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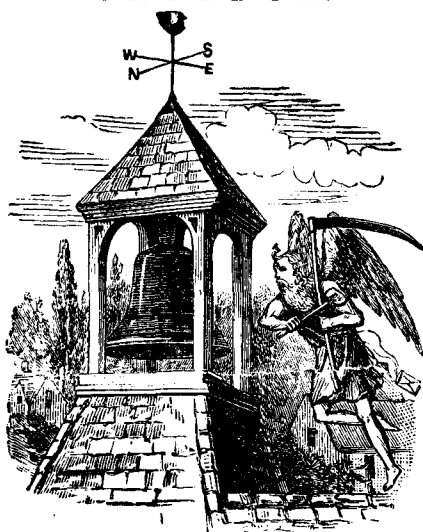
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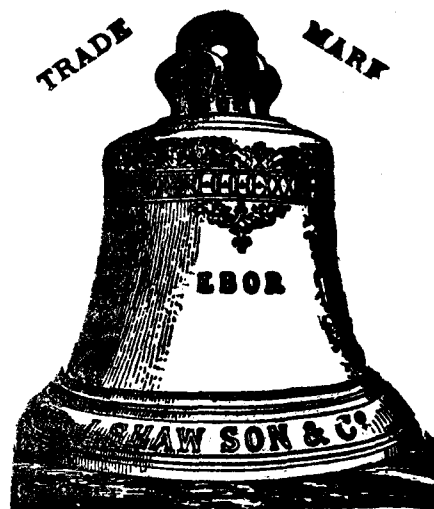
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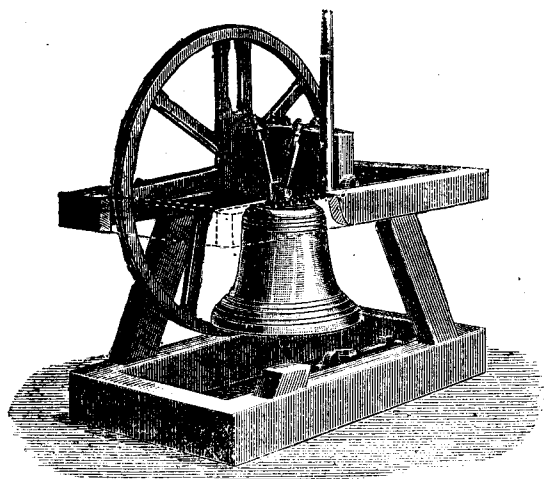
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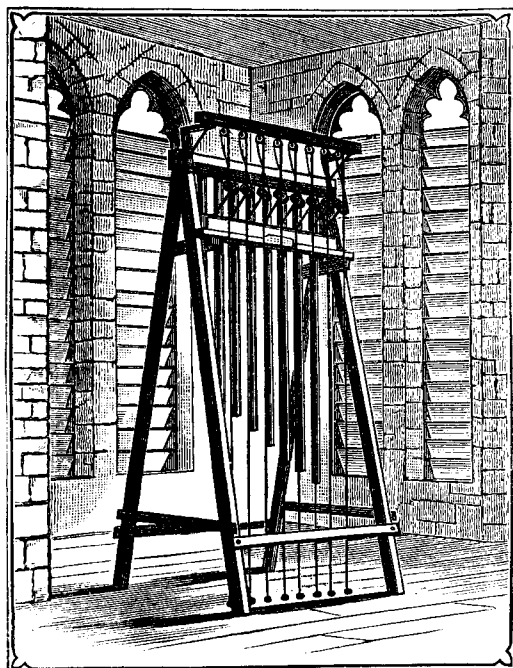
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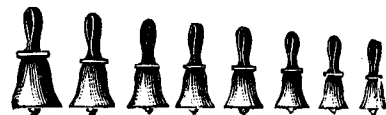
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By kind permission of the Vicar and churchwardens, the 100th Anniversary Meeting of the above Society was held on Saturday, May 30th, at St. Alphege, Greenwich, and, both as regards weather and attendance, was a great success, members from Stepney, Cubitt Town, Bermondsey, Greenwich, Woolwich, Erith, Crayford, Lewisham, Lee, Deptford, Bromley, Chislehurst, and St. Albans being present. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m. on the fine peal of ten at St. Alphege, and was kept up at intervals until about 6. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters and Kent Treble Bob Major were successfully brought round. At 6 o'clock a very excellent meat tea, to which about fifty-five sat down, was served in the Mission Room under the superintendence of Miss Airey (who very kindly presented each one present with a very handsome "button-hole.") There were also present the Hon. and Rev. Canon Legge, of Lewisham, the Rev. T. H. Forster, his curate, and the Rev. G. J. Bayley, of St. Alphege.

A special choral service was held in the Church at 7.30, the officiating clergy being the Rev. Brooke Lambert (Vicar), the Hon. and Rev. Canon Legge, and the Revs. T. H. Forster, G. J. Bayley, and J. W. Green (of Woolwich). Every member attended the service with their friends, and a fair number of members of the congregation. Service commenced with the "Old Hundredth," and a shortened form of evening service was gone through, after which the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy," was sung, the singing and responses being joined in very heartily by all those present. The Vicar gave a most interesting address, taking as his text Zechariah xiv., 20-21. "In that day there shall be on the bells of the horses, Holiness unto the Lord, and the pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altars. Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be Holiness unto the Lord of Hosts;" and Isaiah lii., part of verse 11. "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord." He said:—

The prophet Zechariah foresees a day when the whole people shall be so God-fearing, that even the bells on the horses shall ring out the very words engraved on the high priest's mitre, and every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be as sacred as the vessels of the sanctuary. Isaiah in his message to the people would have them whilst waiting for the better times he foresees, purify themselves; and he specially desired those connected with the service of the temple to keep themselves pure. Speaking to you to-day as a society of bellringers, let me ask you to try and look forward to a day when religion shall enter a little more than it does now into daily life, and meanwhile to do your part to honour the office you hold. For there was a time when religion entered more into daily life, and that time may come again. There was a time when the bells with which you have to do, were baptized, were anointed, were incensed, and set apart to God as if they had been living things. And that was a time when men were not afraid to join the use of the sacred things with that of common things. Our belfry was in old times a watch-tower. The word was written "beffroi," from two words meaning "peace" and "tower" and the change to "belfry" is only one of those instances of how people will try and make sense out of a word they don't understand. The church bells were used to call the people to defend the town in case of civil or foreign war. The church tower was used to hold a cresset (one such I remember at Hadley, near Barnet) in which was a fire to summon those who lived too far off to hear the bells. And the sexton who has the tower and bells in charge was once the sacristan, or keeper of the sacred things. So the tower was used for common as for sacred things, and the keeper of the tower (who is now considered somewhat of an outsider) with the charge of the graveyard and bells was once a sacred person, having at least as much to do with the service as a chairman nowadays. The bells were rung for service, however, as well as for war, and for civil rejoicings as well as for public trouble. They called people to marriages and to burials; they celebrated the victories of the nation, the crowning of sovereigns, the election of members. There is one curious custom used in some churches which reminds us of the joining of religious thoughts to other thoughts. At a funeral the ringers watch in the tower, and ring a merry peal, or a muffled peal (namely, a merry peal with one bell silent) when the coffin comes in sight or is carried out to the grave-yard. What can that mean? It means that though we mourn the dead, we can in the words of our Burial Service, "give hearty thanks" that he is delivered out of the miseries of this sinful world. Without religion the Burial Service can be only sad; with the belief that "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive," there is ground of rejoicing, which we can express in a peal. Now as bells were once sacred and

yet were at the same time used for common needs, let us try and remember that the life on earth which our Lord Jesus Christ sanctified by thirty years of work and play at Nazareth, namely by living just the life which other boys and young men lived in these days, has nothing unholy about it except that which we bring into it. The commonest thing we do, if done honestly, earnestly, and unselfishly, is as religious as any prayer which is put up as many of our prayers are, for form's sake, and without earnestness. What makes a thing religious, is the feeling with which it is done, not the nature of the act. You can pull a bell religiously, and you can sing a hymn blasphemously. The great thing we want to learn, as we can learn if by Christ's life, is that God cares for the outside of the Church as well as for the inside; the workshop and the bell-chamber as well as the pulpit and the communion table. And so I come to the second text—the advice of the prophet Isaiah. "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord." We may have to wait a good many years before we can see Zechariah's hopes fulfilled. We can begin at once to realise the injunction of Isaiah. It is not so many years since the choirs in many of our churches had as little to do with worship as the barrel-organ which led them. I could tell of scenes in the west gallery (for they did not sit in the choirs in those days) which, thank God, cannot be repeated. And since this change has come over choirs, why should we not have a body of bellringers as reverent and attentive as our choirs are. Sometimes the bellringers remind me of the sarcasm which a man passed on an estimable man who gave largely to the support of the Church, but never entered it. "Ah," said my friend, "poor so-and-so is dead, he was a *butress*, but not a *pillar* of the Church." Why do bellringers so often go out at the Church door when the congregation comes in? I expect they would answer "Who cares for us? Have we ever had a clergyman up in our ringing-chamber? Do we ever see any of the congregation there? The choir have their seats in Church, has anyone thought of us?" Now in putting these questions I am sorry to say that I have to blame myself, for I could not give a satisfactory answer to them. But I am living to see better days. This service which you have asked me to give you is an evidence that if we come forward to encourage you, you will not be behindhand. Things have bettered even here. The tower and the bell-chamber are, if not as nice as they might be, no longer the disgrace they once were. A member of our congregation who goes into many places where good people are not often seen, has taken the belfry in charge, and offers to carpet the floor. The churchwardens have determined to allot a seat to the bellringers. I am afraid I am too old to begin bellringing, but one of my colleagues will I hope soon join the Society of Trinity Youths. But you won't make too much of these things. You don't want to be patronized. A movement which only lives by outside support is not worth much. You value these things at their true worth, which is very real. There ought to be sympathy, and you are glad to have it. And we are sorry that we did not give it long ago, and we acknowledge that churches in our neighbourhood, like Lewisham for instance, are far ahead of us. But you understand the appeal of the prophet—"Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord." You are God's servants, used by him to call people to worship, to express their joy, and to sympathize in their sorrow. And you will try to be worthy of the office. "I had rather be a doorkeeper," said the Psalmist, "in the House of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." There is a pleasure in much that is bad for us, or the man would not be bad instead of good. But after all the real pleasure is that which comes not of the boisterous mirth of the gathering, where men say to one another things they would not like their sisters to hear, and talk of things which they would tell their children not to do. No, no; we learnt the scent of true pleasure at our mother's knee when she taught us to say "Our Father," and if we would arise and go to our Father, and say I have sinned, and it profiteth me not, and ask Him to give us grace to do better for the future, we should know a peace which passeth all understanding, a peace which the world cannot give, nor the world take away, and we should not even think gloomily of the fact that one day a muffled peal will be rung over us—for death would be the entrance to the Father's house.

The singing of the hymn "Now thank we all our God," brought a very interesting service to a close.

The business meeting was held in the Mission Room immediately after the service, the retiring Master (Mr. F. W. Thorn-ton) presiding. Preliminary business having been got through, the Hon. Sec. (Mr. E. E. Richards) read his annual report, which was as follows:

The number of members has again increased and the prosperous condition of the Society still continues. We have now on our books the names of 137 members, as against ninety-eight last year, and though a few names will probably be removed, the increase is a substantial one. The peals rung also shew an increase both as regards number and quality, as 23 peals have been rung in seven different methods, viz.: Two of Union Triples, one of Oxford Bob Triples, six of Grand-

sire Triples, one of Grandsire Caters, two of Stedman Triples, one of Stedman Caters, four of Bob Major, three of Canterbury Pleasure Major, and three of Kent Treble Bob Major. Seven have been rung at Erith, five at Crayford, three at Dartford, three at Greenwich, two at St. John's, Deptford, and one each at Bromley, Lee, and Woolwich. Six were conducted by F. G. Newman, and four each by Messrs. E. Barnett and W. Bedwell, two by F. French, and one each by Messrs. H. P. Harman, J. J. Lamb, J. C. Mitchell, E. E. Richards, and J. W. Washbrook (Oxford). The Society has been very fortunate during the past year, as the towers of Greenwich, Lewisham, and Lee have been re-opened after repairs to the bell-fittings, etc., the go of the bells at these churches being all that can be desired. We have to lament the death of Mr. Henry Bright, of Woolwich, an old and respected ringer of many years' standing. I cannot close this report without acknowledging with feelings of gratitude the kindness with which I have been treated by members of the Society. Let me in conclusion express a hope that the coming year may be marked by further progress in change-ringing, and by increased unity and harmony among members in each tower.

The report having been received with applause, and the balance-sheet, shewing a balance of £3 8s. 5d. standing to the Society's credit presented, it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Mr. Jeffries (of St. John's, Deptford) that the Report be adopted and the balance-sheet received, subject to audit, and that they be entered on the Society's minutes.

The next business was to elect a Master for the ensuing year, and Mr. Churchwarden Sydney having been voted to the chair it was unanimously agreed that the voting should be by ballot. Messrs. E. E. Richards, W. Bedwell, and F. W. Thornton were thereupon nominated, and the ballot taken, the result being—for Mr. Richards, 6; Mr. Bedwell, 11; and Mr. Thornton, 30. Mr. Thornton was then amidst great cheering duly declared elected for the second year in succession, and returned thanks in a few well-chosen words. The newly re-elected Master having retaken the chair, the names of Messrs. E. E. Richards and F. Rumens were then put to the meeting for the post of Hon. Secretary, and upon a shew of hands being taken, Mr. Rumens was declared duly elected by 28 votes to 6. The newly elected Hon. Secretary having returned thanks for the honour done to him, said he would endeavour to serve the interests of the Society in the best possible manner, more especially in trying to obtain for the members a weekly practice-night at the churches in the surrounding districts, and also quarterly meetings at the outlying districts, such as Bromley, Crayford, Erith, etc.

The Rev. T. H. Foster was then elected Treasurer, and Mr. H. Warnett, Steward for the ensuing year.

Several new members having been elected, Mr. Weatherstone proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring officers for their past services, which was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Thornton, in responding for himself, said that the members had every reason to be proud of their Society, as it was not a failure but a very great success. The other retiring officers having returned thanks, the Master proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Brooke Lambert for his kindness in granting the use of the church, etc., and for the very impressive address and service, and to Mr. Churchwarden Sydney for his arrangements for the comfort of the members at the meeting, and last, but very far from least, to Miss Airey, for the very large amount of trouble she had taken with regard to the tea, and also for her habitual kindness to the ringers; and to the visiting clergy for their support. The vote having been carried with acclamation,

Mr. Churchwarden Sydney, in the course of his remarks, expressed regret that the state of the Vicar's health prevented him from attending the meeting, and responding on behalf of the churchwardens promised assistance to the Society if required.

The proceedings, which were very spirited and enthusiastic throughout, then terminated.

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ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER.

On Whit-Tuesday six members of the above Society, with two friends, visited some of the towers in the south-east of Shropshire. It is a district in which little or no change-ringing is done, and, except at Bridgnorth, it is a thing quite unknown in the district visited.

A start was made about 8.30 a.m., and after about an hour's drive the first stopping-place—Alveley—was reached. A move was at once made for the church, the tower of which contains a handy little ring of six, cast by Rudhall, of Gloucester, and dated 1779. After getting the bells up, proceedings for the day were opened by a capitally-struck 720 of Bob Minor, in 24½ minutes, followed by a course of Double Stedman Minor. The Vicar, Rev. H. M. Wickham, came into the tower at the conclusion of the ringing, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet a band of change-ringers. After a short time spent in looking round the church (during which the local band gave a well-struck touch of Churchyard Bob), the journey was resumed, and in about half an hour Quatt was reached (the next place on the programme).

This tower also contains a ring of six, by Rudhall, date 1700. A 720 of College Single was tapped off in excellent style in 24 minutes, and the bells lowered. After thanking the Squire for the use of the bells (the Rector, his son, being away), we were soon on the road again, and Bridgnorth was reached about one o'clock. It was the original intention to attempt a peal here, but owing to unforeseen circumstances it was found to be impossible to arrange for one. Being rather behind time, we had to hunt up Mr. Overton, the head ringer at St. Leonard's, and after making arrangements to meet at St. Leonard's at two o'clock, each one went his own way to seek refreshment for the inner man.

On re-assembling, it was found that Mr. Overton had got the bells up and everything in readiness, so with his help and another of the Bridgnorth ringers a touch of Grandsire Triples (the last 700 of Holt's original) was attempted, but on the influx of about a score of visitors into the belfry, a trip occurred, and the conductor had to introduce some singles (not found in the original) to get the bells round.

The ringers were placed as follows:—Jeremiah Bennett, 1; J. Overton, 2; R. E. Grove (conductor), 3; W. H. Smith, 4; W. Wakeman, 5; T. Bennett, 6; H. Williams, 7; E. J. Hall, 8.

A move was then made to the church of St. Mary Magdalene, where there is a ring of six, but they sadly want the bellhanger amongst them. A 720 of Double Stedman was pulled off, but the go of the bells, and perhaps dinner not having properly digested with some of the band, made this the worst ringing of the day. The wagonette was again brought into use, and a move was made for Morville, a pretty little village about three miles north-west from Bridgnorth, on the Wenlock Road. Here there is a fine old Norman church with a low massive tower, to which, about 200 years ago, a bell-chamber has been added. The bells, a light ring of six, tenor about 9 cwt., were soon going merrily to the tune of Oxford Treble Bob, and all went well for about 200 changes when the second rope slipped wheel. A fresh start was made, but after ringing 500 changes, the conductor turned, as he called it, stupid, and "stand" was called. A third attempt was made, and a capital 720 was pulled off in 24 mins. The worthy clerk, Mr. Wall, informed us that this was the first Treble Bob ever rung on the bells. At the close of the ringing, the vicar (Rev. H. J. Ward), came in and expressed his pleasure at meeting us.

The return journey was now commenced, and after a drive of about six miles, Chelmarsh—a village on the west bank of the Severn—was reached. Here was found an old ring of six, and the circle of ropes caused some amusement, and we were some time in sorting them out. We got them right at last, and found they hung in the order of 1, 2, 5, 3, 4, 6, with the 5th near the centre of the belfry. This however did not affect the ringing in the least, and a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure was tapped off in excellent style in 24 mins. This is thought to be the first change-ringing done on the bells.

Kinlet was the next place to be visited, but the member who arranged the time-table had evidently not calculated on the roads. Hills were expected, but not the sort we encountered, and Kinlet was not reached until 9 p.m. The local ringers had waited about for us until 8.45, but had then given up all hope.

of them turning up. It was decided under the circumstances not to attempt any ringing, but drive straight for home, which was reached at 11.30 p.m. The ringers at the six-bell towers were placed as follows: J. Bennett, 1; W. H. Smith, 2; R. E. Grove, 3; T. Bennett, 4; W. Wakeman, 5; H. Williams (conductor), 6. The band wish to express their thanks to the clergy for permission to ring, and to the ringers and steeple-keepers at the various towers for having everything in readiness. G.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, NETHERTON.

A social gathering of this company and a few friends took place at the "Crown" inn on Tuesday evening, May 26th, and passed off very successfully, an excellent repast being served by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. G. Mountford, and which was given by Mr. W. Prestidge, a member of the above society. After a long course on the knives and forks, "stand" was called while the cloth was being removed, when the leader of the society was unanimously elected chairman. The following toasts were given and received with the greatest cordiality: "The Queen and Royal Family," "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese and Ministers of other Denominations," "The donor of the feast," "Our Visitors," "Host and Hostess," etc. During the evening songs were sung by Messrs. Spittle, Smith, Micklewright, Townsend, Small, and Round; also recitations by Messrs. Bayliss and Smith. Courses of Grandsire Caters were rang on the handbells, but Bruce with his eleven came and broke the party up, all expressing themselves as having spent a very enjoyable evening.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A ringing meeting of the above was held at St. John's Church, Deansgate, Manchester, on Saturday, June 6th, when members attended from Ashton-under-Lyne, Eccles, Haughton and Rusholme. Touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were attempted during the evening, but only one touch in each method was brought round owing to the bad "go" of the bells. This should not be so, as the bells have recently been rehung (the back three, 6, 7, 8, being fitted up with patent roller bearings) at a cost of nearly £50, by Shaw, Son and Co., of Bradford, Yorks. The "go" of the bells is pronounced to be bad by some of the best practical change-ringers in the county of Lancaster, and it is to be hoped for the repute of their good name, Shaw Son and Co. will rectify them at the earliest possible date, and try to give general satisfaction to the ringers of Cottonopolis and surrounding parishes, with their noted bells and ringers.

At the business meeting subsequently held in the belfry, presided over by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Rusholme, on Saturday, July 11th. It was also decided, that the reverend gentleman presiding at this meeting should notify the rector of St. John's parish as to the condition of the bells and the general opinion of all present regarding them.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE BELLS.—A special meeting of the Churchwardens, Sidesmen, and Bell Fund Committee, was held in the Bede House, on Friday, May 29, the Vicar (the Rev. J. Dun), being in the chair. The Chairman stated that since the last meeting the sum of £110 had been collected and promised to the Bell Fund, and it was for this meeting to say what steps should be taken. The Vicar also stated that they had received an estimate for re-hanging the bells and adding two new bells, the sum being £338. Dr. Crew said he was very pleased to state that he would give one new bell, and it was also intimated that the other bell would be given by other gentlemen. It was unanimously decided that Mr. Henson be asked to give an estimate for the beams and the floor work. The Churchwardens further suggested that when the sum of £200 was given or promised, the work should at once be proceeded with.

Higham Ferrers bells are a peal of six, all (excepting the treble which is dated 1820) cast by Watts of Leicester during the 17th century. The tenor (a nice-toned bell) weighs about 22 cwt.

In addition to increasing the peal to eight it is intended to recast the present 2nd, which is cracked.

THE LATE WILLIAM COPPAGE.

The late William Coppage was born at Henley-in-Arden, Warwickshire, on Sept. 11th, 1828. He first came to London in 1839 at the age of 11 years. The first occasion on which he entered Waterloo Tower was in 1846, when he wrote his name in chalk on one of the beams supporting the roof. He succeeded R. Wood as steeplekeeper in 1866, which post he held till the time of his death. He was a member of the following societies: Royal Cumberlands, Waterloo, St. James's, Yorkshire Association, Trinity Youths, Dundee Society, and St. Mary's, Battersea.

The funeral took place at Nunhead Cemetery on Saturday last, as announced in last week's "BELL NEWS." The first part of the service was read at St. John's Church by the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Jephson). A number of Mr. Coppage's old friends assembled in the church, and after the first part of the service had been read and the Dead March in Saul played by the assistant organist of St. John's, between 20 and 30 ringers of the Waterloo and other London Societies made their way to the cemetery.

On arriving at Nunhead the sad party paid a visit to the grave of the late John Cox, afterwards making their way to the family grave of Mr. Coppage. The remainder of the service was then read by the Rev. A. W. Jephson, a course of Grandsire Triples being rung on the handbells just before the last prayer, by the following: N. Partington, 1-2; S. G. Davies, 3-4; F. L. Davies, 5-6; A. E. Church, 7-8.

A beautiful brass plate was made and engraved by Mr. J. E. Davis of Camberwell, and fixed on the coffin, bearing the following inscription:—

CALEB WILLIAM COPPAGE,
DIED JUNE 2ND, 1891,
AGED 62 YEARS.

On arriving back in London the usual whole pull and stand was rung by eight members of the Waterloo Society, the same band afterwards ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled, which will be found in its proper place.

On Sunday morning before service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1330 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled by the following:—G. Wild (conductor), 1; F. L. Davies, 2; S. G. Davies, 3; the Rev. A. W. Jephson, 4; W. Partington, 5; J. E. Davies, 6; A. E. Church, 7; W. Baron, Jun., 8.

At the service which followed the Rev. A. W. Jephson preached a special memorial sermon.

In the evening the bells were again rung muffled, when a touch of Grandsire Major (900 changes) was rung by the following members of the St. John's Society:—W. Ball, 1; W. Baron, Jun., 2; S. G. Davies, 3; J. Cassidy, 4; W. Partington, 5; the Rev. A. W. Jephson, 6; G. Wild, 7; F. L. Davies (conductor), 8.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, PONTEFRAC, YORKS.

A large clock has just been erected in the splendid tower of this church by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby. The time is shewn on two dials, each seven feet across, and the hours are struck upon the largest bell. It is provided with all the latest improvements; all the wheels have machine-cut teeth, the pendulum is compensated for variations in temperature, and the general construction of the clock has been carried out to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe. The same firm are now making clocks and chimes for Culmington, Devon; Hayton, near Carlisle; and others.

NEW PEAL OF BELLS FOR IRELAND.

On Whit-Sunday a fine peal of eight bells, from the foundry of Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, was dedicated to the glory of God, and for the use of the parishioners of Holywood, county Down. The bells bear the inscription—"Holywood Parish Church. Erected by subscription, A.D. 1891. Rev. J. B. Crozier, Vicar." The total cost is about £480. The tone of the new bells is clear and musical. The sound can be heard for several miles round.

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.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On the Saturday preceding the Whit-Monday meeting of the above, held at Bishop Auckland, six members from Newcastle and district, and four from Sunderland, Durham, and Bishop Auckland, visited the quiet little village of Brancepeth to attempt a 5120 of Kent Treble Bob Major. A band of eight having been selected, a capital start was made, but a change-course taking place in the last few leads, it came round false after 3 hrs. and 28 mins. slow ringing. R. S. Story (Whitley), 1; R. C. Hudson (Sunderland), 2; H. Ferguson (Newcastle), 3; W. Story (Newcastle), 4; C. L. Routledge (Newcastle), 5; G. Atkinson (Winlaton), 6; F. Charlton (Auckland), 7; F. Harrison (Jarrow, conductor), 8. Tenor 14 cwt. Having lowered the bells the visitors wended their melancholy way to the station, and a long hour's wait in this cold comfortless place did not tend to raise their spirits much. Even the inimitable jokes of the funny man of the party fell flat under such dispiriting circumstances. Refreshments too, are quite an unheard-of luxury in this village, so that when Bishop Auckland was reached at last, fully an hour was spent in satisfying the cravings of the inner man. After supper the spirits of the party rose considerably above par, and a comfortable hotel was found under Mr. Charlton's able guidance, for the five who were left, Messrs. Atkinson and Hudson having gone back home. Here they settled for the week end, and being joined by several of the local band, handbell ringing and social discourse was the order of what remained of the evening. In the morning (Sunday) the party rose with the lark that rises at 8.30, and "made tracks," after breakfast to South Church where hangs a light peal of eight in capital order. A 1440 of Oxford Treble Bob was attempted for service but time would not allow of the last course being finished. L. Newton (Durham), 1; H. Ferguson, 2; R. S. Story, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; W. Story, 5; E. J. Titt (Auckland), 6; D. Shipp (Staindrop), 7; F. Harrison (conductor), 8. After service three of the Newcastle contingent inspected the grounds of Auckland Castle, the residence of the Bishop of Durham, and then joined the others at dinner. Here four "demons of the whirling wheel" proved beyond doubt that cycling is as conducive to good appetite as ringing, for between ringers and cyclists small mercy was shown to the lamb and green peas set down for their disposal, not a morsel being left to tell the tale when all had finished. The after dinner pipes having been liberally discussed (and one of them liberally abused), the indefatigable five set out for South Church once more, where Mr. Charlton, with his usual hospitality, had invited them to a good all-round tea, which was quickly disposed of, and then the same touch of 1440, which was attempted for morning service was tapped off in 52 mins. in the Kent variation. L. Newton, 1; H. Ferguson, 1; C. L. Routledge, 3; J. W. Shipp (Auckland), 4; R. S. Story, 5; F. Charlton, 6; D. Shipp, 7; F. Harrison, 8. After this another disappointment awaited all concerned, as it was found impossible to attempt an officers' peal, which had been carefully arranged for the Monday morning to be rung either at Bishop Auckland or at Brancepeth.

The next day (Whit-Monday) saw a most successful meeting of the Association at South Church. The ringing, which was kept up at intervals throughout the whole day, was of a good order and of good striking withal.

The dinner was held at the "Crown and Anchor" hotel, at which about forty-five sat down, and strict and impartial justice was dealt out to all set before the ringers. The tables having been cleared, a general meeting was held. The President (Mr. R. S. Story) took the chair, and after proposing the usual loyal toast, submitted that of the Bishops and Clergy of the two dioceses.

The Rev. Mr. Scott, of Bishopwearmouth, with whose name this toast was coupled, responded, and dwelt on the friendly relations which exist or ought to exist between ringers and clergy.

Several matters of interest were then discussed and new members enrolled, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman and to the vicar and churchwardens of South Church for the use of the bells.

The ringing at South Church during the day commenced with 672 Bob Major by the local band, assisted by two visitors. R. Pallister, 1; T. Bozyard, 2; W. Charlton, 3; J. Pallister, 4; E. Titt, 5; D. Shipp, 6; F. Charlton, 7; F. Harrison (conductor),

8. And then two short touches of Bob Triples in which Messrs. Hudson and Brewis took part. Also 640 of Treble Bob by R. Borrows (Middlesbro'), 1; R. Moncaster (Darlington), 2; F. Lees, 3; J. W. Shipp, 4; R. S. Story, 5; F. Harrison, 6; E. J. Titt, 7; W. Story (conductor), 8. And 720 Bob Minor. G. Green, 1; H. Tyson (Tanfield), 2; T. Bozyard, 3; W. Sheraton (Chester-le-Street), 4; D. Shipp (conductor), 5; A. Meyers (Chester), 6. After the meeting at the "Crown and Anchor," a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. W. Bell (Darlington), 1; R. Moncaster, 2; *T. Hudson, jun., 3; D. Shipp, 4; C. L. Routledge, 5; W. Story (conductor), 6. *First in the method. And 480 of Kent Treble Bob. L. Newton, 1; R. S. Story, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; T. Clark (Ripon, conductor), 4; E. Titt, 5; D. Shipp, 6; F. Charlton, 7; C. L. Routledge, 8. *Handbell Ringing*.—During the week-end several courses of Triples and Caters were rung. Also 120 Bob Doubles. J. W. Shipp, 1-2; D. Shipp, 3-4; C. L. Routledge, 5-6. And 120 Grandsire Doubles. R. C. Hudson, 1-2; C. L. Routledge, 3-4; T. Hudson, 5-6.

CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.

The church bells having been for many years in quite an unsafe and nearly unringable condition, the ringers have lately set to work and had them entirely rehung at a cost of about £30. More than half the amount required the ringers have already obtained. Hitherto they have been confined to handbells for their change-ringing practices, but a better order of things is now instituted, and the belfry is already beginning to emit the varying music of one or other of the methods so perplexing to the uninitiated. The ringers are all members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, and have made good progress in the art under the instruction of Mr. W. H. Fussell, the Guild Instructor.

At a meeting recently held to frame rules, etc., the following officers were elected: Conductor—J. G. Buchanan, Esq.; Hon. Secretary—Mr. W. Mead; Hon. Treasurer—Mr. J. Roberts.

On Friday, May 15th, it being the occasion of the funeral of the late Earl of Powis, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung during the afternoon with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to his lordship, who was a life member of the Hereford Guild. J. Davies, 1; J. Roberts, 2; W. Roberts, 3; W. Mead, 4; J. G. Buchanan, Esq. (conductor), 5; W. Griffiths, 6.

THE QUEX PARK AND ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, BIRCHINGTON, ISLE OF THANET.

The above society met at the Powell Arms on Friday evening, May 22nd, that being the annual meeting night, Mr. T. B. Reed, sen. (captain), presiding. After the accounts for the past year had been duly audited, and the business apparently at a close, the secretary (Mr. W. Euden), rose and said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, and that was to ask the Captain to accept of a small present from the members of his band as a token of their esteem and respect for the interest he has taken for twenty-four years in forwarding the art of change-ringing at Birchington and elsewhere. The present took the form of a gold scarf pin, set with a crystal bell with the initials "T.B.R." engraved. After the present had been inspected by the members, the Captain, who was taken by surprise, said he thanked all the members for their kindness, and hoped he should be with them on many more occasions. After a few other remarks, the handbells were brought out, and several good courses were rung on them, bringing one of the pleasantest annual meetings to a close.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

A meeting was held on Saturday, June 6th, at Newchurch. Members attended from Rawtenstall, Waterfoot, Bacup (Christ Church and St. Saviour's), and the local company. There was one life member—the Rev. H. Bury, rector—and three ringing members elected. The rector provided a knife and fork tea, free of cost to all who attended, and in a few remarks expressed his good wishes and his earnest desire to forward the interests of such a good and influential body of ringers as the Association. The next meeting will be held at Rawtenstall during August.

THE ALLHALLOWS SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.

The annual excursion of this society took place on Whit-Monday and Tuesday, the party leaving Cannon-street station at 8.20, and arriving at Aylesford, Kent, at 10.30, the journey down being enlivened by tunes, etc., on the handbells. The inclemency of the weather necessitating the shelter of the "Bush" inn being sought, the handbells were again brought into use, and some capital courses of Grandsire were rung. After dinner, which was well served, and to which the party did ample justice, a move was made to the tower. The feelings of the relatives of the late Mr. H. A. Brassey, of Preston Hall, who was buried the previous day in the churchyard, having been ascertained, the bells, half-muffled, were set going to the tune of Canterbury Pleasure Major, of which an excellent peal of 5056 changes was rung in 3 hrs. 13 mins. In the evening a beautiful walk to Snodland brought the first day to a close.

Tuesday dawned under greatly improved atmospheric conditions, and after an early breakfast the party walked to Birling, a pretty village about thirty miles from London. Until recently the tower of the parish church was furnished with an old peal of six bearing the following dates and inscriptions:

Treble.—"Lester and Pack, fecit, 1759."

Second and Third.—"T. Lester made me, 1746."

Fourth and Fifth.—"Joseph Hatch made me, 1631."

Tenor.—"Joseph Hatch me fecit 1631."

The fourth bell in the old six has been recast, and a new treble and tenor added by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have made a capital splice; the whole have also been rehung and furnished with new fittings, and considering the draught, from the floor of the church, the bells go splendidly.

After a short dedication service a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung, and at eleven o'clock the opening peal in the same method was commenced, and shortly after two o'clock a well-struck peal was brought round in 3 hrs. and 3 mins., all the band expressing themselves favourably of the work of the bell founders. The party were then entertained at dinner by Miss English, who with several other ladies of the neighbourhood have been very energetic in raising the necessary funds for the alterations in the tower.

The afternoon was spent in scaling one of the neighbouring hills and viewing the country from a height of 600 feet. On descending the visitors made their way to meet the local ringers at the vicarage where tea had kindly been provided by the vicar. In a short address he complimented the ringers on their ringing, and hoped that when next they visited that part of the country they would not fail to come to Birling, for he considered that much good was done by ringers congregating and ringing together.

Mr. English responded for the Allhallows society, and a move was made to the tower where some Stedman, Plain Bob, and Grandsire were rung.

The time for departure having arrived, farewells were exchanged, and the company arrived at Tottenham at eleven o'clock, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Allhallows (Tottenham) society take this opportunity of thanking the vicars and ringers of Aylesford and Birling for the cordial manner in which they were received.

A VISIT TO DOVER.

On Whit-Monday a visit was paid to Dover by the Speldhurst company for the annual outing. On arriving they were met at the station by Mr. Potter, and after some refreshment a move was made for the church. The bells were then raised in peal and 300 Bob Minor was rung. Afterwards a start was made for 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), which was brought round in 27 mins. H. Card (first 720), 1; B. Winn, 2; J. Baker, 3; F. Still, 4; H. Edwards, 5; G. Card (conductor), 6. In the afternoon Mr. Potter obtained permission for the ringers to look over St. Mary's church. The bells were inspected and chimed, the ringers not being able to ring them as the wheels are gone to decay, and the tower not safe, but it is a shame for such a fine peal of eight to lay idle. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Potter very kindly through the medium of this paper, for spending the day with them and making the time so enjoyable.

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."

ANOTHER REPLY TO "CHANGE-RINGING CHURCHMAN."

SIR,—May I be allowed to say a word or two with regard to matters touched upon in a letter which appeared in your issue of May 16th, from one who signed himself "Change-Ringing Churchman?" Our friend "Free Lance" dealt with the letter in a manner which leaves but little to be added, and I hope will pardon me for supplementing his remarks. Surely no one expects that our Associations should consist only of men who can never be found fault with on the ground of non-attendance at church, or for other similar shortcomings. The chief objects of our Diocesan Associations is to raise the tone of ringers where it is necessary; and the continual theme of the addresses given at our meetings is, moral improvement amongst ringers, and a higher sense of their duties as church workers. An Association can bring but little influence to bear upon ringers who are not within its ranks. It is amongst its ringers, not among outsiders, that its work can take effect. Therefore if all members of such Associations are so good that there is no room for improvement, the main object of their existence is gone. By all means exclude men who lead notoriously evil lives, but more than this we cannot do if we are to any good work among ringers. This "Churchman" falls foul of the clergy for taking any part or interest in ringing. Would he have us take no part in the management of our choirs, and no share in their instruction? If it is allowable for us to give up some of our time to the study and practice of music, in order to be able to do this work towards the perfection of the services of God's house, surely we may be allowed to study change-ringing in order to help our ringers, and improve that part of the work which is done in God's house for His glory. Surely if this gentleman is a "change-ringer" as well as a "churchman," he does not wish to see "stoney" and "churchyard bob" flourishing as they still do in so many neglected belfries, together with the many evils which usually are to be found side by side with them. The best way to banish all this is for every rector or vicar, who has a ring of bells in his church, to become a change-ringer, for then it would not be tolerated. Till the happy day arrives when such shall be the case, we change-ringing clergy, in spite of the outpourings of wrath from such "churchmen" (!) as your correspondent, shall be moved to travel about the country, whenever the occasion and the opportunity presents, and to do our best to awake such an interest with regard to their bells and ringers, amongst the clergy of the churches at which we ring, as will lead them to be constant visitors to their belfries, and not to leave the management of everything in that particular portion of the church to their steeplekeepers, however worthy the latter may be, and even though they be, like your correspondent, "change-ringing churchmen."

Oldland Vicarage, Bristol.

HERBERT A. COCKEY.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—On Whit-Monday I had the pleasure of attending the above Association meeting for the first time. Upon arriving at Workshop the first ringer I met was one of own band, Mr. G. Marsden. After partaking of dinner with a friend we started for the Priory Church, for Divine Service, which was very poorly attended; well might the Vicar take for his text: "Weep with those who weep, and rejoice with those who rejoice." The Secretary had provided a splendid meat tea for forty persons, free of charge, and behold! half that number sat down. One member remarked—"They have gone to the sports." When asking another member about some news in our paper, he replied: "Well, I don't take one, but we get to see one at our tower." My reply was: "Well, we have only six bells, but take eight copies." The ringing was pretty fair on the whole, but if different bands would take their full strength to each meeting, no prize-ringing would be needed to produce good striking. How can we expect good ringing when men of three or four different companies are ringing together, who perhaps have not practised the touch for many months. It may be of interest to the Secretary to know who took part in the three 720s which were rung, and this information will be found in the proper place. The bells are in good going order, and I hope the local company will rally round their Vicar, and make better use of them. I suppose the next meeting will take place at Everton, and by that time let's hope for a better muster, and more subscribers to this paper.

Eckington.

EDWIN JAMES.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1891.

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The Metropolis.

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GEORGE NEWSON Treble.	HENRY SWAIN 6.
WILLIAM WILDER* 2.	ARTHUR JACOB 7.
ALFRED C. FUSSELL 3.	WILLIAM JONES 8.
HENRY A. HOPKINS 4.	FREDERICK PITTS 9.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 5.	JOSEPH BARKY Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

*First peal of Caters. Messrs. Fussell and Wilder hail from Slough. This peal was rung in honour of the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to Camberwell, to open a Mission Hall in connection with the Trinity College. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. Frederick Kelly (Vicar) for the use of the bells.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

On Saturday, June 6, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WATERLOO ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM BARON, SEN. .. Treble.	FRANCIS L. DAVIES 5.
JOHN W. MANSFIELD 2.	WALTER PARTINGTON 6.
STEPHEN G. DAVIES 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 7.
GEORGE WILD 4.	ALBERT E. CHURCH Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARON, SEN.

The bells were half-muffled as a token of respect to the late C. W. Coppage.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND
THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. in D.

JOHN BARBER Treble.	BENJAMIN C. PRATCHETT .. 5.
CHARLES TUCKER 2.	FRANCIS CARROWAY 6.
FREDERICK A. NUNN* 3.	ERNEST T. EDRIDGE 7.
WILLIAM SHORT 4.	CHARLES H. MARTIN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. MARTIN.

*First peal; also the conductor's first peal as conductor on eight bells.

The Provinces.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, June 3, 1891, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN HOWE Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY 5.
GEORGE DAWSON 2.	WILLIAM CLARKE 6.
WILLIAM HICKLING 3.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN 7.
SAMUEL JOHNSON 4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

This peal, which is now performed for the first time, was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. John Johnson, for many years the Master of the Duffield company, but an invalid for many years previous to his death.

AYLESFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 4, 1891, in Three Hours,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY GRICE* Treble.	HERBERT SIMPSON 5.
WILLIAM FRENCH 2.	EDGAR PERRIN 6.
GEORGE WAKEFIELD 3.	THOMAS DURBAN 7.
WILLIAM WILSON 4.	WILLIAM HARRIS Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS DURBAN.

*First peal. This is the second peal by the Aylesford company.

ST, ALBANS, HERTS.

On Wednesday, June 3, 1891, in One Hour and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At 46, ST. PETER STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

Double Bob, Yorkshire Court, Plain Bob, Court Bob, College Single, Double Oxford, and Oxford.

SYDNEY E. MITCHELL .. 1-2.	ERNEST R. MITCHELL .. 5-6.
JOHN C. MITCHELL .. 3-4.	

Conducted by JOHN C. MITCHELL.

Umpire—Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham.

ANGMERING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ANGMERING BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 27, 1891, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT TREBLE BOB METHODS UPON SIX BELLS:

Being 720 each of the following:

College Exercise, College Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, Duke of York, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK FINCH .. Treble.	CHARLES HILLS 4.
WILFRID H. ABBOT* .. 2.	THOMAS LINFIELD 5.
JAMES HILLS 3.	†CHRISTOPHER CLEAR .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER CLEAR.

*First 5040 with a bob bell, and on six bells. †First 5040 as conductor.

ANGMERING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ANGMERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 30, 1891, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT TREBLE BOB METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

College Pleasure, Violet, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent, Duke of York, and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK FINCH .. Treble.	THOMAS LINFIELD 4.
WILFRID H. ABBOT .. 2.	CHARLES HILLS 5.
JAMES HILLS 3.	CHRISTOPHER CLEAR .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER CLEAR.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 4, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF COURT BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S FIVE-PART (No. 2.)

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. REEVE .. Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS 5.
ALFRED BEAUMONT .. 2.	HENRY GIBBS 6.
GEORGE CONYARD .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT 7.
FREDERICK FRENCH .. 4.	EDWARD COOK Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells, also by all the band, and the first in the method by the above Association.

AUGHTON, NEAR ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

(AUGHTON AND ORMSKIRK BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, June 5, 1891, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

GEORGE PRESCOTT .. Treble.	FRANCIS R. WHITE 5.
JAMES SHOLICAR .. 2.	WILLIAM BENTHAM 6.
JAMES PILKINGTON .. 3.	CHARLES SHARPLES 7.
JOHN TAYLOR* 4.	THOMAS MARTLAND Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BENTHAM.

*First peal. The above peal is the first half of Reeves's Variation, and the 2nd half the last half of Holt's ten-part peal.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, June 6th, 1891, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES DICKENS Treble.	WILLIAM LONG 5.
HEENRY BASTABLE 2.	GEORGE W. BALDWIN 6.
CHARLES STANBRIDGE 3.	JOHN BUFFERY 7.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 4.	BERNARD WITCHELL .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by
BERNARD WITCHELL.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th, each sixteen times in 6th place at course-ends, the 2nd and 3rd never there; and is the first peal in the method on the bells.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 6, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE PAICE* Treble.	WILLIAM COLLISON 5.
EDWARD MOSES 2.	FEEDERICK RICE 6.
JAMES PARKER 3.	EDWIN JORDAN 7.
FREDERICK WICKENS 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Major. This is the first peal in the Oxford Variation by all, also the first on the bells. The conductor hails from Brighton; Moses from Reigate; Jordan from Capel; the rest are local men.

FAR HEADINGLEY, YORKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, June 6, 1891, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS ON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

Plain Bob Minor, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

LEONARD STOKOE* Treble.	ARTHUR CRAVEN 4.
WILLIAM CHILD 2.	*FREDERICK ROBINSON 5.
ALFRED NAYLOR 3.	†JOHN WHITAKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN WHITAKER.

*First 5040. †First as conductor. It is also the first 5040 of Minor on the bells, and first by a local company.

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1891, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 75 cwt. in C.

CHARLES R. SAWYER* .. Treble.	JOHN MULLIGAN 5.
WILLIAM FOX 2.	WILLIAM MELLOR* 6.
JAMES A. DIXON 3.	WILLIAM S. PLANT* 7.
ROBERT HARRISON 4.	RICHARD COLLIER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MULLIGAN.

*First peal. Messrs. J. A. Dixon and Robert Harrison belong to St. Mary's company; the rest are local men. This is the first peal by the Sheffield Junior Amalgamated Society, and was rung on the occasion of the birthday of Messrs. Plant and Fox, the ringers wishing them many happy returns.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 9, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY SIMMONDS Treble.	GEORGE ESSEX 5.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
ERNEST W. MENDAY .. 3.	JOSEPH HANDS 7.
ARTHUR W. PIKE 4.	THOMAS NEWMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

GLODWIN, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES GRATRICK Treble.	SAMUEL STOTT 5.
FRED CROSSLAND 2.	JAMES PRIESTLEY 6.
EDWIN B. SHAW 3.	WALTER INGHAM 7.
GEORGE E. TURNER 4.	GEORGE LONGDEN .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP and Conducted by GEORGE LONGDEN.

Messrs. Gratrix and Turner hail from Manchester; Longden from Ashton; the rest belong to Oldham.

ANGMERING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,

On Sunday, June 7, 1891, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT TREBLE BOB METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

Cambridge Surprise, Violet, College Exercise, Oxford, Woodbine, Kent, and Duke of York. Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK FINCH Treble.	CHRISTOPHER CLEAR .. 4.
WILFRID H. ABBOT 2.	THOMAS LINFIELD 5.
THOMAS PARSONS 3.	CHARLES HILLS .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES HILLS.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Wilfrid H. Abbot, Esq., his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 8, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF W. W. GIFFORD, DEVIZES ROAD,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP 1-2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD 5-6.
WALTER S. WISE 3-4.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 7-8.
HENRY D. ADAMS .. 9-10.	

Composed by JOHN COX and Conducted by HENRY D. ADAMS.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 8, 1891, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

W. SMETHURST* Treble.	H. CHAPMAN 6.
W. E. RYDER† 2.	G. E. TURNER 7.
W. BROWN 3.	THOS. THORPE 8.
W. BRAMMER 4.	J. EACHUS 9.
REV. H. J. ELSEE .. 5.	J. PARKINSON .. Tenor.

Composed by ROBERT WILLIAMS, of Liverpool, and Conducted by JOHN EACHUS.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell, and hails from St. James', Rusholme.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, May 10th, for Divine Service at St. Saviour's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 13 mins. J. S. Cartwright, 1; *G. Heathcote, 2; E. Hewitt, 3; W. Hulme, 4; J. Shepherd (composer and conductor), 5; J. Calderbank, 6; A. E. Wreaks, 7; H. Lord, 8. *Longest touch.

BELGRAVE (Leicestershire).—On Monday, June 1st, at the parish church, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr 14 mins. G.

Pole, 1; A. Ballard (conductor), 2; J. O. Lancashire, 3; J. Pole, 4; S. Cotton, 5; E. Smith, 6; S. Pole, 7; W. Bennett, 8. Composed by James George, of Rugby.

MOSSLEY (Lancashire).—On Thursday, May 28th, at St. George's church, a date touch of 1891 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 7 mins. Ralph Taylor, 1; J. Holden, 2; J. Greaves, 3; S. Cooper, 4; A. W. Holden, 5; W. Bentley, 6; S. Wrigley, 7; T. B. Dicken, 8. Composed by J. S. Wilde and conducted by T. B. Dicken.

Miscellaneous.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Friday, May 22nd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. W. Bramley, 1; H. Kelly, 2; T. Johnson, 3; T. R. Somerville, 4; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 5; J. Martin, 6. And on Sunday morning, May 24th, on the occasion of the Queen's birthday, 720 College Single Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 24½ mins. Also 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles) in 24 mins. And for Divine Service in the morning 720 London Single Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 24½ mins. T. Johnson, 1; H. Kelly, 2; R. Hurst, 3; T. R. Somerville, 4; W. Bramley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. First 720 of Plain Bob with a bob bell by T. Johnson. J. Martin belongs to the Pro-Cathedral, Liverpool. Tenor 9 cwt.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, May 6th, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (nine bobs). T. Povall, 1; G. Royden, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; S. Strong, 6. First in the method by all and on the bells. And on Sunday, May 10th, 720 Oxford Single Bob (twenty-eight bobs and fourteen singles). Composed by C. E. Wilson, of Walton-on-the-Hill. T. Povall, G. Royden, G. Kendrick, G. Rogers, W. Wilcox (conductor), S. Wood, 6. Also on Sunday, May 17th, 720 Oxford Single (twenty-eight bobs and fourteen singles). T. Povall, J. Wood, S. Strong, G. Kendrick, W. Wilcox (conductor), J. Griffiths, 6. And on Wednesday, May 20th, 720 Oxford Single (twenty-eight bobs and fourteen singles) with J. Wood, 6. Also on Wednesday, May 27th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-two singles). Composed by the Rev. C. W. Bassano. T. Povall, G. Royden, S. Strong, J. Griffiths, W. Wilcox (conductor), J. Wood, 6.

GREAT BUDWORTH (Cheshire).—On Saturday, May 30th, the Witton ringers paid a visit to this place and rang 720 Bob Minor, on the back six, in 29 mins. W. Forster (conductor), 1; S. Forster, 2; R. Chantler, 3; S. Moore, 4; J. Bell, 5; T. Moore, 6. This is the first 720 on these bells, which has been rung after four attempts. They are a grand peal of eight, tenor 24 cwt. in Eb.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Monday, May 25th, for practice at St. Mary's church, the last 742 of Holt's Original. C. Swain, 1; C. Giles, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; F. Hopgood (conductor), 4; E. C. Foxall, 5; J. Swain, 6; H. Blissett, 7; J. Maskell and L. Rolfe, 8.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, May 17th, for morning service, 360 Plain Bob. W. Russell, 1; J. Cornell, 2; W. Burrows, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Sparks, 6. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles), in 20 mins. W. Russell, 1; J. Cornell, 2; W. Burrows, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Monday, May 18th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles), in 21 mins. W. Russell, 1; J. Cornell, 2; F. Sparks, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 23 mins., standing as before. First 720 in the method with a bob bell by W. Webb. On Sunday, May 31st, for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 19 mins. W. Tubb, 1; J. Cornell, 2; W. Burrows, 3; F. Sparks, 4; C. Tucker, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. After service, 720 Plain Bob. J. Sumpter, 1; W. Tubb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. Burrows, 4; C. Tucker (conductor), 5; C. Martin, 6. On Friday, May 23rd, at St. Mary's church, on handbells, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). B. C. Pratchett, 1-2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3-4; F. Carroway, 5-6. Also a course of Bob Major. C. Tucker, 1-2; F. Carroway, 3-4; C. Martin, 5-6; F. Sparks, 7; J. Cornell, 8. And a course of Grandsire Triple, with B. C. Pratchett, 7-8.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, March 22nd, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 College Singles. H. Martin, 1; C.

H. Martin (conductor), 2; C. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. Crampton, 6. Also on Sunday, March 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Crampton, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. H. Martin, 5; T. Card (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, April 5th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. H. Martin, 1; C. Crampton, 2; F. Pratt, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. Tucker (conductor), 5; C. H. Martin, 6. Also on Monday, April 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. J. Martin (aged 13), 1; F. Pratt, 2; C. Tucker, 3; B. C. Pratchett, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; T. Card, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. J. Martin, 1; C. Tucker, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob. H. J. Martin, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; F. Carroway, 3; C. Tucker, 4; F. Pratt (conductor), 5; C. H. Martin, 6. And on Thursday, April 23rd, 360 Grandsire Doubles. H. Martin (conductor), 1; C. Crampton, 2; F. Pratt, 3; F. Carroway, 4; J. Edmonds, 5; F. Kirby, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob (twelve bobs). C. Crampton, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. And 720 College Single. H. Martin, 1; C. Tucker, 2; F. Carroway, 3; B. C. Pratchett, 4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. Also on Monday, April 27th, 720 Double Oxford Bob. C. Crampton, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin, 6. And on Sunday, May 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. J. Martin, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; C. Tucker (conductor), 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin, 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure (forty bobs and two singles). Composed by H. J. Martin. W. Russell, 1; F. Pratt, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. And on Wednesday, May 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (twelve bobs). H. J. Martin, 1; B. C. Pratchett, 2; F. Pratt, 3; C. Tucker, 4; C. Crampton, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. *Handbell Ringing.*—On Saturday, March 28th, 720 Plain Bob. B. C. Pratchett, 1-2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3-4; T. Card, 5-6. Also on Monday, April 20th, 252 Bob Triples. C. Tucker, 1-2; F. Carroway, 3-4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5-6; H. J. Martin, 7-8. And a 252 with B. C. Pratchett, 7-8. Also on Wednesday, April 22nd, 720 Plain Bob. C. Tucker, 1-2; C. H. Martin, 3-4; F. Carroway, 5-6. And on Monday, May 11th, 720 Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles) standing as before. Also 336 Bob Major with H. J. Martin, 7-8. And on Monday, May 25th, 168 Grandsire Triples and 336 Bob Major. C. Tucker, 1-2; F. Carroway, 3-4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5-6; B. C. Pratchett, 7-8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, May 30th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 704 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Brady, 1; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 2; R. H. Hayward, 3; J. Rowe, jun., 4; J. Smith, 5; E. Gording, 6; W. Ruffels, 7; W. Grimes, 8. This is the first 700 by the local company. Also 464 Bob Major, 400 Grandsire Triples, and 224 Bob Major.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Saturday, May 9th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, Brook's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung. W. Cooke, 1; W. Easter, 2; C. Waterman, 3; E. Price, 4; A. Lincoln, 5; G. Lindoff, 6; W. Haigh, 7; P. Taffs, 8. A. Lincoln hails from Leiston, Suffolk.

AYLESFORD (Kent).—On Saturday, May 29th, eight members attempted W. Harrison's 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major, but after ringing 9152 changes, in 5 hrs. 15 mins., the bells were brought round, owing to a change-course. W. Cooke, 1; A. Moorcraft, 2; A. Palmer, 3; A. C. West, 4; E. Barnett, 5; F. French, 6; W. Haigh, 7; G. Lindoff (conductor), 8. Tenor 16 cwt.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WYMLINGTON (Northants).—On Tuesday, May 19th, at the residence of Mr. J. Wilson, a 6-score of Bob Doubles, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles, and 60 Bob Minor. T. Parnell, 1; J. Desborough, 2; F. Desborough, 3; H. Desborough, 4; J. Wilson (instructor), 5-6. This little band have to content themselves with handbells, as the church bells go so badly.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HEMPSTED (Gloucestershire).—On Wednesday, May 27th, at the parish church of St. Swithun, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. A. E. Pegler, 1; W. Dudge, 2; W. H. Brunsdon, 3; A. Smart, 4; J. E. Groves, 5; E. E. Bewick (conductor), 6. Also several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. *A. Dudge, 1; W. Dudge, 2; W. H. Brunsdon, 3; *E. E. Davis, 4; E. E. Bewick (conductor), 5; J. E. Groves, 6. *Longest length with a bob bell; but are all subscribers to "THE BELL NEWS."

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, May 14th, for practice at the parish church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen

singles four bobs). G. Jordan, 1; W. Cavill, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also 720 Colloge Exercise, in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; J. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; G. Gray, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This makes T. J. Watts 250th 720. And on Sunday, May 17th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; W. Cavill, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also 720 Stansted Double Bob in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; W. Cavill (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; W. Watts, 3; I. Cavill, 4; G. Gray, 5; J. Luckey (first in the method as conductor), 6. And on Whit-Monday, May 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Stansted New Bob. W. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. Watts (first 720 in the method), 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also after service 720 London Treble Bob. W. Cavill, 1; I. Cavill, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. And on Thursday, May 21st, for practice, 720 Stansted Delight in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts (first 720 the method), 5; I. Cavill (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. Also 720 Westminster Treble Bob. W. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method), 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Cavill, 4; J. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. *Handbell-ringing.*—On Saturday May 16th, at the residence of Mr. G. Gray, on handbells retained in hand, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Cavill, 1; W. Cavill, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Cavill, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band on handbells except the conductor. Also on Saturday, May 23rd, on handbells retained in hand, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 18 mins. W. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band on handbells.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WALDRON (Sussex).—On Tuesday, May 31st, for morning service at the parish church, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. A. Dawes, 1; B. Hobbs, 2; H. Rann (conductor), 3; J. Beal, 4; G. Ades, 5; A. Reed, 6; W. Allfrey, 7; H. Ades, 8. Also for evening service, 630 of Grandsire Triples. A. Dawes, 1; J. Burgess, 2; E. Jennings, 3; H. Rann (conductor), 4; J. Beal, 5; B. Hobbs, 6; A. Reed, 7; H. Ades, 8. And on Monday, June 1st, on the occasion of the 53rd anniversary of the Waldron Friendly Society, a start was made at 7 a.m. for a peal of Grandsire Triples, Holt's ten-part, but it came to grief after ringing 1 hr. and 20 mins. A. Reed, 1; J. Burgess, 2; H. Rann, 3; J. Beal, 4; G. Ades, 5; B. Hobbs (conductor), 6; W. Allfrey, 7; H. Ades, 8. Afterwards a 504 of Grandsire Triples. A. Dawes, 1; W. Allfrey, 2; H. Rann, 3; G. Ades, 4; B. Hobbs, 5; J. Beal, 6; A. Reed (conductor), 7; H. Ades, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples (all singles) in 15 mins. A. Dawes, 1; H. Rann (conductor), 2; G. Ades, 3; W. Allfrey, 4; J. Beal, 5; A. Reed, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; H. Ades, 8.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEIGHTON (Montgomeryshire).—On Whit-Monday, for Divine Service in the afternoon at Holy Trinity church, five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. C. F. Tallis, 1; E. Thomas, 2; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 3; W. Jones, 4; T. Barnes, 5; L. Gittens, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

WELSHPOOL (Montgomeryshire).—On Wednesday, May 13th, at St. Mary's church, 300 Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled for the late Earl Powis. Rev. T. Hughes, 1; C. Challinor, 2; E. Thomas, 3; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 4; W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6; T. J. Bratton, 7; L. Gittens, 8. On Saturday, May 16th, 447 Grandsire Triples. C. F. Tallis, 1; C. Challinor, 2; E. Thomas, 3; T. J. Bratton, 4; W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6; W. H. Fussell, 7; L. Gittens, 8. On Tuesday, May 19th, for practice, 504 in the same method. W. Maddox, 1; Rev. T. Hughes, 2; E. Thomas, 3; T. J. Bratton, 4; W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 7; L. Gittens, 8. On Tuesday, May 26th, 168 in the same method. C. F. Tallis, 1; W. Maddox, 2; E. Thomas, 3; Rev. T. Hughes, 4; W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; L. Gittens, 8. This is the longest touch yet rung by a local band. On Tuesday, June 9th, four 720s of Grandsire Minor. C. F. Tallis, 1; C. Challinor, 2; Rev. T. Hughes, 3; W. Jones, 4; T. Barnes, 5; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 6. This is the first touch of Minor by a local band.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Tuesday, June 2nd, at the church of St Peter-at-Arch, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 52 mins. W. H. Hodson, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; F. W. Walker, 3; J. Austin (conductor), 4; G. Chester, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; C. W. P. Clifton, 7; J. H. Harris, 8. Composed by the late Henry Johnson. This was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late John Wells, formerly a ringer at this church. And on Sunday, June 7th, for Divine Service, 560 in the same method. W. H. Hodson, 1; J. B.

Fenton, 2; F. W. Walker, 3; J. Austin (conductor), 4; G. Chester, 5; J. W. Watson, 6; C. W. P. Clifton, 7; J. H. Harris, 8.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

WORKSOP.—On Whit-Monday, at the Association meeting, 720 of Violet. W. Hargreaves, G. Barraclough, E. James, G. Marsden (conductor), S. Brown, and Beeston. And 720 of Oxford. W. Hargreaves, C. A. Fowler, E. James, G. Marsden (conductor), T. Brown, and T. Silvester. And another 720 in the same method. F. Mackie, W. Hargreaves, E. James, R. Beeston, G. Marsden (conductor), and G. Barraclough. Hargreaves hails from Shireoaks; Fowler from Anston; Mackie from Retford; Brown from Everton; James and Marsden from Eckington; Silvester from Sheffield; Barraclough and Beeston belong to Worksop.

BRIXTON (Surrey).—On Sunday, May 31st, before evening service at the church of St. John the Divine, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins. A. E. Church, 1; C. E. Malim, 2; C. F. Winny, 3; E. F. Cole, 4; G. T. McLaughlin, 5; W. T. Cockerill, 6; G. W. Wild (conductor), 7; T. Coxhead, 8. The above is the first quarter-peal in the method on the bells.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Sunday, May 17th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, with 7-8 behind. W. Maxim, 1; W. Gridley, 2; G. Green, 3; R. Mingay, 4; S. Evans, 5; R. Inch, 6; G. Maxim (Cavendish), 7; D. Gridley (Clare), 8. After the afternoon service, a 1008 of Bob Major. W. Gridley, 1; G. Green, 2; C. Honeybell (Glemsford), 3; W. Lee (Sudbury), 4; R. Mingay, 5; R. Inch, 6; G. Maxim, 7; J. Lee (London), 8. Also 560 Bob Major, with A. Maxim, of Liston Hall, ringing the 4th. All these touches were conducted by W. P. Gridley.

GREAT TEY (Essex).—On Sunday, May 31st, for Divine Service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. D. Claydon, 1; W. Rogers, 2; F. Davey, 3; H. Wiffen, 4; G. Galley, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6. After service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. D. Claydon, 1; W. Grimwade, 2; F. Davey, 3; W. Ward, 4; W. Ladhams, 5; E. Ladhams (conductor), 6. Various touches were also rung by Messrs. W. Ward, F. Davey, W. Spurgeon, and J. Cant from Halstead; D. Claydon and W. Rogers from Colne; E. Radley and A. Chaplin from Stisted.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, May 24th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1008 Grandsire Triples. W. Boby, 1; H. Parker, 2; C. Jarvis, 3; A. Symonds, 4; H. Smith, 5; W. Snell, 6; T. King (conductor), 7; W. Moore, 8. Rung on the occasion of Her Majesty's birthday. Also on Monday, May 25th, 640 in the same method. W. Boby, 1; H. Parker, 2; C. Jarvis, 3; T. King, 4; H. Smith, 5; W. Snell, 6; A. Symonds (conductor), 7; W. Moore, 8.

LONDON.—On Saturday, May 30th, at the parish church of St. John-at-Hackney, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 50 mins. H. Alford (first quarter-peal), 1; J. Davidson, 2; W. D. Smith, 3; W. Burkin (conductor), 4; F. A. Nunn, 5; S. Binfield, 6; G. J. Smith, 7; H. Stubbs, 8.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, May 31st, before Divine Service at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. W. Bamber, 1; T. H. Mark, 2; *J. Fell (conductor), 3; J. Salthouse, 4; *C. H. Kerr, 5; R. Whiteside, 6. Also a six-score of Stedman Doubles, standing as before, with the exception of R. Cookson, covering. *Members of the Lancashire Association.

MATHERN (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday, May 31st, at St. Tew-dric's, for morning service, two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. W. Richards, 1; T. Huntley, 2; G. Watts, 3; W. T. Bennett, 4; G. Watkins (conductor), 5; T. Collinson, 6. For evening service, a 6-score of Grandsire and three 6-scores of Plain Bob, T. Collinson and T. Huntley changing places.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, May 24th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 48 mins. F. Hollingworth, 1; J. Vickers, 2; J. R. Wood, 3; H. Hollingworth (conductor), 4; G. C. Tunnicliff, 5; J. W. Warren, 6; T. Hollingworth, 7; J. Hough, 8. Rung to celebrate Her Majesty's birthday. And on Tuesday, May 26th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. J. Hough, 1; H. Hollingworth (conductor), 2; F. Hollingworth, 3; J. W. Warren, 4; J. R. Wood, 5; G. C. Tunnicliff, 6. Also on Saturday, May 30th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 27 mins. F. Hollingworth, 1; H. Hollingworth (conductor), 2; J. W. Warren, 3; J. R. Wood, 4; J. Vickers, 5; G. C. Tunnicliff, 6. The last contains forty bobs and two singles, and was rung at the first attempt.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Sunday morning, May 17th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. S. V. Salisbury, 1; P. Long, 2; G. Derrick, 3; W. Ward, 4; W. Jennings, 5; H. Jennings (conductor), 6; A. R. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8.

Notices.

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The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next Committee and Quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Pershore to-day, Saturday, June 13th, in the National School-room, at 6 p.m. prompt, by the kind permission of the Ven. the Archdeacon of Worcester, Canon Walters, who will preside. The tower will be open for ringing at the Abbey Church. Members are requested to meet at the "Ship Inn," Mr. J. Mealing's.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

37, Simms Lane,
Netherton, Dudley.

The Old East Derby Association.—The next meeting will be held at Chesterfield, on Saturday, June 20th. Peal of ten open for ringing during the day; meeting at 5 p.m.

EDWIN JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

9, Pipworth Terrace, Eckington.

The St. Mary's Society, Bow, Middlesex.—In future this Society will hold its meetings at the "Bow Bells," Bow Road, E., our next practice being Monday next, June 22nd, and every alternate Monday.

R. J. TURNER, *Hon. Sec.*

Quidenham Church Bells. — Thetford, Norfolk.—The peal of bells in this parish will be opened to-day, Saturday, June 13th, being augmented from three to six, by the addition of two new trebles, and a new tenor. The bells are put up in memory of the late George Thomas, 6th Earl of Albemarle. The 13th being the birthday of the late Earl, is the day fixed for the opening, the bells will be rung muffled before service—and opened afterwards. The peal is hung in a new wrought iron bell-frame, all hung on one level (the tower, which is a round one) being only 12-ft. 6-in. diam., the tenor bell being 3-ft. 9-in. and weighing 16 cwt., bears the following inscription:—"In Memory of George Thomas, 6th Earl of Albemarle."

Midland Counties' Association.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of this district will be held at Ratcliff-on-Trent, to-day, Saturday, June 13th. Belfry open at 3 o'clock.

ALBERT LAMBERT.

6, Osmaston Street, New Lenton, Nottingham.

Lancashire Association. — Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting at St. Thomas's, Moorside, on Saturday, June 20th, bells ready at 3 p.m.; meeting in School-room at 6 p.m.

F. BIRTWISTLE, *Branch Sec.*

Herts Association.—District meeting at Bennington, Saturday, June 27th. Further particulars next week.

E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The Annual meeting of the above Guild will be held on Wednesday, June 24th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, when important business will be considered. Every member is urged to attend.

W. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

Finch Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

Lavenham, Suffolk.—The Anniversary of the Bells will be held on Saturday, June 20th. Market Lane. A. SYMONDS, *Master.*

Middlesex Association.—The usual monthly meeting will take place this (Saturday) afternoon, at Ruislip. The tower will be open from 5.30 p.m. Nearest station—Pinner (Metropolitan railway.) F. A. MILNE, *Hon. Sec.*
11, Old Square, Lincoln's Inn.

Midland Counties' Association. — The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Loughboro' on Saturday, June 20th, 1891. Committee meeting at 5.30 p.m. Tea will be provided free to all members who inform the Local Hon. Sec., Geo. E. West, 16, Fennel Street, Loughborough, on or before Thursday, June 18th, of their intention of being present at 6 p.m. General meeting immediately after the tea.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, *Hon. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield, on Saturday, June 20th. Ringers to assemble in the Belfries at 2 p.m. Tea free to all members who have paid their subscriptions. Notice of numbers to be sent not later than the 17th inst., to SAMUEL REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*
10 Bull Street, West Bromwich.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers. — The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, June 27th; on the same day the two new bells recently added to the peal at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, will be dedicated to the Service of Almighty God. The day's proceedings will be as follows: Dedication Service at St. Sidwell's Church, with Sermon by the Ven. Archdeacon of Barnstaple, 12 noon. Public Luncheon at the Bude Hotel (Tickets 2s. each), 1.30 p.m. Meeting of the G.D.R. at St. Sidwell's Institute, 4 p.m. Tea, free to members of the Guild, visitors and non-members, 9d. each, at St. Sidwell's Institute, 4.30 p.m. Arrangements will be made for ringing at the belfries of some of the Churches in the city and neighbourhood; but application should be made to the Secretary by those bands who wish to ring, not later than June 18th. The Cathedral Bells will be rung by members of the Guild on the following Monday, and so will not be rung on this day.

MAITLAND KELLY, *Hon. 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.

TWELVE-PART PEALS OF DOUBLE NORWICH.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

5376.

2	3	4	5	6	1	4	6
6	3	5	2	4	-	-	s
2	5	3	6	4	-	-	-
5	3	2	6	4	-	-	-
3	2	5	6	4	-	-	-

Eleven times repeated; substituting a bob for the single in the sixth and twelfth parts.

This peal has neither the 2nd or 3rd in 6ths place at a course-end; and has the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 5-6; and is the best peal composed on the plan.

By omitting the bob at 6 in the second course of either of the parts, eliminates two courses, reducing the peal to 5152 changes.

5376.

2	3	4	5	6	1	4	6
3	5	4	2	6	-	-	-
6	2	5	3	4	-	-	-
3	5	2	6	4	-	-	-
3	2	5	6	4	-	-	s

Eleven times repeated; with a single at 6 in the first course of the fourth and tenth parts.

5376.

2	3	4	5	6	1	4	6
3	5	6	2	4	s	-	-
5	6	3	2	4	-	-	-
6	2	3	5	4	-	-	-
2	3	5	6	4	-	-	s

Eleven times repeated; single at 4 in the fourth and tenth parts; also single at 6 at the third course of the sixth and twelfth parts.

ARKSEY, NEAR DONCASTER.—On the evening of Tuesday, the 31st ult., a service, unique in its kind, so far as Arksey is concerned, was held in the parish church, for the purpose of dedicating a clock, kindly presented for the church tower by the Misses Dunhill, in memory of their father. The attendance was a large one, and one which was surely a pleasing tribute to the memory of him, who still lives in the affections of the parishioners of Arksey. At a convenient point in the dedication service, the clock was formally started by the Misses Dunhill, after which the service was, with a few suitable prayers, concluded. It is almost impossible to speak too highly of the value that the new clock will be to the village. For some years back the old clock in the Arksey church tower had been a source of annoyance rather than of help to those who had to rely upon its statements for their knowledge of the correct time of day. The new clock will therefore come "as a boon and a blessing," not only to the parishioners themselves, but to the many who, from time to time, either from business or from pleasure, find it necessary to visit this beautiful little village. The hours are struck on the tenor bell, which bears the date 1622, and the quarter chimes on two smaller bells placed in the tower fifty years after that date. The design is that of Lord Grimthorpe, with the gravity escapement attached, and compensation pendulum and maintaining powers. The clock has a solid horizontal cast-iron bed frame (which is fixed on strong cast-iron brackets bolted to the wall of the tower), and has all the latest improvements. The work has been done by the well-known firm of Messrs. Potts and Sons, of Leeds, a name which, wherever it is found, is always a guarantee for excellent workmanship and finish. Attached to the clock is a brass plate bearing the following inscription:—"Erected to the memory of William Workman Dunhill, by his daughters, Mary and Edith. March, 1891." The beautiful skeleton dial, designed for the church by the late Sir Gilbert Scott, has been retained but has been re-gilded. All thanks are due to the Misses Dunhill for their gift, which is at once a noble and most useful one, and one in every way worthy of him in whose memory it has been given.—*Doncaster Chronicle.*

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

AMATEUR.—Hubbard's *Elements of Campanalogia* (Fletcher, Norwich).

A report of the Yorkshire Association meeting, several other reports, correspondence, and touches, are unavoidably held over until next week.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

On Whit-Monday, May 18th, Messrs. J. Prescott, Geo. Prescott, J. Pilkington, and T. Martland from Ormskirk, with Messrs. Pritchard, Fisher, and J. Booth of Liverpool, visited the above church, and by the kindness of Mr. S. Wood of Wallasey, who took the trouble to get the requisite permission, were enabled to have a ring on this musical little peal of six. An attempt for a 720 Grandsire Minor proved fruitless after ringing upwards of 600, by J. Prescott, 1; J. R. Pritchard, 2; J. Pilkington, 3; J. Wood (Wallasey), 4; G. Rogers (Wallasey) 5; G. Prescott (conductor), 6. The next attempt at Grandsire was more successful, being brought round in 24 mins., by J. R. Pritchard (conductor), 1; J. Booth, 2; J. Pilkington, 3; J. Wood, 4; J. Rogers (Wallasey), 5; G. Prescott, 6; as also was a 720 Plain Bob Minor in 23 mins., by J. Rogers (Wallasey), 1; J. Booth (Liverpool), 2; J. R. Pritchard (conductor), 3; J. Wood (Wallasey), 4; G. Fisher (Liverpool), 5; G. Rogers (Wallasey), 6. The visitors take this opportunity of thanking all who met them for contributing to their day's enjoyment.

LOCKERLEY, HANTS.

On Whit-Monday the Romsey Branch of the Winchester Diocesan Guild of change-ringers paid a visit to the above place, by the kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. S. F. Bourdillon). Arriving at the church at 3 p.m. the bells were raised in peal and a start made for a 720 of Bob Doubles, which was accomplished at the second attempt in 24 mins. The Vicar at the close, entering the belfry, complimented them on the good striking. An adjournment was then made to the Vicarage to partake of an excellent tea kindly provided by the Vicar. After tea the ropes were again taken in hand, and this time a 2160 was pulled off in 1 hr. and 10 mins. The bells were then lowered in peal and a move made for home. The above is the first change-ringing on the bells, and the longest lengths by all except C. Tribe. The following were the ringers:—Fred Russen, 1; J. Ellcomb, 2; G. Newman, 3; C. Tribe, 4; T. Cole (conductor), 5; J. Walker, 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last a meeting of the Blackburn Branch was held at Walton-le-dale, when representatives were present from Blackburn, Church, Higher Walton, Houghton, Preston, and Walton-le-dale. During the afternoon the Higher Walton company rung a 720 of London New Bob, and afterwards mixed companies rang touches of College Single, Plain Bob, and Grandsire Minor. Mr. J. Walker presided at the meeting which was subsequently held, at which seven new members joined. It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Ann's-on-the-sea, on Saturday, June 27th, where there is a new peal of 8 bells. Votes of thanks to the Vicar, Wardens, and Chairman, brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

HONOURS FOR MRS. GRIMWOOD.—Although the Government did not confer the order of the Crown of India upon Mrs. Grimwood, she has received two tributes to her heroism. One, the Royal Red Cross conferred by the Queen; and the other, the gold Victoria olive wreath, which is awarded by the proprietors of *The Gentlewoman* to those who distinguish themselves by some act of womanly devotion. Mrs. Grimwood richly merits both of these honourable distinctions.

Obituary.

WILLIAM HOVERD.

It is with regret that we have to announce the decease of this ringer, which took place on Friday evening, the 5th instant, in the "William King" ward of St. George's hospital, at the age of 58. He was a native of Chipping Norton, a small town situate on the borders of the three counties of Gloucester, Oxford, and Worcester. On arriving in London, he joined the Cumberlands, and rang his first peal at St. James's, Clerkenwell, in 1864. Altogether he rang about 100 peals, in the standard methods, in which he generally figured at the heavy end. For some time he filled the post of Secretary to the above society, and was steeplekeeper of St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, for some years. As is well known he had been in failing health for some time, but he maintained his connection with ringing till the last, and frequently has been seen at the treble at St. Gabriel's when his condition necessitated rest and quiet, only that he was anxious to oblige his friends when the band had met one short. By his decease and that of the late W. Coppage, the Cumberlands have within a short time lost two men who were at one time very prominent members.

HEZEKIAH ROGERS.

The belfry of All Saints, Boyne Hill, Berks, has sustained a great loss by the death at the early age of 31, of the above-named ringer, one of its earliest and most valuable members. The funeral took place on Saturday, May 30th, when both clergy, choir, and ringers from the parish and neighbourhood united in all tokens of esteem for their deceased fellow-worker. The bells were rung deeply muffled on the approach of the bier, and after the office had been said by Rev. R. P. Newhouse, the usual whole pull and stand with rounds, Queens, Whittingtons and Tittums, 31 strokes on the tenor, and a touch of over 1000 changes were rung. Before Evensong on Sunday a quarter-peal of Grand Triples, with muffled bells, was rung by the following: Rev. R. P. Newhouse, 1; O. Faisey, 2; J. W. Wilkins, 3; F. Bissley, 4; F. Dentry, 5; G. Wilkins, 6; C. Hoskins, 7; H. Gilding, 8. Composed and conducted by J. W. Wilkins.

AN ELIZABETHAN BELL.

(From "The Hampshire Independent.")

The last bell I described was a Cromwellian, of Fordingbridge church. Now I will give you an Elizabethan, of Crawford church, near Wimborne. The bell stands with two others in a neglected state—rotting wheels—and is about 12 cwt. In the church below a princess of an early period is buried. The inscription on the bell is

GOD BE OVR GUYD.—1589.

The date is about two years before Queen Bess—a most useful queen to old England—paid her last public visit to Southampton.

GEO. PARKER.

NOTE TO THE ST. ALBANS 5040.—The following 720s were rung by the brothers Mitchell as practice, and in several unsuccessful attempts for the 5040 recorded in another column: 3 of Double Bob, 5 of Yorkshire Court, 2 of Plain Bob, 5 of Court Bob, 4 of College Single, 2 of Double Oxford, and 1 of Oxford. The 5040 was rung very regularly throughout, four 720s taking exactly 16 mins. each, the others being the same within a few seconds.

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REVENUE OF THE YEAR.	
Premiums	£142,622
Interest, &c.	52,256
	£194,878
ACCUMULATED FUND.	
Laid by in the year	£41,114
Accumulated Fund on 31st January, 1890.	£1,297,534
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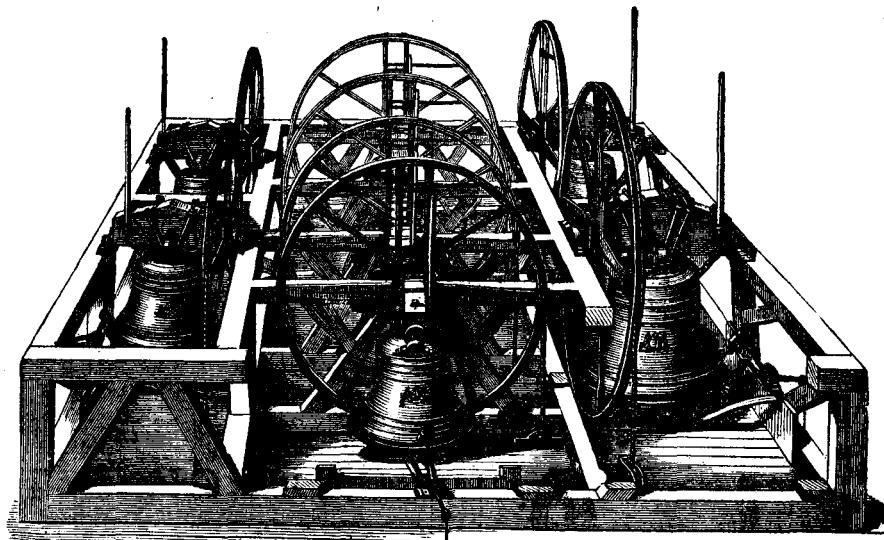
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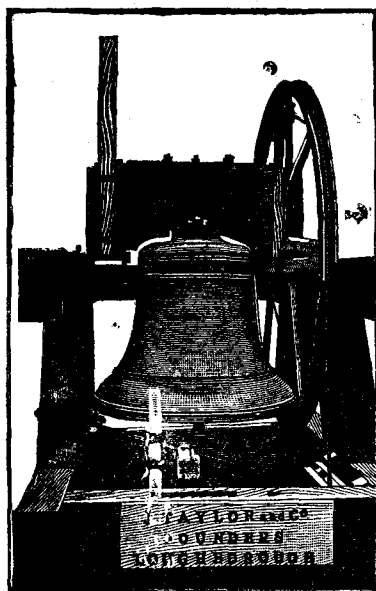
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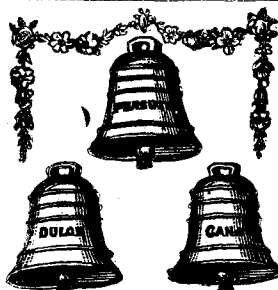
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