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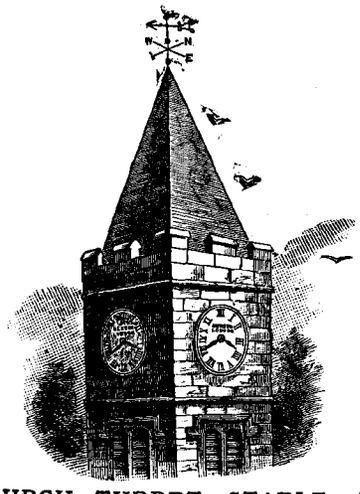

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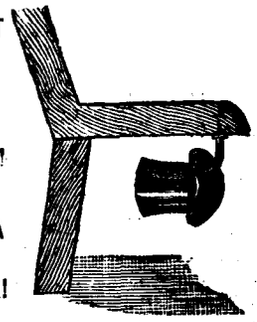

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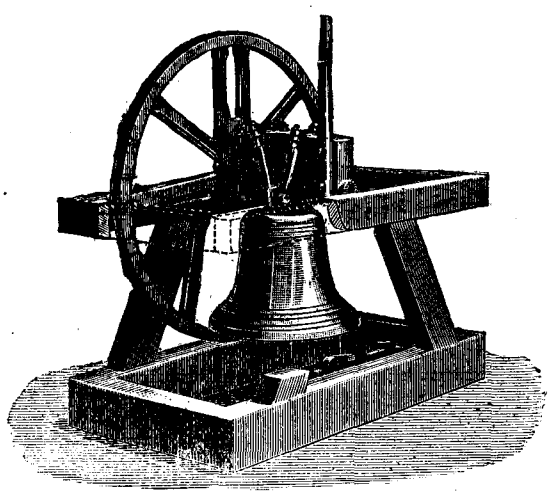

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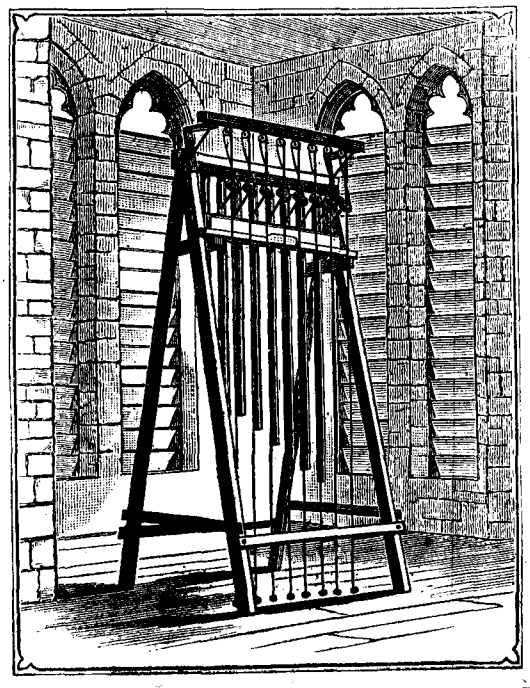

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ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.

Under the auspices of the above society, a supper took place on Tuesday evening at the house of the President, Mr. Stephen Cooper, 67, High Street. Among the visitors were Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., of Loughborough, and Mr. J. George, of Rugby. The chair was taken by the Vicar of St. Margaret's, the Rev. A. M. Rendell, supported by the churchwardens, Messrs. Bream and Neale.

At the close of the repast the tables were cleared, and in proposing "The Queen and Royal Family" the Chairman touched upon the illness of the Duke of Clarence, and trusted that His Royal Highness would soon be restored to his usual health. These hopes have, however, unfortunately not been realised.

"The Bishops, Clergy, and Churchwardens" was proposed by Mr. Lowe, and responded to by the Chairman; and then the proceedings were enlivened by Mr. Buttery singing "A Father's Love."

The toast of "The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces" was responded to by Mr. A. Millis, a volunteer and local crack shot of twenty-seven years' standing, and he told some amusing reminiscences of his camping days.

"The Visitors," coupled with the names of Messrs. Taylor and George, was proposed by Mr. Buttery. In replying, Mr. Taylor spoke of the St. Margaret's Society as being one of the oldest in the kingdom, and referred to the late Mr. Edward Biggs, who was conductor at St. Margaret's for upwards of fifty years, from whom he had partly received his instruction in the art, and of whom he had many pleasant recollections. Mr. George said he was always happy to be among the St. Margaret's ringers, for he knew of no society who made him more welcome.

The toast of the evening—"Success to the St. Margaret's Society," was proposed by the Vicar, who said that as in the past, so in the future he hoped the same harmonious feeling would exist between the ringers and the clergy, and that the ringers would always recollect that they were practical church-workers, and should consider themselves as such, and that while satisfying their love of ringing, their work might redound to the glory of God. In responding, Mr. Cooper said they had met there to celebrate the ringing of several peals last year. The first was a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, the first ever rung in the borough of Leicester, and at the first attempt. The second was a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) on handbells, retained in hand, ably conducted by Mr. G. Cleal, who rang 5-6. The last was a peal of Grandsire Caters, a new composition, and rung for the first time by the St. Margaret's society on December 30th. In this peal Messrs. W. Willson and A. Martin made their *debut*. The last-named ringer, Mr. Martin, here sung "The Holy Friar," in a stentorian voice. A course of Grandsire Caters followed by S. Cooper, 1-2; J. Buttery, 3-4; G. Cleal, 5-6; S. Cotton, 7-8; J. Cooper, 9-10.

A few more songs by various members of the company, and a vote of thanks to the host and hostess for their excellent catering, brought a capital reunion to a close.

CROYDON, SURREY.

On Wednesday, January 6th, the ringers of the parish church, Croydon, had their annual dinner at the "Kings Arms" hotel, when about thirty ringers and friends sat down to dinner, including the Vicar, the Rev. G. C. Fisher, Alderman F. T. Edridge, Mayor, Churchwarden Mr. R. Flint, and Dr. A. B. Carpenter, Hon. Treasurer of the Society. After justice had been done to the good things provided, the cloth was removed, and the Mayor proposed the loyal toast, which was duly honoured. The toast of the evening, proposed by Cobet Anderson, Esq., was "Success to the Croydon Bell Ringers." Though no record had been kept, there was a society of men who rung the bells at the parish church in the year 1600.

After responding to this toast, the rest of the evening was spent in harmony, songs being sung by Messrs. Burt, Talbot Rumy, and others, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The party broke up at midnight, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—HULL BRANCH.

The Annual Dinner, organised by the above branch, took place at the "Alexandra" hotel, Cogan Street, Hull, on Friday evening, January 15th. Twenty-two members and friends sat down to the dinner, which was provided by Host T. W. Aistrope, and was of an excellent character. The repast over, no time was lost in getting the tables cleared, and the company settled down with the full intention of spending a pleasant evening. Mr. J. Dixey, in the absence through indisposition of the Rev. D. K. Moore, Vicar of St. James', occupied the chair, Mr. W. Marshall doing duty in the vice-chair. Loyal and other customary toasts having been duly honoured, Mr. Jackson, in a short speech, proposed "Success to the Yorkshire Association." This was responded to by Mr. Needham, who thanked the company present on behalf of the Association for the manner in which the toast had been received, also testifying to the success which had attended the efforts of the Association.

Mr. Worsdale, in proposing "Success to the Hull Branch," said that he thought he never enjoyed himself better than he did in the company of the bellringers, and he hoped the branch would continue to prosper.

Mr. Stickney replied, pointing out the advantages which had resulted from the formation of the branch. Formerly it depended very much on convenience whether any member from Hull attended the meetings of the Yorkshire Association, while under the present system the branch sent a delegate to all meetings, paying the expenses out of its own funds.

Mr. W. Marshall gave "The Visitors," Mr. Kirby responding. The toasts were interspersed with songs, recitations and musical selections on the handbells, the following contributing: Miss Farnell, Messrs. Verity, Worsdale, Southwick, Brown, Reed, Jackson, Needham, Littlefield and H. Slingsby. Mr. Poskett presided at the piano.

Mr. Southwick proposed "The Health of the Host and Hostess," which was accorded musical honours.

Mr. Worsdale responded in a humorous speech on their behalf, the host being indisposed. The party then broke up, having succeeded in spending a very delightful evening.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

The annual dinner of this Society was held at the head-quarters, the "Black Lion," on Thursday evening, January 7th. Hostess Murnane placed an excellent repast upon the table, which was partaken of by sixteen members and friends. Mr. Washbrook, Master, presided, and amongst those present were Messrs. H. Cox (vice-chair), C. Hounslow, F. Williamson, W. Jeffrey, W. Finch, C. Hester, A. Fox, J. Howse, E. Hind, J. Fox, A. Dubber, P. Hind, etc. At the conclusion of the repast, The Chairman submitted the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, which were heartily pledged.

Mr. C. Hester next gave the "Oxford Society of Change Ringers," and coupled with it the name of Mr. C. Hounslow, hoping they might see him there for many years. The toast having been accorded musical honours,

Mr. Hounslow said he was glad to see a fair muster of the members present, especially the younger ones, and hoped to see more peals recorded by this Ancient Society during the year. He was sorry to say some of the older members were absent that evening through illness, and he hoped they would soon be able to get about again.

Mr. H. Cox then proposed the toast of "Absent Friends," after which several other toasts, including "the Master," "the Hostess," were suitably responded to. Several of the company sang some capital songs. Handbell performances, etc., were given, and the evening passed away in an exceedingly pleasant manner.

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The heavy ring of six, tenor 39 cwt., is now undergoing restoration by the firm of James Barwell, Birmingham. This firm has also recently restored and augmented the ring at Betley, Staffordshire, have supplied a set of Westminster quarters (hour bell, 11 cwt.) to a church in Ayrshire, and a fine bell of 12 cwt. to the Mission Church at Peshawur, India.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.—The thirteenth Quarterly Meeting of this branch was held at Macclesfield on Saturday, January 16th, with very unfavourable weather, and was attended by twenty-seven members, one from Bollington, four from Prestbury, four from Poynton, six from Gawsworth, and twelve from Macclesfield. Another drawback to the pleasure of the members was that the bells were deeply muffled in consequence of the sudden death of the Duke of Clarence. It so happened that seven ringers from Gorton and Ashton were visiting Macclesfield on that day, and the Secretary made arrangements and took the spare rope, and they had the pleasure of ringing a good touch of Grandsire Triples. Also prior to a service at 4 o'clock 168 in the same method was rung by Macclesfield and Prestbury ringers.

At 4.30 a good meat tea was partaken of in the schoolroom, and the business meeting in the church vestry at 5.45. The president of the branch, the Rev. Canon Turner, vicar, occupied the chair, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The rev. chairman, in opening the proceedings, gave all a hearty welcome to Macclesfield, and urged all the members to be thorough and consistent in all their doings, both as change-ringers and Church workers, and he said how pleased he was to see the change that had taken place in his own belfry in the way of belfry reform. He was also glad to see the branch and the whole Guild in a flourishing condition, and was sure that it had done good in his own deanery. It was also his painful duty to mention the death of the Duke of Clarence; and also of a member of the branch who was a well-wisher and a good worker of the Guild and change-ringing generally, in the person of Mr. Edward Matthews, an account of whose death appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" a short time ago.

It was proposed by the chairman and secretary and carried "That this branch deeply regrets the deaths of the Duke of Clarence and Mr. Matthews, and that it be entered on the minutes of the secretary's book." The next place of meeting was fixed to be held at Bollington on May 14th. Several other little matters were dealt with, and the meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman.

The tower was again visited, and touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, and a 720 Grandsire Minor by J. Snape (Poynton), 1; T. Bollington (Bollington), 2; W. Kenny, 3; T. Minshull (Macclesfield), 4; W. Henshall (Gawsworth), 5; W. Walmsley (Macclesfield, conductor), 6. This was rung on the back six, tenor 20 cwt. in E.

It is only fair to say that every member enjoyed themselves. These bells are in good order, and any brother-string would be made welcome by applying to W. Walmsley, Secretary and Treasurer of the branch, 9, Lees Street, Sutton, Macclesfield.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

A memorial tablet has been erected in St. Matthew's belfry to the late W. Hallsworth, who was a most able composer and conductor, and was tower-keeper at the above church for twenty years. The above tablet records a peal of Stedman Caters rung on the first anniversary of his death, in February 1891, by the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. The peal was his own composition, and was published in "THE BELL NEWS" a week after it was rung. The loss to the local society, which was greatly felt by at decease, has been felt more so by the death of two of his most able companions during his ringing career, in the persons of J. Astbury, sen.. and J. Westley. These two ringers died in November and December last respectively.

DODDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

CHOIR TREAT.—Mr. J. Sharpe, churchwarden, recently gave the choirs and ringers of Wilby and Doddington a meat tea at the schoolroom, Doddington, about 150 being present. After tea, dancing, singing, and handbell ringing took place. An enjoyable time was spent, and at the close a cordial vote of thanks was given to Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe. Mr. Sharpe has the honour of being churchwarden both at Wilby and Doddington. Wilby bells are a peal of four, tenor 9 cwt., and Doddington are a peal of five, tenor 6 cwt.

BEVERLEY, YORKS.—RINGERS' DINNER.

ON Wednesday, December 30th, the Minster ringers, with a few friends from St. Mary's tower and Holy Trinity, Hull, were entertained at dinner by Mr. Smelt, landlord of the Hall Garth inn. After dinner the loyal toasts were duly honoured, and Mr. C. Jackson, of Hull, in a few well-chosen remarks, proposed the health of the Minster and the St. Mary's branch of the Yorkshire Association, which was responded to by Mr. Roberts, who in a few words dealt with the subject of keeping together a good company of change-ringers, which is a very difficult thing to do in Beverley, on account of the members having to leave the town to look for work. He said that if the older hands would only put their shoulders to the wheel, they would soon have a very good company at both churches. He hoped that all differences would be put on one side, and the New Year began in harmony and goodwill. "The Town and Trade of Beverley" was proposed by Mr. Farnaby, and responded to by Mr. G. Witty. Mr. Farnaby made an amusing and characteristic speech on a very grave subject, which was received with applause and much laughter.

The Chairman (Mr. S. Leathley) next proposed the health of the host (Mr. R. Smelt). He remarked that the excellent repast which had that evening been enjoyed, was entirely due to the liberality and hospitable feeling of Mr. Smelt, and he could not help thinking that if our clergy and Church officers were more influenced by such liberal and practical Christian feeling, it would greatly assist the ringers in keeping their members together and lessen the difficulty of getting good ringers. He was sorry to find that in Beverley the ringers were looked down upon, or if not were very much neglected and left to their own resources. They were hard workers, and as far as he could see were as good Church workers as the choir or any other body in the Church. It would have been pleasant and encouraging if the clergy and wardens had been with them that night; he was quite sure they would not have been out of place at such a gathering of Church workers. The toast was received with cheers, and Mr. Smelt in suitable terms responded. "The Health of The Visitors" was given by Mr. T. Neill, and Mr. J. Dixey, of Hull, responded.

The chair was occupied by Mr. S. Leathley, of Beverley, and the vice-chair by Mr. C. Jackson, of Hull. Songs were sung by Messrs. Jackson, Moore, Thompson, and Leathley. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells, after which Mr. C. Jackson played the "Blue Bells of Scotland." A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, vice-chairman, and pianist, brought a very pleasant evening to a close. Before the dinner a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the Minster bells in 45 mins. W. Moore, 1; J. Smelt, 2; G. Witty, 3; C. Jackson (conductor), 4; W. Thompson, 5; T. Neill, 6; J. Dixey, 7; D. Roberts, 8. Tenor 30 cwt.

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After much consideration of plans, the Dean and Chapter have just commissioned Messrs. John Smith and Sons, of Derby, the well-known clockmakers, to make a new clock to replace the old one in the south-west tower of the Cathedral. The old clock strikes on the eld bell cast by Phelps, but the new one will strike upon Great Paul (which is 17 tons weight) with a hammer weighing 680 lbs. The quarter-chimes will be struck much the same as before, but provision will be made in the clock so that chimes on four bells may be added at a future time. The two dials, which are 16 ft. diameter, will be unaltered except that the central part will be arranged for illuminated at night. The clock movement will be a very large piece of machinery, designed by Lord Grimthorpe, and it is guaranteed by Messrs. Smith and Sons to keep time with great accuracy. There will be special precision apparatus whereby the first blow of the hours will fall within one second of Greenwich time, and the first blow of the three quarters will also strike with the same accuracy. Some idea of the great size of this clock may be formed when it is known that the hammer which strikes the bell is 680 lbs., while the hammmer which strikes "Big Ben" is about 450 lbs.

ST. MICHAEL'S, BASINGSTOKE.

ANNUAL MEETING.—The Annual Meeting of the ringers of this parish took place on Tuesday evening, January 12th, at the Old Angel cafe. The Chair was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. H. R. Cooper-Smith, D.D., there being also present the Rev. J. W. Danbury and the Rev. J. Hawkesworth (Basingstoke), and the Rev. J. R. Vincent (Ely). At the conclusion of a meat tea the Vicar addressed a few words to the ringers, in which he expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet them at a gathering of that sort. It was the first time he had had the opportunity of doing so, and he had been pleased to find, on his appointment to the living, that he had a fairly good band of ringers there. He had endeavoured to meet them at least once on a Sunday in the belfry and to assist them to commence their duties of the day by a short service suitable for the occasion. He would like to remind them that though the work allotted to the ringers was of one sort, to the choir of another, to the clergy of another, and so on, yet they were all engaged in one common work in the service of one Master, and the sole aim of each one, in whatever part of the work he happened to be engaged, should be to the honour and glory of God. He had been struck at all times with the orderly behaviour of the ringers in the belfry, and he had no doubt but what their attendance at the service afterwards (the church was a large one, and it was impossible for him to observe each individual person) was in accordance with that behaviour. While at all times he should be pleased to meet them as often as possible in the belfry, yet more particularly should he rejoice to meet them at the other end of the church, round the altar, holding Communion with their Maker, thus shewing that they were not only calling others by the voice of the bells, but by their example leading the way.

The business of the meeting was then proceeded with, when the following officers were elected: Captain, H. White; Sub-Captain, J. Ballard; Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, J. R. Higgens; Committee, in addition to above, T. Curtis and F. Wilson. On its being decided to erect a tablet in the belfry recording two peals (one of Grandsire and one of Bob Triples) rung on August 14th, 1890, being the first peal ever rung in the tower by a local band, the Vicar very kindly offered to bear the expense of another tablet recording the peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) rung on the day of his induction, January 29th, 1891, which offer was at once accepted with marks of approbation. Two new members were elected, the Rev. J. W. Danbury and M. C. Best. A hearty vote of thanks was then accorded the Vicar for presiding, and for his liberal offer of a peal-board, and to the clergy for their attendance, the party breaking up at ten o'clock after a pleasant evening.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of the above was held on Saturday last, January 16th, at Romford. Owing to the sad death of the Duke of Clarence, the bells were rung half-muffled. The ringers were slow in coming together, and not much was done before 3 p.m. Some short touches of Bob Minor, Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were then indulged in. Tea was provided at the National Schools at 5.30, when the Vicar, the Rev. F. Allen, presided, supported by the Association Secretary, the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre. Many regrets were expressed at the absence of the Rev. T. L. Papillon, whose heart was there, if not his bodily presence. The usual business meeting was held after tea, when several new ringing members were elected. The members present directed the Secretary to enter upon the minutes their great sympathy and sorrow with the Royal Family in their bereavement, and the melancholy pleasure with which they had been enabled as an Association to shew their respect by ringing in a muffled peal. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and Wardens for the use of the bells, and to the Association Secretary. The belfry of Hornchurch had been kindly placed at the disposal of the Association, but time did not permit of its being visited.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOLNEY (Sussex).—On Monday, December 7th, at the parish shurch, 727 Grandsire Triples, in 27 mins. J. King, 1; G. Walder, senr. 2; W. Walder, 3; J. Prevett, 4; F. Scutt, 5; H. Chapman, 6; G. Walder, jun. (conductor), 7; A. Scutt, 8. On Saturday, December 12th, 1638 of Grandsire Triples, in 58 mins. standing as above, with A. Parsons, 8. Composed by J. Carter, of Birmingham; conducted by G. Walder, jun. On Monday, December 21st, 1008 of Grandsire Triples, in 36 mins., in the same order. Conducted by G. Walder, jun.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—On Saturday, December 26th, six members from the parish church, Croydon, paid a visit to the above place and were met by two of the local men to attempt a peal on the back eight of the grand peal of ten, but after ringing 2 hrs. it suddenly came to grief owing to the breaking of the sixth rope. A. Arnold, 1: W. Webb (conductor), 2; R. Pearson, 3; W. Groves, 3; J. Strutt, 5; W. States, 6; W. Hill, 7; T. Verrall, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, December 27th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for Divine Service, a 720 College Single in 24½ mins. G. Jordan, 1; W. Cavill, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And to ring the old year out and the new year in, a 720 Court Single in 24 mins. G. Jordan, 1; W. Cavill, 2; I. Hammond, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 3rd, for afternoon service, a 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-six singles and sixteen bobs), in 24 mins. G. Jordan, 1; W. Cavill, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; W. Watts, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. This company's summary for the year 1891, consists of 217 complete 720's, viz.:—Twenty-one of Cambridge Surprise, fifteen each of Violet Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, ten of College Exercise, nine each of College Single and London Scholars' Pleasure, eight each of New London Pleasure and Superlative Suprise, seven each of Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire Minor, Yorkshire Court, Woodbine Treble Bob, and College Pleasure, six of Kent Treble Bob, five each of Double Court, Oxford Bob, Stansted Double Bob, and Double Bob Minor, four each of Canterbury Pleasure, College Double Bob, Court Single, Victoria Treble Bob, London Treble Bob, and Killamarsh Treble Bob, three each of City Delight, Westminster Treble Bob and York Surprise, two each of Duke of York, Christmas Eve, Bocking Treble Bob, Stansted Delight, Burton Pleasure, Stansted New Bob, Imperial Treble Bob, Morning Star and Imperial reversed, one each of Stansted Court Bob, Double Canterbury Pleasure and Burton Treble Bob. Of the foregoing eighty-four were conducted by W. Watts; seventy-five by I. Cavill; fifty-two by J. Luckey; one each by T. J. Watts and W. Cavill, and four by H. J. Tucker, of Bishop Stortford. It will be seen that the above 217 270's have been rang in forty different methods.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUNWELL (Norfolk).—Recently muffled peals were rung on the bells at St. Michael's church, as a token of respect to Miss Lorina Adela Maud Fellowes, who died at her mother's residence, Surry Street, Norwich, on Saturday, January 9th. After Divine Service, on Sunday, January 10th, a 720 of Bob Minor. The funeral took place at Honingham church yard, on Wednesday last, at two o'clock. At half-past two the ringers rang 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and at half-past seven in the evening a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, all with the bells deeply muffled. The following took part:—R. Hutton (conductor), 1; G. Smith, 2; J. Hilling, 3; A. Dunnett, 4; G. Smith, jun. 5; J. Hinchley, 6. On Tuesday, January 10th, four of the Bunwell band, assisted by the local men of Tibenham, rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and 360 of Plain Bob Minor, with the bells deeply muffled, as a last token of respect to a brother-ringer, John Jackson, who was interred at Tibenham churchyard on January 7th. The following took part:—R. Hutton (conductor), G. Smith, sen., J. Hilling, A. Dunnett, (Bunwell), E. Coleman, G. Manser, and G. Websdell (Tibenham).

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Tuesday, January 12th, at St. Martin's church, with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the Right Rev. Henry Philpott, D.D., the late Bishop of the diocese of Worcester, also Mr. Henry Johnson, 1301 Stedman Cinques in 1 hr. and 5 mins. W. Bryant, 1; J. Day, 2; T. Russam, 3; H. Bastable, 4; B. Witchell (conductor), 5; W. R. Small, 6; H. Johnson, 7; C. Stanbridge, 8; J. Astbury, 9; T. Miller, 10: T. Reynolds, 11; J. Johnson, 12. Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

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.'

Information Answered and Required.

Sir,—In your valuable paper of a few weeks ago appeared a letter asking if the peal of Stedman Caters rang on the bells of Wells Cathedral was the first peal in any method on ten bells in the county of Somerset. I should have thought that the Rev. F. E. Robinson could have answered it, knowing that he conducted a peal of Stedman Caters, consisting of 5079 changes, at the opening of the bells of St. Mary Magdalene, Taunton, Somerset, on June 25th, 1885, and published in "The Bell News" of July 4th, 1885, with the following footnote: "This is the first peal of Caters rung in Somerset." Now I should like to ask the Rev. F. E. Robinson if this was a true peal, as I have heard rumours both in and out of the county that it was not; I should not have troubled the rev. gentleman with this question, but having lately been in conversation with a ringer who was in the tower during the time the peal was being rung, and who heard the conversation after the performance. And also the Oxford Guild not having slaced a tablet, as they usually do, in the tower recording the peal. I think I am quite justified in asking this straight question, as it is quite time these rumours were cleared up. Just one item more, that is the weight of St. Mary's tenor, which the Oxford Guild published as 32 cwt.; but when I rang her in a date touch a few weeks ago, the steeple-keeper gave her weight at 29¾ cwt.; so in the last six years she has been growing beautifully less. W. W. Thorne.

The Peal of Grandsire Triples at Loughborough.

Sir,—I notice in your issue of the 2nd inst. a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung at Loughborough, on December 22nd, and the footnote reads: "It is supposed to be the first time that this peal has been rung on tower bells in the county." But I see in the local paper, the *Loughborough Monitor*, the peal is recorded as "the peal, which is 'Holt's Original 1-part,' is now rung, etc." I should like to call the conductor's attention to the Midland Counties' report, 1888, page 80, No. 277 peal, where he will see that I called the peal at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, on November 29th, 1888. I also see a handbell peal, which is recorded in the same issue of "The Bell News," as having been rung in 2 hrs. 2 mins. at Gloucester. Personally, I could hardly believe the whole peal could be rung to have anything like striking in such quick time. If it was, may I ask whether it is the quickest peal ever rung on handbells.?

John Jaggar.

Reply to Mr. H. Rann.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. H. Rann *re* the peal of Grandsire Triples at Derby, I must apologise for troubling him on this matter, it being my mistake, and not Mr. Thompson's, as I unfortunately omitted from the footnote referred to the words "ten-part peal." But I think if my friend Mr. Rann had noticed the position of the conductor he would have asked the question of "which peal, the five or ten-part?" before making his claim, as the five-part is conducted from the 2nd. I hope this explanation will be satisfactory. C. Draper.

The Date Touch at Clent, Worcestershire.

Sir,—I find that the date touch rung at Clent, on January 3rd, is wrong. I am sorry our young friend made the mistake in arranging it, as I expect he must have couuted two 700s instead of two 720s. There is just forty changes too many; it ought to have been 72 of Canterbury Pleasure, instead of 132, as published. H. Martin.

Erith Tenor.

Sir,—Mr. Cullum is entirely wrong concerning the weight of this tenor. I have a letter from the Whitechapel firm stating the weight to be as near as possible 15 cwt. Perhaps the employee did not know much about it. F. G. Newman.

Corrections.

Sir,—Will you kindly correct the report published in this week's paper (No. 511). It should be The Middlesex Association, "Finchley," not "Hendon." F. Carroway.

Sir,—Will you kindly correct the peal of Bob Major rung at Kelsale on January 9th. It should read "5376 changes," and not "5316" as stated. G. Thompson.

The Peal of Treble Bob Major at Whittick.

Sir,—The 5088 of Treble Bob Major rang at Whittick on December 26th is a composition of Mr. Henry Dains, of London.

A. R. Aldham.

Obituary.

JOHN HARLEY.

On the last day but one of the year 1891, there died at Wellingborough, aged 86, one of the oldest and best known church bell ringers in the district. For sixty-four years John Harley had been connected with Wellingborough belfry. During most of that period he rang the great bell and chimed the old fifth (the present seventh). He first entered the company in the year 1827, when George the IV. was King. The Rev. C. P. Vivian was then Vicar of Wellingborough, and the churchwardens for that year were Richard Tester and William Gill. Mr. Harley had a clear recollection of the Rev. Charles Pryce, the previous Vicar (who originated Wellingborough Church Sunday School in 1810). He thus lived to see five Vicars of Wellingborough. The old gentleman had been failing for some time past. A few years ago he was seized with a fit whilst in church, and a short time since he fell from dizziness, whilst chiming for evening service. He took his place in the belfry for the last time on Sunday, December 13th. On Saturday evening December 19th, he sat at home and listened with delight to the ringing, and again on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and complimented the ringers on their good striking, but ere the same bells sounded their muffled requiem for the departing year, the old tenor-man had breathed his last. His well-known figure will be missed in the belfry, in the church, and in the town. As a ringer, John Harley was pre-eminently punctual, reliable, and a good striker. Whether chiming for service quite recently, or ringing the tenor as cover for 6-scores of Grandsire, Antelope, or Gog Magog in days gone by, he always sounded his bell precise and true, for his pull was regular, and his ear, right up to the time of his last illness, keen to notice any discord or jangle. Although a ringer of the old school, Mr. Harley was never a bar to necessary changes or alterations. He accomodated himself with wonderful tact and good nature to new men and new ideas, and was as great a favourite with the young element in the belfry as he was with his older comrade of longer standing. By throwing his influence on the right side he helped as much as anybody in the improvements of late years. His heart was thoroughly in his work, for in addition to the pleasure he took in handling the rope, he had a regular old fashioned ringer's love for bell music, and was proud of Wellingborough bells (his own fine bell in particular), the chimes, and all appertaining to the church tower. He was a ringer whose recollections were mainly of the days of the old "ringing loft" with its low ceiling and whitewashed walls, of the days when the bells were hung in the old style, when frames and fittings were decayed and rotten, when whenever the "great bell" was raised it was necessary for someone to go up, whether by day or night, or turn the clapper, for it always went up wrong side. Then, colonies of jackdaws and pigeons inhabited the bell chambers, and built nests and hatched their young under the bells. In those times, too, the fifth of November and 29th of May were authorised ringing days. On the latter occasion, a large branch of oak being fixed over the west door in memory of the shelter the brave old oak gave to the Merry Monarch. The funeral took place at the cemetery on Monday afternoon at 3'oclock. At 2.30 the ringers met at the belfry to chime the corpse to the grave, according to ancient custom. The seventh bell was first tolled 86 times, denoting deceased's age. The old six bells were then chimed in rounds for a short time, after which the tenor was tolled, followed by the chiming of the peal of six in several of the old tenor man's favourite changes, as the funeral cortege proceeded to the cemetery. Four of the oldest ringers (Messrs Craddock, Turnell, Charlton, and Ette), representing the belfry, helped to bear their old comrade to the grave. On the coffin was placed a neatly coiled rope, with crimson sallie, enclosing two hand-bells. The service was conducted in an impressive manner by the Vicar, the Rev. R. W. Wynter. A large concourse of people gathered at the Cemetery to witness the interment of this old townsman. From 6.30 to 8 p.m. muffled peals of Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung on the six heaviest bells as a fitting token of respect to one who was the last of the old generation of six-bell ringers.

HENRY WHEELER.

The above-named ringer, who immediately before his death resided at Weston Road, Gloucester, had been a ringer for the past fifty-seven years. He was born in Painswick, and was one of the old band of ten and twelve-bell ringers. He had rung many peals of Stedman and Treble Bob of 7000 and 8000. For some years he resided in London, and became a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths while there. He rung at almost every church in London, and peals in some of them of Stedman Cinques. The late J. Cox and H. Haley were very old friends of his, the latter once visiting him in Gloucester. He was a great admirer of this paper, and a local brother read the contents of each number to him. His age was 72. His funeral took place on the 18th instant.

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 of Change-Ringers. — Fylde Branch. — The second quarterly meeting of this branch will be held in the parish church school, St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, to-day, Saturday, January 23rd, 1892, at 6 p.m. Bells ready at 3 p.m. The Rev. W. G. Terry will preside. The secretary will be glad to see any member of the L.A.C.R. present at this meeting.

JNO. FELL, *Branch Sec.*
21, *Clifton Street. Lytham.*

Waterloo Society.—The annual dinner will take place at the "Rising Sun," York Road, Lambeth, on Saturday, 30th inst., at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. each, can be obtained of Mr. Geo. Wild, 9, Francis Street, Waterloo Road, and of the Hon. Sec. WALTER PARTINGTON.
42, *York Road, S.E.*

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A committee and quarterly meeting of this association will be held at Dudley, to-day, Saturday, January 23rd, 1892, at 5 p.m. prompt. The Rev. S. J. Marriott, M.A., Vicar of Netherton, will preside. The bells of St. Thomas's (10), will be open for ringing. All members' subscriptions are due at this meeting.

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

The Society of Trinity Youths. — The meetings for January are as follows:—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, *Hon. Sec.*
40, *Nutcroft Road, Peckham.*

The tower of St. Margaret's, Lee, is closed for ringing, on account of the damage done by the late storms.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held on Tuesday, 26th inst., at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, when the attendance of every member is requested. Chair to be taken at 8.45 p.m.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
61, *Roland Road, Handsworth.*

Midland Counties' Association.— The third quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, January 30th, 1892, and the following towers will be open for ringing at 2 p.m., viz., Parish church (eight bells), S. Paul's (eight bells). An important committee meeting will be held in S. Margaret's schoolroom (near S. Paul's church) at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided free of charge to all members of the association, and will take place in the same schoolroom at 5.0 p.m. General meeting immediately afterwards. Members who intend being present, are requested to advise Mr. Arthur Wakley, 125, Victoria Crescent, Burton-on-Trent, on or before Wednesday, January 27th, without fail. The honorary secretary gives notice that he will propose a new rule in place of No. 9, in accordance with the resolution passed at the last annual meeting.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, *Hon. Sec.*
5, *S. Paul's Street East, Burton-on-Trent.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association. — A meeting of the above will be held in the church-room, Stoke, to-day, Saturday, January 23rd, at 4 p.m., at which all members are requested to attend.

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

The United Counties' Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Whitfield, near Glossop, on Saturday, February 6th. Meeting in the schoolroom at 5 p.m. Dinner at the "Crown" inn at 6 p.m. Members intending to be present at dinner must send in their names to Mr. Joseph Marsden, 13 Collier Street, Whitfield, near Glossop, on or before February 2nd. JOSEPH RADCLIFFE, *Hon, Sec.*

Kent County Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Woolwich on January 30th. Tower open from 2 30 p.m. till 9.30 p.m. Fare and a quarter will be granted on the production of the usual pass on S.E.R. If travelling L.C.D.R. please apply to me as their passes are not the same as the other lines. Contributions are now due.

W. A. COOKE, *Sec. Rochester District.*

The Lancashire Association.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at St. Luke's Church, Heywood, on Saturday, January 30th. Ringing from 2 p.m.

J. REDFORD,
A. E. WREAKS, } *Hon. Secs*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—By kind permission of the Rev. J. H. D. Hill, Vicar, the monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Ardsley, on Saturday, January 30th. Tower open 2 30. for peal attempt. Business meeting 6.30.

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By W. G. GROVES, *Woolwich, Kent.*

1892.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

1 3 2 5 4 6 7 } Two odd changes.
1 2 3 4 5 7 6 }

7 5 2 6 3 4 1
2 3 7 5 4 6 3
5 3 2 6 7 4 5
3 2 5 6 7 4 4
5 7 3 2 4 6 3
6 2 5 4 7 3 1
4 2 6 3 5 7 5
7 3 4 5 2 6 1
2 6 7 4 5 3 2
5 3 2 7 4 6 2

Four times repeated.

DATE TOUCH OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL

By J. T. HOLLIS, *Wakefield.*

1892.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

2 1 3 4 6 5 8 7 0 9
1 2 4 3 5 6 7 8 9 0
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7 0 9
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A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By J. B. FENTON, *Lincoln.*

1892.

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1 3 2 5 4 7 6
1 2 3 5 4 6 7

5 3 2 7 4 6 5
6 7 5 4 3 2 1
4 7 6 2 5 3 5
2 7 4 3 6 5 5
3 7 2 5 4 6 5
6 5 3 4 7 2 1
4 5 6 2 3 7 5

Four times repeated; contains ten 4-6's, ten 7-4's and ten 6-7's.

FALSE TOUCH.—The date date touch by Mr. Andrews, in last week's number, is false. That gentleman apologises for its appearance.

CORRECTION.—In the peal of Treble Bob Major, rung at Gillingham on January 9th. James Baker rang the third, not "James Baxter" as published in "THE BELL NEWS."

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 1892

JUST before the first forms of this journal went to press last week, the painful intelligence of the death of the heir-presumptive to the throne of these realms had convulsed the population of the whole Empire. The circumstances surrounding the decease of H.R.H. the DUKE OF CLARENCE were of that character which excited the sympathies of every one who heard of them. The brief illness, which imparted to the melancholy event such a dreadful suddenness; the exalted position of the prince as ruler (*in posse*) of Britain; and last, but not by any means least, the fact that the country were discussing his immediate marriage with a popular English princess, and that such intended union was the spontaneous outcome of legitimate affection; all these together have created as great an amount of compassion—perhaps greater—than any calamity of its kind which has befel the nation and Royal Family of England during the present century. While deploring the death of the Prince, the Empire, *en masse*, condoles with his sorrowing relatives with the most heartfelt fervour. The young princess, to whom he was very near being united, has also the genuine sympathies of her countrymen and countrywomen in her deep affliction. Such a bereavement as she has experienced is not often heard of, and as long as she lives will not be forgotten. The affectionate regard which had arisen in the

hearts of the people for her since the news of the Royal betrothal was made known has heightened to such a degree through her bereavement that she will ever be referred to only with tenderness and pity.

As we write these lines, the sound of bells in mournful cadence denotes that "the last sad rites" have been performed. This, and the various reports we print from every part of the country, show that the ringing community are not behindhand in paying their tribute to the memory of the late Duke. The ringing of the muffled peal we hold to be more to the purpose than the tolling of a single bell. The former is generally the product of some time and trouble, and who will say that feelings of affectionate sympathy have not in this particular instance promoted their expenditure? In many instances we know this to be so. The buffs have been put on, and the ropes grasped, by those whose heart was in the work, and who never for one moment forgot the occasion, and the almost peremptory summons by the King of Terrors to him to whose affectionate memory they were paying their last solemn tribute.

The various references in the papers to the late Prince have not been always made in the best of taste. We have read that though he was amiable, his genius was not of a very high order. But, as a very respectable weekly contemporary happily puts it, his virtues were his failings. His modesty screened his real worth. "Had he been a harum-scarum young hero of the barracks, spending his time and money in painting the town red, wrenching off knockers, in debt all round, and in short, an exceedingly mellow blade, people, as is their wont, would have declared he was a naughty boy, but none the less a fine fellow. Because the Prince has been none of these, but a good son, a model subject, and an orderly citizen, he has incurred a certain amount of friendly contempt. Let it be known that a youth whom all his intimates called Eddie, with a significantly fond accent, and who is accepted by the loveliest and sweetest girl in the Royal circle as her only possible husband, was not a bad sort of a fellow. Let it be known that Prince Eddie was every inch a gentleman, a true Englishman, a gallant soldier, and one of the unostentatious sort of which are made the heroes who would walk as calmly up to the cannon's mouth as if they were going across the room to light a pipe. It is not the men who shouted and strutted that have made England; but the men who said nothing and did mighty acts. Of prince Eddie let it be said that he was a modest hero, whose qualities had not had opportunity."

This is the character of England's lost Prince. And such testimony has the adherence of all sensible people.

PORTRAIT NUMBER.—Next week will be published the portrait, with memoir, of Lance-Corporal LINDOFF, of the Royal Engineers, and member of the Kent County Association. The following Portrait will be that of Mr. HENRY SWAIN, of the Royal Cumberlands, London.

The Metropolis.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

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

On Wednesday, January 20, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven ½ Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

EDWARD F. STRANGE	*Treble.*	WILLIAM PYE ENGLISH	5.
CHARLES A. BUTTON*	2.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN.	6.
THOMAS C. GROVE	3.	GEORGE B. LUCAS	7.
HENRY A. BARNETT	4.	WILLIAM MARTIN	*Tenor.*

Composed by JOHN CARTER and Conducted by GEORGE B. LUCAS.

*First peal in the method. This peal was rung with the bells deeply muffled on the occasion of the funeral of H.R.H. the late Duke of Clarence.

The Provinces.

HORLEY, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE HORLEY BRANCH.)

On Sunday, December 20, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE STAPLEHURST†	*Treble.*	THOMAS SPARKS	5.
WILLIAM EDWARDS	2.	*ALBERT SONGHURST	6.
STEPHEN KENWARD	3.	JOHN TAYLOR	7.
FREDK. WICKENS	4.	EDWARD TAYLOR	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JOHN TAYLOR.

†First peal. *First peal with a bob bell.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 30, 1891 (no time mentioned),

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lbs.

T. HERBERT	*Treble.*	SAMUEL SMITH	5.
W. H. FUSSELL	2.	R. LANE	6.
W. H. INGLESANT	3.	*A. JACQUES	7.
J. W. TAYLOR, JUN.	4.	†JOHN KING	*Tenor.*

Conducted by W. H. FUSSELL.

*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIHE.

On Thursday, December 31, 1891, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

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

J. O. LANCASHIRE	*Treble.*	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN.	6.
W. H. FUSSELL	2.	*A. H. MATTHEWS	7.
J. SMITH	3.	W. E. CARTWRIGHT	8.
A. MILLIS	4.	A. R. ALDHAM	9.
S. SMITH	5.	R. LANE	*Tenor.*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by R. LANE.

*First peal in the method.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 3, 1892, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

GEO. GRIFFITHS*	*Treble.*	CHAS. PRICE	5.
THOS. BOARDMAN*	2.	*JOHN TOMLINSON	6.
HENRY DEW*	3.	ALFRED CROSS	7.
ALFRED GRIFFITHS*	4.	JAMES MOULTON	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JAMES MOULTON.

*First peal. This is the first peal rung by the St. Mary's company unaided, and was rung on the occasion of the visit of Mr. Alfred Griffiths, of London, who is a member of the company.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1891, in Three Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES OF GRANDSIRE MINOR;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

WILLIAM A. JEAVONS*	..*Treble.*	*FREDK. GEORGE HARTON	4.
ARCHIBALD E. JONES*	.. 2.	WILLIAM PARDOE	.. .. 5.
GEORGE JAMES FELLOWS*	3.	†BENJAMIN GOUGH	.. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by BENJAMIN GOUGH.

The above 5040 was rung on the middle six. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Duke of Clarence. *First 5040. †First 5040 as conductor. This is the first 5040 ever accomplished by a local band, and is the second rung on the bells, the one previous being a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at the opening in 1847.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 9, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN JENNINGS	..*Treble.*	*GEORGE HITCHMAN	.. .. 5.
JAMES JONES	.. .. 2.	GEORGE WALKER	.. .. 6.
ROBERT C. BOWKETT*	.. 3.	JOHN CARTER	.. .. 7.
WILLIAM PADDOCK*	.. .. 4.	*CHARLES SPARKS	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

*First peal of Stedman. This is the second peal of Stedman on the bells.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 12, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOB MORGAN*	..*Treble.*	HARRY CHAPMAN	.. .. 6.
WALTER BROWN	.. .. 2.	GEORGE E. TURNER	.. 7.
WILLIAM BRAMMER	.. .. 3.	THOMAS THORPE	.. .. 8.
JOHN CARTER	.. .. .. 4.	JOHN EACHUS	.. .. .. 9.
THOMAS G. DOWNS	.. .. 5.	JAMES PARKINSON	..*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

The peal contains the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right, and the 5th twelve times right, and is now rung for the first time. John Carter hails from Birmingham. *First peal, and belongs to St. John's, Deansgate, Manchester.

BENINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE FREISTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 12, 1892, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES OF DOUBLES;

Being 120 each of Antelope and Sunshine, and 480 of Chase, Old Doubles, Bob Doubles, Plain Bob, Dream, St. Dunstan, Lincolnshire Singles, London Doubles, Hudibras, and Grandsire; each 120 in each method called differently.

Tenor about 14 cwt.

E. CLAYTON	..*Treble.*	A. O. BARBER	.. .. .. 4.
S. F. STAFFURTH*	.. .. 2.	JHN. SHARP	.. .. .. 5.
W. LEGGOTT	.. .. .. 3.	JAS. SHARP	.. .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by A. O. BARBER.

*First 5040. First 5040 on the bells.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.—EASTERN COUNTIES' GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 12, 1892, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

W. BARRETT	..*Treble.*	G. SKEEF	.. .. 5.
G. LADD	.. .. 2.	R. JARVIS	.. .. 6.
J. S. WRIGHT	.. .. .. 3.	E. JARVIS	.. .. 7.
J. R. MACKMAN	.. .. .. 4.	J. PECK	.. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by R. JARVIS.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, January 13, 1892, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. JONES	..*Treble.*	RAYMOND J. WILKINS	.. 5.
WALTER T. BENNETT	.. 2.	ERNEST E. BEWICK	.. .. 6.
FRANCIS E. HART	.. .. 3.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS	.. .. 7.
JOHN AUSTIN	.. .. .. 4.	REV. HENRY L. JAMES	..*Tenor.*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by the REV. H. L. JAMES.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells. This composition is a variation of the 5184 published in "THE BELL NEWS" of August 27th, 1887, and was rung on the birthday of Mrs. F. E. Hart, wife of the ringer of the 3rd.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 14, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12¼ cwt.

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

Conducted by GEORGE TURLEY.

*First peal of Major. †First peal of Major in the method as conductor. The above peal was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence, who died that morning.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 14, 1892, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-PORT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 17 cwt.

W. JAMES HINTON	..*Treble.*	CHARLES TOMKINS	.. .. 5.
CHARLES W. DERRICK*	.. 2.	JOSEPH GOULD	.. .. 6.
CHARLES H. GORDON	.. 3.	WILLIAM EMERY	.. .. 7.
FRANCIS PRICE	.. .. .. 4.	WILLIAM COLSTON	..*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES W. HINTON.

*First peal. This peal was rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Duke of Clarence, and it is the first time this composition has been rang in Bristol.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, January 16, 1892, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

T. DAY'S SIX-PART.

GEORGE ASTON	..*Treble.*	JAMES ADAMS	.. .. .. 5.
SYLVANUS DACE	.. .. .. 2.	*SAMUEL ALLPORT	.. .. 5.
JABEZ APPLEBY	.. .. .. 3.	WILLIAM JOHNSON	.. .. 7.
JOHN HARPER	.. .. .. 4.	*GODFREY GOODCHILD	..*Tenor,*

Conducted by WILLIAM JOHNSON.

*First peal. The bells were muffled as a token of respect for the late Duke of Clarence. This is the first peal by the St. Giles' society.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW LITCHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

W. SHARDLOW	..*Treble.*	T. ALTON	.. .. 5.
C. HART	.. .. .. 2.	C. DRAPER	.. .. .. 6.
J. W. THOMPSON	.. .. 3.	A. E. THOMPSON	.. .. 7.
S. MASKREY	.. .. .. 4.	*F. SIDLEY	.. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by J. J. PARKER and Conducted by C. HART.

*First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence. This peal, a five-part one, appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 31st, page 543.

BRADFIELD, SHEFFIELD—YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 14, 1892, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine and Oxford.

Tenor 12 cwt.

BENJAMIN BRAMALL ..	..*Treble.*	CHARLES FOX	4.
JONATHAN GILLOTT	2.	GEORGE H. UTTLEY ..	5.
DAVID BREARLEY	3.	ARTHUR BREARLEY ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by A. BREARLEY.

Messrs. Fox and Bramall are the chuchwardens, and the 5040 was rung on Mr. Fox's birthday, and is Mr. Bramall's first 5040 and first attempt; and the band congratulated them both on the double event.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 15, 1892, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

GEORGE WILLIAMS	..*Treble.*	ROBERT J. DAWE	5.
JAMES SEARLE	2.	*RICHARD W. HOATHER ..	6.
HERBERT RANN	3.	EDWARD C. MERRITT ..	7.
GEORGE A. KING	4.	ALFRED J. TURNER ..	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Stedman. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence, and the Rev. H. McLeod Beccles, M.A., late Vicar of Heene-Worthing, and an honorary member of the above Association.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 16, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

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

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

*First peal of Stedman. The bells were rung muffled as a token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, January 17, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION. Tenor 17 cwt.

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

Conducted by BENJAMIN SUGDEN.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to H.R.H. the late Duke of Clarence.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, January 18, 1892, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

SAMUEL TAYLOR..	..*Treble.*	*JOHN CRABTREE	5.
THOMAS JAKEMAN*	2.	WILLIAM JAKEMAN	6.
THOMAS WROE	3.	JOHN LEIGH	7.
HENRY HEAP	4.	JOHN HARRISON..	..*Tenor.*

Composed by S. TAYLOR and Conducted by W. JAKEMAN.

*First peal in the method. The bells were muffled as a token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 16, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF DARLASTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. 25 lbs.

JOHN JENNINGS	..*Treble.*	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT	5.
EDWARD GOODREDS	2.	JAMES JONES	6.
ADAM HICKMAN HILL ..	3.	JOHN CARTER	7.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL ..	4.	HARRY MILLS	..*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

The above is the first peal in the method rung upon the bells, it is also the first peal in the method by the ringers of the treble. 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and tenor. The bells were muffled as a token of respect to H.R.H. the late Duke of Clarence. The above is a six-part peal, and is now rung for the first time.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 17, 1892, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

REEVES' VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. in Eb.

GEORGE GRIFFITHS	..*Treble.*	CHARLES PRICE..	5.
THOMAS BOARDMAN	2.	JOHN TOMLINSON	6.
HENRY DEW	3.	JAMES MOULTON	7.
ALFRED CROSS	4.	LOUIS TREMLETT (age 15.)	*Tenor.*

Conducted by JAMES MOULTON.

This peal was rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale. also to a late brother-ringer, Joseph Williams, Wrexham, who expired on the 21st December, 1891, the intimation of which was received on Saturday last.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 18, 1892, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

FRANCIS LEES	..*Treble.*	WILLIAM STORY	5.
WILLIAM HOLMES*	2.	JOHN SIMM..	6.
HENRY H. LINDSEY* ..	3.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE	7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER.. ..	4.	GEORGE DIXON	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.

*First peal in the method. This is the first peal of Grandsire the conductor has called. The "Original" has been only called once in these northern dioceses, viz., at Gateshead some seventy years ago by a Metropolitan conductor. The bells were rung deeply muffled in memory of H.R.H. the late Duke of Clarence.

GLOUCESTER.

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

On Monday, January 19, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt. 48 lbs. in E.

WILLIAM C. JONES ..	..*Treble.*	FRANCIS E. HART	5.
WALTER T. BENNETT ..	2.	ERNEST E. BEWICK	6.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS ..	3.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS.. ..	7.
JOHN AUSTIN	4.	REV. HENRY L. JAMES	..*Tenor.*

Composed and Conducted by REV. H. L. JAMES.

This peal was rung as a token of respect from the Society and City to H.R.H. the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, January 20, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

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

Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled during the time of the funeral of H.R.H. the late Duke of Clarence. It is the 100th peal on the bells.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RUSHOLME (Lancashire).—On Thursday evening, January 14th, the ringers of St. James' church muffled the bells and rang a date touch of 1892 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 15 mins., composed by John Carter, of Birmingham. R. Purdie, 1; W. E. Ryder, 2; E. Borroughs, 3; R. Borroughs, 4; W. H. Idle, 5; F. Ryder, 6; T. B. Idle (conductor), 7; W. Gill, 8.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

AUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Friday, Jauuary 1st, at Christ church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. and 13 mins, H. Cave, 1; W. Bentham, 2; C. Sharples, 3; J. Taylor, 4; W. Fairclough (conductor), 5; Peter H. Harvey, 6; W. J. Taylor, 7; H. J. Morley, 8. Tenor 16 cwt.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Monday, January 12th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Major, 1822 changes, in 1 hr. and 13 mins. J. Prescott, 1; F. R. White, 2; A. Halton, 3; J. Sholicar (conductor), 4; J. Pilkington, 5; H. J. Ellis, 6; J. Watts, 7; G. Prescott, 8. Composed by J. R. Pritchard of Liverpool.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOLNEY (Sussex).—On Monday evening, January 11th, for practice, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. and 10 mins. J. King, 1; G. Walder, sen., 2; W. Walder, 3; J. Prevett, 4; F. Scutt, 5; H. Chapman, 6; G. Walder, junr. (conductor,) 7; A. Parsons, 8. Composed by John Carter, of Birmingham, and published in this journal of January 2nd.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER (Kent).—On Tuesday, January 12th, for practice at St. Margaret's church, a date touch, 1892 changes, in three different methods, being 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, and 452 Plain Bob. O. Sullivan, 1; E. Rayner, 2; J. Tulett, 3; J. Rayner, 4; J. Kidd, 5; W. Baker (conductor), 6.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RAWMARSH.—On Sunday, January 17th, for Divine Service in the evening, a date touch of Bob Major, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 3 mins., with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence. S. Whitworth, 1; S. Walker, 2; T. Wild, 3; J. Ensor, 4; J. Farmery, 5; W. Hawkins, 6; R. Whitworth, 7; T. Whitworth, 8. The above was arranged and conducted by T. Whitworth.

ABINGDON (Berkshire).—On Sunday, December 27th, for evening service at St. Helen's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 28mins. J. Juggins, 1; John Brown, 2; G. Staniland, 3; H. Humfrey, 4; E. Humfrey, 5; T. Short, 6; H. Fruin, 7; A. Burgess, 8. Arranged and conducted by H. Fruin. It is to be regretted that the conductor injured himself so severely in this touch that it will be necessary for him to be under a doctor's care for some weeks.

BRAMLEY (Yorks).—On Tuesday, December 15th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of 1891 changes, being 720 Oxford, 720 Violet, and 451 New London Pleasure, in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Turner, 1; J. W. T. Holgate, 2; H. Gaythorpe, 3; J. W. Chadwick, 4; J. Brown (conductor), 5; E. Redshaw, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. Longest touch by all except the conductor.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Sunday, January 10th, for Divine Service in the evening, a date touch of 1892 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 11 mins. T. Curtis, 1; F. Wilson, 2; J. Ballard, 3; Rev. J. R. Vincent (Ely), 4; *C. Hansford, 5; J. R. Higgens, 6; H. White (conductor), 7; *C. Best, 8. *Longest length. This touch is the composition of John Carter, and it appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 2nd.

DARTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday evening, January 17th, for Divine Service, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Henson, 1; F. French, 2; A. Underwood, 3; E. Snowden, 4; J. Blackman, 5; H. J. Castle, 6; E. Everson, 7; E. Everson, 8. Composed by W. Burton and conducted by H. J. Castle. This was rung by request of the Vicar, the Rev. A. Hunter Watts, with the bells deeply-muffled, as a mark of respect to H R.H. the Duke of Clarence.

GALLEYWOOD (Essex).—On Sunday, January 10, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, 1892 changes, with 7, 6, 8 covering. H. F. De Lisle (conductor), 1; J. Bloomfield, 2; W. Newman, 3; C. Waskett, 4; E. Scotcher, 5; H. Sewell, 6; W. H. De Lisle, 7; H. Brazier, 8. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect for Mr. W. J. Francis, formerly organist and clerk of the church, who died on January 1st.

BIRSTALL (Yorkshire).—On Sunday evening, January 10th, for Divine Service, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1892 changes in 1 hr. 12 mins. G. Thornton, 1; W. Banham, 2; G. Brook, 3; D. Wilson, 4; W. Stainthorpe, 5; J. West, 6; J. Clayton, 7; W. H. Holmes, 8.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).—On Friday, January 8th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. Composed by J. Carter, of Birmingham, containing the twenty-four 6-7's, Queens and Tittums, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 2nd. A. Grist, 1; J. Bristow, 2; T. Best, 3; J. G. Bennett, 4; E. T. Green, 5; G. Preston (conductor), 6; J. J. Bristow, 7; T. Belben, 8. Rung in honour of Mr. A. Grist, deputy captain of St. Peter's band being elected deputy Grand Master of the Poole district of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, which is a large district comprising forty lodges with 8000 members. The chief captain of the band is E. W. Rebbeck, Esq., Mayor of Bournemouth.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Sunday, January 17th, for evening service, in 1 hour 13 mins, a date touch (1892 changes), of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled in respect for the deceased Duke of Clarence. W. Emery, 1; H. F. De Lisle, 2; G. Green, 3; F. Radley, 4; R. Wood, 5; A. Edwards, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; F. Edwards, 8. Composed by John Carter, of Binningham. Mr. De Lisle is from Galleywood; G Green from Great Baddow; A. Edwards from Widford; the rest belong to the local company.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, January 13th, at St. Giles' church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins. W. Johnson (composer and conductor), 1; S. Dace, 2; S. Atkins, 3; J. Harper, 4; S. Allport, 5; J. Adams, 6; J. Appleby, 7; G. Goodchild, 8.

Miscellaneous.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHURCH (Lancashire).—On Monday, January 11th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 28 mins. F. Calvert, 1; J. Horrocks, 2; G. Lord, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattinson, 5; J. Bentley, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

MANCHESTER.—On Monday, January 18th, at the Cathedral, a 647 Grandsire Caters, with the bells muffled as a token of regret at the early death of Emma Downs, niece of the ringer of the 5th bell. W. Brown, 1: W. Smethurst, 2; W. Brammer, 3; J. Gratrix, 4; T. G. Downs, 5; H. Chapman, 6; G. E. Turner, 7; T. Thorpe, 8; J. Eachus, 9; J. Parkinson, 10. Also touches of Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE.—On Sunday, December 6th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Fuller. 1; M. Digby, 2; L. Digweed, 3; F. Ring, 4; J. Broom, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6. On December 10th, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Clifford, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also on Sunday, December 20th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Clifford, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On 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. And on Christmas Day, for eight o'clock celebration, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Clifford, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On December 26th, 720 College Single, A. Fuller, 1; L. Digweed, 1; F. Ring, 3; G. Hayes, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Fuller, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. Ring, 3; W. Martin, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On December 27th, for evening service. A. Fuller, 1; M. Digby, 2; F. Ring, 3; W. Harper, 4; J. Broom, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6. On December 31st, for midnight service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Fuller, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

WILLESBOROUGH (Kent.—At the parish church on December 25th for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles), in 27 mins. R. Cook, 1; A. Stace, 2; W. Hills, 3; S. Price, 4; E. Dixon (conductor), 5; W. Clapson, 6. Also on December 30th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 27½ mins. Also on December 31st, to ring the old year out, 720 Bob Minor, (forty-two singles), in 26½ mins. Also 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles), in 26½ mins. R. Cook, 1; A. Stace, 2; W. Hills, 3; E. Young, 4; E. Dixon (conductor), 5; W. Clapson, 6.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WINGFIELD.—On Tuesday, January 5th, at the parish

church, a 720 Bob Minor (thirty bobs ten singles). Composed by Mr. J. J. Parker. J. Butler, 1; T. Millington (conductor), 2; T. Allibone, 3; W. Hopkinson, 4; T. Day, 5; J. P. Tarlton, 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—Recently, at All Saints' church, a 720 of Bob Minor by Messrs. Taylor, Bissley, G. Wilkins, J. W. Wilkins, Hoskins, and Richardson (conductor). Also 420 of Bob Triples, with the addition of F. Dentry and Gilding, conducted by A. Hoskins. On New Year's morn, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, conducted by J. W. Wilkins. For practice on Monday, January 4th, five 120's, successfully rung by F. Bissley, 1; A. Hoskins, 2; W. Ayres, 3; G. Wilkins, 4; J. W. Wilkins, 5; W. Brown, 6; being three of Grandsire and two of Plain Bob, conducted by the band in rotation.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

DUDLEY.—ON Saturday, January 2nd, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Caters in honour of the marriage of the Rev. Dr. Cosens, vicar of the parish, but after ringing 3474 changes in 2 hrs. 16 mins. the treble rope slipped wheel. J, Fellows, 1; W. Micklewright sen., 2; B Gough, 3; F. Fellows, 4; E, Fellows, jun., 5; J. Goodman, 6; W. Micklewright (composer and conductor), 7; S. Spittle, 8; J. Smith, 9; H. Sheppard, 10.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, January 14th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 27 mins. J. Smith (conductor), 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; W. Prestidge, 4; E. Hampton, 5; R. Round, 6. On Friday, January 15th, 720 College Single, in 26½ mins. J. Townsend, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; W. Micklewright, 3; W. Prestidge, 4; R. Round, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 17th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 27 mins. W. Prestidge, 1; R. Round, 2; J. Townsend, 3; J. Smith, 4; E. Hampton, 5; W. Micklewright (conductor), 6. The above were rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence, and the Right Rev. Dr. Phillpot, formerly Bishop of Worcester.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday, December 1st, at St. Paul's church, the last 720 of Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Coleman, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; H. Sharp, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; F. Keech, 5; F. Sharp (conductor), 6; S. Constant, 7; I. Hills, 8. *Handbell-Ringing.*—On Tuesday, December 3rd, 672 Grandsire Triples, with all 5-7-6's and 5-6-7's. H. Sharp, 1-2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3-4; W. Hall, 5-6; I. Hills, 7-8. Also a 518 being the first part of Holt's ten-part peal. H. Sharp, 1-2; W. Hall, 3-4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5-6; S. Constant, 7-8. On Sunday, December 6th, 408 Stedman Triples. S. Constant, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; W. Hall, 3; E. Coleman, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; C. Pass, 8. A 518 Grandsire Triples. H. Cullip (first 504), 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Shimmans, 3; P. Howard (conductor), 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6; E. Coleman, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. A 408 Stedman Triples. C. Johnstone, 1; P. Howard, 2; W. Hall, 3; I. Hills, 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; S. Constant, 6; F. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. On Sunday, December 16th, 504 Stedman Triples, composed by A. P. Heywood. E. Coleman, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; I. Hills, 5; J. N. Frossell, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. A 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Shimmans, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Johnstone, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; S. Constant, 5; E. Coleman, 6; P. Howard, 7; I. Hills, 8. On Sunday, December 20th, a 503 Stedman Triples. F. Sharp, 1; H. Sharp, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (composer and conductor), 6; E. Coleman, 7; J, Spencer, 8. On Wednesday, December 24th, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Smith, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; J. N. Frossell, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; S. Constant (conductor) 7; W. Shimmans, 8. On Thursday, December 31st, 420 Stedman Triples. E. Coleman, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Shimmans, 3; W. Hall (conductor), 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke, 6; S. Constant, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And 462 Grandsire. J. Spencer, 1; F. Sharp, 2; W. Shimmans, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; E. Coleman, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; H. Sharp, 8. On Friday, January 1st, a 504 Stedman Triples. E. Coleman, 1; H. Sharp, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; S. Constant, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; F. Sharp, 6; I. Hills, 7; C. Pass, 8. On Sunday, January 3rd, a 504 Stedman Triples. W. Hall, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; W. Shimmans, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; E. Coleman, 6; C. W. Clark (conductor), 7; S. Constant, 8. On Tuesday, January 5th, a 1008 Stedman Triples, by A. P. Heywood, Esq. E. Coleman, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; J. Spencer, 8. On Wednesday, December 9th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 each of Double Oxford Bob, Double Court Bob, and Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Shimmans, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; E. Coleman, 4; H. Sharp, 5; F. Sharp, 6. A. 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor. C. Johnstone, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; E. Coleman, 4; H. Sharp, 5; F. Sharp, 6. On Friday, December 25th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. S. Constant, 1; F. Smith, 2; H. Sharp, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; I. Hills (conductor), 6. On Thursday, December 31st, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). I. Hills, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; H. Sharp, 6. A 720 Double Court Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). J. Spencer, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; E. Coleman, 3; S. Constant, 4; H. Sharp, 5; F. Sharp, 6. On Thursday, January 7th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. W. Clarke, 1; I. Hills, 2; C. Johnstone, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; W. Hall, 5; E. Coleman (conductor), 6. A 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). C. Johnstone, 1; I. Hills, 2; F. Smith, 3; H. Sharp, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6.

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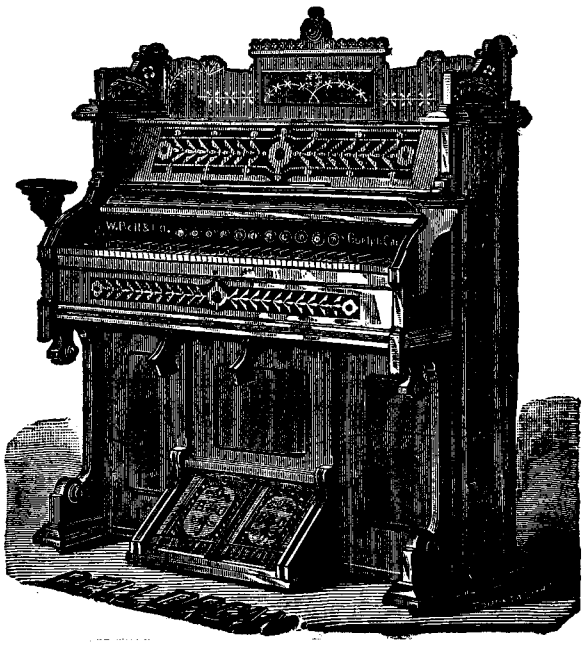

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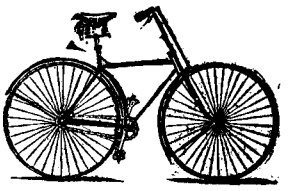

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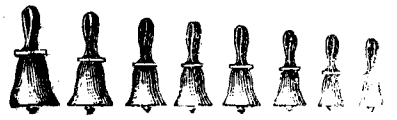

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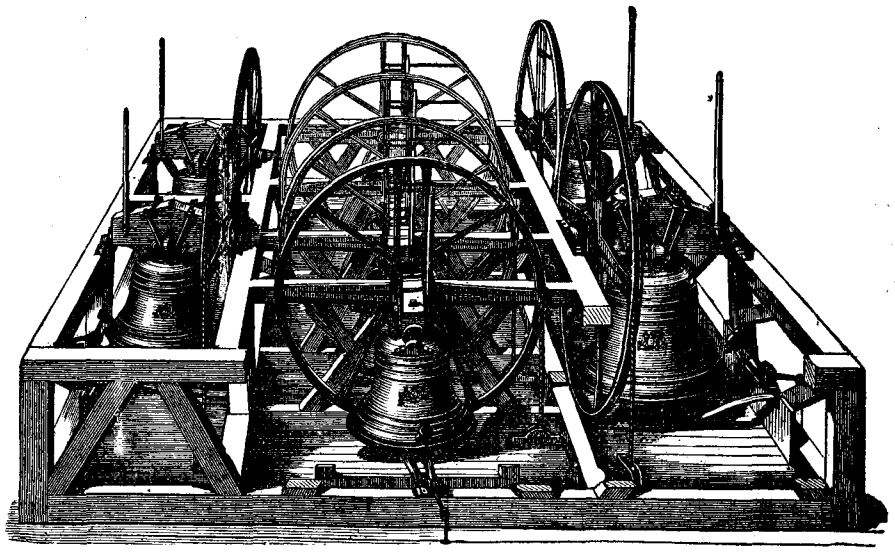

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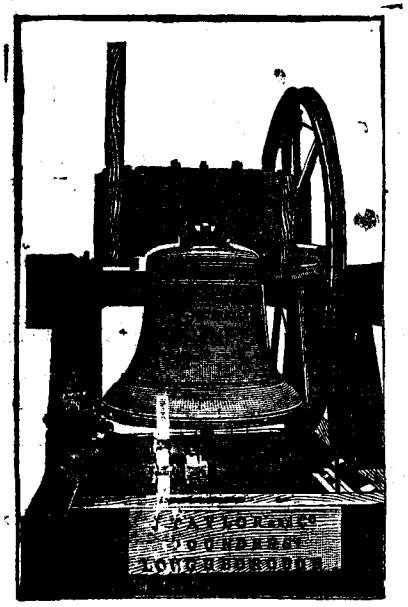

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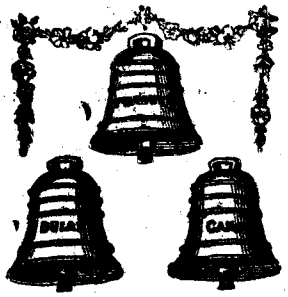

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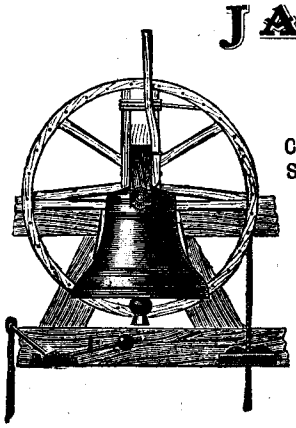

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