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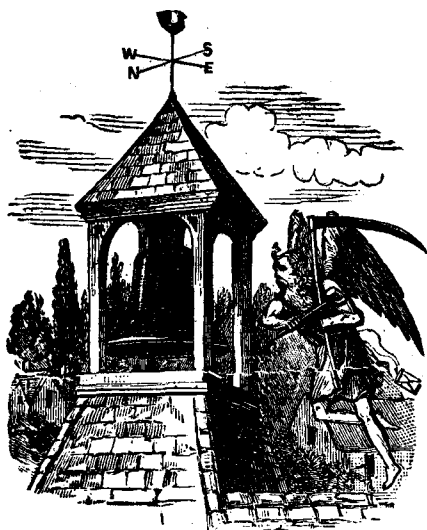
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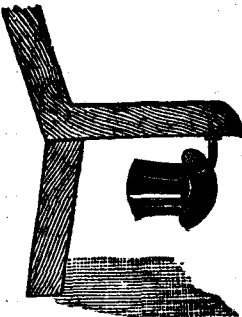
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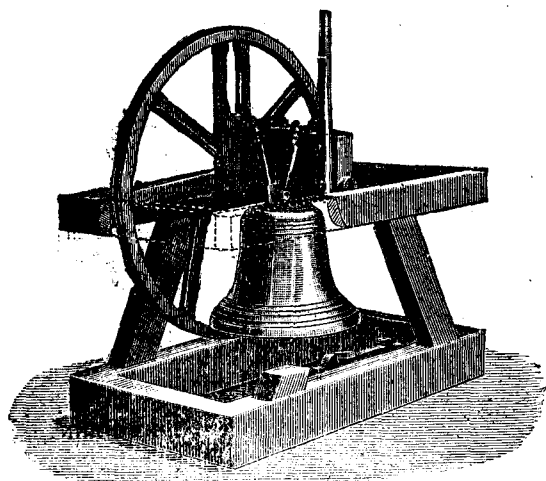
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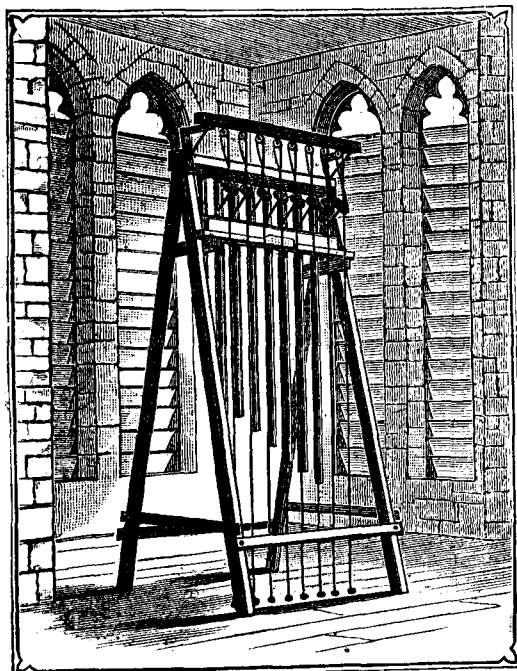
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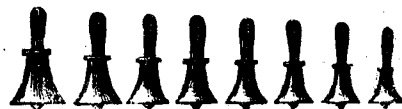
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OPENING OF A NEW RING OF BELLS AT OSPRINGE, NEAR FAVERSHAM, KENT.

On St. Thomas's day, Monday, December 21st, the new ring of eight bells, supplied and hung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, in the tower of the church of SS. Peter and Paul, Ospringe, were opened by a band of ringers selected for the purpose by the Hon. Secretary of the Kent County Association, who had been asked by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Griffin) to make all necessary arrangements.

The bells are in good tune, and the "go" of them leaves nothing to be desired; while the favorable opinion as to their tone was unanimous, both outside and inside the tower. They are in the key of F sharp, tenor 17 cwt. When first heard in peal, their sound must have gratified the hearts of the parishioners and subscribers, as it came to their ears through the clear frosty air.

There was no formal dedication of the bells, owing to doubts entertained in some quarters as to the strict legality of such a service; but the prayers generally used at the opening of a new ring of bells were printed and placed in the seats in church for private use. The hymn, "Lifted safe within the steeple," was sung as a recessional after both the morning and evening service. At 11.30 there was a choral celebration of the Holy Communion, with a sermon by the Rev. L. E. Goodwin, Rector of St. Martin's, Canterbury, Rural Dean, from the text Ps. cxvii. 1: "I was glad when they said unto me," etc. Just before the sermon the Vicar gave out that the offertory would be devoted to the funds of the Kent County Association of change-ringers, an announcement which came as a very pleasant surprise to the members of the Association present at the service, as no suggestion or hint of such a thing being contemplated had been previously given. It is to be hoped that this precedent may be followed in other places, though it very rarely happens that the entire amount required has been subscribed, as in this case, before the day of opening. The offertory amounted to £3 5s., and with this sum it is proposed to initiate a Kent County Association Benevolent Fund.

Before the service a few rounds and a 168 of Grandsire Triples were rung with the assistance of S. Snelling, of Sittingbourne, and the foreman of the Ospringe ringers. During the service, after the Administration, the plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung by the complete band invited for the opening peal, and at the conclusion of the service a short touch of Stedman Triples and one of Kent Treble Bob Major. The ringers then proceeded to the Vicarage, where they had been invited for luncheon, which, according to express arrangement beforehand, was of the "light" order.

At 2.30, a move was made to the tower, in order to accomplish, if possible, the chief business of the day, to wit, a peal of Stedman Triples. The band had been selected with the view of making the peal as sure as possible, a breakdown on these occasions being extremely disappointing both to ringers and listeners. Happily nothing of the sort occurred; and after two hours and fifty-four minutes from the start, the bells were successfully brought into rounds, and "the opening peal" was an accomplished fact. The names of the ringers and the usual information respecting the peal will be found in the proper place. The peal ended, the band were met at the church porch by the Vicar and churchwarden (Mr. Stunt), who, after mutual congratulations had been exchanged, escorted them to the house of the other churchwarden (Mr. Watson Smith). Here a capital high tea was awaiting them; and the ringers very soon gave the best possible proof of their appreciation of the bountiful hospitality accorded them.

Meanwhile several members of the Association from Boughton

and Sittingbourne kept the bells going to the tune of Grandsire and Plain Bob.

It had been agreed that the peal band should ring a final touch before Evensong at 7.30, but it was so near the hour of service when they returned to the tower that they only had time to ring a course of Bob Major. This concluded the ringing for the day; and the ringers left to catch their respective trains highly pleased with the new bells, with their success in ringing the peal, and with their hospitable reception. We shall hope before long to hear of the young band of Ospringe ringers, as they have already accomplished a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles on handbells. The Curate, Rev. C. E. Matthews, is learning to ring, and judging from their treatment of a strange band of ringers, the Vicar and Churchwardens may be depended upon to give every help and encouragement to their own band.

DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT ST. MARY'S, BISHOPSTONE, WILTS.

The bells in this Church were destroyed by fire on Good Friday, 1891. Happily the Insurance was sufficient to provide for the casting of eight new bells, in the place of those which had long been the pride of the village and neighbourhood. About a ton of pure bell-metal was rescued from the molten mass of lead and bronze, and was introduced into the new ring by the founders, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The rehanging was entrusted to Messrs. Blackbourn and Greenleaf, of Salisbury, who have erected a substantial iron frame, in which the bells work easily. The new peal is a little heavier than the old one, the present tenor weighing just a ton, and the whole eight amounting to 84 cwt. The tone of the bells is even better than the famed old ones, and is pronounced by competent judges to be "excellent." Wednesday, December 23rd, was the opening day. A Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. was followed by the Dedication Service at 11. The Vicar dedicated the bells, and the Hon. and Rev. Canon Ponsonby preached the sermon. A number of the clergy in the locality were present. After the dedication, the choir and clergy sang the "Te Deum" in front of the Altar. During the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by a band of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, who also rang a touch of Stedman Triples immediately afterwards, and in the afternoon a peal in that method. The bells were rung again for Evensong, by the Bishopstone ringers.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly General Meeting of this Association was held at Grimsby on Saturday, December 26th. Ringers attended from Hull, Louth, Lincoln, etc. There was also a good muster of the local ringers. Various touches were rung during the day by mixed bands. At 4.30, the time appointed for the meeting, all assembled at the Bull Ring Coffee Hall, the Rev. Canon J. P. Young presiding. A letter, received from the President (the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln) was read, and others were announced to have been received from other honorary members, regretting their inability to attend. Two honorary and twelve performing members were elected. A suggestion by Norman E. Snow, Esq., Sleaford, was brought forward in his absence by the Secretary—"That an Amalgamated Meeting of the three Lincolnshire Associations be held at Lincoln during the next summer," which received the unanimous approval of the meeting, and details were left with the committee. After the meeting a substantial tea followed, to which about twenty-four sat down. Ringing was again the order until the visitors had to depart. Altogether a very hearty and enjoyable meeting was held.

LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Sunday morning, December 27th, the bells of St. John's church in the above-named town, were re-dedicated. The service at the church was very bright and cheerful, and fully choral. Among those who attended were the Mayor, Alderman B. Prowse, and the Corporation, who marched in procession from the Court-house, accompanied by the Clergy and various Guilds of the church. The processional hymn was "The Church's one Foundation." The preacher was the Rector, the Rev. W. I. Smith, who based his remarks on the words "They made bells of pure gold"; Exodus 39, part of 25th verse. In the course of his remarks, the rev. gentleman said that from the earliest christian times bells had been used for the gathering together of God's people; and each time they heard them it ought to remind them of the place where a greater High Priest than Aaron was present, and how he was engaged. The work of ringers was just as much a work as that of choristers. This fact had too often been forgotten, because the ringers were out of sight. He (the preacher) hoped that the ringers would remember their holy office, and call to mind the fact that in early times only the priests themselves were allowed to blow those trumpets which were used instead of bells. He had been unable to discover very much connected with the bells in that church, but from what he had learned he believed that they were put up in the year 1816, and he concluded from that that the people had placed them there as a sort of thanksgiving to God, after the memorable battle of Waterloo, when peace had been restored. The bells had again and again sent forth their sweet notes in times of public rejoicing and times of general thanksgiving; they had been used for national purposes, and also for their own municipal affairs. They had in a way spoken the voice of people in praise, at other times upon mournful occasions they had tolled their muffled notes for some leading citizens of the town who had gone to rest. In times of joy, in times of sorrow, they had sent forth their glad or sorrowful peals. They thanked all who had in any way been connected with the restoration of them, and they also thanked the Mayor and Corporation for the part they had taken in the work, which he trusted had come to a happy completion. They had proposed to have chimes, which with a gentle tone would mark the hours of time.

After the sermon the choir proceeded to the belfry, where the rector offered up special prayers. A short touch was then rung on the bells, after which a collection was made on behalf of the Restoration Fund. The Blessing having been pronounced, the choir returned to the vestry singing the recessional hymn "When morning gilds the skies." The bells have been rehung by Messrs. Warner and Sons in a most satisfactory manner. During the day touches of Grandsire and Treble Bob Triples, including a date touch of 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 14 mins. J. Goodhead, 1; W. Fitchford, 2; T. Miller, 3; F. Grocott, 4; G. Woods, 5; A. Grocott, 6; W. Miller (conductor), 7; W. Slater, 8. Also a quarter-peal, 1260 changes, in 46 mins., standing as before, with the exception of H. Fitchford, 6; A. Bowles. 8.

NEW RING OF BELLS IN IRELAND.

The peal of bells, by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, which has by public subscription been placed in the tower of Castle-rock church, in memory of the late Lady Bruce, of Downhill, was on Monday week formally dedicated by the Bishop of Derry. According to the *Coleraine Constitution*, the tenor bell weighs 13 cwt., and the whole peal weighs 2 tons 12 cwt. The Bishop formally dedicated the bells, and preached from Rev. xxi. 4, on the mystery of pain. In the first place, he said, much pain was explained by the very fact that they were finite and mortal beings. The pain which was sent them in the course of their life became to many of them, if they might say so, a sacramental thing, and their suffering or pain was translated, as it were, into two languages—the language of love and the language of holiness:—

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so sharp that it seemed to cut through all that was unessential in any question that was presented to her, and to get to the heart of it; that sweetness, that true sweetness, not the saccharine sweetness of the mere woman of fashion, weak, false, deceptive, a sweet smile with a fierce sarcasm and a bitter heart, but that true sweetness as she seemed to look one through and through with that magic smile; above all, that imperative sense of duty, even when the duty might not be a pleasant one to discharge, and even though it involved telling an unpleasant truth, that regard she had for those to whom she could do good. How often, as he talked with her, had he thought: 'How poor a thing I am; how deeply she cares for the souls of men and women compared with myself.' How she thought about her people, all that concerned their improvement, and their moral, temporal, and spiritual welfare, and about that church in which they were gathered that afternoon. How she longed that the place might not be unworthy of the great purpose for which it was erected. Those who knew anything about her, knew her reverent veneration for that place, and her unfailing attendance at it. Her religious convictions were heart deep. They were deep and intense—deep as life, and intense as the Spirit of God made them. Let the sound of those bells and let the subjects illustrated on that window—the symbols of love—speak to them of her."

MR. B. T. COPLEY.

It will interest many readers of this paper, especially those connected with friendly societies, to learn that this gentleman, who is the Honorary Secretary of the Yorkshire Association, was on Saturday last, at the annual meeting of the Bradford district of the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows, elected Provincial Deputy Grand Master, by sixteen votes against his opponents five and one respectively. The importance of this office will be better imagined when mention is made of the fact that the district in question numbers twenty-three lodges, with 4000 members, and possesses an accumulated capital of more than £50,000. As in most places, the Odd Fellows is the leading friendly society in Bradford.

On Saturday afternoon, the Society of Copley Scholars had a special meeting at Bradford parish church, and rang the bells in honour of the elevation of their captain to this distinguished official position, a circumstance which was regarded with great pleasure by large numbers of brethren both of the Odd Fellows and kindred societies.

Many of Mr. Copley's ringing brethren throughout the kingdom will, we doubt not, be pleased to congratulate him on this appointment. We hope to hear, at no distant date, that he has been elected to a seat on the Board of Directors of the Order, a position for which his well-known administrative talents amply qualify him.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 22nd, at the parish church, Eckington, Derbyshire: 720 Violet, 720 Duke of York, and 720 Oxford. Treble Bob. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; G. Norman, 3; A. Badderley, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6; in 1 hr. and 27 mins. The above was rung in honour of G. Marsden's birthday, the members wishing him many happy returns. He has also rung one thousand 720s of Treble Bob Minor in the following towers:—Beighton, Staveley, Killamarsh, Dronfield, Norton, Clay Cross, North Wingfield, Bolsover, Long Eaton, Matlock, Bakewell, Edensor, Chesterfield, Belper, Stanton, Glossop, Derby (St. Werburgh's), Horbury, Sandal, Darton, Cawthorn, Darfield, Wath, Spratton, Wentworth, Rawmarsh, Rotherham, Armitage, Bridge, Penistone, Anston, Harthill, Sheffield (St. Peter's and All Saints), Shireoaks, Worksop, Blyth, Bullwell, Everton, Pearlthorpe, Edwinstowe, Nottingham (St. Peter's and St. Mary's).

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EAST MOLESEY, SURREY.

The induction of the Rev. Henry Holdsworth to the living of St. Mary's took place on Saturday afternoon, December 19th, 1891. The assembled clergy left the vestry in the following order, and took up a position immediately opposite the north door: the Rev. P. Ward, curate of St. Mary's; Rev. E. Tatham, vicar of St. Paul's; Rev. R. Germon, curate of St. Paul's; and the Rev. E. H. Rogers, vicar of Thames Ditton, who was acting for the archdeacon of the district. After waiting some little time, the churchwardens, Mr. Herbert Andrews and Mr. Pitcher came on the scene, followed by Mr. Hollingsworth. The new vicar then unlocked the church door and entered the building alone, closing the door after him. Having tolled the bell two or three times he reappeared at the door and the ceremony of induction was over. The clergy then entered the church, and the people assembled were admitted.

After the singing of the last hymn the Rev. E. H. Rogers ascended the pulpit and delivered a short address. He asked for the prayers of all of them that the blessing of God might rest upon him in his ministry on behalf of the parish.

After the ceremony was over the bells of the church rang out a merry peal. Previous to the evening service on Sunday the ringers rang 336 changes of Grandsire Triples in honour of the new vicar. The ringers were Messrs Bowers, 1; Halls, 2; Boxall, 3; Baldwin, 4; Charman (conductor), 5; H. Apps, 6; Woods, 7; J. Apps, 8; being the longest touch by the local band.

Ringers' Outings.

THE WINCHESTER AND SALISBURY GUILDS.—On Saturday, December 26th, a most enjoyable outing was spent in Hampshire by the following eight members of these Guilds: G. Williams and E. C. Merritt (Brighton), A. P. Goddard, R. Gollop, and T. Blackburn (Salisbury), G. Baker (Arundel), W. H. George (London), and J. George (Rugby). The above members visited the ancient and interesting Priory church at Christchurch, near Bournemouth, at the hour of 10 a.m. to attempt a peal, but in consequence of a wedding, service and funeral, a start was not made until 1.0 p.m., when at 4.22 p.m. (3 hrs. 22 mins.), Thurstans' Original peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes, was brought home on these beautiful bells, tenor 30 cwt. in D., this being the first peal in that method on them. The vicar (Rev. —. Bush), kindly provided a meat tea for the ringers at Caines' hotel; this was also brought round in good style. The ringers wish to thank the vicar for the use of the bells and tea, and Mr. Pearce for conducting them through the ancient buildings, and making the necessary arrangements for the tea. At 5.50 p.m. a start was made by rail for Ringwood, a distance of eight miles, and by the kind permission of the vicar (Rev. Bodkin), a start was made at 7.8 p.m. at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, for Thurstans' Original peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes, and at 10.0 p.m. in 2 hrs. 52 mins. this was brought home, tenor 19 cwt. in F., and this is the first peal in the method on the bells. The ringers then adjourned for some refreshment, and met with a gentlemen much interested in steeple ringing, who stated that *three* blows had to be made in third's place when a single was called, and he could always tell when the bells were wrong, but could not tell when they were all right. The ringers left the place at 11.20 p.m. having had a thorough day's enjoyment of success. Particulars of the peals will be found in the proper place.

THE ALL SAINTS, BENHILTON (SURREY) SOCIETY.—On Saturday, December 26th, the members of this Society were kindly invited by C. F. Scott, Esq. (a former ringer of the above society) to Lindfield, Sussex. Eight members journeyed by train to Hayward's Heath Station, where they were met by Mr. Scott, and thence proceeded to Lindfield. Arriving at the church of St. John the Baptist, where there is a grand ring of eight bells, they were kindly received by the vicar, and after viewing the interior of the beautifully decorated church, proceeded to the belfry where ringing was commenced. A few touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob being rung, they all retired to the "Bent Hotel," where an excellent dinner had been pro-

vided, to which all did full justice. Dinner being over, a walk in the neighbourhood was enjoyed by all, the sun shining beautifully through the middle part of the day, which made it very pleasant indeed. Returning to the belfry about three o'clock, ringing was carried on for about three hours, during which time touches of Grandsire, Kent Treble Bob and New London Pleasure were rung. Ringing being over, they proceeded to Manor House, the residence of Mr. Scott, where tea was partaken of. A few courses on the handbells being rung, they left to catch the train, having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. G. Scott for his kindness and hospitality.

Obituary.

JOSEPH CHEETHAM.

Many of our readers, particularly of Yorkshire and Lancashire will, we feel sure, be both greatly surprised and deeply grieved at learning of the death of the above-named ringer of Bradford. Although for a considerable time back he has had but indifferent health, which fact had necessitated his withdrawal from active ringing, no one imagined that his end was so near. On Tuesday week he was engaged in his usual occupation, but feeling far from well, did not return on Wednesday. On Christmas Day feeling slightly better, he came downstairs, but soon after returned to bed where he fell asleep, and as he slept his spirit passed peacefully away to Him who gave it. He was born at Sandal on May 31st, 1829, and removing to Bradford in the early part of his life, became connected with the parish church company, of which he afterwards was the talented and respected conductor; his failing health, as before observed, necessitating his practical retirement from active work in the belfry about four years ago. He was a life member of the Yorkshire Association, took a most active and lively interest in its welfare from its foundation, and served several years on the Committee, enjoying—which was ever a matter of pride to him—the confidence and esteem of the late President and Treasurer. Upon receiving intelligence of his death, the parish church company at once sent communications to bands in the neighbourhood, and on Monday last his remains were interred in the family vault at Scholemoor Cemetery. Brother-ringers were present at the mournful ceremony from Bradford, Bolton, Shipley, Dewsbury, Earlsheaton, etc., and after the mourners had left the graveside, a course of Grand, sire Triples was rung over the grave by A. Moulson, 1-2; J. Broadley, 3-4; B. T. Copley, 5-6; J. Angus, 7-8; the ringing being listened to by a large assembly of sorrowful friends. It should be also remarked that Mr. Cheetham was a subscriber to "THE BELL NEWS" from its commencement, he ardently hailed its first appearance, and constantly advocated it as a great boon to the Exercise. He was likewise a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

R. A. GOFTON.

The above-named was a ringer at St. Paul's church, Whitley, having joined the belfry some six or seven years since, shortly after Mr. Story took charge of the loft. He was an apt pupil, and advanced as quickly as could be expected. He had mastered Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and was anxious to go on for further methods. At the same time he contributed largely to the harmony maintained amongst the ringers by his peaceable and forbearing nature, the writer never having heard him speak a harsh word. He was an excellent joiner, and very materially assisted in putting the belfry in order, doing the whole of the cleaning and several other items at his own expense. Influenza, which has been so rife in this neighbourhood, four of the ringers being down with it at the same time, left him in such a condition that he succumbed to an attack of pleurisy, and he passed peacefully away on Christmas morning while the bells were ringing for morning service, aged fifty years. He was buried on Monday, December 28th, close to the belfry door, being carried from his late home by six of the local ringers, after which 720 Bob Minor was rung. G. Aynsley, 1; W. Fraser, 2; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 3; F. Lees, 4; R. S. Story, 5; W. Story, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Aynsley, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; J. Barber, 3; R. S. Story, 4; W. Story, 5; F. Lees, 6. W. Thompson also took part in some Oxford Treble Bob, the bells being deeply muffled. The funeral was largely attended, the deceased being highly respected. This sad occurrence interfered with several holiday peal arrangements. A large family is left, two of the sons being connected with the belfry.

PORTRAIT NUMBER.—Next week will be issued the portrait, with memoir, of Mr. F. Knights, of Norwich.

Miscellaneous Touches.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, September 15th, for practice at the parish church by the local band, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (twenty-five bobs and ten singles) in 26 mins. A. Rheams, F. Gillett, E. E. Bewick, G. Miles, H. Mitchell (conductor), A. A. Waite. And on Sunday morning, for Divine Service, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (with fourteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. E. E. Bewick, W. T. Bennett (of Chepstow), D. J. Aston, A. A. Waite, H. Mitchell (conductor), G. Miles. Also on Sunday, October 11th, for morning service, being the Harvest Festival, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs) in 26½ mins. J. Yeates, D. J. Aston, E. E. Bewick, G. Miles, H. Mitchell (conductor), A. A. Waite. And on Sunday morning, November 22nd, for Divine Service, 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 26 mins. A. Rheams, D. J. Aston, J. Yeates, G. Miles, H. Mitchell (conductor), A. A. Write. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF ST. STEPHEN'S, BRISTOL.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, November 22nd, at St. Stephen's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1295 changes. H. Tucker, 1; G. Pearce, 2; A. Pearce, 3; C. Gordon, 4; F. Gooding, 5; H. Portch, 6; C. E. D. Boutflower, 7; E. Duckham, 8; G. Daltry, 9; G. Stallard, 10. Conducted by H. Portch.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT CROSBY.—On Sunday evening, December 6th, at St. Luke's church, for Divine Service, a 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Hale, 1; J. Howard (conductor), 2; J. Sephton, 3; S. Hopgood, 4; J. Hale, 5; W. Rimmer, 6. Also on Sunday evening, December 13th, another 720 Grandsire Minor was rung. W. Hale, 1; J. Howard (conductor), 2; J. Sephton, 3; J. Hale, 4; J. Owen, 5; W. Rimmer, 6. Owen hails from Sefton, and Rimmer from Southport.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

TWYFORD.—On Tuesday, December 1st, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. W. Neville, 1; G. Smith, 2; J. W. Whiting, 3; W. West, 4; A. Ashford, 5; H. White (conductor), 6. And on Tuesday, December 15th, for practice, 120 Grandsire Doubles. *H. Chandler, 1; G. Smith (conductor), 2; †A. Smith, 3; E. Hewlett, 4; J. Ashford, 5; G. Brown, 6. *First 120. †First 120 on a bob bell.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KIRK ELLA.—On Saturday, December 5th, six members from Hull visited this place and rang 720 Bob Minor in 26½ mins. G. Marshall, 1; H. Jenkins, 2; G. T. Miller, 3; T. Stockdale, 4; H. W. Needham, 5; J. W. Stickney (conductor), 6. After which another 720 Bob Minor was rung in 26 mins. N. Stephenson (Kirk Ella), 1; T. Stockdale, 2; G. T. Miller, 3; H. Jenkins, 4; J. W. Stickney, 5; H. W. Needham (conductor), 6. Tenor 19 cwt.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HATFIELD (Herts).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, December 12th, 216 Grandsire Minor. J. Shepherd, 1-2; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 3-4; W. E. Powers, 5-6. And 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Shepherd, 1-2; H. G. Rowe (conductor), 3-4; A. Shepherd, 5-6; W. E. Powers, 7-8. Also a course of Grandsire Major. J. T. Kentish, 1-2; J. Shepherd, 3-4; H. G. Rowe, 5-6; W. E. Powers, 7-8. And on Friday, December 11th, for confirmation, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Shepherd, 1; J. Kentish, 2; J. Shepherd, 3; H. Shepherd, 4; W. Powers, 5; J. Richardson, 6; A. Shepherd (conductor), 7; G. Smith, 8. Also 504, conducted by J. Kentish. And 1008. R. Shepherd, 1; J. Kentish, jun., 2; J. Shepherd, 3; J. Kentish, sen., (conductor), 4; W. Powers, 5; H. Shepherd, 6; A. Shepherd, 7; G. Smith, 8.

BALCOMBE (Sussex).—On Thursday, December 3rd, 720 Court Bob. A. Gasson, 1; E. Streeter, jun., 2; *C. Holman, 3; J. Gasson, 4; T. Streeter, 5; E. Streeter, sen. (conductor), 6. *First in the method with a bob bell. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Streeter, jun., 1; R. Bourn, 2; *C. Holman, 3; E. Streeter, sen., 4; J. Gasson, 5; †T. Streeter (conductor), 6. †First 720 as conductor. *First attempt with a bob bell. And on Thursday, December 10th, 360 Canterbury Pleasure. A. Gasson, 1; E. Streeter, jun., 2; R. Bourn, 3; R. Streeter, 4; T. Streeter, 5; E. Streeter, sen. (conductor), 6. Also 360 Plain Bob. E. Streeter, jun., 1; A. Gasson, 2; *F. Streeter, jun., 3; R. Streeter, 4; E. Streeter, sen. (conductor), 5; T. Streeter, 6. *First attempt with a bob bell. And 720 College Exercise. E. Streeter, jun., 1; R. Streeter, 2; F. Streeter, 3; J. Gasson, 4; T. Streeter, 5; E. Streeter, sen. (conductor), 6.

GOOLE (Yorkshire).—On Sunday evening, December 20th, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 48 mins. C. West, 1; J. Blanchard, 2; T. Whitfield, 3; J. W. Cooper, 4; F. Tate, 5; A. Haines, 6; W. Welch (conductor), 7; A. Sutcliffe, 8. All belong to Goole, and it is the first quarter-peal by the local company.

HORSMONDEN (Kent).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday, December 14th, being W. H. Lambert's birthday, at the residence of Mr. T. Lambert, 1008 of Bob Major, in 30 min. T. Lambert, W. Lambert, F. Lambert (conductor), and J. Breach.

OLDHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday, December 20th, for Divine Service in the evening at Moorside church, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Harrison, 1; S. Taylor, 2; J. Pilkinton, 3; T. Greenwood, 4; J. Taylor (conductor), 5; J. Shaw, 6; L. Hampson, 7; J. T. Prince, 8. First 504 as conductor.

PENARTH.—Recently at the parish church for Divine Service, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles each called differently. J. Vinnicombe, 1; C. Hodge, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; W. Hallett, 4; F. Bartlett, 5; *R. Percy, 6. *Longest touch.

SALISBURY (Wilts).—On Tuesday, December 22nd, at St. Martin's church, 1280 of Bob Major. J. F. Stevens, 1; G. F. Doel, 2; A. J. Callaway, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; S. Macey, 5; H. D. Adams, 6; R. W. J. Gollup, 7; W. W. Gifford (conductor) 8.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Sunday, December 13th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 46 mins. W. Tassell, 1; E. Allen, 2; W. Simpson, 3; C. Willshire, 4; E. J. Bottle, 5; J. G. Elliott, 6; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 7; W. Walker, 8.

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."

PROPOSED BENEVOLENT FUND.

SIR.—In the report of the opening of a new ring of bells at Ospringle will be seen a statement that the offertory at the service was given to the Kent County Association, and with this it is proposed to start a Kent County Association Benevolent Fund. I should be glad to know if any of our Guilds and Associations have anything of the kind, or contemplate the formation of such a fund. It seems to me that something might be done for sick or aged and indigent members, by means of offertories and collections at our Annual Meetings, and at all events by our more prosperous Associations. The subject might well be discussed at the meeting of the Central Council. Perhaps some of your readers will favour me with their ideas on the question.

FREDK. J. O. HELMROE, Hon. Sec. K.C.A.

ST. LAWRENCE JEWRY AGAIN.

SIR.—I should like to know if after the recent correspondence about the ringing at this church, whether seven bells only were rung on Christmas morning last, or eight. If the head ringer, Mr. J. R. Haworth, will inform me by a letter through you, Sir, I shall feel obliged.

ENQUIRER.

INDIGNATION.

SIR.—The circumstance alluded to by "Plain Speaker" with regard to the "disposing by way of chance" of one of "THE BELL NEWS" portraits, is one which ringers who have any respect for themselves must lament. I consider such an occurrence and those persons who made it the most contemptible. When bribery at elections used to be found out, the places were disfranchised and looked upon with contempt. Let "Plain Speaker" tell us who these "worthy" people are who descended to toss for a penny portrait, rather than spend that large sum in buying one, and the place where it happened. I'll be bound to say intelligent ringers would soon look upon them, and their village, as disfranchised, and regard them accordingly. Perhaps such people do not consider themselves mean at all, an opinion not shared by

ANTI-HUMBAG.

Leeds, December 29th.

LATE PEALS.—By some postal mal-administration reports of about eight peals have been received too late for insertion in this number. Some of these were rung early in the week, and plenty of opportunity was therefore afforded for an earlier arrival. If conductors and others who send reports will persistently continue, after having been repeatedly cautioned, to delay their reports till the latest possible moment, they must put up with the consequences.

Notices.

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

Lancashire Association. — Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at St. Luke's church, Liverpool, to-day, Saturday, January 2nd, 1892. The usual business, and to appoint a Secretary for the ensuing year. Bells ready at 4 p.m., meeting in Cocoa rooms, close by, at 6 p.m.

RICH'D. HILL, Branch Sec.

21, Chestnut Street, Southport.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association. — A meeting of the above association will be held in the church-room, Stoke, to-day, Saturday, January 2nd, at 4 p.m.

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

Essex Association. — A district meeting will be held at Romford, on Saturday, January 16th. The tower of the parish church (8 bells), will be open all day. Tea at the national school at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Tickets at a fare and a quarter will be issued by the G.E.R. to all members. Members intending to be present, should signify the same to the Secretary not later than Sunday, the 10th.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, Hon. Sec.

Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

Quex Park Bells.—Notice.—It is requested that all communications in reference to Quex Park and All Saints Band of change-ringers, be addressed to Mr. T. B. Reed, Bath Cottages, Birchington, until further notice.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Bramley, to-day, Saturday, January 2nd, 1892. A peal will be attempted by members; meet 2.30 prompt. Meeting house, the "Cardigan Arms," Town Street.

R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.

43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Quarterly meeting at All Saints, Leighton Buzzard, to-day, Saturday, January 2nd. Tower open at 3 o'clock.

W. W. C. BAKER, Hon. Sec.

Midland Counties' Association.—The third quarterly meeting of this association will be held at Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, January 30th, 1892. Full particulars will appear in our issue of January 16th.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, Hon. Sec.

5, St. Paul's Street East, Burton-on-Trent.

The Yorkshire Association.—An invitation for the February meeting has been received from the St. James' branch, Bolton, Bradford. Any other branch desirous of having the meeting, should communicate with me at once.

BEN T. COPELEY, Hon. Sec.

3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

Lancashire Association. — Manchester Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Prestwich parish church (six bells), on Saturday, January 9th, 1892. Bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Meeting at 7.0 p.m.

W. BROWN, Branch Sec.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Annual Meeting, Bristol, Saturday, January 9th, 1892. Dinner at St. Augustine's Mission Room, Lower College Green, (under

S. Augustine's Archway), at 2 p.m., the Dean in the chair. Service at 3 p.m. in the Cathedral, address by the Very Rev. F. Pigou, D.D., Dean. Business meeting in Chapter Room immediately afterwards. Members who intend to dine, are requested to give notice to the Hon. Local Secretary, C. E. D. Bouflower, Esq., 30, Broad Street, Bristol, not later than by Monday's post, January 4th. Performing Members must enclose a postal order for 1s. (Hon. Members, 2s. 6d.) when a Dinner Ticket will be reserved for them. REV. PITT EYKYN, Hon. Sec.

The Society of Trinity Youths.—The meetings for January are as follows:—Greenwich, St. Alphege, Tuesday 5th: practice 7.30 to 9 p.m. (members are requested to attend the meeting in the vestry afterwards, as business of great importance will be brought forward.) Lee, St. Margaret's, Wednesday 13th: practice 7.15 to 9 p.m. Woolwich, St. Mary's, Tuesday 19th: practice 8 to 10 p.m. Lewisham, St. Mary's, Monday 25th: practice 8 to 9.30 p.m. Deptford, St. John's, Wednesday 27th: practice 8.15 to 9.30 p.m. Members are earnestly requested to attend the meetings. I shall be glad to receive subscriptions from those members who are in arrear.

F. RUMENS,

40, Nutcroft Road, Peckham.

Hon. Sec.

Compositions.

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

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By JOHN CARTER, Birmingham.

Mr. Carter writes:—"Dear Sir,—I apologise for my carelessness in not writing my date touch, published a fortnight ago, out in full, for by doing so, I find it runs round in the middle of the second part. I hope that no member of the Exercise has attempted to ring it. I have enclosed the alteration. I am also sorry to say that the touch by Mr. Ellis Nuttall, Rawtenstall, published on December 5th, is false."

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The work is being carried out by Mr. James Andrews, of Eastbourne, and about another 7s is required to cover the estimate, viz. £6.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. HALE.—We have not received it.

E.H.—There is not the least necessity. It may be considered personal.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—This is the first peal in this method rung on these fine bells, the bad go of the big bells necessitating much hard labour, and great credit is due to Mr. Gowers for the very able and plucky manner in which he rang his bell. The ringers were afterwards very hospitably entertained at the vicarage by the Rev. C. J. and Mrs. Stower, for which, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," they desire to return their thanks. Messrs. Honeybell, Wells, and Slater are from Glemsford, Harper and Siltoe from Sudbury, the rest from Stanstead, Suffolk.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT ASHTEAD, SURREY.—This is a one-part composition, and is now rung for the first time as 5088, and has the 4th, 5th, and 6th the extent in 5 6, without the 2nd bell being in 6ths place at a course-end, and appeared in "THE BELL NEWS," October 3rd, 1891, Messrs. Jordan, Mills and Akehurst hail from Capel, Moses from Reigate, and the rest from Crawley, Sussex. The ringers wish, through "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the rector for kindly granting the use of the bells, and the steeple keeper for having everything in readiness.

ADDRESSES WANTED.—The Editor will be pleased to receive the names and addresses of Head Ringers and Secretaries of Local Societies.

*.*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.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1892.

DURING the time this issue of our journal is being printed, the advent of a new year will be heralded by the sound of Church bells all over the kingdom. In this very fact lies more than seems at first sight. Perhaps such an announcement of a fleeting year and the arrival of its successor is the most palpable indication given us. The sound of Church bells at the hour of midnight only comes at such a period; and those who look upon bells with the greatest indifference at any other time pay some little regard to the ringing of the old year out and the new one in. Many there are, indeed, so regardless of diurnal progress that they would not think that a new year was dawning, did not the sounds of the Church bells awaken them to the fact. And thus ringing at such a period has become to be regarded an institution by all, honored in its regular observance.

The commencement of a new year has always been looked upon as a period when we should cast up our conscientious accounts, take stock, as it were, of our moral progress, and determine upon future improvement in our conduct and behaviour. To point out the course to pursue in such case is hardly within our province. We have, fortunately, efficient guides provided for us to whom we may look, and not in vain, for counsel how we should regulate our pilgrimage in this vale of tears. We may however express a hope that where friendships have during the past year been rent asunder by misunder

standing, they may be again cemented at this period. "Let brotherly love continue."

Our science still has need to keep "Reform" as its watchword. And reform in more ways than one. We hear of strange doings now and then which, to speak figuratively, almost makes the blood boil. A case where it is said a person in charge of bells allows them to get out of order periodically so that he may call in an acquaintance of his own to operate upon them and share the payment received, is one hardly to be thought of in a temperate manner. We are very much afraid, not only that our information in this particular case is nearly correct, but that it is not the only one. Ringers and all concerned should not scruple or hesitate one moment to stop a process of this kind, and that at whatever worldly cost or disadvantage to the offender. Whoever moves to put a stop to such a nefarious practice will be held a belfry-reformer of the highest calibre.

Our readers will join in the hope we express that the new year may bring with it prosperity to the Exercise at large, and to its members individually all the blessings which a beneficent Creator can bestow. And this too not without sincere thankfulness of heart for all we have received, and are continually enjoying. May the coming year be to our brethren all over the world the happiest; and its record of trouble and trial the least of any. These are our wishes for the new year—1892.

The Metropolis.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 24, 1891, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in Eb.

W. J. COAKHAM Treble.	THOMAS MAYNARD 5.
GEORGE GRIMWADE 2.	FREDERICK NUNN 6.
ROBERT J. MAYNARD 3.	ERNEST EDRIIDGE 7.
JOHN NUNN 4.	A. G. FREEMAN Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY HUBBARD and Conducted by A. G. FREEMAN.

FULHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 26, 1891, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. Treble.	WILLIAM E. POPE 6.
JAMES W. DRIVER 2.	FRANCIS L. DAVIES 7.
CHALLIS F. WINNY 3.	ALFRED PALMER 8.
STEPHEN G. DAVIES* .. 4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 9.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.	CORNELIUS CHARGE Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON and Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNY.

*First peal on ten bells. W. E. Pope hails from Staplehurst, Kent; A. Palmer from Maidstone.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 26, 1891, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TEBBS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ALFRED PALMER Treble.	FRANCIS L. DAVIES 5.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 2.	CHALLIS F. WINNY 6.
JOHN N. OXBORROW 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 4.	CORNELIUS CHARGE Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 26th, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, HIGHGATE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

GEORGE NEWSON Treble.	ALBERT PITTAM 5.
ARTHUR JACOB 2.	ARTHUR TENNANT 6.
JAMES KITCHENER 3.	FREDERICK J. PITTS 7.
JAMES NIXON 4.	JAMES CAWLEY Tenor.

Conducted by G. NEWSON.

J. Kitchener hails from Colne St. Aldwyns, Gloucester, and was elected a member previous to starting. This peal was started for after being stopped at Hampstead.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, December 28, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDERICK RUMENS* .. Treble.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 5.
THOMAS MAYNARD 2.	FRANCIS L. DAVIES 6.
WILLIAM E. POPE 3.	CHALLIS F. WINNY 7.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

*First peal of Stedman.

The Provinces.

UPTON ST. LEONARD'S, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1891, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in C.

HENRY G. GARDENER .. Treble.	DANIEL J. ASTON 5.
HENRY MITCHELL 2.	JOB MORRIS 6.
ALFRED A. WAITE 3.	GARIBALDI MILES 7.
JOHN HOPTON 4.	WILLIAM SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY G. GARDENER.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 16, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court Bob, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt. in B.

CHARLES JOHNSTONE .. Treble.	EDWARD COLEMAN 4.
ISAAC HILLS 2.	SAMUEL J. CULLIP 5.
HERBERT SHARP 3.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLIAM CLARKE.

*First 5040 in seven methods.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 17, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT WILKINS* .. Treble.	HENRY GIBBS 5.
FREDERICK CULLUM 2.	CHARLES WILKINS 6.
EDWIN BARNETT 3.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER 7.
GEORGE CONYARD 4.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

*First peal in the method.

BROOKFIELD, GORTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN WM. TOPPING* Treble.	JOHN H. BRIERLEY 5.
JOHN FEARNHEAD* 2.	WILLIAM JAKEMAN 6.
THOMAS JAKEMAN 3.	JOHN HARRISON 7.
JOHN BLAKELEY 4.	*WILLIAM SEDDON Tenor.

Conducted by WM. JAKEMAN.

*First peal.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Thursday, December 19, 1891, in Five Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY MAJOR, 10,080 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM BEDWELL Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS 5.
GEORGE CONYARD 2.	EDWIN BARNETT 6.
FREDERICK CULLUM 3.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER 7.
HENRY GIBBS 4.	JOHN H. CHEESEMAN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

This peal, which has the 4th, 5th, and 6th each twenty-four times in 6ths place, appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of May 30th, 1891, and is now rung for the first time. It is also Messrs. Conyard and the conductor's 100th peal.

OSPRINGE, NEAR FAVERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 21, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lbs.

JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. Treble.	FREDERICK G. NEWMAN .. 5.
REV. E. W. CARPENTER .. 2.	EDWIN BARNETT 6.
GEORGE CONYARD 3.	ALFRED PALMER 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4.	HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK G. NEWMAN.

This was the opening peal. For particulars see another page.

ANGMERING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 22, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being 720 each of the following:

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

HENRY FINCH Treble.	CHARLES HILLS 4.
THOMAS LINFIELD 2.	JAMES HILLS 5.
THOMAS PARSONS 3.	CHRISTOPHER CLEAR .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER CLEAR.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 22, 1891, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

W. H. FUSSELL Treble.	S. SMITH 5.
W. H. INGLESANT 2.	A. W. MATTHEWS 6.
J. W. TAYLOR, SEN. 3.	W. T. BILLINGHURST .. 7.
ALFRED MILLIS 4.	*T. GRUNDY Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. FUSSELL.

A. Millis hails from Leicester. It is supposed to be the first time that this peal has been rung on tower bells in the County.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 22, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN RICE Treble.	ROBERT JORDAN 5.
JAMES PARKER 2.	WILLIAM COLLISON 6.
WILLIAM WARD 3.	FREDERICK W. RICE 7.
GEORGE PACE 4.	*PETER TYLER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM COLLISON.

*First peal.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 24, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

SIDNEY GOODCHILD .. Treble.	FRANK BOREHAM 5.
FRANK BIGGS 2.	RALPH BIGGS 6.
HARRY STRATFORD 3.	JOHN EVANS 7.
FRED. BIGGS 4.	GEORGE BUNCE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

This was a midnight peal, and all are members of the local band.

WARNHAM.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE WARNHAM BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 25, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

THOMAS BRANCH .. Treble.	THOMAS ANDREWS 5.
WALTER CHARMAN 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
THOMAS HOGSFLESH 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 7.
WILLIAM PELLING 4.	WILLIAM HOOKER Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER CHARMAN.

This peal was rung before 7.30 in the morning; and is the first peal in the method by Messrs. Hogsflesh and Pelling.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILDS.

On Saturday, December 26, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

GEORGE BAKER .. Treble.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 5.
JAMES GEORGE 2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 6.
ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 4.	ALFRED P. GODDARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Stedman on these fine-toned bells.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

A. GRIST .. Treble.	E. T. GREEN 5.
J. W. WHITING 2.	*G. PRESTON 6.
J. BRISTOW* 3.	I. J. BRISTOW 7.
J. G. BENNETT 4.	T. BELBIN Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WHITING.

*First peal. This is the first peal on the bells, which have been hung twenty years. J. W. Whiting hails from Fareham; G. Preston from Christchurch; the rest belong to the St. Peter's band.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HENRY FERGUSON Treble.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 5.
HENRY H. LINDSEY 2.	ROBERT S. STORY 6.
ROBERT C. HUDSON 3.	JOSEPH PATTISON 7.
JAMES H. CLAPPERTON .. 4.	WILLIAM STORY Tenor.

Composed by PAUL CASHMORE and Conducted by WILLIAM STORY.

This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6 in fourteen courses (one part) and is the first in the method the conductor has called. R. C. Hudson belongs to Sunderland; Pattison to Winton; the rest to St. John's.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILDS.

On Saturday, December 26, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL. Tenor about 19 cwt. in F.

GEORGE BAKER Treble.	ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP .. 3.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	ALFRED P. GODDARD .. 6.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN .. 3.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 7.
JAMES GEORGE 4.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells. Messrs. Blackbourn, Goddard, and Gollop hail from Salisbury; Williams and Merritt from Brighton; W. H. George from Eastleigh; James George from Coventry; Baker from Arundel.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

ALBERT J. CLARKE Treble.	HARRY HARPER 5.
CHARLES HONEYBELL .. 2.	RICHARD THEOBALD .. 6.
ROBERT BRETT 3.	ROBERT GOWERS 7.
FRED WELLS 4.	SAMUEL SLATER Tenor.
	CHARLES SILLITOE ..

Composed by W. HARRISON and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

ASHSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1891, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES PARKER* Treble.	GEORGE PACE 5.
EDWARD MOSES 2.	WILLIAM COLLISON .. 6.
JOHN AKEHURST 3.	FREDK. W. RICE 7.
ALFRED D. MILLS 4.	EDWIN JORDAN Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

*First peal of Major as conductor. Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1891, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. in D.

HARRY LAST Treble.	WALTER WHITING 5.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN .. 6.
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. 3.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 7.
GEORGE THURLLOW 4.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by D. G. WIGHTMAN.

Messrs. Wightman and Sons belong to Crettingham; the rest belong to the local company. This peal has the 6th her extent at home at nine course-ends. For calling see Snowdon, Part II., page 16.

CROYDON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1891, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' SIX-PART. Tenor 27 cwt.

FRED LARBY† Treble.	GEORGE BURT 5.
HENRY BROOKER 2.	*CHAS. H. KITCHING .. 6.
WALTER O. GAMMON† .. 3.	FRED G. HERMON 7.
WALTER SADLER 4.	ALFRED E. COLLINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BROOKER.

†First peal. *First peal in the method.

CHILHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1891, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A SIX-PART PEAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERIC T. HARRIS .. Treble.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 5.
ALBERT BIGGS 2.	WILLIAM W. BOULDEN .. 6.
HERBERT F. FOREMAN .. 3.	GEORGE A. RANSOM .. 7.
CHARLES COUCHMAN .. 4.	WILLIAM G. LUCAS .. Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER and Conducted by GEORGE ALFRED RANSOM.

First peal on the bells. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, also Mr. Gillett for having everything in readiness.

RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

On Saturday, December 26, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES JACKSON Treble.	CHAS. HENRY HATTERSLEY 6.
SAMUEL WOOD 2.	EDWARD WOODWARD .. 7.
GEORGE LONGDEN 3.	WILLIAM BIGGIN 8.
GEORGE OLIVER DIXON .. 4.	DAVID BREARLEY 9.
ARTHUR BREARLEY 5.	THOMAS HATTERSLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY and Conducted by THOMAS HATTERSLEY.

This is supposed to be the first peal of Treble Bob Royal rang in the county of Nottingham. C. Jackson hails from Hull; Messrs. Wood and Longden from Ashton-under-Lyne, and the rest from Sheffield.

GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Saturday, December 26, 1891, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

IN THE VESTRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM BRUNSDON* .. 1-2.	REV. HENRY L. JAMES 5-6.
EDWARD B. JAMES .. 3-4.	JOHN AUSTIN 7-8.

Conducted by E. B. JAMES.

*First peal of Triples in hand. Referee—W. Bennett. Mr. W. C. Jones was present during the first half, and Mr. F. E. Hart throughout the peal.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.

THE ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

On Saturday, December 26, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES JUKES Treble.	†AARON GRIFFITHS 5.
WALTER JUKES*† 2.	†CHARLES P. VICKERS .. 6.
BENJAMIN DALTON 3.	†JAMES E. GROVES 7.
WILLIAM MORGAN 4.	HARRY RODEN Tenor.

Conducted by J. E. GROVES.

*First peal in the method. †First peal with a bob bell. ‡First peal as conductor.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26th, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED LANGRIDGE Treble.	RICHARD HOATHER 5.
HERBERT RANN 2.	ALFRED TURNER 6.
JOHN BEAL 3.	BENJAMIN HOBBS 7.
FRANK BAKER* 4.	ROBERT J. DAWE Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT RANN.

Messrs. Langridge, Hoather, Turner, and Dawe hail from Lewes; Rann and Baker from Brighton, the others are local men. *First peal with a bob bell.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, December 26, 1891, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 24 cwt. in Eb.

ALFRED OAKES* Treble.	JOHN BUMPSTEAD 5.
WILLIAM BUMPSTEAD 2.	GEORGE FORD 6.
FREDERICK DAY 3.	HARRY TORBLE 7.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD 4.	JOHN SOUTER Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

*First peal. Messrs. Bumpstead, Garrard and Torble hail from London: Souter from Diss.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 28, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH ROGERS Treble.	*REV. H. J. ELSEE 5.
JOHN CARTER 2.	*HARRY CHAPMAN 6.
WALTER BROWN* 3.	JOHN EACHUS 7.
JAMES BARRATT* 4.	*HERBERT DRANSFIELD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

*First peal in the method. Rev. H. J. Elsee and Messrs. Eachus, Chapman, and Brown, hail from Manchester; Carter from Birmingham; the rest belong to the local band. H. Dransfield was elected a member of the Association before starting for the peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 28th, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F#.

FRANK BIGGS Treble.	SIDNEY GOODCHILD 5.
HARRY STRATFORD 2.	RALPH BIGGS 6.
WALTER ERNEST YATES 3.	JOHN EVANS 7.
FRED. BIGGS 4.	JOHN C. TRUSS, SEN. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

W. E. Yates and J. C. Truss, sen., are local men, the others are from Hughenden. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Monday, December 28, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.

Tenor 18 cwt.

W. TOWNSEND† Treble.	†J. HOLMES 5.
G. SKEFF 2.	R. JARVIS 6.
S. C. SKINNER* 3.	J. R. MACKMAN† 7.
H. T. HOLDERNESS† 4.	E. JARVIS Tenor.

Conducted by R. JARVIS.

*Hails from Sleaford; †hails from Heckington. †First peal. After ringing the peal, the ringers were entertained by the vicar, the Rev. M. H. Marsden, to a knife and fork tea at the vicarage. The Rev. W. Disney, in the absence of the vicar, took the chair. A vote of thanks was passed to the vicar for the use of the bells, and for the kind way in which he had entertained the ringers.

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THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 28, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE HUNT Treble.	WILLIAM HEWITT 5.
FREDK. EDWARDS 2.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY 6.
ALFRED J. PATES 3.	HENRY G. ROWE 7.
HARRY J. WRIGHT 4.	HENRY HART Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

Rung on the second anniversary opening of the bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—THE ST. PETER'S GUILD, AND
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, December 28, 1891, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HENRY RODEN Treble.	AARON GRIFFITHS 5.
WALTER JUKES 2.	CHARLES F. VICKERS 6.
BENJAMIN DALTON 3.	JAMES E. GROVES 7.
THOMAS HORTON 4.	*HARRY A. HALL Tenor.

Conducted by J. E. GROVES.

*First peal. W. Jukes was elected a member of the above society before starting.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 28, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

WALTER BENNETT* Treble.	*ERNEST E. BEWICK 5.
FRANCIS E. HART 2.	WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON 6.
EDWARD B. JAMES 3.	*ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 7.
JOHN AUSTIN 4.	REV. HENRY L. JAMES Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, of Birmingham, and Conducted by the Rev. H. L. JAMES.

*First peal in the method. †First peal with a bob bell. This peal is the first in the method on the bells. It is taken from Snowden's Double Norwich.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 29, 1891, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART (No. 2.) Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

SIDNEY MASON† Treble.	JAMES GRAHAM 5.
WILLIAM W. THORNE 2.	REV. C. W. H. GRIFFITH 6.
JAMES HUNT† 3.	ARTHUR E. MILLS 7.
REV. A. COODE 4.	HENRY MOORE Tenor.

Conducted by W. W. THORNE.

†First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal on the bells, which have been augmented from five to a peal of eight.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RUSHOLME.—On Thursday, December 17th, at St. James' church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1891 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Morgan, 1; *T. B. Idle, 2; W. E. Ryder, 3; *R. Borrowghs, 4; *W. H. Idle, 5; *F. Ryder, 6; J. Eachus, 7; J. Parkinson, 8. Composed by J. George, of Rugby, and conducted by T. B. Idle. Messrs. Eachus and Parkinson belong to the Cathedral band; Morgan to the St. John's band; the rest are of the local company. *First date touch.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Tuesday, December 8th, at Christ Church, seven members of the above Association, assisted by Mr. Gower, rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1891 changes) in 1 hr. 3 mins. *S.

Wilson, 1; W. Sanders, 2; J. Beams, 3; A. E. Bassett, 4; T. Miles (conductor), 5; J. Easton, 6; J. Hawkins, 7; *A. Gower, 8. Composed by Ellis Nuttall, of Rawtenstall. *Longest length.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday, December 15th, at St. Paul's church, a date touch of Stedman Triples (1891 changes) in 1 hr. 12 mins. E. Coleman, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; S. Constant, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; H. Sharpe, 8. Composed by A. Percival Heywood. This is the longest length in the method by all.

FROME (Somerset).—On Saturday, December 19th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 14 mins. E. F. Bishop, 1; F. Rebbeck, 2; C. Summers, 3; H. J. Scammell, 4; W. F. Bishop, 5; H. Nutley, 6; J. Rebbeck (conductor), 7; J. Millard and F. Iles, 8. Rang on the nearest convenient date to the opening of the bells after rehanging by Blackburn and Greenleaf, of Salisbury. All the above belong to Frome, and have learnt the art without any outside assistance. It is also the longest length on the bells by any local company. Owing to the difficulty of hearing the trebles it was rung on the back six, the trebles leading throughout.

Miscellaneous.

NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD.—On Tuesday, December 15th, for practice at the church of St. Swithun, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. *J. W. King, 1; G. C. Sharpe, 2; W. Skelton, 3; H. Haigh, 4; †J. F. Haigh (conductor), 5; *H. Warburton, 6; J. B. Joynes, 7; *S. Penney, 8. *First quarter-peal. †First quarter-peal as conductor.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BIDDULPH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, December 6th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Bob in 24 mins. E. Brought, 1; J. Moss, 2; A. Cottrell, 3; M. Moss, 4; S. Moore, 5; W. Carter (conductor), 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE.—On Monday, December 21st, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise. M. Digby, 1; J. Broom, 2; F. Ring, 3; F. Hayes, 4; J. Cheeseman, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. First in the method by J. Broom.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Sunday evening, December 13th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles) in 25 mins. A. E. Sheppard, 1; T. Townson, 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, December 20th, at the church of St. George-in-the-East, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 48 mins. G. Hartnup, 1; W. Cecil, 2; H. Springall (conductor), 3; E. Wallage, 4; S. Parmenter, 5; E. Hall, 6; S. Joyce, 7; G. Barrell, 8.

SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Tuesday evening, December 8th, at St. Alphege's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. *W. Foreman, 1; W. Weatherstone, 2; J. J. Lamb, 3; W. Tyack, 4; †F. Rumens (conductor), 5; T. Taylor, 6; F. W. Thornton, 7; W. Berry, 8. Composed by A. G. Freeman. *First quarter-peal. †First quarter-peal as conductor.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WHICKHAM (Durham).—On Saturday, December 12th, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. *T. Liddell, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; G. Campbell, 3; *J. Harbottle, 4; H. Lindsey, 5; W. Holmes, 6. And on Saturday, December 19th, another 720. *W. Custance, 1; G. Campbell, 2; *J. Nicholson, 3; H. Lindsey, 4; *R. Mordue, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6. *Local men, and first 720. Tenor 8½ cwt.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

OLD BATTERSEA.—On Sunday, December 20th, at the church of St. Mary, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. T. Cumley, 1; W. Baron, sen., 2; *H. N. Davis (conductor), 3; R. W. Hoather, 4; S. Baker, 5; F. J. Pitts, 6; A. Sweetman, 7; A. R. Davis, 8. *First quarter-peal as conductor.

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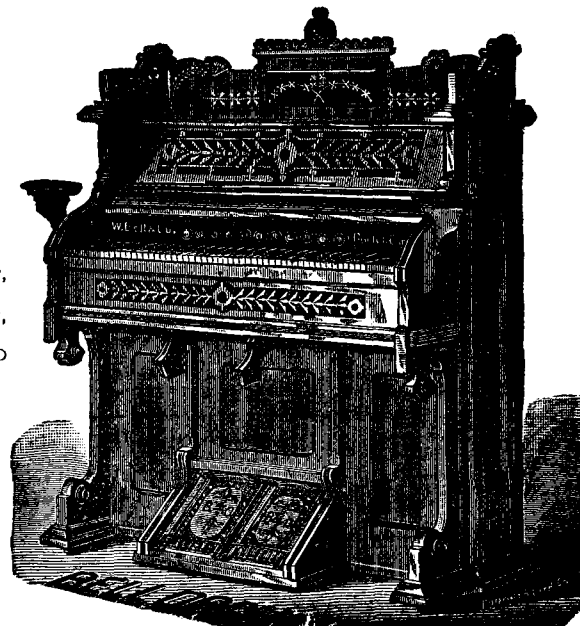
WOLLASTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, October 18th, at St. James's church, for service, 720 Bob Minor. C. Baggot, 1; W. Stinton, 2; J. H. Parsons, 3; H. Dakin, 4; G. H. Pagett, 5; W. Fryer (first as conductor), 6. On Monday, October 20th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Stinton, 1; A. Orford, 2; J. H. Parsons, 3; W. Fryer, 4; G. H. Pagett, 5; H. Dakin (conductor), 6. On Monday, October 27th, 720 Bob Minor. C. Baggot, 1; W. Stinton, 2; A. Orford, 3; W. Fryer, 4; G. H. Pagett, 5; H. Dakin (conductor), 6. On Monday, November 3rd, 720 Stourbridge Singles. C. Baggot (first in the method), 1; J. H. Parsons, 2; J. Lewis, 3; G. H. Pagett, 4; W. Fryer, 5; H. Dakin (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Lewis, 1; H. Dakin, 2; J. H. Parsons, 3; G. H. Pagett, 4; W. Fryer, 5; W. H. Hartshorne (conductor), 6. On Monday, November 17th, 720 College Single. C. Baggot, 1; J. Lewis, 2; A. Orford, 3; G. H. Pagett, 4; W. Fryer, 5; H. Dakin (conductor), 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure. C. Baggot, 1; W. F. Hartshorne, 2; A. Orford, 3; J. Lewis, 4; W. Fryer, 5; G. H. Pagett (conductor), 6.

Other Miscellaneous touches will be found on page 480.

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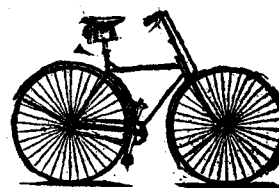
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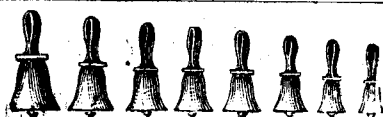
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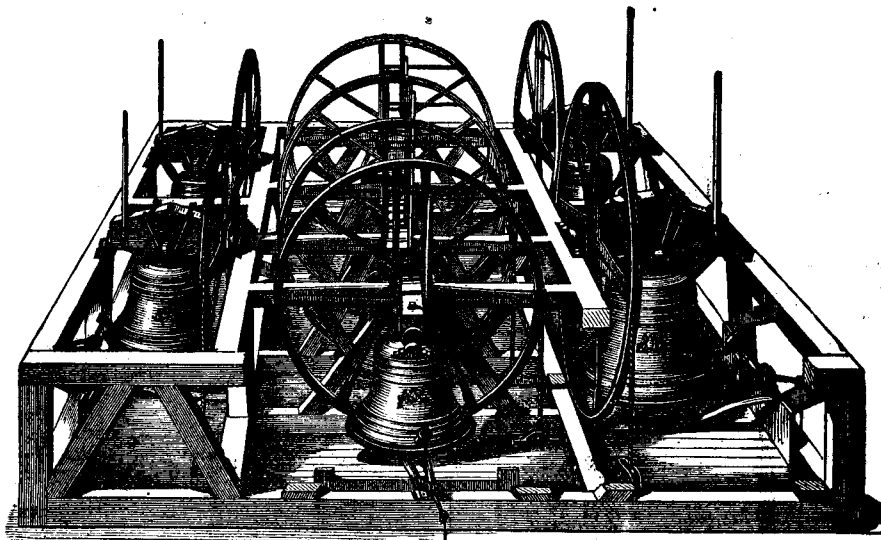
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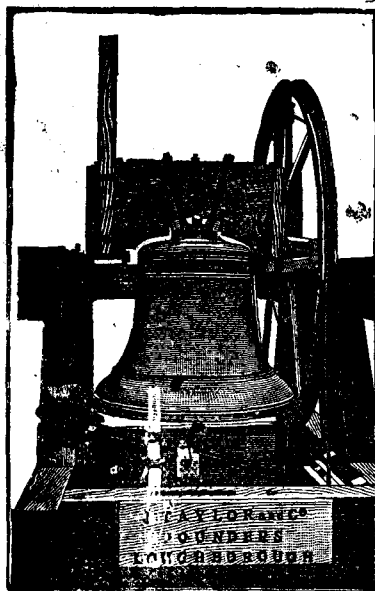
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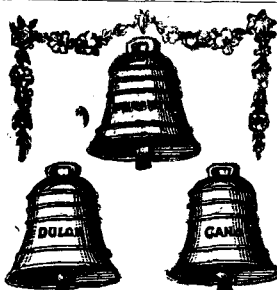
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