 1½d., which, with interest to be added, made it £13 3s. 9d. in hand. Several new members were then admitted, and on the motion of Mr. F. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. H. Stubbs, Higham Ferrers was fixed as the next place of meeting, if the bells there were in order, and if not to go to Earls Barton. With reference to holding the meeting at Higham Ferrers, the vicar, the Rev. J. Dun, remarked that it must be conditional of course, for although they had decided to repair the old and get two new bells, it was one thing to ask for money to do that, and quite another thing to get it, or he should be pleased for them to come to Higham Ferrers.

The Hon. Secretary (the Rev. Hugh Bryan), and the Treasurer (the Rev. J. P. Goodman), were then re-elected.

Mr. Dennes said the Association was the means of doing a great deal of good, both as a body and individually, and he suggested, and afterwards moved, that a complimentary sum be voted to Higham Ferrers, Raunds, and Kettering, to help them in belfry improvements. He did not expect them to give much, but a little, say half a guinea, would encourage them, and have a good moral effect.

The Rev. J. P. Goodman opposed this, as he thought it would open a door they would scarcely know when to close. He would rather give a subscription than begin tapping the funds, as he thought that would not be for the benefit of the Association.

Mr. Dennes' proposition was, however, supported by the Rev. A. S. Lindsay and the Rev. F. Hird, and eventually carried by a majority of one.

A question was here raised as to whether any money could be voted to any object without a two-thirds majority.

The Rev. J. P. Goodman thought notice should be given of any motion of that kind.

A long discussion followed, and it was ultimately decided, as no notice of any motion had been required in the past, the resolution should stand. It was further resolved that the complimentary grant be half-a-guinea each to Higham Ferrers and Kettering.

The question of holding quarterly meetings was brought forward by Mr. Wilson, and a suggestion of Mr. H. Stubbs for appointing delegates for the transaction of the business was discussed at some length, as well as the question of giving notices of motion.

At length, on the motion of the Rev. A. S. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Craddock, it was resolved to hold a business meeting for the purpose of discussing the above questions.

On the motion of Mr. F. Gilbert, it was also resolved that a committee be formed of one from each belfry in the district to prepare the matters to be laid before the meetings, each local society to nominate its own representative.

On the motion of Mr. Dennes a vote of thanks was accorded to Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, for the kindness shewn to the ringers on the occasion of their visit to the foundry, and the Secretary (the Rev. H. Bryan), was requested to convey it to Messrs. Taylor and Co. There being no vice-chairman of the society, the Rev. A. S. Lindsay was unanimously elected to that office. Regret was expressed at the loss by death of Mr. G. H. Burnham. Besides honorary members there were stated to be fifty-two ringing members, and six new ones just admitted. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings. Ringing was then resumed, and continued till dusk. The bells of St. Mary's, Ringstead, were also open to the ringers during the day.

Birth.

ON Thursday, May 29th, at Oldland Vicarage, Gloucestershire, the wife of the REV. HERBERT A. COCKEY, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, of a Son.

THE ALLHALLOWS SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.

The Annual Excursion of the above took place on Whit-Monday, May 26th. Leaving Tottenham about 8 a.m., they arrived at Aldenham, a charming little village in Herts, at 10.30., and were soon on the way to the belfry of St. John's church. After raising and trying the bells, a peal of eight, tenor 15 cwt., and in capital going order, a start was made for a peal of Plain Bob Triples which came to grief in 24 mins. Another start was made, and this time with success; the peal being rung in the good time of 2 hrs. 45 mins. This is only the second peal on the bells, an account of which appeared in the peal column.

After dinner, to which twelve sat down, and which was served up in excellent style by host Jones, who is one of the local ringers, the whole company indulged in a most enjoyable ramble through the surrounding country, returning to the church about five o'clock. Upon visiting the belfry again some of the local ringers put in an appearance, and several touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire were rung.

The Vicar then kindly invited them to partake of an excellent meat tea, and after doing justice to the good things provided, the belfry was again visited, when some first-class touches of Stedman, Union, and Oxford Bob Triples were rung. Those who took part in the ringing were Messrs. Adams, Barnett, English, Grove, Lucas, Davidson, Martin, Waghorn, sen., Waghorn, jun., Gibson, Button, and C. H. Martin of Hendon.

The time for leaving having arrived, a move was made towards home which was reached somewhere about midnight, all having spent a most enjoyable and pleasant day. The above society wish through the medium of this paper to thank the vicar of Aldenham for the very kind and cordial welcome given them, and hope that they may soon have the pleasure of ringing another peal on his bells.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

ON Saturday, May 31st, six members of the above society paid a visit to Lockington. Starting at 1 p.m. they arrived at Castle Donington about 2 p.m. where they were joined by Mr. H. C. Woodward, of Derby. On their arrival at Lockington the bells were soon set going, and a 720 of Bob Minor was rung in 27 mins. H. Hollingworth, 1; J. Vickers, 2; J. R. Wood, 3; J. Warren, 4; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 5; G. C. Tunnicliff, 6. Afterwards a 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. J. W. Warren, 1; H. Hollingworth, 2; G. C. Tunnicliff, 3; J. R. Wood, 4; T. Hollingworth, 5; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 6. And a 360 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. J. R. Wood, 1; J. W. Warren, 2; H. Hollingworth, 3; H. C. Woodward, 4; J. Vickers, 5; G. C. Tunnicliff (conductor), 6. And a plain course of Oxford Treble Bob and several 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. The "go" of the bells was excellent; the arrangements leaving nothing to be desired. Through the kindness of N. C. Curzon, Esq., the ringers were afterwards entertained at the Hall, and they wish to thank that gentleman very sincerely for his kindness; also to the Rev. R. L. Story for so kindly placing the bells at their disposal. After lunch a course of Grandsire Caters was rung in the hall yard. G. C. Tunnicliff, 1-2; J. W. Warren, 3-4; H. Hollingworth, 5-6; H. C. Woodward, 7-8; J. R. Wood, 9-10. Journeying back a halt was made at Castle Donington, where, after a convivial glass with Donington friends and a few courses of Triples, a move was made for home, arriving about 10 p.m., all the band having enjoyed their afternoon's outing.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ON Saturday, May 31st, the Guiseley branch of the above Association went by excursion train to Hull, and in the evening were met by the Hull members at St. James's church and rang two courses of Treble Bob Major. O. Frankland (Guiseley), 1; T. Stockdale (Hull), 2; J. Dixey (Hull), 3; D. E. Rhodes (Guiseley), 4; C. Jackson (Hull), 5; J. Yeadon (Guiseley), 6; J. Baldwin (Guiseley), 7; S. Baldwin (Guiseley, conductor), 8. They wish to return their hearty thanks to the Hull branch for so kindly meeting them, and to the rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

RINGERS' OUTING.

On Whit-Saturday, a band of ringers from St. Luke's, Heywood, in company with two from Rossendale, (who had arrived at Heywood the previous evening and been under their kind hospitality during the night,) left that town on a trip, to Bar-mouth, Wales. It was decided to leave the train at Llangollen, —about forty miles from Balmoral—and attempt a peal of Union Triples, the bells having been secured beforehand. The train left Heywood at four o'clock, the route lying through Manchester and Warrington to Chester, which place was reached after a run unbroken by stoppages, by 5.50. A stop of five minutes was taken advantage of for refreshments, and then the little pulley was again put on. The handbells were brought into use and a few courses of Triples were rung till the train once more pulled up at Wrexham. There is a grand peal of bells here, and a wonderful tower, but no long stop being made we had to pass by without seeing the architecture of it. Shortly after leaving this place a dark object left a hedge and flew past the carriage, which evoked the remark "There's crows in Wales," and indeed there were, and also "Flay Crows." Ruabon was next reached; this is a very picturesque place, but we had to pass through and Llangollen was reached at 7.0 prompt. On leaving the station we were assailed by a host of enquiries, the first of which being "Good morning!" "Have you used Pears' Soap?" After finding the leader (Mr. Davies) of the local company and arranging to meet at 9.30 for a peal of Union, we retired to the Temperance Hotel, and the inner man was satisfied. Having an hour-and-a-half before starting, we climbed a high mountain to the left, and enjoyed the beautiful scenery below; returning by some rocky decline we arrived at the Church of St. Collen at 9.30. Here we were joined by Master A. R. James, who we must say is a surprisingly clever ringer for his size and age. A start was made for a peal of Union Triples but after about forty-five minutes' good ringing a stand was called owing to a course coming wrong. Not being sure what was the cause, a start was made for Holt's 6-part Grandsire Triples, which was brought to a successful issue as per another page. The Temperance Hotel was again visited, and bobs were more rapidly called and made over the courses than under ordinary circumstances. The afternoon was spent in a ramble down the valley to the "vale de crucis" Abbey, and the return being over a high eminence. Before returning the tower was again visited and a few touches of Stedman were rung, assisted by the local company. The return journey was made, leaving Llangollen at 8.10 p.m., and arriving back by 1 a.m., all very well pleased with our outing, and especially with the reception by the ringers of Llangollen.

We wish through this paper to heartily thank the vicar, wardens, and ringers for their kindness.

J. S.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The usual monthly ringing meeting of this Society was held at Rothwell, on Saturday, May 31st. Ringers attended from Leeds, Holbeck, Headingley, Bramley, Wakefield and Rothwell, and touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, along with a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, were rung upon the bells. Opportunity was also given to the younger members to try their skill with the assistance of the more advanced practitioners. The meeting, which was thoroughly successful, was very much enjoyed by the members present.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Burton District was held at the parish church, Burton, on Friday evening, May 30th, when touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob were rung.

READING, BERKS.

On Thursday, May 28th, at the tower of St. Giles' a 720 of Bob Minor was rung by the following persons. H. Dibler, 1; F. Sweetzer, 2; A. H. Evans, 3; H. Simmonds, 4; J. Hands, 5; A. F. Reeves (conductor), 6. The above was rung to test the going of the six bells which had just been rehung by Messrs. Blackburn and Greenleaf of Salisbury. It is satisfactory to learn from the above members that the go of the bells is all that can be desired.

PRIZE-RINGING SHOW AT MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

We take the following report from the *West Somerset Free Press*. Our readers will no doubt be highly amused thereat, and long to become acquainted with those gentlemen of such rarely-endowed talents, viz. "the judges." When the county of Somerset has an Association of its own, we may perhaps hear that the Church bells there are not being polluted by such contemptible prize ringing (?) tournaments, but that something worthy of the name may receive the support of those rev. gentlemen (among others) and churchwardens who identified themselves with this miserable exhibition of bell-hauling.

"On Saturday last (the Queen's birthday), there was a large gathering of ringers from far and near (even Cornwall being represented) to take part in a prize-ringing contest on the bells of Milverton Church, permission having been kindly granted by the vicar and churchwardens. There is a feeling in many quarters the reverse of favourable to prize-ringing, but on the other hand, there are arguments in favour of its retention. Without expressing an opinion either one way or the other, we may say that the contest on Saturday was conducted in a very orderly manner. The towers represented were Alphington, Stogumber, West Worlington, Trull, Langford Budville, Bishop's Lydeard, Wellington, High Bickington, Holcombe, Rogus, Taunton (St. James's), Norton Fitzwarren, Ide, Exminster, and Hemyock, seven men being allowed to compete in each set. There were two distinct competitions advertised to take place, the first being for rising and lowering in peal and ringing in rounds, and the second for the best 120 of Grandsire Doubles. All the teams of ringers from the towers above-mentioned entered for the first competition, but only Norton Fitzwarren entered for the second, which consequently fell through. Previous to the competition, five minutes were allowed each band for practice. There was little or no fault to find with the 'go' of the bells, the general opinion being that the faults, if any, during the ringing, would originate at the rope's end. Competent judges were closeted in secret within easy hearing of the bells. The competition commenced at about 11 a.m., and was not concluded until about 4 p.m. There was some excellent as well as some very bad ringing heard during the day, and some of the rising and lowering in peal could not be beaten anywhere, the striking being, in two or three instances in particular, 'as regular as clockwork.' What marred several good peals was a neglect on the part of some of the ringers (at the heavy end more especially) to hold their bells well in hand when chiming round after lowering in peal, sixteen faults being booked against every false stroke made by a bell after 'stand' had been called. It was not unusual to hear the tenor or the fifth bell each speak once and sometimes twice after the order had been given to 'stand.' At the close of the competition the Norton guild of ringers rang several 120's of Grandsire Doubles, and it was quite a relief to hear a little change-ringing after nothing but rounds since eleven in the morning. The ringers, numbering about 120 in all, dined together, half at the White Hart and half at the Globe. At the former place the vicar (the Rev. C. De Salis) presided, supported by Mr. J. D. Astley, whilst the Rev. W. H. Fowle, vicar of Langford Budville, and formerly vicar of Milverton, presided at the Globe, supported by Mr. A. R. Payne. The Rev. C. De Salis, after proposing the health of 'The Queen,' which was honoured in the usual way, congratulated the ringers on the success of the day's ringing, and, in their name thanked the officials (the timekeepers and judges), for so satisfactorily carrying out the responsible and by no means light duties they had undertaken. The result of the competition was announced by the vicar as follows:—first prize, £4, Wellington, with 112 faults; second prize, £3, High Bickington, 120 faults; third prize, £2, Alphington, 125 faults; fourth prize, £1, Langford Budville, 160 faults. The position of the remainder of the competitors were as follows: West Worlington, 172 faults (this was one of the best peals rung, but was marred at the finish in the manner above-mentioned); Ide, 193 faults; Bishops Lydeard, 212 faults; Stogumber, 226 faults; Trull, 274 faults; Hemyock, 289 faults; Holcombe, Rogus, 295 faults; Exminster, 326 faults; Norton Fitzwarren, 362 faults; Taunton (St. James's), 642 faults."

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. WHIT-MONDAY MEETING.

Monday, May 26th, being Whit-Monday, the above Association held a general meeting at South Shields. There was a good muster, the following branches being represented: Bishop Auckland, Jarrow (Christ Church and St. Peter's), North Shields, Marske-by-the-Sea, Bishop Wearmouth, Winlaton, South Shields, Chester-le-Street, Durham, Newcastle, Middlesbrough, Whitley, Ripon, Sharow, Northallerton, and Boroughbridge. At eight o'clock in the morning eight of the members met at Christ Church, North Shields, and started for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on the back eight, which was successfully brought round in 3 hrs. 6 mins., particulars of which appeared in the peal column of last week's issue.

During the morning touches of Major and Triples, together with a 720 of Bob Minor were rung at both North and South Shields. The Committee met at the Royal Hotel, Ocean Road, at 1 p.m., after which dinner was held at the same place, to which seventy-two sat down and brought up the course-ends in splendid style. The Rev. Canon Bailey asked a blessing for the good things provided.

Dinner being over, the chairman (R. S. Story, Esq., President), proposed the health of "The Queen," which was duly honoured. The toast of "The Bishops and Clergy of the Dioceses" was next given, to which the Rev. Canon Bailey responded, and also spoke a little on the early use of bells for Divine Service. A course of Grandsire Caters was next rung on the handbells by Messrs. Lees (vice-president), R. S. Story (president), C. L. Routledge, W. Story, and E. Wallis. The bells, which are a new set of fifteen in the key of B flat, size 16, recently purchased from the well-known firm of Messrs. Shaw, Son, and Co., of Bradford, gave great satisfaction.

The following new members were elected: Mr. R. Morrison and Mr. G. W. Dix, of North Shields; M. Smith, Esq., and the Rev. E. D. Scott, of Sunderland; Messrs. J. Holmes and W. Thompson, of Northallerton; J. Metcalf, of Ripon; Messrs. W. Frazer and J. Barber, of Whitley; and F. A. Underwood, of Newcastle, late of Loughborough.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Bailey and the Rev. Canon Bruton for the use of the bells of their respective churches, to which the Rev. Canon Bailey responded and said that the Association would always be welcomed to the use of his bells at South Shields, brought the meeting to a close.

On Wednesday, May 28th, six members of the above Association met Mr. Dawe, of London, and Mr. Shepherd, of Swindon, at Durham, for the purpose of attempting a peal of Grandsire Triples on the Cathedral bells. The bells were set going shortly after 5 p.m. to the tune of Holt's ten-part peal, but unfortunately just before reaching the single two bells were found to have changed course, which necessitated the setting up of the bells. — Shepherd (Swindon), 1; L. Newton (Durham), 2; C. L. Routledge (Newcastle), 3; F. E. Dawe (London, conductor), 4; F. Lees (Newcastle), 5; C. J. Butterworth (Durham), 6; F. Harrison (Jarrow), 7; W. Story (Newcastle), 8. There have been several attempts for peals at this Cathedral, which still remains one of the places at which a peal of 5000 and upwards has yet to be recorded.

ALLENSMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

An interesting event occurred in the quiet parish of Allensmore, on Monday, May 26th, which caused many of the older parishioners to remember days of "long ago," namely, the opening of the parish church bells, which for the past twenty years have not been rung, owing to the tenor of the peal being cracked, and the dilapidated state of the bell-frame and fittings. On the east wall of the tower, in the bell loft, is a small brass tablet, at once revealing the generosity as well as the modest reticence of the donor. It is as follows: "To the glory of God. The whole of this peal was thoroughly restored and the tenor bell recast, by the munificence of Anne Elizabeth Pateshall, of Allensmore Court, A.D., 1890. J. E. Grasett, Vicar; James Barwell, founder, Birmingham." The re-cast tenor proves to be a good one. The frame and fittings are entirely new, and the floor supporting the same has been re-constructed.

Ringings commenced early in the morning by a company of Eaton Bishop ringers, including Messrs. C. Burrough, J. Williams,

W. Dawe, Baughan, Jones, H. Mason (conductor), and others, anxious to obtain the honour of the first peal." They kept the bells going till four o'clock. Luncheon was kindly provided by the Rev. J. E. Grasett. About four in the afternoon a company of ringers from Withington and Lugwardine arrived, having decided to take the chance of having a pull. Permission was given them by the Vicar, and a good repast provided at the vicarage at seven o'clock. This band raised and fell the bells in peal, and rang six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 35 mins. H. Mason, W. Davis, J. Jones, A. Breed, C. Jenkins (conductor), and A. Bowers. The bells had not long been silent when a company of Hereford men came by special invitation to the belfry. This band also raised and fell the bells in peal and rang several 6-scores, conducted by J. Davis, in which the following took part: H. Gaines, J. Davis (All Saints), J. Jones (St. Peter's), T. Hobby, J. Chamberlain, J. Belcher, T. Phillips. During the day about thirty-eight ringers visited the belfry, representing ten different towers, the majority being members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. Satisfaction was generally expressed at the manner in which the restoration had been completed. Under the leadership of Mr. Taylor, a local band of ringers is being formed, who will no doubt join the Guild and make good progress in the art of ringing. The instructor of the Guild was also present, and took part in some of the ringings.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at Worksop on Whit-Monday. It was well attended by ringers from the following places: Worksop, Retford, Everton, Shireoaks, Anston, Blyth, Mansfield, Newark, Gainsborough, and Liversedge. Ringing began on the Priory bells at 10.30, and was continued until 8.30. The methods rung were Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, and Kent, Oxford, and Violet Minor. At 12 o'clock a special service was held in the Priory church, at which the Rev. H. T. Slodden (Vicar) preached a very appropriate sermon, taking as his text part of the 10th verse of the 84th psalm: "It is better to be a doorkeeper in the house of God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." At 4 o'clock an excellent tea was provided at the schools, to which about forty members sat down. The General Meeting was held after tea. The presiding officers were re-appointed, and twelve new ringing members were elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Blyth on September 12th.

On Tuesday, seven members of the Association had a ringing tour, visiting the belfries in Sherwood Forest. They drove from Worksop to Clumber and then to Thoresby. At Perlethorpe, by the kind permission of the Countess Manvers, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung by R. Smith, 1; S. Harwood, 2; D. Russon, 3; F. Fowler, 4; S. Smith, 5; R. Beeston (conductor), 6. Tenor 7½ cwt. The party then went on to Edwinstowe, where by permission of the Vicar, a 720 of Kent and 120 of Violet were rung by R. Smith, 1; E. Russon, 2; D. Russon (conductor), 3; F. Fowler, 4; S. Smith, 5; R. Beeston, 6. And a 720 of Oxford by the same, except that S. Harwood stood in the place of D. Russon. These are the first true 720s on the bells at Edwinstowe since they were hung in September last.

BENTLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

The six bells of this church, tenor 14 cwt., have all been re-hung with complete new fittings, and they have also been quarter-turned. The work has been satisfactorily carried out by Mr. Harry Stokes, Church Bell Hanger, of Woodbury, near Exeter. They were re-opened after being silent for several years on May 14th, by six clergymen, members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, who were all highly pleased with the "go" of them.

BRADFORD ABBAS PARISH CHURCH, DORSET.

The fine peal of six bells in the tower of this church have just been rehung with new fittings throughout, and the frame strengthened, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and at a short trial peal rang last week they gave great satisfaction. The formal re-opening has been fixed for Monday evening next, June 9th, at 7.30.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

"England expects that every man will do his duty."

And so the patience and perseverance of our friends of the Victorian Society, Melbourne, has at last been rewarded with their first peal in the Colonies. Thus also has Holt's venerable "ten-part" for a second time figured in a most illustrious and historic connection. The great satisfaction expressed by our Editor in publishing an account of this peal will, I feel sure, be fully shared by all who read it. For weeks back I have been looking out for some news of this sort, and now that it is come, the intelligence seems to be all the more acceptable after long watching. In the band, I notice, both College Youths and Royal Cumberlands, as well as a provincial society, are represented. Five out of the nine who took part in it scored their first peal, while Mr. James Murray thus succeeded in his first attempt at peal-conducting. Altogether, then, the peal will rank as a memorable one of Anno Domini 1890, and I congratulate the ringers of it accordingly.

Speaking of peals, Whit-week has evidently been a busy time this year with some members of the Salisbury Guild. A 5088 of Treble Bob and Holt's ten-part on Monday; Washbrook's four-part peal of Stedman Triples at St. Martin's, and Holt's Original on handbells on Tuesday; and Thurstans' (reversed) peal of Stedman Triples by way of finish on Wednesday, are surely enough to satisfy even the most insatiable of peal-ringers for the time being. Of the five peals, the most remarkable is that on handbells, reported to have been rung in a minute less than two hours. If there is no "printer's error" in recording the time, of a truth then the statement at foot of its being "the quickest peal ever rung" may be taken without fear of contradiction. I am not going to dispute the accuracy of the "one hour and fifty-nine minutes;" probably if I did some one or other would be accusing me of heaping insults upon them; but I really cannot help thinking that ringing—even on handbells—to the tune of over forty-two changes per minute through a 5040 of Triples, seems almost incredible. I wonder if ever an attempt will be made to beat this record.

Mr. Papillon, I see, has been touching that "sore spot" of ringers' habitual non-attendance at services in his report to the Essex Association. Since the establishment of our Associations, hardly any subject has been so much the theme of speeches, discourses, and sermons at the meetings than this one. And still the complaint exists. That "nothing is so likely to alienate the sympathies of the clergy and churchpeople generally from ringers and ringing" as this persistent neglect to attend service after belfry duties are over, will hardly be gainsaid. Neither can it be disputed that "the clergy have a right to expect that those who ring for Divine Service should, as a rule, set the example of attendance thereat." At the same time, while—let it be distinctly understood—I would not advance one word in condonation of this or any other neglect of duty on the part of my brother-strings; I venture to ask—Do our clergy as a rule set about in the right way to remove this cause of complaint? It is all very well for them to speak on platforms and in pulpits, telling ringers what they ought to do; but would not their efforts be rewarded with considerably more success if they made it a point of duty themselves to pay frequent visits to their belfries on the Sunday, and there talk with the ringers? Two blacks, it is well known, do not make one white, and while this fact is no exoneration for negligent ringers, yet should not those

who preach duty set an example of the performance of it themselves. In how comparatively few instances do we find a Vicar recognising the belfry as a part of his church—like his Sunday Schools for instance—and visiting it as he would even a cottage in his parish? "A house-going parson makes a church-going people" is an old and truthful saying. This applies no less to belfries and ringers, and I am quite convinced from my own personal experience, that the oftener a parson is seen among his ringers in the belfry, the more will they be seen with him in church.

"Oh, but," it has been said many times by clergymen when approached on this subject, "you see, the belfry steps are old and worn, the staircase narrow and dirty; one's hands and clothes get so soiled in going up and down." Then, I say, enlist the co-operation of your Wardens, get the steps repaired and the staircase kept clean, so that you can go up with comfort; you will then in a double measure have shewn your interest in your ringers' temporal and spiritual welfare; which actions will speak louder and have infinitely more force than any expositions of duty (however eloquent) from a platform, when that is the only place where the speaker goes to meet the ringers.

The case of the Yorkshire clergyman mentioned in Mr. Papillon's letter does not advance anything in solution of this difficulty. Neither do his correspondent's observations, to my mind, redound much to his credit. His complaint against his ringers appears to be that they made the most of their pay, and "it was to get rid of this sort of thing that I adopted a machine," he says. But he does not tell us of any efforts made by himself in the way of bringing about a better state of things among his ringers. No; instead of that, he adopted the more expedite mode of clearing out the ringers and "adopting a machine." Then, although he is said to be "much interested in ringing," and avows himself to be "very much in sympathy with you in wishing to make change-ringing a means of interesting people in the church," yet he has decided on keeping this machine going for three years, at the end of which time, he adds, "if I am here, I think I shall try a start under new auspices." Meanwhile—for the next three years—the machine! The whole tone of this extract furnished by Mr. Papillon, indeed, makes me suspect that the experiences of this Yorkshire clergyman are but another illustration of that only too frequent story of peremptory action by the parson, followed by obstinacy on the part of the ringers; where considerate measures in the first instance might have led to a satisfactory state of things at the finish.

Ringers are charged with many acts of omission and commission; but in common fairness let the indictment be served upon all other offenders alike. But let not any of my Essex readers imagine I am offering the least excuse for staying away from a service which like the service at Chelmsford, is specially provided for their benefit.

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WE direct the especial attention of our readers to two statements in our last issue: one in our report of the Annual Meeting of the Essex Association, that "the

opening service was but poorly attended, and most of those present arrived late;" the other in the letter of a Yorkshire clergyman quoted by a correspondent—"From all sides in this neighbourhood I hear that the ringers hardly ever are seen in church." These statements point to what in our opinion is a dangerous "rock ahead" to the cause of change-ringing, viz., the tendency of too many ringers to regard only the secular side of ringing, and to repudiate any obligation either to the Church which gives them the means of exercising their art, or to the clergy whose support and co-operation they profess to desire. It is little short of scandalous that at the Annual Meeting of a great County Association, when every pains have been taken by its officers and by the local clergy to arrange a service for ringers, not more than half of those who assemble directly afterwards at the meeting or dinner should be seen in church; and it is a grievous scandal that at any parish church the ringers should, as soon as they have rung for service, go off elsewhere, perhaps in the very face of the assembling congregation. The Secretary of the Essex Association puts his finger upon this as one great reason why the clergy as a body do not take more interest in ringing; and we believe that he is right. What we now wish to do is to impress upon ringers how serious is the obstacle which they thus, by their own act, place in the way of their own cause.

The past ten or fifteen years have, as is well known, seen a great revival in the art of change-ringing; and attempts more or less successful have been made to raise it from the position which it formerly occupied among low-class sporting amusements. This revival has been mainly in connection with the Church, and its chief movers have been clergymen. It is by their efforts that the manners and customs of belfries have been reformed, and something done to remind ringers that both belfry and bells belong to a consecrated building and should be used with reverence and decency; and that ringers themselves are, in a certain sense, Church-workers, as much, e.g., as choirmen. Not only the social status, but the morale, of ringing has been raised by connecting it more closely with the Church and with the clergy; and anything that weakens that connection must damage its prestige. Expediency, if no higher or better motive, ought to make ringers careful in this matter. The parochial clergy have, in nine cases out of ten, absolute control over the church bells. They can exclude anyone from the belfry; they can prevent even the churchwardens from causing the bells to be rung. And it is certain that they will not long tolerate in ringers, any more than they would in choirmen, such open disregard of the Church and its services as seems to be complained of. The more zealous in fact they are to promote the interests of change-ringing, the more particular are they likely to be on these points: and ringers would do well to remember that conduct such as we are now alluding to not only keeps away those who have hitherto stood aloof from change-ringing, but discourages its best friends, men whose

support the Exercise can ill spare, men without whose help it should never have made the progress that has been made.

We speak plainly, because we believe that the case requires plain speaking. Not only clergy, but influential lay friends of ringing have been heard to say that they feel inclined to "cut the whole concern"; so dissatisfied have they been with the behaviour of some of those with whom they are brought into contact. The real friends of ringing should look to this. No doubt there are in many places men who cannot reconcile themselves to the new state of things, and go on in the old way; men of low tastes, who only care for low pleasures, and have no *esprit de corps* for the cause; men who prefer the old times when ringers did as they pleased, before parsons and gentlefolk interfered with new-fangled notions of propriety. All we say is that the real friends and well-wishers of change-ringing must choose between the old and the new; and that unless they make a right choice, and purge out the old leaven even more than has yet been done, they will shipwreck the cause.

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W. R. BARRETT 4.	JAMES MILLETT Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN SHEPHERD.

A. Rhys James, son of the Vicar, is only 13 years of age. He was elected a member of the above Association before the start. This is his second peal and was rung in a very promising style. There is every prospect that he will be a credit to the ringers of his society as he improves in strength. It was also the conductor's 22nd birthday, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS AND THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 3, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED BEAUMONT Treble.	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 5.
WILLIAM J. REEVE 2.	HENRY GIBBS 6.
THOMAS SAXBY 3.	EDWIN BARNETT 7.
GEORGE CONYARD 4.	HENRY WEBB Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

The above is the first peal in the method rung on the bells, also by all the band.

Date Touches.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Diss (Norfolk).—On Saturday, May 24th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes), in 1 hr. 12 mins. E. Hayward, 1; G. Archer, 2; C. Rudd, 3; W. Salter, 4; C. Webster, 5; W. Ireland, 6; J. Souter (conductor), 7; A. Hart, 8. Composed by A. P. Heywood, Esq. Tenor 24 cwt.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GRIMSBY (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, May 13th, at St. Andrew's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes) in 1 hr. 10 mins. Composed by D. Seamer, of Grimsby. J. Baker, 1; T. Nixon, 2; T. Jowett, 3; C. F. Allison (conductor), 4; G. Weldon, 5; J. Chapman, 6; A. Bramall, 7. This is the first date touch rung in Grimsby by a purely local band, and was rang as a compliment to the composer.

GLADWICK, NEAR OLDHAM (Lancashire).—On Friday, May 30th, at St. Mark's church, a date touch of 1890 changes (no method mentioned), in 1 hr. 1 mins. R. Guest, 1; F. Cocks, 2; G. Dunkerley, 3; J. Taylor, 4; A. Clegg (conductor), 5; S. Stott, 6; J. Siddal, 7; J. Ormerod, 8. Composed by John Aspinwall, of Liverpool.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Tuesday, May 27th, a date touch of 1890 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Harper, 1; S. Pitt, 2; B. Dalton, 3; S. Dace, 4; W. Johnson (conductor), 5; J. Appleby, 6; J. Adams, 7; J. Pardoe, 8. Tenor 22 cwt. Composed by C. Jackson, of Hull, and rung in honour of the 71st birthday of Mr. John Fowler, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. Messrs. Pitt, Dace, Johnson, Appleby and Adams hail from Willenhall; Dalton from Tettenhall; the rest belong to the local company.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Monday, May 19th, for practice at St. Peter's church, on the back six, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 27 mins. D. Elliott (first 720 in the method), 1; J. Nicholls, 2; J. Sadler, 3; D. Elliott, sen., 4; W. Nichols, 5; T. Sadler (conductor), 6.

STANSTEAD (Essex).—On Thursday, May 8th, for practice at the parish church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob in 24½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also 720 London Scholars' Pleasure in 25 mins. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Cavill, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (first 720 as conductor in the method), 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-six singles) in 23½ mins. W. Cavill, 1; W. Watts (composer and conductor), 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Hammond, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill, 6. Also on Sunday morning, May 14th, for Divine Service, 360 Violet Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service 720 Violet Treble Bob. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (first 720 as conductor in the method), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

GREAT BADDOW (Essex).—On Monday, May 26th, eight members of the above Association attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples (Hollis's five-part), but after ringing 3600 changes, in 2 hrs. 5 mins., it came to grief. H. Richell, 1; G. Pye, 2; G. Green, 3; W. H. Dallimore, 4; H. Allen, 5; A. Richell, 6; W. Pye (conductor), 7; H. Dawson, 8. Messrs. Pye hail from Little Heath; Dallimore from West Ham; the rest belong to the local company.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KELSEA (Suffolk).—On Saturday, May 17th, at St. Peter's church, eight members of the above Association attempted a peal of Bob Major, but after ringing 2688 changes in 1 hr. 35 mins., it came to an untimely end at the half-way single. F. Argent (Leiston), 1; W. Taylor (Leiston), 2; W. Drew, 3; W. Fisher, 4; G. Hardy, 5; J. Button (Leiston), 6; H. Button (Leiston), 7; A. Lincoln (conductor, Leiston), 8. Tenor 16 cwt.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WHITLEY.—On Wednesday, May 21st, at St. Paul's church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Fraser (first 720), 1; R. S. Story, 2; J. Barber (first 720), 3; W. Charlton (first 720 with a bob bell), 4; W. Story, 5; T. Goffin (first 720 as conductor), 6. Tenor 18 cwt.

WINLATON (Durham).—On Sunday evening, May 25th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 29 mins. J. Pattinson (conductor), 1; J. Blake, 2; G. Atkinson, 3; J. W. Smith, 4; Z. Scott, 5; W. C. Bennett, 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Sunday, May 4th, at the parish church, for afternoon Service, 504 Stedman Triples. D. J. Jeffery, 1; C. Privett, 2; G. Grafham, 3; G. Hackett, 4; F. Hill, 5; G. Passingham, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; C. Greenstock, 8.

WORKING (Surrey).—On Friday, May 16th, for practice at the parish church of St. Peter, 720 College Single Minor in 31 mins. G. W. Furlonger, 1; Frank Arnold, 2; C. B. Ryde, 3; W. C. Ryde (conductor), 4; F. C. Ryde, 5; Fredk. Arnold, 6. This was the first 720 in the method by all except the brothers Arnold. And 120 New Doubles, taken from Snowdon's *Standard Methods*. G. W. Furlonger, 1; A. J. W. Purdue, 2; C. B. Ryde, 3; W. C. Ryde (conductor), 4; F. C. Ryde, 5; A. Saunders, 6. First 120 in the method by all. Also on Sunday evening, May 18th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single Minor in 31 mins. Frank Arnold, 1; A. J. W. Purdue (first 720 in the method), 2; C. B. Ryde, 3; W. C. Ryde (conductor), 4; F. C. Ryde, 5; Fredk. Arnold, 6. Tenor 20½ cwt.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, May 11th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Nicolas, 1316 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 48 mins. *E. Stone, 1; †M. Brown, 2; J. Heathorn, 3; F. Bennett (conductor), 4; G. Croucher, 5; E. Heat-

horn, 6; W. Grove, 7; J. J. Jones, 8. *Longest touch away from the tenor. †Longest touch with a bob bell. And on Sunday morning, May 18th, 658 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. E. Stone, 1; M. Brown, 2; C. W. Miller, 3; F. W. J. Rees, 4; J. Jones, 5; E. Heathorn, 6; F. Bennett (conductor), 7; E. Hart, 8. Also for evening service 559 Bob Major. E. Stone, 1; G. Croucher, 2; J. Jones, 3; F. W. J. Rees, 4; C. W. Miller, 5; E. Heathorn, 6; *M. Brown, 7; F. Bennett (conductor), 8. *First attempt at Major with a bob bell.

WITLEY (Surrey).—On Saturday, May 17th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), on the front six, being ten 6-scores, each called differently. W. Nash, 1; D. Ayling, 2; F. Bennett (conductor), 3; A. Ashdown, 4; G. Baker, 5; W. Moorey, 6. Longest length by all except the conductor, who hails from Guildford.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

HANLEY CASTLE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, May 25th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal (1260 changes), being four 6-scores of Plain Bob, and six and a-half of Grandsire, in 45 mins. A. Allen, 1; W. Tarling, 2; F. Lane, 3; A. Pitt, 4; R. G. Knowles (conductor), 5; W. Worthington, 6.

WOLLASTON.—On Monday, May 19th, at St. James's church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, in 23½ mins. C. Barrett, 1; G. H. Pagett, 2; H. Harris, 3; H. Dakin, 4; W. Fryer, 5; W. F. Harts-horne (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by the Association; the first by all the band, and on the bells.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Sunday morning, May 18th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Canterbury Pleasure Triples in 44 mins. J. Bennett, 1; J. Bennett, jun., 2; G. Salter, 3; T. Bennett, 4; W. H. Smith, 5; J. T. Salter (conductor), 6; J. Crane, 7; T. Walters, 8. Composed by A. E. Parsons. And on Monday, May 14th, 720 Double Stedman Slow Course Minor in 29 mins., being the first in the method on the bells. J. Bennett, 1; G. Salter, 2; W. H. Smith, 3; J. T. Salter, 4; J. Crane, 5; H. Williams (conductor), 6. Rung on the back six with the bells high, the striking being excellent throughout. First 720 in the method by the treble and fifth men. Tenor 30 cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGH WYCOMBE (Bucks).—On Wednesday, May 21st, at the parish church, a start was made for Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 35 mins., owing to the fourth clapper coming out. A. Kirby, 1; W. Whiffin, 2; J. C. Truss, jun., 3; E. Yates, 4; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 5; *E. W. Thompson, 6; A. W. Tubb, 7; F. Kirby and *R. James, 8. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the Rev. H. V. Brown, late senior curate of this parish. *Longest touch.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Thursday, May 15th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. H. Simmonds, 1; A. W. Pike, 2; J. Hands, 3; G. Essex, 4; H. Smith, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. And on Sunday morning, May 18th, before Divine Service, 720 Violet Treble Bob, standing as above. Also on Sunday evening, May 25th, after Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. *C. Foxell, 1; A. W. Pike, 2; J. Hands, 3; G. Essex, 4; H. Smith, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method.

DRAYTON (Berks).—On Monday, May 26th, eight members of the above Guild attempted Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but when within a few leads of the half-way single an error on the part of the conductor caused a collapse. C. Pocock (Whitchurch), 1; K. Payne (Oxford), 2; C. Foxell (Reading), 3; W. Lawrence (Whitchurch, conductor), 4; A. W. Pike (Caversham), 5; W. C. Baston (Oxford), 6; T. Short (Abingdon), 7; E. Nicholls (Pangbourne), 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BACUP.—On Sunday evening, April 20th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob (nine bobs). W. Ormerod, 1; Z. Lord, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; A. Chew, 4; A. White (conductor), 5; W. Smith, 6. On Sunday morning, May 4th, 720 in the same method (nine bobs). W. Smith, 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. A. Downing, 3; A. Chew, 4; A. White, 5; Z. Lord (conductor), 6. On Tuesday evening, May 13th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Ormerod, 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. L. Hardman, 3; A. Chew, 4; A. White, 5; Z. Lord (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, May 18th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Ormerod, 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. White (conductor), 3; A. Chew, 4; Z. Lord, 5; W. Smith, 6.

WALTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, May 18th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; R. Hurst, 3; H. N. Spinks, 4; T. R. Somerville, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by Messrs. Johnson, Kelly, Hurst and Spinks. Tenor 9 cwt.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Friday, May 2nd, a course of Union Triples. H. C. Frith (Trinity), 1-2; E. B. James (Caius), 3-4; H. L. James (Caius), 5-6; F. J. S. Pile (Sydney), 7-8. On Saturday, May 3rd, 288 Canterbury Pleasure Minor and a course of Forward Minor. E. B. James, 1-2; H. L. James (conductor), 3-4; C. F. Wedemeyer (Trinity), 5-6. On Friday, May 9th, 180 Double Court Bob Minor. Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (Trinity), 1-2; E. B. James, 3-4; H. L. James (conductor), 5-6. On Friday, May 16th, a course of Court Bob Triples. H. Drake (St. John's), 1-2; E. B. James, 3-4; H. L. James, 5-6; Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, 7-8. On Monday, May 19th, by the Caius members, two courses of Stedman Doubles. E. B. James, 1-2; H. L. James, 3-4; E. C. Taylor (first attempt at Stedman), 5-6. Also two courses of Stedman Triples. Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (Trinity), 1-2; E. B. James, 3-4; H. L. James, 5-6; *C. F. Wedemeyer (Trinity), 7-8. *First attempt at Stedman Triples. At the University church of St. Mary-the-Great, during April and May. A 6-score of Bob Doubles. *E. C. Taylor (Caius), 1; H. C. Frith (Trinity), 2; Rev. A. Boughey (Trinity), 3; E. B. James (Caius), 4; H. L. James (Caius), 5; C. F. Wedemeyer (Trinity), 6. *First 6-score on a tower bell. A course of Grandsire Minor. *G. Candler (Selwyn), 1; *H. Drake, 2; *E. C. Taylor, 3; *H. C. Frith, 4; E. B. James, 5; H. L. James, 6. *First course of Minor on a tower bell. Also four 6-scores of Bob Doubles, one of Grandsire, and a course of Stedman. E. C. Taylor, 1; H. C. Frith, 2; E. B. James, 3; H. L. James, 4; C. F. Wedemeyer, 5. Rang on Seage's apparatus.

HORNINGSEA (Cambs).—Recently, at the church of St. Peter, three 6-scores of Bob Doubles. E. C. Taylor, 1; C. F. Wedemeyer, 2; E. B. James, 3; H. C. Frith, 4; H. L. James, 5. Tenor 8 cwt.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday, May 25th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Bob Triples in 20 mins. C. Davies, 1; C. Prickett, 2; T. Collinson, 3; W. T. Bennett, 4; W. Freestone, 5; G. Watkins, 6; J. Morley (conductor), 7; J. Simmonds, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KILLMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, May 18th, at the parish church, 720 Violet Treble Bob, in 26 mins. H. Greaves, 1; G. Burnham, 2; J. Severn, 3; T. Bettison, 4; H. Madin, 5; C. Severn (conductor), 6. On Monday, May 19th, for practice, 720 Duke of York, in 25 mins. H. Taylor, 1; J. Severn, 2; J. Emsen, 3; T. Bettison, 4; G. Burnham, 5; *C. Severn (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all except the conductor. *First 720 as conductor, and is also the first 720 in the method by the local company for upwards of twenty years. H. Madin hails from Staveley.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Saturday, May 24th, at the parish church by the Beddington branch of the above Association, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Trappitt, 1; E. Bennett (conductor), 2; G. Welling, 3; J. Hartley, 4; J. Fayers, 5; J. Harding, 6; C. Bance, 7; C. Gordon, 8. And on Tuesday afternoon, May 27th, at St. Peter's church, after the funeral of J. S. Wright, Esq., the donor of four of the bells, the usual whole pull and stand, with the bells deeply muffled. And in the evening, 672 Grandsire Triples. W. O. Gammon, 1; W. C. Palmer, 2; A. E. Collins, 3; R. Richards, 4; A. Bruce, 5; C. H. Kitching, 6; H. Brooker (conductor), 7; B. Blake, 8. Also 756 Plain Bob Triples. W. C. Palmer, 1; H. Brooker (conductor), 2; A. Bruce, 3; R. Richards, 4; W. Sadler, 5; C. H. Kitching, 6; F. G. Hermon, 7; A. E. Collins, 8. And a touch of Canterbury Pleasure Triples, in which G. Burt rang the 5th.

BEDDINGTON (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, May 25th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 525 Stedman Caters. E. Bennett (conductor), 1; J. Plowman, jun., 2; J. Hartley, 3; J. Plowman, 4; G. Welling, 5; C. Bance, 6; J. Fayers, 7; J. Harding, 8; C. Gordon, 9; J. Trappitt, 10. And for evening service the same band rang a short touch of Treble Bob Royal; also 201 Stedman Caters, finishing the day's ringing with 359 Grandsire Caters. Also on Sunday morning, June 1st, for Divine Service, 449 Grandsire Caters. J. Trappitt, 1; J. Plowman, jun., 2; C. Matthews, 3; J. Plowman, 4; E. Bennett (conductor), 5; C. Bance, 6; J. Hartley, 7; J. Harding, 8; C. Gordon, 9; J. Broomsgrove, 10. And for afternoon service 270 Grandsire Caters conducted by J. Plowman, in which three members of the Carshalton company took part. And for evening service 502 Stedman Caters. E. Bennett (conductor), 1; J. Plowman, 2; J. Hartley, 3; G. Welling, 4; J. Trappitt, 5; C. Bance, 6; J. Fayers, 7; J. Harding, 8; C. Gordon, 9; J. Plowman, 10. After service 197 Grandsire Caters was rung.

THE ALLHALLOWS' SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, May 18th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire

Triples (composed by the Editor), in 45 mins. — Gibson (longest touch), 1; J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 2; T. C. Grove, 3; J. Puppelt, 4; J. Waghorn, 5; H. A. Barnett, 6; W. P. English, 7; H. Martin, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ELHAM (Kent).—On Friday, May 23rd, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). J. Prebble, 1; R. Andrews, 2; J. Andrews, 3; E. Bush, 4; A. Tanton, 5; F. Bush (conductor), 6. This was the conductor's eighteenth birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Saturday evening, May 10th, at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles, the singles occurring in the second and fifth parts), in 26 mins. T. Johnson, 1; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; J. Martin, 6. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells, also the first 720 in the method by Messrs. Kendrick, Griffiths, Wilcox and Martin. Wilson and Johnson hail from Walton (Lancashire); Martin from Liverpool. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qrs.

CAERLEON (Monmouthshire).—On Saturday, May 17th, at St. Cadoc's church, a date touch of 1890 Stedman Triples, in 1 hr. 5 mins. F. Green, 1; J. W. Jones, 2; R. Le Vescomte, 3; L. Stafford, 4; H. Shearn, 5; E. Davies, 6; F. E. Ward (composer and conductor), 7; T. Dean, 8. The above was rung after attempting Thurstan's peal.

CHRISTCHURCH (Hants).—On Monday, May 19th, at the Priory church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 32 mins., with 6-8 behind. D. Bagshot, 1; T. Best, 2; G. Preston (conductor), 3; S. Best, 4; A. Pearce, 5; A. Cox, 6; G. Leg, 7; H. Best, 8. Tenor 32 cwt. First 720 as conductor, and first 720 by all the band.

CRAYFORD (Kent).—On Sunday evening, May 18th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure on the back six in 25 mins. C. Wilkins, 1; G. Cook, 2; T. Saxby, 3; H. Gibbs, 4; G. Conyard, 5; E. Barnett (conductor), 6. The above is the first 720 in the method by the first four men.

EAST HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Tuesday evening, May 13th, at the parish church, 924 Grandsire Triples. J. Pether, 1; D. Napper, 2; F. Napper, 3; C. W. W. Allen, 4; J. F. Napper, 5; W. Napper (conductor), 6; E. E. Napper, 7; A. Woodley, 8.

ELMORE (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday morning, May 4th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, on the occasion of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese attending Divine Service, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. R. Prosser, 1; W. Ward, 2; T. Harmer (conductor), 3; R. Ellis, 4; H. Merrett, 5; H. Watts, 6. Also on Monday, April 26th, in honour of the wedding of Mr. H. Merrett, nine 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Ellis, 1; H. Watts, 2; T. Harmer (conductor), 3; R. Ellis, 4; D. Browning, 5; J. Prosser, 6. And five 6-scores. W. Prosser, 1; R. Ellis, 2; T. Harmer (conductor), 3; D. Browning, 4; R. Prosser, 5; J. Prosser, 6. Also three 6-scores. J. Prosser, 1; H. Watts, 2; T. Harmer, 3; R. Ellis, 4; R. Prosser, 5; *A. Merrett, 6. *Longest touch.

HALESOWEN (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, May 19th, at the church of St. John-the-Baptist, 336 Plain Bob Major. A. Lea (longest touch of Major), 1; H. Lea, 2; G. Cockin, 3; G. B. Raybould, 4; E. White, 5; E. Hackett, 6; H. Raybould, 7; R. A. Eaton (conductor), 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples, containing the first five parts of Mr. A. P. Heywood's No. 1 as a ten-part peal. H. Lea, 1; G. Cockin, 2; G. B. Raybould, 3; E. White, 4; R. A. Eaton, 5; E. Hackett, 6; H. Raybould (conductor), 7; M. Hackett, 8.

IPSWICH (Suffolk).—On Monday, May 26th, at St. Clement's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor. A. W. Holden (Mossley), 1; W. Blyth (Norwich), 2; F. Britton (Norwich), 3; T. Sadler (Witnesham), 4; H. Ball (Ipswich), 5; A. Ball (Ipswich), 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Sunday, May 25th, at St. Martin's church, 1056 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. J. Callaway, 1; T. Blackburn, 2; C. A. Clements, 3; S. Lawrence, 4; W. S. Wise, 5; A. P. Goddard, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 8. And at St. Thomas's church, 512 in the same method. A. J. Callaway, 1; A. P. Goddard, 2; C. A. Clements, 3; S. Lawrence, 4; T. Blackburn, 5; W. S. Wise, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 8. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Tuesday, May 27th, 1260 of Stedman Triples. W. S. Wise, 1-2; T. Blackburn, 3-4; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 5-6; W. W. Gifford, 7-8.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Tuesday, May 20th, at the Cathedral, 518 Grandsire Triples. E. R. Mitchell, 1; R. Weatherley (first 500), 2; E. Hull, 3; G. W. Cartmel (conductor), 4; J. W. Brewer, 5; W. H. Buckingham, 6; W. Battle, 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. Also on Wednesday, May 21st, on the occasion of a confirmation at the same place, 630 Grandsire Triples. E. Chapman, 1; J. E. Randall, 2; E.

R. Mitchell, 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; E. P. Debenham (conductor), 5; T. Waller, 6; W. Battle, 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. And on Monday, May 26th, the second half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. J. E. Randall, 1; E. Chapman (longest length with a bob bell), 2; S. Mitchell, 3; E. R. Mitchell, 4; H. Brewer, 5; W. H. Buckingham, 6; G. W. Cartmel (conductor), 7; H. L. Waddington, 8. And 168 with H. L. Waddington, 1.

LEYLAND (Lancashire).—On Thursday morning, May 29th, at the parish church, for Divine Service, being the village club day, 360 Plain Bob Minor. O. Worden (conductor), 1; T. Bowling, 2; R. Bowling, 3; H. Gregson, 4; W. Nelson, 5; J. Banister, 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. Also 180 in the same method, standing as before, with the exception of C. D. Pearce (Accrington), 4; and W. Maudsley (Preston), 5. And in the afternoon 360 and 720 London Single Bob. D. Worden (conductor), 1; T. Bowling, 2; W. Maudsley (Preston), 3; R. Bowling (St. James), 4; W. Nelson, 5; J. Banister, 6. Also on Sunday evening, June 1st, for Divine Service, 720 Victoria Treble Bob, in 27 mins. O. Worden (conductor), 1; T. Bowling, 2; J. Bretherton, 3; R. Bowling, 4; W. Nelson, 5; J. Banister (conductor), 6. Messrs. Bretherton and Bowling belong to St. James, Leyland.

SWANAGE (Dorset).—On Sunday morning, May 25th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 120 Stedman Doubles with 4-6-8 behind. G. White, 1; W. Middleton, 2; W. J. Bastable, 3; F. Holt, 4; L. H. Rose, 5; W. Brown, 6; G. Williams (conductor), 7; W. Lambert, 8. And on Monday, May 26th, 168 and 322 Grandsire Triples. G. Preston, 1; W. Middleton, 2; G. White, 3; W. Hardy, 4; G. Williams, 5; W. J. Bastable, 6; L. H. Rose (conductor), 7; A. Cox, 8. Messrs. Preston and Cox belong to the Christchurch company, which rang Grandsire Doubles and Minor during the afternoon.

TEWKESBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday morning, June 1st, for Divine Service at the Abbey, 770 Union Triples. H. Brown, 1; R. H. Witherington, 2; H. Roberts, 3; J. Hale, 4; J. Wathen, 5; T. Devereux, 6; Jos. Wathen (conductor), 7; W. Haines, 8.

TIPTON (Staffordshire).—On Monday, May 19th, at the parish church of St. Martin, 420 Stedman Triples. W. R. Small (conductor), 1; H. Mills, 2; J. Goodman, 3; J. George, 4; W. Micklewright, 5; S. Spittle, 6; S. Reeves, 7; W. Cooper, 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. S. Jesson, 1; A. H. Hill, 2; W. Cooper, 3; H. Mills, 4; S. Spittle (conductor), 5; J. George, 6; W. R. Small, 7; S. Reeves, 8. And 336 Bob Major. S. Reeves, 1; W. R. Small, 2; W. Cooper, 3; H. Mills, 4; J. Goodman, 5; S. Jesson, 6; S. Spittle, 7; W. Micklewright (conductor), 8. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. E. Goodreds, 1; H. Mills, 2; A. H. Hills, 3; J. Goodman, 4; S. Jesson, 5; W. Micklewright, 6; S. Spittle, 7; W. R. Small, 8. Messrs. Spittle, Micklewright, and Goodman hail from Dudley; Reeves and Cooper from West Bromwich; George from Rugby; the rest are members of the local company.

WILBURTON (Cambs).—On Monday, May 26th, the ringers of St. Mary's, Ely, rang 720 Bob Minor. A. Bearcock, 1; A. Pilgrim, 2; W. King, 3; Rev. J. R. Vincent, 4; W. Southerill, 5; A. Pilgrim (conductor), 6. The ringers were afterwards very hospitably entertained by the Vicar of the parish.

WIMBLEDON (Surrey).—On Tuesday, May 27th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins. H. Hall, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Hyde, 3; W. Cooley, 4; A. Garrott, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday morning, June 1st, for Divine Service, 720 Superlative Surprise in 26 mins. G. Hyde, 1; the rest as above. And on Monday, June 2nd, on the occasion of a Confirmation, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 360 Kent Treble Bob. G. Hyde, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Hyde, 3; W. Cooley, 4; A. Garrott, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. Also after the Confirmation 720 Woodbine Treble Bob in 26 mins., standing as above. And on Tuesday, June 3rd, for practice, 180 Bob Minor. G. Hyde, 1; B. A. Heather, 2; C. Hyde, 3; R. Moss, 4; A. Garrott, 5; S. Frost, 6. Also 120 Kent Treble Bob. J. Fayers, 5; R. Moss, 6; the rest as above. And 360 Cambridge Surprise. *J. Fayers, 1; R. Moss, 2; C. Hyde, 3; W. Cooley, 4; A. Garrott, 5; S. Frost (conductor), 6. H. Hall hails from Loddon, Norfolk; J. Fayers and B. A. Heather from Mitcham, Surrey.

WOLVERHAMPTON (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, May 31st, at St. Peter's church, an attempt was made to ring Mr. James Bruerton's twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, but it came to grief after ringing 3120 changes in 2 hrs. 3 mins. J. Harper, 1; J. Appleby, 2; B. Dalton, 3; S. Dace, 4; W. Johnson (conductor), 5; W. Pardoe, 6; J. Adams, 7; J. Pardoe, 8. Messrs. Johnson, Dace, Adams, and Appleby hail from Willenhall; Dalton from Tettenhall; W. Pardoe from Tipton; Harper and J. Pardoe are local men.

WORTH (Sussex).—On Sunday, June 1st, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Streeter, 1; R. Jordan, 2; J. Parker, 3; E. Streeter, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And 720 College Exercise, standing as before. Also 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. B. Payne, 1; R. Jordan, 2; J. Parker, 3; F. Rice, 4; G. Illman, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. R. Jordan hails from Capel.

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."

WHY RINGERS AND RINGING ARE NOT APPRECIATED.

SIR,—In your last issue the Rev. T. L. Papillon brought before your readers this important question, which is one I am sorry to admit is too true. I intended some time ago to broach the same question in your columns, but I am glad that a worthier pen than mine has taken it up, and one with more experience. At the last annual meeting of the Hertfordshire Association, the same regrettable circumstance occurred, namely, only a few going to the service, others coming in late. I ask, is this doing common justice or showing proper respect to the clergyman who conducts the service? Are all the pains he takes to prepare his sermon (which is entirely different to the ordinary course of discourses), to be preached only to a mere handful of men? Is it encouraging to any man after hard study to find his energies are simply wasted? In reading the report of the Essex Annual Meeting, I found the words "The service, however, was but poorly attended, and most of those who were present arrived late." And a little further on I read that about 110 sat down to dinner; no mention of late attendance. I consider that the Whit Monday proceedings have cast a stigma on the Association, and I appeal to ringers of that body to remove it at once (when the first opportunity occurs) and show to the public that they are Church workers in its truest sense of the word. The same complaint reaches me from Brighton, and I have no doubt that the energetic secretary of the Sussex Association will have something to say on the subject. Ringers must remember that they are subservient to the Clergy, and that without their sympathy and aid change-ringing would soon go to the dogs, for the fact must not be lost sight of that while they are in charge of their livings the bells are under their control. So in this selfish light alone it is incumbent on all ringers to support their Clergy. I must now conclude, thanking you Mr. Editor, in anticipation of your inserting these few lines.

St. Albans.

G. W. CARTMEL.

A CAUTION.

SIR,—In your last week's issue of "THE BELL NEWS" there is a report of a peal rung at the Church of St. Helen, Cliffe, Kent, and in the foot-note it is stated to be the second peal rung upon the bells. I beg to say this is not so; it is quite true as stated that a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung there in the year 1866, it is also quite true that the first peal was rung upon those bells on the 26th of December 1862, and that peal was Stedman Triples. This may prevent another error with regard to first peals, as our Kentish friends might think of going to the same church for the first peal of Stedman, Forest Gate, E.

SAMUEL HAYES.

PEALS RUNG BY THE LATE JAMES RUDD OF DISS.

Date.	Method.	Changes	H.M.	Where rung
1. Jan. 9, 1858	Bob Major	5040	3-15	Redenhall
2. July 26, 1858	Oxford Treble Bob Major	5088	3-3	Southwold
3. Mar. 23, 1860	Oxford Treble Bob Major	10,080	6-25	Redenhall
4. Mar. 18, 1865	Bob Major	5040	3-15	Eye
5. Feb. 26, 1866	Oxford Treble Bob Major	6240*	4-3	Diss
6. July 27, 1867	Bob Major	10,080	5-36	Kenninghall
7. Nov. 18, 1868	Bob Major	5040	3-13	Diss
8. Feb. 16, 1869	Grandsire Triples	5040	3-4	Diss
9. June 14, 1869	Oxford Treble Bob Major	7360	4-10	Kenninghall
10. Feb. 5, 1870	Bob Triples	5040	3-10	Eye
11. May 26, 1870	Kent Treble Bob Major..	5120	3-6	Kenninghall
12. Mar. 14, 1871	Oxford Treble Bob Major	10,176	6-20	Kenninghall
13. July 18, 1871	Oxford Treble Bob Major	5120	3-12	West Tofts
14. Mar. 14, 1872	Oxford Treble Bob Major	5120*	3-6	Framsden
15. June 26, 1872	Oxford Treble Bob Major	5120	3-6	Kenninghall
16. Mar. 14, 1874	Oxford Treble Bob Major	5120*	3-4	Kenninghall
17. Oct. 4, 1875	Oxford Treble Bob Major	5120	3-14	Eye
18. May 6, 1876	Kent Treble Bob Major..	5088	3-40	Eye
19. Nov. 27, 1876	Kent Treble Bob Major..	5088*	3-20	Diss
20. Dec. 17, 1877	Oxford Treble Bob Major	7040*	4-45	Diss
21. Jan. 5, 1878	Kent Treble Bob Major..	5280	3-38	Eye
22. Mar. 6, 1878	Bob Major	5040	3-15	Diss
23. May 19, 1879	Kent Treble Bob Major..	5184	3-27	Diss
24. Nov. 24, 1879	Bob Major	5040	3-16	Diss
25. Feb. 7, 1880	Kent Treble Bob Major..	5024	3-19	Diss
26. Feb. 9, 1880	Kent Treble Bob Major..	5088	3-19	Diss
27. Mar. 29, 1880	Oxford Treble Bob Major	5088	3-20	Diss
28. Jan. 10, 1881	Oxford Treble Bob Major	5088	3-18	Diss

Those marked thus * were conducted by Mr. Rudd.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is One Penny per line (seven words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

Yorkshire Association.—The next General Meeting will be held at Skipton, to-day, Saturday, June 7th. Ring of (8) at the parish church, at disposal all day. The Local Sec. is Mr. Wm. Billows, 21, Primrose Hill, Skipton.

BEN. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*
3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

Lancashire Association of 6-Bell Ringers.—The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Eccleston, to-day, Saturday, June 7th. Tower open for ringing from 1 o'clock. Business meeting in the Schoolroom at 4.30. Tea at 5.30 at the "Brown Cow" Inn.

JAMES HIGSON, *Sec.*

211, New Street, Blackrod.

Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Helmshore, to-day, Saturday, June 7th, 1890. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Meeting at 5.30 p.m.

JOHN SHEPHERD, *Branch Sec.*

Esther Place, Bacup.

Society of Trinity Youths.—108th Anniversary.—The Annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's church, Lewisham, to-day, Saturday, June 7th. Towers of St. John's, Deptford, and St. Mary's, Lewisham, open for ringing from 3 to 5.30 p.m. Tea (9d. each), at the National Schools, Lewisham, at 6 p.m. Short service with address by Canon Legge at 7.30. Business Meeting, 8.15. Members who have not yet paid their subscriptions for the current year, are requested to do so without delay. St. Mary's, Woolwich, open for practice every third Tuesday in the month at 8 p.m.

FREDK. W. THORNTON, *Hon. Sec.*

109, King George St., Greenwich.

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Houghton, to-day, Saturday, June 7th. Belfry open at 2.30. Tea at 5.30. 1/2 each.

JAMES HORROCKS, *Branch Sec.*

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Saxmundham District.—The first meeting will be held at Kelsale, to-day, Saturday, June 7th. Members and friends cordially invited. Tower open at 5.30. Meeting at 6.30.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Hon. District Sec.*

East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ault Hucknall, to-day, Saturday, June 7th, time of meeting 5.30 prompt.

JNO. JAS. COOK.

Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Canterbury, on Tuesday, June 10th. Tower will be open for ringing at 3.45 p.m. ALFRED FOREMAN, *Local Hon. Sec.*

Midland Counties' Association.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, June 7th, at Rudington. Belfry open at 3 o'clock.

A. LAMBERT, *Local Sec.*

10, Chilwell Street, Lenton Boulevard.

Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.—The next meeting will be held at Kidderminster, on Saturday, June 14th. The bells of St. Mary's will be at the disposal of members during the afternoon. Meeting in the Chantry at 6 p.m. The Committee will meet at 5 p.m.

JOHN SMITH.

37, Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

Kent County Association.—The Eleventh Annual General Meeting will be held at Maidstone on Monday, June 23rd. Ringing to cease at 11.45 a.m. Service at All Saints' church, with address by the Vicar of Maidstone at 12, followed by Committee Meeting. Dinner at 1.30 at All Saints' Schools. The usual business after dinner, and in addition, an election of four representatives on the Central Council. Proposal to adopt a more suitable certificate (Mr. Haigh, Gillingham). In Rule 10 (a) to strike out the word "collect" and substitute "receive" (Hon. Sec.) Presentation to the Rev. R. B. Knaichbull-Hugessen. Applications for dinner tickets and reduced fares should be made to the Hon. Sec., as early as possible. Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due, and if not already paid, they should accompany such applications.

EDWARD W. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

Bobbing Vicarage, Sittingbourne.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Tanfield Opening.—The opening of the new peal of six at Tanfield, will take place on Saturday, June 21st. Service at 5.30 p.m. Members of the above intending to be present are requested to advise the Secretary not later than Friday the 13th inst. Refreshments will be provided. Train leaves Newcastle at 2.35 p.m. for Rowlands Gill (3 miles from Tanfield). Arrangements will be made if possible for a break to meet that train.

THE JOHNSON MEMORIAL.—Members of the above association who wish to subscribe to the Johnson Memorial, are requested to forward their subscriptions to the Secretary as early as possible, to enable him to forward them to head quarters at an early date. N.B.—Any member who has not received a copy of the last report is requested to communicate with the Hon. Secretary.

L. NEWTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Earls House, Durham.

Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next usual meeting will be held at Halewood, near Liverpool, on Saturday, June 14th, (8 bells). Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting in School-room at 6 p.m.

RICHARD HILL, *Branch Sec.*

78, Cemetery Road, Southport.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 14th, at Christ Church, Barlow Moor Road, Withington. Ringing to commence at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock.

JOHN EACHUS, *Branch Sec.*

3, Hayden Street, Queen's Road, Manchester.

Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting to be held at Middleton Parish church, on Saturday, June 14th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting after tea. The Rector will preside, and a free tea will be given to all members of the Association who send in not later than Wednesday, June 11th, to Mr. John Cheetham, Union Street, Middleton. Tea at 5 p.m.

FRANK BIRTWISTLE, *Hon. Branch Sec.*

Herts Association.—District Meeting will be held at Baldock, on Saturday, June 21st. Further particulars next week.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

REV. H. A. COCKEY, H. W. TOMKINS, and others: next week.

J. SHEPHERD.—In future kindly write on one side the paper only, and keep each matter distinct.

Compositions.

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TWO PEALS OF UNION TRIPLES,

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5040.

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5040.

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3 7 4 5 6 2 - -

3 4 2 5 6 7 - -

Five times repeated, bob for single at end of the third and sixth parts.

TREASURES OF THE DEEP.—Few folk have have any notion of the patience that is demanded of all scientific men who go in for the work of thorough investigation. This is especially the case in deep-sea explorations, for the difficulty is enormous of finding out how many living creatures are contained in a given quantity of sea water. It needs about sixty-four hours of close work to ascertain the result of a take from the Baltic, for example, while an ocean take, being much richer in animal life, requires almost twice as long.—From "Little Folks" Magazine for June.

Obituary.

RICHARD M. PRATT.

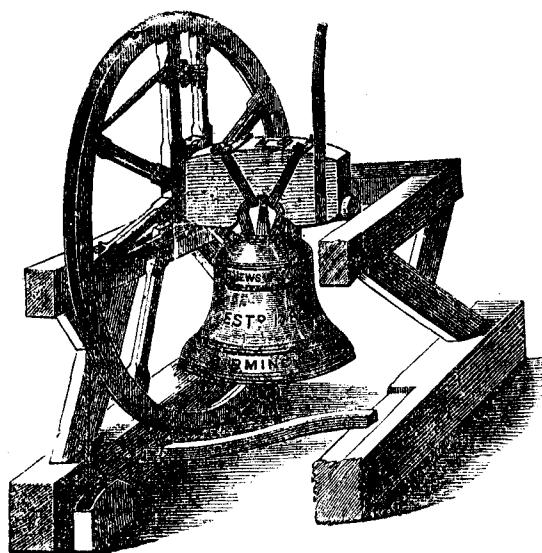
It is with the deepest sorrow and regret that we have to record the demise of Richard M. Pratt, of St. Albans, at the early age of twenty-five years. Although deceased had been suffering from ill-health for the past twelve months, his death came very suddenly. On Wednesday, the 21st of May, deceased was seized with a fit of coughing, during which a blood-vessel gave way, but in a day or two he rallied and was able to get down stairs. So greatly did he improve in health that a journey to Oxford, on a visit to his sister, was in contemplation. But it was not to be, for on the following Tuesday morning, before daybreak, God called him into His eternal rest, the members of his family just reaching his bed-side before he expired. The deceased was by trade a printer, and for the past two years had been in business on his own account; and during that short space had gathered together a good connection; but too much hard work, and the catching of a violent cold during the performance of the same, proved too much for his constitution. The funeral took place on Saturday, 31st May, in St. Peter's Churchyard, and was numerously attended. Between forty and fifty Oddfellows preceded the coffin to the church, the local Volunteers marching behind the mourners; members of the Cathedral and St. Peter's Societies also following. On the body being taken into Church, the organist played very effectively "O rest in the Lord," and as a concluding voluntary, the "Dead March" in *Saul*. The Ven. Archdeacon Lawrence, Rector of St. Albans Abbey, performed the burial rites, and the Rev. Brother G. H. P. Glossop read the Oddfellows' Service. In his decease the local lodges of Oddfellows lose an indefatigable brother, whose best services were ever directed towards the furtherance of the cause. He had passed the degrees in the "Loyal Lord Bacon" Lodge, and had taken a very prominent part in the formation of the "Loyal Alban" Lodge, of which he was the first N.G. He was also a Lance-Corporal in the St. Albans corps of Volunteers, which he joined in 1880. He had also gained a reputation

as a change-ringer, being at the time of his death a member of the St. Albans Cathedral Society, (the members of whom greatly deplore his loss), the Herts and Essex Associations and the College Youths. His change-ringing career commenced with the St. Peter's Society, which he subsequently left and joined the Cathedral Society. His list of peals was not heavy, but this is accounted for by health not permitting him; however, he had rung two handbell peals from 7-8 (Grandsire Triples), a Stedman Triples peal on the tower bells, and several other peals. As a steady ringer and a good striker, his help will be greatly missed by the young band at the Cathedral. The grave was literally one mass of flowers, wreaths being sent from the St. Peter's and Cathedral ringing Societies, the Oddfellows, Volunteers, and many other friends. The St. Peter's ringers rang at the conclusion of the service a half-muffled 1330 of Grandsire Triples, and the Cathedral bells were similarly rung for two hours during the evening, for the first hour by the old Abbey ringing society, (a call-change company which existed previous to the present change-ringing company, to which deceased belonged,) and afterwards by the Cathedral Society, the whole pull and stand finishing the melancholy task ringers perform over their departed brethren.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

The band of lady ringers at this town, who are under the tuition of Mr. F. Pitstow, rang upon the tower bells rounds and call-changes in honor of Her Majesty's birthday. We imagine it is the first time in history that a peal of Church bells has been rung by a band of the fair sex.

CORRECTIONS.—The peal rung at Great Marlow, on Monday, May the 12th, was by eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and it should have been announced that it was a Guild peal. The ringer of the 8th in the peal of Caters rung at Worcester, on Whit Monday, was "Reuben Hall," not "John Hall," as announced.



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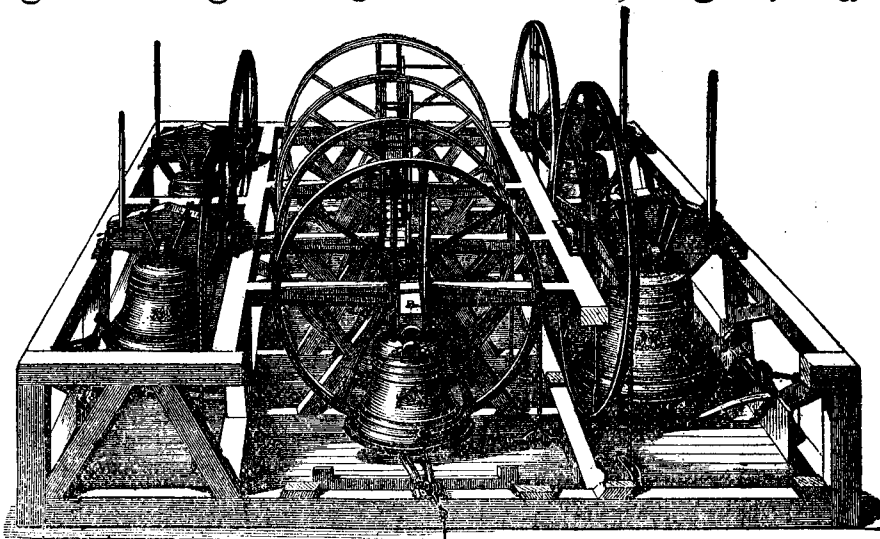
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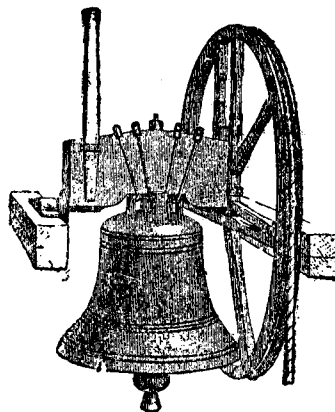
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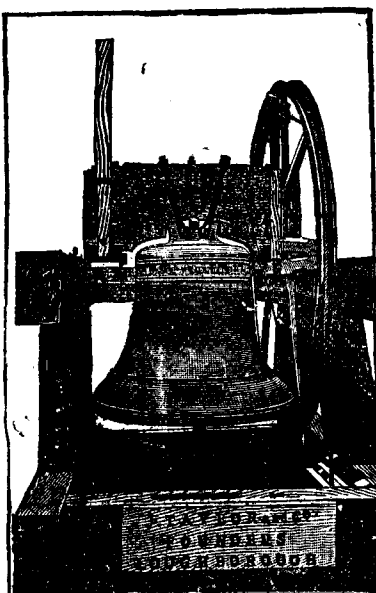
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