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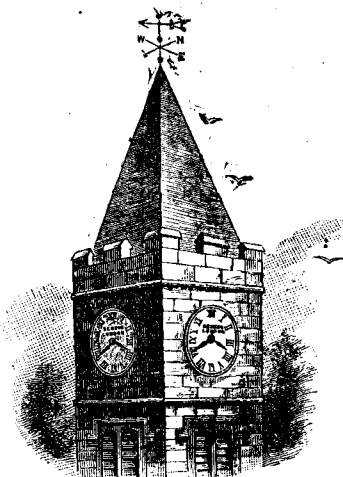


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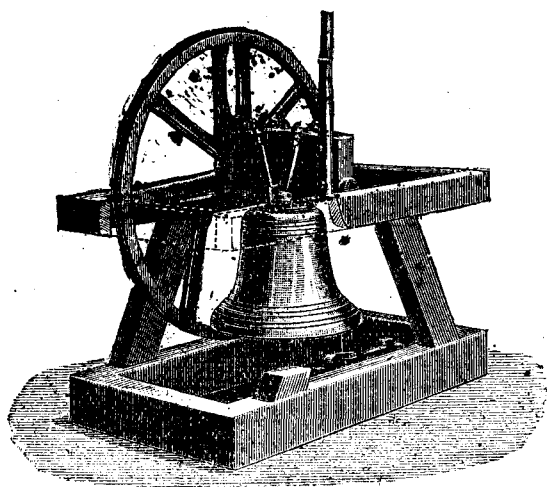
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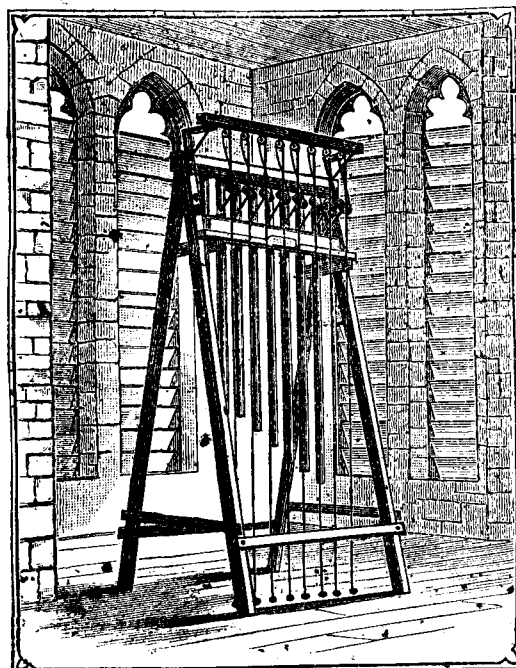
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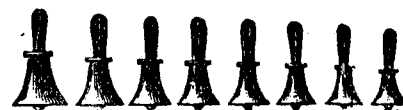
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THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Southgate on Saturday, November 7th, about thirty members being present. The tower was open at three o'clock, but ringing was not commenced till past four o'clock, when touches of Grand-sire, Treble Bob, Stedman, and Double Norwich were rung on this beautiful peal of bells. At 6.30 an adjournment was made to the "Cherry Tree" where Mr. Palmer the landlord served a plentiful tea, to which all were able to do justice. After tea, Mr. G. B. Lucas, the Master, having taken the chair, business commenced by confirming the minutes of the last meeting. The Annual Report was then read by the Secretary, Mr. F. A. Milne, which was adopted. The Treasurer did not present his account because some subscriptions had still to come in. His statement was accepted, and it was decided that the annual balance-sheet should be printed in the report. A discussion having arose as to the desirability of securing payment of booking fees, the Master urged upon all conductors of peals to collect the booking fees at the end of the peal, and also that the names and addresses of members proposed before a peal be at once submitted to the Secretary. The Master then drew attention to a peal rung at Southgate on Monday, November 2nd last, which had been described in "THE BELL NEWS" as a Middlesex peal, but as four new members were elected before starting, and by the rules of the Association only two members can be elected before a peal, it was decided that the peal should not be booked. The list of peals was then read by the Master, and it was resolved that they should be printed in the report. The election of officers for the ensuing year was next proceeded with. Mr. Lucas being unwilling to stand again as Master, two names were submitted; Mr. C. H. Martin, of Hendon, and Mr. John Barber, of Wood Green. Mr. C. H. Martin was elected. Mr. Milne not seeking re-election as Secretary, Mr. Percy Howard, of Stoke Newington, was unanimously elected. Mr. J. Waghorn, jun., was re-elected Treasurer; Messrs. Groves and English were appointed Auditors. The provisional election of Mr. A. Jacob and Mr. A. Howell was duly ratified. A discussion as to the formation of districts ensued, and several suggestions as to the division of the county were made, but nothing definitely was settled. Mr. Howard undertook to push the formation of a western district with a centre at Acton or Ealing as far as he could.

On the question of the continuation of monthly meetings, Mr. English proposed and Mr. Foskett seconded, that the Secretary be empowered to make arrangements, if practicable, for monthly meetings to be held at some tower or towers in London.

On the motion of Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Foskett, it was agreed that the Annual Meeting in 1892 should be held at All Saints, Fulham.

The meeting then terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the officers of the past year for their services to the society, and to the vicar of Southgate for granting the society the use of the bells.

PRESENTATION TO A RINGER.

On Saturday evening, November 14th, the ringers of All Saints church, Northallerton, assembled in the vestry for the purpose of presenting Mr. John Holmes, their late captain, with a handsome marble timepiece, suitably inscribed, on his leaving Northallerton to take up an improved position at Huddersfield. Mr. C. D. Smith, at the request of the Rev. B. C. Caffin, vicar, who through a slight indisposition could not attend, made the presentation. In handing Mr. Holmes the testimonial, the chairman regretted that they were to lose the services of Mr. Holmes, which had been most efficiently rendered as a ringer for over twenty years.

Mr. Holmes in reply said he was pleased to hear that his services had been appreciated in his new home.

After Messrs. Barnett, Barker, Simons, and Shuttleworth had made a few remarks, Mr. Holmes appropriately replied, and agreed to ring 360 Bob Minor for morning service, and a 720 for evening service, which was nearly finished when time for lowering arrived, owing to a ringer being late. The following took part morning and evening: A. Barker, 1; J. E. Simons, 2; J. Barnett, 3; J. Walker, 4; W. Thompson, 6; J. Holmes (conductor), 7; R. Shuttleworth, 8.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24th, the annual six-bell cup competition took place at Holy Trinity church, Dinting Vale, near Glossop, when four prizes were offered for the best 720 of Minor. First prize—the Association's silver cup and six dozen knives and forks; Second prize—seven copper kettles; Third prize—six dozen tea spoons; Fourth prize—six silk handkerchiefs, given by the Dinting ringers and friends. Nine companies entered for the competition, viz., Friezland, Friezland Junior, Glossop, Glossop Junior, Hyde, Hayfield, Mossley, Saddleworth, and Saddleworth Junior; all competed except Hyde. Great interest was manifested in the proceedings throughout, and at the close, Mr. John Blakeley, Vice-President of the Association, read out the judges decision, which was as follows: First prize—Friezland; number of faults, 183; Second prize—Glossop; number of faults, 228; Third prize—Friezland Junior; number of faults, 288; Fourth prize—Glossop Junior; number of faults, 333; Saddleworth—number of faults, 336; Mossley—number of faults, 482; Saddleworth Junior—number of faults, 550; Hayfield—number of faults, 220; rung out. The Judges were Messrs. Joseph Pickering (Kirkburton), and John Collins (Huddersfield). Directly after the decision was given, a move was made to the club room at the Viaduct Inn, where the prizes were distributed by Mr. Pickering. Afterwards a vote of thanks was given to the judges for their fair and impartial decision, which was heartily carried and duly acknowledged. A vote of thanks was also given to the Dinting ringers for the valuable prizes they had given, and the successful way in which they had carried out the competition. Votes of thanks were also given to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—BRAINTREE BRANCH.

On Thursday, November 5th, the members of this branch were cordially invited, through the kind hospitality of Mr. Robert Crickmore and Mr. Samuel Parmenter, to a substantial dinner at the Wheatsheaf Inn. The Rev. J. W. Kenworthy, vicar, presided, and the vice-chair was occupied by the Rev. H. P. Parmenter, curate, supported by Messrs. Crickmore and Parmenter, churchwardens. The event was to celebrate the inauguration of a new set of nineteen handbells, No. 18 in the key of G, supplied by Mears and Stainbank. Justice having been done to the good things catered for by hostess Miss L. Piggen, in her usual satisfactory style, the cloth was removed, and a liberal supply of grog, cigars, tobacco, and ale were freely passed round during the evening. The vicar very suitably thanked the churchwardens for supplying the spread with the comforts of the evening to the company.

Mr. R. Crickmore moved a vote of thanks to the vicar for presiding, also to the ringers, hoping this would not be the last meeting they would have, coupling with it the name of Mr. Rudkin, the leader.

Mr. Rudkin responded on behalf of the ringers, thanking the churchwardens for their kindness to them at all times. He also thanked Mr. S. Parmenter for the splendid box he presented to the company, the interior being fitted with baize and partitions for each bell. A call was made on Mr. Howard, who thanked the parishioners for the voluntary subscriptions in aid of the bells. During the evening tunes were played, and some touches rung by the company. The tone and finish of the bells gave general satisfaction. Songs were rendered by the Rev. H. P. Parmenter, Messrs. H. Hammond, Rudkin, and Calthorpe. Mr. Hammond came in for his share of honour for collecting subscriptions; thus ending a very successful and comfortable evening, all parting for home highly pleased with the evening's enjoyment.

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THE BELLS OF ST. STEPHEN'S, BRISTOL.

DEDICATION SERVICE.—For about twenty minutes at mid-day on Saturday, November 7th, the belfry at St. Stephen's church was crowded whilst a dedication service was being held, prior to the new bells recently placed in the tower being brought into use. The bells have been provided by the Ancient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers, who have also had the old peal re-hung, and have effected other improvements in connection with this particular department at considerable outlay. The pressing need of the work which has just been carried out may be indicated by the fact that some of the old timbers removed were so decayed that they crumbled away upon very slight pressure. The eight existing bells were re-hung by Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Castle Green, who also furnished the two new bells, and they have carried out their work in an admirable manner. The ringers' chamber has been re-floored, provided with neat wainscoting and seats, and fitted up in a manner which must materially enhance the comfort of those using the apartment. Messrs. Llewellyn and James's contract for re-hanging the old bells was £221, for the two new bells the cost was £82, and for restoring the ringers' rooms the expense was £92 10s.—altogether £395 10s. The tower clock has been cleaned by the Goldsmiths' Alliance.

The Ancient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers, who have already spent between £14,000 and £15,000 in works of renovation and improvement at the church from which they take their title, have by no means completed their labours. They contemplate erecting in the immediate future two additional dials to the clock in the tower. It has at present a single face on the west side; and the other dials will be fixed on the north and south sides of the tower, and will be fashioned after the style of the face which can now be seen from St. Augustine's parade. The cost of this work will be about £100. This perhaps will hardly be regarded by energetic members as a full year's work for the society, seeing the extent to which they have spent money in former periods; and for a later date a much more ambitious scheme is in view, but details have yet to be considered. What is contemplated is the renovation of the old porch, which stands alone in Bristol for its fan tracery, and the construction of a new transept. The cost of this work will be considerable.

The Rev. H. C. Joberns, the newly-appointed Rector, officiated at the service, which was of a very simple character. Amongst those who followed the Rector up the worn steps of the tower into the ringers' chamber were—Messrs. C. R. Hancock (master of the society), C. A. Paul, C. W. Cope Proctor, Goodenough Taylor, C. H. Tucker, Wm. Bullock, C. E. Boutflower, J. Gerrish, etc. After the dedication prayer a hymn was sung; and another prayer brought the service to a close. The Rev. H. C. Joberns subsequently made a brief speech, saying that they ought not to separate without thanking the generous society, which had not only furnished that splendid old tower with the new bells, but had re-hung the old bells, and had made the belfry as they saw it now; very different, he believed, from what it was a short time ago. He was sure that one of the great inducement to him to come to Bristol was the knowledge that there was connected with that venerable church such an invaluable body as the Ancient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers; and he was exceedingly glad to see the Master of the society amongst them that day. He (the Rector) was very anxious to have that service; and he was glad the master wrote to him respecting it a few weeks ago, because it had been the custom in the Church of Christ from the earliest ages, not only to consecrate those houses of prayer which were erected to the glory of God, but also to hallow, or bless, or dedicate any gifts which might from time to time be offered to those churches. It would have appeared to him unseemly that these bells should have been used in any way until they had first supplicated Almighty God to give His benediction to them and His benediction to the service in which they would be employed. He was delighted to see so many friends present that morning. Now that the service was ended, the ringers would be free to take their part; and he only hoped that every time they used those bells they would inwardly bless the Ancient Society for putting the old bells in such good order, and for increasing the peal to ten. He believed they now

had the same number of bells as there were at Wells Cathedral. The bells were then set ringing, and the clearness of their notes and excellence of their tone during the time of the peal were the subject of congratulatory remark.

The first touch on the bells was three courses of Grandsire Caters by Messrs. Staddon, Tucker, A. Pearce, G. Pearce, Gooding, Duckham, Porch, Daltry (conductor), Boutflower, and Vinnery. This was followed by other touches, among which was a 557 of Grandsire Caters with J. Gould and G. Stallard in place of the above, conducted by H. Porch. At seven o'clock a dinner was generously given by Messrs. Llewellyns and James, and among those present were the Rev. H. C. Joberns, Mr. C. R. Hancock, Mr. J. H. Howell (senior partner in the firm of Llewellyns and James), Mr. C. H. Tucker (ex-churchwarden of St. Stephen's), and Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower; also the foremen of the various departments of Messrs. Llewellyns and James, including Mr. G. Lavershaw, the foreman bell hanger, and Mr. J. Rider, foreman bell moulder. It is worthy of mention that Mr. Rider has been connected with the firm of Llewellyns and James for sixty-two years, and is the oldest bell moulder in the west of England. There was also present thirteen members of the St. Stephen's Society, Bristol, who re-opened the peal. A capital dinner was partaken of, Mr. C. R. Hancock being in the chair, and Mr. J. H. Howell being in the vice-chair. The Chairman proposed the toast of "Church and Queen" which was received with musical honours. The Chairman next proposed the health of Mr. Howell (as representing the firm of Llewellyns and James), and in doing so dwelt on the thorough manner in which the work at St. Stephen's had been carried out. The toast was enthusiastically received, and Mr. Howell in responding said that their aim had been to give satisfaction, and he was pleased to find they had done so.

Other toasts followed, and the rector, in responding to the toast of his health, spoke in high praise of the Ancient Society of St. Stephen's. Songs and handbell ringing brought to a close an evening thoroughly enjoyed by all.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

A District Meeting of this Guild was held at Exeter on Saturday, November 14th. The following bands were represented: St. David's, St. Edmund's, St. Sidwells, St. Thomas, Exeter, Clyst St. George, Huntsham, Kenn Ottery, St. Mary, Silverton, Tiverton, and Whitstone. The Tiverton band rung some well-struck touches of Stedman Triples at St. Sidwells church, and also joined with other members of the Guild in some Grandsire Caters. Tea was served by kind permission at St. Sidwells Institute, to which about seventy sat down. C. Pearson, Esq., presided, and was supported by the Rev. J. W. Bird, rector of St. Sidwells, and the Rev. J. H. Berkeley, vicar of Heavitree. After tea the various bands adjourned to the different steeples in Exeter, and some good change-ringing was accomplished in Caters, Triples, and Doubles.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

On Monday, November 10th, after ringing various touches of Grandsire Triples at mid-day and in the evening, the ringers sat down to an excellent supper at the South-western Hotel, at the invitation of E. W. Rebbeck, Esq., the newly-elected Mayor and captain of the St. Peter's Company. The chair was taken by Mr. Merrett, who, after the loyal toasts, proposed the "Health of the Mayor and Mayoress," remarking on the many and various occasions they had been recipients of Mr. and Mrs. Rebbeck's kindness and generosity, he having been associated with St. Peter's ever since its foundation, and his father was the first parish clerk. It is probable that Mr. Rebbeck will present two new trebles to St. Peter's as a memorial to his late father. The ringers feel greatly honoured by having a Mayor for their captain. A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent, and the party broke up at half-past ten, after drinking the health of the host and hostess.

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Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, FINCHLEY.—The members of this society met at Church End at five o'clock on Saturday, October 17th, and after a pleasant drive to Barnet, they were joined by Mr. J. Sumpter, of Hadley. They arrived at South Mimms soon after six o'clock, where they were met by the vicar (the Rev. W. H. Wood), and Mr. H. Howard (sexton). The bells having been raised, a start was made for a 720 of Minor, and after two or three attempts a 720 of Plain Bob (nine bobs and six singles) was brought round by the following: W. Russell, 1; J. Cornell, 2; W. Webb, 3; F. Sparks, 4; F. Carroway (conductor), 5; W. Burrows, 6. Also several touches of Plain Bob, and 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in which the following also took part: W. Tubb, W. Mulley and J. Sumpter. Tenor 11 cwt. After lowering the bells a move was made to the parish room, where, by the kindness of the Vicar, a very nice tea had been provided, and was soon done justice to by all present. Some tunes having been played by Messrs. Tubb and Cornell on the handbells belonging to the church, a start was made for home, where all arrived safe about twelve o'clock, after having spent a very pleasant evening. The ringers desire to thank the Vicar for his kindness in providing refreshments, and also for the use of the bells; and Mr. Howard for having everything in readiness for them.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.—On Saturday, November 7th, Messrs. Burch, Boyden, Rashbrook, Wright and Geernart, of Colchester, rang their first touch in a strange tower, with R. W. Stannard, on the bells of Great Tey (tenor 16 cwt.), ringing their first course of Major, with the help of the local ringers, to whom they wish, through this paper, to give their hearty thanks for this their first, and, as it proved, a most enjoyable, outing. Unfortunately, a great lack of interest has been shown by the Essex Association in this part of the county, it being almost unknown that an Association existed, and not one of the above knew that we had a paper connected with the art, until a few weeks ago; but now five copies of "THE BELL NEWS" are taken amongst them. On handbells, a 720 of Bob Minor, with Mr. John Kettle ringing 3-4. Great credit is due to this ringer, who is totally blind, having been blind since the age of sixteen years, and it is worthy of mention that he never started bell-ringing until he was 23 years old, thus learning to ring without sight. He also rang a 720 of Bob Minor on the tower bells, and certainly put many handbell ringers to shame, ringing any two bells in Treble Bob or Plain with a skill very rarely seen.

Obituary.

WILLIAM MORRIS, OF CHELTENHAM.

This octogenarian ringer passed away at his residence in Cheltenham on the 3rd inst., as we briefly announced in a previous issue, literally dying in harness, for he was engaged in his business on the day preceeding his death, and went to bed in the evening, after partaking of a hearty supper, apparently in his usual health. He appears to have been taken ill in the early morning of the 3rd inst., and his wife got up for the purpose of preparing him a cup of tea, which, however, when ready, he was unable to take, and he shortly afterwards lost his power of speech, and lay in a comatose condition for the most part of the day, but towards evening he appears to have rallied somewhat, and was able to express a wish that his son and daughter should be telegraphed for. Shortly afterwards, however, the still but firm hand of death seized hold upon him, and between seven and eight o'clock on the evening of his seizure, he quietly passed to his rest. The doctor reported the cause of death as being hemorrhage on the brain. He was in his 83rd year, and would have completed it on the 27th inst. had he lived until then. Indeed there was every reason to think that he would have done so, for he was in the Cheltenham belfry five days before his death, and took part in all the ringing that evening, and almost the last thing he did was to express a hope that a peal should be rung on his birthday, and he went so far as to mention the names of those whom he would like to take part in it, pathetically adding—"perhaps it will be my last." The deceased was in his younger days elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and was for many years a member of the now defunct Ancient Society of Crypt Youths, Gloucester." On his removal to Cheltenham some quarter of a century since he joined the St. Mary's Company at that place, and at the time of his death he was

Master of it. He was likewise a member of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, the members of which have lost in him a true and kind hearted friend. It may truly be said that he was a connecting link between this and the last generation of ringers, for he well remembered the too long peals at Painswick, the last taking place nearly sixty years since. As a mark of respect for the deceased a muffled peal of 5001 Stedman Caters was rung at St. Mary's church, on the 6th inst., by members of the Diocesan Association, comprising the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Messrs. Washbrook, Hounslow, and White, of the Oxford Guild, who came to take part in honoring the memory of an old and valued friend, and on the 10th inst. another muffled peal (5040 Grandsire Triples) was rung at Prestbury, at the tower of which he had been a frequent and welcome figure. Particulars of these peals appeared in our last issue. He was borne to his last resting place in the Cheltenham Cemetery, on the 9th inst., a deputation of the Cheltenham Company attending as mourners, in addition to his relatives and friends, and after the funeral a muffled touch was rung on the parish church bells, together with the whole pull and stand, and afterwards the number of double strokes, signifying the age of the deceased. By the death of Mr. Morris the mastership of the Cheltenham tower now devolves upon Mr. W. T. Pates, whose past achievements in long peal conducting well qualify him for the position. Mr. Morris was a good ringer and an excellent striker, and was ever ready, even at his advanced age, to take part in any ringing which was proposed, and his loss will be greatly felt by his ringing friends and others, amongst whom he was a general favourite. F. E. W.

HENRY MOSS.

We deeply regret to announce the death of the above-named ringer, who died on Thursday, October 29th, in his 44th year, and was interred at Holbeck Cemetery, on Sunday, November 1st. He was carried to his last resting place by his brother ringers, followed by relatives, members of the Holbeck Working Men's Club, Friendly Society, and other ringing friends. After the burial service had been read by the Rev. O. Cookson, Vicar of Holbeck, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells. M. Tomlinson, 1-2; G. Barraclough, 3-4; T. Lockwood, 5-6; J. Hutchinson, 7-8; J. Woodhead, 9-10. The bells of St. Matthew's church were rung half-muffled for morning and evening service on the day of interment. The deceased who had been in failing health since December last, eventually succumbed to consumption. He was a good ringer, and ever ready to make one in a band for either peal or practice. In all he rang thirty-eight peals, three of which he rung previous to the formation of the Yorkshire Association, which Society he joined at its commencement, and singular to relate (though many attempts) he never scored a peal away from his native church; for instance, in one attempt at Keighley he rang up to a few leads of the finish of a peal of over 7000 changes of Bob Major, when the 5th rope broke. The peals he rang were as follows: twenty-one of Kent, four of Oxford, eleven of Plain Bob, one of Yorkshire Court, and one of Bob Triples. He commenced his ringing career with the first band on the new peal at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, on October, 1871, of which company he remained a member up to his death. He was one of the founders of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society, in which he took a great interest. He was always to the fore in promoting any feature which he considered beneficial to the art. He leaves a widow and four children to mourn his loss.

JOSEPH BROWN.

It is our painful duty to record the death of Joseph Brown, a native of Sapcote, Leicestershire. The deceased was born in the year 1810, and was thus in his 82nd year. He had been a ringer for upwards of sixty years, and was well known to some of the old ringers in Leicester and Coventry, and also in the villages for miles round his native place, as a thorough good ringer, very fond of the art (as he often walked a distance of fifteen miles to get a practice) and willing to give good advice to beginners. He was apparently in his usual health up to Wednesday last, and went to work as usual, but was seen by a young lady to lean heavily on a post as if in great pain. She at once procured help, and had him conveyed home, where he died in the arms of one of his fellow ringers, John Bishop. The deceased had never been successful in ringing a peal of 5000 changes, although he had tried a great number of times, his longest length being over two hours of Grandsire Caters at Coventry. He had taken part in the opening of St. George's bells, Leicester, also Barwell, Earl Shilton, and many other places. On Sunday afternoon, during the funeral, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung upon the bells of Stoney Stanton (the bells being deeply muffled), as a last token of respect.

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.

NEW CLOCK AT THE PARISH CHURCH UTTOXETER.

The new parish church clock, which is both a credit to the contractors and to the town, was started at 12 o'clock on Saturday, Nov. 7th. A few minutes before 12 p.m. a short dedicatory ceremony took place in the clock chamber. Amongst those present were the Vicar, the Rev. H. Abud, R.D., the Rev. E. Parry, Mr. A. C. Bunting (parish churchwarden), Capt. Abud, Mr. G. H. Tortoisshell, Mr. J. Rogers, the workmen, and others. The 90th Psalm having been read, hymn 165, A. and M., was heartily sung, after which the Vicar spoke a few words on the value and use of time, taking as his text, the motto round the clock in Exeter Cathedral—"Pereunt et Imputantur" (the hours die away and are reckoned). A few facts about the new clock will perhaps not at this time be out of place. Owing to the mason's work being more than was at first anticipated, the entire cost will be about £260, of which sum about £220 has already been subscribed. The clock is erected as a memorial to the late Mr. Chas. Bunting, who for many years was one of "the leading spirits" of the town in all public matters, and had he only lived, it had been his intention to provide a new parish clock for the town, as the old one had become worn out through old age, and whose time was anything but reliable. His death occurred, however, before his wish was realized, and his son, Mr. A. C. Bunting, who was appointed at the vestry in succession to his father, in the office of parish warden, set about the work in a thoroughly energetic manner, and his appeal received a very warm response as it was thought by the parishioners generally that the clock would form a lasting memorial and recognition of the late Mr. Chas. Bunting's many services to the town and church. The new clock is supplied by the eminent firm of Messrs. J. Smith and Son, of Derby; it has two dials the same size as before, will chime the Cambridge quarters upon the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 7th bells, and strikes the hours upon the tenor bell; and is fitted with all the latest improvements. Besides an improved method for winding and regulating it has a small dial upon the clock frame by which the external hands can be regulated and simultaneously set to time. The main frame of the clock is of one solid iron casting, plain smooth, and all the wheels are of the best gun metal or hard brass, with teeth cut from the solid, so as to be perfectly accurate and smooth. The dials are gilded figures and minutes on dark groundwork, and the hands are made of copper, and are counterpoised within the tower by adjustable balance weights. The dials are illuminated and glazed with white opal glass, with automatic gas apparatus attached, by which the gas can be turned up and down by the clock, adjustable for the varying lengths of the days throughout the year. Altogether the clock is one of the best that can be made, and is guaranteed to maintain perfectly accurate time, with less variations than ten seconds a month. The whole of the work so far has been executed in a most satisfactory manner, and the new clock, which is warranted to last for generations, will certainly be a great boon, as well as a credit, to the town. While we were examining the beautiful workmanship of the clock, we took a stroll in and amongst the bells. There were originally six bells to the church, and these were hung in the year 1729. The old bells bear the inscription—"Henry Cotton, vicar; Edward Ball and Thomas Myatt, Churchwardens, 1729"; also a line to the effect that "Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, cast us all. Three of the bells have also on them the following mottoes:—

"I to the Church the living call,
And to the grave do summon all."

while on another are the words:

"Prosperity to Town and Parish, 1729."

and on the third is inscribed

"Peace and good neighbourhood."

The bells were re-arranged in the year 1874, a new treble being then added to the number, on which is inscribed the name of the Rev. H. Abud, vicar, and the then wardens, Charles Bunting and John Coulson. The "big" bell was presented the same year by George Kirk, Esq. We have just cause as a parish to be proud of our bells and chimes, and we now possess a clock which is, on the authority of the builders, far superior to anything even in a town like Derby.—*Local Paper*

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of this branch was held at West Derby, on Saturday, November 7th. In the absence of the Vicar, Mr. W. Davies, of Liverpool, presided. After the minutes of the last meeting were passed the chairman addressed those present, and said he was sorry so few were there, but no doubt that was owing to the bad state of the weather. Members were present from Liverpool and Southport, and some of the local company. The next meeting was fixed to be held at the parish church, Wigan, on Saturday, December 5th, when it is intended to unveil a peal tablet recording a peal of Treble Bob Major rung there by eight members of the branch a few months ago. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells. Several touches of Grandsire and a 720 of Minor were rung during the evening.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—A meeting of this branch was held at St. Mary's church, Balderstone, on Saturday, November 14th. These bells have been rehung by Mears and Stainbank, and about thirty ringers from Oldham, Rochdale, and Heywood turned up to test the go of them, and several attempts were made before a touch was brought round, owing to some of the bells dropping. It is hoped they will go better with ringing. The only supports for these bells are four corbels in the ringing room, on which rest four baulks of timber, and are connected together by cross pieces. On the top is the framework in which the bells are hung, and it is a work of ingenuity. The treble and second are hung above the other six; the tenor is 16½ cwt., and the peal is thought too heavy for the disadvantages in the tower. A meeting was held in the schoolroom, presided over by Mr. Millett, sen., in the absence of the Vicar through illness. Eight new members were made. Newhey was chosen for the next place of meeting, and the proceedings closed with the usual votes of thanks.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE PARISH CHURCH BELLS.—We hear that the fund for defraying the expenses of the proposed absolutely necessary repairs to the parish church bells is still upwards of £30 short of the sum required. A comparison of the subscription list up to date, with the very large list of circulars which have been distributed, would seem to suggest that many members of the congregation and of the parish generally, have overlooked this most reasonable appeal to their liberality; and the Vicar and churchwardens feel assured that they will not be accused of undue importunity in again bringing the matter before their notice. May we not hope that the whole of the £150 required, and without which the Vicar and churchwardens do not feel justified in giving an order for the commencement of the work, will be speedily forthcoming? If it is not so, we fear we must make up our minds for no ringing on Christmas Day.

BATLEY CARR, YORKSHIRE.

On Wednesday evening, November 11th, the ringers of Holy Trinity Church rang 240 London Scholars, 240 City Delight, 240 College Pleasure, 240 Oxford Treble Bob. J. H. Scott, 1; W. H. Stead, 2; G. H. Simon, 3; J. Blackburn (conductor), 4; W. Idle, 5; Squire Mitchell, 6. The ringers were afterwards entertained by the churchwardens (Mr. Smith-Ward and Mr. Fred. Ellis, jun.) to a most substantial dinner at the "Shoulder of Mutton" inn. After the cloth was drawn the usual toasts were given, amongst them being the health of the Vicar, Churchwardens and Curate. The evening was spent in hand-bell ringing and song singing, the song entitled "Peter Piper," by Mr. G. Bowden, being highly praised.

THE ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

The monthly meeting of the above was held at Penn, on Saturday, November 14th. There were members present from Tettenhall, Wombourne, Wolverhampton, and some of the local band. Touches of Grandsire Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire, Plain Bob and St. Simon's Doubles were rung. The usual business meeting was held, when Mr. R. Cartwright was elected to represent the Guild on the Central Council. The next meeting is to be held at Busbury, on Saturday, December 12th.

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.
THE POST OFFICE CLOCK AND BELLS.—FORMAL
OPENING BY LADY JERSEY.

(FROM *The Sydney Daily Telegraph* of September 17th, 1891).

AT the invitation of Mr. Henry Daly, contractor for the construction and placing in position of the Post Office clock and bells, a large number of persons assembled in the tower yesterday morning for the purpose of witnessing the official opening of the new clock. The place in which the ceremony was held was somewhat cribbed, cabined and confined, and there was little room for the guests, which included a number of ladies. It was on a small platform at the foot of the tower, and the door had been opened in the main shaft, in which dangled a blue silk cord connected with the works, and which, when pulled, would put the whole machinery in motion. The guests began to arrive soon after 11.30, and were ushered through the spacious entrance doors in Martin-place, up the handsome steps, and thence by the lift to the floor below the platform, which was then reached by the spiral staircase. Amongst those present besides a number of ladies, were Messrs. John Davies, W. J. Trickett, J. Norton, C. J. Roberts, A. J. Riley, Ms.L.C., Mr. A. J. Gould, M.P. (Minister for Justice), J. Martin, B. R. Wise, Davies, Black, Kelly, Eve, J. See, Jeanneret, Fitzgerald, Inglis, Alderman Dean, Beare, H. Chapman, Walker, Barnett, Calvert, Burns, and others.

The clock, it may be stated, was started some time since, and the tone of the bells has been generally admired, in fact the consensus of opinion amongst those who have had experience in these matters, has been that for purity of tone, distinctness, and musical rhythm, they are superior even to the far-famed bells in the Victoria Towers at the Houses of Parliament at Westminster.

The Vice-regal party, which included the Earl and Countess of Jersey, and the Countess of Kintore, accompanied by Lord Ancrum, A.D.C., arrived at the George-street entrance to the Post Office verandah shortly after a quarter to twelve, where they were met by the Postmaster-General (Mr. D. O'Connor), and other officials of the department, and were conducted along the corridor which had been carpeted for the occasion, to the main entrance in Martin's-place. Here Lady Jersey and Lady Kintore were presented with handsome bouquets, and the party at once proceeded up the main staircase and in the lift to the scene of operations. The crowd was a big one, considering the limited space, and numbers of people after standing on the staircase for some time and craning their necks in a vain attempt to get a view of the proceedings, retired to the instruction room, where the mechanical appliances in electrical science were duly explained. At twelve o'clock, amid a buzz of excitement, after the cry had been given down the shaft, "All ready," Lady Jersey pulled the silken string, and at once the bells rang out their silvery peal, chiming the four quarters, followed by the mellow, sonorous tones of the bell "Great Parkes" sending the hour.

Lady Jersey then, in a word or two, declared the clock and bells duly opened, and expressed the hope that the chimes would always mark happy notes for the people of Sydney, and keep all both in time and tune with one another.

Mr. Daly thanked Lady Jersey for the honour she had conferred upon them by formally opening the clock, and as a gallant Irish gentleman, expressed the hope that the Governor and Lady Jersey would enjoy good health and prosperity as long as the clock lasted.

After the ceremony the Governor and the Countess of Jersey, Lord Ancrum, and a small party of ladies and gentlemen, invited by the Postmaster-General, adjourned to Mr. O'Connor's private apartments where champagne was opened, and two or three short speeches were made, including a spirited one by the host himself. The guests included Mr. James Inglis, M.P., Mr. and the Misses Dalgarno, Mr. and Mrs. Curnow, Mr. John Davies, M.L.C., Mrs. and Miss Davies, Mrs. D. O'Connor, Miss Carroll, Miss Fox, Miss Burke, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Burns, Mrs. McIntyre, Colonel Mackenzie, Mr. Trickett, M.P. and Mrs.

Trickett, Mr. C. J. Roberts, Mrs. and Miss Cameron, Mrs. Dillon, the Misses McCarthy, Miss Lambton, Miss Curley and Mr. John See, M.P. and Mrs. See.

Copy of letter received from Mr. Henry Daly, who had the ordering of the Clock and Bells for the Sydney Post Office.

"Sydney, September 21st, 1891.

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Dear Sirs,—I had nothing very particular to communicate since my return, or I would have written you. I heard from Mr. Hamilton that you were enquiring about freight for a bell for Sydney—the Cathedral—I suspect.

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I send you a newspaper giving an account of the starting of the clock and bells. Please accept my compliments.

Yours faithfully,

HENRY DALY."

THE ELY DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of this Association was held at Ely on Monday, November 9th. It was the first Annual Meeting, and a solid success. About thirty attended from Ely, Newmarket, Soham, Wilburton, Stratham, and Littleport. At the dinner the Rev. J. Franey, vicar of St. Mary's, presided, supported by the Rev. J. R. Vincent, Secretary, and the Rev. K. H. Smith, Secretary and Treasurer of the Diocesan Association. The business meeting was held afterwards. We are glad to hear of a stirring of the dry bones at Ramsey, Yaxley, and Whittlesea, and also at Somersham; and this in a county (Hunts) where Tombstone Bob and Churchyard Surprise have long held their own.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly ringing meeting of the above society was held on Saturday, October 31st, at St. Chad's, Headingley, and was only moderately attended. The reason no doubt was owing to various attempts for peals by members in the adjoining district. Ringers from Birstall, Calverley, Liversedge, Holbeck, St. Michael's, Headingley, and Leeds. Touches of Kent Treble Bob Major, Plain Bob, and Oxford Minor were rung. Courses on the handbells at the meeting-house, the Woodman Inn, when an invitation was announced to all present to attend the interment of one of the oldest members of the society, Henry Moss, of Holbeck, which cast a gloom on the day's ringing. After votes of thanks had been passed to the vicar, wardens, and steeple-keeper for arrangements, the meeting was speedily brought to a close.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of this Association held at St. John's church, Hanley, on Monday, November 9th, 720 Bob Minor was rung. J. Burton, sen., 1; J. E. Whealden, 2; G. Woods, 3; J. Burton, jun., 4; W. Twigg, 5; W. Carter (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Woods, 1; E. Glover (conductor), 2; W. Carter, 3; J. Warren, 4; J. Wood, 5; W. Twigg, 6. The above were rung on the front six, and are the first on the bells since they were rehung, and are supposed to be the first 720s of Minor ever rung on these bells. The Messrs. Burton hail from Cheadle; Twigg, Warren and Whealdon from Bucknall; Carter from Biddulph; Woods from Longton; and Glover and Wood from Norton.

SAFFRON WALDEN (Essex).—On Monday, November 9th, 1056 of Double Norwich Court was rung on the occasion of the election of J. P. Atkinson, Esq., M.D., as Mayor. N. J. Pitstow, 1; *W. Prior, 2; A. James, 3; C. Freeman, 4; G. Martin, 5; J. F. Penning, 6; E. Pitstow, 7; F. Pitstow (conductor), 8. *Longest touch in the method. Also six courses of Stedman Triples and five courses of Kent Treble Bob.

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THE continued illness of the Editor still prevents his replying to his numerous correspondents. For the present, I am desired, and do so very willingly, to thank those gentlemen who have sent him their kind compliments and good wishes upon his fiftieth birthday. Any readers who desire immediate attention to their communications through the post, will be kind enough for the next fortnight at least, to address their letters to me, c/o Editor.

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On Saturday, November 14, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.

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ALBERT PITAM 4.	GEORGE NEWSON Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and J. Barber's fiftieth peal. It is also the first in the method by E. Barnett, who belongs to Crayford. The ringers wish, through "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the Vicar for kindly granting the use of the bells. It was intended to start for Stedman Caters, but meeting short, the above was rung instead.

The Provinces.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN.

FORTY-TWO 6-SCORES OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

CHARLES FREEMAN* Treble.	†JOSEPH BUCKINGHAM 4.
GEORGE COLES* 2.	THOMAS FARMER 5.
ALFRED MOORE 3.	HENRY TAYLOR Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS FARMER.

*First 5040. †First 5040 with a bob bell. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Wilson, daughter of Mr. Churchwarden Wilson.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, November 12, 1891, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.

HENRY HIPKISS Treble.	JOHN CARTER 6.
W. H. GODDEN 2.	WILLIAM R. SMALL 7.
SAMUEL REEVES 3.	CHARLES PRICE 8.
THOMAS HORTON 4.	REUBEN HALL 9.
JAMES JONES 5.	JAMES HALL Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, contains 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 twelve courses at hand and twelve courses at back-stroke: the twenty-four 6-7-8-9s in the titmus position, twelve at hand and twelve at back-stroke; and is the first peal composed on this plan, and was rung on Mr. Small's birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, November 14, 1891, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5021 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

J. H. BRIERLEY Treble.	S. COLLIER 5.
T. WROE 2.	J. GILLOTT 6.
W. COLLIER 3.	J. LEIGH 7.
W. JAKEMAN 4.	J. HARRISON Tenor.

Conducted by W. JAKEMAN.

W. Collier had not rung a peal for over twenty-eight years. First peal for S. Collier, and both hail from Flixton.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLTS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY BLISSETT Treble.	FRANK HOPGOOD 5.
ARTHUR EVANS 2.	JOSEPH RICHARDSON 6.
JOHN DAY 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN 7.
HENRY WHITE 4.	HARRY GOODGER Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

H. White hails from Basingstoke; Richardson from Maidenhead. First peal by H. Blissett, who had had about sixty attempts before, spreading over a number of years.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1891, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5010 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

REV. DONALD JONES* .. Treble.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 6.
WILLIAM WAKLEY 2.	EDWARD I. STONE 7.
ARTHUR WAKLEY 3.	HARRY WAKLEY 8.
FREDERICK J. COPE* .. 4.	THOMAS HOLMES 9.
GEORGE ROBINSON 5.	*JAMES H. GALLIMORE .. Tenor.

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

JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

Rung as a welcome to the new Bishop of the Diocese, the Hon. and Rev. Augustus Legge, D.D. *First peal in the method.

DRIGHLINGTON, NEAR BRADFORD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

H. N. TOWLER Treble.	DICK NEWTON 5.
ALFRED CHAPMAN 2.	WM. ABBISHAW 6.
E. PRATT 3.	RUFUS THORNTON 7.
ALFRED NAYLOR 4.	J. M. CHADWICK Tenor.

Composed by the late WM. EVERSFIELD, and Conducted by

J. M. CHADWICK.

Messrs. Chapman, Abbishaw, and Chadwick belong to Rothwell; Naylor to Headingley; Pratt to Calverley; the rest are of the local company.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND THE HERTS. AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, November 14, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

J. ERNEST RANDALL* .. Treble.	CHALLIS F. WINNY 5.
GEORGE W. CARTMEL .. 2.	WALTER BATTLE 6.
JAMES GEORGE 3.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 7.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 4.	*HENRY G. ROWE Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal in the method. This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells. Messrs. Newman and Winny hail from London and J. George from Rugby.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 15, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

FRANCIS LEES Treble.	HENRY FERGUSON 5.
WILLIAM HOLMES* 2.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 6.
JAMES H. CLAPPERTON .. 3.	†ROBERT WELSH 7.
HENRY H. LINDSEY 4.	HAROLD PEARSON Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS LEES.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. All the above are members of St. John's Guild, Newcastle.

SPELDHURST.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 15, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. CARD Treble.	FREDERICK STILL 5.
JAMES MAYNARD 2.	GEORGE TURLEY 6.
JAMES BAKER 3.	THOMAS CARD 7.
RICHARD PELLING 4.	ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE TURLEY.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the parish clerk, Mr. W. J. Clarke, who was married the same morning.

ORMSKIRK.—THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 16, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART REVERSED.

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qrs. 25 lbs.

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

Conducted by JAMES SHOLICAR.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 16, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM AXTELL Treble.	HENRY GIBBS 5.
GEORGE CONYARD 2.	ROBERT WILKINS 6.
THOMAS SAXBY 3.	EDWIN BARNETT 7.
CHARLES WILKINS 4.	JOHN GARARD Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

This is the first peal in the method by all the band, the first in the method by the above Association, and the first in the method on the bells. It was rung at the first attempt, none of the band ever having rung the method but once before.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, November 16, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD GOODREDS Treble.	THOMAS HORTON 5.
HARRY MILLS 2.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT 6.
ADAM HILL* 3.	WILLIAM R. SMALL 7.
SAMUEL REEVES.. .. .4.	JAMES HALL Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

*First peal of Stedman Triples, and was rung on the occasion of the birthday of H. Mills, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. All the above are members of the Worcester and District Association.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

(THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY).

On Tuesday, November 17, 1891, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 27½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM BURGESS* Treble.	*SAMUEL BOOTH 7.
SAMUEL WOOD 2.	JAMES ADAMS 8.
JOHN HOPWOOD 3.	SHEPHERD ANDREW 9.
WILLIAM SMITH 4.	LUKE BROADBENT 10.
JAMES WOOD 5.	JOSEPH MELLOR.. .. .11.
BENJAMIN BROADBENT 6.	GEORGE LONGDEN Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN COX and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

*First peal of Maximus. Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

Date Touches.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

PLYMPTON MAURICE.—On Wednesday, Nov. 4th, a date touch of Grandsire Minor, 1891 changes, by the following members: E. Hendy, 1; E. Taylor, 2; R. Ford, 3; A. Richards, 4; W. Marsh, 5; H. G. Fruin, 6. Arranged and conducted by H. G. Fruin. Tenor 18½ cwt. This is the longest touch on the bells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DRIGHLINGTON (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, November 7th, at St. Paul's church, for evening service, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1891 changes), in 1 hr. 9 mins. H. N. Fowler, 1; J. Thornton, 2; G. H. Wilson, 3; H. Clapham, 4; D. Newton, 5; F. Hargreaves, 6; L. Snowdon (conductor), 7; R. Thornton, 8. Tenor 15½ cwt. First touch on the bells by the local company.

READING (Berks).—On Monday, November 9th, at St. Laurence's church, a date touch of Grandsire Caters. C. Foxell, 1; W. Holloway, 2; F. Hoppood, 3; J. Potter, 4; J. F. Tarrant, 5; W. Pocock, 6; W. Goseltine, 7; W. J. Williams, 8; W. Newell (conductor), 9; — Shipway, 10. Conducted by John Carter. The above was rung in honour of the conductor's fifty-third birthday, also his silver wedding day, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

ROWLEY REGIS (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, October 27th, for practice, a date touch of 1891 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. D. Woodhouse, 1; H. Bennett, 2; J. Bate, 3; B. Lowe, 4; J. Oakley, 5; R. Baker, 6; S. Mills (conductor), 7; B. Oakley, 8.

Miscellaneous.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Monday, October 12th, 1408 Woodbine Treble Bob Major, in 50 mins., after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal. W. Smith (Winlaton), 1; H. Ferguson, 2; H. Lindsay, 3; W. Story, 4; W. Holmea, 5; J. Simm, 6; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 7; F. Lees, 8.

WHICKHAM (Durham).—On Saturday, October 17th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 23 mins. W. Dobson, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Pattison, 4; W. Holmes, 5; W. C. Bennett, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Dobson, 1; J. Pattison, 2; C. L. Routledge, 3; W. Smith, 4; W. C. Bennett (conductor), 5; W. Holmes, 6. Tenor 8 cwt.

WHITLEY.—On Tuesday, November 10th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Fraser, 1; R. R. Gofton, 2; W. Barber (first 720 in the method), 3; W. Charlton, 4; T. T. Gofton (conductor), 5; R. S. Story, 6. First 720 of Treble Bob by a local band. Also 360 Bob Minor, with H. Johnson, North Shields. Tenor 18 cwt.

HEIGHINGTON.—On Saturday, October 17th, on the occasion of the annual visit of the St. John's, Darlington company to see their late Vicar, 720 Oxford Plain Bob, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, 720 Kent Treble Bob, and 720 College Single. J. Bolton, W. Bell, F. A. Teasdale, J. Baxter, W. D. Lister, H. S. Taylor, R. Moncaster, and W. Patton. On Sunday, October 18th, 720 Grandsire Minor, for morning service. J. Bolton, 1; H. S. Taylor, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; W. D. Lister, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. A. Teasdale, 1; W. Bell, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; J. Baxter, 4; W. D. Lister, 5; H. S. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, October 20th, 720 Yorkshire Court. J. H. Whitfield, 1; W. D. Lister, 2; H. S. Taylor, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. Patton, 5; J. Baxter (conductor), 6.

BRANCEPETH (Durham).—On Saturday, October 24th, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob was attempted, but a change-course brought it to a close at 1984 changes, in 1 hr. 15 mins. L. Newton, 1; J. Pattison, 2; W. Holmes, 3; T. Clark, 4; W. Story, 5; R. S. Story, 6; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 7; T. T. Gofton, 8. Tenor 16 cwt.

SOUTH CHURCH.—On Sunday morning, October 25th, 960 Oxford Treble Bob Major. J. W. Cleminson, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; F. Charlton, 3; W. Story, 4; T. Clark, 5; D. Shipp, 6; W. Holmes, 7; T. T. Gofton (conductor), 8. And on Monday, October 26th, an attempt for a peal in the same method broke down at 3392 changes, in 2 hrs. T. Clarke, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; F. Charlton, 3; T. Gofton, 4; R. S. Story, 5; D. Shipp, 6; E. J. Titt, 7; W. Story (conductor), 8. Tenor 11½ cwt.

NORTH SHIELDS.—Seven members of the St. John's (Newcastle) branch visited Christ Church, on Tuesday, November 3rd, and rang 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor on the back six, being one short for a 500 of Major. J. Simm, 1; H. H. Lindsey, 2; R. S. Story, 3; F. Lees, 4; W. Holmes, 5; W. Story (conductor), 6. And two touches of 576 Treble Bob Major, in which W. Fraser, of Whitley, and H. Dall, of North Shields, took part, this being the former's first touch of Major; also an unfinished 504 Stedman Triples and a course of Bob Royal.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TWERTON-ON-AVON.—On Thursday, October 15th, the following members met for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2 hrs. 40 mins., and had rung 4900 changes it came to grief, owing to the rope slipping wheel on the fifth bell. J. Smith Flowers, 1; G. Temple, 2; W. Davies, 3; A. Melhuish, 4; J. Blackmoor, 5; J. Wotton (conductor), 6; H. Wetton, 7; C. Bell, 8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BALCOMBE (Sussex).—On Thursday, October 22nd, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. A. Gasson, 1; E. Streeter, jun., 2; C. Holman, 3; F. Streeter, 4; R. Bourn, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also 360 Plain

Bob Minor. A. Gasson, 1; R. Bourn, 2; C. Holman, 3; F. Streeter, 4; E. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, October 25th, 360 Plain Bob. A. Gasson, 1; R. Bourn, 2; E. Streeter, sen., 3; E. Streeter, jun., 4; T. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob. A. Gasson, 1; R. Bourn, 2; E. Streeter, sen., 3; E. Streeter, jun., 4; T. Streeter, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. And 360 Kent Treble Bob. C. Holman, 1; E. Streeter, jun., 2; F. Streeter, 3; T. Streeter, 4; J. Gasson, 5; E. Streeter, sen., (conductor), 6.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Tuesday, November 10th, at St. Martin's church, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Riddle (a former warden), and the late Mr. Wm. Morris, of Cheltenham, a muffled touch of Stedman Caters, with the bells in the inverted tittum position. W. Haywood, 1; J. Day, 2; J. Joynes, 3; H. Bastable, 4; W. Mundy, 5; B. Witchell (conductor), 6; W. Kent, 7; H. Johnson, 8; T. Reynolds, 9; A. Thomas, 10. Also 287 Grandsire Caters. H. A. Hall, 1; H. Johnson, 2; J. Joynes, 3; W. H. Godden, 4; S. Atkins, 5; W. Mundy, 6; A. Thomas, 7; T. Reynolds, 8; W. Kent (conductor), 9; J. E. King, 10.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CHELMSFORD (Essex).—On Saturday, November 14th, at St. Mary's church, for practice, 701 Grandsire Caters. R. C. Burrell, 1; W. Rowland, jun., 2; H. F. De Lisle, 3; G. Green, 4; A. Edwards, 5; W. Everard (longest touch of Caters), 6; W. Hawkes, 7; A. Richell, 8; W. Lincoln (conductor), 9; E. W. Houghton, 10.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, October 14th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 Superlative Surprise (2nd the observation), in 24½ mins. W. Watts, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; I. Hammond, 3; J. Luckey, 4; G. Gray, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 24 mins. G. Gray, 1; W. Cavill (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; J. Luckey (conductor), 3; T. J. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts, 6. And on Sunday, October 18th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Violet Treble Bob, in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Cavill, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 360 Double Oxford Bob. W. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And for the afternoon service, 720 Killamarsh Treble Bob (5th the observation), in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. On Thursday, October 22nd, an attempt was made to ring a 5040 in seven different Minor methods, but the conductor had to call "stand," owing to a change-course after 3048 changes had been rung in 1 hr. 47 mins., in the following methods: 720 Stansted Double Bob, 720 College Single, 720 Double Court, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, and 168 Killamarsh Treble Bob. W. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. This was rung in honour of Mr. Gray's fiftieth birthday. And on Sunday, October 25th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, in 25 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 720 Violet Treble Bob (twenty-one bobs), in 24 mins. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Cavill, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-four singles), in 23 mins. G. Jordan, 1; W. Cavill, 2; W. Watts, 3; J. Luckey, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill (composer and conductor), 6. This makes W. Watts's 100th 720 Plain Bob Minor. And on Monday, October 26th, 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 25 mins. T. J. Watts, 1; J. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Cavill, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE ALL HALLOWS SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, November 8th, for evening service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. G. B. Lucas, 1; J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 2; T. C. Grove, 3; W. Short, 4; H. A. Barnett, 5; J. Waghorn, 6; W. P. English, 7; W. Martin, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Saturday, October 24th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Hinkley, 1; W. Easter, 2; W. Cooke, 3; W. Kings, 4; G. Lindoff, 5; W. Haigh (conductor), 6.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Saturday, November 7th, 720 Double Oxford Minor. W. Kings, 1; A. Palmer, 2; G. Lindoff (conductor), 3; W. Haigh, 4; C. Waterman, 5; W. Cooke, 6. This is the first 720 in the method by the above Association.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON.—On Sunday, October 25th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Oxford Bob, in 26½ mins. J. Smith, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; E.

Hampton, 3; W. Prestidge, 4; W. Micklewright (conductor), 5; R. Round, 6. On Thursday, November 5th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins. F. Hill, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; W. Pardoe, 4; R. Round, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. And on Monday, November 9th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25½ mins., to commemorate the 50th birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. F. Hill, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; R. Round, 4; W. Micklewright, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

OLD BATTERSEA (Surrey).—At the church of St. Mary, on Sunday morning, November 8th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (the first and last parts of Holt's Original, 1330 changes), in 45 mins. Wm. G. Bull (conductor), 1; H. A. Hopkins, 2; W. Baron, sen., 3; H. N. Davis, 4; F. J. Pitts, 5; S. Baker, 6; A. Davis, 8.

THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

KILLAMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, November 8th, 720 of City Delight, in 25 mins. H. Taylor, 1; C. Fowler, 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn (conductor), 6. Also 240 of Arnold's Victory, standing as above. C. Fowler hails from North Anston, and it is his first 720 of City Delight.

NORTH NOTTS' ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD.—Monday, November 2nd, being Municipal Election day, touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung to celebrate the re-election of Messrs. Councillors Howard, Hind, Butler, Lazenly, Marshall and Spencer. A touch of 324 changes of Grandsire Caters was rung. F. Warburton, 1; J. F. Haigh, 2; T. Spurr, 3; H. Warburton, 4; T. Spurr, 5; W. Foster, 6; W. Skelton, 7; H. Haigh, 8; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 9; G. Skelton, 10. After which a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung (1260 changes). *W. Foster, 1; *G. E. Sharpe, 2; *T. Spurr, 3; J. F. Haigh, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; W. Skelton, 6; J. B. Joynes, 7; G. Skelton, 8. Time occupied 44 mins. Weight of tenor 24 cwt. *First quarter-peal. This is the first quarter-peal rung by the local society since the restoration of the bells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WATERFOOT.—On Saturday, October 31st, at St. James' church, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins., with the bells muffled, as a token of respect to the late Roden Ashworth, late churchwarden. R. Halstead (conductor), 1; J. Bolton, 2; Z. Lord, 3; J. B. Taylor, 4; J. Witcker, 5; W. Witcker, 6.

RAWTENSTALL.—On Saturday, November 7th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. *G. H. Ashworth, 1; *E. Witcker, 2; J. B. Taylor, 3; J. Smith, 4; *J. Ramsbottom, 5; H. H. Nutter (conductor), 6. *First 720. Z. Lord hails from Bacup; the rest from Waterfoot.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants).—At St. Mary's church for evening service, on Sunday, October 11th, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Symons, 2; J. Harper, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; C. Simmonds, 5; R. Harman, 6; A. E. Nye, (conductor), 7; T. Gould, 8. Also on Thursday, October 22nd, on the occasion of a wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; W. Cornish, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; C. Simmonds, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; E. Hardy, 8. Also on Sunday, October 25th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; J. Symons, 3; C. Simmonds, 4; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 5; J. Matthews, 6; A. E. Nye, (conductor), 7; J. Goulds, 8; Also on Tuesday, October 27th, for practice, 518 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Symons, 2; W. Cornish, 3; J. Harper, 4; H. Stubbington, 5; C. Simmonds, 6; A. H. Taber, 7; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 8. And 503 of Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; J. Symons, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; A. H. Taber, 5; C. Simmonds, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; J. Goulds, 8. Also on Tuesday evening, November 3rd, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Groves, 1; J. Harper, 2; J. Symons, 3; J. Matthews, 4; A. H. Taber, 5; R. Harman, 6; A. E. Nye (conductor), 7; J. Goulds, 8.

ASHOVER (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, November 8th, for evening service, being the anniversary of the re-opening of the bells, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen singles and three bobs), in 28 mins. J. H. Beardow, 1; T. Beardow, 2; T. J. Beardow, 3; W. Buxton (conductor), 4; T. Hopkinson, 5; G. Beardow, 6.

BENHILTON (Surrey).—On Sunday, November 8th, at All Saints' church, being in the octave of the dedication festival, a 360 of Plain Bob Minor was rung for Divine Service. T. Dawson, 1; E. Trendell, 2; G. Trendell, 3; J. Trendell, 4; M. Routh, 5; J. Trendell (con-

ductor), 6. After service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 26 mins. T. Dawson, 1; E. Trendell, 2; G. Trendell, 3; F. Holder, 4; F. Trendell, 5; J. Trendell (conductor), 6.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—On Wednesday, November 4th, for practice, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes. E. J. Strutt, 1; G. Naish, 2; G. A. Fish, 3; G. Woodiss (conductor), 4; W. Meaton, 5; J. Wright, 6; F. Bennett, 7; C. Slade, 8; J. Strutt, 9; J. Chandler, 10. Composed by J. Wright. The above was rung after an attempt for a peal, conducted by J. Strutt, had failed.

MONMOUTH (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, October 18th, at the parish church, at the conclusion of the Harvest Festival service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 28 mins. E. W. Brook, 1; R. H. Hayward, 2; H. Moss, 3; J. Tarrant, 4; G. Wightman (conductor), 5; S. W. Martin, 6. This is the first 720 of Treble Bob by the treble and third men.

NORTON FITZWARRREN (Somerset).—On Thursday, November 5th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 31 mins. S. Radford, 1; R. T. Hibbert (conductor), 2; R. Crossman, 3; J. Burge, 4; H. Chipland, 5; J. Maddock, 6. This is the first in the method on the bells by all, except the conductor, who hails from Reading.

READING (Berks.).—On Tuesday, November 3rd, for practice, at St. Lawrence's church, a touch of Grandsire Caters, 1025 changes, in 45 mins. J. Richardson, 1; J. Potter, 2; C. Foxell, 3; F. Bissley, 4; F. Hopgood, 5; J. W. Wilkins, 6; A. Hoskins, 7; W. J. Williams, 8; W. Newell, 9; J. Rolf, 10. Richardson, Bissley, Hoskins and Wilkins hail from Maidenhead; the above being their first touch of Caters. The rest of the band are local men. On Wednesday, November 4th, on the occasion of the opening of the Palmer Park, the gift of Mr. George Palmer, and unveiling of a handsome bronze statue of the same gentleman, several excellent touches of Grandsire Caters were rung, viz., 575 in 24 mins., 1025 in 43 mins., 827 in 36 mins., 1259 in 53 mins., the following members taking part: C. Foxell, W. Holloway, C. Bennet, J. Potter, W. Pocock, J. F. Tarrant, W. Gosletine, W. J. Williams (conductor), C. Giles, J. E. Hearn, C. Chapman, Shipway and W. Newell. Tenor 26 cwt. On Sunday evening, November 8th, a touch of 1080 Grandsire Caters was rung for evening service, by the above band, in 50 mins.

ROWLEY REGIS (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, October 25th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. D. Woodhouse, 1; H. Bennett, 2; J. Oakley, 3; R. Baker, 4; B. Lowe, 5; H. Bate, 6; S. Mills (conductor), 7; B. Oakley, 8. On Sunday, November 8th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins., with 6-8 behind. R. Ingram, 1; W. H. Bate, 2; J. Bate, 3; H. Bennett, 4; B. Lowe, 5; S. Mills (conductor), 7; B. Oakley, 6; D. Woodhouse, 8.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Sunday, November 1st, at the church of St. Andrew, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes. C. Tyler, 1; T. Searle, 2; C. Chambers, 3; W. B. Hills, 4; J. Smart, 5; J. Matthews, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; G. Gatland, 8. And on Sunday, November 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes. T. Searle, 1; J. Matthews, 2; J. Woolgar, 3; G. Smart, 4; C. Chambers, 5; F. Morris, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; G. Gatland, 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by F. Morris, who hails from Brighton.

TEWKESBURY (Gloucestershire).—On Wednesday evening, September 28th, for practice at the Abbey, 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Perks, 1; R. H. Witherington, 2; H. Roberts, 3; J. Hale, 4; S. Cleal, 5; T. Devereux, 6; J. Wathen, 7; Jos. Wathen (conductor), 8. This is the longest touch yet achieved by this society in the method.

WOBURN (Beds.).—On Saturday, October 24th, at St. Mary's church, 420 Bob Triples. Cyril Herbert, 1; E. Norman, 2; W. Mynard, 3; Chas. Herbert, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. Chibnall, 6; Rev. W. W. C. Baker (conductor), 7; *W. Phillimore, 8. *First touch of Triples. Also a 720 Bob Major, in the same order, with W. E. Turney 8. Recently, on handbells, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). *W. Phillimore (Eversholt), 1; Rev. W. W. C. Baker (Milton Bryan), 2; Chas. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5-6. *First 720.

WORTH (Sussex).—On Sunday, November 1st, for afternoon service, a 720 of Bob Minor. W. Owden, 1; F. Streeter, 2; E. Streeter, jun., 3; B. Payne, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. After service, a 720 of College Exercise. E. Streeter, jun., 1; E. Streeter, sen., 2; J. Gasson, 3; G. Illman, 4; R. Jordan, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Oxford Bob. F. Deuch (first 720), 1; B. Payne, 2; E. Streeter, 3; F. Rice, 4; R. Jordan, 5; G. Illman (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. E. Streeter, jun., 1; B. Payne, 2; F. Rice, 3; G. Illman, 4; R. Jordan, 5; E. Streeter, sen. (conductor), 6.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SIR,—The remarks made in your leading article on October 24th are based, I think, on a wrong supposition, viz.: that our ringers will not or cannot pay their subscriptions. I do not know how you come by that information unless you have mis-read the report which you publish in another column of the same issue, and I should like to publicly contradict it, as it is unfair to our ringing members. As a matter of fact, ringers in this Diocese are by no means unwilling to pay. The difficulty experienced is this: change-ringing and belfry reform being in a very backward state generally, nearly every tower requires the services of our instructor in return for its ringers' subscriptions. If the instructor is told off to visit a 6-bell tower with eight members, all very much in want of instruction, and whose united subscriptions amount to 15s., and the instructor remains a week, as he is often obliged to do if he wishes to see any real progress made, the instructor's visit, though satisfactory to the tower, ends with a dead loss to the Guild, as the subscriptions are necessarily not enough to satisfy the officer's salary. Towards the end of the year the expenditure incurred in this way has become large, and although we have of course subscriptions from hon. members and friends, the list is not long enough to allow us to satisfy all our requirements. This was explained at the meeting held after our last Festival, and various suggestions were offered, amongst which was one to raise ringers' subscriptions. This did not meet with approval, and I myself opposed it, as I maintain 2s. 6d., which is our present probationer's subscription, is quite enough to ask annually from an agricultural labourer—a personage often to be found in a country belfry—who has to provide for himself, and not unusually a family, on 11s. or 12s. a week. Personally, I would be against asking any man in the position of agricultural labourer for any subscription at all if it could possibly be avoided, and I certainly think everything else should be attempted before trying to increase his subscription. I think that no one who knows the position of many a ringer in a country parish as well as I do could fail to agree on this. Much less should be denied just the "half-dozen half ounces less per annum," whatever that may mean, as suggested by "Plain Speaker" in a previous issue. No, Sir. It is not from want of ringers' subscriptions that our Guild is not in such a flourishing financial condition as it might be. The experience I have had since taking office goes to show that no money comes in more cheerfully than the amounts we ask from our ringing members. What we do require is better support from the clergy and leading laity. There are happily some of the former, who do their utmost on our behalf, but there are still many, who, although an attempt has been made now and again to direct their attention to the good work the Guild can do and is doing, still remain unrepresented in our lists; and we have always had and still have, alas! plenty of spare and bare pages where-in should be recorded the subscriptions from gentry and well-to-do church folk amongst the laity, who, if not well able to subscribe, are at least in a better condition to deny themselves just that small modicum of comfort or luxury which I suppose it is that "Plain Speaker" would like us to deprive our ringers.

Clun, November, 1891.

JOHN G. BUCHANAN, Hon. Sec.

We have received another letter on this subject.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—I am informed through Mr. W. Page, local secretary of the Worcester branch of this Association, that the Rectors of All Saints (ten bells), and St. Helen's (eight bells), Worcester, have now refused to open their respective towers to the members of the Association on Saturday next (as announced in "THE BELL NEWS" of Saturday, November 7th and 14th) after promising to grant the use of them.

JOHN SMITH, Secretary.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—Allow me to correct an error which appeared in the memoir of Mr. T. C. Powell last week. The writer states that the peal of Treble Bob Caters at Aston is the only peal in that method that has yet been rung. This is not correct. A peal of Treble Bob Caters (5184 changes), in the Kent Variation, was rung at St. Peter's cathedral church in this city, on Thursday, January 28th, 1886, composed and conducted by Robert Williams.

W. D.

Liverpool.

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Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's Church, Waterfoot (6 bells) to-day, Saturday, November 21st. Belfry open at 3. Meeting at 6. J. ROLLERSON, *Branch Sec.*

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 (Surrey side), to-day, Saturday, November 21, 1891. The chair will be taken at 6.30 p.m. by the master, (Mr. F. E. Dawe), supported by A. Percival Heywood, Esq., of Duffield and others. Vice-Chairman, Mr. G. T. McLaughlin. The tower of St. Michael-upon-Cornhill (12 bells), and Christ Church, Spitalfields (8 bells), will be open at 4 o'clock for ringing. An officer of the society will attend at the company's meeting house, viz., "King's Head," Winchester Street, Borough Market (which is close to the "Bridge House" hotel), at 5.30 p.m., to shew the company's books, plate, etc., to visitors. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, can be obtained of any member of the Dinner Committee, viz.: Mr. F. E. Dawe, Master, 73 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, Amburst 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:—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.

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.)

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*
37 Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—The annual dinner of this society will take place at the "Green Man," St. Martin's Lane, on Saturday, December 5th, at 7 o'clock, all members intending to be present on that occasion, will please write to the secretary, or attend the meeting at St. Martin's on November 27th, as final arrangements will then be made. A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*

35, Haringay Road, Middle Lane, Hornsey, N.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting of the above society will be held at Pudsey, on Saturday, November 28th. A peal will be attempted by members, commencing at 2.30 prompt. Meeting house, the "New Inn," near the church. R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*

43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Halsall, on Saturday, November 28th. Bells open 3 p.m., meeting 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
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Society of Trinity Youths.—The Annual Dinner will take place at the "Prince Albert," Royal Hill, Greenwich, on Saturday, December 12th, at 6.30 p.m. precisely. Tickets 3s. 6d. each; can be obtained of the undersigned.

F. RUMENS, *Hon. Sec.*

40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham, S.E.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—A ringing meeting of the above will be held at Brookfield church, Hyde Road, Gorton, Manchester, on Saturday, November 28th. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Meeting in Schoolroom at 7 p.m.

W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Saxmundham District. — The seventh quarterly meeting will be held at Kelsale, on Saturday, December 5th. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 till 9 p.m. The business meeting will be held at the New Church House, at 6.30, by kind permission of the Rector. All members and friends cordially welcome.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Hon. District Sec.*
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* * We particularly ask that correspondents desiring answers to their questions through the medium of this page, will write such questions on separate sheets of paper, otherwise they may be lost sight of.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—This peal was arranged for Messrs. Burgess and Luke Broadbent, who are two of the old veterans of the Ashton society, the latter of whom has lived at Saddleworth, Yorkshire, for a number of years, but has never severed his connection with his old ringing friends. They both rang their first peal within a few months of each other, about 50 years ago; and their last peal was rung at the first attempt, although a colt had to be put in (S. Booth), as one of the selected band failed to put in an appearance. W. Burgess attained his 73rd birthday on the above date, and his friends wish him many happy returns.

Compositions.

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A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL.

By E. FRANCIS, *Norwich.*

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Repeated.

In this peal the 2nd and 3rd are not in 6ths place at a course-end.

A PEAL OF WOODBINE TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By J. W. WASHBROOK, *Oxford.*

5568.

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Twice repeated.

By omitting the three bracketed lots at 2 in any one part, reduces it to 5120. This latter length was rung for the first time at St. John's, Newcastle, November 2nd, 1891.

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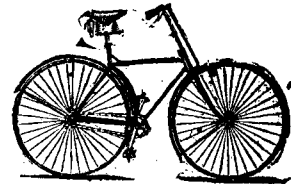
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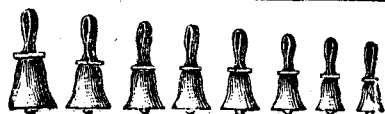
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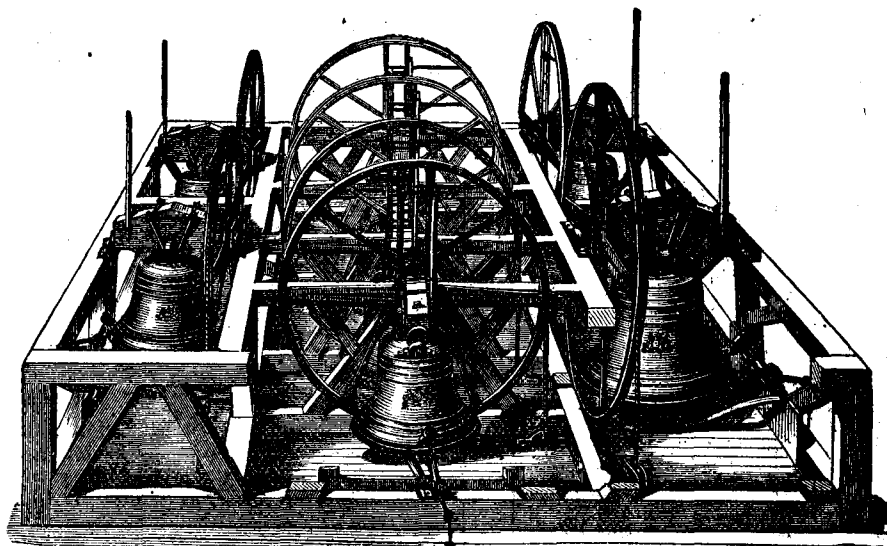
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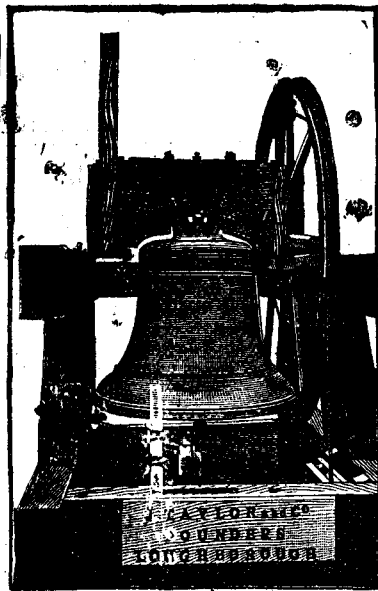
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