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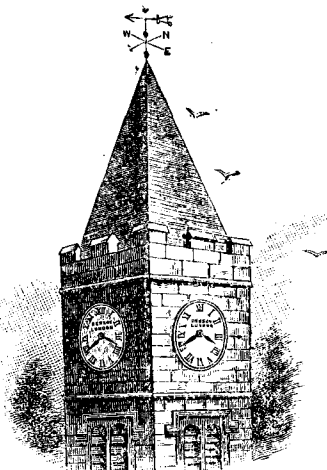
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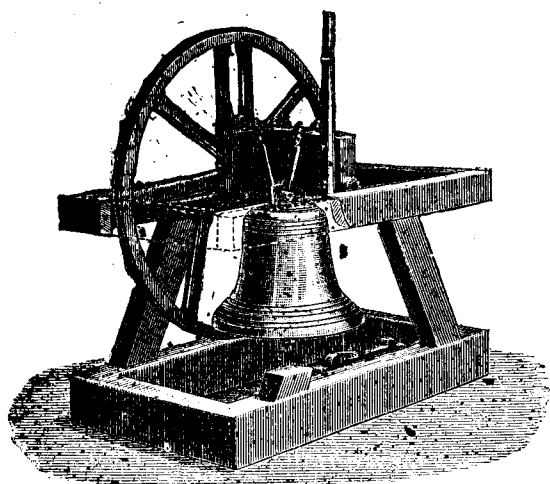
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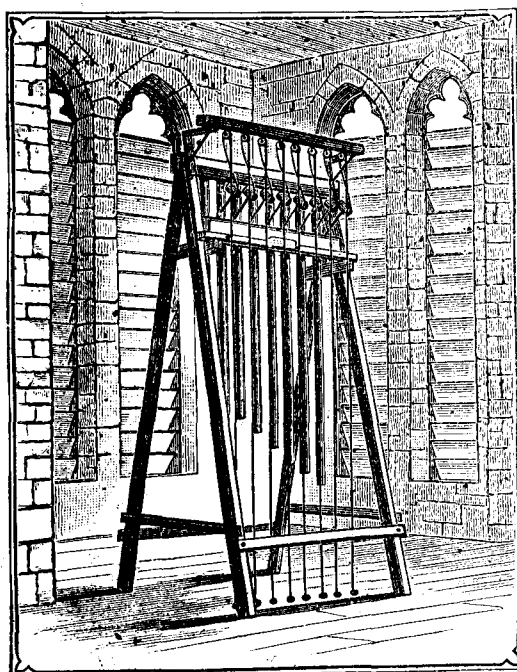
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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN
ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held in Durham on Monday, October 26th. During the day bands of ringers visited the belfries of the Cathedral (8), St. Nicholas' (6), and St. Oswald's (6) churches, and the citizens had the pleasure of listening to some capital change-ringing. In the afternoon a special service for ringers was held in St. Nicholas' church, at which there was a good attendance. The opening prayers and first lesson were read by the vicar (the Rev. H. E. Fox), and the second lesson and concluding prayers by the curate (the Rev. J. G. F. Reade). The sermon was preached by the Rev. C. Buston, of Embleton, who took as his text the 31st verse of the 10th chapter of St. Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians. He said these annual festivals were not only good because they brought ringers together to unite in public worship, but they were also valuable as affording them a suitable opportunity for being mindful of their duty towards God and their neighbours. He reminded them that in ringing, quite as much as in anything else, perhaps even more so, they ought to remember St. Paul's advice: "Do all to the glory of God." Mr. Buston pointed out that, in order to do this, it was necessary that they should practice two things, patience and self-denial. He went on to say that their position as church officers was now very much better than it was twenty years ago, and also referred to the fact that there had been a certain amount of what might be called belfry reformation. The clergy also took more interest in ringing than they used to do. Some people knew no difference between chiming and ringing. He suggested that they might bring this knowledge to such people by chiming their bells in Advent and Lent, and by ringing them on all other Sundays and festivals of the church. He also suggested a more frequent use of that most beautiful of peals, the muffled peal, especially on Good Friday—which, alas, was now but too often observed as a holiday for recreation and pleasure—and also in ringing the old year out. He said if they practised patience and self-denial in the various ways he had suggested, they would make their position felt more than it had been as change-ringers, and they would perhaps overcome the indifference with which change-ringing was regarded by some at any rate. He concluded by hoping they would all go forth from that House of God, each man determined to walk worthy of his vocation as a bell-ringer in God's Holy Church. Might God give them grace to remember in their belfries, as they handled their ropes, the Apostolic injunction, "Do all to the glory of God."

Later in the afternoon the annual dinner was held in the large dining hall of the "Three Tuns Hotel," New Elvet, Durham. About sixty sat down to the excellent repast provided by Mrs. Brown. The president, Mr. R. S. Story, occupied the chair, and Mr. Lees the vice.

The President gave the "Church and Queen" and the "Bishop and Clergy of the two Dioceses," both of which were honoured, the Rev. Mr. Milner, vicar of St. John's, Newcastle, responding to the latter.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read and confirmed, after which Mr. L. Newton, the hon. sec., read an admirably-drafted report, in which he congratulated the society, more especially the members of the Tyneside Branch, upon the number of peals which have been rung during the past twelve months. The record of peals for the past year exceeds that of any previous year. Previously that of 1885, with seven peals, was the best record since the commencement of the association, but this year he was able to chronicle twelve peals of upwards of 5,000 changes. Of these six were of Treble Bob Major, two of Bob Major, two of Grandsire Triples, one of Bob Triples, and one 5040 in seven different Minor methods. Eight of these peals have been rung at St. John's, Newcastle, one at Bishop Auckland, one at Hexham, one at Tanfield, and one at Brancepeth. The report went on to say: "There is but little doubt who has been the means of the success of the peal-ringing for this year, as I am sure you will all have seen his name appearing in nearly the whole of the peals which have been rung. The member to whom I refer is Mr. C. L. Routledge, of Newcastle, whom I am sure deserves the greatest praise that we can bestow upon him, he having rung in eleven peals of the twelve that have been rung, and I believe not only has he rung in them, but has also been the means of getting most of the bands

together for making the attempts. Following very closely in Mr. Routledge's footsteps is another of our Newcastle friends, viz., that of Mr. Wm. Story, he having succeeded in taking part in nine peals. He also has been most attentive to further the interests of the association. Third on the list comes one who we all greatly esteem, viz., our president, Mr. R. S. Story, who has scored seven peals. Following very closely comes another member of St. John's branch, viz., Mr. H. Ferguson, whose name appears in the records of six peals. Mr. T. Gofton has also succeeded in taking part in six peals, and has also shown great ability in conducting, having succeeded in conducting his first peal of Major at the first attempt. Messrs. Harrison, Lees and Pattison have each succeeded in appearing in five peals; Mr. Lindsey in four; Messrs. Clapperton, Holmes and Atkinson in three; Messrs. Titt, Charlton, Borrows, Macfarlane, Blakiston, and R. C. Hudson in two; and Messrs. Egglestone, Wallis, Edwardson, Dixon, Campbell, Pearson, Simm, Henderson, Butterworth, Charlton, Cleminson, Mayne, Bozzard, and L. Newton in one. In all, thirty-four members have taken part in the ringing of peals this year." There were attached reports from the different branches, most of which were of a satisfactory character, and concluded with a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Henderson, of Jarrow, who was a young and promising ringer.

The report was adopted.

Mr. Hudson, of Sunderland, then proposed "The health of the President." They were all proud of Mr. Story and the position he held in the society, and hoped he would long be spared to preside over them. Mr. Story took the greatest possible interest in the work of the association, and also greatly interested himself and spared no pains in bringing forward and instructing young ringers.

The toast was musically honoured.

The President, in responding, said he was very strongly attached to the objects of the association, and whatever position he held, should always endeavour to further them, because he was thoroughly convinced that the art of change-ringing was beneficial to them both as men and as members of the Church; not only because of the attainment of a musical result, but because it was good in moulding and forming men's character, as well as increasing their abilities. Their association might be termed to some extent a mutual improvement society, as well as a body of change-ringers.

Mr. Wm. Story gave "The health of the Vice-president," and moved a vote of thanks to the hon. sec. They would all agree that in Mr. Newton they had the right man at the wheel.

Mr. Lees briefly responded, after which Mr. R. S. Story was unanimously re-elected president, Mr. Clark and Mr. Lees vice-presidents, and Mr. L. Newton hon. sec. and treasurer, the latter being carried by acclamation.

A large number of honorary and performing members were elected, the former including the Rev. T. Urmson, Willington; the Rev. P. A. M. Sullivan, Durham; the Rev. E. Price, Bishop Auckland; the Revs. J. W. Milner and E. Lewis, of St. John's, Newcastle.

A vote of thanks was then proposed to the Rev. C. Buston, for his eloquent and instructive sermon, by Mr. Lees.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter of Durham, and to the Vicars and Churchwardens of St. Nicholas' and St. Oswald's, Durham. The members of the association had rung in three towers that day. He was glad to say that at St. Nicholas' the bells were in a very good condition, and it had been a pleasure to go there and ring, and as a result there had been some very fair ringing. At St. Oswald's, too, the bells were kept in good order, and the members could always get a good ring there, and consequently their thanks were due to the authorities of these two churches for giving them permission to ring; and he also thought it only right to compliment the latter upon keeping their bells and belfries in such good and proper repair. He thought from what their clerical friends had said that day that it was generally admitted that the belfry, or any part of the tower, was deserving of as much attention as the vestry, or the choir vestry at least. He regretted exceedingly to say that this principle was not carried out in Durham Cathedral, a place to which they might naturally look for an example. He (the President) happened to be a churchwarden, and should feel very much ashamed if he could

not point to a better belfry than that of Durham Cathedral. The ringers went there that morning, having heard that some repairs had been carried out. They knew that the bells had for long been in a very disgraceful condition. Well, what they found was that some slight repairs had been done to the frame. He regretted very much to inform the association that the repairs were not satisfactory, and that the bells were in but little better condition, if in any better condition at all, than they were on the occasion of their last visit, and he defied any body of men, however practised in the art of change-ringing, to go and ring a peal upon them. They were a handy, fine peal of bells, and it seemed a great disappointment to the whole ringing world, yes, even to men at a distance, that the Cathedral bells were not fit to be rung through a proper 5,000 in the Major method. There was no earthly reason why they should not be. At least twenty-four men could be found amongst those present capable of going and ringing a peal like that, and yet the Cathedral bells were not available, because they were in such a wretched condition that it would be impossible to succeed upon them. One could not help referring to the contrast that existed between the belfry of Durham Cathedral and that of St. Nicholas', Newcastle. At the latter place the authorities had risen to a sense of their duty, and had promised a new peal of bells, and also that they would put the whole place in order. Let them hope it would soon be so in Durham. He thought it was the duty of the association to call attention to the condition of the belfry at Durham Cathedral, and he trusted that the authorities would show their readiness to move in the matter, and put the belfry on a par with those of other Cathedrals. At the adjacent Cathedral of Ripon they found a brand new frame had been put in, and people could go there and ring a peal quite comfortably, and yet here, at a rich Cathedral like Durham, it was surprising to find things so backward and in such a condition. It was a matter that demanded very serious attention; at the same time they must heartily thank the Dean and Chapter for giving them permission to ascend the tower and try the bells. They succeeded in ringing a few very short touches, and they all perspired very severely in their exertions. If any other persons present desired to go up and try their skill, they were quite at liberty to do so, but he questioned whether they could ring more than 500 changes, if so many.

The vote having been carried by acclamation, the proceedings terminated.

The ringing during the day consisted, at St. Nicholas', of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, being the first on the bells. W. Fraser (Whitby), 1; H. Lindsey (Newcastle), 2; J. Clapperton (Newcastle), 3; T. Hudson (Sunderland), 4; H. Ferguson (Newcastle), 5; F. Lees (Newcastle, conductor), 6. And a 720 Bob Minor. A. Thompson (Chester-le-Street), 1; — Wanderson (Chester), 2; D. Shipp (Staindrop), 3; F. Charlton (Bishop Auckland), 4; F. Leasdale (Darlington), 5; L. Newton (conductor), 6. And at St. Oswald's, 720 Kent. F. Teasdale, 1; F. Charlton, 2; W. Newton (Durham), 3; J. W. Shipp (Bishop Auckland), 4; E. Titt (Bishop Auckland, conductor), 5; J. Cleminson (Bishop Auckland), 6. And a 720 of Bob Minor by the Tanfield ringers, assisted by E. Carr, Jarrow (first 720), and F. Harrison (Jarrow). At the Cathedral, a 420 of Bob Triples. H. Ferguson, 1; T. Clark (Ripon), 2; T. T. Gofton, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; R. S. Story, 5; F. Harrison, 6; F. Lees, 7; W. Story, 8. And a 168 of Grandsire Triples and a course of Bob Major. T. Gofton, 1; F. Charlton, 2; J. W. Shipp, 3; E. Titt, 4; J. Cleminson, 5; W. Story, 6; R. S. Story, 7; F. Lees, 8. A 720 Canterbury Pleasure was also rung at St. Oswald's, by four Chester-le-Street and two Durham men.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Sunday, October 18th, a company of ringers from Sittingbourne and Borden visited this church, and, with the assistance of Mr. F. Hinckley, of Upchurch, rang 720 Bob Minor. The bells (six) have been recently rehung, and this is the first 720 since the work has been completed. W. Tassell, 1; S. Snelling, 2; J. G. Elliott, 3; E. J. Bottle, 4; F. Hinckley (conductor), 5; C. Willshire, 6. This is F. Hinckley's first 720 as conductor. The ringers were afterwards kindly entertained at tea by Mr. Hinckley.

ERRATUM.—No. 2 of Rev. H. E. Bulwer's peals of Stedman Caters, in directions for repeating, for "without the single," read "with bob for single."

THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24th, the quarterly meeting of this association was held at Hagworthingham. Ringers attended from Boston, Frieston, Skirbeck, West Keal, Spilsby and Willoughby. Hagworthingham contains a fine peal of eight bells in good ringing order. Ringing commenced at 10.30 with a 910 of Grandsire Triples. E. Clayton, 1; F. Dovoto, 2; G. Clark, 3; W. F. Harwood, 4; A. Barber, 5; J. M. Rylatt, 6; E. Mason, 7; J. Sharp (conductor), 8. Also a 720 of Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. F. Harwood, 1; J. A. Hand, 2; G. Clark, 3; T. Seagrave, 4; J. M. Rylatt, 5; E. Mason, 6. Several 6-scores were also rung by C. Lilley, Rev. C. C. Gibson, T. Boyers, J. Sharp and E. Clayton.

At 12.30 a short service was held with an address by the Rev. G. W. Lowe, rector. At 1.45 dinner was provided at the "George" inn, presided over by the Rector. After dinner the usual business of the society was gone through. The Rector gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Hagworthingham and became an hon. member, and his son became a ringing member. The society now has five ringing clergy members in the district. Six from Willoughby became members. A very successful meeting was brought to a close with tea at the rectory.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

October 24th, on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. E. Hughes, late curate-in-charge, of Arundel, with Miss Tompkins, third daughter of the Rev. R. Tompkins, vicar of Tortington, four members of the Warnham branch, with W. Burstow, of Horsham, were invited to Arundel, with three of the local band, for a peal for the occasion. At 2.30 they started for a peal of Oxford Bob Triples. Every thing went well for two hours, when the fifth rope slipped wheel, and could not be pulled off again, which put an end to what would have been an excellent peal. F. Luxford, 1; T. Andrews, 2; C. Blackman, 3; W. Charman, 4; H. Burstow, 5; W. Short, 6; H. H. Chandler (conductor), 7; A. Mills, 8.

The Rev. R. Tompkins afterwards invited the ringers to a meat tea with him. Justice being done to the good things set before them, Mr. Walter Charman rose and proposed the health of Mr. Tompkins and the newly-wedded pair. Mr. Tompkins, on rising, said he thanked the ringers for so kindly drinking his health, and also that of the newly-married pair. But he was very sorry to hear that they were not successful in their attempt for the peal. They again visited the belfry and rang a quarter-peal in the same method. W. Short, 1; F. Luxford, 2; W. Charman, 3; T. Andrews, 4; C. Blackman, 5; H. H. Chandler, 6; H. Burstow, 7; A. Mills, 8. The visitors take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. R. Tompkins for so kindly inviting them to Arundel for the peal.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT ST. NICHOLAS, BRIGHTON.—It had been the wish of Mr. Searle, the conductor, to ring a peal of Stedman on these bells before being restored and augmented with two new trebles to a peal of ten. Consequently on Saturday, October 24th, eight members of the St. Nicholas and St. Peter's societies combined, met for that purpose. All went well until over the half-way, when owing to a late late call and a bell dropping just at the same time, caused the attempt to collapse. Nothing daunted, on Thursday, October 29th, the same band met again, and with a slight re-arrangement (for the best as it proved) rang in 2 hrs. 45 mins., a first-rate peal of Stedman Triples, which will be found recorded in the proper place. Great credit is due to the steeple-keeper, Mr. Palmer, for the time and trouble spent in *doctoring* them up for this occasion, they having been considered unpealable for the last two or three years.

A CORRECTION.—The peal of Bob Major rung at St. Luke's, Liverpool, and published in the last issue of this paper, was the composition of A. Percival Heywood, Esq.

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Ringers' Outings.

VISIT TO LYMM, CHESHIRE.—A visit was paid to the above place on Saturday, October 31st, by eight members of the Lancashire Association who had arranged to attempt a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob. Owing, however, to the neglect of one of the party, seven only arrived at the church at the time appointed, where the churchwarden was found waiting for them, and who kindly placed the bells at their disposal. As no one could be found to make up the band, nothing was done, beyond raising and examining the bells and partaking of some refreshment, for more than an hour, when the late member turned up. It was then found that it would be impossible to ring a peal in time to catch the last train for home, so one part only was rung and the bells brought round. Altogether 1,760 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. R. Hill, 1; R. Williams, 2; C. Williams, 3; W. James, 4; J. Aspinwall, 5; H. Coley, 6; T. Hammond, 7; W. Davies, 8. Composed by C. H. Hattersley and conducted by T. Hammond. During the ringing the belfry was visited by a number of the local band and others. After the above, touches of Stedman Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples were rung. Mr. Heald, of Manchester, who has been instructing the local band, took part in the last three touches. The bells are a grand ring, by Messrs. Taylor, hung in iron H frames (tenor 29½ cwt., in D), and the go of them leaves nothing to be desired, although they might be handled with greater advantage if boxes were placed for the ringers of the three heaviest bells. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rector and churchwardens for their kind permission to ring, and trust they will be able to attempt the peal at some future time. Mr. R. Hill hails from Southport, the rest of the band from Liverpool.

VISIT OF WINDSOR RINGERS TO MAPLEDURHAM.—The peal of six at Mapledurham was, on Saturday, swinging to the tune of Grandsire Doubles, the ropes being handled by five of the Old Windsor ringers, assisted by a local ringer, always ready to give a helping hand. This completed, a fellow-string from the next village arrived, and a 720 Grandsire Minor was pulled off. A pleasant walk of about two miles, and Whitchurch was reached. Here the belfry was soon occupied, the only touch calling for special remark being a 720 Bob Minor. A. C. West (Maidstone), and T. Pocock (Whitchurch) taking part in the peal. The musical peal at Pangbourne was the next on the list, the ringing of most note here consisting of some good 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. R. Flaxman (Slough) conducted the various touches of Grandsire Minor, the Bob Minor being called by W. Lawrence, and the Stedman by A. C. West; the other visitors comprising G. Williams, G. Stanbrook, A. Andrews, and G. Guttridge. The tenor of the Mapledurham peal was cast by Robert Wells, of Aldbourne, Wilts, in 1764, and is a good bell; 3 and 5 are without doubt Reading bells, the productions of the Knight family; 2 and 4 contain long Latin inscriptions, and are probably by the same founders, the dates varying from 1625 to 1664.

GREAT HORKESLEY, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 1st, Messrs. Nevard, Hazell, Balls, King and Bowers, from Great Bentley, journeyed to Great Horkesley, where Messrs. H. Howell & Son are engaged re-hanging the grand old ring of five (tenor 16 cwt.), whence they walked over the fields to Little Horkesley and rang several 6-scores on the pretty little peal of five (tenor 6 cwt). From there they went to Nayland and rang 720 Bob Minor for afternoon service on that fine old ring of six (tenor 18 cwt.); and, curious to say, not two of these bells are cast by the same founder, but they are perfectly in tune. F. Balls, 1; W. Hazell, 2; A. Howell, 3; H. Bowers, 4; H. Howell, 5; W. Nevard (conductor), 6. They then went to Stoke, by Nayland, where there is another grand old ring of six (tenor 28 cwt). On these bells a 720 of Bob Minor was rung. W. Nevard (conductor), 1; J. King, 2; W. Hazell, 3; H. Howell, 4; H. Bowers, 5; A. Howell, 6. Owing to bad ropes, etc., it is not all pleasure to ring these heavy bells in Minor. Here the Great Bentley ringers left for home, a twenty miles' ride in the dark. They were all well pleased with their day's outing, and wish to thank the rev. gentlemen at each of the above churches. We may also mention that Messrs. Howell and Son are doing the work of re-hanging the tenor and setting in order the peal of eight (tenor 16 cwt.) at Framsdon, Suffolk.

MUMBLES PARISH CHURCH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

A correspondent writes:—A new peal of bells at the Mumbles parish church would not come amiss. The present bells are not exactly ideal church chimes, and the criticisms of the parishioners are such that it is not at all unlikely but that some practical measures will be taken with a view to add another bell or two to the existing ones. The parish church of the Mumbles was built in the eleventh century, and is one of the oldest, if not indeed the oldest, places of worship in Wales. Its present bells have been rung by the same sexton for over fifty years, whilst the ancient history of the sacred edifice is as interesting and remarkable as that of any other church.

LLANDYGWYDD (WALES).

A new peal of bells have just been presented to this parish church by Mrs. Brigstocke, of Blaenpau; Mrs. Weobly Parry and Miss Weobly Parry, of Noyadd Trefawr. The new bells are of the most modern design, and the opening peal was accompanied with considerable rejoicings in the parish. Llandygydd possesses one of the oldest communion cups in Wales, its date being 1573.

DEATH OF A VETERAN RINGER.

At the moment of going to press we hear of the somewhat sudden decease of Mr. William Morris, of Cheltenham, which took place on the 3rd inst. He was in his 82nd year, and was taken ill in the early morning of Tuesday, and passed away the same evening. We hope to give fuller particulars in our next issue.

"On Monday last the new peal of eight bells, cast by Messrs. Chapman & Mears (of White-chappel) for All Saints' Church in this town, were opened by the Society of Change-ringers from Birmingham, and the College-youths from the City of London; by whom several Changes were rung with the greatest exactness. Many real Judges from different parts attended on this occasion, who universally pronounced the Bells to be truly complete and musical. Weight of the tenor upwards of 23 hundred."—*From the Northampton Mercury of Monday, Sept. 16, 1782.*

LATE PEALS.

These peals arrived too late for insertion in their proper place.

BRADFORD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 3, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 27 cwt.

H. RAISTRICK Treble.	J. COTTERELL 5.
SIDNEY CLARK 2.	J. BROADLEY 6.
J. GARNETT* 3.	†T. POLLITT 7.
J. F. MALLABY 4.	B. F. LAMB Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by THOMAS POLLITT.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. J. W. Cundall, to whom the ringers wish much happiness.

ALTON, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 3, 1891, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES JORDER* Treble.	*ERNEST FINDEN 5.
HARRY E. WITHERS* 2.	HENRY WHITE 6.
JOHN BALLARD 3.	GEORGE H. BARNETT 7.
FREDERICK WILSON 4.	*JAMES GOODALL Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

*First peal in the method. Messrs. White, Ballard and Wilson hail from Basingstoke, Mr. Barnett from Farnham, the rest are local men.

UNVEILING OF A PEAL BOARD AT NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

On Monday evening, October 19th, an interesting ceremony was performed in the belfry of St. John's church, Newcastle-on-Tyne. A goodly number of ringers were present, also several visitors, amongst whom were the Vicar of the parish, the Rev. I. W. Milner, M.A., and his curate, the Rev. E. Lewis, Churchwardens Woodger and Rickaby, and Mr. Sidesman Routledge, R. S. Story, Esq., President of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, W. Story, Esq., and others. Proceedings were commenced at 6.45 p.m. with a well-struck 576 of Woodbine Treble Bob Major. T. T. Goffton, 1; H. Ferguson, 2; H. Lindsay, 3; J. Clapperton, 4; W. Holmes, 5; R. S. Story, 6; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 7; F. Lees, 8. Then the Vicar drew the curtain to one side, disclosing to view a handsome peal-board in three panels. The two outer ones, which are surmounted by opal photos of Durham and Newcastle Cathedrals respectively, record the first peals on the bells, 5088 Bob Major and 5120 Kent Treble Bob Major, both rung in 1885. The centre panel, which is topped by a bell bearing the inscription "A.D. 1706," the date which St. John's tenor bears, records a peal of Bob Triples rung in May of this year. The whole is in the Gothic style, and painted black and gold, the lettering being a marvel of artistic neatness. Under the bright rays of the electric light, which has lately been fitted into the church and belfry, the board had a striking effect, and is a real ornament to this well ordered belfry. The ringing-room has also undergone a thorough cleaning and painting, and looks brighter than ever. A short and appropriate service was then read by the Vicar and his colleague, after which the former addressed those present with reference to the newly unveiled board, and heartily congratulated the ringers on their success, and made very flattering remarks anent the artistic way in which the tablet had been illuminated and constructed.

The company afterwards adjourned to the Victoria hotel, Neville Street, where a very successful smoking concert was held under the able chairmanship of Mr. W. G. Routledge, Mr. R. Story taking the vice-chair. Toast, sentiment, song, and recitation followed each other in rapid and pleasing succession, and many were the wishes expressed by those present that such meetings were more frequent, and everyone was sorry when the company had to join hands and sing "Auld Lang Syne," preparatory to departing for their several homes.

Mr. H. Ferguson has photographed the peal tablet, and a copy will be presented to each of the subscribers and ringers.

RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH, AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting of this Association took place at Raunds on Saturday afternoon, October 24th. About forty ringers from the various belfries in connection with the Society attended. Ringing commenced at 2.30 and was continued until late in the evening. At 4 o'clock a business meeting of delegates was held at the Schoolroom. Wollaston was fixed upon as the place for the next quarterly meeting. J. Henson, Esq., of Kettering was proposed as a new hon. member. The Rev. Hugh Bryan Vicar of Raunds, Hon. Sec. of the Association, and his churchwarden, Mr. Black, were present to welcome the visitors. The Vicar conducted the ringers over the Church and pointed out the particular objects of interest in the grand old edifice, which is one of the largest in the county. Its lofty tower and spire have been described by a reliable authority as "amongst the finest, even in this district of spires, which contains some of the best in England." The tower is understood to date from the time of Henry III. and the body of the church was probably rebuilt in the reign of Edward III. An ancient clock face fixed above the west arch inside the church has the twenty-four hours marked on it in accordance with the latest idea in modern timepieces. The bells are a peal of six, tenor 18 cwt., the first four being by Eayre and Penn, and the fifth and tenor re-casts by Warner. The bell frame is very old, it bears date 1663; nevertheless, the bells go nicely, which speaks well for the care taken of them by Mr. Stubbs, the steeplekeeper. There is a strong desire to increase the peal to eight. The local ringers certainly deserve an octave, there is ample room in the tower for extra metal, and

the large tower will accomodate two more ropes. On the belfry wall are two peal tablets; one 18th century, and the other erected eight years ago.

At 5 o'clock the Rev. Hugh Bryan provided an excellent tea at the Coffee Tavern, to which thirty-seven ringers sat down. On the proposition of Mr. Craddock, seconded by Mr. E. J. Dennes, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Hon. Sec. for his great hospitality and the warm welcome he had given them to Raunds. Ringers in the district will be pleased to learn that the scheme for rehanging and increasing the bells at Higham Ferrers is progressing favourably, and also that a project for adding two trebles to the peal of six at Rushden has been brought forward. The floods in the Nene Valley, and the heavy fog that followed the bright afternoon, rendered the return journey of some of the ringers anything but pleasant.

BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, October 26th, in response to the invitation of Mr. J. J. W. Carr, the managing partner of the Woodland Bell Foundry, Smethwick, Messrs. T. Miller and W. Bryant visited the Foundry and inspected a peal of six bells, tenor 11 cwt., made specially for the pantomime of "Dick Whittington" at the Prince of Wales' Theatre, Birmingham. After listening to the bells, which by the way are all maiden bells and nicely in tune, an inspection was made of the several departments connected with casting and moulding of bells, etc., and an invitation was accepted to the offices of the firm, where, after partaking of refreshments, the handbells were brought into use. Touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by W. Bryant, T. Miller (conductor), H. Bastable, and J. Buffery, interspersed with a few tunes by Messrs. Bryant and Miller. Messrs. Carr brothers also rung several plain courses and 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, assisted by T. Miller. The firm have several apprentices who would soon make ringers with a good tutor. The visitors took their leave very much pleased with what they had seen, the bells especially.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.—The usual monthly meeting of the above branch was held at St. Michael's parish church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, October 31st, when members attended from Manchester, Eccles, Bacup, Newchurch, and Rusholme. The business meeting was held in the vestry, presided over by the Rev. Canon Cager (vicar), and supported by the Rev. H. E. Elsee (president), and Mr. J. Eachus (vice-president) of the association. The meeting opened with a short prayer by the Vicar, who afterwards delivered a very appropriate address to those present, touching upon many important points in the career of ringers, which were well meant for the good and welfare of all. It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Ann's church, Hyde Road, Gorton, Manchester, on Saturday, November 28th. During the evening touches of Caters and Cinques in the Grandsire method, Stedman Caters, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob Royal were rung. A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for presiding and for his able address to the ringers, also for so kindly granting the use of the bells; also to the local company for having all in order. At the suggestion of the Vicar, the Doxology was sung, which brought the meeting to a close.

STAMFORD, NORTHANTS.

On Friday, October 30th, 1891, a meeting was held in the mission room belonging to the parish of St. Martin to found a society of ringers for the parish church. The chair was taken by the vicar, the Rev. A. H. Jones, who explained the objects of the meeting and the position which the new society would hold, and then called upon Mr. H. L. James, in whose hands he had placed the tower, to read the proposed rules. Mr. James read the rules, and made such comment upon them as was necessary, after which seven members joined the society, which bears the name of "St. Martin's Scholars." The members then adjourned to the tower and raised the bells for a few minutes' ringing. This company will begin by learning Bob Doubles, with a view to ringing Minor methods.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.

On Monday, October 26th, the bells of St. Andrew's church were re-opened, after being re-hung with new head stocks, metal bed plates, turned steel gudgeons, improved metal carriages, gun-metal bearings, grease boxes, and hinge caps. They have also been fitted with new wheels, stays, slides, etc. About 10 o'clock members of the Norwich Diocesan Association from Norwich, Dereham and Aylsham arrived, and rang a few touches of Bob Major and Treble Bob. At 2 o'clock a luncheon was provided at the boys' school-room by E. Eagling, of the "Angel" inn. The chair was taken by the rector (the Rev. A. C. W. Upcher), supported by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer (secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association); Rev. — Pitt, curate of South Lopham; Rev. H. Fagan, curate of Hingham; Henry Feltham, Esq., solicitor; and W. Muffett, sen., churchwarden. After luncheon the usual toasts were drunk.

The Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, in speaking of the good done by ringing associations, said that in the last nine months the Norwich Association had almost doubled its numbers, there now being 625 members. Several towers had lately joined—Thetford, Fakenham, Wells and Holkham, where only call-changes had been rung—and were now making great progress, and would soon be full members. He thought he ought to congratulate the rector, churchwardens and parishioners for the way their bells had been restored.

The Rev. A. C. Upcher said that about twelve months ago a working party met at the rectory, and at the sale £35 was the result. As £88 was required, £53 was still wanted. After heading a paper he sent it round the parish, and within a week the £53 was collected. He was proud of his church and also of his bells. He was sorry to add that the president of the association, the Rev. Dr. Raven, was not able to be present, but hoped a meeting of the Norwich Association would be held in Hingham next year.

The bells are a peal of eight; tenor, 18 cwt., in F. A tablet on the north wall of the ringing chamber is inscribed: "This peal of eight was completed by a generous contribution, 1742. Taylor Cooper, Benjamin Curby, churchwardens."

PRESENTATION AT BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

On Monday afternoon, October 19th, after a Confirmation had been held by the Lord Bishop of Guildford, the local ringers met in the belfry for the purpose of presenting the Rev. W. H. Windle, late curate of the parish and now vicar of Odiham, with a testimonial in recognition of the interest he had taken in them during his stay in the town. There were present, in addition to the ringers, the Lord Bishop of Guildford, the Rev. Dr. Cooper-Smith (vicar), Mr. Harry Loe (churchwarden), and Mr. Frank White (sidesman). The testimonial, which took the shape of a church bell (plated), in a polished oak frame, was intended to serve as a table or dinner-bell, and bore the following inscription: "Presented to the Rev. W. H. Windle by the ringers of St. Michael's church, Basingstoke." The Vicar, as president of the society, in presenting the bell, said he knew Mr. Windle owed him two or three grudges for entrapping him on previous occasions, and he supposed would owe him another when he told him he had enticed him up there to present him with a gift on behalf of the ringers. He was certain that Mr. Windle, who is himself a ringer, would never forget the ringers of Basingstoke with whom he had worked and spent so many happy hours. He concluded by wishing Mr. Windle every happiness in his new home and parish. The Rev. W. H. Windle said he thought the Vicar was an adept in entrapping people. He had not the slightest idea, when he was asked to look up and see the ringers, that he was going to receive such a handsome present. He thanked them most sincerely for their unexpected token of goodwill, and expressed a hope that he might soon have the pleasure of welcoming them to the belfry of his own church at Odiham. The Bishop then addressed a few words to the ringers, in which he expressed the pleasure it afforded him in being present at such an interesting ceremony, as it was one of the many proofs now existing of the co-operation of the ringers and clergy. He took an interest in belfries and ringers, and he always found that a band of properly-constituted ringers was an immense help to the clergyman in his parish.

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."

ST. GEORGE'S, BRISTOL.

SIR,—It was with great surprise that I read the account in the columns of your paper of the resignation of the St. George's (Bristol) ringers, and I must say that Mr. H. T. H. has given a very unfair account of the occurrence from beginning to end. In the first place I flatly deny that Mr. H. T. H. has had to explain any erroneous statements made in the *Bristol Mercury*. With regard to the weekly penny subscription which was the cause of the resignation, Mr. H. T. H. states that the proposer had no one to second him. In the first place Mr. H. T. H. was not present at the meeting, and secondly the reason that it was not seconded was that immediately it was proposed it was vetoed by the Vicar, as patron of the Guild, and thus stopped the proposition being carried any further. The penny subscription was started at the commencement of the Guild, as the tower was in such a bad condition; but as the tower is now furnished in a good substantial style, and the treasurer has a very fair balance in hand, the members desired to abandon the subscription and raise the entrance fee with the result as above. Mr. H. T. H. also states that football and cricket had something to do with our resignation. I deny it, and I must also state that Mr. H. T. H. has not visited the tower himself during the last six months more than six times. And as to the free use of the schoolroom, Mr. Howell does not mention that the Guild voted 10s. at the Annual Meeting towards the school, and lastly, I must say that out of a population of 37,000 I do not believe that Mr. H. T. H. could find 100 who would take his view of the case, or welcome any other band under the present circumstances.

THE PROPOSER.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—In your most interesting notice of the Rev. W. W. C. Baker last Saturday, there is one slight mistake which I should like to be allowed to correct: The mention that Seage's apparatus was presented by me to the Cambridge University Guild, I am afraid that I can claim only half the honour of the gift; the other half belongs to the Rev. F. G. Howard, late Chaplain of Trinity and Censor of Non-collegiate Students, who was an active supporter of bell-ringing here until his health failed, and whose death two years ago was in many ways an irreparable loss to Cambridge. We were more than repaid for our gift by the great use of which the apparatus has been, especially in a town like Cambridge, where open ringing is strongly objected to by many students.

A. H. F. BOUGHBY,

Trinity College, Cambridge, Nov. 3rd, 1891.

Obituary.

THE REV. CANON BRIDGES.

Readers of "THE BELL NEWS" will be grieved to hear of the death of the Rev. Alexander Henry Bridges, Rector of Beddington, and Rural Dean, and Honorary Canon of Winchester, which took place on Friday, October 16th. The deceased gentleman had been in failing health for several years, but it was not until two months ago, i.e. in the middle of August, that his state of health gave rise to any distinct alarm. He was in his 80th year, which he would have completed next December had he been spared. Canon Bridges was appointed rector of Beddington in the year 1864, and a few years afterwards his energy and munificence caused him to undertake the complete restoration of the church and chancel, which were indeed sadly in need of repair. This scheme involved the repair and strengthening of the tower and the augmentation of the old peal of three bells to one of eight. Some years subsequently the rector added two more trebles, making a peal of ten; indeed it is known that had the tower been strong enough he would have augmented the peal to twelve. In addition to this work at home Canon Bridges had the peal of eight at Horley rehung entirely at his own expense; he gave one bell out of the peal of six at Benilton, Sutton, and was a large subscriber to the recent restoration and addition at Ewell, when the old six were rehung and two trebles added. Canon Bridges was one of the original members of the Surrey Association, and presided over the meeting which gave birth to that Society. His loss will be very widely felt, while at Beddington it is hard to see how he can be replaced. The deceased was buried in the churchyard of Beddington on Friday, October 23rd. Before the interment there was rung a touch consisting of 504 Grandsire Caters, in the inverted titmuss, the bells being deeply muffled. After the service the usual whole pull and stand followed by rounds eighty times repeated, and after a short interval a muffled peal of Grandsire Caters, notice of which appeared in our last issue. Memorial services were held at the church on Sunday, October 25th, and the bells were rung muffled for all three services.

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BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. 2.	HENRY HOPKINS .. 6.
WILLIAM SHORT .. 3.	ARTHUR JACOB .. 7.
HENRY DAINS .. 4.	GEORGE NEWSON .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by ARTHUR JACOB.

This peal, in two parts, has the 6th the extent home at the last twelve course-ends of each part, and contains all the 6-4s and 6-5s, and is now rung for the first time. It is the first peal in the method upon the bells and the first performance since the re-hanging of the two trebles. Rung to commemorate the birthdays of Messrs. Foskett and Jacob.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, October 31, 1891, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES,
Tenor 21 cwt.

ANDREW S. OUGH .. Treble.	JAMES W. DRIVER .. 6.
WILLIAM H. ROWLAND .. 2.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. 7.
EDWARD H. ADAMS .. 3.	JAMES NICHOLLS .. 8.
SAMUEL LUSCOMBE* .. 4.	HARRY KENTEN .. 9.
JOHN G. GREEN .. 5.	SAMUEL HOW .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD and Conducted by J. W. DRIVER.

* Birthday peal. This peal contains the whole of the 8-g's and the 9-7-8's, with the 5th and 6th behind the 9th, and was rung to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the formation of the above society.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION, AND THE ALL HALLOWS
(TOTTENHAM) SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 31, 1891, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.
Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM R. GIBSON* .. Treble.	GEORGE B. LUCAS .. 5.
JESSE POULETT† .. 2.	JOSEPH WAGHORN .. 6.
THOMAS C. GROVE .. 3.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. 7.
HENRY A. BARNETT .. 4.	WILLIAM P. ENGLISH .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. WAGHORN, JUN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. This peal was rung on the eve of All Saints to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the peal of eight; also on the occasion of the birthday of Mr. T. C. Groves.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND
THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 2, 1891, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 25 cwt. in D.	
HENRY C. ALFORD, JUN.* .. Treble.		JAMES E. DAVIS ..	5.
WILLIAM SHORT 2.		ERNEST T. EDRIDGE ..	6.
HAROLD N. DAVIS† 3.		JOHN BARBER 7.	
PERCY HOWARD 4.		WILLIAM F. MEADS..	Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

This is the conductor's fiftieth peal. Messrs. Halford, H. and J. Davis and Meads were elected members of the Middlesex Association previous to starting. *First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

The Provinces.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN FOUR DIFFERENT METHODS
UPON SIX BELLS,

Being 720 each of the following:

Two of Oxford Treble Bob, Two of Kent Treble Bob, Two of
Grandsire, and One of Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM KINGS Treble.	WILLIAM HAIGH 4.
CHARLES WATERMAN 2.	WILLIAM COOKE 5.
JAMES HARRIS 3.	GABRIEL LINDOFF Tenor.

Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

A peal of Bob Major was arranged for Mr. Harris, of Lincoln, but owing to the lateness in starting one of the band had to leave to be on duty, so the above was rung instead.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 26, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

W. SIMONS Treble.	G. TEMPLE 5.
A. MELHUISE* 2.	J. WOTTON 6.
W. DAVIES 3.	H. BROWN 7.
C. BELL* 4.	W. HUNT Tenor.

Conducted by J. WOTTON.

*First peal.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.)

On Wednesday, October 28, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS BROWN* Treble.	JOHN AUSTIN 5.
SIDNEY E. ROMANS 2.	*WILLIAM C. JONES 6.
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 3.	GEORGE L. BRUNSDON 7.
WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON 4.	*ERNEST E. DAVIS Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. BRUNSDON.

*First peal of Stedman. This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells, rung as a farewell peal to Sidney E. Romans, who is leaving Gloucester.

MONEWDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 28, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

5040 CHANGES OF BOB MINOR.

Tenor 6 cwt.

E. W. BROOK* Treble.	*JOSEPH TARRANT 4.
W. G. ARCHER* 2.	R. H. HAYWARD 5.
HARRY MOSS* 3.	S. W. MARTIN Tenor.

Conducted by R. H. HAYWARD.

*First peal. Rung on the birthday of the conductor, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns. At the conclusion of the peal the Rev. C. H. Sinclair entered the tower and kindly invited the ringers to partake of refreshment.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 28, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lbs.

THOMAS HERBERT* Treble.	W. E. CARTWRIGHT 5.
J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. 2.	†E. READER.. .. 6.
A. W. MATTHEWS 3.	R. LANE 7.
W. H. INGLESANT† 4.	*GEORGE WALTON Tenor.

Conducted by E. READER.

†First peal as conductor. *First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. This is a bob-and-single peal taken from *Troyte*.

ELDERSFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Wednesday, October 28, 1891, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

FORTY-TWO SIX-SCORES OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES,
EACH SIX-SCORE CALLED DIFFERENTLY.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM BALL Treble.	*DAVID MESSENGER 4.
JOHN CHAMBERLAIN 2.	BENJAMIN PRICE 5.
ALBERT C. HARTLAND† 3.	*RUFUS W. NIBLETT Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT C. HARTLAND.

*First 5040. This is the first 5040 on the bells. All the above hail from Tisbury. †First 5040 as conductor.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,
AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Thursday, October 29, 1891, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

JOHN SMITH Treble.	GEORGE HOWCHIN 5.
FREDK. H. KNIGHTS 2.	EDWARD FRANCIS 6.
ALBERT G. WARNES 3.	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 7.
BENJAMIN TUNGATE 4.	FREDK. KNIGHTS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FREDK. KNIGHTS.

This peal was rung upon the front eight, and is now rung for the first time.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 29, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HORWOOD .. Treble.	JAMES GEORGE 5.
THOMAS LINGARD 2.	WILLIAM HICKLEY 6.
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 3.	HARRY ARGYLE 7.
GLADSTONE J. WINTER .. 4.	JOHN BALLARD Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS W. CHAPMAN.

J. George hails from Rugby. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 2, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

Being 720 each of the following:

Cambridge Surprise, Violet Treble Bob, New London Pleasure,
London Scholars' Pleasure, College Pleasure, College Exercise,
and Woodbine Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS J. WATTS Treble.	ISAAC CAVILL 4.
ISAAC HAMMOND 2.	JOHN LUCKEY 5.
GEORGE GRAY 3.	*WILLIAM WATTS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

First 5040 in all Treble Bob methods by all the band, and the first on the bells in all Treble Bob methods. *First peal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 30, 1891, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

W. H. INGLESANT* Treble.	S. SMITH 5.
J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. 2.	*W. E. TYDEMAN 6.
J. SMITH 3.	E. READER 7.
A. W. MATTHEWS 4.	W. E. CARTWRIGHT Tenor.

Composed by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, Esq., and Conducted by E. READER.

*First peal in the method.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 31, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. Treble.	WILLIAM BEDWELL 5.
JAMES MOTTS 2.	EDWARD T. SHEARING 6.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER 3.	WILLIAM MOTTS 7.
OSWALD MOULE 4.	FREDERICK TILLET Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by W. L. CATCHPOLE.

First peal in the method upon the bells. Mr. Bedwell belongs to Lewisham; the rest are members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich. The peal was rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Bedwell, sen. (Mr. Bedwell being a member of the local society), upon the occasion of their silver wedding. After the peal, the ringers were invited to Mr. Bedwell's residence, where they were entertained to a good supper, when they took the opportunity of wishing their host and hostess many happy returns, and hoped they would reach their golden wedding.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD MATTHEWS* .. Treble.	*JAMES TRENDALL 5.
EDGAR BENNET 2.	FRANK HOLDER 6.
EDWARD TRENDALL* 3.	JOHN HARDING 7.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER .. 4.	CHARLES BANCE Tenor.

Composed by the late J. Cox, and Conducted by EDGAR BENNETT.

Messrs. Trendall hail from Sutton; the rest belong to Beddington. *First peal of Treble Bob Major.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER, AND
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION. Tenor 30 cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER .. Treble.	JOHN BENNETT 5.
RICHARD E. GROVE 2.	WILLIAM WAKEMAN 6.
GEORGE SALTER 3.	WILLIAM H. SMITH 7.
THOMAS R. BENNETT .. 4.	THOMAS WALTERS Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

CHELMSFORD.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM ROWLAND, JUN.* Treble.	WILLIAM HAWKES 5.
ARTHUR EDWARDS 2.	WILLIAM EVERARD 6.
ALFRED TARBUN 3.	GEORGE GREEN 7.
WILLIAM J. PIPER 4.	HARRY DAWSON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROWLAND, JUN.

*First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the conductor's 20th birthday. This peal was rung on the back eight. Edwards, Piper and Tarbun hail from Widford; Green and Dawson from Baddow; Hawkes from Springfield; Everard and Rowland belong to Chelmsford.

ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOS. G. VERITY Treble.	ALFRED NAYLOR 5.
ALF. CHAPMAN 2.	WM. ABBISHAW 6.
J. C. ABBISHAW* 3.	STEPHEN STACEY 7.
WALTER CHAPMAN* 4.	J. M. CHADWICK Tenor.

Composed by the late WM. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by J. M. CHADWICK.

*First peal of Major. A. Naylor hails from Headingley, Leeds; the rest belong to the local company. All the above are members of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1891, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

HERR VON COLLINSON .. Treble.	RALPH ELLIS 5.
RUFUS THORNTON 2.	WALTER BARROWCLOUGH .. 6.
ABRAHAM ARMITAGE 3.	BENJAMIN ROBINSON 7.
SAM PEACOCK 4.	WALTER PEACOCK Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL, of Sowerby, and Conducted by BENJAMIN ROBINSON.

Messrs. Collinson, S. Peacock, Ellis, Barrowclough, Robinson, and W. Peacock, hail from Mirfield; Armitage from Kirk Burton; Thornton from Drighlington.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 31, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TEN-PART No. 4. Tenor 17½ cwt.

HENRY GILDING* .. Treble.	GEORGE STANBROOK 5.
JAMES W. WILKINS* 2.	*GEORGE H. WILKINS 6.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 3.	REUBEN FLAXMAN 7.
FRANK BISSLEY* 4.	*ALBERT E. HASKINS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WILKINS.

*First peal in the method. It is also the first peal in the method upon the bells, and the first time the composition has been rung. It was rung on the eve of the annual festival held on All Saints day, to commemorate the dedication, which took place in 1855.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE CRAWLEY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 31, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART REVERSED.

JOHN RICE* Treble.	GEORGE PACE 5.
JAMES PARKER 2.	WILLIAM COLLISON 6.
FRANCIS J. SAUNDERS† .. 3.	FREDERICK W. RICE 7.
WILLIAM WARD 4.	ROBERT JORDAN Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

*First peal. †First peal of Triples. F. Sanders hails from Buckland, Surrey.

CROYDON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1891, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MORRIS' SIX-PART. Tenor 27 cwt.

ALFRED ARNOLD .. Treble.	*WALTER SADLER 5.
THOMAS VERRALL 2.	GEORGE BURT 6.
HENRY BROOKER 3.	†CHAS. H. KITCHING 7.
WILLIAM WEBB 4.	FRED G. HERMON Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BROOKER.

†First peal. *First peal in the method. This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 1, 1891, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 20 cwt.

J. H. BRIERLEY Treble.	J. CRABTREE 5.
J. BLAKELEY 2.	H. HEAP 6.
J. HYSLOP* 3.	J. HARRISON 7.
W. JAKEMAN 4.	E. BROWN Tenor.

Conducted by W. JAKEMAN.

Rung in honour of the nineteenth birthday of E. Brown. *First peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Blakeley hails from Gorton.

BATLEY CARR, YORKSHIRE.

On Sunday, November 1, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS
UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 720 each of the following:

College Pleasure, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, London Scholars', Duke of York, Violet, and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 66 lbs.

JNO. H. SCOTT Treble.	SQUIRE MITCHELL 4.
WILSON H. STEAD 2.	JNO. BLACKBURN 5.
GEO. H. SIMON* 3.	*GEO. MOXON Tenor.

Conducted by JNO. BLACKBURN.

Members of the Yorkshire Association. The above peal was rang for evening service to commemorate the opening of the church.

NEWNHAM-ON-SEVERN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 2, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
ANNABLE'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

REUBEN W. GUY* Treble.	WALTER T. BENNETT 5.
TOM SIMMONDS* 2.	SYDNEY E. ROMANS 6.
WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON 3.	*FRED J. BLANTON 7.
CHARLES PROSSER, JUN.* 4.	*JOSEPH CLARKE Tenor.

Conducted by SYDNEY E. ROMANS.

*First peal. Messrs. Romans, Brunsdon, and Bennett hail from Gloucester, and are members of the St. Michael's Juniors; the rest belong to the local company, who have recently received a course of instruction from Mr. Romans, under the auspices of the above Association.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 2, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF WOODBINE TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.
Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

HENRY H. LINDSEY Treble.	WILLIAM HOLMES 5.
HENRY FERGUSON 2.	JOHN SIMN 6.
ROBERT S. STORY 3.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE 7.
WILLIAM STORY 4.	FRANCIS LEES Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

This peal, in three parts, contains all the combinations of 4, 5, and 6 in 5-6 and was rung at the second attempt. It is the first peal in the method by all the above, and by the Association, and the first rang under the electric light in the northern counties.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 29, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

HERBERT RANN* Treble.	WILLIAM PALMER 5.
HARRY WESTON 2.	GEORGE A. KING 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3.	JAMES SEARLE 7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT 4.	JOHN JAY, SEN. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES SEARLE.

*First peal of Stedman. This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells. Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROTHWELL (Near Leeds).—On Sunday, October 11th, being the harvest festival at the parish church, for evening service, a date touch of Oxford Treble Bob Major (1891 changes), in 1 hr. and 2 mins. J. G. Verity, 1; A. Chapman (composer), 2; R. Dobson, 3; W. Chapman, 4; G. Abbishaw, 5; W. Abbishaw, 6; Stephen Stacey, 7; J. M. Chadwick (conductor), 8. Tenor 14 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CLIFEE-AT-HOO (Kent).—On Sunday, October 18th, touches in the following methods were rung in the afternoon, at the parish church: Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman Triples, Grandsire, Oxford Bob Triples, and Union Triples, by the following members:—J. Harris, W. J. Sevier, E. Bennett, J. H. Cheesman, C. Wilkins, W. Haigh, C. Waterman, and G. Lindoff. The above was rung on the occasion of a visit of Mr. J. Harris, of Lincoln.

ERITH (Kent).—At the parish church, on Saturday, October 17th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Grandsire Major, Brook's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung. W. Bedwell, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; F. Cullum, 3; C. Wilkins, 4; G. Conyard, 5; J. H. Cheesman, 6; H. Gibbs, 7; E. Barnett (conductor), 8.

WILLESBOROUGH (Kent).—On Sunday, October 4th, for evening service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles); also 720 in the same method (fourteen singles and four bobs), both in 26½ mins. R. Cook, 1; A. Stace, 2; W. Hills, 3; C. Young, 4; E. Dixon (conductor), 5; W. Clapson, 6.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ST. JAMES', BOLTON (Bradford).—On Sunday, October 18th, for evening service, being Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 44 mins. J. Joyce, 1; B. E. Howe, 2; J. Mawson, 3; G. Titterington, 4; H. Good, 5; W. Titterington, 6; S. Palfreman, 7; C. Barker, 8. Composed and conducted by B. T. Copley.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Wednesday, October 7th, 1891, at the parish church, 608 Superlative Surprise Major. G. Salter, 1; T. Bennett, 2; J. Bennett, junr., 3; T. J. Salter, 4; W. H. Smith, 5; W. Wakeman, 6; J. Crane, 7; R. G. Grove (conductor), 8. Also on Monday, October 12th, 1891, on the occasion of the marriage of T. Bennett (a member of St. Mary's Society), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. J. Bennett, 1; W. Wakeman, 2; G. Salter, 3; J. Bennett, junr., 4; W. H. Smith, 5; H. Williams, 6; R. G. Grove (conductor), 7; T. Walters, 8.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Sunday, October 11th, for evening service, on the occasion of the harvest festival at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. G. Kelly, 1; J. Wyatt, 2; A. E. Bassett, 3; J. Hawkins, 4; J. Easton, 5; W. Sanders, 6; T. Miles (conductor), 7; G. Pederick, 8. Also a 504 in the same method, after evening service.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, October 13th, at St. George's church, 1106 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Boardman (conductor), 1; W. Rushton, 2; R. Webster, 3; H. Moss, 4; W. Sykes, 5; G. Moss, 6; W. Tebay, 7; J. Makin, 8. Tenor 19½ cwt.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WINLATON (Durham).—On Sunday evening, October 11th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and three singles). J. B. Dobson, 1; J. Blake, 2; G. Atkinson, 3; J. W. Smith, 4; J. Pattison (conductor), 5; W. C. Bennett, 6. On Thursday evening, October 13th, for the harvest festival, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles), in 27 mins. E. Avery, 1; J. B. Dobson, 2; J. Pattison, 3; J. Blake, 4; J. W. Smith, 5; W. C. Bennett (conductor), 6.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUNWELL (Norfolk).—On Friday, October 9th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob; also short touches of Grandsire Minor, Double Court, and Plain Bob. And on Sunday, October 11th, after Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. Also on Friday, October 16th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen singles and three bobs) taken from "THE BELL NEWS." And 360 Double Court. The

following took part: R. Hutton (conductor), J. Fox, R. T. Woodley (London), G. Smith, sen., G. Smith, jun., J. Willing, J. Cullum, R. Atkins, A. Dunnett, J. Hinchley, and J. Woods.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

GREENWICH.—On Tuesday evening, October 13th, the following members rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, at St. Alphege church, in 45 mins., on the occasion of a board being placed in the belfry to commemorate a peal rung by them on the 27th of July last, being the 90th anniversary of the birth of Sir George Airy, late Astronomer Royal. W. Pead, 1; J. J. Lamb, 2; W. Weatherstone, 3; F. Rumens, 4; E. E. Richards, 5; T. Taylor, 6; F. W. Thornton (conductor), 7; S. Gibbs, 8.

YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, October 17th, six members of the above attempted a 5040 on the Eckington bells. All went well for two hours and 48 mins., when it unfortunately came to grief. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; H. Madin, 4; G. Marsden, (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6. On Wednesday, October 21st, ten young men put in an appearance at the belfry to learn the tower and hand-bells. The old hands hope to be able to learn a new company of ringers out of the number.

HARTHILL (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, October 18th the Eckington company visited this place and rang in honour of the new Rector, the Rev. B. Darley, who had that day gone through the form known as reading himself in as rector of the parish of Harthill, 720 each of Oxford and Duke of York, and 360 of Violet. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; A. Baddiley, 4; G. Marsden, 5; T. Lunn, 6. G. Norman rang the 4th in the Violet.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GORING (Sussex).—On Saturday, October 24th, an attempt was made for a 5040, in seven methods, but after ringing 1 hr. 15 mins. it came to grief, when 1160 had been rung as follows: 720 Superlative Surprise, 720 Duke of York, 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Evans (Goring), 1; T. Linfield, 2; J. Hills, 3; T. Parsons, 4; C. Hills, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Violet. H. Evans, 1; C. Clear, 2; C. Hills, 3; J. Hills, 4; T. Parsons, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. Tenor 18 cwt. First in the method on the bells.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Thursday, October 15th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; H. Evans (Goring), 2; C. Hills, 3; J. Hills, 4; C. Clear, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Finch, 1; T. Linfield, 2; H. Evans, 3; C. Clear, 4; C. Hills, 5; J. Hills (conductor), 6. On Monday, October 19th, 720 of Superlative Surprise. F. Finch, 1; T. Linfield, 2; T. Parsons, 3; C. Hills, 4; J. Hills, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. On Thursday, October 22nd, 720 of Plain Bob. N. Tempking, 1; J. Hills, 2; H. Finch, 3; F. Finch, 4; C. Hills, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. And 720 of Canterbury Pleasure. S. G. Heasman (first 720), 1; C. Clear, 2; C. Hills, 3; J. Hills, 4; F. Finch, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. On Monday, October 26th, 720 of Kent. J. Hills, 1; H. Finch (first in the method with a bob bell), 2; T. Linfield (conductor), 3; C. Clear, 4; C. Hills, 5; F. Finch, 6. And 720 of Woodbine. R. Bassett, 1; T. Linfield, 2; C. Hills, 3; F. Finch (first in the method with a bob bell), 4; J. Hills, 5; C. Clear (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob. C. Clear, 1; F. Finch, 2; H. Finch, 3; J. Hills, 4; R. Bassett, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. Mr. Bassett hails from St. Lawrence, Seal Chart, Kent.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Friday, October 9th, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). H. Butcher, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; C. Bearman, 4; F. Radley, 5; S. Sargent (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 11th, being the Harvest Festival, 360 Oxford Treble Bob was rung for morning service. F. Radley, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; C. Bearman, 4; S. Sargent, 5; H. Hammond (conductor), 6. For afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor. C. Duncombe, 1; W. Moore, 2; A. Chaplin, 3; S. Sargent, 4; H. Hammond, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6. Messrs. Duncombe, Chaplin, and E. Radley hail from Stisted; Hammond from Braintree; the rest belong to the local company. On Saturday, October 10th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. H. Butcher, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; W. Bearman, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Arthur J. Young, who had been organist at the above church for the long period of forty years. He died on Tuesday, October 6th, after a very painful illness.

CHEAN (Surrey).—On Tuesday evening, October 20th, by kind permission of the local company, six members of the Benhilton Society rang at St. Dunstan's church 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins. E. Trendell, 1; C. Trendell, 2; J. Trendell, 3; G. Trendell, 4; F. Trendell, 5; J. Trendell (conductor), 6.

GOOLE (Yorkshire).—On Sunday evening, October 18th, for Divine Service at St. John's church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, an attempt for a quarter-peal of Bob Triples came to grief after ringing 400 changes. C. West, 1; J. Blanehard, 2; T. Whitfield, 3; W. H. Cooper, 4; F. Tate, 5; A. Haines, 6; W. Webb (conductor), 7; J. Bates, 8. And a 504 in the same method, in 20 mins., with G. Batty, at the tenor. Time would not allow of a quarter-peal being rung. Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lbs.

GREAT WIGSTON (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, October 11th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Challenor, 1; J. T. Harriman, 2; E. Garner, 3; J. O. Lancashire, 4; W. Miller, 5; A. Millis (conductor), 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Challenor, 1; J. T. Harriman (first 720 of Grandsire Minor), 2; E. Garner, 3; A. Millis, 4; W. Miller, 5; S. Cotton (conductor), 6. The above all hail from Leicester.

HORBURY (Yorks).—On Wednesday, September 30th, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Kate Poppleton, of Horbury, to Mr. Samuel Parr, of Nottingham, 720 Violet and 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Yelland, 1; W. H. Giggles, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. On Sunday, October 4th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob; for afternoon service, 720 Oxford; for evening service, 720 New London Pleasure, all rung by the same band. On Sunday, October 11th, 360 Duke of York was rung for evening service. A. Yelland, 1; W. H. Giggles, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; W. Thickett, 6. On Sunday evening, October 25th, 720 Duke of York. A. Yelland, 1; W. H. Giggles, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt. First in the method by all. On Sunday, October 35th, for morning service, 720 Oxford (fifteen bobs) by the same band, conducted by H. Rowley.

HULL (Yorks).—On Thursday, October 15th, at St. James' church, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins. G. Marshall, 1; F. Merrison, 2; H. Jenkins, 3; H. H. Campsey, 4; W. Birkenshaw, 5; H. W. Needham (conductor), 6. First 720 by G. Marshall, and rung at the first attempt.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Saturday, October 24th, at the parish church, a peal of Canterbury Major was attempted (5056 changes), but after ringing 3792 changes in 2 hrs. 15 mins., the bells were brought round, owing to the tenor going so badly. F. Rumens, 1; C. Wilkins, 2; F. Cullum, 3; W. J. Sevier, 4; E. Barnett, 5; F. French, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; J. H. Cheesman, 8.

LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday, October 11th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, for morning service, 503 Grandsire Caters. H. Meadows, 1; R. Williams, 2; W. Booth, 3; W. R. Williams, 4; J. Moore, 5; J. Brown, 6; E. Booth (conductor), 7; C. Williams, 8; J. Martin and J. Booth, 9; T. Hammond, 10. For afternoon service, upwards of 700 Plain Bob Royal. J. Aspinwall, 1; C. Williams, 2; W. Booth, 3; W. R. Williams, 4; J. Moore, 5; J. Brown, 6; E. Booth, 7; R. Williams, 8; J. Martin and J. Booth, 9; T. Hammond (conductor), 10. For evening service, 480 Kent Treble Bob Royal. R. Hill, 1; W. Booth (conductor), 2; C. Williams, 3; J. Aspinwall, 4; J. Moore, 5; J. Booth, 6; E. Booth, 7; J. Brown, 8; W. R. Williams and T. Hammond, 9; J. Martin, 10.

UPHOLLAND (Lancashire).—On Tuesday evening, the 6th inst., at the church of St. Thomas the Martyr, for practice, a 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. H. J. Lea, 1; W. Talbot, 2; T. Gaskell, 3; J. Nicholson, 4; R. Young, 5; W. H. Baxter (first 720 as conductor), 6.

POSLINGFORD (Suffolk).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Monday, October 19th, at the residence of Mrs. G. Atkinson, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Rawlinson, 1; C. Howe, 2; C. Rawlinson, 3; W. Atkinson, 4; *D. Gridley (conductor), 5-6. Also another 720 with twenty-six singles, with G. Basham, 5; D. Gridley, 6; the rest standing as before. *First 720 double-handed.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, October 18th, at the parish church, a 504 of Stedman Triples. G. Smart, 1; G. Gatland, 2; C. Smart, 3; T. Searle, 4; J. Matthews, 5; W. B. Hills, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; J. Smart, 8. And for evening service a 504 in the same method. J. Woolgar, 1; J. Matthews, 2; T. Searle, 3; J. Smart, 4; G. Gatland, 5; W. N. Holt, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; C. Smart, 8. On Tuesday, October 20th, an attempt to ring Brooks' peal of Stedman Triples as a farewell peal to Mr. W. N. Holt, but came to grief after ringing 23 mins., when the following touches were rung. A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. J. Matthews, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; J. Smart, 3; T. Searle, 4; G. Gatland, 5; W. N. Holt, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; C. Smart, 8. Also a 640 of Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Smart, 1; J. Smart, 2; T. Searle, 3; J. Matthews, 4; W. N. Holt, 5; C. Chambers, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; G. Gatland, 8. And a 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. Smart, 1; E. Brackley, 2; C. Smart, 3; T. Searle, 4; J. Matthews, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6; W. N. Holt, 7; G. Gatland, 8.

Notices.

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Kent County Association.—Copies of the Annual Report (twopence each) may now be obtained from the Hon. Sec. The number of copies required will be forwarded to the secretaries of bands on receipt of stamps or P.O.
F. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The 254th anniversary banquet of this Society will take place at the "Bridge House" hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 21, at 6.30 p.m. The tower of St. Michael-upon-Cornhill (12 bells) and Christ Church, Spitalfields (8 bells) will be open at 4 o'clock for ringing. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, can be obtained of any member of the Dinner Committee, viz.: Mr. F. E. Dawe, Master, 7½ Chesham Mews, Belgrave Square, S.W.; Mr. J. Pettit, Treasurer, 3 St. Thomas' Cottages, St. Thomas' Square, Hackney, E.; Mr. A. S. Barrell, Senior Steward, 3 Millard Road, Stoke Newington, N.; Mr. G. J. Smith, Junior Steward, 44 Spurstowe Road, Amhurst Road, Hackney, E.; Mr. C. F. Winny, 27 Tadema Road, Chelsea, S.W.; Mr. G. T. McLaughlin, 23 Brocklebank Road, Earlsfield, Wandsworth; Mr. G. Mash, 30, Newcomen Street, Borough, S.E.; Mr. E. Horrex, 55, Ashbury Road, Shaftesbury Park Estate, Clapham, S.E.; and Mr. W. E. Garrard, 9, Temperley Road, Balham, S.W.; or of the Hon. Sec., R. T. Woodley, 96, Akerman Road, North Brixton, S.W.

Society of Trinity Youths.—Meetings for November as follows:—Lee, St. Margaret's, Wednesday 11th; practice 7.15 to 9 p.m. Woolwich, St. Mary's, Tuesday 17th; practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. Lewisham, St. Mary's, Monday 23rd; practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. Deptford, St. John's, Wednesday 25th; practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. There will be a quarterly meeting on Saturday, November 14th, at St. John-the-Baptist, Erith. Tower open from 4 to 9 p.m. Members and ringers are cordially invited. The annual dinner will take place at the "Prince Albert," Royal Hill, Greenwich, on Saturday, December 12th. Further particulars later.
F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*
40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham.

Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at West Derby (6-bell tower), to-day, Saturday, November 7th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6 p.m.

RICHD. HILL, *Branch Sec.*
21, Chestnut Street, Southport.

All Saints Society, Fulham.—To-day, Saturday, November 7th, 1891, the tower will be open to members and friends for ringing from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Important business meeting for members only, in Church room, Church Row, at 5.45 p.m.
J. J. GREEN, *Hon. Sec.*

Middlesex Association.—The annual meeting of the above will take place to-day, Saturday, November 7th, at Southgate, when the bells of Christ Church will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. The Business meeting will be preceded at 5.30 by a plain tea, at the "Cherry Tree," at 9d. each.
J. WAGHORN, *JUN.*

Ely District Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Ely, on Monday, November 9th. Dinner followed by business meeting at 2 o'clock. Tower of St. Mary's (8 bells) open all day.
J. R. VINCENT, *Sec.*
Theological College, Ely.

Midland Counties' Association.—Nuneaton Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Barwell on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Tower open 3.30. H. ARGYLE, *Local Hon. Sec.*
27, Bond Street, Nuneaton.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above Association will be held at Leek, to-day, Saturday, November 7. There will also be a meeting held at Hanley on Monday, November 9.

REV. R. B. TONGE } *Hon. Secs.*
W. TWIGG, }

West Ham, Essex.—The practice night is altered from Thursday, 12th; to the following Tuesday, 17th November, and will be continued every alternate Tuesday after that date at 8 p.m.
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Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A ringing meeting in connection with this Association will take place at the following centres on Saturday, November 21. The tower of St. Mary's, Kidderminster (8 bells) will be open at 4 p.m. to members and friends from Areley Kings, Clent, Chaddesley Corbett, Hagley, and Stoke Prior. The tower of Holy Trinity, Old Hill (8 bells) will be open from 3.30 to 9.30 to members and friends from Brierley Hill, Cradley, Coseley, Dudley, Halesowen, Netherton, Stourbridge, Tipton and Wollaston. (N.B. Mr. A. E. Parsons, 41 Congreaves Road, Cradley Heath, requests all local secretaries of companies visiting this centre to communicate with him, stating the number of members and time of arrival, etc., so that he may make the necessary arrangements for all who attend to have a ring.) The towers of All Saints, Worcester (10 bells) will be open from 3 till 4 p.m., St. Helen's (8 bells) from 5 till 6.30 p.m., St. John's and St. Martin's (6 bells) from 4 p.m. to members and friends from Bromsgrove, Pecknam, Hanley Castle, Hanbury, Malvern, Madresfield and Pershore. Members visiting this centre to meet at the "Pack Horse" hotel. Mr. John Perks and those visiting Old Hill to meet at the "George" hotel.
JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*
37 Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—A district meeting will be held for ringing in the tower of Debenham Church, Suffolk, with the kind consent of the Vicar, on Saturday, the 14th inst, at 4.30 p.m. All ringers in the district are invited.

E. BURROUGHS PEARSE,
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The work is being carried out by Mr. James Andrews, of Eastbourne, and about another £1 is required to cover the estimate, viz. £6.

The peal of Bob Royal published in our issue of October 24th by H. J. Tucker, is the property of Mr. James Motts, of Ipswich.

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Widdford on October 12 was conducted by Arthur Edwards.

TWO PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By H. DAINS, *Royal Cumberland Youths.*

6208.

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This peal in two irregular parts, comes from the 5376 published last week, and has all the qualities there mentioned, excepting that one course is inserted in each part, which makes it a peal containing the 5th and 6th the extent in 5-6. Its changes can be reduced to 6144 by using the alternate calling to the seventh or fifteenth courses. If both are used the changes are 6080. A variation may be made by the use of alternate calling to the first and tenth courses, but to reduce such a peal as above, inverse calling must be made to the sixth and sixteenth courses.

6144.

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6	2	4	5	3	I	X	2	2
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3	4	6	2	5	I			2
2	3	4	5	6		X		2

This peal like the last one is in two irregular parts, with all the qualities there stated. The two courses there mentioned being inserted together between the course-ends 26435 and 32654. Its changes may be reduced to 6080 by using alternate calling to the sixth course. A variation can be made of this peal by using alternate calling to the first and ninth courses; but the two inserted courses must go between the course-ends 25346 and 42563. To reduce such a peal to 6080 changes, inverse calling must be made to the sixteenth course.

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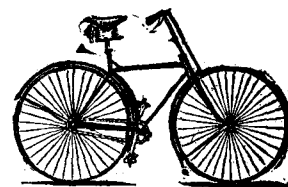
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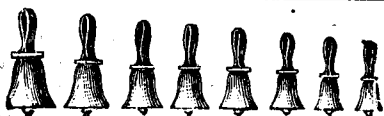
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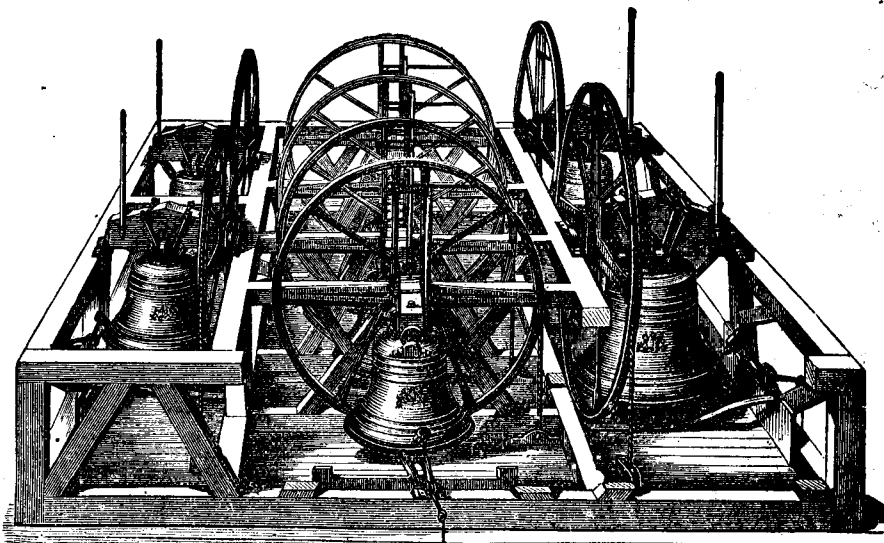
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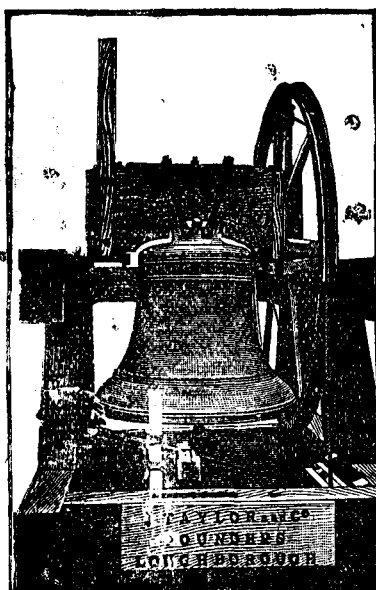
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