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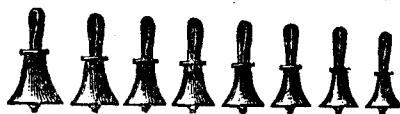
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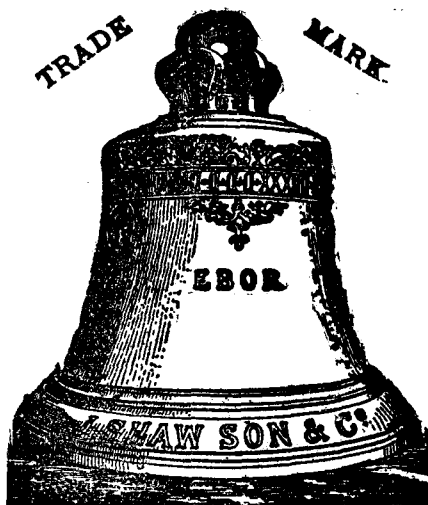
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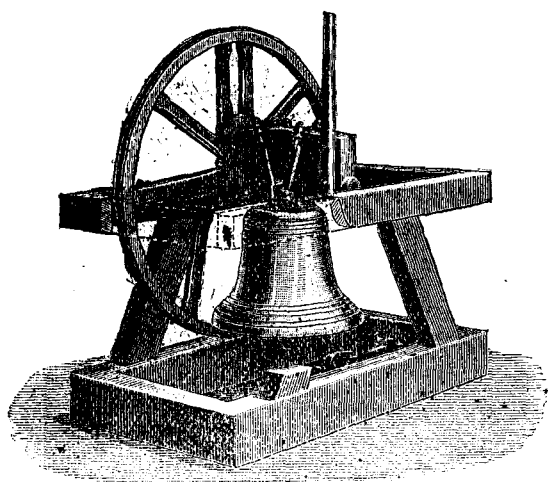
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MR. WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE, OF IPSWICH.

[Vide Portrait.]

MR. WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE was born at Ipswich on March 31st, 1849, and first learnt to raise a bell at St. Mary Key, Ipswich, in 1864, during the time the church of St. Mary-le-Tower was being re-built, and upon the opening of the latter bells became one of the volunteer chimers. In 1868 he was presented by one of the members of the choir (to which he has belonged for about twenty-five years) with Hubbard's 3rd edition on ringing, but he made no further advance in the art till 1876, when the St. Mary-le-Tower society was reformed (before which the bells remained silent for several months), when he was asked to become a member of the society. Owing to some three or four of the older members thinking there were too many learners, and wanting to retain the affairs in their own hands, and who left the society at the commencement of 1877, the younger members were forced to make some progress or give way to those that had left. Great credit is due to Messrs. Bowell, Reeve, and Prentice, for adhering to the fortunes of the society during that critical period, the result of their labours being manifest by the advance made by MR. CATCHPOLE in company with those bearing such well-known names as Alexander, Pemberton, and the late Wm. Kemp, who also joined the society at the same time. MR. CATCHPOLE's career may be taken to indicate the general progress of the society. The first 504 of Grandsire Triples by the society as re-organised, was rung on the following Easter Monday in the same year. The first attempt at a peal by MR. CATCHPOLE was made at Harwich in company with his old staunch friend, Mr. E. Horrex, of London, who was also a good adviser to the society at that time, but eventually he rang his first peal, which was one of Oxford Treble Bob Major, at Framsdon, on August 3rd, 1878, conducted by Mr. D. Prentice. MR. CATCHPOLE joined the College Youths in September 1878, since which time he has rung sixty-five peals in the following methods:

5200 upon 5 bells.
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 Grandsire Triples, 6—conducted 1.
 „ Caters, 5—conducted 1.
 „ Cinques, 2—conducted 2.
 Stedman Triples, 2—conducted 1.
 „ Caters, 4—conducted 2.
 „ Cinques, 3—conducted 1.
 Plain Bob Major, 2—conducted 1.
 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 6—conducted 2.
 „ „ „ Royal, 2—conducted 1.
 Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2—conducted 1.
 „ „ „ Royal, 1.
 „ „ „ Maximus, 1.
 Kent Treble Bob Major, 7—conducted 1.
 „ „ „ Royal, 6—conducted 4.
 „ „ „ Maximus, 13—conducted 5.

In the above are included one of Grandsire Triples, two of Grandsire Caters, one of Plain Bob Major, and one of Kent Treble Bob Major on handbells. The Double Norwich Court Bob Major includes 8064, the longest length at the time, and 6608, the late Mr. Haley's celebrated peal, the extent with the tenors together, being the only time this peal has been rung.

The subject of our memoir is very popular in the Eastern Counties, and shares with Mr. J. Motts, the work of conducting in the Ipswich company. He, in addition to being an accomplished conductor, is a composer of no mean capability.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—MEETING AT BATTLE.

The first of these pleasant gatherings at Battle, the most eastern branch in the county, was held on Monday, August 4th, and attended by between thirty and forty members. On the arrival at Hastings of a detachment from Brighton and Eastbourne, a four-horse waggonette was ready to convey them through the picturesque scenery to Battle, and the parish church was reached at eleven o'clock. Mr. Mather, the local secretary, and other members of the Battle branch, were present to welcome the visitors, and the bells were immediately started to the tune of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, the longest touches attempted during the day being 504's of each method. The bells are a fine peal of eight, with a tenor of 23 cwt., and have recently been rehung and the 7th recast. All is satisfactory excepting the "go" of the 6th, 7th, and 8th, which require further attention before one man could ring either of them through a peal of Triples or Major. A special choral service was kindly arranged and taken by the Dean of Battle, and was well attended. Luncheon took place at "The Chequers," and a business meeting followed, when in addition to the election of honorary and active members, it was unanimously resolved that the next eight-bell East Sussex district meeting should be held at Ringmer. Votes of thanks to the Dean and Churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local secretary for making the necessary arrangements, concluded the meeting. Through the thoughtful kindness of the Dean, permission had been obtained for the whole of the ringers to visit and inspect the interesting and historic mansion, grounds, and ruins of Battle Abbey, erected by William the Conqueror after the battle of Hastings.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 26th, the quarterly meeting of the Guild was held at Christ Church, Aughton, and was well attended, over 40 ringers being present. The bells were open for ringing at 3 p.m. and several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung until 4.30 p.m., when a short service was held in the church and was well attended by ringers. Special hymns for the occasion were sung and a good and practical address delivered by the Rector, and was listened to with rapt attention by all the ringers present. After service an excellent tea was provided through the kindness of Mr. W. L. Hutton, one of the wardens of Christ Church, after which the Rev. W. T. Bulpit proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Hutton for his kindness, and to the Rector for allowing the use of the schoolroom. At the business meeting the rector (who occupied the chair) said he had great pleasure in welcoming them there that day. The art of bell ringing was one in which he was much interested, in fact he learned to ring before many in that room were born. It had always been his hope and longing that some day he should be rector of a parish where there were eight bells, in order that he might take part in a full peal, but unfortunately before he had attained that position a misfortune on the ice had put that wish aside, as he had sustained an injury to his arms. He would gladly become a life member of the Guild. The Rev. W. L. Bulpit then read the minutes of the last meeting which were confirmed. Mr. W. Bentham then read the following report, which stated that since the formation of the Guild, successful meetings have been held at several places and the Guild heartily welcomed, and although the Guild had only been in existence for the short space of five months, yet there had joined 3 life members, 16 honorary members, and 87 performing members, making a total of 106 members, which the committee considered most encouraging; there was also a balance in hand of over £7 which did not include the balance in hand of the Benevolent Fund. There had joined as honorary members several working men, as they were unable to comply with the latter portion of the second rule, and rather than be disappointed they joined as honorary members. The report having been adopted, the Change Ringers' Mutual Benefit Society was considered, Mr. Martin thoroughly explaining his scheme, which was well received by the ringers and heartily approved of by them, and after a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding and also for the use of the bells and schoolroom, a very pleasant meeting was brought to a close. Several excellent touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung.

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SUPPLEMENT TO "THE BELL NEWS"

THE CONSTRUCTION OF PEALS OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

XI.

THE PRINCIPLES OF TWIN-BOB COMPOSITION.—Continued.

By A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

The twelve "q" sets covering the obligations of the whole of the five-part table F (article No. X), may be conveniently arranged as in the following table:—

TABLE G.

THE "q" SETS OF THE FIVE-PART TABLE F.

S	L	H	Q
1, 7	11, 3	1, 4	7, 2
2, 8	12, 4	2, 3	8, 1
3, 12	9, 5	5, 6	12, 11
4, 11	10, 6	7, 8	3, 4
5, 6	2, 1	9, 11	5, 10
9, 10	7, 8	10, 12	6, 9

Each of the six lines under the heading SL contains a "q" set, as does also each line under HQ. The headings S, L, H, Q, denote the positions in each block to which the figures under them respectively refer, and the prefixing of a separate letter to each figure, as heretofore, is thus avoided. Taking as an example the first line, we find 1, 7 under S and 11, 3 under L. Here 1, 7 are the two S positions that interlock with one another, while 11, 3 under L are the two L positions that interlock with one another and cross-interlock with S 1, 7. As already stated, if S 1, 7 be bobbed, L 11, 3 must be plained, and *vice versa*. The mode of pricking peals by figures was explained and illustrated by a figured touch in article VIII, and I then said that the way to obtain the figures representing the consecutive shunts effected by the bobs would be explained later. This is accomplished by means of table G.

In connecting what follows with the reasoning of article VIII, it must be remembered that we are now dealing with a different table of P blocks to the one there referred to, and as a consequence the same figures do not apply to the same courses as then. In the figured notation the first line under the annexed heading S H L Q represents any one of the five P blocks in line 1 of table F, and the fact that 1 appears under each heading shews that throughout the course there is no shunt, and that therefore the whole of this block is used up. In the second line H and L are bobbed.

S	H	L	Q
1	1	1	1
1	4	12	12

So far I am only repeating what has already been explained. Now, however, it must be noticed that the shunt, by bobbing H, from block 1 to block 4 may be found from the "q" set in table G which includes H 1. That is to say, the figures 1, 4 in this "q" set not only denote the two Hs that interlock but also the block into which the course will be shunted by a bob at this position. Thus, being in block 1, if we bob H we are shunted into block 4. If we had been, before the bob, in block 4 we should be shunted into block 1. That, in any pair of direct interlocking members of a "q" set, one should represent the bob shunt from the other is a *sequitur* from "q" set construction. The use of transposing scales is thus avoided, so far as concerns pricking the course-ends representing the four individual positions in a course.

Let us now take, as an example to shew the manner in which I propose to prick and prove peals, Thurstans' well-known quarter-peal, which is a five-part touch consisting of three courses four times repeated. Before commencing to prove a five-part peal or touch we must see whether the 6th is at home at the part-ends, otherwise it must be transposed so as to bring that bell into the required position, or the five-part table of P blocks, F, will not apply. In the quarter-peal in question no transposition is required. To make the procedure more intelligible, the calling and course-ends are added on the right of the figured pricking. Below are the "q" sets involved, with their respective halves headed B or P according as they require to be bobbed or plained.

PROOF OF THURSTANS' QUARTER-PEAL.

S	H	L	Q	S	H	L	Q	2	3	1	4	5	6
7	7	8	8	x	x			2	4	6	3	5	1
2	3	3	4	x	x	x		4	3	2	5	6	1
4	1	1	1		x			3	4	2	5	1	6

THE "q" SETS INVOLVED.

B	S	P	L	P	H	B	Q
1, 7		11, 3		7, 8		3, 4	
2, 8		12, 4		1, 4		7, 2	
5, 6		2, 1					
P	S	B	L	B	H	P	Q
4, 11		10, 6		2, 3		8, 1	
9, 10		7, 8					

Starting from 231456 the bob at S shunts the course to block 7. We therefore place 7 under the heading S. This settles the treatment of the first "q" set, viz.: that S 1 must come up bobbed and L 11, 3 plain, should they happen to occur further on. We write, as above, this set under the heading BS, PL (bob S, plain L). As there is no bob at H we still keep in the same block and write 7 under H; this involves PH 8 and BQ 3, 4. The bob at L shunts the course from block 7 to block 8, and involves BL 7 and PS 9, 10. The Q being plain, the course-end will still remain in block 8 and involve PQ 1 and BH 2, 3. The remaining two courses must be treated in the same way, but after the first course it is necessary to be on the look out for positions of which the bobbing or plaining has been already fixed by previous "q" sets. For instance, in the second course, H is bobbed because the plaining of Q in the first course involved the bobbing of H 2, 3. Again, the following L must be plained, for the bobbing of S in the first course involved the plaining of L 11, 3. In these cases we have no fresh "q" set to write down as we are absorbing members of sets already noted.

Since the first part of the touch thus in no way contravenes "q" set requirements, and no figure appears more than once in any one of the columns S, H, L, Q, the touch is true in all its five parts. It will be well to notice that, although we have only dealt with a quarter-peal, yet the treatment of eight of the twelve "q" sets has been fixed. Thus, supposing it was intended to continue the composition to a whole peal, the advance is confined within very narrow restrictions, for only four "q" sets remain unfixed, and when one member of each of these has been introduced no further discretionary power remains, for every subsequent step is rigidly defined. From these considerations it is apparent that, in attempting to compose a peal, the pricking of four or five courses will usually shew whether the effort will end in success or failure.

"THE CUMBERLANDS" AT HUNTINGDON.

Considerable interest was manifested by the townspeople of Huntingdon in the proposed visit of members of this society, an event shadowed forth by the following announcement in the *Hunts County News*:—

"A CAMPANOLOGICAL TREAT.—A party of the Royal Cumberland Society, London, will visit this town and will ring peals on the bells of St. Mary's church, on Saturday evening and Monday morning. They will also ring for the ordinary services on Sunday."

Fortunately the reporter's prophecy—"will ring peals"—was actually fulfilled, and on the usual pages of this journal (in last week's issue) the reports of two very successful performances appeared, and happily for the numerous listeners, accomplished at the time stated.

The determination to visit Huntingdon arose through the remarks of the Editor calling attention to the scarcity of good ringing in this and the adjoining county of Rutland—remarks which the writer can thoroughly endorse—coupled with the fact that an able Cumberland (Mr. Sinkins) had recently established himself in Huntingdon, and was anxious to there receive a deputation of his brother-members.

The first five of those who achieved the first peal at Huntingdon hailed from the town of Slough, the rest of the visitors from London, the latter including Messrs. H. Dains, G. Newson, W.

Baron, and H. S. Thomas. The liberality of the Mayor and many other Huntingdon permitted of the chief expenses being defrayed. The courtesy of the Vicar and Churchwardens, and the assistance of Mr. Kay as steeplekeeper, was duly felt and appreciated.

By an early train on Saturday a man in advance, encumbered with a bag of eight bellropes, was conveyed to Huntingdon for the express purpose of examining the bells and fittings. He with local assistance made all careful and necessary arrangements for a successful issue. The other members of the band arrived at four o'clock, somewhat late owing to the amount of holiday traffic. On the completion of the peal an hour was spent in handbell ringing, and at the eleventh hour "Bedfordshire" was discussed, not without a few subdued jokes and sundry friendly diversions as to the pairing off of the men. In the morning several articles of apparel were either "lost, stolen, or strayed."

On Sunday the bells were rung in touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, for Divine Service in the morning and evening. The Vicar and Mr. Churchwarden Cummins kindly visited the belfry in the evening. Sunday afternoon, was spent by various individuals according to their own desires, the majority making it one of "rest." Mr. Sinkins kindly entertained the visitors at his residence to dinner and tea.

Bank holiday morning at 9 a.m., the first change of a peal of Major was commenced and luckily accomplished in the allotted time—thanks to the extra exertions of the tenor man by increasing the speed of ringing. A wedding ceremony, appointed at 12 o'clock being concluded, a touch was rung with Mr. H. S. Thomas on the 6th, afterwards an adjournment was made to the Fountain Hotel, and the whole band sat down to dinner, Mr. Thomas in the chair. A select company of "four" prominent ringers, (father and sons), visited the mother church of All Saints, and rang the "twenty-fours" on a set of four bells much in need of restoration and additional bells. Tune playing, double handed handbell ringing, and farewell glances round the town soon brought the time for departure near, and at 7.30 the reserved compartment of a King's Cross train was filled with homeward bound representatives of this distinguished society of change-ringers.

A Directory of Huntingdon published in 1854, on p. 290, gives particulars of Godmanchester bells; no means exist of proving the accuracy of the paragraph, which seems to suggest that it may not have been a true peal—that something of the kind was done, but was only perpetuated by hearsay evidence. Can any reader give me information concerning it?

Godmanchester which is in close proximity to the Borough of Huntingdon, was to have been visited also; however the bells were not touched owing to a severe illness near the church. The Vicar, the Rev. H. Chamberlain, M.A., has generously promised to receive the society as soon as can conveniently be arranged.

The two paragraphs here reprinted concerning the two peals of eight will conclude this report of one of the most successful and interesting visitations of the Cumberland Society.

"GODMANCHESTER.—The church is dedicated to St. Mary. In the tower is an excellent set of eight melodious and sweet toned bells, cast from the original ones (5 in number) in 1794, by Thomas Osborn, of Downham, Norfolk. The new bells were opened on 6th May, 1795, by the Cambridge and Soham ringers, who further celebrated their erection by ringing upon them a peal of 5780 changes in 3 hrs. and a half."

"HUNTINGDON, (St. Mary's).—The tower, which is at the west end, . . . Contains a peal of five bells, the best of which is the tenor, cast by Joseph Eyre, of St. Neots. Round this bell is inscribed: "I E S. Neots, fecit, 1757, Labour ipse voluptus, utile dulci: "which may be translated "Labour itself is a pleasure. Let what is useful be united with what is delightful." Another bell is inscribed: "Thomas Norris cast me 1652."

About 12 years ago Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, erected a new frame, increased the peal to eight, provided new fittings, etc. Since that time the town has not been fortunate enough to raise a company of change ringers. It is to be hoped that this deficiency will not long continue after the events here chronicled.

W. H. F.

* * * Several reports of meetings and touches are unavoidably left over until next week.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

On Monday, July 28th, the above branch of the Sussex County Association arranged to have their annual outing, the place selected being Eastbourne, where they had obtained permission to ring at the following churches: St. Mary's, All Saints, and Christ Church, respectively. Eight of the members started on Sunday, July 27th so as to make the most of their time in visiting the various places of interest. Arriving at Eastbourne at ten o'clock they were met by Mr. Thomas Hart, of the St. Mary's band, who at once conducted them to All Saints' church, where they rang a touch of Grandsire Triples for morning service. Afterwards they took a stroll along the beach, and then the inner man was attended to. This part of the proceedings neither of the party appreciated much. This being over they visited St. Mary's church and rang a touch or two for afternoon service, when the vicar, the Rev. —. Ottley, came into the belfry and said how pleased he always was to welcome ringers to his church, and kindly wished to be remembered to the Rev. R. Bowcott and Mr. Burstow, as he could not stay to see them on Monday, having to return to London by an early train. The party then took a walk to Beachey Head with Messrs. Hart and Huggett. Getting back again some of them visited All Saints for evening service, while Mr. Chandler went to Christ Church and conducted 504 Grandsire Triples with that band. Before parting on Sunday night they arranged to start for a peal the next morning before the others arrived, but some of them not feeling inclined for a peal when the morning came, it fell through. Taking a walk along the beach they began to want their breakfast. Finding a tavern the proprietor asked if they wanted serving, which he found right well they did, especially one taking extras to the others. By this time the others had arrived, seven in number, when they at once proceeded to St. Mary's church and brought the following touches round: 336 Grandsire, 420 Bob Triples, 560 Canterbury Pleasure Major, 224 Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by H. H. Chandler, the young ones ringing some Grandsire Doubles with 6-7-8 covering, which finished the ringing there. Visiting All Saints they rung 420 Oxford Bob Triples, conducted by Walter Charman. An attempt was also made for 576 Kent Treble Bob Major but it came to grief. It then being dinner time they made for the Garibaldi inn, where Mr. Hollobone had got a substantial dinner awaiting them to which ample justice was done by all, Mr. Siggs of the All Saints' company sitting down with them. Afterwards they proceeded to Christ Church and rang 560 Canterbury Pleasure Major in which Mr. Frederick Harding took part, conducted by H. H. Chandler. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. The ringers wish through the medium of this paper to thank the vicars of the respective churches for granting them permission to ring, and also Messrs. Rollison, Smith, and Siggs, for having the bells in readiness.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—The usual monthly ringing meeting was held at the church of St. John the Baptist, Tue Brook, near Liverpool, on Saturday, August 2nd. Only a moderate number of ringers were present, as being Saturday previous to Bank Holiday, several had gone away for a few days. The meeting was held in the Institute, West Derby Road, at 6 p.m., at which in the absence of the vicar, the Rev. E. P. Wethered (curate), presided, and after the minutes of the previous meeting were read and passed, he briefly addressed those present, and said that he should bring before the notice of their guild of ringers the objects of the Association and persuade them to join.

Mr. Hill (secretary) here spoke of the steady progress of the branch, and of the Association generally.

The next meeting was fixed to be held at St. Luke's, Farnworth, near Widnes (six-bell tower), on Saturday, September 6th.

A vote of thanks, passed to the vicar for the use of the bells and institute, also to the Chairman for presiding, brought the meeting to a close.

The bells were rung at intervals before and after the meeting. Methods rung—Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob.

BRADFORD PARISH CHURCH.

On Tuesday evening, August 5th, the ringers of this church, with a few friends, met in the belfry for the purpose of uncovering a tablet recording the performance of a peal of Grandsire Caters, the first ever rung on the bells. The proceedings commenced with the ringing of a touch of Caters, after which, on the proposition of Mr. J. H. Hardcastle, seconded by Mr. James Angus, Mr. B. T. Copley was elected to preside.

The Chairman briefly explained the object of their meeting together that evening, and in the name of the members called upon their esteemed vice-president to perform the ceremony for which they had assembled.

The Rev. J. C. Wright, M.A., who on rising was warmly greeted, after expressing the pleasure which the invitation to perform that duty afforded him, humorously remarked that unfortunately he did not as yet understand the mysteries of the science of change-ringing—for a science it undoubtedly was—and confessed himself bewildered by such terms as Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire Caters, plain leads and bob leads, twin bobs and multi-bobs, and such like, which he read of in "THE BELL NEWS," but there were many things in connection with bell-ringing which could be readily understood by all, even although they were ignorant of the meaning of those technical terms. First the history of bells and ringing was a most interesting study; they could read how this mode of calling the Christian Church to prayer and praise had developed both in the making of bells and in the ringing of them. Then in connection with the ringers' work there were also exhibited so many points which characterised the life of a true man. For instance, there was precision; just as a ringer to perform his part faithfully must strike his bell exactly in the proper place, neither too soon nor too late, so would the true man be even with his conduct in daily life—neither too soon nor too late in the performance of his duties. Then there was endurance; as a peal to be successful must be continued without ceasing to the finish, so is the duty of a true man. Had our forefathers not practised that commendable virtue in the highest degree our country would not be now holding its proud position among the nations of the earth. So also the work of the ringer taught us perseverance, a mutual bearing and forbearing with one another, and a constant striving for something better. And at the end of the ringing, when he had rung his bell truly and well, there was the reward of "well done; he did his best and succeeded." Again, every man almost, had a hobby of some sort or other; and he claimed for bell-ringing that it was one of the most commendable hobbies that could be cultivated, inasmuch as not only was the ringer deriving pleasure in himself, but he was also gratifying others by the sweet sound of the bells he rung, and besides all this, was engaged in the high office of one who called the people to the House of God. Then, formally uncovering the tablet, he read the names of those who had rung the peal recorded on it, complimenting them on their performance, which was all the more noteworthy by its being the first peal of Grandsire Caters ever rung in Bradford. While wishing them every comfort in this life for a long time to come, he earnestly hoped that as their names were thus placed on the walls of the old tower in letters of gold, they might afterwards be recorded in a more lasting manner on the imperishable walls of their everlasting home in heaven.

Mr. B. T. Copley proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. J. C. Wright for his coming amongst them that evening and uncovering the tablet, and especially for the most excellent address to which they had the pleasure of listening. This was seconded by Mr. A. Moulson, and carried unanimously.

The rev. gentleman, in replying, assured them that his visit that evening had been gratifying to himself, and the remembrance of it would ever be a most pleasant one to him.

Mr. J. H. Hardcastle proposed, and Mr. Thomas Pollitt seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr. J. Broadley, the donor of the tablet, both expressing their admiration of the manner in which it had been made and painted. This motion was unanimously adopted, and Mr. Broadley briefly replied, remarking that there had been quite as much pleasure in the giving as in the receiving of it.

A vote of thanks was also accorded to Mr. Hardcastle for the present of a large framed copy of the calling of the peal, which was hung under the tablet.

The handbells were then brought into requisition, and a course of Grandsire Major rung, after which followed a touch of Caters on the tower bells, and a cleverly-tapped course of Treble Bob Royal on the handbells by Mr. J. F. Mallaby. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the evening's proceedings.

ANNUAL OUTING OF THE ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

The members of this society had their outing on Saturday, July 26th, the destination this year being Portsmouth, *via* London Bridge, the Midland railway company kindly granting through tickets for the return journey. A start was made from St. Albans by the 12.44 up train, Portsmouth being reached between 5 and 6 o'clock, the journey being a very eventful one, and not likely to be forgotten for many a day. A good glimpse was obtained of Arundel Castle and the Roman Catholic Cathedral, both of which looking down, as it were, upon the insignificant railway, made a grand spectacle. With very little trouble lodgings for the whole party were obtained at the "Home" restaurant, Southsea. After a few preliminaries had been arranged, the party determined to go aboard *The Victory*. The good old ship was reached safely, and an inspection of her proved very interesting. As much as £10,000 has recently been spent on the old craft, and perhaps there is not much of the old ship left, but that part called the cockpit, where Lord Nelson breathed his last, is yet untouched. On board this ship there is an elaborately-chased bell, with a very brassy appearance, which was captured during the bombardment of Kertch, in the Crimean war. This bell is clappered, but owing to a tremendous crack the sound emitted from it is wretched. An oil painting representing the death of Britain's famed Admiral, surrounded by the few of his heroic comrades who survived the great and terrible conflict in Trafalgar's bay, was much admired. The old vessel is so full of historical associations, that it would be invidious to particularise them. On reaching the shore a promenade was enjoyed on Southsea pier, the strains of the band of the Yorkshire regiment adding piquancy to the walk. At 10 o'clock, the pier being closed at that hour, the party made tracks for the establishment in which they were destined to pass the night, but before many yards had been traversed an unwelcome sight was presented to them in the shape of a suicide, a man having just previously shot himself in the head with a revolver! The wound proved fatal, the man dying within five minutes after his admission to the hospital.

After partaking of supper, the party, as will naturally be supposed, went to bed; but not to sleep long, for 10! at four o'clock a terrible pitched battle with bolsters took place amongst the juvenile section of the party, and in spite of the conductor crying "stand," the conflict was continued to the bitter end, happily without bloodshed. At six o'clock a dip in the briny was had, and a stroll taken to St. Thomas's to arrange for a touch, if possible during the day. That very important person—the sexton—was discovered just before the 8 o'clock service, dusting the high old-fashioned pews, with his hat on! On being interrogated, very little information could be gathered from him, so the idea of a touch was abandoned. The important item of breakfast having been happily despatched, it was determined to visit Kingston church, having received information that it had a new ring of eight. On arriving at the church—by the way a magnificent edifice—the ringers were soon found, who with great courtesy gave up the use of their bells to the visitors. Touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, and the local company lowered the bells in peal. The service in the church was of a bright and hearty character. Some of the visitors were a little amused at the lengthy list of proposed matrimonial compacts, about twenty-seven being "asked in church." After service, all were pleased to meet Mr. Buckingham, who had arrived for the day, so after dinner an adjournment was made to the Kingston belfry, where two good touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, and in which Messrs. Hardy, Nye, and Cornish, of the local company, took part. There is quite a young band of ringers here, to which the visitors wish every success, and they regretted they could not be with them the next evening. Their great kindness and affability will not soon be forgotten. Mr. Buckingham had unfortunately to return the same evening. The hours sped on, and bed-time was at length reached. No pitched battles this

time. Apple-pie beds however, became the fashion, one distinguished member of the company finding quite a miscellaneous collection of articles between the sheets, nearly enough, in fact, to start in business as a "cheap jack." After breakfast a trip was made to the Isle of Wight, through tickets being taken for Sandown. The grand scenery along the cliffs encouraged the party to proceed to Shanklin, and when this place was reached the visitors were all ready for luncheon, and that being satisfactorily disposed of, various light games were indulged in. Afterwards, St. Saviour's church was visited, and some touches of Grandsire Triples rung with the local company. Southsea was soon again reached, and the next touch was "dinner-and-tea-combined," a very harmonious method, in which all rang all their bells well. Afterwards happened the most startling incident of the journey. Owing to the intense heat, it became necessary to visit the village barber, and when the surgical operation had been performed on three, and the fourth was under the hands of the operator, an explosion of gas occurred in a neighbouring gunsmith's shop. The explosion was so strong that it shook the barber's house, and a general stampede was at once made into the street, the ringers every moment thinking the house was falling upon them. The gunsmith's shop was wrecked, and the man received some painful injuries, necessitating his removal to the hospital. The day was finished by another stroll on the pier. At night apple-pie beds were again in fashion, proving that the beach had been robbed of a great many stones. Tuesday was a very busy day. The first part was taken up with a visit to the Prince of Wales' yacht, which laid in the harbour. On the way thither, the noted *Sunbeam* (Lord Brassey's Yacht,) and the *Discovery* (the Arctic exploring boat) were passed. On reaching the yacht the party were taken over by a guide, who explained the various objects of interest, and on shewing some of the dinner services incidentally mentioned that one particular pattern cost as much as £2 5s. for each single plate! This little yacht is elegantly fitted up, as might be expected, and the party may reckon themselves exceedingly fortunate in having succeeded in going over her. A push off was next made to the *Duke of Wellington* flag ship, which was found to be well-equipped with modern guns and other objects of interest, the blue jackets also being very busy at gun practice, which the party carefully watched. When the ramble over the ship had been finished, a move was made for the shore, the intention of the party being to visit the dockyard. But disappointment awaited them, for the yard was closed for a few hours. At the specified time for opening, nearly all the band met at the dock gates, and were conducted over the immense yards by a gentleman in blue cloth, who rather hurried the company along, which was not to be wondered at, considering the extent of the building. *The Sultan*, the ironclad that was sunk in the Mediterranean some time ago, was in dry dock, and of course came in for special observation; as were also two other large ships in course of construction. After a final walk on the Southsea beach an adjournment was made for tea, and then preparations had to be made for going home, although some were inclined to sing "We won't go home till morning." At 6.45 the train carrying the St. Albans contingent (minus one who prolonged his holiday), steamed out of Portsmouth station, and all arrived safely home in the early hours of Wednesday morning. The weather throughout was magnificently fine, and the entire holiday a complete success from beginning to end. But this report would be incomplete if mention was not made of those who contributed in any small degree to further that end. Special thanks are due to the St. Peter's Society, who so very kindly rang the Cathedral bells for the Sunday services, for without their assistance the excursion could not have been undertaken.

G.W.C.

MIDHURST, SUSSEX.

On Wednesday evening, July 30th, the ringers of Midhurst church, with a few friends, assembled in the belfry to try the new silent apparatus, invented and made by one of their own members, W. W. Selby, who was assisted by W. Tribe, in fixing, etc. The Vicar and churchwardens were invited and pulled off the first three bells, and afterwards about 600 changes of Bob Minor was rung. A. B. Bennett, 1; T. E. Ellis, 2; W. H. George, 3; W. Selby, 4; C. Tribe, 5; J. Lee, 6. The apparatus

worked admirably, being so arranged that it cannot miss blows if the frame-work is ever so shaky, and the work of it is very simple, being only a matter of four levers to each bell, and fixed on to the ceiling. It will be very useful to the ringers for practice, while Mr. Selby must be congratulated on providing a remedy for what was looked upon by many of the residents in the immediate vicinity as a great nuisance. A touch of Oxford Treble Bob was then rung, as a farewell to Mr. C. Tribe who is leaving the neighbourhood. An adjournment was then made to the Coffee Tavern, where a good supper was provided, the chair being taken by the Vicar, the vice by the Rev. Guy Landon. After supper, the Vicar, in a neat speech, expressed the sorrow he felt and all the ringers felt in losing one of their oldest members, and presented to Mr. Tribe a splendid book on change-ringing, subscribed for by his brother-ringers, as a token of their best wishes for his future welfare. Mr. Tribe has been a ringer at Midhurst church for thirteen years.

Our correspondent adds: "This was the first time any of us had heard a silent apparatus at work, and had never seen one. The only fault noticable was the bells seemed too harsh and a little out of tune, but as it was the first time of their being rung in rounds or changes, only being timed with the bells tied up, I think it is a lot to say that five out of six are right. It was finished in a hurry, as Mr. Tribe, one of our band, ever anxious to learn beginners, was leaving, and I felt I should like him to be one of the first to have a ring on them. I trust we as ringers may benefit by it; I am sure it will learn us to strike, the action being almost noiseless. Only the small bells are heard, and as they are very quick in action, the least bad ringing would spoil it at once."

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WOODBIDGE BRANCH.—The members of this branch had their annual outing on Monday and Tuesday, July 28 and 29. The party proceeded by road in a waggonette provided by Mr. C. Ward, Melton, to Framsdon, where a halt was made, and a roo of Grandsire Triples rung. Debenham was next visited, but in consequence of the illness of a lady the bells were not rung. The journey was continued to Eye, where the bells were in readiness. A peal was intended, but after ringing 1200 it came to grief. Messrs. G. Day and Son also took part in some well-struck touches of Treble Bob, Grandsire, and Stedman Triples. After taking of refreshments a move was made for Diss, where several friends met them. The steeple was visited, and several touches rung in different methods, finishing up with some Stedman Triples. Afterwards a pleasant evening was spent in ringing handbells, etc., at the "Dolphin," the "Two Brewers" being the headquarters for the night. After breakfast next morning the party started on for Redenhall, where Captain Moore was waiting to welcome them. This gentleman, who is a most enthusiastic ringer, joined in several touches of Treble Bob and Grandsire Triples. Fressingfield was next visited, and the bells rung. Then on to Stradbroke, a peal of eight, and to Worlingworth, which was the last call. The six bells were merrily rung, and the party proceeded on the homeward journey, which was reached about eleven o'clock on Tuesday evening, after a most enjoyable two day's outing. The arrangements were well carried out by Mr. J. Fosdike, sen., the Master of the Woodbridge company, who desires to express his thanks on their behalf to the clergy whose churches they visited, for their kindness in granting them the use of the bells.

ALL SOULS' CHURCH, HALIFAX.

On Saturday last, the ringers of the above church accompanied by a few friends, had their annual excursion, the place this year being Liverpool, which was reached about 7.30 a.m. Crossing over to Birkenhead, breakfast was partaken of and a waggonette engaged to take the party to Eastham. Passing the extensive soap works of Messrs. Lever Bros. at Port Sunlight, Eastham was reached after a pleasant ride. The ship canal was looked at and the party returned to Birkenhead and proceeded to New Brighton by train. Returning to Liverpool Alexander Dock was next visited and the ringers were kindly shewn over the Inman liner "City of Berlin," a visit which was much enjoyed. Various places of interest in Liverpool were visited and the party got back to Halifax about 1 a.m. on Sunday.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 1890.

WE are again treated to the vapourings of one of those splenetic individuals who at times think they are making themselves important by attacking bells and ringers. Elsewhere will be seen a paragraph sent by one of these people to a local paper. The writer in this case is evidently suffering from mental derangement, and his fear that his "poor brain has almost become touched" has evidently become realised. His friends, if he has any, should at once place him under restraint. Ringers are now denominated as "fiendish-looking individuals." That is a very charitable expression, and we should not wonder if it is the production of a fiendish-minded, ranting, canting dissenter, whose hourly conduct is hypocritical and contemptible. That is all we will say about such a writer. It is however matter for surprise that the Editor of a respectable provincial newspaper has allowed his columns to be defiled by such balderdash.

The Metropolis.

FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND ALL SAINTS (FULHAM) ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1890, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in Eb.

JAMES GEORGE Treble.	JOHN M. HAYES 6.
RICHARD T. WOODLEY .. 2.	JAMES W. DRIVER 7.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 8.
HENRY R. NEWTON 4.	CHALLIS F. WINNY 9.
WILLIAM CARTER* 5.	SAMUEL HOW Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

*First peal on ten bells; also H. R. Newton's 50th peal.

The Provinces.

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 2, 1890, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PADARN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

EDWARD WOODHALL Treble.	SIDNEY SMITH 5.
WILLIAM A. COOPER 2.	SIMEON SLATER 6.
SAMUEL REEVES 3.	WILLIAM LONG 7.
THOMAS HORTON 4.	GEORGE GRIFFITHS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. COOPER.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 9, 1890, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR A. FULLER Treble.	*EDWIN JORDAN 5.
HARRY WESTON 2.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6.
GEORGE A. KING 3.	JOHN JAY, SEN. 7.
EDWARD C. MERRETT .. 4.	HERBERT HODGES Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Stedman and hails from Capel, Surrey. Hodges belongs to the local band; the rest belong to St. Peter's Society, Brighton.

Date Touches.

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BICTON (Salop).—On Sunday, July 27th, at Holy Trinity church, by the St. Chad's (Shrewsbury) branch of the above Association, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles (1890 changes) in 1 hr. 2 mins. J. B. Bratton, 1; J. E. Groves (conductor), 2; G. Tinsley, 3; T. Groves, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; J. Foulks, 6. This is the longest touch on the bells. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

WOOLTON (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, July 29th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1890 changes) in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Edwards, 1; P. Leather, 2; R. Roughley, 3; H. Fyles, 4; R. Leather, 5; G. Hyslop, 6; T. Kay (conductor), 7; H. Richardson, 8. Composed by John Aspinwall, of Liverpool. Tenor 20 cwt. Longest touch by all.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

OCKLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, July 27th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 363 Kent Treble Bob. J. Parsons, 1; F. Rice, 2; J. Parker, 3; T. Newnham, 4; R. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan, 6. Also 360 Superlative Surprise. J. Akehurst, 1; J. Parker, 2; F. Rice, 3; R. Jordan, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan, 6.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Sunday afternoon, July 27th, at the parish church, 720 College Exercise. J. Akehurst, 1; E. Jordan, 2; F. Rice, 3; T. Newnham, 4; J. Parker, 5; D. Jordan, 6. And for evening service 720 Superlative Surprise. J. Parsons, 1; R. Jordan, 2; F. Rice, 3; E. Jordan, 4; J. Parker, 5; D. Jordan, 6. Parsons hails from Ockley; Rice from Worth; Parker from Crawley; Newnham from Southampton; the rest belong to Capel.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CODDENHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, July 26th, at the parish church of St. Mary, eight members of the Stowmarket company rang 1008 Bob Major. C. Bedwell, 1; G. Ponder, 2; H. Burch, 3; C. Souter, 4; J. Levitt, 5; J. G. Wade, 6; J. Souter, 7; W. Souter (conductor), 8. Also 560 Bob Major. C. Souter, 1; G. Ponder, 1; H. Burch, 3; H. English, 4; J. Levitt, 5; J. G. Wade, 6; J. Souter, 7; W. Souter (conductor), 8. And several touches of Grandsire Triples by the same band.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday evening, July 27th, after Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Simmonds, 1; A. W. Pike, 2; W. Greenleaf, 3; H. Smith, 4; A. P. Goddard, 5; E. Menday (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, July 29th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. *H. Bridgeman, 1; A. W. Pike, 2; H. Smith, 3; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 4; J. Hands, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. *First 720. Also 360 Cambridge Surprise. T. Newman (conductor), 1; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 2; J. Hands, 3; A. W. Pike, 4; E. Menday, 5; H. Smith, 6.

READING (Berks).—On Thursday, July 31st, at the church of St. Giles, 720 Bob Minor with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of the late T. Swain, for many years a ringer. W. Watmore (first 720), 1; H. Dibley, 2; J. Hands, 3; A. W. Pike, 4; G. Essex, 5; A. P. Goddard (conductor), 6. Messrs. Hands, Pike, and Essex hail from Caversham; Goddard from Salisbury.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday morning, July 27th, at the church of St. Michael and All Angels, for Divine Service, 720 College Exercise in 23 mins. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. Bumpstead, 3; *W. Hammond, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. *First 720 in the method. Also for Divine Service in the evening 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, standing as above. And on Sunday morning, August 3rd, 720 Bob Minor. W. Shepherd, 1; W. Hammond, 1; F. Calthorpe, 3; T. Watson, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6. Tenor about 14 cwt. W. Shepherd hails from Streatham, Surrey.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WHITLEY.—On Wednesday, July 23rd, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Fraser, 1; R. R. Gofton (first 720), 2; J. Barber, 3; W. Charlton, 4; T. T. Gofton (conductor), 5; R. S. Story, 6. This is the first 720 rung entirely by Whitley men. Tenor 18 cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Saturday, July 5th, at the parish church, 720 College Exercise. F. Finch, 1; T. Parsons, 2; J. Hills, 3; C. Clear, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, July 6th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Finch, 1; J. Hills, 2; C. Clear, 3; T. Parsons, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. And on Thursday, July 10th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. E. Parsons, 1; C. Hills, 2; T. Linfield, 3; F. Finch, 4; J. Hills, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, July 13th, 360 Kent Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; C. Clear, 2; F. Finch, 3; T. Parsons, 4; J. Hills, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LENTEN (Notts).—On Saturday, July 26th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. W. White (first 720 in the method), 1; J. Hall, 2; H. W. Wilde (conductor), 3; J. C. Dickens, 4; J. Bonsall, 5; W. E. White, 6. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A. Messrs. Hall, Wilde, Dickens, and Bonsall hail from Sandiacre; the others from Cotgrave.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND ADJOINING DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WOLLASTON.—On Monday, July 29th, at St. James' church, 720 Violet Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins. C. Barrett, 1; G. H. Pagett, 2; H. Harris, 3; H. Deakin, 4; W. Fryer, 5; W. F. Hartshorne (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by the Association and by all the above, and on the bells.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BROMBOROUGH.—On Saturday, August 9th, the Wallasey branch of the above Association had their annual outing at Bromborough, and there rang 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty bobs and thirty singles), in 26½ mins. J. Rogers, 1; S. Strong, 2; T. Rogers, 3; R. Voas, 4; S. Wood, 5; G. Rogers (conductor), 6. Tenor 17 cwt. On their return journey a call was made at Bibington, where a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) was rung in 22½ mins., conducted by G. Rogers, the rest standing as before.

WALLASEY.—On Sunday, August 10th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-six bobs and twenty-four singles), in 24 mins. P. Carroll, 1; W. Strong, 2; E. Ledsham, 3; T. Rogers, 4; S. Wood, 5; G. Rogers (conductor), 6.

BACKFORD.—On Saturday, July 19th, the Eccleston branch visited this place, and rung 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins., the first on the bells. There were formerly but five bells here, one being put in as a jubilee bell, a gift from the Rector in 1889. A visit of Mr. C. Price terminated in another bell being added. The work was carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Sons, and it has given the greatest satisfaction to both ringer and hearer. The following were the ringers: G. Griffith, 1; H. Gipson, 2; F. Fletcher, 3; J. Tomlinson, 4; A. J. Griffith (conductor), 5; C. Price, 6. Tenor about 11 cwt.

AUGHTON (Lancashire). On Friday, July 25th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 52 mins., in memory of the late Mr. John George Swindells, and Mr. Jas. Gaskell of Aughton, and was rung with the bells muffled. P. H. Harvey, 1; H. Cave, 2; J. Sholicar, 3; J. Taylor, 4; W. Benthams, 5; J. Eastham, 6; N. Spencer (conductor), 7; T. Gardner, 8.

CHEPSTOW (Mon).—On Sunday evening, July 27th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. C. Davis, 1; J. Morley, 2; W. Freestone (first 720), 3; T. Collinson (first 720), 4; G. Watkins, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ELY (Cams).—On Monday, August 4th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins., with the tenor covering. A. Bearcock, 1; A. Pilgrim, jun., 2; W. King, 3; R. Bacon (Wellingborough)

4; A. Pilgrim (conductor), 5; W. M. Brooke (Kings Lynn), 6; Rev. J. R. Vincent, 8.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, August 3rd, at Carfax Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 28 mins. O. Thomas, 1; W. Smith, 2; C. Hounslow, 3; W. W. Gifford, 4; W. Baston, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6. Also at St. Ebb's church a 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Smith, 1; O. Thomas, 2; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 3; T. Blackbourn, 4; C. Hounslow, 5; W. W. Gifford, 6. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 lb. This was originally a peal of eight, but the trebles were taken away some years ago. It is hoped that some more trebles may be added.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire). On Sunday, July 20th, being the flower service in the parish church, for afternoon service, a 504 of Stedman Triples in 20 mins. J. Benson, 1; W. Fairclough, 2; C. Sharples, 3; J. Taylor, 4; J. Eastham, 5; N. Spencer, 6; W. Bentham (conductor), 7; G. Prescott, 8.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Sunday evening, July 27th, for Divine Service at St. Martin's church, 1260 Grandsire Triples. W. Dawe,

1; S. Macey, 2; H. D. Adams, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; R. Gollop, 5; W. S. Wise (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; G. Doel, 8.

WORTH (Sussex).—On Sunday, August 3rd, at the parish church, 360 Bob Minor. R. Summersall, 1; B. Payne, 2; R. Streeter, 3; W. Denman, 4; J. H. Blake, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Bob. J. H. Blake, 1; R. Summersall, 2; J. Tullett, 3; W. Denman, 4; B. Payne, 5; F. Rice (conductor), Also 720 Court Bob. J. H. Blake, 1; W. Denman, 2; F. Streeter, 3; R. Summersall, 4; B. Payne, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Streeter, 1; W. Denman, 2; R. Streeter, 3; T. Streeter, 4; R. Jordan, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Violet. B. Payne, 1; W. Denman, 2; R. Streeter, 3; T. Streeter, 4; R. Jordan, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And 360 Bob Minor. S. Kenward, 1; B. Payne, 2; R. Streeter, 3; T. Streeter, 4; J. H. Blake, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. Messrs. Denman and Summersall hail from West Grinstead; Blake from Cowfold; R. and T. Streeter from Balcombe; Kenward from Horley; the rest are local men.

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

	Jan. to May.	June.	Total.	Treble Bob Methods.	Grandsire.	On 6 bells.	Plain Methods.	Double Methods.	Surprise Methods.	Stedman.	Total.	Position in 1889.
1 Ancient Society of College Youths ..	40	3	43	4	17	—	5	2	—	15	43	2nd.
2 Kent County Association	24	5	29	2	16	3	7	—	—	1	29	13th.
3 Oxford Diocesan Guild	22	3	25	—	8	1	—	4	1	11	25	3rd.
4 Sussex County Association	20	2	22	2	8	1	3	2	2	4	22	1st.
5 Essex Association	21	—	21	7	8	1	3	1	—	1	21	5th.
6 Midland Counties' Association	19	2	21	—	4	1	1	5	6	4	21	4th.
7 Salisbury Diocesan Guild	9	10	19	2	7	—	2	3	—	5	19	14th.
8 Lancashire Association	13	4	17	1	12	—	2	1	—	1	17	9th.
9 Yorkshire Association	14	—	14	8	2	—	3	—	—	1	14	7th.
10 Royal Cumberland Youths	13	1	14	6	2	—	—	3	—	3	14	15th.
11 Norwich Diocesan Guild	11	1	12	4	3	1	3	—	—	1	12	6th.
12 United Counties' Association	10	—	10	8	—	—	2	—	—	—	10	16th.
13 Gloucester and Bristol Association ..	10	—	10	—	5	—	3	—	—	2	10	11th.
14 Winchester Diocesan Guild	9	—	9	—	5	—	3	—	1	—	9	17th.
15 Trinity Youths	6	3	9	—	6	—	3	—	—	—	9	21st.
16 Society for Archdeaconry of Stafford	7	1	8	—	7	—	—	—	—	1	8	12th.
17 Worcester and Districts Association ..	6	1	7	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	7	8th.
18 Hertford Association	6	—	6	1	4	—	1	—	—	—	6	10th.
19 St. Martin's Society, Birmingham	5	—	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	5	20th.
20 Middlesex Association	3	1	4	1	—	1	2	—	—	—	4	30th.
21 All Hallows' Society, Tottenham	3	1	4	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	4	23rd.
22 Surrey Association	2	2	4	—	3	—	—	—	—	1	4	18th.
23 St. James' Society, London	3	—	3	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	3	19th.
24 Birmingham Amalgamated Society ..	3	—	3	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	3	24th.
25 Waterloo Society, London	2	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	2	25th.
26 East Lincolnshire Association	2	—	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	34th.
27 Bedfordshire Association	1	1	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	28th.
28 Eastern Counties' Guild	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	29th.
29 Hereford Diocesan Guild	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	32nd.
30 Chester Diocesan Guild	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	26th.
31 Liverpool Diocesan Guild	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	35th.
32 Salop Association	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	36th.
33 Cambridge University Guild	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	37th.
34 Cumberland County Association	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
35 Durham & Newcastle Diocesan Ass'n.	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
36 Old East Derbyshire Association	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	27th.
37 North Lincolnshire Association	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
The Colonies	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Independent Societies	25	—	25	4	13	3	4	—	—	1	25	—
	320	41	361	54	150	14	54	21	10	58	361	—
Less peals entered under two Assoc.'ns	31	4	35	9	12	—	10	1	1	2	35	—
Total	289	37	326	45	138	14	44	20	9	56	326	—

The above peals were rung in the following methods:—Surprise methods: London Surprise Major, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 5; in seven Surprise Minor methods, 2. Double methods:—Double Norwich Court Bob Major 17; Double Oxford Bob Major, 2. Forward Royal, 1. Stedman's principle:—Cinques, 3; Caters, 8; Triples, 45. Treble Bob methods:—Maximus, 1; Royal, 4; Major, 31; in Seven Treble Bob Minor methods, 9. Grandsire:—Cinques, 1; Caters, 17; Major, 4; Triples, 113; Doubles, (5040) 3. Plain methods:—Bob Major, 19; Bob Triples, 10; Union Triples, 6; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 3; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 1; in Plain methods on five bells, 5; on six bells in fourteen methods, 2; in seven ditto, 4; in five ditto, 1; in four ditto, 1; in three ditto, 2; in two ditto, 3; in one ditto, 1. Total 326.

The twenty-five peals by independent Societies were rung in the following Counties: Yorkshire 4, Lancashire 3, Sussex 3, Cheshire 2, Monmouthshire 2, Gloucestershire 2, Berkshire 2, Kent 2, Lincolnshire 1, Middlesex 1, Shropshire 1, Staffordshire 1, and Suffolk 1.

1888—January 52.	1889—January 83.	1890—January 64.
February 72.	February 96.	February 61.
March 60.	March 84.	March 38.
April 98.	April 67.	April 67.
May 53.	May 45.	May 59.
June 57.	June 50.	June 37.
Total 392	Total 425	Total 326

Brighton.

Decrease on the six corresponding months of last year, 99.

GEORGE F. ATTREE.

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."

THE PEAL AT ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

SIR,—The letters in your last issue respecting the above are all falsehoods, as any ringer can see at a glance. In the first letter the first part is all rubbish. The second part that deals with the question I will reply to. In the first place they had jumbling, but not firing—what difference is there? none in their case. I did not say that it was at the dodge lead at home. I said that it was at a bob at home; and he says that I am ignorant of the composition. That I am to a certain extent, but I can tell them what the calling of the last course was; they two bobs at the middle and two wrong, and they should have two at home but had three; and then he says "would twelve men permit of ringing two leads over again?" I can say, without fear of contradiction, that there was not three men that rang in the peal that could tell if they had rung the same lead over again, Mr. Smith included. And then he says that nothing took place at the bob at home. They were all of a jumble as he calls it, and he admits of jumbling for thirty-eight changes, that is not far off a treble lead of his own telling. As regards the third letter I don't think Mr. Hopwood capable of being a judge. Not many weeks ago we started for a peal of Treble Bob Royal at Manchester. Mr. H. was ringing the 2nd in that attempt, and we had not gone more than three leads before he was coursing the 6th (no bob being called) and should have been coursing the 3rd; so I think that a ringer that cannot keep his place in the plain course in the same method is not allowed to be a judge. Now for Mr. Thorp's letter. If he will tell the truth he never heard the finish of the peal. He told me that they (those members and himself) that sent assurance to have their names put to the P.S.) were in the meeting-house playing at tipit, and they had a bother about the time they came round; but he said they had a bad blunder about half-past four, in which the 11th ringer got lost; and he also said that he asked them when they came down if they had not broken down. I say it still, and there is not one of the whole band who will convince me to the contrary, that they fired for a whole treble lead, and they rung the same lead over again to get straight. GEO. LONGDEN.

Botanic Place, Margaret Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—The peal rung at St. Martin's, Salisbury, on 30th July, should be recorded as rung by the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. W. W. G.

THE CHEPSTOW PEAL.

SIR,—Absence from home and other business has delayed my answering Mr. Smith and Mr. Watkins. In answer to Mr. Smith I wish to say that I hope to have the pleasure of visiting Chepstow again, and should much like to hear a better peal rung. I believe him when he says he does not want me there. In the best of ringing there is always room for improvement. In reply to Mr. Watkins I would point out that there was nearly four minutes' difference between the time in which each half was rung, and the bells were much too quick at the start. It would have been no advantage to me to have had the peal reported if it had not been fairly called and rung. I have not endeavoured to evade any point at issue, and have stated all that is necessary. Should the National Central Council like to take the matter up I shall be glad to stand by their decision. W. H. FUSSELL.

THE RECENT PEALS AT HUNTINGDON.

SIR,—I do not object to these performances being recorded in our company's book by no means. What I object to is the composition of the band. When a representative team of our company is to go anywhere for such a purpose as the one at Huntingdon, it is thought by myself and others that those members who sustain the prestige of our Society should be among those invited. Such members as Mr. Baron, Mr. Dains, and Mr. Newson are seen always with approval, but what on [earth] is the standing of the brothers Fussell and Mr. Thomas? One of the former has got into hot water about calling a peal, the other certainly cannot be classed as a superb ringer, while Mr. Thomas I hardly know. Such men as Messrs. Rogers, Swain, and others I could name ought to be invited for such purposes. These invitations should be thrown open, and settled by the company who is to go. If this plan had been the case with the Huntingdon job, I don't think that three of the band who did go would have went.

YOUNG CUMBERLAND.

Obituary.

WILLIAM SCHOLEFIELD.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death of W. Scholefield, of Ossett, on the 2nd inst. He was a member of the Yorkshire Association, and belonged to the local company at Holy Trinity church, Ossett, where he rung peal on April 12, 1884.

SUDDEN DEATH IN THE BELFRY.

On Monday last Mr. H. Moore, coroner for the district, conducted an inquest at the "Lion" Inn, Weobley, on the body of Thomas Scandrett, aged 29 years, who died suddenly whilst performing his duty as bellringer at Weobley church, the previous (Friday) night. The body was identified by Elizabeth Scandrett as that of her husband. John Probert deposed that he was with deceased in the belfry of Weobley Church on Friday night last, the 27th of June. Deceased was one of the ringers, and he might have been ringing five minutes when witness saw him fall suddenly on to the side of his face. He did not speak afterwards and had not complained previously. The rope turned him over after he had fallen, but it in no way threw him. It was about 8.30 p.m. when this took place. He died in a few minutes afterwards. Dr. Walker, Weobley, said that the *post mortem* examination he had made of the deceased's body showed that he suffered from heart disease, all the other organs being healthy. The immediate cause of death was bursting of a blood-vessel on the brain. There were no marks of violence, and the exertion of ringing the bell was too much for his heart. A verdict to the effect that deceased died suddenly from the bursting of a blood-vessel on the brain was returned. The interment took place in the parish churchyard, the funeral service being impressively read by the Rev. J. S. Crook, M.A., Vicar. There was a large number of spectators present.

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Any further subscriptions will be thankfully received by J. STRUTT London Street.

YET ANOTHER MANIAC.

The following is taken from *The Heris Advertiser* :—

"I am certain that the composer of 'Chime again, chime again, beautiful bells,' did not live in St. Albans, because if he had he would never have written it. It is all very well for certain fiendish looking individuals who go by the name of 'change ringers' to make our beautiful summer evenings hideous with campanological conundrums which go by the name of grandsire couples and grandmother triplets, or something of the sort, but I think it is quite time that we, the suffering public, should demand that our nerves should be accorded a little compassion. Really what with one variety of touch on the St. Peter's bells, another on the Abbey, with the droning of St. Michael's bells thrown in, my poor brain has almost become touched, and will be quite if the nuisance is not tolerated."

THE UNEMPLOYED IN EAST LONDON.—At a time when much thought is being given to this matter, a practical suggestion may be of service. Last year more than £300,000 worth of foreign matches were purchased by inconsiderate consumers in this country, to the great injury of our own working people, so true is it that "evil is wrought by want of thought, as well as want of heart." If all consumers would purchase Bryant and May's matches, that firm would be enabled to pay £1000 a week more in wages.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the above Association was held at Bristol on Monday, August 4th.

The day's proceedings commenced with service in the Lady Chapel of St. Mary Redcliffe at 11.30, the officiating clergy being the Revs. H. B. Beckwith (curate), J. G. Alford (vicar of St. Nicholas), H. A. Cockey (Master, vicar of Oldland), and Pitt Eykyn (Hon. Sec., vicar of Magor). The Rev. C. W. H. Griffith, Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and W. H. B. Harvey (Chipping Sodbury), were also present. The congregation comprised about forty-five ringers and about a dozen ladies. The vicar of St. Nicholas preached an appropriate and impressive sermon, taking as his text 1 Cor. xii. 13.—"Covet earnestly the best gifts."

At the conclusion of the service a touch of Grandsire Cinques was attempted on the grand ring of twelve at Redcliffe, tenor 48 cwt., but was not brought round.

An adjournment was then made to the Parish Hall, which had been kindly placed at the service of the Association by the vicar of Redcliffe.

Dinner was served at 1 p.m., the chair being occupied by the vicar, the Rev. C. E. Cornish, who was supported by the above-mentioned clergy, and Messrs. C. E. D. Boutflower (local secretary) and R. Lewis (secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association). Dinner ended, and the usual loyal toasts having been duly honoured, the Chairman proposed "Success to the Gloucester and Bristol Association," coupling with the toast the name of the Master. He said that as a Bristol clergyman he felt very grateful to the society for the work it had done, and hoped that the time was not very far distant when in every parish, not only of Bristol, but of the whole diocese, they would find a branch of the Association at work. The Association had already done very good work in promoting belfry reform, encouraging ringers in steady and respectable habits, and removing from our belfries much that was to the shame and discredit of the parishes of England. He trusted that the rules and purposes of the Association would penetrate into the most remote parishes of the county.

The Master in responding, said that the great object of the Association was not only to make good change-ringers, but good churchmen, who would understand that their work was closely connected with the Church, and that they were Church workers, for this was the best way of improving the moral tone of ringers, and of doing away with the abuses which had existed in former days, and he was sorry to say, still existed in very many places. Another good work which the Association had in view was the bringing together of her members at such meetings as the present in friendly intercourse, in order that they might make each other's acquaintance, and after a friendly pull together, banish those petty feelings of envy and jealousy once so common between ringers belonging to different societies and different parishes, and even now existing to so great an extent as to be one of the greatest stumbling-blocks in the way of true brotherhood and unity amongst ringers.

The health of the preacher having been proposed and duly honoured, the business of the meeting was taken in hand. The minutes of the Cirencester meeting was read and passed, and the following new members were elected: Revs. H. B. Beckwith, C. W. H. Griffith, and Messrs. R. Lewis, J. Fussell, and T. Radford.

It was decided on the proposition of Mr. Howell, that the next meeting should be held at Thornbury.

In the course of a discussion which arose on the performance of their duties by Committee men, the Master, referring to a remark which had been made about "Instructors," drew attention to the fact, which evidently had not been realised by many of those concerned, that in the Gloucester and Bristol Association there is no permanent official in this capacity. He explained that whenever an application was made to the officers from any parish in the diocese for the assistance of an "Instructor," the officers selected a member of the Association whom they might consider best fitted to act in this capacity, both on account of his skill, and of his proximity to the place where his services were required, and authorised him to act as

their Instructor for a period of three months or more. But he wished to call attention to the fact that when he ceased to give instruction under the Association at this particular place, he ceased to be an "Instructor" to the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman. The principal ringing during the day was as follows:—A peal of Grandsire Triples, Holt's ten-part, at St. Saviour's, Bath, in the early morning; and in the afternoon 528 Grandsire Cinques at St. Mary's; 504 Stedman Caters at St. Nicholas; a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples at All Saints, and 216 of Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's; and touches of Triples, etc., at the Temple Church, St. Mary-le-Port, St. Peter's, St. Michael's, and St. Luke's, Bedminster.

The band who rang the quarter-peal at All Saints were Messrs. Gardner, Daltrey, H. L. and E. B. James, S. Romans, C. Price, S. Reeves, and the Rev. H. A. Cockey. The same band, with the assistance of Messrs. J. Hinton, F. Price, C. Gordon, W. J. Sevier, G. Colston, and F. K. Howell, took part in most of the touches specified above.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

On Wednesday, July 30th, the members of the parish church, had their annual outing, Brathay and Ambleside being the places selected. Leaving Dalton shortly after seven o'clock, the party reached Brathay about half-past ten. After ascending the tower and raising the bells a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 21 mins. T. R. Jackson, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; M. Caddy, 4; T. Suart, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. Also 240 Grandsire Minor. A. E. Shepherd, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; M. Caddy, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. Townson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. Also 240 Plain Bob Minor, standing as above. And also 120 of Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Shepherd, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; M. Caddy, 3; T. Suart, 4; J. Burrows (conductor), 5; J. Gibson (first 120), 6. They then made their way to Ambleside parish church, where an attempt was made for a 720 of Grandsire Minor, which came to grief three leads from home; T. Smart, 1; T. Townson, 2; G. Spencer, 3; M. Caddy, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. Then they adjourned to Cowell's temperance hotel, for dinner, where full justice was done. Returning to the tower again several touches of Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire Minor, and Grandsire Doubles were rung. Leaving Ambleside again at 7.30, Dalton was reached about 8.30, everyone being well pleased with the outing. The company wish to return thanks to the vicar and churchwardens of the above named churches for their kindness in allowing them the use of the bells. Also on Sunday, August 3rd, for evening service, a 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 24 mins. A. E. Sheppard, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; M. Caddy, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; G. Burrows, 6. This is the first 720 of Plain Bob by A. E. Sheppard, and the first 720 with a bob bell by T. P. Jackson.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.—The usual monthly meeting was held at Newchurch on Saturday, August 9th. There were twenty members present. Several 500's of Grandsire Triples were rung on the bells. Two new members were elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Rawtenstall on August 30th.

J. SHEPHERD, Branch Sec.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE BELLRINGERS.—In the *Whitehall Evening Post*, November, 1754, is a paragraph stating that "ROBERT GIBBS, of Winslow, in the county of Bucks, had six sons, Robert, Richard, William, Thomas, John and Stephen, which sons rang the bells of Winslow church on New Year's Day, for forty years in succession. The senior son rang the tenor, and every son had his bell in right of seniority, and they were every New Year's Day entertained at dinner by the worthy family of Lowndes at Winslow." Three of the said sons—Richard, William and Stephen, were said to be then living at Winslow. These six brothers were the progenitors of Mr. Robert Gibbs, F.S.A., of Aylesbury, the well-known journalist, local historian, and antiquary.—*Clear's History of Windsor.*

Notices.

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Kent County Association.—Copies of the Annual Report (price 3d.) may be obtained from E. W. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*, Bobbing Vicarage, Sittingbourne.

Midland Counties Association.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Sandiacre, to-day, Saturday, August 16th inst. Belfry open from 3 till 9 o'clock.

ALBERT LAMBERT, *Local Sec.*

10, Chilwell Street, Lenton Boulevard.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Whitefield, on Saturday, August 23rd, 1890. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 7.0 p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

23, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held in the School-room, South Normanton, on Saturday, September 6th. Meeting 5.30.

JNO. JAS. COOK, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The next monthly Saturday afternoon gathering will be held at Great Barr, on the 23rd inst., when the members will be pleased to meet any ringing friends.

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

Finch Road, Handsworth.

St. James's Society, London.—The election of officers and representatives on the Central Council will take place on Monday next, August 18th, at the "Essex Head," Essex Street, Strand, after ringing at St. Clement's.

G. T. McLAUGHLIN, *Sec.*

Compositions.

All compositions sent for insertion must be accompanied by a fee of Sixpence. If proof of a touch or peal is desired One Shilling additional must accompany such request.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

*5 3 4 2 6
4 5 3 2 6 7-3
5 2 3 4 6 9-3
2 4 3 5 6 9-3
3 2 4 5 6 7-3
4 3 2 5 6 7-3
3 5 2 4 6 9-3
5 4 2 3 6 9-3
2 5 4 3 6 7-3
4 2 5 3 6 7-3
2 3 5 4 6 9-3
3 4 5 2 6 9-3
6 2 4 3 5 9-2

†4 3 2 6 5 7 9 8
2 4 3 6 5 7-3
3 4 5 6 2 87
5 3 4 6 2 7-3
4 5 3 6 2 7-3
3 5 2 6 4 87
2 3 5 6 4 7-3
5 2 3 6 4 7-3
3 2 4 6 5 87

continued—

4 2 5 6 3 87
5 4 2 6 3 7-3
2 5 4 6 3 7-3
4 6 5 2 3 8-3S
†3 2, 6, 4 5 7 8 9

‡5 3 2 4 6 9 7 8
2 5 3 4 6 9-3
5 4 3 2 6 8-3
4 2 3 5 6 8-3
3 4 2 5 6 9-3
2 3 4 5 6 9-3
3 5 4 2 6 8-3
5 2 4 3 6 8-3
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4 3 5 2 6 8-3
3 2 5 4 6 8-3

6 4 2 3 5 8-2
5 3 4 6 2 8-2

§2 5 3 6 4 8 7 9
3 2 5 6 4 8-3
5 2 4 6 3 98
4 5 2 6 3 8-3
2 4 5 6 3 8-3
5 4 3 6 2 98
3 5 4 6 2 8-3
4 3 5 6 2 8-3
5 3 2 6 4 98
2 3 4 6 5 98
4 2 3 6 5 8-3
3 2 5 4 7 6 8-3

This peal has the twenty-four courses with the 6, 7, 8, 9 in the tittums and round positions. Each twelve courses at hand and twelve courses at backstroke. Supposed to be the first composed with these properties.

*5th in with a single.

†9th in and out at 2.

‡8th in and out at 2 with a single.

‡7th in and out at 3 with a single.

§9th in and out at 2.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By YORK GREEN, *London.*

5056.

2 3 4 5 6 1 4 5 6

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

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

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

Repeated.

This peal has the 5th fourteen times right and the 6th sixteen wrong and the extent right.

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By A. MILLIS, *Leicester.*

1890.

*2 5 3 6 4 9 7 8

3 2 5 6 4 9th in 3
5 3 2 6 4 9th in 3
4 5 3 6 2 9th in 3S
3 4 5 6 2 9th in 3
2 6 4 3 5 8th in 2

4 2 6 3 5 9th in 3
5 4 2 3 6 9th in 3S
6 5 4 3 2 9th in 3S
2 6 5 3 4 9th in 3S
4 3 6 2 5 8th in 2

6 4 3 2 5 9th in 3
5 6 4 2 3 9th in 3S
3 5 6 2 4 9th in 3S
4 3 5 2 6 9th in 3S
6 2 3 4 5 8th in 2

3 6 2 4 5 9th in 3
5 3 6 4 2 9th in 3
7 3 6 5 2 4 9th in with 2
6 3 2 5 4 Single at 1 and wrong.
2 3 4 5 6 Wrong.

*Produced by 6-7 lying still at going off. Without a call at 8-9 or 9-7-8.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By H. J. TUCKER, *Bishops Stortford, Herts.*

5472.

2 2 4 5 6 W B H

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

Five times repeated.

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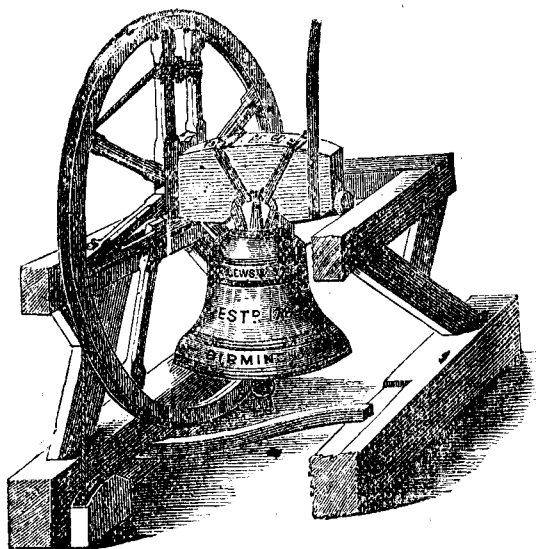
RINGERS' OUTING.

ON Saturday, July 19th, the members of the Christ Church society, Bacup, who are also members of the Lancashire Association, had their annual outing, the place selected being Waddington, Yorkshire. Starting by the first train from Bacup, Clitheroe was reached a little before nine o'clock, where breakfast had been ordered, and the ringers being ready for it a start was made at once. After breakfast a waggonette was waiting to take them through the country to Staidburn, stopping at Bolton by Bowland, to go through the stables and over the grounds of Bolton Hall, which is a treat never to be forgotten. Again mounting the four-wheeler they were soon on their way to Slaidburn, arriving there about two o'clock. Having ordered dinner the party visited the church while it was being got ready, and rang a 720 of Plain Bob. W. Ormerod, 1; A. White, 2; Z. Lord, 3; A. Chew, 4; J. Smith, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. Afterwards the party had a look round the church, then to dinner which they did ample justice to, after which they had a short stroll by the river side and back again to the waggonette, which was waiting to take them to their destination. Starting at once they drove through Dunmow Park and over the fells to Waddington, where the ringers of that place were waiting to greet their old friends from Bacup. After many a grip of the hand, and tea being ready, they were soon dodging among it, after which the evening was spent with songs and recitations until bed time, when all went to bed tired with their first day's outing. Being up by four o'clock in the morning, a good walk made them ready for their breakfast, after which they went to the church and rang 720 Oxford Single for service. W. Ormerod, 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. White, 3; A. Chew, 4; J. Smith, 5; Z. Lord (conductor), 6. Another short walk in the country brought dinner time, to which ample justice was done. After a little rest they were in the tower again ringing 720 College Single for

afternoon service. W. Ormerod, 1; A. White, 2; Z. Lord, 3; A. Chew, 4; J. Smith, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6. Time now being short they had to get ready for their homeward journey, and after bidding good-bye to the Waddington ringers a start was made for Clitheroe station which was two miles off. Arriving there in time they were soon off to Blackburn, at which place they had to wait an hour before their train started. It being fine they made for Trinity Church and rang 720 Plain Bob. W. Ormerod, 1; J. Hardman, 2; A. White (conductor), 3; Z. Lord, 4; J. Smith, 5; W. Smith, 6. Returning to the station they were soon on their way home, Bacup being reached a little after nine o'clock, all being well pleased but tired with their two days' outing. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the rev. gentlemen for the use of the bells, and also to the ringers for the manner in which they received them.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

The Ringers met at the belfry on Monday evening, and had their last "pull" in the old ringing-room where Kettering ringers have handled the ropes for generations past. The old frame (dating back to the year 1714, when the peal was increased to eight) is now to be removed, the bells re-hung in modern style by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough, and the defective third bell replaced by a new one kindly given by a parishioner. It is to be hoped that the old peal tablets will be carefully removed and placed in the new ringing-room. The oldest tablet records the ringing of 5,040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hours 18 minutes, in the year 1729. Kettering church is now undergoing complete restoration.



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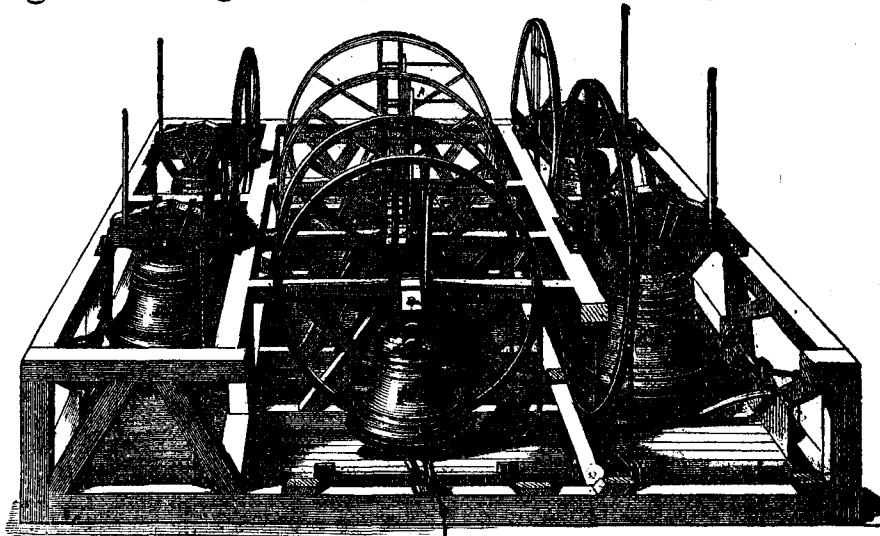
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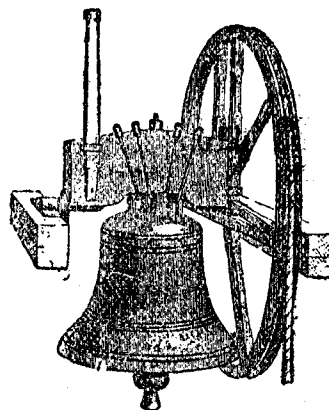
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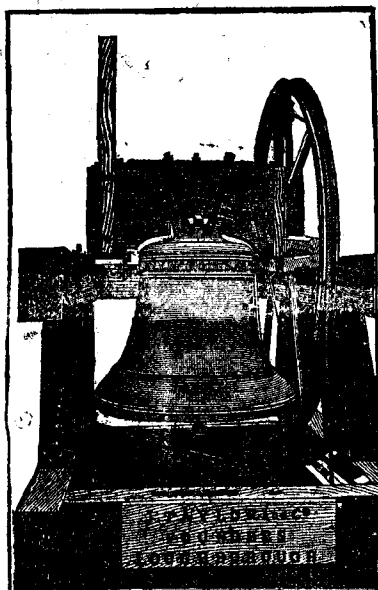
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