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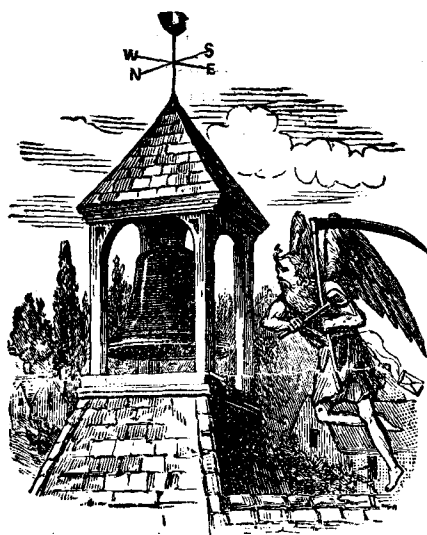
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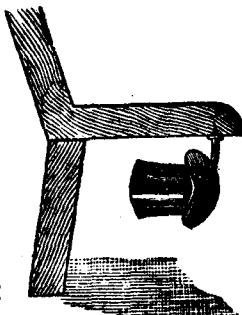
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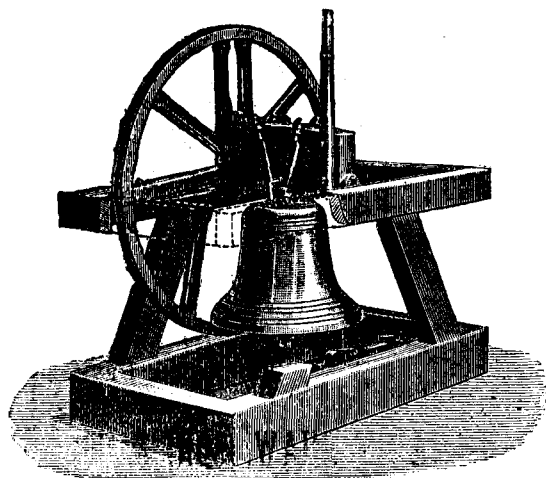
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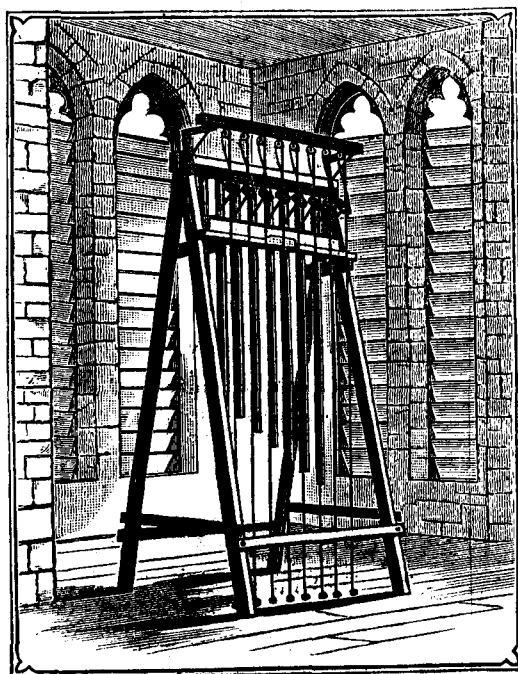
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A General Meeting of this Association was held at Bolton, near Bradford, on Saturday last, February 6th. The weather, which in the morning looked anything but favourable, fortunately turned out propitious, and during the afternoon about two hundred members and friends attended from Armley, Bradford, Bolton, Birstall, Bingley, Burnstall, Calverley, Dewsbury, Doncaster, Ecclesfield, Guiseley, Halifax, Hales Hill, Harrogate, Hull, Keighley, Kirkburton, Knaresborough, Leeds, Lindley, Low Moor, Lightcliffe, Headingley, Liversedge, Otley, Pudsey, Queensbury, Rothwell, Rawmarsh, Sheffield, Shipley, Tong, York, and other places. The head quarters for the day were at St. James's schools, Bolton Lane, where the local committee sat and regulated the proceedings. At four o'clock, the official committee of the Association held a meeting in the same school, at which there was a good attendance—only three committeemen being absent, all of them unavoidably so. Mr. W. Snowdon presided; and the minutes of the preceding committee-meeting having been read and passed, several new ringing members were proposed and admitted. The question of investment of funds was discussed at some length, when ultimately it was unanimously decided to withdraw £100 out of the sum in the hands of the Leeds building society, and place it with the previously-invested similar sums in the Leeds corporation, the president being empowered to make all necessary arrangements for the transfer. A suggestion in the way of admitting clergymen having a ring of five and upwards at their churches, as clerical honorary members, at an entrance fee of five shillings, to take part in the proceedings of the Association, and if elected, to hold official positions therein, was likewise considered, but owing to pressure of time, the discussion was adjourned till a future meeting of the committee. It should be added that the three newly-elected members of the committee—Messrs. Thomas Lockwood (Leeds), Geo. H. Hardy (Dewsbury), and William Gill (Keighley), took their seats for the first time, and were cordially welcomed by the president on behalf of the remainder of the officers and committee.

At five o'clock, the visitors partook of a substantial meat tea, which was served in the principal schoolroom, the large number attending necessitating two sittings down, during the first of which, courses of Triples and Major were rung upon a fine-toned peal of handbells kindly lent by Mr. James Angus.

After tea, the members adjourned to the infant schoolroom for the business meeting, Mr. Snowdon presiding, being accompanied on the platform by the Rev. C. H. King, Vicar of Bolton; Mr. W. H. Howard (York), senior vice-president; and Mr. T. Hattersley (Sheffield), steward. In the room also were Councillor Joseph Cowgill, Mr. Abner Green (churchwarden), Mr. George Bolland (Tong), junior vice-president; Mr. W. Stainthorpe (Birstall), treasurer; Mr. B. T. Copley (Bolton), hon. secretary; Mr. J. H. Hardcastle (Bradford), steward; Messrs. J. Broadley (Bradford), W. Abbishaw (Bothwell), W. Barraclough (Halifax), G. H. Hardy (Dewsbury), Mr. Tom Lockwood (Leeds), and Mr. W. Gill (Keighley), committeemen; and an assembly of members which crowded the room.

In opening the meeting, Mr. Snowdon briefly expressed his pleasure at the large gathering which had characterised their February general meeting; after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously adopted. The selection of place for the June meeting was next upon the agenda, whereupon Mr. James Hey proposed Knaresborough, giving a hearty welcome to the Association. Mr. H. Fevre gave a like cordial invitation to Doncaster. Upon putting the two places to the vote, it was found that a majority of those present were in favor of Knaresborough, at which place it was consequently decided to hold the next general meeting. The hearty thanks of the members were accorded to the Doncaster branch for their kind invitation, amid rounds of applause.

Mr. W. H. Howard proposed, and Mr. B. T. Copley seconded a vote of thanks to the Rev. C. H. King, and the wardens of St. James's for the use of the bells and schools, which was unanimously and heartily carried.

The Rev. C. H. King, on rising to respond, was most warmly greeted, and in the course of a highly interesting, and at times diverting speech, impressed upon ringers the importance of a due realisation of their true position as officers of the Church. He well remembered his young days in a quiet old parish in

Kent, where the bellringers were considered low characters, with no higher aspirations than their pipes and "nut brown" where-with to "whet their whistles;" and there was only too good cause for this estimation. Happily, ringers, like the times, had changed—with the former much for the better; and of his own ringers at Bolton he could speak highly, both of their conduct and the thoroughness with which they performed their duties. Regarding attendance at Divine Service, he was fully cognisant of the many difficulties under which a ringer laboured. It was not *always* expedient for him either in the cold months of winter, or the hot period of summer, to sit in church after ringing during the whole of the service and sermon, but they might contrive so as to take part in a portion of the service before returning home on the Sunday, and thus not only be reaping a blessing for themselves, but also setting a worthy example to others—to their children, and especially their boys, some of whom most likely would at no distant day be following their father's footsteps in the work of ringing. He most heartily welcomed the Yorkshire Association to Bolton, and assured them of an equally cordial greeting should they decide to visit Bolton again at any future time. The delivery of the rev. gentleman's speech was characterised throughout with cordial acceptance, and at its close greeted with quite an ovation.

On the proposition of Mr. Fevre, seconded by Mr. Hattersley, the Rev. C. J. Woodhouse, of Doncaster, was elected an honorary member.

A cordial vote of thanks to the Bolton branch for their hospitality, and to the ladies who had presided at tea, having been carried amid loud applause, and responded to by Mr. Copley, a similar compliment to the president concluded the proceedings.

During the afternoon the bells of St. James's were kept going by the visitors, as also in the evening were the bells of Bradford parish church. The only drawback to the ringing was the somewhat unsatisfactory go of the treble at St. James's, which was at the time undergoing repairs; and it is only common justice to Messrs. Shaw, Son, and Co. to say that this certainly was no fault of theirs. The meeting altogether was of a most enjoyable nature, and considerably above the average of February meetings in its representative character, a result which cannot but be gratifying both to the Association and the branch which had charge of the arrangements.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The third Quarterly Meeting of this Association took place at Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, January 30th, and was the most successful ever held at this centre. By the kindness of the Rev. C. F. Thornewill and the Rev. F. H. Beaven, the bells of St. Modwen's and Paul's churches were placed at the disposal of members from 2.0 p.m., and shortly after that time ringers began to arrive from Ashby, Beeston, Cotgrave, Derby, Duffield, Leicester, Lichfield, Loughborough, Nottingham, Nuneaton, Rugby, Sandiacre, Tamworth, and Tipton. Touches were rung in various methods at both churches before and after the meeting.

The usual committee-meeting was held in the parish-room, St. Paul's institute, and was well attended, the business being disposed of in a very expeditious manner. The compilation of the report for 1891 was left in the hands of the president, hon. treasurer, and hon. secretary, who promised to do their best to make it as interesting as heretofore. The committee also instructed the secretary to have the peals rung during the past year entered in the peal-book, together with the compositions.

Through the kindness of the Vicar of St. Paul's, the tea was held in St. Margaret's schoolroom, and for the first time in the history of the Association was provided free of charge to all members, and the local committee take this opportunity of thanking the following gentlemen for their generosity in giving trays, viz.: the Vicar of Burton-on-Trent (Rev. C. F. Thornewill), the Vicar of St. Paul's (Rev. F. H. Beaven), the Mayor of Burton (Councillor Wilkinson), Alderman Evershed, M.P., and E. F. Ellis, Esq. (churchwarden of St. Paul's); and also to the following ladies who so kindly presided at the trays, viz.: Mrs. Beaven, Miss Beaven, Mrs. Ellis, and Miss Evershed.

About seventy members were present at the general meeting which took place immediately after the tea, the president, A. P. Heywood, Esq., in the chair, and there were also present the Vicar of St. Paul's and Mr. John W. Taylor, sen., of Lough-

borough. Twenty-two members were duly proposed, seconded and elected, including 1 patron (the Bishop of Peterborough), 1 honorary (the Hon. and Rev. R. C. Adderley, Vicar of Chesterfield), 10 ringing and 10 life members. The president gave his address, stating that 22 peals had been rung during the quarter, and heartily congratulated the Leicester, Loughborough, and Nuneaton branches on their success in scoring peals. He also added that the Duffield Society had only rung two peals, which was disgraceful; but what about the celebrated company of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, who had not added a single peal to the excellent number rung, although he understood that it was not altogether the fault of the ringers? In conclusion, he moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the vicars of St. Paul's and St. Modw'n's churches, for the use of the bells that day, and also to the ladies who had so kindly given their services to make the tea and meeting a great success; he believed it was the first time that the latter had attended any meeting of the Association, but hoped now that a start had been made, ladies would be found at every future meeting of the society. This proposition was seconded by the Hon. Sec., and carried with acclamation.

The Vicar of St. Paul's replied, and in returning thanks for the ladies, said they were very pleased to receive an invitation to preside over the tea, and on any future occasion when the Association chose to select Burton-on-Trent as its place of meeting, their services would be at the disposal of the local committee. With regard to the remarks made by the president about his own ringers, he felt he must defend them by stating that in consequence of a severe epidemic of typhoid in the parish, he had been obliged to close the bells for peal-ringing, but now, thank God, he was pleased to say the cloud had passed away, and he felt quite sure that his noble band would now put their shoulders to the wheel, and once more head the list of methods rung by any band of the Association.

Mr. Maskrey (Derby) proposed, and the Hon. Sec. seconded, "That the best thanks of this meeting be given to the president and Mrs. Heywood for their kindness in inviting the members of the Society to a garden party at Duffield Bank last summer," which was heartily carried.

The Annual Meeting will take place at Nottingham on Easter Monday, and the Bishop of Southwell has kindly consented to address the members at a service to be held in St. Mary's church on that day. This being the tenth anniversary of the Association, the officers trust that each member will make a point of attending, and so make the church parade and meeting a thorough success. Full particulars will be published in "THE BELL NEWS" as early as possible.

A RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Monday, February 8th, the little village of Bletchingley, Surrey, was all alive, it being the day fixed for the marriage of Mr. J. Bashford, jun., (a well-known local ringer), to Miss Wilson, and also of his sister (Miss Bashford) to Mr. Charles E. Stevens. The ceremony over, the local ringers, wishing to shew their respect to their brother-string, made a start for Holt's ten-part, at 3.55, all going well until the welcome "that's all" arrived at 6.54, particulars of which will be found in peal column. The ringers were afterwards entertained by Mr. Bashford at the "Red Lion," all expressing their good wishes for his future welfare.

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NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS."

MY DEAR SIR,—Just a line to let you know how we are progressing in the art of change-ringing in Sydney. I enclose a few extracts from our peal-book. On Christmas Eve three members of the Victorian Society (who are on a visit to Sydney) together with St. Mark's Society, met for a 720 of Grandsire Minor, at St Mark's, Darling Point. They stood as follows:—T. Joyner (St. Mark's), 1; W. Shenton (Victorian), 2; M. A. Noble (St. Mark's), 3; A. B. Joyner (St Mark's), 4; J. L. Murry (Victorian), 5; J. Beechey (Victorian), 6. "Go" was called at 8.15, and after some fine striking rounds came up at 8.43, thus completing the 720 in 28 mins. This is the first 720 of Minor ever rung by a combined (colonies) band, and was conducted by Mr. J. L. Murry of the Victorian Society.

For service on Christmas evening, a 216 of Grandsire Minor by W. Seghers, 1; W. Shenton, 2; B. Joyner, 3; J. Murry, 4; A. McCartney, 5; T. Joyner (conductor), 6. Also a 240 of Bob Minor by W. Shenton, 1; T. Joyner, 2; J. Beechey, 3; J. Murry, 4; A. McCartney, 5; B. Joyner (conductor) 6.

On Monday, December 28th, the Victorian Society, accompanied by members of St. Mark's (Sydney), visited Parramatta, where after a most enjoyable trip up the river, they found the bells of All Saints in good condition for a ring. Having obtained permission from the Churchwardens, the following stood for a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, and were successful in bringing it round in 27 minutes:—W. Shenton (Victorian), 1; A. McCartney (St. Mark's), 2; J. Beechey (Victorian), 3; J. Waterman (St. Mark's, first 720 with a bob bell), 4; J. L. Murry (Victorian), 5; A. B. Joyner (St Mark's, first as conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

A. B. JOYNER,

Hon. Sec. St. Mark's Society, Sydney, N. S. W.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

YORK BRANCH.—On Tuesday, February 2nd, the members of this branch held their anniversary at Host Breed's, the "Lowther Hotel," where a capital spread awaited them, which was put on the table in a first class style, and thoroughly enjoyed by all, Mr. G. Breed, the President of the Society, in the chair. After the cloth was drawn, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, the Dean and Chapter, the City Members, the Donors to the Feast, and others were submitted and responded to, not forgetting "Prosperity to the Yorkshire Association," "THE BELL NEWS," "Visitors," etc. Some good songs were sung by Messrs. Hodgson, A. Haigh, Fearnley, and others, and several courses of changes on the handbells enlivened the time till "Mr. Bruce's Act" told the time of departure, all having enjoyed the evening to the full.

Previous to the above evening's entertainment, the following twelve members attempted on the Minster bells, a peal of Treble Bob Maximus, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing five courses, by a change-course, when "stand" was called after two hours and forty-eight minutes' good ringing, being the longest length of Maximus ever rung on the bells since the opening in the year 1844. J. W. Cundall, 1; A. C. Fearnley, 2; T. Haigh, 3; J. Thompson, 4; F. Earnshaw, 5; R. Thompson, 6; W. H. Howard, 7; A. Haigh, 8; W. Morrell, 9; T. Hudson, 10; T. Dixon, 11; G. Breed (conductor), 12. Tenor 54 cwt. It is intended to renew the attempt as soon as an opportunity offers.

CHRIST CHURCH, EASTBOURNE.

The annual supper of this Guild given by the vicar to the ringers and choir was held on Tuesday, February 1st, when the vicar highly complimented the ringers on the efficient way in which they had carried out their duties in the past year. Mr. Harding, in responding, thanked the vicar for his kindness to them in supplying them with an excellent set of new ropes from Mr. Nicoll, of Bermondsey, also for the help financially which he had given them, and said, such kindness could not fail to help the older members in their efforts in the difficult task of keeping the society together, and entreated the younger members to push on and make the band as good as they possibly could, and not lag behind the neighbouring towers.

Obituary.

JOHN BEDDOWS.

The above-named ringer died on Thursday, January 14th, in his eighty-eighth year. The deceased was the last survivor of a band who rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's, Lichfield, on December 26th, 1837, he taking the tenor, which then went very badly, and very nearly brought his ringing career to an abrupt termination. With the exception of Mr. Beddows, the band hailed from St. Martin's, Birmingham, and stood as follows: J. Lates, 1; W. Andrews, 2; W. Deer, 3; J. James, 4; W. Chattell, 5; H. Johnson (conductor), 6; J. Walker, 7; J. Beddows, 8. Although he afterwards succeeded in mastering the intricacies of change-ringing, and rang till within a few years of his death, yet this appears to be the only 5000 he took part in. He was very fond of hearing the Cathedral bells rung, and on practice nights (after he became too infirm to walk) he used to have his chair brought into the garden so that he could listen to them. He had always a kind word for any one of the ringers whenever he met them, and was very pleased to congratulate them after hearing a well-struck touch.

JAMES MORLEY.

On Saturday, January 30th, the remains of the above ringer were interred in Sudbury cemetery. The deceased had been in failing health for some years, through which he was obliged to give up ringing about ten years ago. He was one of the oldest ringers in the town. He only rang two peals, one of Bob Major, and one of Oxford Treble Bob, which were both rung at St. Gregory's church by the Sudbury company nearly thirty years ago. He rang the fourth in both peals. The majority of the Sudbury company were never regarded as having any enthusiasm for peal-ringing, one hour's ringing being thought quite sufficient at once, even by some of the members at the present time, outside assistance being required to accomplish a peal in the town. He was a fair handbell ringer, and was very fond of ringing 7-8 to touches of Stedman Triples. His last touch on handbells was rung on New Year's eve, when he rang the treble to some Double Norwich Major, remarking at the time that he knew nothing about the method. He was never a popular man with ringers, his presence in the ringing-chamber being more feared than respected, especially by young hands. The deceased was a silk weaver by trade. Muffled touches were rung at St. Peter's on the day of his funeral by Messrs. Sillitoe, Scott, Harper, Campin, Howell, sen., Cross, Bacon, Taylor Cornard, and Howell, jun. Deceased was seventy-four years of age.

GEORGE HOBBS.

It is our painful duty to record the death of the above-named ringer, who for many years belonged to the Worcester society. During his life he followed agricultural pursuits, thereby necessitating his living some distance from the nearest ring of bells, but this did not prevent his punctual appearance in the belfry at the regular hour, unless ill-health prevented him. By his decease one of the Worcester societies lose a valued member, and the Editor of this journal an old friend and pupil. He had rang very few peals, though he was fairly proficient in the three standard methods; this was no doubt owing to the fact that peals rang by Worcester men have generally been few and far between. He died on January 9th, when some Grandsire and Bob Minor were rung at the church of St. John-in-Bedwardine, where he first learned to ring half-pull. On the day of his funeral the following rang at this church, with the bells muffled, a 720 of Bob Minor: T. Penny, 1; B. Hill, 2; W. Bradford, 3; R. Horton, 4; W. Page (conductor), 5; E. Davis, 6. Though the deceased was hardly a man of brilliant parts so far as change-ringing was concerned, his proficiency therein was very respectable, and the great interest he took in the art, combined with his energy, willingness, and punctuality, fully atoned for any other shortcomings. Many more talented than George Hobbs will be less missed by those whom they leave behind than he will be by his surviving ringing brethren of the above-named city.

WILLIAM HUNT.

This ringer, who has just departed this life, was also for many years a member of the Worcester company, but for a long time had been compelled to refrain from ringing owing to ill-health. For safety and precision in ringing he was one of the best ringers the "faithful city" could ever boast of, and was a contemporary of the late Mr. James Burford, and other distinguished ringers who at one period comprised the Worcester society. During his enforced retirement, his interest in the progress of the art never lessened for one moment, and he was always delighted to see a copy of this paper whenever he was able to obtain one. The necessity which caused him to give up ringing was a

source of deep regret, for there is no doubt that under happier circumstances he would have made for himself a name among the ringers of his native county. There was some unfortunate mal-administration in connection with his interment, the grave not being ready for the reception of his remains when the funeral cortege arrived at the cemetery, and the body had therefore to remain in the chapel while the grave was prepared. He was buried on the 23rd ult., but we are sorry to say that no account has reached us of any of the Worcester bells having been rung muffled in token of respect to one who in the prime of life was such an excellent ringer.

WILLIAM PIPE.

This veteran ringer died at his residence at Theberton, Suffolk, on Monday, January 11th, in his ninety-second year. He was born at Theberton, where his father was parish clerk for twenty-five years. At the age of fifteen he learned to ring the church bells, and at the same time he joined the village choir. He soon showed considerable ability in the Art, and was a frequent visitor at the various towers in the neighbourhood, where his presence was always gladly welcomed. When in his eighty-fifth year he took part in ringing a date touch at Middleton, and in the summer of 1890 when in his ninetieth year, he joined the Leiston company in an outing, and took part in the ringing at each of the three towers visited. He succeeded his father as parish clerk in the year 1823, which he held until the time of his death, a probably unequalled period of holding office. On the completion of his fiftieth year of faithful service, during which time he was only absent from church on six occasions, he was presented by the parishioners with a handsome massive marble clock, bearing a suitable inscription. He was a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association. At the funeral on Saturday, January 16th, some muffled touches were rung on the bells at Leiston and Saxmundham, as a last token of respect to one who was so universally beloved and esteemed. The bells of Theberton—a nearly new and and very pretty ring of five—are unringable, or they would also have been rung muffled on the occasion.

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."

REPLY TO MR. HUBBARD.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Hubbard's enquiry in this week's "BELL NEWS" concerning my date touch, I think that if Mr. Hubbard had examined it carefully he would have seen that the calling commences from rounds and not from the last odd change as is the general rule, my intention being to obtain the touch without a single; so he will see how the bells manage to run home so merrily. J. B. FENTON.

FIRST PEALS.

SIR,—It may perhaps interest the readers of your valuable paper to know that 434 ringers rang their first peal during the year 1891. Of this number 111 rang the treble, 224 rang a bob bell, and 99 rang the tenor behind, while 64 ringers conducted a peal for the first time.

Deal.

G. DENNE.

MR. JAGGAR'S REPLY.

SIR,—I am very much obliged to the gentleman who replied to my enquiry respecting the Gloucester handbell peal. I had really no idea that there had been a quicker peal rung. JOHN JAGGAR.

P.S.—I may say that the mistake re the Loughborough peal has been kindly acknowledged.

THE RECENT PEAL AT COSELEY.

SIR,—May I call the attention of the Exercise to the fact that this peal is said to have been "rung on the middle six," which I presume means "on the middle six" of a ring of eight. In other words, not only was the key note never heard once, but the second bell (which gives the leading note of the scale) was heard in every change. In my opinion nothing is more calculated to make change-ringing thoroughly unpopular among the musical public than such performances. Let the conductor ask any competent organist for his opinion of music composed entirely of the six middle notes of an octave, with frequent repetitions of the top note of the six. I do not think the verdict on such a composition would be very favourable. A. B.

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ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1891 AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER.

Position in 1891	Jan. to Nov.	Dec.	Total	Treble Bob Methods.	Grand-sire.	On 6 bells.	Plain Methods.	Double Methods.	Surprise Methods.	Stedn.	Total.	Position 1886	Position 1887	Position 1888	Position 1889	Position 1890
1 Sussex County Association...	68	19	87	25	15	3	22	4	4	14	87	9	1	2	1	3
2 Kent County Association...	76	6	82	7	28	4	34	1	—	9	82	10	13	15	13	2
3 Anc. Soc. of College Youths...	58	7	65	8	16	1	4	1	—	35	65	3	2	1	2	1
4 Oxford Diocesan Guild...	56	8	64	2	24	—	8	—	—	22	64	2	4	4	3	4
5 Yorkshire Association...	47	8	55	39	10	1	4	—	—	1	55	5	3	8	7	9
6 Midland Counties' Assn. ...	41	13	54	9	13	2	4	8	5	13	54	1	5	3	4	5
7 Royal Cumberland Youths...	47	3	50	8	14	4	7	1	—	6	46	19	10	5	5	6
8 Essex Association...	43	3	46	16	11	4	8	1	—	—	46	6	8	7	6	8
9 Norwich Diocesan Assn. ...	42	4	46	27	5	7	6	1	—	—	46	4	6	6	9	7
10 Lancashire Association...	29	4	33	4	18	2	7	—	—	2	33	21	11	10	11	10
11 Gloucester and Bristol Assn.	28	4	32	1	11	3	3	6	—	8	32	14	16	20	18	11
12 Winchester Diocesan Guild...	27	3	30	4	17	1	3	1	—	4	30	14	16	20	18	11
13 Society for Archdcny. Staffd.	23	4	27	—	12	1	6	—	—	8	27	18	14	13	12	18
14 Salisbury Diocesan Guild...	22	2	24	1	13	—	5	—	—	5	24	22	20	17	14	13
15 Hertford Association...	19	3	22	—	15	1	5	—	—	1	22	13	21	16	10	15
16 Surrey Association...	19	1	20	5	6	—	6	2	—	1	20	15	15	9	16	17
17 Middlesex Association...	18	2	20	2	5	6	6	1	—	—	20	—	—	—	30	20
18 Trinity Youths...	19	—	19	4	6	—	6	—	—	3	19	—	—	23	21	14
19 Durham & New'cle Dio. Assn.	14	3	17	10	1	1	5	—	—	—	17	—	—	—	—	31
20 Worcester and Districts Assn.	12	4	16	—	2	4	1	2	—	7	16	28	17	14	8	19
21 St. Martin's Soc. Birmingham	11	—	11	1	4	—	1	1	—	4	11	—	18	24	20	21
22 United Counties' Association	10	1	11	3	5	—	1	—	—	2	11	8	12	11	17	16
23 Bath and Wells Association...	9	2	11	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	11	—	—	33	33	26
24 All Hallows' Soc. Tottenham	8	1	9	1	3	—	5	—	—	—	9	—	—	27	23	22
25 Bedfordshire Association...	5	1	6	1	2	2	1	—	—	—	6	27	19	29	28	29
26 North Lincolnshire Asso. ...	5	1	6	—	4	—	2	—	—	—	6	—	29	35	27	30
27 Liverpool Diocesan Guild...	4	1	5	—	4	—	1	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	23
28 St. James' Society, London...	5	—	5	—	4	—	—	—	—	1	5	7	7	18	19	25
29 Hereford Association...	5	—	5	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	32	36
30 Waterloo Society, London...	3	—	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	23	28	25	24
31 Devonshire Guild...	3	—	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	28
32 Old East Derbyshire Asso. ...	2	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	39
33 East Lincolnshire Assn. ...	2	—	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	32
34 Cambridge University Guild...	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	34
35 Salop Association...	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	31	—	—	37
36 South Lincolnshire Asso. ...	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	40
37 Chester Diocesan Guild...	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	34	26	35
38 Stoke Archidiaconal Asso. ...	0	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Independent Societies	43	10	53	10	34	—	6	—	—	3	53	—	—	—	—	—
	827	119	946	190	327	50	167	46	10	156	946					
Less peals entd. under two Assns.	63	5	68	12	11	7	16	2	—	20	68					
Total	764	114	878	178	316	43	151	44	10	136	878					

The above peals were rung in the following methods:—Surprise Methods:—London Surprise Major, 2; Cambridge Surprise Major, 3; Superlative Surprise Major, 5. Double Methods: Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 40. Duffield Maximus, 1. Duffield Major, 2. Forward Royal, 1. Stedman's Principle: Cinques, 5; Caters, 28; Triples, 103. Treble Bob Methods: Maximus, 4; Royal, 10; Major, 138. Seven Treble Bob Minor Methods, 24. Violet Treble Bob Major, 1. Woobine Treble Bob Major, 1. Grandsire: Cinques, 2; Caters, 35; Triples, 269. Doubles (5040), 10. Plain Methods: Canterbury Pleasure Major, 13; Canterbury Pleasure Triples, 3; Union Triples, 15; Oxford Bob Triples, 15; Court Bob Triples, 2; Bob Royal, 4; Bob Major, 64; Bob Triples, 29; Darlaston Bob Triples, 4; in two or three methods on five bells, 2. On six bells: in seven methods, 24; in five methods, 3; in four methods, 2; in three methods 4; in two ditto, 2; in one ditto, 8. Total 878.

The 53 peals by independent societies were rung in the following Counties: Lancashire 15, Worcestershire 9, Middlesex 6; Yorkshire 3, Cheshire 2, Leicestershire, 2, Monmouthshire 2, Somersetshire 2, Warwickshire 2, Shropshire, 2, Suffolk 2, Essex 1, Gloucestershire 1, Hertfordshire, 1, Lincolnshire, 1, Nottinghamshire, 1, and Staffordshire 1. Greatest number of changes in one peal 10,176. Number of peals containing over 10,000 changes, 2; over 8,000 changes, 1; over 6,000, 6; under 6,000 changes, 869.

The 269 peals of Grandsire Triples are made up as follows: Holt's Original 88, Holt's Ten-part and its variation 96, Holt's Six-part 3, Taylor's Bob and Single 27, Hollis's Five-part 11, Davies Five-part and Ten-part 9, Penning's One-part 1, other peals, 34. The 103 peals of Stedman Triples; Thurstan's Original, 51; Thurstan's One-part, 20, Brook's Variation, 12, Haley's Variation, 1, Heywood's, 2, Late's One-part, 1, Tebbs, 2. Other peals, 14.

The 178 Treble Bob Peals in the Kent Variation, 131, in the Oxford Variation, 21. In seven Treble Minor methods, 24. Other peals, 2. The time occupied in ringing the 878 peals was 2662 hours and 43 mins., or 110 days and nights. The average for each peal being 3 hr. and one minute.

Conductors of Four peals, and upwards: J. W. Washbrook, 44; G. Newson, 29; F. G. Newman, 28; G. Williams, 23; T. Card, 17; E. Barnett and H. White, 13; C. Clear, F. Knights and C. Sillitoe, 12; W. H. L. Buckingham, J. Carter, S. Reeves and W. S. Wise, 10; W. Jakeman, J. W. Taylor, jun. and S. Woods, 9; H. H. Chandler, A. P. Heywood and C. F. Winney, 8; W. Charman, W. H. Fussell, R. E. Grove, C. Jackson, Rev. F. E. Robinson and J. Shepherd, 7; A. R. Aldham, H. Brooker, E. Bennett, C. W. Clarke, J. H. Cheeseman, H. G. Rowe, W. Short, W. F. Thorn and J. Wilkins, 6; H. G. Adams, W. Bedwell, J. W. Driver, J. Evans, Rev. H. L. James, G. B. Lucas, G. Lindoff and E. Smith, 5; H. Bastable, E. E. Bewick, W. Barron, J. N. Chadwick, F. J. Cullum, T. W. Chapman, G. A. Card, A. Edwards, W. E. Garrard, J. Griffin, J. Motts, T. Newman, R. H. Newton, J. Pettitt, N. J. Pitstow, F. Pitstow, C. Tyler, C. Wells, H. Williams, D. G. Wightman, F. Wickens, and J. Waghorn, jun., 4. In addition to these there were 30 who conducted three peals, 54 who conducted two peals, and 156 who conducted one peal. Also 6 published without a conductor's name, making a total of 311 persons who acted as conductors during the year.

Peals rung on Church bells, 857; Peals on Handbells, 21. They were rung as follows:

January, 80.	March, 64.	May, 87.	July, 37.	September, 44.	November, 113.
February, 81.	April, 63.	June, 52.	August, 52.	October, 91.	December, 114.

Increase during the past twelve months on 1890, 179.

The following table shews the number of peals rung annually since the publication of "THE BELL NEWS,"

1881. From January to December	156	1887. From January to December	646
1882. " " "	244	1888. " " "	759
1883. " " "	330	1889. " " "	797
1884. " " "	419	1890. " " "	699
1885. " " "	500	1891. " " "	878
1886. " " "	556		

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.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

—The quarterly meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, February 13th, at Handsworth. Ringing from 2 p.m. Tea One Shilling per head. S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

Bath and Wells Association.—A district meeting will be held at Yeovil, to-day, Saturday, February 13th. Service at 3 o'clock; meeting to follow.

RUPERT LEWIS, Hon. Sec.

Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The Annual District Meeting will be held at Leeds, near Maidstone, to-day, Saturday, February 13th. Tower opened from two o'clock. The Secretary will be glad to see any members of the Association at the meeting.
18, Kingsley Road, NEVILLE A. HOLT, District Sec.
Maidstone.

The Society of Trinity Youths.—The Meetings for February are as follows:—Lewisham, St. Mary's, Monday, 22nd; practice 8.0 to 9.30 p.m. There will be a Quarterly Meeting at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, the 20th February, to which Members and Ringers will be heartily welcome. The Tower will be open from 3.30 to 10 p.m.
40, Nutcroft Road, F. RUMENS, Hon. Sec.
Pechham.

Birmingham St. Martin's Guild.—The Johnson Anniversary Dinner will be held as usual, on Saturday, the 27th inst., at the "Tamworth Arms," Moor Street, Birmingham. Dinner tickets 3s. each; may be obtained on application to the undersigned on or before the 25th inst. Dinner will be served at 5.30 p.m. W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association.—A quarterly meeting will be at Warkton, near Kettering, this Saturday afternoon, February 13th.

Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A District Meeting will be held at Dorking, on Monday, February 15th. The Steeple of S. Martin's will be open for ringing during the afternoon. Members intending to be present at tea are requested to send in their names to the Secretary as soon as possible. R. C. M. HARVEY
Portsea Vicarage. Hon. Sec.

Surrey Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Kingston, on Monday, February 15th. Tea at Albany Hall, 6 p.m. followed by business meeting, at which all subscriptions should be paid. Tower open at 2 p.m.
EDWARD F. STRANGE,
South Kensington Museum. Hon. Asst. Sec.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—A ringing meeting of the above will be held at St. Peter's church, Swinton, to-day, Saturday, February 13th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. W. BROWN, Branch Sec.

Hertfordshire Association.—District meeting at Hertford, Saturday, February 20th. The tower of St. Andrew's open from 3 p.m. Tea at the coffee tavern at 5 o'clock; business meeting to follow. Members intending to be

present, are requested to write to the undersigned before Wednesday, the 17th inst.

St. Albans. E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Reading Branch.—The members of the above will hold their annual meeting at the "Broad Face" hotel, on Monday the 15th. Dinner on table at 7 sharp. Tickets to non-members 2s. 6d. Any member of the Guild will receive a welcome. The St. Lawrence peal of ten will be open for ringing at 5.30. W. NEWELL, Capt. St. Lawrence, Reading.

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Preston, on Saturday, February 20th. Belfry open at 3 o'clock; meeting in belfry at 5.30, as it is intended to form a branch for Preston and district. All ringers are earnestly requested to attend.
J. HORROCKS, Branch Sec.

Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Chailly, on February 20th. Ringing from 12 noon. Service at 3 p.m. Meat tea at 4 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Tea tickets 1s. each, to be ordered of branch Secs. by 16th inst., or of

T. HERVEY BEAMS, Hon. Divisional Sec.
5, Clinton Place, Seaford.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—A general meeting will be held at Wylam-on-Tyne, on Wednesday, February 24th, when the bells of the parish church will be at the disposal of the ringers during the day. The committee will meet at the "Black Bull" at 12.30 p.m., and the dinner will be held at the same place at 1.30 p.m.

L. NEWTON, Hon. Sec.
Earl's House, Durham.

Kent County Association.—Members are informed that the railway vouchers for reduced fares are now available at all stations on both S.E. and L.C.D. Ry's. The new certificates of membership (price 6d.), are now ready, and may be had on application to the Secretary. In writing members are requested to send their full name with date of election.

FRED. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec.
Canterbury.

NOTE TO THE PEAL RANG AT WOLVERHAMPTON.—This peal was rung with the bells muffled for the late Colonel Gough and J. M. Shelton, Esq. First half has the tittums inverted, the latter half at handstroke position; and contains the 6th twenty-four times before the 9th; seven times behind the 7th, and twenty-four times behind the 8th; and is the first peal rung containing these qualities. It is upwards of 40 years since a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung upon the bells.

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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A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, By YORK GREEN, London.

5056.

2 3 4 5 6 M B W H

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

This peal, in fourteen courses, has the 5th and 6th eighteen times in 5ths; the 4th and 6th the extent in 6ths; and the 5th twenty-two times without the 2nd in 6ths place.

A DATE TOUCH OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

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1892.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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

etc.

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

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

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

Twice repeated.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1892.

ON another page will be found the yearly analysis of peals compiled by our friend Mr. GEORGE ATTREE, of Brighton, and we cannot help saying that each year it gets more exhaustive and entertaining. The information it contains will be perused with great interest, and the Exercise will no doubt feel grateful to the compiler for taking the trouble he has to set before it the statistics which the analysis contains: The number of peals rung year by year it would seem, keeps on increasing, and whatever opinion may be entertained with regard to peal-ringing, the fact is certain that it is becoming more popular than ever. The enemies of bells, on reading such statements as this analysis sets forth, would pretend to be horrified by the fact that in the year just gone eight hundred and seventy-eight peals had been rung within the "ringing island," each occupying on the average three hours in execution. And they are at liberty to pretend what they please. It would appear that whatever amount of opposition—from whatever quarter it comes—to bellringing is raised, the quantity of the peals rung, or their quality, is not decreased. The fact is, the science is becoming more and more, we are happy to say, patronised by the clergy. And this is plain by the accounts published week by week of the proceedings at ringers' meetings. Scarcely does a number of this journal appear without some mention of a ringing company or Associ-

ation being welcomed with open arms by the incumbent whose church is visited, and in many cases the most profuse hospitality is given by them to the visitors. The present number gives more than one instance. At the meeting of the Midland Counties' Association, not only the clergy welcome the ringers, but the Mayor of the town, churchwardens, M.P.'s. and others think proper to attend to show their appreciation of that art of which their guests are the exponents. Nor is the presence of the fair sex wanting to grace the festive board. What can the grumblers against ringing, and those who love to pose as pedants and cynics, say to this? That ladies and gentlemen of high birth and social position see no breach of the conveniences of society in doing so! Why they must be struck with amazement at such a spectacle. And in that condition we will let them remain.

Coming back to our subject, it will be noted that the Sussex County Association again heads the list with eighty-seven performances. We shall not attempt to enquire into the nature of the peals rung by this or any other Association. But we may mention that a proposal has been made that we should suggest to Mr. Attree that he should, if possible, give some indication more fully than at present concerning the nature of the peals rung. We really do not see how this is possible, unless another page, or even two, is taken up. We do our duty in mentioning the proposal, and that is all the reference to it we can make. The compiler is the last gentleman to object to any suggested improvement, and we can confidently leave the matter in his hands.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—The usual monthly meeting of the above was held at Walton church, on Saturday last, February 6th. There were members present from Liverpool in addition to the local company. The business meeting was held in the Schoolroom, presided over by the Rev. H. F. Tyrer, the curate of Walton. He briefly welcomed the Association to the church, in the name of the Vicar, who was unavoidably absent. The next meeting was fixed for March 5th, at Prescott. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Chairman, to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. C. E. Wilson, for having everything in readiness. After the meeting the ringers ascended the tower, accompanied by the curate, for the purpose of unveiling a peal-board, recording a performance of 5040 changes in seven Minor methods. After a short prayer the board was unveiled, which in all respects is a splendid one. This is the second peal tablet unveiled in less than 12 months. Methods rung during the evening—Grandsire Minor and Plain Bob.

The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 6, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, OLD BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

THOMAS COMLEY Treble.	ALBERT E. CHURCH 5.
GEORGE NEWSON 2.	ARTHUR JACOB 6.
WILLIAM G. BULL 3.	*ARTHUR SWETMAN 7.
SANTLEY BAKER.. .. 4.	GEORGE CHESTERMAN ..Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

*First peal with a bob bell.

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

On Monday, February 8, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. BEAVEN* ..Treble.	†RICHARD G. CARTER .. 5.
WILLIAM G. GROVE 2.	JAMES C. HARVEY 6.
JOHN E. BEAVEN† 3.	BENJAMIN J. SHELDON .. 7.
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4.	*JOHN EMERY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM GEORGE GROVE.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half muffled, on the anniversary of the death of the late Henry Bright. First peal by local men since 1860.

The Provinces.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—THE HERTS. ASSOCIATION AND THE HATFIELD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, January 26, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 27½ cwt. in Eb.

JOHN KENTISH Treble.	WILLIAM J. RICHARDSON .. 5.
JOHN T. KENTISH 2.	WALTER E. POWERS 6.
JOHN SHEPHERD 3.	ARTHUR SHEPHERD 7.
HERBERT SHEPHERD 4.	HARRY THARBY Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR SHEPHERD.

Rung as a token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence.

HENDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 4, 1892, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. W. TUCKER,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

HOLTS' ORIGINAL.

CHARLES W. TUCKER .. 1-2.	CHARLES H. MARTIN .. 5-6.
GEORGE NEWSON 3-4.	BENJAMIN C. PRATCHETT 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

This is the first peal on handbells by all the band, also the first peal on handbells by the Middlesex Association.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 4, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

JOHN H. PAULSON Treble.	HARRY HORWOOD 5.
THOMAS LINGARD 2.	JAMES F. CLARKE 6.
JOSEPH H. PARSONS* .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE 7.
GLADSTONE J. WINTER .. 4.	*ARTHUR MEASURES Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES F. CLARKE.

First peal. J. George hails from Rugby.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 6, 1892, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. in Eb.

JAMES JONES Treble.	WILLIAM SMITH 6.
THOMAS HORTON 2.	JAMES E. GROVES 7.
BENJAMIN DALTON* .. 3.	REUBEN HALL 8.
JOHN CARTER 4.	THOMAS MILLER 9.
JOHN MARSH 5.	*AARON GRIFFITHS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

*First peal of Caters. A note to this peal will be found on another page.

STAVELEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, February 6, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

HENRY MOTTERSHELL .. Treble.	SAMUEL PRICE 5.
WILLIAM PRICE 2.	WALTER WORTHINGTON.. 6.
SAMUEL SMEDLEY 3.	JOHN HARRIS 7.
ARTHUR WORTHINGTON .. 4.	HERBERT MADIN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by HERBERT MADIN.

W. Price hails from Eckington: it is also his first peal in the method.

SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE (R.C.)

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JAMES A. DIXON.. .. Treble.	HENRY WOODING 5.
HENRY WARD 2.	CHARLES A. FOX 6.
ROBERT HARRISON 3.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7.
SAM THOMAS 4.	WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

This peal, in fourteen courses, has the 5th and 6th their extent in 5ths, and the 4th and 6th their extent in 6ths, with eleven of the twelve 8-6s, and is now rung for the first time.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN J. NICHOLSON* .. Treble.	WILLIAM STORY 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE.. 2.	WILLIAM HOLMES 6.
ROBERT C. HUDSON 3.	JOHN H. BLAKISTON.. .. 7.
ROBERT BORROWS* 4.	FREDK. J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by DANIEL WOODS and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

*First peal of Treble Bob; hails from Middlesbro', Yorks. This was rung after going 1 hr. 40 mins., in the same peal, the usual general collapse, which ringers know well, bringing it to a standstill.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM BATE* Treble.	CHARLES WATERMAN .. 5.
WILLIAM EASTER 2.	WILLIAM COOKE 6.
WILLIAM HAIGH 3.	GABRIEL LINDOFF 7.
PERCY TAFFS† 4.	*WILLIAM BAXTER Tenor.

Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. This is the conductor's fiftieth peal, and was rung with the large block out of course. The bells were muffled as a token of respect to the memory of Canon Burrows, of Rochester Cathedral; and the respected vergier of the above church—J. Morris.

HENDON, MIDDLESEX.—THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1892, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire Minor, Oxford Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs.

CHARLES CRAMPTON .. Treble.	FREDERICK PRATT 4.
BENJAMIN C. PRATCHETT .. 2.	FRANCIS CARROWAY 5.
CHARLES W. TUCKER 3.	CHARLES H. MARTIN .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES H. MARTIN.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

(THE HANBURY SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 6, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCH,

FORTY-TWO 6-SCORES OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

HENRY WEAVER.. .. Treble.	JOSEPH BUCKINGHAM .. 4.
GEORGE COLES 2.	ALFRED MOORE.. .. 5.
THOMAS FARMER.. .. 3.	HENRY TAYLOR.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS FARMER.

First 5040 on the bells.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 8, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE BROWN Treble.	WALTER HAWKINS 5.
FREDERICK SMITH 2.	WILLIAM BURKIN 6.
FRANK LINTER 3.	THOMAS BONIFACE 7.
WILLIAM MAYNE 4.	LUKE KILICK Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BURKIN.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE STEYNING BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 9, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S No. 8.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

JAMES WOOLGAR.. .. Treble.	GEORGE GATLAND 5.
JAMES MATTHEWS 2.	THOMAS SEARLE 6.
GEORGE SMART 3.	CHARLES TYLER 7.
CHARLES SMART 4.	JOHN SMART Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and was rung to celebrate the birthdays of Messrs. C. Smart and T. Searle, their brother-ringers wishing them many happy returns.

Date Touches.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TWERTON-ON-AVON (Somerset).—On Sunday, January 24th, at St. Michael's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1892 changes), as a farewell to Mr. J. Wotton, who we are sorry to lose from this part of the country, as he is one of our most energetic ringers. Mr. J. Wotton is leaving here for Bradford, Yorkshire. W. Simmonds, 1; A. Melhuish, 2; W. Davies, 3; G. Temple, 4; H. Wotton, 5; J. Wotton (conductor), 6; W. Lewis, 7; E. Cox, 8. Composed by Mr. J. Carter, of Birmingham.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TONG (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, February 7th, for afternoon service, at the parish church, a date touch of 720 changes each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor, and 452 of Oxford Treble Bob. S. Oddy, (Tong), 1; John Birch (Burnsall), 2; S. H. London (Saltaire), 3; W. Bolland, 4; G. Bolland, 5; F. Binks (Tong), 6. Conducted by W. Bolland, and completed in 1 hr. 6 mins.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

HOGHTON (Lancashire).—On Friday, January 15th, at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 13 mins., without any cover, and with the bells muffled. T. E. Farnworth, 1; J. Brown, 2; J. Vogwell, jun., 3; J. Harrison, 4; T. Calderbank, 5; J. Vogwell, sen., 6; J. Walker (composer and conductor), 7. Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lbs. Rung as a mark of condolence to the Royal Family, and a last tribute of respect for the late Duke of Clarence. J. Walker hails from Blackburn.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Thursday, January 28th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 23 mins. Taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of January 16th. T. Pace, 1; A. Arnold, 2; W. Groves, 3; W. States (conductor), 4; E. Matthews, 5; T. Verrall, 6; W. Hill, 7; G. Rosier and W. Todd, 8.

Composed by H. Burton, of Thirsk, Yorks. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. Webb, wife of one of the ringers, who was buried on that day.

LIVERSEDGE (Yorkshire).—On Sunday evening, January 24th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, a date touch of 1892 Violet Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Illingworth, 1; J. Knott, 2; J. W. Lang, 3; S. Goodall, 4; H. Brooke, 5; M. Ramsden, 6; L. Illingworth (composer and conductor), 7; W. Collings, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence.

HINDLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, January 24th, for evening service at St. Stephen's church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 11 mins., with the bells deeply muffled, as a token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence. A. Sykes, 1; A. Crosland, 2; G. Denbigh, 3; J. A. Royston, 4; G. T. Turner, 5; G. W. Schofield, 6; C. Craven, 7; F. Schofield (conductor), 8. Tenor 18½ cwt. This date touch, which is in two parts, is the composition of A. Sykes. First muffled date touch on the bells.

STAVELEY (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, January 23rd, for practice at the parish church, a date touch of 1892 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 11 mins. S. Palmer, 1; W. Price, 2; S. Smedley, 3; A. Worthington, 4; S. Price, 5; W. Worthington, 6; J. Harris, 7; H. Madin (composer and conductor), 8. W. Price hails from Eekington.

KENDAL (Westmoreland).—On Wednesday, January 27th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. Aad in the evening several touches of Grandsire. W. Harvey, 1; J. Boardley, 2; J. Thompson, 3; W. Tyson, 4; W. Atkinson, 5; A. Low, 6; J. Braithwaite (composer and conductor), 7; J. Salmon, 8. Rung in honour of the marriage of Lady Olivia Taylour. After the evening ringing the ringers adjourned to the Commercial Hotel at the kind invitation of the Earl of Bective, where ample justice was done to an excellent repast, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY.—On Wednesday, January 20th, an attempt was made to ring Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells muffled in memory of the Duke of Clarence, but after ringing 2 hrs. the conductor called the bells into rounds owing to a change-course. C. Aiano, 1; J. H. Small, 2; W. Andrews, 3; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (conductor), 4; A. Andrews, 5; C. Luery, 6; H. G. Fairbrass, 7; R. Goodbourn, 8.

DEAL (Kent).—On Wednesday, January 30th, as a tribute of respect to the late Duke of Clarence, the usual whole pull and stand, after which a 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles) was rung with the bells half-muffled, in 25 mins. S. Mockett, 1; H. Denne, 2; W. Onley, 3; H. Castle, 4; F. Capp, 5; S. E. Parker (conductor), 6.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

BROMSGROVE (Worcestershire).—On January 14th, at the parish church, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 52 mins. as a token of respect to the late Bishop of Worcester, Dr. Philpott. The touch was composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS," and published in that paper on Saturday, January 9th. G. Hayward, 1; T. Albutt, 2; T. Bullock, 3; J. Mason, 4; G. Bourne, 5; O. James, 6; W. Rea (conductor), 7; J. Parry, 8. On Tuesday, January 19th, another quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins. with the bells half-muffled, as the last token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence. G. Mason, 1; T. Bullock, 2; G. Bourne, 3; G. Hayward (composer), 4; H. Wilkes, 5; O. James, 6; J. Mason (conductor), 7; J. Parry, 8. H. Wilkes hails from Worcester, T. Bullock is formerly of Grimley, Worcestershire.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TAMWORTH.—On Wednesday, January 20th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. J. Windridge, 1; J. Timms (conductor), 2; J. Pratt, 3; C. Chapman, 4; R. Brindley, 5; A. Everitt, 6; W. Chapman, 7; H. Chatterton, 8. Composed by the Editor of this paper, and published in the issue of January 9th. Rung with the bells muffled, in memory of the late Duke of Clarence.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUNWELL (Norfolk).—On Wednesday, January 20th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob, with the bells muffled, as a mark of

respect to the late Duke of Clarence. R. Hutton (conductor), 1; G. Smith, sen., 2; J. Hilling, 3; A. Dunnett, 4; G. Smith, jun., 5; J. Hinchley, 6.

IPSWICH (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, January 20th, the members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, rang with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence, various touches during the day at the following churches, St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Margaret and St. Clement.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday, January 17th, for Divine Service, in the evening at St. Michael and All Angels, a 720 Cambridge Surprise, with the bells deeply muffled as token of respect for the late Duke of Clarence. W. Hammond, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. Bumpstead, 3; C. Howard, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; H. E. Hammond, 6. On Wednesday, January 20th, before service in the evening, as a last tribute of respect to the late Duke of Clarence, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and 144 in the same method with the bells deeply muffled. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; F. Bumpstead, 3; C. Howard, 4; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 5; A. Hucksion, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WIDFORD (Essex).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Monday evening, a quar-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Rowland, 1-2; H. F. De Lisle, 3-4; A. Edwards, 5-6; G. Green (conductor), 7-8. Taken from "THE BELL NEWS," January 9th, composed by the Editor.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

HENDON (Middlesex).—*Handbell Ringing.*—On Thursday, January 28th, on handbells, an attempt for Holt's Original came to grief after ringing over 2000 changes. C. W. Tucker, 1-2; G. Newson (conductor), 3-4; C. H. Martin, 5-6; H. J. Martin, 7-8. On Friday, January 29th, several long touches were rung, B. C. Pratchett taking part in them. On Monday, February 1st, an attempt for Holt's Original came to grief after 4424 changes, in 2 hrs. 17 mins. C. W. Tucker, 1-2; G. Newson (conductor), 3-4; C. H. Martin, 5-6; B. C. Pratchett, 7-8.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, January 31st, at the parish church, 630 Grandsire Triples, being the first half of a quarter-peal composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS." H. Dudley, 1; W. Webb, 2; A. Arnold, 3; W. Groves, 4; T. Verrall, 5; W. States (conductor), 6; W. Hill, 7; H. Dudley, jun. and W. Todd, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Dr. Carpenter, father of the Hon. Secretary of this Association.

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

WOLVERLEY (Worcestershire).—The latter part of 1891 at the church of St. John the Baptist, 720 each of Duke of York and Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Smith, 1; G. Salter, 2; H. Smith, 3; H. Salter, 4; W. Wakeman, 5; H. Williams (conductor), 6. On handbells at the "House of Welcome" 720 Bob Minor. T. Salter, 1-2; W. Wakeman, 3-4; H. Williams (conductor), 5-6. On Sunday, January 31st, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. On Tuesday, February 2nd, an attempt for a peal came to grief after ringing 2020 changes. On Sunday, February 2nd, the last part of the Rev. G. D. P. Davies' five-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 1050 changes, with four extra leads. W. Wakeman, 1-2; T. Salter, 3-4; H. Williams (conductor), 5-6; W. H. Smith, 7-8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST.—On Wednesday, January 20th, in memory of the late Duke of Clarence, 720 Bob Minor was rung with the bells deeply muffled. F. Rump, 1; T. Elliss, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; G. Batts (R.E.), 5; J. Lee, 6. Also the usual whole pull and stand. And 720 Kent Treble Bob, with C. Soane, 1; the rest as before.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KILLMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Friday, January 15th, the local company rang for practice 1440 changes, being 360 each of the following: Duke of York, Violet, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, in 51 mins. H. Taylor, 1; T. Bettison, 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 17th, 720 City Delight, with T. Bettison (conductor), 2; the rest as before, and this is his first 720 in the method as conductor.

BEIGHTON (Derbyshire).—Recently the Killamarsh company paid a visit to the above place and rang 720 College Pleasure and 240 City Delight. H. Taylor, 1; T. Bettison, 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn (conductor), 6.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, January 20th, at the parish church, with the bells muffled in memory of the late Duke of Clarence, 720 Duke of York and 720 Violet, in 56 mins. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; G. Norman (conductor), 3; A. Badderley, 4; G. Marsden, 5; T. Lunn, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Wednesday, January 20th, at the Abbey, the following muffled touches were rung on the occasion of the funeral of the Duke of Clarence. A 240, 360, and 480 of Bob Doubles. A. Newman, 1; R. White, 2; G. Newman, 3; J. Ellcomb, 4; T. Cole (conductor), 5; A. Newman, jun., 6; J. Walker, 7; G. Saint, 8. A 252 Bob Triples. A. Newman, 1; R. White, 2; G. Newman, 3; J. Ellcomb, 4; J. Walker, 5; T. Cole, 6; C. Tribe (conductor), 7; G. Saint, 8. First touch of Triples by Messrs. White, G. Newman, and J. Walker. Another 252 by the same band.

ALTON (Hants).—On Thursday, January 28th, for practice at the parish church, a 336 Grandsire Triples. W. White, 1; C. Forder, 2; W. Withers, 3; Rev. F. Whyley, 4; A. Burgess, 5; E. Finden, 6; H. Withers (conductor), 7; F. Pink, 8. On February 8th, for practice, a 504 Grandsire Triples, being the longest touch by the local band. W. White, 1; W. May, 2; W. Withers, 3; H. Withers (conductor), 4; A. Burgess, 5; C. Forder, 6; E. Finden, 7; J. Goodale, 8. *Handbell Ringing*.—On January, 28th, a 504 Grandsire Triples. W. White, 1; C. Forder, 2; W. Withers, 3; H. Withers (conductor), 4; A. Burgess, 5; Rev. F. Whyley, 6; E. Finden, 7; Miss Whyley, 8.

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BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Thursday, December 31st, at the parish church on the back six, 720 Plain Bob. G. Green, 1; E. Bozyard, 2; F. Charlton, 3; E. Titt, 4; J. Pallister, 5; T. Bozyard (conductor), 6. To welcome in the New Year 720 Kent Treble Bob, standing as above with the exception of T. Bozyard, 5; J. Pallister (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 3rd, with the bells half-muffled for the late James Thompson, Esq., of Hurworth, the donor of the tenor bell, who was buried at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob, standing as above. On Monday, January 11th, 720 Plain Bob. On Sunday, January 17th, for Divine Service with the bells half-muffled for the late Duke of Clarence, 478 and 420 Bob Triples. G. Green, 1; W. Pallister, 2; E. Bozyard, 3; J. Pallister, 4; F. Charlton, 5; T. Bozyard, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; H. C. Mayne, 8. On Wednesday, January 20th, with the bells muffled, 720 Plain Bob. On Monday, February 1st, for practice, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples. W. Pallister, 1; G. Green, 2; E. Bozyard, 3; J. Pallister, 4; J. Cleminson, 5; F. Charlton, 6; E. Titt (conductor), 7; H. C. Mayne, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGH WYCOMBE (Bucks).—Recently, at the parish church, a 324 of Grandsire Caters. W. Ward, 1; J. Evans, 2; S. Goodchild, 3; Fred Biggs, 4; F. Biggs, 5; E. Gadsden, 6; R. Biggs, 7; W. Whiffin, 8; A. W. Tubb (conductor), 9; L. Hart, 10. A 336 Bob Major. E. Gadsden, 1; S. Goodchild, 2; F. Biggs, 3; J. Evans, 4; W. Whiffin, 5; R. Biggs, 6; A. W. Tubb (conductor), 7; Fred Biggs, 8. On Monday, February 1st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes). W. Whiffin, 1; Fred Biggs, 2; J. Evans, 3; A. Heady, 4; E. Gadsden, 5; R. Biggs, 6; A. W. Tubb (conductor), 7; L. Hart, 8. Tenor 23 cwt.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday evening, February 7th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. A. Bedwell, 1; H. N. Davis, 2; F. Rumens, 3; H. Warnett, 4; *T. Chandler, 5; J. E. Davis, 6; W. Bedwell, 7; H. H. Peters, 8. Composed and conducted by J. Davis. *First quarter-peal with a bob bell.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, December 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). G. Rogers, 1; G. Royden, 2; G. Kendrick (conductor), 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Tuesday, December 15th, 720 Plain Bob. W. Rogers, 1; G. Royden, 2; G. Rogers, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday morning, December 20th, for Divine Service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-two singles). W. Rogers, 1; G. Royden, 2; J. Griffiths, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; G. Rogers, 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Single (twenty-eight bobs and fourteen singles). W. Rogers, 1; J. Griffiths, 2; G. Voas, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; G. Rogers, 6. On Tuesday, December 29th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-six bobs and ten singles). W. Rogers, 1; S. Strong, 2; J. Griffiths, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; G. Rogers, 6. On Sunday, January 10th, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Rogers, 1; G. Rogers, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; T. Povall,

6. On Sunday, January 31st, 720 Plain Bob (fourteen bobs and four singles, 6th observation). W. Rogers, 1; G. Rogers, 2; G. Kendrick, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; T. Povall, 6.

WALLASEY (Cheshire).—On Saturday, January 4th, 720 Oxford Single (twenty-eight bobs and fourteen singles). W. Rogers, 1; G. Rogers, 2; G. Voas, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; J. Rogers, 5; W. Wilcox (conductor), 6. Rung with the stay of the 2nd bell broken.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Tuesday, January 26th, for practice, 2464 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. H. Simmonds, 1; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 2; E. W. Menday, 3; G. Essex, 4; H. Smith, 5; R. T. Hibbert, 6; A. W. Pike, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. Sunday, January 31st, 504 Stedman Triples. E. W. Menday, 1; J. Hands, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; G. Essex, 5; H. Smith, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8. 560 Bob Major. E. Woodley, 1; E. Menday, 2; H. Bridgeman, 3; H. Smith, 4; J. Hands, 5; T. Newman, 6; G. Essex, 7; E. W. Menday (conductor), 8. 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. H. Simmonds, 1; E. W. Menday, 2; J. Hands, 3; A. W. Pike, 4; G. Essex, 5; R. T. Hibbert, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. And a 504 Stedman Triples. E. Menday, 1; H. Bridgeman, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; J. Hands, 4; E. W. Menday, 5; R. T. Hibbert, 6; T. Newman (conductor), 7; H. Simmonds, 8. On Tuesday, February 2nd, 1008 Bob Major. E. Woodley, 1; H. Bridgeman, 2; G. Essex, 3; H. Simmonds, 4; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 5; T. Newman, 6; H. Smith, 7; E. W. Menday (conductor), 8. On Sunday, February 7th, a 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. H. Bridgeman, 1; E. Menday, 2; J. Hands, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; G. Essex, 5; R. T. Hibbert, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8. A 560 in the same method. H. Bridgeman, 1; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 2; J. Hands, 3; E. W. Menday, 4; G. Essex, 5; R. T. Hibbert, 6; H. Smith, 7; T. Newman (conductor), 8.

BRISTOL.—On Tuesday, January 12th, at St. Mary Redcliffe, 630 Grandsire Triples. J. Palser, 1; C. Derriek, 2; P. Eames, 3; F. Porch, 4; H. Pring, 5; W. Emery, 6; F. Price (conductor), 7; G. Stallard, 8. Rung as a farewell touch to C. Derriek, who is leaving Bristol for St. Paul's Training College, Cheltenham.

BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Tuesday, January 19th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells muffled, as a token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence. J. Hardcastle, 1; S. Clark, 2; H. Raistrick, 3; J. H. Hardcastle, 4; J. Cotterell, 5; J. Broadley, 6; T. Pollitt (composer and conductor), 7; J. W. Cundall, 8.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Monday, January 25th, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Major, taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of January 9th. W. Maxim, 1; W. Gridley, 2; R. Mingay, 3; R. Inch, 4; S. Evans (conductor), 5; G. Green, 6. On Sunday, January 31st, on the occasion of the birthday of the rector, the Rev. J. Foster, a 720 of Bob Minor. W. Maxim, 1; W. Gridley, 2; R. Mingay, 3; R. Inch, 4; S. Evans (conductor), 5; G. Green, 6. For Divine Service in the morning, another 720, standing as before. In the afternoon a 720 (twenty-six singles) conducted by G. Green, and 216 by R. Mingay. For evening service, a 480 conducted by S. Evans. On Monday, February 1st, a 720 in the same method. W. Maxim, 1; S. Evans (conductor), 2; R. Inch, 3; J. Taylor (first 720), 4; G. Green, 5; R. Mingay, 6.

HINDLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, January 24th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, a 1008 of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence. R. Calland, 1; E. Brown, 2; J. Brown, 3; S. Tickle, 4; E. Prescott, 5; T. Tickle (conductor), 6; J. Lang, 7; William Brackledge, 8.

KENDAL (Westmoreland).—On Wednesday evening, January 20th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the late Duke of Clarence, in 50 mins. W. Harvey, 1; W. Tyson, 2; R. Everson, 3; A. Low, 4; W. Atkinson, 5; W. Graham, 6; J. Braithwaite (composer and conductor), 7; J. Salmon, 8. Tenor 25½ cwt. in E.

LICHFIELD (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, January 17th, at St. Mary's church, 672 Grandsire Triples. G. Wright, 1; J. Key, 2; E. Gallimore, 3; H. Meacham, 4; A. Whitby, 5; C. Barrett, 6; F. J. Cope (conductor), 7; J. H. Gallimore, 8. The above was rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence, and also to the late J. Beddows, who died on the same day as H.R.H. Also on Wednesday, January 20th, at the Cathedral after the funeral service, 1344 Grandsire Triples. In the evening at St. Mary's church, 1260 in the same method, the band standing as above. Both these touches were rung with the bells half-muffled.

PUDSEY (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, February 7th, at St. Lawrence church, for evening service, 24 leads of Kent Treble Bob Major. S. Lanstaff, 1; S. Oddy, 2; S. H. London, 3; W. Bolland (conductor), 4; G. Bolland, 5; J. Birch, 6; J. Smith, 7; F. Binks, 8.

RAMSGATE (Kent).—On Wednesday, January 20th, at St. Lawrence church, Isle of Thanet, the St. Lawrence Society rang for the first time, with the bells deeply muffled, a plain-course of Grandsire Triples in 2 mins. 45 secs. on the occasion of the funeral of the late Duke of Clarence. This is the first time, since the bells were dedicated in May last, by the Kent County Association, that the local band have succeeded in ringing a touch without outside help, and they hope to record a better performance shortly. J. D. Larkin, 1; G. Ralph, sen., 2; G. H. Bowden, 3; J. B. Gibbs, 4; S. R. Port, 5; H. Wellard, 6; H. Marsh, 7; H. W. Saunders, 8. First time rang by all in the method except the ringer of the 3rd.

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Monday evening, December 28th, at All Saints' church, Hamer, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 27 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Crossley, 2; R. Whittles, 3; E. Shepherd (first 720 as conductor), 4; R. E. Hoyle, 5; J. Crossley, 6. On Sunday morning, January 3rd, for Divine Service, another 720, in 26 mins. E. Shepherd, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; A. Crossley, 5; J. Holt, 6. On Sunday morning, January 10th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-one bobs and twelve singles), in 27 mins. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; J. Holt, 3; R. Whittles, 4; J. Crossley (conductor), 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Wednesday evening, January 20th, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles), was rung with the bells half muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence. W. Airey, 1; J. Lingard, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; R. Whittles (first 720 as conductor), 4; R. E. Hoyle, 5; J. Holt, 6.

SHAROW (Yorks).—On Wednesday, January 20th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor with the tenors behind and with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence. T. Clark (conductor), 1; J. Baines, 2; W. Pick, 3; A. H. Clark, 4; A. Ingleby, 5; H. Rumbold, 6; W. Matison, 7; A. Gibson, 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples standing in the same order with the exception of F. Shepherd, 6; H. Rumbold, 7; W. Matison, 8.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Sunday, January 17th, for Divine Service, at the parish church, a 504 Stedman Triples with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Duke of Clarence. J. Smart, 1; C. Tyler, 2; J. Matthews, 3; T. Searle, 4; C. Chambers, 5; G. Gatland, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; Rev. A. Pridgeon, 8. A 1008 of Stedman Triples. C. Tyler, 1; G. Gatland, 2; J. Matthews, 3; C. Smart, 4; C. Chambers, 5; J. Smart, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; Rev. A. Pridgeon, 8.

SWANMORE (Hants).—On Wednesday, December 2nd, 1891, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. W. Millard, 1; E. Jacobs, 2; C. Apps, 3;

J. Osman, 4; A. Millard, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 13th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Single Bob. H. Griffin, 1; J. Osman, 2; C. Apps, 3; A. Millard, 4; J. E. Warren, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. On Friday, December 25th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Single Bob. E. Jacobs, 1; J. Osman, 2; C. Apps, 3; W. Linter, 4; A. Millard, 5; J. E. Warren (conductor), 6. In the afternoon, 720 Bob Minor. E. Jacobs, 1; J. E. Warren, 2; C. Apps, 3; A. Millard, 4; J. Osman, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 27th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. E. Jacobs, 1; J. E. Warren, 2; R. Linter, 3; A. Millard, 4; C. Apps, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. On Friday, January 1st, 720 Bob Minor. E. Jacobs, 1; J. Osman, 2; C. Apps, 3; J. E. Warren (conductor), 4; A. Millard, 5; W. Linter, 6. On Sunday, January 17th, 720 Bob Minor. E. Jacobs, 1; J. E. Warren, 2; J. Osman, 3; A. Millard, 4; W. Linter (conductor), 5; C. Apps, 6. On Wednesday, January 20th, 720 Oxford Single Bob. E. Jacobs, 1; J. E. Warren (conductor), 2; W. Linter, 3; A. Millard, 4; J. Osman, 5; C. Apps, 6. The last two 720s were rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence.

STREATHAM (Surrey).—On Wednesday, January 20th, at St. Leonard's church, on the occasion of the funeral of the Duke of Clarence, the following ringing was done, with the bells deeply muffled: two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and after tolling the age of the deceased Prince, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. G. Barrington, 1; D. Springall, 2; H. Hayes, 3; W. Shepherd, 4; S. Greenwood, 5; R. Blanchard (conductor), 6.

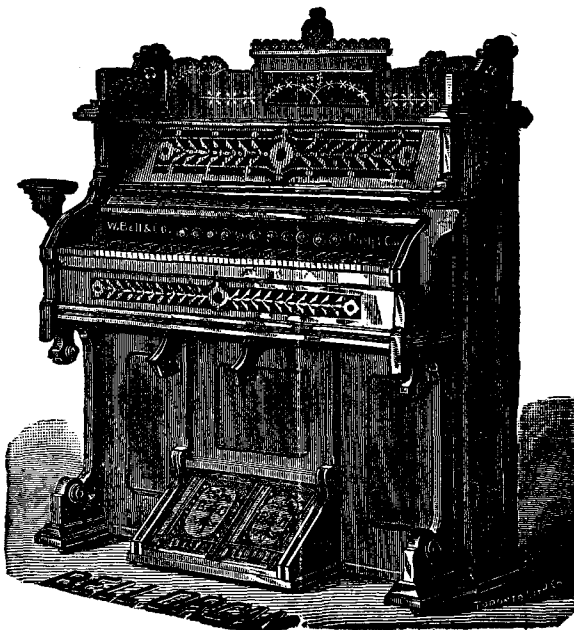
WIGAN (LANCASHIRE).—The bells at the parish Church were rung half-muffled every night after the Duke of Clarence died until he was buried, as a tribute of respect to H.R.H. On Friday, January 15th, 1000 Grandsire Triples. A. Shaw (conductor), 1; S. C. C. Turner, 2; J. E. Gummerson, 3; G. Turner, 4; J. F. Hall, 5; S. Hall, 6; R. Fisher and J. Barker, 7; J. Meadow and H. Meadow, 8. On Wednesday, after the memorial service in the church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, 1260 changes, in 49 mins. T. Halliwell (conductor), 1; S. C. C. Turner, 2; J. E. Gummerson, 3; G. Turner, 4; J. F. Hall, 5; S. Hall, 6; R. Fisher and H. Meadow, 7; J. Barker and J. Meadow, 8. Tenor 28 cwt. in C.

WORTH (Sussex).—On Sunday, February 7th, for morning service, a 720 of Oxford Bob. F. Dench, 1; P. Denman, 2; I. Tullett, 3; G. Illman, 4; B. Payne, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. For afternoon service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. J. Rice, 1; G. Pace, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. After service a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. C. Holman, 1; J. Rice, 2; F. Rice, 3; G. Pace, 4; R. Jordan, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And a 720 of London Scholars' Pleasure. C. Holman, 1; G. Pace, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter, 4; G. Illman, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6. A 240 each of College Pleasure and College Exercise by the same band. J. Rice, G. Pace and R. Jordan, are from Crawley, and C. Holman from Balcombe.

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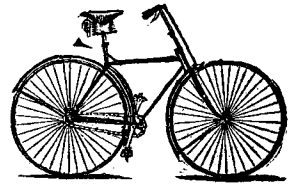
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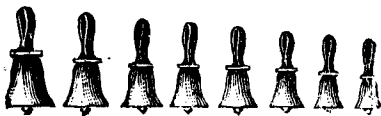
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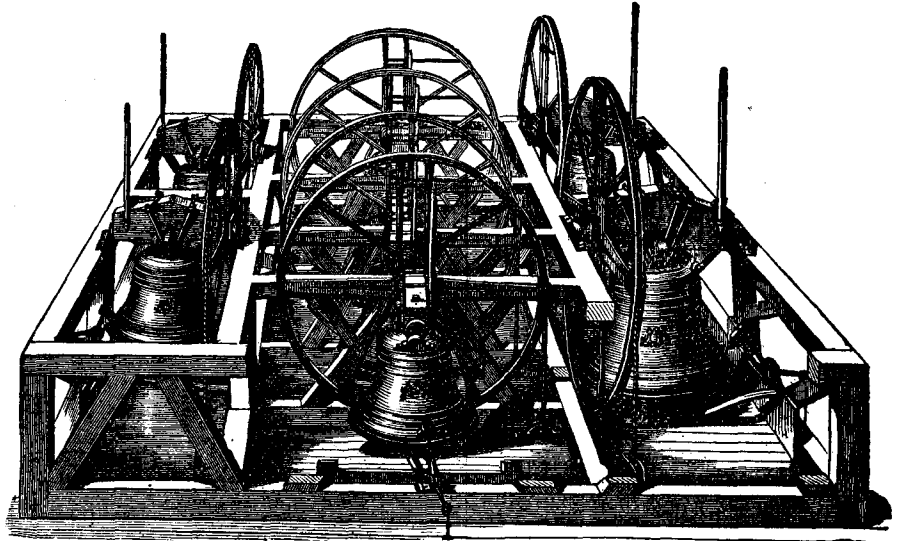
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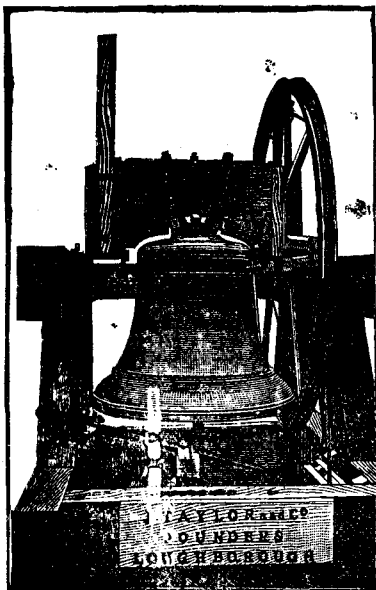
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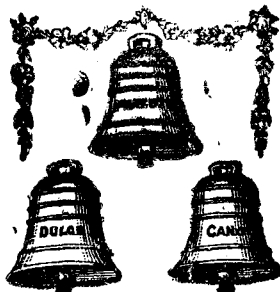
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