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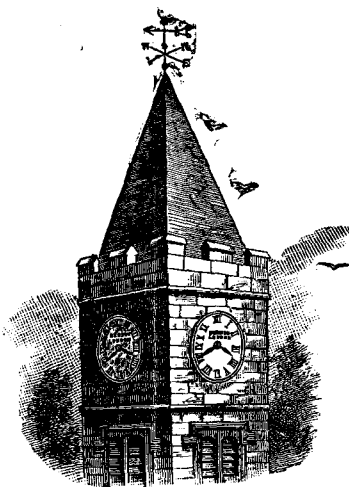
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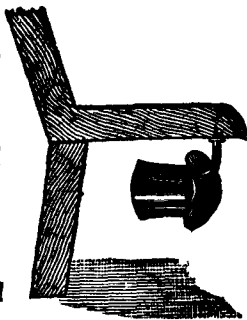
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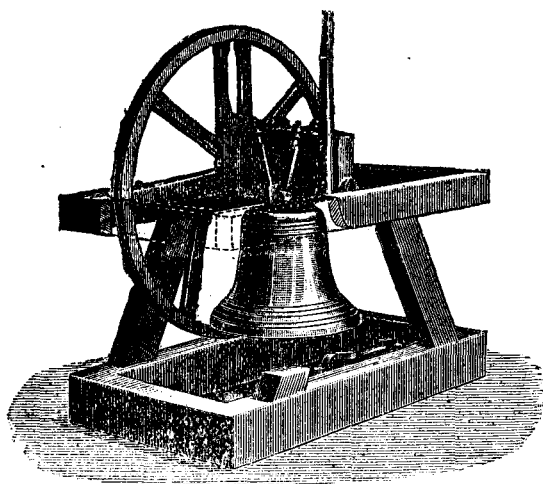
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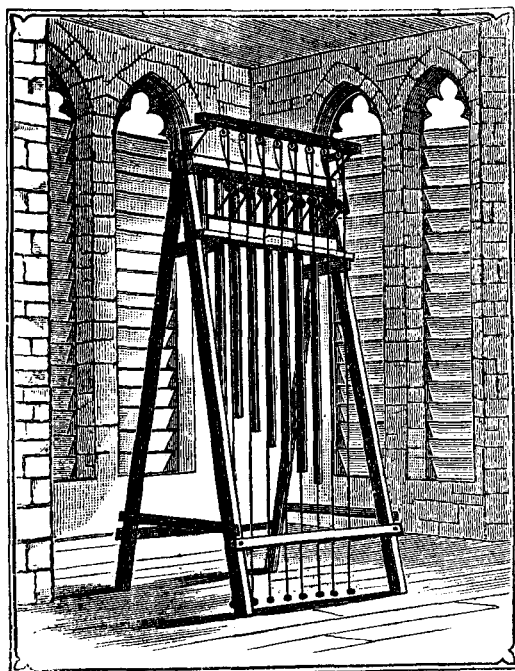
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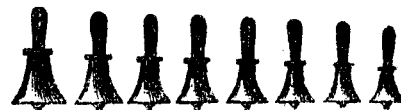
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LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly ringing meeting of this society was held on Saturday, January 30th, at St. Michael and All Angels, East Ardsley, near Wakefield. The peal which was to have been attempted had to be abandoned, owing to the absence of ringers who had arranged to meet, and who thought it would be a fruitless attempt to ring the tenor, which went sluggish on previous occasions. But to the surprise of all present, a great improvement had taken place, and some good touches of Oxford Treble Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung. An adjournment was made to the schools adjoining the church, where a substantial meat tea was partaken of by members and friends, kindly given by the vicar, the Rev. J. H. D. Hill.

After the tables were cleared a business meeting was held, the vice-president, Mr. W. Abbishaw, presiding; the president, Mr. J. Whitaker, being compelled to leave on business of his local company of Headingley. The following towers were represented: Rothwell, Wakefield, Calverley, Holbeck, Pudsey, St. Chad's and St. Michael's, Headingley, and Birstall. The place for the next meeting was decided to be held at Rothwell, and other business was then transacted. The vicar and his curate now being present, the chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the rev. gentleman for his kind hospitality and use of the bells, etc., which was seconded by Mr. J. T. Hollis, of Wakefield, and carried unanimously. In response the vicar in a few words expressed the pleasure it gave him to welcome the society to Ardsley, and he was sure such meeting was a step in the right direction. He had not the faintest idea there was such opportunities at these gatherings for such practice as had been held out to himself and his band of ringers that day, and he would be glad to become a member, with those of his ringers who wished to do so. He hoped his company might make progress in the Art, and soon qualify for the Yorkshire Association also.

The tower next came in for attention, when more touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, and Plain Bob Major were rung, this being the rev. gentleman's first course in the last-named method. This ended the first visit of the society to this rather interesting church and esteemed vicar. A few particulars may perhaps be found interesting to ringers and churchmen at large.

The church was rebuilt in 1881, and a spacious tower erected by collections made by the vicar, the Rev. J. H. D. Hill. The old tower contained one bell, and in December 1883 a ring of eight bells and chiming clock were erected. Messrs. Potts and Sons, of Leeds, made the clock, which strikes the quarters on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 7th, and strikes the hour on the tenor. It has four dials, two of which are illuminated. The bells are dedicated to the eight writers of the New Testament, and are from the firm of Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Bristol, tenor 20 cwt. 2 qrs. The second bell was raised by the efforts of the Misses Hill, of Earls Court House, London. The fourth was presented by Mr. C. E. Daniel, son of the late vicar. The sixth was raised by the efforts of Mrs. Hill, wife of the vicar, and her little daughter Alice, aged eleven years. The other bells and the clock are the efforts of the vicar. The bells cost £720 17s. 6d., and the clock when completed will cost about £250. Each bell is inscribed with the name of the saint whose name it bears, and is also dedicated to a donor of £100 to the Church Building Fund. The inscriptions are beautifully clear, and the bells are generally considered to be full in tune, and in every way a good peal.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting was held at Kingston on February 15th, the Rev. A. S. Young in the chair. A capital tea was provided at the Albany Hall to about thirty-six members, the smallness of the numbers being accounted for by the extreme inclemency of the weather. After the tea a considerable amount of business was transacted, including the election of twelve new members, and the announcement of the forthcoming resignation of the Hon. Sec., to whom a vote of condolence was also passed on the death of his father, the late Dr. Alfred Carpenter, an hon. member of the Association. During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going in several methods.

THE MEMORIAL TO THE LATE WILLIAM COPPAGE.

As announced in a previous issue of this paper, this tablet was unveiled on Saturday last, January 6th, by the vicar, the Rev. Arthur W. Jephson, M.A. Before the ceremony a 504 of Stedman Triples was rung by members of the Waterloo Society, the bells running round just after the vicar entered the tower. After a short collect he began by saying—We have met here with mingled feelings of sadness at the loss of our brother-ringer and steeplekeeper William Coppage, and satisfaction at placing this tablet to his memory. We could not let the memory of such a man die out; it was our duty to do as we have done in placing something that in future years we can look at with memories of the past. Everybody that knew him knew what a deep and kind interest he took in his duties as steeplekeeper, and such a man is more than an ordinary loss to the Waterloo Society. The vicar then, removing the Union Jack which covered the tablet, said: "I unveil this in memory of our dear old friend William Coppage." The tablet was then read by the master, Mr. Geo. W. Wild, which is inscribed as follows:

"Waterloo Society.

Established 1868.

In Memoriam.

This tablet was erected to the memory of Caleb William Coppage, who was for 22 years steeplekeeper of this church. Died June 2nd, 1891. Interred at Nunhead June 6th, 1891. On the same evening the following members rang with the bells half muffled a true peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) containing 5040 in 3 hrs. Performers:—William Baron, sen., treble; John W. Mansfield, 2; Stephen G. Davies, 3; George Wild, 4; Francis L. Davies, 5; Walter Partington, 6; William T. Cockerill, 7; Albert E. Church, tenor. Conducted by William Baron. The Rev. Arthur W. Jephson, M.A., vicar; A. Davis and T. S. Conisbee, churchwardens. The cost of this tablet was defrayed by his brother ringers and friends."

There is still about £1 needed to pay for fixing, etc., of which the vicar has kindly offered to pay half. A vote of thanks having been passed to the Rev. A. W. Jephson for meeting the company, another touch of Stedman Triples, in which he took part, brought the proceedings to a close.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WIRRAL BRANCH.—The Annual Meeting of the above was held at West Kirby on Saturday, January 30th. About sixty members were present from the following towers:—Birkenhead (St. Mary's), Bebington, Bidston, Bromborough, Liscard, Neston, Wallasey, West Kirby, and Woodchurch.

After partaking of tea the business of the evening took place, the Rev. J. F. Buckler, chairman of the branch, presiding. The secretary's report was a very encouraging one to the society, shewing an increase both in honorary and ringing members during the past year, and the financial position of the branch was shewn to be very satisfactory.

The Rev. J. F. Buckler resigned the office of chairman after holding that position for the last four years, from the time the branch was first organized. The Rev. Canon Blencowe, rector of West Kirby, was elected chairman, and F. R. T. Bolton was re-elected secretary and treasurer of the branch for the ensuing year.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the late chairman for the interest he had always shown in the society, and also to the secretary for his services during the past year. At the conclusion of the meeting a move was made to the parish church, when several touches were attempted, the only one worth recording being a 720 Grandsire Minor rung by members of the Bromborough, Bebington, Wallasey, and West Kirby towers.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES DWIGHT.

We regret to hear, just on the eve of publication, of the death of Mr. James Dwight, for many years a prominent member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, London. We shall refer more fully to the sad event next week. A muffled peal will be rung by members of the above-named society this (Saturday) evening at the church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, London; the company afterwards adjourning to the usual place of meeting in St. Paul's Churchyard.

CRANFIELD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

The fine old bells of the parish church have just been entirely re-hung and tuned. The bells have for some time been considered quite unsafe for ringing, and a committee was formed and a Secretary appointed to raise the necessary funds for the restoration. After a most successful canvass of the parish the amount was raised, the Secretary receiving several subscriptions from clergymen who have long since left the neighbourhood, but who still continue to take a lively interest in the parish. Some of the bells were much worn from constant use, but they have now all been re-tuned and fitted up with new clappers working upon universal joints of improved design, and all new and modern improved fittings. The bells are so large that there is no room in the chamber for a sixth. The dedication service took place on Wednesday evening last, and a company of ringers from Bedford kindly offered to come over and ring the opening peal. The visitors were Messrs. Hills, Frossell, and Hall, with the Secretary of the Bedfordshire Association (the Rev. W. W. Carew Baker, Rector of Milton Bryant), and Mr. Cyril Herbert (Woburn). The service was choral, and Miss Bliss presided at the organ in the absence through indisposition of Mr. Kemp. An appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. K. H. Smith (Secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association), and a collection was taken to wipe off the small outstanding balance of the expenses. During the afternoon and evening the visitors rang several 6-scores of Grandsire, Bob, and Stedman Doubles. A correspondent writes: "It was pleasant to all within the parish to hear what sweet music could be produced by these grand old bells, and it is hoped that the result of the visitors' labours will stimulate the young men in the parish to cultivate the art of change-ringing, bearing in mind the words of beautiful hymn

Where'er the sweet church bell
Peals over hill and dell
May Jesus Christ be praised;
O mark to what it sings,
As joyously it rings,
May Jesus Christ be praised.

And may our ringers always remember that bellringing is a science only to be compared with the most beautiful music, and that when they are so engaged they are cultivating a gift which at the same time is to them an amusement, which very much tends to the service and praise of Almighty God."

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the above Association was held at St. James' church, Whitfield, near Glossop, on Saturday, February 6th, when ringers attended from Ashton-under-Lyne, Dinting, Glossop, Gorton, Hayfield, Hyde, Mossley, and Saddleworth. The meeting was held in the schoolroom at 5 p.m. for the adoption of the Annual Report, passing the accounts, and the appointment of officers for the ensuing year. Mr. J. Holden (Mossley), was re-elected President; Mr. J. Blakeley (Gorton) was re-elected Vice-President; Mr. J. Pye, sen. (Glossop) was re-elected Treasurer; and Mr. J. Radcliffe (Saddleworth) was re-elected Secretary; and a Committee of one member from from each tower in union; Messrs. D. Heap (Ashton-under-Lyne) and R. Woolley (Hyde) were re-elected Auditors. It was also decided to hold the next meeting and eight-bell cup competition at Gorton in May; also the September meeting and six-bell cup competition at Chapel-en-le-Frith, which place was also selected for the next Annual Meeting. Hyde was selected as headquarters for committee meetings for the next twelve months. Votes of thanks were passed to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and schoolroom; also to the President for presiding, after which an adjournment was made to the "Crown" inn, where the rest of the evening was spent in a social and enjoyable manner.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Sunday afternoon, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 30 mins. W. Usher, 1; M. Woodcock, 2; C. Lowe, 3; A. Lloyd, 4; F. Smith (conductor), 5; J. Monk, 6. This is the first 720 ever rung on the bells by a local band. First 720 by Messrs. Usher, Lowe, and Monk. First 720 with a bob bell by Messrs. Woodcock and Lloyd; and first 720 by F. Smith as conductor. Tenor 20 cwt.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

KIDSGROVE (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, February 14th, some members of the above journeyed to Lawton to try their skill upon the peal of six. The weather was damp at the outset, but it did not baffle any of the party in reaching their destination safely. The church was open in readiness for the visitors, who at once entered the belfry and set to action. Raising the bells in peal, they struck off with six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 26 mins., they then lowered the bells in peal. F. Johnson, 1; G. Liddons, 2; C. Ollier (conductor), 3; A. Archer, 4; R. Vickers, 5; J. Mason, 6. They wish to thank the beadle (Mr. John Birch) for his kindness in having everything in readiness for them. This is the first 720 by all except the conductor, the ringers not even having completed the same number in their own tower. Kidsgrove church is close by the Clough Hall Gardens, and any ringer would be cordially welcomed by applying to the leader, Mr. Joseph Mason, 40, Heathcote-road, Kidsgrove.

FORMATION OF A NEW COMPANY AT EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

We are glad to hear that the ringers of St. Peter's, Bengeworth, Evesham, having attained a fair proficiency in the art of change-ringing, it has been thought advisable to form a properly recognized company. They met on Monday evening, February 8th, in the belfry, and adopted similar rules to other societies, and elected the following officers: Master, Geo. Cook; Vice-master, F. Cook; Secretary, A. H. Sharp; Treasurer, Geo. Williams. It was also decided to ask the Vicar to become president; and other business of a routine character was transacted.

Recently, by the above society, at the house of Mr. W. G. Arkell, on handbells, retained in hand, two courses of Grandsire Minor. H. Middleton, 1-2; F. Cook, 3-4; W. G. Arkell, 5-6; and two courses of Grandsire Triples. W. G. Arkell, 1-2; H. Middleton, 3-4; F. Cook, 5-6; A. H. Sharp, 7-8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Committee Meeting was held at the Church Club, Chester, on Saturday, February 13th, 1892. Present: The Archdeacon of Chester (Master) in the chair; Messrs. Wilcox, Dillon, and Strong (Wirral), Walmsley (Macclesfield), Wilson, Wright, Holding, and Thomas (Crewe), and H. A. Heywood (hon. sec.). The treasurer's statement of accounts showed a balance in hand of £47 18s. 10d., and subscriptions were still due from the Bowdon and Stockport, Northwich, Runcorn, and Holmes Chapel branches for last year. A vote of sympathy was passed with the widow of the late Mr. Matthews, of Macclesfield. The Annual Festival will be held at Chester (D.V.) on Monday, August 1st.

NOTICE OF A LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

Eight members of the Sussex County Association will attempt a long peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major, 20,160 changes, at Warnham, to-day, Saturday, February 20th, starting at 6.30 a.m., all being well.

BELL FOUNDING OPERATIONS.—Messrs. Charles Carr, of the Woodlands Foundry, Smethwick, have just secured a merchant's order for export for three large bells, to chime the quarters and strike the hours by the clock, also to ring for service.

SHIREOAKS (Notts).—On Sunday, February 6th, for Divine Service at St. Luke's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Tomlinson 1; J. Fitchjohn, 2; E. Russon, 3; W. Hargreaves, 4; B. Hall, 5; F. Hargreaves (first 720), 6. For evening service, 720 in the same method, standing as above.

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Ringers' Suppers.

PORTSEA.—On Thursday, February 11th, the members of St. Mary's Guild were entertained at supper by the vicar (the Rev. Canon Jacob). In the afternoon six members met at the church, and, on being joined by Messrs Whiting and Hill, from Fareham, a start was made for a peal, "Go" being called at 3.30, and at 6.27 the welcome call of "that's all" turned up, and the first peal on the bells was an accomplished fact, and the failures of previous occasions could now afford to be laughed at. The peal rung was a variation of Taylor's Bob-and-Single, in six parts, an account of which will be found in the proper place. At 8.30 there was a full muster at the vicarage, where all were heartily welcomed by the vicar, and after being congratulated by the rev. gentleman on attaining the peal, sat down to a splendid repast laid down in first-class style in the dining-room, and "go" was once more called, to which all readily responded. And although the conductor looked well after his work, there was more than one change course, viz.: from roast beef to mutton, and *vice versa*. But after a time all were satisfied, and grace having been said by the vicar, an adjournment was made to the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey's room, where, with a plentiful supply of cigars and tobacco, the remainder of the evening was enjoyably spent, songs being given by the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, Messrs. Gould, Nye, Symons, Simmonds, Matthews, &c. At 12 o'clock all joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne," and after a hearty vote of thanks to the vicar for his kindness in thus entertaining them, and the singing of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow," all dispersed to their homes, having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The peal rung is not only the first on the bells, but the first in the borough of Portsmouth since 1745.

BOW (MIDDLESEX).—The St. Mary Stratford-le-Bow Society held their Annual Dinner and smoking concert at the "Bow Bells" Hotel on Thursday, January 14th, 1892. Several members, being laid up with influenza, were unable to attend. Mr. D. J. Sutton occupied the chair, and Mr. E. O. Powell the vice-chair. About twenty-four sat down and rang several courses with the knife and fork in a very satisfactory manner. After the cloth had been removed the Hon. Sec., Mr. Turner, read the minutes of the last meeting, and also the annual report, which appeared to be very satisfactory. He said the past year had not been marked by peal ringing, as most of the members preferred practising short touches in seven or eight methods, but financially the year had been a great success. The chairman, on rising to propose the toast of "The Queen and Royal Family," said that, owing to the illness of the Duke of Clarence, it could not be drank in the usual way, but a vote of sympathy was carried instead. A pianoforte selection by Mr. Richards, and a song by the chairman being rendered, the toast of "The Bow Society" was proposed by Mr. Turner in eulogistic terms, this being very ably responded to by Mr. H. Springall, the Master. After some more songs, the chairman gave the toast of "The Press," to which Mr. S. Hayes responded in a very able speech, and, speaking very highly of "THE BELL NEWS," which he had known from its infancy. Songs were sung by Messrs. Sutton, O. Powell, Richards, Turner, Springall, Hayes, Bradley, Dallimore, Berwick, Gibbs, Torble, Dempsey, Lucas, and Deards, all being accompanied by Mr. E. Richards in a very efficient manner on the pianoforte. The chairman then proposed the toast of "The Host," which was drank with musical honours. Mr. Powell (the host), in a very neat little speech, thanked the company, and trusted they would be spared to meet again another year. The chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary's health were each drank with musical honours, and the company, after singing "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem, brought one of the most enjoyable evenings to a close at 12.30.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, HULL.—The Annual Supper of the above society was held at the "Alexandra" Hotel, Kingston Street, on Thursday, February 11th, when a capital spread was put on the table by Host Aistrophe, to which members and friends to the number of thirty did full justice to. The chair was taken by the president of the society, the Rev. D. K. Moore, vicar, who was supported on his right by the Rev. B.

Radcliffe, vice-president, and on his left by C. Kelsey, Esq., churchwarden. The usual loyal toasts having been given by the chairman, the toast of "The Archbishop and Clergy of the Diocese" was given by Mr. Kelsey, and responded to by the Rev. B. Radcliffe. The next toast submitted was "Our Vicar and Churchwardens," ably given by Mr. Chaffer, and responded to by those gentlemen who, in their remarks, stated they should always try and make the belfry as comfortable for the ringers as they possibly could. "The Yorkshire Association" was given by Mr. Jackson, and responded to by Mr. Needham. "The St. James's Society" was given by Mr. Southwick, and replied to by Mr. Stickney. During the evening a course of Grandsire Caters, a double course of Grandsire Triples, and several tunes were rung on the handbells, and songs and recitations by several members of the company until 1 a.m.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Tuesday evening, February 2nd, the members of this society had their Annual Supper, provided by the captain of the band (Mr. John Latter). After supper the usual business was gone through, and the handbells were brought into use. Some touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung in good style, followed by several tunes; and songs and duets by several of the band. A very pleasant evening was spent by all present.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, DEANS GATE, GRIMSBY.—The fifth Annual Supper of this society was held at the "White Hart" Hotel on Monday evening, February 1st, when twenty-eight ringers and friends sat down to an excellent repast provided by Host Heyhoe. Mr. J. Hewson (churchwarden) occupied the chair, and Mr. C. R. S. Barton (ex-churchwarden) occupied the vice-chair. After the cloth had been removed "The Health of the Queen and Royal Family" was given, the chairman alluding to the sad loss they had sustained through the death of the Duke of Clarence. Various other toasts followed, including "The Bishop and Clergy," and "The Health of the North Lincolnshire Association," the chairman coupling with the latter toast that of "The Grimsby Ringers," to which Mr. David Seamer, the conductor, suitably responded. Songs were sung by the chairman, the vice-chairman, Mr. Seagrave (a visiting friend of the vice-chairman), Messrs. Barraclough, Heyhoe, Dawson, and Seamer. Mr. Redman officiated at the piano, and sang some of his most comic songs, which brought down the house. During the evening the ringers rang some Grandsire changers on the handbells, which was highly appreciated by the visitors. The time for departing (11 o'clock) arrived too quickly. The company parted, everyone having spent a most enjoyable evening. The ringers, one and all, thank the chairman and vice-chairman, and Mr. Goodwin, for their kindness in presiding and helping them in the manner they did.

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- 62345	s 56243	s 63254	s 26345	s 43562	- 25364	- 32564
- 36245	s 46325	s 53426	s 62453	s 63254	s 34256	s 54326
s 25364	s 52346	s 62453	s 52346	s 45263	s 43562	s 45263
s 52643	s 42635	s 52346	s 64352	s 65324	s 63254	s 65324
s 42365	s 24356	s 64352	s 54236	s 42365	s 45263	s 42365
s 56342	- 63245	s 54236	s 63254	s 62534	s 65324	s 62534
s 46235	- 26345	s 34265	s 53426	s 26345	s 42365	s 43562
s 53246	s 23645	s 43256	s 23645	- 53264	s 62534	s 63254
s 43625	s 32456	- 24356	s 32456	- 25364	s 32456	s 53426

Death.

On Saturday, February 13th, Mr. G. A. SEVIER, Watchmaker and Jeweller, of Gloucester, father of W. J. Sevier, now of Woolwich. The deceased was a tradesman of the above city for upwards of fifty years, and was the only remaining original member of the house of Sevier, of Bristol and Hasfield, merchants. He was 70 years of age.

Birth.

On Tuesday, February 16th, at Oldland Vicarage, Gloucestershire, the wife of the Rev. H. A. Cockey, of a daughter.

WANTED a Situation as Single-handed Gardener, or where help is given, by a young man, age 25. Eleven years' experience in the general routine.—J. Taylor, Farnfield, Horley, Surrey.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—READING BRANCH.

The Annual Meeting was held at the "Broad Face" Hotel, Reading, on Monday, February 15th, at 7 p.m., when forty-one members sat down to dinner, the chairman, Mr. J. Martin Routh, presiding, supported by the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, General Secretary of the Guild, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Branch Secretary; Mr. W. Newell occupying the vice-chair. All the officers of the Branch having been re-elected and other business duly disposed of, the Chairman proposed the toast of the evening—"Success to the Guild in general, and the Reading branch in particular," urging the importance of good fellowship and zeal for the common cause, reminding the younger members of the respect due from them to the older ones, and concluding with some practical remarks on bad and good striking.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis said that he considered the Reading branch an ideal one, for there were no probationers, all were qualified change-ringers. Having read the report (not yet printed) he gave some very encouraging statistics as to the work of the Guild.

Mr. Newell, in rejoicing to see so many present, regretted the absence of the clergy and churchwardens of the four towers forming the branch, all of which had competent bands of their own.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge then gave some statistics concerning the branch, showing that the number of change-ringing members was fifty-five, or, with hon. members, sixty-five, an increase of four on last year. Twelve peals had been rung in the course of the year, including first peals by the branch of Bob Royal, Bob Triples, Steadman Triples, and Double Norwich. This was considered very satisfactory, as three out of the four towers were situated in the centre of the town, permission for a peal being very rarely obtainable, otherwise the number would have been largely increased. Peals had also been rung at Tilchurst by members of the branch.

"The health of Mr. Newell," the Nestor, or "Father of Change-Ringers in Reading" was then drunk with musical honours, Mr. Newell, replying that he was proud to have such a promising family gathered round him that evening.

Mr. F. Simmonds, sidesman at Caversham, having addressed a few words to the members present, the remainder of the evening was devoted to harmony, songs being contributed by Messrs. Newell, Sweetzer, A. E. Reeves, Menday, Routh, Evans, A. W. Reeves, Williams, and Newman, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge giving a Devonshire recitation. The National Anthem brought to a close a thoroughly successful and enjoyable meeting.

The tower of St. Lawrence was previously open to the members, when touches of Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters were rung, and also a course of Stedman Caters, the first by the branch.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1868.

The 24th Anniversary Dinner of this Society took place at the "Rising Sun," York Road, S.E., on Saturday, January 30th. The tower of St. John's, Waterloo Road, was open for ringing during the afternoon, and some good practice was secured by the junior members in the Grandsire and Stedman methods. The bells were kept going till about 6.30, when a move was made to form up for attack on the good things provided. In all thirty-two sat down to dinner, which was served up in excellent style, and was enjoyed by all present. Grace having been said by the Master, the first course was got through without a single hitch, and the last course was finished in about an hour and a quarter. Grace again being said, an adjournment for about 15 mins. was granted while the cloths were removed. The company, having reassembled in stronger numbers than ever, the programme for the evening was brought into operation by Mr. A. E. Church singing "The Paris Exhibition," which was received with loud applause. The master, Mr. Geo. Wild, then proposed the toast of "The Queen and the Royal family," and in a few words referred to the recent bereavement they had sustained. Messrs. Lovett, Meads, and Steventon then gave a splendid selection on the handbells, and a song followed by Mr. S. Long. Mr. Dobson caused roars of laughter by giving a recitation entitled "A Frenchman's Visit to London." The vice-chairman, Mr. W. J. Mansfield, then proposed the toast of

the evening, viz.: "The Waterloo Society and its Officers," in which he referred to the good work the society had done for young ringers since its existence. After a piccolo solo by Mr. Geo. Flude, the Master rose to reply to the toast. He referred to the great losses the society had sustained during the year by the deaths of several of its prominent members, and last of all their beloved steeplekeeper, who died on June 6th, 1891, regretted by every member of the society. After comparing the income and the number of new members made during the past few years, he found that since 1889 the society had been steadily going up the hill, and although there had not been many peals rang, the few, which amounted to about eighteen, have been either someone's first peal, with the treble or a bob bell, or as conductor, which he thought more creditable than ringing a lot of peals without any object. The other officers returning thanks in a similar form, Mr. A. T. Edwards sang "Knocked 'em in the Old Kent Road," and Mr. W. Partington followed on with "Anchored." The Master then proposed the toast of "The Vicar and Churchwardens," and said how thankful they all ought to be in having a vicar a change-ringer who takes such an interest in everything connected with the belfry. Messrs. Lovett and Co. gave some more selections on the handbells, and a course of Caters by Messrs. F. Davies, S. Davies, G. Wild, D. Lovett, and W. Partington, and songs from Messrs. Edwards and Binks. The toast of "The Visitors" was then given by Mr. Lovett, to which Mr. Crispin suitably responded. A recitation from Mr. Innman and songs by Messrs. Partington, "Binks," and Young brought one of the most successful evenings on record by this society to a close with "Auld Lang Syne."

ROMSEY, HANTS.

On Wednesday, February 10th, the Abbey ringers of the above place celebrated their first Annual Meeting since forming themselves in a branch of the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Ringers. Invitations had been sent out to a number of their brother ringers, and the following kindly accepted the invitation: The Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, Hon. Sec. of the Winchester Guild, Portsea; Mr. J. Hewitt, Gosport; Mr. J. Staples, Havant; Messrs. J. Whiting, C. Privett, and G. Graffham, Fareham; Messrs. W. H. George and T. Groves, of Eastleigh; and Messrs. H. White, T. Curtis, F. Wilson, and Ballard, from Basingstoke. The Salisbury, Lockerley, and Mottisfont bands had been invited, but were unable to attend. Ringing commenced on the Abbey bells about 3 o'clock, which were kept merrily going until 5.30. At 6 o'clock an adjournment was made to the "Market Inn," where a meat tea was provided, to which about thirty sat down. The vicar, the Rev. E. L. Berthon, presided at the tea, and was supported by the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, Portsea; Rev. —. Allen, Romsey; G. T. W. Mortimer, Esq., churchwarden; Mr. J. Allsop, vestry clerk; and Mr. T. Iremonger, sexton. Tea over, the vicar, in a brief speech, gave the visitors a hearty welcome to Romsey, and expressed his great pleasure at the great improvement of his ringers and ringing since Mr. C. Tribe had come amongst them. Mr. Mortimer also gave the local ringers a few words of hope regarding the rehang of the bells, which we hope will take place at no distant date, as they are sadly out of order at present. The Rev. R. C. M. Harvey then thanked the local ringers on behalf of himself and brother ringers for their kind invitation and liberal hospitality, and said they had one and all thoroughly enjoyed their visit. The tower bells were again set rolling to the time of Plain Bob and Stedman Triples till 9 o'clock, then a parting glass with the locals, and all left Romsey by the 9.34 train for their respective destinations. The following touches were brought round during the afternoon, the full account of which will appear in their proper place: 336 Grandsire Triples, 504, 252 and 504 Bob Triples, and a 504 of Stedman Triples. The following officers are elected for the Romsey branch for the ensuing year: Mr. A. Newman, sub-captain and steeplekeeper; Mr. Hogarth, treasurer; and Mr. R. White, secretary.

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Correspondence.

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

MR. FENTON'S DATE TOUCH.

SIR,—It scarcely requires the "careful examination" which Mr. Fenton suggests, to discover that the calling of his date touch commences from rounds, while the touch itself commences from two changes which are of a totally different nature, not only from rounds, but from any other changes throughout the touch, as far as the information we have up to now, enables us to judge. It was to ascertain what manipulation was resorted to, by which the use of a single was dispensed with, that I asked for the information, which up to now is not forthcoming. It is of course a simple matter to dispense with a single if the bells are manipulated at the sweet will of the composer whenever required, and bobs also might be deemed superfluous under similar circumstances, but the method would no longer be Grandsire; and whenever such a departure from the "general rule," as Mr. Fenton puts it, takes place, the particulars of such departure should be given when the touch is published.

A. HUBBARD.

THE RECENT PEAL AT COSELEY.

SIR,—I see that in last week's paper someone having the signature "A.B." has brought the above notice to the attention of the Exercise. It is true the peal was rung on the middle six of a ring of eight (not at all a musical peal); the reason being that the tenor (20 cwt.), supposed to be in the key of F, is far from being at its proper note; and when there is a crack in a bell about six inches in length, as our tenor has got, if it were rung it would sound more like a boiler being riveted. How would the inhabitants where "A.B." rings at (if he calls himself a ringer) like to hear that kind of music? We have also tried to ring a 720 on the front six, but the treble is not in proper ringing order, and as the ringers wanted to shew their respect to the late Duke of Clarence, the tenor nor treble was going to be attempted. I was asked to ring it on the middle six by a prominent local ringer, one who perhaps knows more about bells and bellringing than "A.B." If he wants to shew his appreciation as a ringer, instead of finding fault, perhaps he will send to me or the Vicar, a donation towards putting the bells into proper ringing order, then perhaps we may be able to have a peal of Triples or Major, and have all the music attached. If "A.B." corresponds again without his full signature, I shall not answer it; if he is ashamed of his name being in print, he can have any other necessary information by applying to the conductor.

Coseley, Staffordshire.

B. GOUGH.

[Part of our correspondent's letter is omitted on account of the personalities it contains. We consider the letter of "A.B." perfectly reasonable and courteous. We regret that Mr. Gough has replied to it in such an unfriendly manner.—Ed.]

MR. ATTREE'S ANALYSIS.

SIR,—In scanning Mr. Attree's most interesting and exhaustive analysis for 1891, I find an omission, which, by kindly publishing this letter, you will rectify, and at the same time give "honor to whom honor is due." The name of Mr. Fredk. Harrison, of Jarroon-on-Tyne, who called five peals last year, does not appear amongst those who conducted not less than four peals.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

Newcastle-on-Tyne.

JAMES BARHAM'S (OF LEEDS, KENT), BOOK.

SIR,—The above account appeared in *Church Bells* about seventeen years ago, and I think it would be a very interesting article to publish in our valuable paper "THE BELL NEWS." But the particulars were very scanty, and only gave the full account of a few of the last peals that James Barham assisted in ringing. Perhaps some brother-ringer could give a fuller description of the peals than was given in *Church Bells*. I often wonder whether the Leeds Youths rung the peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Headcorn, Kent, in 1769, which appeared in the *Chronology of Ringing* in "THE BELL NEWS" a few years ago. I trust some one of the Exercise can give a more complete account by this time.

Headcorn, Kent.

PHILIP HODGKIN.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Being a member of the Worcestershire Association, I saw in the Annual Report the times of practice at churches in union. I saw St. Leonard's (Clent) practice on Mondays at 7.30, and staying a short distance from Clent for a week, I thought I should like to have a pull with our Clent friends. Being at the church at 7.30 until 8 o'clock, and no one turned up, I began to make enquiries, and some young man told me that they only rung about five or six times a year, and that is only on Christmas or Easter Sunday, or such times as that,

and he told me also that there are seven or eight young ones learning, but they cannot get any one to teach them. I see in the Report that there is sixteen members at Clent; I think they ought to pick a band out of that to ring; and they ought to erase it out of the Report, and not cause men to walk a long distance, and then nobody turn up. I think these things want looking into a bit.

A BELL HAULER.

Obituary.

GEORGE HARTNUP.

The above-named ringer died on Thursday, February 4th, in his 25th year, under very sad circumstances. The deceased was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and had rang two peals of Grandsire Triples. He was also a member of the Bow and Stepney local societies, and was much respected. He was buried on the 11th inst. at Bow Cemetery, and several of his brother-ringers and a number of friends attended the funeral. On the same evening, at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, the usual whole pull and stand and a short touch with the bells deeply-muffled, was rung.

Miscellaneous Touches.

(Continued from page 574.)

GREAT MALVERN (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, January 25th, for practice at the Priory Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. W. Burston, jun., 1; F. Lane, 2; C. Layton, 3; F. Jelf, 4; E. Sprague, 5; H. T. Knowles, 6; R. G. Knowles (conductor), 7; D. Greening, 8. This quarter-peal is the composition of the Editor, and contains the twenty-four 6-7s all the right way. It is the longest length by the local band on the bells.

HORBURY (Yorks).—On Thursday, January 28th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (four bobs and fourteen singles), composed by W. Buxton, Ashover, Derbyshire. E. Andrews, 1; W. H. Giggie, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6.

MITCHAM (Surrey).—On Saturday, February 6th, at Christ Church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. J. Fayers (conductor), 1; B. A. Heather, 2; E. Bayley, 3; D. Burtenshaw, 4; R. Reynolds, 4; A. A. Lambert, 6. The above was rang with the bells muffled as a mark of respect for Mr. J. J. Bidgood, for many years vergier and scripture reader at the above church, who was buried that day.

KEELE (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, February 3rd, for practice, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. G. Staines, 1; J. Staines, 2; P. Taylor, 3; H. Bailey (conductor), 4; G. Taylor, 5; J. Oakley, 6. Change-ringing being a new departure at the above place (but thoroughly enjoyed) we trust before long to have some better performances to record.—[We hope so.—Ed.]

LLANDAFF (Glamorganshire).—On Monday, February 2nd, at the Cathedral, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Belcher (conductor), 1; C. Lloyd, 2; W. Biss, 3; A. White, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. Coombes, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; R. Brothwell, 8. Longest touch with a bob bell by J. Clutterbuck and J. Harris.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, January 31st, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Grandsire Minor, with the tenor covering, in 25 mins. W. Green, 1; W. Bird, 3; W. Priest, 4; T. H. Smith, 5; H. Mason (conductor), 6; R. Bird, 7; O. Pearson, 8.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, January 20th, muffled touches were rung at St. Peter's church by the local company, as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence. Also at All Saints' church on the following Sunday, and half-muffled touches on the Sunday for the services at St. Peter's church.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Wednesday, January 20th, with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence, two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. F. Gilbey, 1; C. Herbert, 2; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 3; W. E. Turney, 4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5; W. Phillimore, 6. On Saturday, January 23rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. C. Herbert, 1; Cyril Herbert, 2; M. Lane, 3; W. E. Turney, 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 5; W. Chibnall (conductor), 6. A plain course of Bob Triples. C. Wild, 1; W. Chibnall, 2; E. Herbert, 3; C. Herbert, 4; M. Lane, 5; W. E. Turney, 6; Cyril Herbert, 7; W. Phillimore, 8. On handbells, 720 Bob Minor. H. Gregory (first 720), 1; E. Herbert, 2; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 3-4; C. Herbert, 5-6. Also 224 Bob Major. E. Herbert, 1-2; C. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5-6; C. Wild, 7-8. Also 300 Bob Minor. H. Gregory, 1; W. Phillimore, 2; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 3; C. Herbert, 4; C. Wild, 5; F. Gilby, 6. And 336 Bob Major. E. Herbert, 1-2; C. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert, 5-6; C. Wild, 7-8.

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For many weeks past a desire has been expressed in this paper for the names and addresses of ringers. This has not been gratified to the extent wished. It may have occurred to some of our readers that the request for such information was too much of an inquisitorial character, and that we ought not to ask for it unless ample reasons are forthcoming. These reasons, which we hope will be considered satisfactory, are now given.

Among the numerous questions put to us week after week, requests for the whereabouts of various ringers is not the least by far. We are always happy in imparting any information in our possession to those who ask for it; but our memory is not tenacious enough to remember, if we could ever know, where all of our ringing brethren may be found when wanted. We have therefore caused a large book to be prepared, to be used as a register for names and addresses of ringers. This book is indexed so that when its folios are to be consulted we can with readiness drop upon the information required. To make this register trustworthy and complete, all changes of address should be noted as they occur; and every ringer who desires to keep in touch with the Exercise at large should consent to have his name and residence inscribed therein. The register is open for any one of our visiting friends who may at any time wish to consult it.

We hope this arrangement will commend itself to our

readers; and that those who have not yet thought proper to respond to our invitation may do so as soon as convenient. The value of such a register ought we think, to be apparent to all, and there seems no earthly reason why any one should withhold the intelligence we ask for. We may here announce that with next week's number will be issued the portrait of Mr. HENRY SWAIN, of the Royal Cumberland Youths, London.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Wednesday, February 10, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lbs.

JOHN G. GREEN.. .. Treble.	WILLIAM BUMPSTEAD .. 5.
WILLIAM T. MEATON* .. 2.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 6.
SAMUEL LUSCOMBE 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL.. 7.
EDWARD H. ADAMS 4.	HARRY KENTEN Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

*First peal with a bob bell.

The Provinces.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, February 10, 1892, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 30 cwt.

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

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

First peal in the method by all the band and by the Association. Also first peal of Superlative ever rang in the County of Worcester, and first peal in a Treble Bob method by all except the ringer of the 5th.

PORTSEA, HANTS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 11, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF TAYLOR'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

J. HARPER Treble.	ALFRED E. NYE 5.
CHARLES SIMMONDS 2.	FRED. HILL 6.
H. STUBBINGTON 3.	J. W. WHITING.. .. 7.
REV. R. C. M. HARVEY.. 4.	J. GOULD Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WHITING.

First peal on the bells, and first peal in the town for over 145 years. Messrs. Whiting and Hill hail from Fareham; the rest are local men.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

EDWIN BARNETT.. .. Treble.	ROBT. WILKINS.. .. 5.
THOMAS SAXBY 2.	JOHN GARARD 6.
FREDK. J. RING 3.	HENRY GIBBS 7.
GEORGE A. HAYES 4.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 13, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 29 cwt.

JOHN JENNINGS*.. .. Treble.	*CHARLES SPARKS 6.
JOHN E. SCOTT*.. .. 2.	GEORGE HITCHMAN.. .. 7.
ROBERT C. BOWKETT* .. 3.	JOHN T. PERRY 8.
GEORGE WALKER 4.	JOHN CARTER 9.
JAMES JONES 5.	*FRANK MUMFORD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal contains the 6th twenty-four times wrong and right, and the 5th twelve times right; and is now rung for the first time. *First peal of Caters.

WRAXALL, SOMERSETSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 13, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

FORTY-TWO 6-SCORES OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES,

Each called differently. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

HARRY CRANE (aged 16) .. Treble.	JAMES HARVEY 5.
JOHN YOND 2.	EDWARD LOCK 6.
SAMUEL BUTCHERS 3.	JOHN WINDSOR 7.
CHARLES WINSTONE 4.	FREDERICK BROWN Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN WINDSOR.

First 5040 by all except Winstone and Harvey. Rung at the first attempt. It is the first 5040 ever known to have been rung by a local company. Rung with 4-6-8 covering.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13 cwt. in Bb.

ALFRED TARBUN Treble.	ARTHUR EDWARDS 5.
WILLIAM NEWMAN* 2.	GEORGE GREEN 6.
HIRZEL F. DE LISLE, Esq. 3.	WILLIAM J. PIPER 7.
ALFRED RICHEL 4.	HENRY DAWSON Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

*First peal.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, LIVERPOOL.

On Saturday, February 13, 1892, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS HAMMOND Treble.	EDWIN BOOTH 5.
CHARLES WILLIAMS 2.	JOHN ASPINWALL 6.
JOHN BROWN 3.	WILLIAM BOOTH 7.
JAMES BOOTH* 4.	ROBERT WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by WILLIAM BOOTH.

*First peal in the method, also by the conductor. The ringers wish through "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the Rev. T. H. D. Cochrane, M.A., Vicar, for the use of the bells; also Mr. Roberts, clerk, for having everything ready and in good going order.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 13, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

JOHN HARPER Treble.	CHARLES MARSH 5.
STEPHEN PITT 2.	WILLIAM JOHNSON 6.
JAMES PARDOE* 3.	JAMES ADAMS 7.
SILVANUS DACE 4.	GODFREY GOODCHILD .. Tenor.

Conducted by WM. JOHNSON.

*First peal with a bob bell. Pardoe and Marsh hail from Wolverhampton; the rest are of the local company. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 13, 1892, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

J. GOODMAN	Treble.	S. BUNN	5.
W. MILLS	2.	R. SCHOFIELD	6.
B. JOHNSON	3.	J. DEVENPORT	7.
D. BRUCE	4.	J. SCREEN, JUN.	Tenor.

Conducted by R. SCHOFIELD.

HULL, YORKSHIRE,—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 15, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

G. MARSHALL*	Treble.	J. W. STICKNEY	5.
C. JACKSON	2.	J. DIXEY	6.
J. HIGHFIELD	3.	D. BROWN	7.
T. STOCKDALE	4.	J. DALE	Tenor.
		W. MARSHALL	

Conducted by C. JACKSON.

*First peal. This is T. Stockdale's fiftieth peal.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1892, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

SAMUEL WINTERBOTTOM ..Treble.	JOSEPH WOOD	5.
JOHN HOLDEN	JAMES RADCLIFFE	6.
JOHN J. BRIERLEY	THOMAS B. DICKEN	7.
JAMES H. SHAW	JOHN T. DICKEN	Tenor.

Composed by the late JAMES PLATT of Saddleworth, and Conducted by JOHN HOLDEN.

A note to the above peal will be found on another page.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 16, 1892, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE OF CHARITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY WALLACE	Treble.	CHARLES L. GRAHAM	5.
ALBERT BIGGS	2.	WILLIAM WOOD	6.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN	3.	GEORGE A. RANSOM	7.
CHARLES COUCHMAN	4.	WILLIAM G. LUCAS	Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE ALFRED RANSOM.

HEADCORN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 16, 1892, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ROBERT EDWARDS	Treble.	*JAMES SHARP	5.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE	2.	*GEORGE NEVE	6.
JOHN BARTLETT*	3.	A. EDGAR NUNN	7.
ALFRED HINDS*	4.	HARRY HOLDSTOCK	Tenor.

Conducted by A. E. NUNN.

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

Date Touches.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Friday, February 12th, at the church of St. Martin's in-the-Fields, a date touch of 1892 Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. 20 mins. J. Rogers, 1; C. T. Hopkins, 2; W. Baron, sen., 3; B. Foskett, 4;

H. Swain, 5; P. Howard, 6; E. Edridge, 7; E. F. Cole, 8; F. J. Pitts, 9; W. F. Meads, 10. Composed by J. Rogers and conducted by F. J. Pitts.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

NEWCHURCH.—On Sunday, February 7th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1892 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 4 mins., was rung for evening service. J. Taylor, 1; S. Lord, 2; J. Pickup, 3; G. Lord, 4; 4; T. Lord, 5; H. Walls, 6; J. Shepherd (composer and conductor), 7; J. T. Wright, 8. T. Lord and J. Pickup hail from Bacup; G. Lord from Church; the rest belong to the local company.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday evening, January 31st, at the Abbey church of St. Margaret, a date touch of 1892 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins., composed by John Carter, of Birmingham. A. J. Perkins (conductor), 1; E. Pye, 2; A. Deards, 3; R. Pye, 4; E. Lucas, 5; F. Norris, 6; A. Whight, 7; C. Dean, 8. The Messrs. Pye hail from Little Heath; Perkins from Romford; the rest belong to the local company.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Tuesday, February 2nd, at the parish church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 19 mins. *A. Deards, 1; *J. Bradley, 2; *W. Dallimore, 3; S. Hayes, 4; W. Doran, 5; G. Pearl, 6; H. Springall (conductor), 7; H. Torble, 8. Arranged by J. H. Bradley. *Longest touch in the method. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Monday, February 8th, at St. Philip's church, a date touch of Grandsire Caters, 1892 changes, in 1 hr. 16 mins. Tenor 29 cwt. J. Payne, 1; W. R. Paddock, 2; R. C. Bowkett, 3; G. Walker, 4; J. Jones, 5; C. Sparkes, 6; G. Hitchman, 7; F. H. James, 8; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 9; F. Mumford, 10. This touch contains the 6th at home throughout with 7-8-9 in the three positions.

Miscellaneous.

THE ALLHALLOWS SOCIETY, TOTTENHAM.

TOTTENHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, January 31st, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 45 mins. H. Barnett, 1; C. A. Button, 2; J. Waghorn, 3; T. C. Grove, 4; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 5; W. R. Gibson, 6; W. P. English, 7; W. Martin, 8.

THE ELY DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

NEWMARKET.—On Saturday, January 30th, at All Saints' church, 720 Bob Minor in 24½ mins. T. Taylor, 1; T. Wiseman, 2; W. Meacham, 3; T. Keeler, 4; P. Pinder, 5; W. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, January 31st, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. by the same band. Tenor 14 cwt. For Divine Service in the evening 720 in the same method was rung by the above company in 24 mins. First 720 by T. Wiseman. T. Taylor and Wiseman are each 17 years of age; Keeler and Pinder are 18 years of age, and are promising young members.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

AYLESFORD (Kent).—On Saturday, January 30th, at the parish church, eight members of the above attempted Harrison's 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major, but after ringing upwards of 9400 changes, in 5 hrs. 30 mins., stand was called, owing to one of the band being too unwell to proceed any further. T. Mannering, 1; A. C. West, 2; A. Palmer, 3; W. J. Sevier, 4; E. Barnett, 5; F. French, 6; W. Haigh, 7; G. Lindoff (conductor), 8.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday evening, January 3rd, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 23 mins. W. Russell, 1; W. H. Tubb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. Burrows, 4; F. Carroway, 5; F. Sparks (conductor), 6. On Thursday, January 14th, with the bells deeply muffled, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Cornell, 1; W. Burrows, 2; C. H. Martin, 3; W. Russell, 4; W. H. Tubb, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Wednesday evening, January 20th, for Divine Service, with the bells half-muffled, the usual whole pull and stand, and 120 Grandsire Doubles, and 600 Plain Bob. W. Russell, 1; W. Webb, 2; J. Cornell, 3; W. Tubb, 4; W. Burrows, 5; F. Carroway, 6. On Sunday evening, January 24th, for Divine Service with the bells half-muffled, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). W. Russell, 1; W. Burrows, 2; F. Carroway, 3; W. Webb, 4; W. Tubb, 5; F.

Sparks (conductor), 6. The above was rung as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence.

THE ST. MARTIN'S SCHOLARS, STAMFORD.

STAMFORD.—On Monday, February 8th, at St. Martin's church, 120 Bob Doubles. F. Dennison, 1; C. Collison, 2; C. Harper, 3; T. Betts, 4; Rev. H. L. James (conductor), 5; W. Ringham, 6. Also another 120, with A. Cooke, 6; the rest as before. Tenor 15 cwt. These are the first 6-scores by all except the conductor, also the first by the society, which was founded on October 30th, 1891.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

CHURCH (Lancashire).—On Sunday, January 31st, at the parish church, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. F. Calvert, 1; C. J. Rigby, 2; J. Bentley, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattinson, 5; J. Smith, 6. Tenor 15 cwt.

ST. PETER'S GUILD, WOLVERHAMPTON.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Monday, January 4th, at St. Peter's church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. F. Anslow, 1; W. Jukes, 2; B. Dalton (conductor), 3; C. F. Vickers, 4; J. E. Groves, 5; J. Pardoe, 6. 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Jukes, 1; F. Anslow, 2; B. Dalton, 3; C. F. Vickers, 4; W. Jukes, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, January 6th, 839 of Grandsire Triples. W. Jasper, 1; F. Anslow, 2; J. Pardoe, 3; C. March, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; J. E. Groves (conductor), 7; F. Jones, 8. On Wednesday, January 20th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence, but it came to grief, in 2 hrs. and 20 mins. through some one forgetting to lead. H. Boden, 1; W. Jukes, 2; C. March, 3; J. March, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; J. E. Groves (conductor), 7; J. Webb, 8. On Sunday, January 24th, for evening service, a 503 of Grandsire Triples. J. Jukes, 1; C. March, 2; J. Pardoe, 3; A. Griffiths, 4; W. Jukes, 5; A. F. Vickers, 6; J. E. Groves (conductor), 7; F. Jones, 8. On Sunday, January 31st, for morning service, a 360 of Grandsire Minor. W. Jukes, 1; C. March, 2; J. March, 3; C. F. Vickers, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. A 1036 of Grandsire Triples. W. Jukes, 1; W. March, 2; J. Pardoe, 3; W. Cooper (conductor), 4; A. Griffiths, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; J. E. Groves, 7; J. March, 8. For evening service, a 503 of Grandsire Triples. W. Jukes, 1; W. Cooper (conductor), 2; C. March, 3; A. Griffiths, 4; J. March, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; J. E. Groves, 7; F. Jones, 8. Three courses of Grandsire Major. H. A. Hall, 1; W. Jukes, 2; W. Cooper, 3; C. March, 4; J. March, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; A. Griffiths, 7; J. E. Groves, 8. Tenor 22½ cwt.

TETTENHALL.—On Wednesday, January 20th, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. H. C. Clarke, 1; C. Bessage, 2; T. Rowe, 3; B. Dalton (conductor), 4; W. M. Richards, 5; W. H. Weaver, 6. A 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. *W. Jasper, 1; *C. Bessage, 2; *T. Rowe, 3; W. Jukes, 4; J. E. Groves (conductor), 5; J. Pardoe, 6. A 360 in the same method. W. Jukes, 1; C. Bessage, 2; B. Dalton (conductor), 3; J. Pardoe, 4; W. Jasper, 5; J. E. Groves, 6. The above was rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Duke of Clarence. *First 720 of Minor and rang at the first attempt. Tenor 13 cwt.

PENN.—On Sunday, January 31st, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 22 mins. J. Jukes, 1; W. Jukes, 2; W. Cooper, 3; C. F. Vickers, 4; A. Griffiths, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. A 360 in the same method. J. Jukes, 1; W. Jukes, 2; A. Griffiths, 3; C. F. Vickers, 4; H. Roden, 5; J. E. Groves (conductor), 6. Also several 6-scores. Tenor 10½ cwt.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Bow (Middlesex).—On Sunday, February 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. T. Baker, 1; H. Springall (conductor), 2; S. Hayes, 3; W. Dallimore, 4; S. Parmenter, 5; E. Hall, 6; R. Turner, 7; C. Dempsey, 8. Composed by J. Barrett, of Stepney, and contains fourteen 4-6s, fourteen 7-4s, and fourteen 6-7s.

WESTMINSTER.—On Sunday evening, February 7th, at St. Stephen's church, eight members of the St. Stephen's Society rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. W. Carter, 1; F. Ingerfield, 2; A. G. Ellis, 3; T. R. Bell, 4; E. Duff, 5; J. Willshire (conductor), 6; H. S. Ellis, 7; F. Pates, 8. Composed by the Editor, and published in the issue of January 16th, 1892.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL.—On Sunday morning, February 7th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheeldon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3;

J. E. Wheeldon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor and 720 Oxford Bob, with J. Warren, 5; the rest as before. First 720 of Oxford by C. Preston. First 720 with a bob bell by W. Wheeldon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Thursday, February 4th, at St. James's church, 720 Grandsire Minor. C. Wilkins (first 720), 1; J. Burge, 2; T. Doble, 3; G. Yendall (first 720 with a bob bell), 4; T. W. Radford, 5; J. Maddock (conductor), 6. And a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. J. Burge, 1; S. Radford, 2; T. W. Radford, 3; G. E. Harbour, 4; J. Maddock, 5; G. Knight, 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORLEY.—On Saturday, February 6th, in honour of the marriage of one of the local band, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by the Editor. E. Taylor, 1; J. Kenward, 2; G. Staplehurst, 3; S. Kenward (conductor), 4; W. Edwards, 5; A. Longhurst, 6; J. Taylor, 7; A. Sparks, 8.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Monday, January 25th, 720 Plain Bob. N. Tompkins, 1; H. Finch, 2; F. Finch, 3; C. Hills, 4; J. Hills, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. On Thursday, January 28th, 720 College Exercise. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch (first in the method with a bob bell), 2; C. Hills, 3; T. Linfield, 4; T. Parsons, 5; J. Hills (conductor), 6. On Monday, February 1st, 720 College Pleasure. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch (first in the method with a bob bell), 2; C. Hills, 3; T. Parsons, 4; J. Hills, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. On Thursday, February 4th, an attempt was made for a 5040 in seven different methods, but after ringing 3120 changes it came to grief owing to a change-course, and "stand" was called after ringing 1 hr. 40 mins., being 720 each of the following: College Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Violet, and 240 Duke of York. H. Finch, 1; F. Finch, 2; T. Parsons, 3; J. Hills, 4; T. Linfield, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHESTER.—On Saturday, February 6th, six members of the St. Bridget's company assisted by the St. Mary's-on-the-Hill band rang short touches of Plain Bob with the queens and tittums, and other ringing, occupying 35 mins., being the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Joseph Smith, a brother-ringer. W. Kendall, 1; A. Dodd, 2; F. Chesworth, 3; L. Schofield, 4; R. Humphreys, 5; E. F. Fletcher (conductor), 6. Tenor 23 cwt. Longest length by five of the band. All the above wish Mr. and Mrs. Smith every success and happiness in their new sphere of life.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, January 28th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a 720 Double Court Bob in 24½ mins. G. Jordan, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; W. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. This was rung in honour of G. Jordan's seventeenth birthday. On Sunday, January 31st, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 Cambridge Surprise in 24½ mins. (5th the observation). W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Thursday, February 4th, the local company rang for practice, a 720 Worcester Surprise (nine bobs) in 26 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and first in the method on the bells. A 720 Canterbury Pleasure (fourteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. Composed by Rev. C. W. Bassano, Old Hill. G. Jordan, 1; G. Gray, 2; I. Hammond, 3; I. Cavill, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. A 720 Superlative Surprise (nine bobs, 3rd the observation), in 24 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 7th, for afternoon service, a 720 Cambridge Surprise (nine bobs) in 23 mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; *T. J. Watts (conductor), 5; W. Watts, 6. *First 720 in the method as conductor. Tenor 13 cwt. *Handbell Ringing*.—On Saturday, February 6th, on handbells retained in hand, two 120's Grandsire Doubles. T. J. Watts, 1-2; W. Watts (conductor), 3-4; W. Cavill, 5-6. These are the first 120's by all double-handed.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRITH (Kent).—On Friday, January 29th, an attempt was made to ring Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 4200 changes in 2 hrs. 35 mins., it was unfortunately lost through the gas being turned off in the church. C. Wilkins, 1; G. Conyard, 2; H. Gibbs, 3; J. Davis, 4; F. J. Cullum, 5; J. Garard, 6; W. Bedwell, 7; J. H. Cheesman, 8.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, February 7th, at the church of St. Mary

Abbotts, Kensington, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1277 changes), in 50 mins. *F. Davis, 1; *W. Jones, 2; R. W. Hoather, 3; *— Griffiths, 4; J. C. Truss, 5; *R. E. Dawe, 6; W. Baron, jun., 7; F. J. Pitts (composer and conductor), 8; W. Baron, 9; G. Chesterman, 10. *First quarter-peal on ten bells. R. E. Dawe hails from Lewes, and had not rung on ten bells before.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

WEST KIRBY (Cheshire).—On Saturday, January 30th, 720 Grand-sire Minor. J. Picken, 1; R. Voas, 2; H. Bird, 3; J. Strong, 4; J. Wood, 5; J. Cliffe, 6; J. Dillon (conductor), 7; J. Pownall, 8. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Wednesday, February 10th, at the Abbey, 335 Grandsire Triples. F. Wilson, 1; T. Curtiss, 2; J. Staples, 3; J. Hewitt, 4; J. Ballard, 5; H. White, 6; J. Whiting (conductor), 7; C. Tribe, 8. A 504 Bob Triples. J. Hewitt, 1; T. Curtiss, 2; J. Staples, 3; J. Elcomb, 4; H. White (conductor), 5; C. Tribe, 6; J. Whiting, 7; A. Newman, 8. Another 504 Bob Triples. H. White, 1; R. White, 2; G. Newman, 3; J. Elcomb, 4; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 5; C. Tribe, 6; J. Whiting, 7; J. Walker, 8. 252 Bob Triples. F. Wilson, 1; C. Tribe, 2; G. Newman, 3; T. Cole, 4; H. White, 5; T. Groves, 6; W. H. George, 7; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 8. A 504 Stedman Triples. G. Grafham, 1; C. Privett, 2; H. White, 3; W. H. George, 4; T. Groves, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; J. Whiting (conductor), 7; T. Cole and J. Walker, 8. A plain course of Stedman with J. Hewitt, 2; J. Staples, 3; A. Newman, 8. First touch of Bob Triples by the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, and longest length of Triples by Messrs. R. White, Newman, Elcomb, A. Newman, and Walker, who are all local men.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

SANDIACRE (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, February 13th, at the parish church, a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles). H. Fletcher (first 720), 1; T. Cope, 2; G. Oldham, 3; T. D. Thompson, 4; W. Hexter (conductor), 5; S. Wesley, 6. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F. This was rung as a mark of respect to Mr. J. Bonsall, one of the local ringers, who was married on Thursday, February 11th. Several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, Bob Doubles and Stedman Doubles. A. Freeman, H. Fletcher, T. Cope, W. Hexter, G. Oldham, S. Wesley, T. Thompson, and H. W. Wilde. H. Fletcher hails from Ilkeston, Geo. Oldham from Beeston, S. Wesley from Lenton, and T. Cope and W. Hexter from Long Eaton.

ASPLEY GUISE (Beds).—On Saturday, January 30th, 360 Bob Minor. E. Herbert, 1; H. Checkley, 2; C. Wild, 3; C. Herbert, 4; M. Lane (conductor), 5; Cyril Herbert, 6. On Saturday, February 13th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). W. Phillimore, 1; C. Wild (first 720), 2; C. Herbert, 3-4; Cyril Herbert (conductor), 5-6.

ARELEY KINGS (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, January 31st, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 24 mins. T. Fowles, 1; W. Martin, 2; T. Griffiths, 3; J. Reynolds, 4; W. Pardoe, 5; C. Beaman, (conductor), 6. W. Pardoe hails from Coseley.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Monday, January 25th, at St. Phillip's church, an attempt was made for a peal of 5057 Grandsire Caters, with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Duke of Clarence, but after ringing 2 hrs. 20 mins. it came to grief. J. Jennings, 1; J. E. Scott, 2; R. C. Bowkett, 3; G. Walker, 4; J. Jones, 5; C. Sparkes, 6; G. Hitchman, 7; F. H. James, 8; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 9; F. Mumford, 10. Tenor 29 cwt.

BOUGHTON NEAR FAVERSHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, February 7th, for a Confirmation Service, held by the Bishop of Dover, a 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles). A. Smith, 1; F. T. Harris, 2; H. Foreman, 3; W. Hope, 4; E. E. Foreman, 5; W. Foreman, 6; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 7; W. G. Lucas, 8; 6th and 8th covering. 252 Bob Triples. A. Smith, 1; H. Foreman, 2; G. A. Ransom, 3; W. Hope, 4; E. E. Foreman, 5; R. Castle, 6; F. T. Harris (conductor), 7; W. Foreman, 8. On Tuesday, February 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins. H. Wallis, 1; A. Biggs, 2; E. E. Foreman, 3; C. Couchman, 4; C. L. Graham, 5; W. Wood (conductor), 6; G. A. Ransom, 7; W. Foreman, 8.

BURLEY, LEEDS (Yorks).—On Sunday, February 7th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Oxford. S. Wood, 1; *C. Hird, 2; *S. Brook, 3; G. H. Hoyle (conductor), 4; J. W. Atkinson, 5; J. Hey, 6. *First 720 in the method with a bob bell.

COLN ST. ALDWYNS (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, February 8th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. T. Barnett, 1; R. Jefferies (conductor), 2; C. Bate, 3; H. Griffin, 4; J. Kitchen, 5; T. Smith, 6.

CHISLEHURST (Kent).—On Monday, February 8th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. Durling, 1; H. P. Harman, 2; G. Durling, 3; G. French, 4; J. Emery, 5; T. Harford (first quarter-peal as conductor), 6; W. J. Smith, 7; T. Phillips, 8. Composed by H. P. Harman.

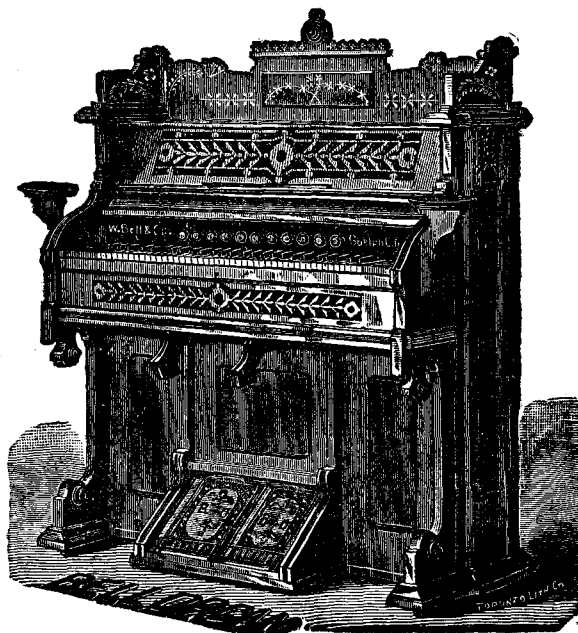
EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—Recently at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by F. W. Harding; also another quarter-peal conducted by W. J. Fisher. At Christ Church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS." And 252 Stedman Triples, 420 Bob Triples, two 504's of Grandsire Triples, and a plain course of Treble Bob. F. W. Harding, A. Baker, G. Howse, J. Sharp, T. Smith, J. Honisett, F. Dyer, W. Fisher, C. Tewes, and J. Osborn. The Grandsire was conducted by A. Baker, the Stedman and Bob Triples by F. W. Harding.

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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.
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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.
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Hertfordshire Association.—District meeting at Hertford, to-day, 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.
St. Albans. E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

Lancashire Association, — Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Preston, to-day, 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 Chailey, to-day, Saturday, 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.
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.
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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.
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The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The usual monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held at Rothwell, on Saturday, February 27th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Nominations of officers for the ensuing year due at this meeting.
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Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting will be held at Ormskirk, on Saturday, February 27th. Bells open 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.
Rev. W. T. BULPIT } Hon.
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Lancashire Association, Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Milnrow church, on Saturday, February 27th. Bells ready from 3 p.m. The vicar will provide tea for those members who send in to me not later than Wednesday, February 24th. Tea in Schools at 4.30 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.
42, Tweeddale Street, FRANK BIRTWISTLE.
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Middlesex Association.—A meeting of this Society will be held at Tottenham, on Saturday, February 27th, when the balance sheet for the past year and the annual reports will be presented. Ringing at 4 o'clock.
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Making and cutting white marble tablet to instructions	6 0 0
Two corbels to carry same	0 5 6
Fixing tablet in tower	0 10 6

Total cost	£6 16 0
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This tablet was unveiled by the Rev. Arthur W. Jephson, on Saturday, February 6th, 1892, particulars of which will be found on another page.
GEO. W. WILD,
February 9th, 1892.

FALSE TOUCH.—The date touch of 1892 changes of Union Triples, by Mr. Longney, of Croome, Worcester, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" of February 6th, is false.

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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- 6 5 2 4 3	- 6 5 2 4 3
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s 2 5 4 6 3	- 5 2 4 6 3
s 6 3 2 4 5	s 6 3 5 4 2
- 5 4 6 2 3	s 4 2 6 5 3
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- 4 6 3 5 2	- 2 6 3 4 5
s 5 2 4 3 6	- 5 4 2 3 6
s 3 6 5 4 2	s 3 6 5 2 4
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23465	-	45236 - -
34265	-	32546 - -
32564	-	25346 - -
25364	-	53246 - -
53264	-	42356 - -
62354	-	23456 - -
23654	-	

First rung (muffled) at St. Michael's, Gloucester, January 18th, 1892. Conducted by its composer.

NOTE TO THE PEAL RUNG AT SADDLEWORTH.—This was the first peal rung by S. Winterbottom, whom the band congratulated upon his achievement, and wished him success, as he is leaving Saddleworth for Wales. It was also rung in honour of the birthday of James Radcliffe, and the band wished him many happy returns. The treble ringer has been away from Saddleworth over twenty years, and having been in his native parish again a few months, he was anxious to ring a peal. He is fifty-three years of age. The ringers and friends to the number of about twenty were entertained by Mr. Winterbottom after the peal to a first rate supper at the "Church Inn," and the evening was made up of songs, courses on handbells, &c.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

H. P. HARMAN.—Next week; we are quite full of such matters, and issue them in order.

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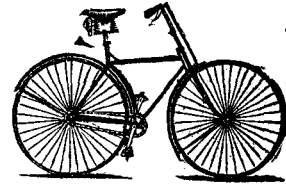
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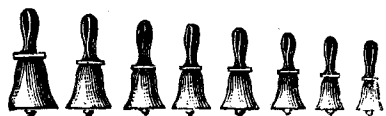
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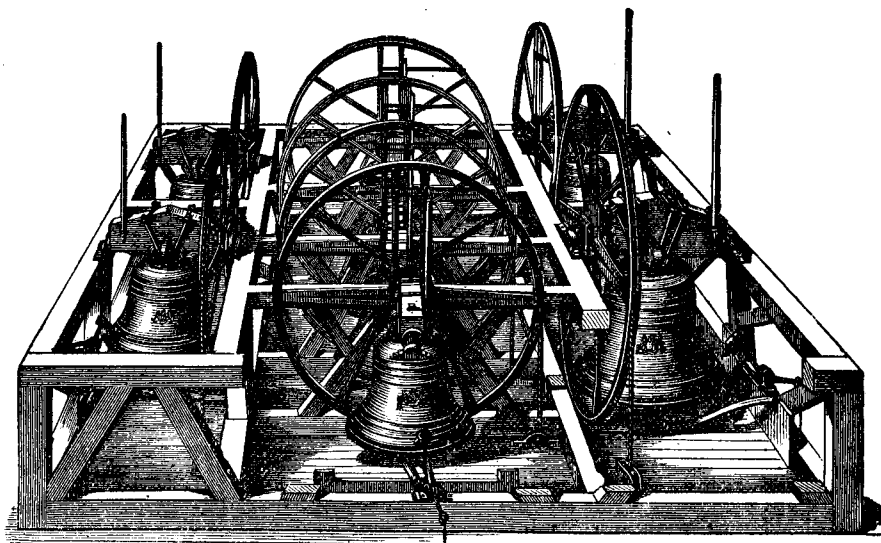
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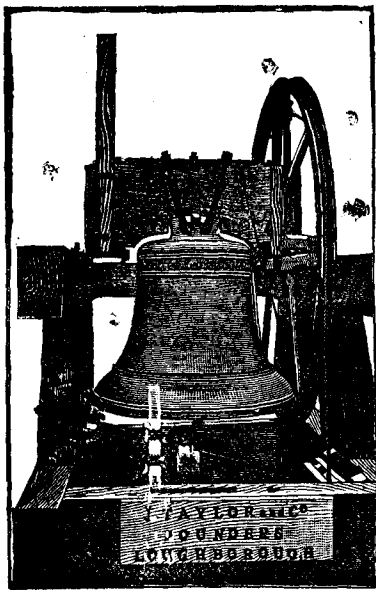
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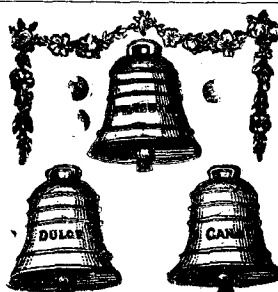
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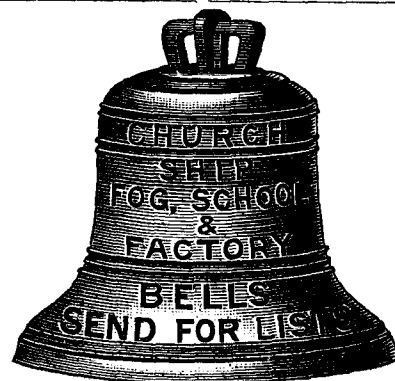
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