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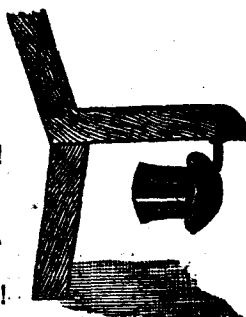
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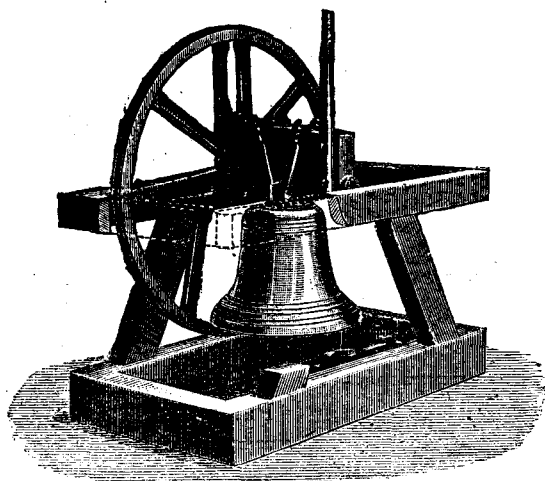
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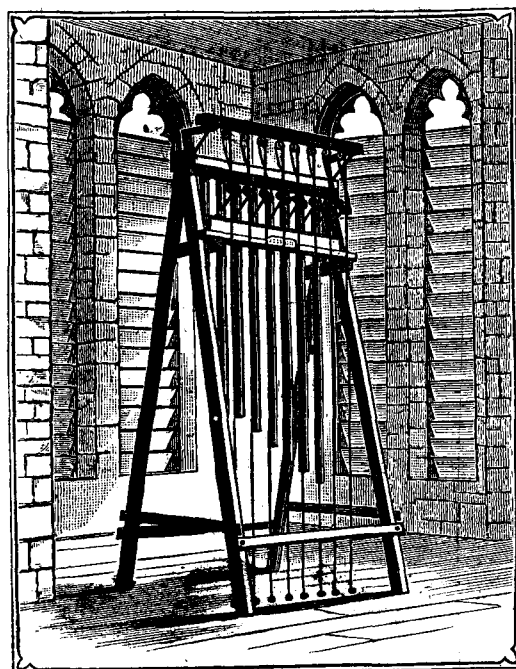
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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Annual Meeting of this Guild was held at Poole on Monday, April 16th, and was attended by about sixty members. Divine Service was held at St. James's church, and an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Elliott, of Holy Trinity, Bournemouth. The business meeting was subsequently held in the vestry, the Master of the Guild (Rev. A. D. Hill) presiding. The annual report showed that during 1891 there were 56 honorary members and 268 ringing members, while in the previous year there were 61 of the former and 314 of the latter. Financially, although there had been fewer members, the expenses had been less, and the Guild was in as good a position in this respect as in 1890. The total receipts last year were £27 2s., which with a balance in hand of £20 13s. 6d., made £47 15s. 6d. The aggregate expenses only amounted to £25 18s. 10d., so that a balance in hand of £21 16s. 8d. was left at the end of 1891. As regarded change-ringing, altogether thirteen peals of over 5000 changes had been rung on tower bells, and ten on handbells, during the year, viz.: 1 peal of Treble Bob Major, 13 peals of Grandsire Triples, 5 of Bob Major, and 5 of Stedman Triples. The Committee made the following recommendations and additions to the rules of the Guild: (1) That the allowance of travelling expenses to ringing members attending the annual or district meetings continue to be paid as heretofore according to the usual scale up to 3s. per head; (2) That facilities be also given for change-ringing parties of members, holding the Guild certificate of proficiency, to arrange for special local meetings within the diocese, a grant not exceeding two-thirds of the travelling expenses being given within reasonable limits out of the funds of the Guild. The Committee added an explanation to the effect that these contributions from the funds were not to be made in respect of any member for more than one such meeting, in addition to the allowance for the general meeting, in each year. This was considered to be desirable in order to encourage the knowledge and practice of change-ringing, which was one of the main objects of the Guild. In closing their report the Committee expressed their deep regret at the resignation of the Rev. M. Hankey, district secretary for Dorset. Considerable discussion took place upon the recommendations of the Committee. A suggestion was made that every one who could not ring the treble in 120 changes on tower bells, or 720 on handbells, and therefore not in possession of the Guild certificate of proficiency, should be treated as probationers. This was considered a little too radical, although it was generally admitted that something should be done which would decisively promote scientific change-ringing. Another suggestion was made to the effect that the Guild should undertake to pay one-half of the expenses incurred by any band in securing the services of an instructor. Eventually the report and recommendations were adopted.

A proposition by Mr. T. Blackburn that the Committee be requested to draw up a few simple directions as to the first steps to be taken in order to acquire the art of change-ringing, so that country bands may be able to make a commencement before procuring an instructor, was unanimously adopted, and the consideration of other suggestions was left to the pleasure of the Committee.

The Rev. A. D. Hill was elected Master; Mr. W. Pinckney (Old Bank, Salisbury), Hon. Treasurer; Mr. J. R. Jerram (Salisbury), General Secretary; Rev. C. W. Hony (Bishop's Cannings), Secretary for Wilts; Rev. J. H. Fisher (Cranbourne), Secretary for Dorset; Revs. J. H. Penruddocke and J. D. Morris, Messrs. S. Merritt, G. Parham, C. A. Clements, F. Rigden, and J. Judd, as the Special Committee; and Mr. W. W. Gifford (Salisbury), as Hon. Auditor. On the motion of the Rev. S. Boulter (Fordington), a special vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. M. Hankey, for services rendered.

Dinner was served at The Antelope, the Mayor of Poole presiding, the company including the Rev. A. D. Hill, Rev. J. A. Lawson (Rector of St. James, Poole), Rev. A. Kemble (Berwick St. John, Salisbury), Rev. S. Boulter, Rev. C. W. Balleine (Fontmell Magna), and Rev. J. A. Jacob (Salisbury). The Mayor proposed "The Queen and Royal Family," and "The Health of the Rev. J. A. Lawson," both toasts being received with enthusiasm. Mr. Lawson having replied, the Mayor submitted the toast of "Success to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers," expressed the great pleasure it was to him to meet

the members of the Guild; alluded to the delight which the music of the bells always afforded him; spoke of the exercise those who took part in bell-ringing obtained, and wished the Guild increased prosperity.

The Master briefly responded, and tendered the thanks of the company to all the incumbents who by throwing open their belfries had contributed to the pleasure of the visitors.

During the day the belfries of St. James (Poole), St. Peter (Bournemouth), Wareham, Corfe Castle, and Canford were available, and ringing took place in most of them.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly General Meeting was held at Thetford on Monday, May 17th, which was very thinly attended by members, owing, no doubt, chiefly to the situation of Thetford being remote from the principal ringing centres of the diocese, and the means of communication by rail intricate. The eight bells of St. Peter's church were most kindly placed at the disposal of the Association for the day by the Rector, the Rev. J. P. Watts, who gave a most cordial welcome to the members who attended. A cold collation was provided at The Anchor at 1.30, to which about twenty sat down, the Rev. Dr. Raven, President of the Association, taking the chair, supported by the Rector of St. Peter's, Thetford, the Vicar of St. Mary's, the Rev. W. R. Pitt, District Secretary for East Harling, Mr. F. Miles, District Secretary for Fakenham, and the Honorary Secretary. A short business meeting followed the dinner, when the Hon. Secretary congratulated the members on the continual growth of the society; and the incumbents of St. Peter's and St. Mary's both cordially welcomed the Association to Thetford, and expressed appreciation of its work. An addition of fifty-seven to the ranks of the society was made at this meeting, viz.: fourteen honorary members, including two ladies, twenty-two performing members, and twenty-one probationers. Ringers were present from Norwich, Fakenham, Wymondham, East Harling, Kenninghall, Fundenham, and St. Peter's, Thetford. Those accustomed to eight-bell work were, however, too few to form a company, therefore, the greater part of the ringing done during the day was Minor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Fourteenth Quarterly Meeting of the Macclesfield branch was held at Bollington, on Saturday, the 14th, when only twenty members attended; being eleven from Macclesfield, and the remainder from Bollington. During the afternoon several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by mixed bands, including a 672 by seven from Macclesfield, and one from Bollington. The usual tea was partaken of at five o'clock, which was a substantial one, in the school-room, presided over by the vicar, the Rev. F. Richardson, who also presided over the business meeting which followed. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and Prestbury was selected for the next place of meeting, on the 8th of October, 1892. Business of a light character was gone through and great displeasure was shewn at the absence of the Poynton, Prestbury and Gawsorth members. The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the vicar for his kindness in presiding, his welcome, and the use of the room and the bells. The tower was again visited, and altogether a pleasant time was spent by the few who did attend.

SANDY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

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MAIDENHEAD. BERKS.

On Saturday, April 30th, a meeting of ringers took place at All Saints, Boyne Hill, friends coming from Marlow, Cookham, and Farnham Royal to assist in celebrating the 68th birthday of Mr. R. Smith, the veteran father of change-ringers in this district. A peal was attempted, but owing to a mis-call failed after ringing 2600 changes. The next item was the opening of a magnificent peal-board, recording the first peal of Oxford Bob Triples rung in the diocese, which fact the Vicar, the Rev. A. H. Drummond, in uncovering the board, congratulated the band on, and urged them to still further efforts to obtain more peals and in different methods. A touch was then rung to mark the event, after which the ringers, clergy and churchwardens adjourned to supper at the Institute Club Room, the repast being well served up by Mr. and Mrs. Holdway, caretakers. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung by Messrs. Yates, Parker, J. Wilkins and Truss, which was much appreciated. The cloth being cleared, the toast of "The Queen and Royal Family" was given, and honoured with a verse of the National Anthem. "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese" was proposed by Mr. F. Bissley, and responded to by the Vicar, who expressed the pleasure it gave him to be with them that evening, and on all occasions to meet his ringers, as they were men to be proud of. Then came the toast of the evening—"The Health of Mr. R. Smith," proposed by the Vicar, who spoke of the long and excellent services rendered by Mr. Smith to the art of change-ringing and belfry reform in the parish. He could not say all he should like to then, as friends had to catch their trains. He would on behalf of himself, the rest of the clergy and ringers present Mr. Smith with an enlarged photograph of themselves (taken under the tower, with Mr. Smith in the centre, and suitably inscribed underneath), as a memento of his happy existence among them, and appreciation of his ungrudging services to one and all.

Mr. Smith, in reply, heartily thanked them for the honour done to him, and gave an interesting account of his sojourn among them.

"The Health of the Churchwardens" was then proposed by Mr. J. Wilkins, who said they were only too glad to see them in the belfry at any time, shewing they were all interested one with another.

After a song by the last speaker, entitled "Paddy and the Rope," the Vicar's warden responded, testifying the pleasure it was to be with them, and his willingness to do all he could for them.

The healths of the foreman, Mr. F. Bissley, and steeplekeeper, Mr. J. Wilkins, was given by the Rev. R. P. Newhouse, who spoke of their respective merits, which was responded to by them. Songs and tunes on the handbells brought a very successful day to a close.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AT LINFIELD.

On Saturday evening, May 14th, a good muster of ringers belonging to this association met at the parish church of St. John the Baptist, for an evening's practice together. Besides several members of the local company, there were present Messrs. Williams, Merriitt, Fuller, Palmer and Hart, from Brighton; Messrs. Parker, Paice, Tyler, F. and J. Rice, from Crawley; and J. Searle and T. Colburn from Burgess Hill. The following touches were brought round: 416 Double Norwich Court Bob Major; 480 Kent Treble Bob Major; 210 and 168 Grandsire Triples; and 168 Stedman Triples. These are the first touches of Double Norwich and Treble Bob on the bells. Several of the local men took part in the Grandsire. On the whole the ringing was very satisfactory, the only method attempted and not brought round being a course of Superlative. Tenor 21½ cwt. It is hoped that several more meetings of this kind will be arranged during the summer months.

HANDBELL RINGING.—Mr. A. J. Perkins writes:—"The Bell News" of last week has given an attempt of a peal on handbells by four members of the Royal Cumberland Youths. It states that about 300 changes were rung. This should be 3000 changes."

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting was held at Yatton, on Saturday, the 21st May, the towers represented being St. Mary (Yatton), St. Mary, St. Saviour's, St. Andrew's, the Abbey (Bath), Twerton-on-Avon, Long Ashton, Wraxall, Backwell, Barrow Gurney, Huntspill, Wells and Highbridge. A service was held at 2.15 at St. Mary's, Yatton, prayers being read by the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith, M.A., (Master of the Association), and the lesson by the Rev. William Arnold, M.A., (vicar), and an interesting and appropriate address was given by the Rev. J. A. Wadmore, M.A. (vicar of Barrow Gurney), who based his remarks upon Romans xii. 10, 11, 15. Many of the members, after a few touches on the Yatton bells, journeyed farther afield to the interesting churches of Wrington and Congresbury, where they were well received by the local authorities. On the return of the wanderers to Yatton they were entertained at tea, kindly provided by the vicar. A meeting was subsequently held, under the presidency of the vicar, supported by Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower (Bristol), J. H. B. Hesse (Wrington), and Mr. Rupert Lewis, honorary secretary. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, sixteen new members were elected on the proposition of Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, seconded by Mr. J. Smith Flower. It was then decided, on the proposition of Mr. Rupert Lewis, seconded by Mr. A. E. Mills (Wells), who said the members would be heartily welcomed, that the next meeting should be held at Wells. On the proposition of Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, seconded by Mr. Rupert Lewis, a most cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the vicar for his great kindness and hospitality, and also to the churchwardens, organist, and choir for their services. The ringing during the day included touches of Grandsire Triples, Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles; and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. R. Lewis, 1; H. T. Howell, 2; W. Lewis, 3; J. Wale, 4; J. Smith Flower, 5; A. Melhuish, 6; H. W. Brown (conductor), 7; T. E. Lock, 8. This is the first quarter-peal in any method by J. Whale and T. E. Lock.

ERECTION OF A PEAL-BOARD.

With the kind permission of the Rev. J. H. Snowden, M.A., last December a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung at St. Paul's church, Hammersmith. It was the first peal in the method on the bells, and the first peal on them since they were re-hung in the new tower. On Saturday, May 7th, some members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths met at this church with the intention of ringing a peal to celebrate the erection of a board in the tower commemorating the peal mentioned, but unfortunately meeting one short the attempt was abandoned, only a few touches in various methods being rung. The board, which is an exceptionally good one, is in black and gold, and was presented by Mr. E. F. Cole. It gave the utmost satisfaction; and after ringing was over Mr. Cole kindly invited the ringers to his house, where they sat down to a substantial repast, to which ample justice was done. The remainder of the evening was spent in conversing on the advance of change-ringing in general, together with a few songs. The time passed cheerfully, and 11 o'clock arriving, the company departed, each one with feelings of gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Cole for the hearty welcome and kind hospitality he had received.

GENERAL INVITATION.—Mr. H. West, of Swansea, writes:—"The Bath and West of England Show will be held in Swansea this year, and doubtless there are many change-ringers who will visit it. As there will be ringing at St. Mary's, all change-ringers will have a most cordial welcome. Ringing will commence each day at 9 o'clock. The Show will take place on the following dates: June 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 6th."

GOLD MEDAL.—We are informed that the maiden peal of six used in the pantomime of "Dick Whittington," at the Prince of Wales Theatre, Birmingham, have taken the gold medal at the Trades Exhibition, held at Bingley Hall, Birmingham. These bells were cast by Messrs. Carr, Smethwick, Birmingham.

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GORING, OXON.

A few evenings ago the ringers of this place met to ring a muffled peal in affectionate remembrance of Thomas J. Pocock, of Whitchurch, Oxon, who passed away during Easter week, and who was a great friend to the band, he having assisted them in ringing their first 720 they ever rung: it was intended to have rung some Minor, but one of the band could not attend. Several 6-scores of Doubles were rung instead. G. Moore, 1; C. Tidbury, 2; J. Bower, 3; W. Aldridge, 4; G. Wilson, 5; J. Carter, 6. On Friday evening, April 28th, a 720 Bob Minor, this was rang in honor of Mr. James Schoolbred coming to reside in the village, and a visit by the Rev. H. L. Lewis, who was curate in this parish last summer, and who was married a few weeks ago; the ringers wish them a happy and prosperous long life. On Sunday, May 1st, a 360 Bob Minor and 360 Oxford Bob. On Sunday, May 8th, for evening service, a 360 Bob Minor. J. Carter, 1; J. Bower, 2; C. Tidbury, 3; W. Aldridge, 4; J. Alexander, 5; G. Wilson (conductor), 6.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

MUFFLED PEAL.—On Saturday evening, April 30th, a muffled peal was rung by the eight members of the Woodbridge company on the bells of St. Mary's church, as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. David Baldwin, who died suddenly at the Seckford Almshouses, the deceased being an old and much respected member of this society, as well as a good ringer. The treble was taken by Mr. J. Fosdike (the respected Master of the society) who commenced to ring with Mr. Baldwin in 1830. On three of the tablets in St. Mary's belfry, the name of "David Baldwin" is inscribed as ringing the 6th in the following peals: January 12th, 1842, 5,120 Kent Treble Bob, in 3 hrs. 9 mins. March 26th, 1851, 6,144 Kent Treble Bob, in 3 hrs. 56 mins. (this is the longest peal known to have been rung on the Woodbridge bells). Jan. 21st, 1869, 5,040 Grandsire Triples, in 3 hrs. 20 mins.

CLIFTON, YORK.

On Saturday, May 13th, the SS. Phillip and James' company paid a visit to Easingwold, and by kind permission of the vicar, Rev. N. Jackson, attempted a peal on the bells of St. John's church. They however were not successful in getting the peal, but rang five 720's in two hours. The methods were College Single, Yorkshire Court, Grandsire, Duke of York, and Oxford Treble Bob. After the ringing, by the invitation of the vicar, an adjournment was made to the vicarage, where a splendid repast awaited them. After doing justice to the good things provided, the handbells were brought into acquisition, and courses of Grandsire Triples and Major were rung on the terrace before the vicarage. The vicar then took them round the garden and grounds, shewing the splendid views of the church and surrounding country, to be obtained from this vantage ground, which stands very high. A splendid view was obtained of York Minster, the distance being about thirteen miles. A move was then made for the station, and the company reached home safely after having spent a most enjoyable afternoon, and through this medium they wish to tender their best thanks to the vicar for his kindness, and also to the local company for having everything in readiness.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, May 14th, the members of this society revived the once annual dinner, which it is hoped may be held in future every year without interval. The place selected for the enjoyment of the repast was the meeting-house of the Society, the "Essex Head," Essex Street, Strand. About twenty sat down, the Master, Mr. F. G. Newman, presiding. The menu was on a very liberal scale, and reflected credit on the proprietary of the above-named inn.

After the cloth was withdrawn and the usual loyal toasts given by the Master, Mr. G. McLaughlin gave a short resumé of the origin of the St. James' Society, which was very interesting to all present.

The Master then gave the toast of "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," accompanying its introduction by a few appropriate observations. Toast and sentiment, interspersed with some very good double-handed ringing, then became general.

PRESENTATION AT CAPEL, SURREY.

ON Saturday, May 14th, the Capel ringers and a few friends visited Ockley church tower, and by the kind permission of the vicar rang 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. First band: J. Worsfold, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; J. Fayers, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; A. Mills, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. Second band: J. Worsfold, 1; E. Jordan, 2; J. Akehurst, 3; J. Fayers, 4; M. Jenkins, 5; A. Mills (conductor), 6. The party then returned to "The Crown" inn at Capel, where a substantial supper was provided by host and hostess Weeden in their usual good style. About a dozen sat down, Mr. J. Worsfold occupying the chair, and Mr. J. Akehurst the vice-chair, and after three good courses the supper was brought to an end. Time pressing, and the cloth being removed, Mr. J. Akehurst (in the absence of Mr. C. Eagles, nephew of the vicar of Ockley and representative of the Ockley branch of the Winchester Diocesan Guild), in a few well-chosen remarks, presented Mr. D. Jordan, as a recognition of his past services as secretary of the Capel band, with a silver albert, with compass and silver bell appendages, the recipient's name being neatly engraved on one side of the bell, and on the other "Presented by the Capel ringers and a few friends."

Mr. D. Jordan in a few words suitably responded, and expressed his sincere thanks for the way he was being treated.

A letter was then read by the Chairman from Mr. Eagles expressing his regret at not being able to be present, through a long standing engagement he was bound to fulfil a long distance away; and he also spoke how great Mr. Jordan's services had been towards promoting the art of change-ringing in the Winchester diocese; also how much the Ockley band have appreciated the kind and ready way in which the Capel ringers have come forward to assist them.

The Chairman then proposed "The Health of Mr. J. Akehurst," the donor of the feast, which was duly responded to with musical honours. The rest of the evening was spent in singing songs by the company.

Perhaps some of our readers will wonder why the ringers went to Ockley to ring on this occasion. The reason is this: that the bells at Capel are very much out of repair. The ringers had a meeting in the belfry last October, and came to the decision that it was unsafe to continue practice, and sent a note to that effect to the Vicar, signed by the ringers, which had not yet been acknowledged by him, only a statement in the Parish Magazine that as there are several more important objects connected with the church which it is very desirable to accomplish, these repairs evidently cannot at present be effected.

Obituary.

JOHN ROSS.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. John Ross, of Pudsey, Yorkshire, which took place on Saturday evening, May 14th, aged 70 years. The funeral took place on the Tuesday following, and was attended by ringers from different towns. A course of Grandsire Major was rung over the grave, and in the evening muffled tonches were rung at St. Laurence's church. The deceased had been a ringer more than fifty years. He was born at Gomersal, but when quite young he removed to Pudsey, and took up ringing in earnest, and became a prominent member of the company. He has taken part in a number of 5000s and upwards on six and eight bells, his longest length being 10,080 of Kent Treble Bob Major, at Low Moor, which was considered a very creditable performance, being well struck throughout. He has also taken part in a great many contests on six and eight bells, having won upwards of thirty prizes. He was clever in bob calling, but death has terminated the career of this veteran ringer.

Death.

On the 25th inst., at the Bellfoundry, Loughborough, ROBERT SYDNEY TAYLOR, infant son of John W. and Annie M. Taylor, aged 3½ months.

RIPON AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of this Association was held at the Malt Shovel hotel, Boroughbridge, on Saturday afternoon, May 14th. There is a melodious ring of six bells here (tenor 16 cwt.) and an excellent and painstaking band of ringers. In the year 1870, the lady who was then Miss Burdett-Coutts, gave this noble ring of bells. They were cast by Mears and Stainbank, and hung in the tower by the same firm. They were erected to the memory of the father of the above-named lady, Sir Francis Burdett, at a cost of 500 guineas. The church, which is dedicated to St. James, is a handsome structure of cut stone, in the Decorated style. The fabric possesses all the component parts of a parish church; the tower is 70 feet high, and embattled. Its first stone was laid by the Rev. Geo. K. Holdsworth, on the 10th of June, 1851, and opened for Divine worship by the Lord Bishop of Ripon, July 27th, 1852.

Ringers attended from Ripon, Harrogate, Sharow, Aldborough, and Boroughbridge, nearly all the performing members being present. The Harrogate members were accompanied by their curate-in-charge (Rev. R. G. P. Brownrigg), who is an honorary member of the society, and was cordially greeted by the other members present. Ringing commenced about 4.0 p.m., when a 6-score of Bob Doubles was rung, this being closely followed by a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, by G. Ingleby (Ripon), 1; Baines, 2; Langley, 3; Pick, 4; Clark (conductor), 5; Rumbold (Ripon), 6.

At 5.15 p.m. a knife-and-fork tea was bountifully provided at the hotel, when thirty-two sat down and did ample justice to the good things set before them, the Rev. R. G. P. Brownrigg presiding, and the Hon. Secretary officiating as vice. The latter gentleman made a few appropriate remarks concerning the good position of the society, and how highly honored he felt to see present the rev. gentleman at the head of the table. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells both before and after the tea.

At the business meeting which followed the Rev. J. St. Maur Russell, Vicar of Aldborough, and other gentlemen, were elected honorary members. The Vicar of Aldborough kindly invited the members to have a ring at his church, and in pursuance of such invitation a number of the company journeyed thither, a 15 minutes' walk, but a 720 could not be attained owing to the fittings of the 5th bell sadly wanting rectification. A 6-score of Stedman Doubles was however rung by the members of the Ripon Cathedral company before the bells were lowered.

A somewhat untoward incident occurred at Aldborough. The ringers, who ring from the floor at the west end of the church, observed a tall gentleman walking about the church. By-and-by he made his way towards the ringers, and walked in among them while ringing was going on. At length he addressed the ringer who was conducting, and it is hardly necessary to say what followed. The advances of the stranger were met by a forcible request to get out of the way. The ringers afterwards learned that the distinguished visitor was Prince George of Teck, who was staying at Aldborough Manor, and they regretted they were not afforded an opportunity of explaining to the Prince such a seeming discourtesy.

The church at Aldborough is dedicated to St. Andrew, and is an ancient Gothic edifice, restored in 1864-5 at a cost of about £1000. The tower is massive and embattled, and contains a good ring of six bells, tenor about 13 cwt. Near the site of the church is the eastern gate of the Roman Isurium, where there are numerous remains of ancient Roman pavements, which the ringers were kindly permitted to inspect. A 720 of Bob Minor was rung by a mixed band after tea, at Boroughbridge, and also a 6-score of Stedman Doubles by the Ripon Cathedral society. Before leaving, a vote of thanks was given to the Rev. Canon Owen, Vicar of Boroughbridge, and also to the Vicar of Aldborough, for their kind permission to ring; and a similar vote was awarded to the Boroughbridge and Aldborough ringers for their kindness shown on this and other occasions, which votes, it is hoped they will accept through the medium of this paper.

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THE ARCHDEACON OF BARNSTAPLE ON BELFRY REFORM.

The Archdeacon of Barnstaple (Ven. A. E. Seymour) commenced his annual visitation for the Archdeaconry of Barnstaple on Monday, May 2, taking the two deaneries of Barnstaple and Sherwell. Divine Service was held in the parish at 11 o'clock, when the Litany was sung. In his charge, the Archdeacon, after referring to education, said:—

Another matter on which I wish to say something is the question of the bands of ringers in our parish churches. There has been for some years now a serious attempt all over England to reform the state of the belfries, which used to reflect anything but credit upon the Church. The fact that the belfry is really a part of the Church, and that, therefore, all that is done in it ought to be done decently and in order, has been strongly insisted upon, and guilds and associations of bellringers have been formed in different dioceses, both to encourage reverent and careful behaviour in those who are engaged in summoning the congregation to worship, and also to promote a cultivation of the science of change-ringing—in the belief that those who became interested in it would love ringing for its own sake, as an exercise of skill and strength, and would indirectly be led on to realise their position and responsibility as workers in the Church, and therefore are as bound to be faithful and exemplary members of it. The Guild of Devonshire Ringers, which has now been established for eighteen years, has done good and useful work in this matter, and it is a pity that its work is not more widely known, and that more bands of ringers are not affiliated to it. There are only two bands in this Archdeaconry attached to it. One of the rules of the Guild is as follows: "That no member shall take part in any ringing match for prizes—should he do, he will be liable to expulsion from the Guild." The immediate reason of this stringent rule is apparent. If we are to lead our bellringers to realise their position as Church workers, we must not encourage them to take up ringing as a means of making money, by ringing for money prizes. It would be an altogether improper thing we should all feel, for our choirs to sing one against another for prizes it would be a degradation of their office of leading the praises of the congregation in the house of God. And we desire, as far as it is possible, to get our bellringers to feel that their office is one which ought to be discharged with a sense of its being done in the Service of God and of His Church. It is impossible to shut our eyes to what the results of ringing matches have been in the past; they have been scenes too often of excess and unseemly conduct—and now that they have been almost universally discontinued, it is very dangerous to revive them. I do not shut my eyes to the arguments on the other side. I know that it may be pleaded that the ringers need some encouragement; they get little or no remuneration for their services, and these matches are said to ensure frequent practice and consequent efficiency. The choirs have their annual choral festival, and in most cases an annual excursion of some sort, or an entertainment now and then—the ringers ought to be equally well treated. And in answer I would admit that they ought to be encouraged, for where there is a good peal of bells the parishioners would regret it very much if they were always silent. I would urge that they should be encouraged to go and ring at neighbouring towers at times like harvest festivals, or dedication festivals, or occasions when any new bells have been added to a peal. I would encourage their going round for an excursion once or more every year to neighbouring churches to ring, but I would urge that such excursions should be carefully guarded from anything unseemly or unworthy of church-workers, and that our aim should be to lead our ringers to take an intelligent interest in the science of change-ringing—one of the most fascinating pursuits possible—so that they may learn to excel, for excellence's sake, and above all to keep steadily before them the importance and dignity of their office, and the duty of making their lives such as befit those who work in any way for the Church of God. The Incumbent of every church has a responsibility as to the use of the church bells which he cannot put off on anyone else; he is the sole guardian and custodian of them; he alone is the person who has the right to say when they may and when they may not be rung, and while every parish priest who loves his people will exercise his rights with a tender consideration for those in whose interest and for whose benefit he is set over them—he must never forget his responsibility or fail to shew himself worthy to discharge it.

The remarks of the Archdeacon have called forth the following letter, which appeared in the *Devon and Exeter Gazette*:—

"SIR,—In his charge at Barnstaple, Archdeacon Seymour referred to the subject of change-ringing competitions. He decidedly, though I need not say, most kindly and courteously spoke against their continuance. At the luncheon held after the Visitation, the subject was again mentioned, and it was plain enough that the majority of the clergy were against these competitions. As I have lately permitted one to be held in the belfry of Braunton church, I ventured to make a

few remarks on the subject, and I should be obliged to you if you can find me space to address a somewhat larger audience. I feel very strongly that we do not do enough for our ringers, and if some more excellent way than ringing matches can be devised for getting them together and interesting them in their work, I for one shall be only too glad to adopt that way. That scientific ringing—as my ringers call it—and the Devonshire Guild are not much in favour in this part of the county is plainly shown by the fact the Archdeacon mentioned, viz., that only two sets of ringers had joined the Guild from the whole Archdeaconry of Barnstaple. There is, however, very plain evidence to show that the North Devon ringers are much in favour of these ringing competitions, and this is shown by the numbers who flock to the matches, some to compete and some to listen. I confess, as the day of our competition—Easter Monday—approached, I had some qualms as to the events that day would bring forth in Braunton, for I had received divers letters of warning anent the scenes of misrule, disagreement, and even riot I might expect. I may at once own that I was most agreeably disappointed; the behaviour of the competitors both in the churchyard and in the church, left nothing to be desired, all were satisfied with the awards of the judges—or if they were not satisfied they judiciously kept their dissatisfaction to themselves—and I have the best of reason for believing that they left the parish in a sober and decent condition; moreover, the police-sergeant informs me that he never remembers a quieter Easter Monday in Braunton. I mention these facts because these competitions are reported to be easy introductions to drunkenness; though it is at least possible that a Guild ringer may like a little light refreshment of a liquid nature quite as well as the common, or ordinary round-ringer at a ringing match. Another objection is that of the ringing for money. Well, I suppose when a churchman is married he likes to have a merry peal of bells as he comes out of church in the proud position of a bridegroom, and he would be looked upon as a mean kind of fellow if he did not present the ringers with a guinea or two. Some small honorarium, too, is given to the ringers for ringing a funeral knell, while most of us are familiar with the "Brief" that comes round at Christmastide on behalf of the ringers. Now, I do not say for one moment these good men and true ring for the money; this is far from being the case, for the infinitesimal sums they receive, when the money is divided up among the ringers, is as nothing in comparison with the work they do willingly and with a good heart. Other church workers, besides ringers, are paid, for we have scriptural warrant for saying that the labourer is worthy of his hire, and paid choirs are not unknown quantities, while there are but very few among the clergy themselves who are in a position to give their services gratuitously, though, doubtless, many would gladly do so if they could; and vergers, sextons, lay assistants, and in fact almost all church workers look to some small solatium to recompense them for the services they give so willingly. I do not see myself why the ringers should be left out in the cold, and I think we shall be doing a poor service to our church if we pour cold water upon anything which tends to bring them together, and to give them an interest in the work they so kindly undertake. I doubt, moreover, whether the prizes—even should they win—pay their expenses. As to the "Competition" part of the affair, I do not believe anything attains to any large measure of excellency without competition, and since choirs are brought up in this connexion I happen to know that one choir at least was stimulated to fresh exertions when it heard by a sort of side wind that it was the best choir attending the Choral Festival. I do not say that these ringing competitions are all that they might be, but I do say that the ringers—in North Devon, at any rate—like them; that the people like them is very easily seen by the ready way in which they subscribe to the prize fund, and the numbers of those who listen to the competing teams. If we are to do away with these competitions we ought to be ready with something acceptable to ringers to take their place, for the matches certainly tend to practice, and practice means of course, a higher degree of excellence. Before we decide to forbid these competitions, however, would it not be well to see if we could not do something with what we have? How would it be for the folk interested in ringing in a Rural Deanery, for instance, to subscribe together for a silver bell for the different sets to compete for, the bell to be hung as a trophy in the belfry of the winning team, and the team that won three times in succession to have the bell for the church's own. This is not my own suggestion, but that of one of the churchwardens present at the Visitation I referred to. My own idea was a cup, but the bell is a most excellent emendation; the cup is, perhaps, too suggestive to some of my friends. The parish where the silver bell was competed for would—at any rate, I think I can answer for Braunton—provide the luncheon for the competitors, and if the clergy and churchwardens and others interested in ringing would come, I doubt not but that a pleasant and profitable time would be spent, encouragement would be given to a deserving, and, I fear, sometimes neglected set of men, and I do not think we should have much to complain of on the score of drunkenness and unseemly behaviour. I think better of the ringers. Trusting that you will forgive the lengthiness

of this effusion, and that some one may be able to suggest a better way, for I am not unconscious of difficulties,

I am, yours truly,

E. R. GOTTO, Vicar of Braunton.

Braunton Vicarage, May 3rd, 1892."

The following is another letter, which appeared in the same paper in reply to Mr. Gotto:—

"SIR,—The thanks of all who love ringing for its highest object—the glory of God—are due to the Archdeacon for his outspoken words at Barnstaple last week. The heading of Mr. Gotto's letter in to-day's issue is misleading, as there is only one kind of change-ringing, the change-ringing mentioned by him being merely round ringing, which does not require a great amount of skill, as the conductor simply calls out to each ringer his place. The fact that there are only two bands in the Archdeaconry belonging to the Guild shows that round ringers, as a rule, will not take the trouble to learn change-ringing, and are content with reaching a certain stage of proficiency without ever being able to get any further; while at the same time I have over and over again heard round ringers loud in their praises of change-ringing when well done as it undoubtedly is by one, at any rate, of these two bands. I am quite aware that there is great difficulty in learning change-ringing in country parishes, as young men leave their homes and the band gets broken up; but still it has been learnt and can be done, and is done well, in country places. The fault that ringers are not made enough of lies with the clergy, for we often find the singers encouraged while the ringers are left out in the cold; in some cases too the clergy never visit the belfry from year's end to year's end. It is to be hoped that the suggestion of any prize whatever for ringing will not be seriously entertained. Mr. Gotto hardly keeps to the point in his comparisons. Surely it cannot be right to use anything connected with the church—and the bells are as much a part of it as the organ—in a competition for a prize. Choirs do not sing at choral festivals for a prize, nor to see which is the best choir. I would suggest that the round ringers who in this part of the county, as a rule, do their work very well in their own style, should form themselves into an Association with meetings in each Archdeaconry or better still, in each Deanery, with a service in the church as a part of the day's proceedings, the whole or part of the expenses of each band attending to be paid by the Association. This perhaps, might lead to their being affiliated to the Guild on the understanding that they would work for belfry reform, even if they were unable to manage change-ringing. The regret that such a match has taken place at Braunton is considerably increased when we remember Easter Monday there in 1887 on the occasion of the dedication of the two new bells, when many bands of ringers were present, and at the evening service had the privilege of listening to a most excellent sermon from the then Secretary of the Guild, whose earnest words on this subject of ringing matches will not easily be forgotten by many, at all events, who heard them. My excuse for thus trespassing on your space is my great wish to see more interest taken in the ringers, and that they may realise more their high office.

May 6th, 1892.

Yours truly,
HUGH PIGOT."

Correspondence.

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

REPLY TO MR. SNOWDON.

SIR,—A few lines in reference to the first paragraph of Mr. W. Snowdon's letter which appears in "THE BELL NEWS" to-day. Looking through a bound up volume of *Church Bells* for 1881 I found an "extended list" of Bell Literature, such as Mr. Snowdon asks for contributed to that paper by the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe. It begins on page 639, is continued on pages 655, 687, and 795 of that volume, and page 26 of the volume for 1882, and is concluded on page 303. This list contains 292 works, not counting poetry, under which head appears Mr. Haweis' "Music and Morals." I give these references, though doubtless you will receive them from other correspondents.

R. COPEMAN.

A PROPOSAL.

SIR,—I am an old London ringer, resident in a suburb without bells, and by stress of business able to attend ringers' meetings but very rarely. Being a constant reader of "THE BELL NEWS," I frequently read of the performance of peals, of which I would have been a very glad listener, had I but have known the attempt was to have been made. May I suggest, that for the benefit of ringers placed as I am, and I may add, the Exercise generally, that the gentleman who has the getting up of the peal, should kindly forward a post card to you giving time and place of meeting, and that you will, as kindly, insert a short notice thereof.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 28, 1892

THE Ven. the Archdeacon of Barnstaple has, we are glad to say, been moved at his recent annual visitation to refer, among other matters, to the subject of "Belfry Reform." There is not one among the readers of "THE BELL NEWS" who will not agree *in toto* with every word of the Archdeacon's charge. The ven. gentleman has rendered good service to change-ringing in the western counties, and we shall be much surprised if the very seasonable words he has spoken upon belfry matters do not in due time bear fruit. The stagnation which is apparent in ringing concerns in the south-west of England has long been regretted, especially by those who for years have hopefully looked forward to see the Devonshire Guild recognised and sustained, and the objects it has in view sympathised with in an equal degree with that enjoyed by other county ringing associations. The advocacy of the Archdeacon should without question give a fillip to change-ringing in Devon, and the leading spirits of the Devonshire Guild ought immediately to second his observations in every way in their power.

We must not be too hard on the letter published in reply to the Archdeacon by the Rev. E. R. GORTON, Vicar of Branton. That the rev. gentleman means well, there is not the slightest doubt, but he is absolutely ignorant—

we say it with all respect—of the vast difference between scientific and non-scientific ringing. Let us suppose for a moment that he would not object to a friendly contest in his church between church organists—a supposition not at all improbable, we should say, by the tone of his letter—would he be likely, we ask, to look with similar favour upon a contest between organ-grinders (to use the vulgar term they are known by) in his churchyard? We should say in the latter case he would feel disgusted at the bare proposal. Yet he favours something of the sort. He has allowed to take place, in the belfry of his church, not a contest by bell-ringers, but one by bell-grinders. This is the gist of the matter, in fact. The Braunton competition, and all others of its kind, are practically worthless. The idea of competition is to bring out skill of the highest order, but the amount of skill necessary for the Braunton contest could be attained in a month by an average organ-blower or grave-digger, whereas no one who ever entered the pursuit of change-ringing has been able to say that the summit was reached, and that there was nothing further to learn.

The Metropolis.

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Conducted by C. F. WINNY.

Thanks are due to Mr. A. Hubbard for umpiring; every six-end being ticked off as rung. Mr. F. L. Davies ticked off every course-end. A note to this peal appears on another page.

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W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM	 2.	HENRY G. ROWE	.. 6.
HARRY PARKINS*	 3.	WILLIAM HEWITT	.. 7.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY	 4.	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY	.. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 20, 1892, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. REEVES	 Treble.	HERBERT P. HARMAN	.. 5.
WILLIAM BEDWELL	 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN	.. 6.
FREDK. CULLUM	 3.	CHARLES WILKINS	.. 7.
GEORGE CONYARD	 4.	EDWIN BARNETT	.. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

This is H. P. Harman's first peal in the method; also J. H. Cheesman's first peal in the method as conductor.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ADAM H. HILL*	 Treble.	WILLIAM H. SMITH	.. 5.
JAMES THOMAS SALTER	 2.	JAMES E. GROVES	.. 6.
GEORGE SALTER	 3.	JOHN CRANE	.. 7.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL*	 4.	RICHARD E. GROVE	.. Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method; also first peal in the method on the bells. Messrs. Hill and Small belong to the local band; J. E. Groves to Wolverhampton; and the rest to Kidderminster.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1892, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

THOMAS BONIFACE*	 Treble.	JOHN BASHFORD, JUN.	.. 5.
WILLIAM D. SMITH	 2.	WILLIAM BURKIN	.. 6.
FRED SMITH*	 3.	*WALTER HAWKINS	.. 7.
WILLIAM MAYNE*	 4.	LUKE KILLICK	.. Tenor.

Conducted by W. HAWKINS.

*First peal in the method. W. D. Smith was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 21, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ERNEST E. DAVIES*	 Treble.	*WILLIAM C. JONES	.. 5.
ERNEST E. BEWICK	 2.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS	.. 6.
WALTER T. BENNETT*	 3.	HENRY MITCHELL	.. 7.
JOHN AUSTIN	 4.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER	.. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

*First peal in the method. The first peal of Bob Major on the bells.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1892, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

EZRA KEIGHLEY	 Treble.	GEORGE BARRACLOUGH	.. 5.
ALFRED CHAPMAN	 2.	ALFRED NAYLOR	.. 6.
WALTER CHAPMAN	 3.	JOHN WHITAKER	.. 7.
CHARLES PRATT	 4.	JOHN M. CHADWICK	.. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by J. M. CHADWICK

The brothers Chapman and Chadwick hail from Rothwell; Naylor and Whitaker from Headingley; BarracloUGH from Leeds; Keighley and Pratt belong to the local company.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 21, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE PRICE Treble.	ROBERT JORDAN 5.
JAMES SEARLE 2.	JAMES PARKER 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3.	HARRY WESTON 7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 4.	FREDK. W. RICE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This peal, now rung for the first time, has the 4th ten, the 5th sixteen, and the 6th twenty times in 6ths place at course-ends. It is the first peal of Double Norwich on the bells, and the first peal of Major on them for seventy-four years. Messrs. Merritt, Williams and Weston hail from Brighton; Searle from Burgess Hill; the rest from Crawley.

PUDSEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 22, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5124 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

SIMEON LANGSTAFF Treble.	JOAB A. ROSS 5.
HENRY ODDY 3.	JOHN GREEN 6.
WILLIAM HOLLINGS 3.	GEORGE BOLLAND 7.
WILLIAM BOLLAND* .. 4.	FRANK BIRKS Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON and Conducted by W. BOLLAND.

*First peal as conductor. †First peal.

BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER AND ROSSENDALE BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, May 21, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES TAYLOR Treble.	WALTER TAYLOR 5.
SAMUEL LORD 2.	JAMES CALDERBANK .. 6.
JOHN SHEPHERD 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. 7.
WILLIAM HULME 4.	*J. H. ORMEROD Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN SHEPHERD.

*First peal. Messrs. Hulme, Calderbank, and Wreaks belong to Bolton; Shepherd to Bacup; the remainder to Newchurch. The above was the first half of Holt's ten-part, and the last half of Reeves' variation.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. LAWRENCE SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, May 24, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

C. GILES* Treble.	W. GOSELTINE 6.
F. HOPGOOD* 2.	W. BILLINGHURST .. 7.
C. FOXELL 3.	W. NEWELL 8.
J. HEARN 4.	W. J. WILLIAMS 9.
J. POTTER 5.	*L. ROLFE Tenor.

Composed by J. ROGERS and Conducted by W. J. WILLIAMS.

This peal is a five-part one, and was rung in honour of Her Majesty's birthday. W. Billingham hails from Loughborough. *First peal of Caters.

Date Touches.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LYMINGE.—On Thursday, May 19th, at the parish church, a date touch consisting of 80 of Grandsire Doubles, 720 of Grandsire Minor, 720 Bob Minor, 300 Bob Minor, and 72 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. and 14 mins. J. Prebble, 1; E. Bush, 2; J. Andrews, 3; H. E. Potter, 4; C. Saker, 5; A. Tanton, 6. This was rung at the first attempt. E. Potter conducted the Doubles and A. Tanton the Minor. Composed by A. Tanton.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON (Bradford).—On Sunday, May 22nd, at St. James' church,

for Divine Service in the evening, being the Sunday School Anniversary, a date touch of Bob Triples, in 1 hr. and 7 mins. J. Joyce, 1; B. E. Howe, 2; J. Mawson, 3; B. T. Copley, 4; H. Good, 5; W. Titterington, 6; G. Titterington (conductor), 7; C. Barker, 8. Composed by Mr. Brown, of Bath.

BELGRAVE (Leicestershire).—On Monday, May 16th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples. J. O. Lancashire, 1; J. Smith, 2; A. Ballard (conductor), 3; H. Clayton, 4; W. Miller, 5; E. Smith, 6; G. Pole, 7; J. Pole, 8.

HORBURY (Yorks).—On Saturday, May 14th, at the parish church, a date touch, 1892 changes, in the following six methods; 92 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Bob Minor, 360 Duke of York, 360 New London Pleasure, 360 Violet, and 360 Kent Treble Bob. A. Yelland, 1; W. H. Giggie, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt. Rung as a tribute of congratulation to the treble and tenor ringers on attaining their majority.

KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, May 15th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 6 mins. F. Palmer, 1; W. H. Sumner, 2; T. Pritchett, Esq., 3; A. Cresser, 4; W. S. Pritchett, Esq., 5; J. S. Pritchett, Esq., 6; W. Palmer (composer and conductor), 7; W. Williams, 8. This is the longest length rang by a local band, and was rung at the first attempt. The ringer of the 3rd has only been at the ropes about three months.

Miscellaneous.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, May 17th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Major. F. Stonely, 1; J. Minshull, 2; W. Kenny, 3; J. Kenny, 4; W. W. Steel, 5; T. Minshull, 6; J. Norbury, 7; W. Walmsley (conductor), 8. Tenor 20 cwt. First attempt at Grandsire Major by all except the ringers of the 4th and tenor.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—Handbell Ringing.—On Tuesday, May 17th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, six members of the above Guild rang 387 Stedman Cinques. T. Russam, 1-2; W. Kent, 3-4; T. Miller, 5-6; H. Bastable (conductor), 7-8; B. Witchell, 9-10; H. Johnson, 11-12.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

HAVERSTOCK HILL (Middlesex).—On Saturday evening, May 23rd, at St. Martin's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. W. Tucker, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; G. Newson, 3; C. H. Martin, 4; A. Pittam, 5; A. Jacob, 6.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 15th, at St. Paul's church, Homerton, by the kind permission of the Vicar, six members of the above society rang for Divine Service in the evening 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 23 mins. *H. Alford, 1; H. Scarlett (conductor), 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Barry, 4; H. Stubbs, 5; E. T. Edridge, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 23 mins. W. F. Meads, 1; J. Barry, 2; J. Nunn, 3; E. T. Edridge, 4; H. Stubbs, 5; H. Scarlett (conductor), 6. They wish to thank the Rev. W. S. Andrews for the use of the bells, and as they hear that the rev. gentleman is learning to ring, they hope before long to have the pleasure of ringing a 720 with him. They are a musical ring of six, tenor about 11 cwt., and were originally in the tower of Allhallows Staining, London.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH.—On Monday, May 16th, for practice at the parish church, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). R. W. Langton, 1; T. Hudson, sen., 2; G. Lowden, 3; R. C. Hudson, 4; J. Field, 5; J. Naisby (non-member, conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor.

DURHAM.—On Sunday evening, May 15th, for evening service at St. Oswald's church, 720 Bob Minor. *W. Johnson, 1; *G. Craggs, 2; †G. Saxby, 3; W. G. Newton, 4; J. E. Avery, 5; L. Newton (conductor), 6. *First 720. †First 720 with a bob bell.

MIDDLEBROUGH-ON-TEES.—On Sunday, May 8th, at St. Hilda's church, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. E. Edwardson, 1; J. Passman, 2; J. Nicholson, 3; A. McFarlane, 4; *J. H. Jones (conductor), 5; A. Mellanby, 6. *First 720 as conductor. On Friday, May 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, 26 mins. J. Nicholson, 1; *J. Passman, 2; J. H. Jones, 3; A. Mellanby, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 6. *First 720. On Sunday, May 15th, 1008 Grandsire

Triples, in 35 mins. M. Bradley, 1; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 2; J. H. Jones, 3; J. Passman, 4; J. Nicholson, 5; A. Mellanby, 6; E. Edwardson, 7; S. Walker, 8. Tenor 12 cwt.

THE SOCIETY OF TRINITY YOUTHS.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday evening, May 15th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Union Triples in 41 mins. C. Walker, 1; F. Rumens, 2; G. Daynes, 3; H. Warnett, 4; T. G. Deal, 5; H. Barrett, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; T. Chandler, 8. Composed by J. George, of Rugby. First quarter-peal in the method by all except the conductor, and longest length in the method on the bells.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GORING (Sussex).—On Sunday, May 15th, at the parish church, 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Finch, 1; H. Evans, 2; T. Linfield, 3; B. Bassett, 4; J. Hills, 5; C. Hills, 6. And 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. F. Hayler (first 720), 1; H. Finch, 2; J. Hills, 3; H. Evans, 4; C. Hills, 5; B. Bassett (conductor), 6. Tenor 17½ cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Sunday, May 15th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), in 25 mins. T. R. Jackson, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. Watson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINKFIELD (Berks).—On Saturday, April 30th, by an invitation from the vicar, the Rev. J. Daubeny, nine members of the above Guild paid a visit to the above place, where they were met by the vicar, who conducted them to the vicarage where tea was in readiness, after partaking of which touches of Grandsire Minor and Doubles were rung on the tower bells, which are a musical ring of six. A. Andrews, R. Flaxman, T. Gosling, G. Williams, F. Tindall, J. Bartholomew, W. Ware, J. Guttridge, and G. Stanbrook.

OLD WINDSOR (Berks).—On Monday, May 2nd, two 504s of Grandsire Triples. J. Bartholomew, 1; G. Williams, 2; G. Stanbrook, 3; F. Tindall, 4; T. Gosling, 5; R. Flaxman (conductor), 6; J. Guttridge, 7; F. Guttridge, 8.

WINDSOR (Berks).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Thursday, May 5th, at the residence of Mr. Stanbrook, 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Stanbrook (conductor), 1-2; R. Flaxman, 3-4; A. Andrews, 5-6; J. Guttridge, 7-8. First 518 on handbells by all. And six courses of Grandsire Triples by the same band, conducted by A. Andrews.

READING (Berks).—On Monday, May 16th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 644 Bob Triples in 22 mins. J. Maskell, 1; J. F. Tarrant, 2; C. Giles, 3; H. Blissett, 4; A. Watmore, 5; J. Swain, 6; F. Hoppood (conductor), 7; L. Rolfe, 8.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Sunday, May 15th, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, and also as a compliment to Messrs. Bissley, Wilkins, and Smith, on the occasion of their birthdays, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41½ mins. H. Gilding, 1; W. Taylor, 2; J. W. Wilkins, 3; F. Bishop, 4; R. Smith, 5; G. Wilkins, 6; F. Dentry, 7; W. Brown, 8. Composed by the Editor and conducted by J. W. Wilkins. This quarter-peal contains all the different positions of 5, 6, 7, and was the first quarter-peal by W. Brown.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, May 15th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; J. H. Bell, 3; G. Norman, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. 14 lbs. J. H. Bell hails from Gargrave.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).—On Tuesday, May 24th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. F. Kemp, 1; H. Wood, 2; H. Newnham, 3; W. Messam, 4; W. Marks, 5; T. Hull, 6; S. Brooker, 7; J. Lisney, 8. *First quarter-peal in the method.

ALTON (Hants).—On Saturday, May 21st, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but it unfortunately came to grief through a change-course after ringing about 3000 changes. A. Smith, 1; Rev. F. Whyley, 2; C. Forder, 3; H. Garfath, 4; H. E. Withers, 5; H. White (conductor), 6; G. H. Barnett, 7; A. Burgess, 8.—*Handbell Ringing*.—Afterwards, on handbells, a 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Forder, 1; Miss W. Whyley, 2; H. White (conductor), 3-4; A. Burgess, 5; Rev. F. Whyley, 6; H. Withers, 7; W. Withers, 8. Mr. White hails from Basingstoke; Messrs. Barnett, Garfath and Smith from Farnham.

YATELEY (Hants).—On Thursday, May 19th, at the parish church,

504 Grandsire Triples. C. Hilton, 1; S. Riddle, 2; H. White (conductor), 3; G. Hawkins, 4; J. Ballard, 5; J. R. Bunch, 6; R. Hilton, 7; J. Hilton, 8. And 504 in the same method. R. Hilton, 1; S. Riddle, 2; H. White, 3; G. Hawkins, 4; J. Ballard, 5; J. R. Bunch, 6; W. Tice (conductor), 7; C. Hilton, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Thursday, May 19th, eight members of the above Association attempted a peal of Bob Major, but after ringing 1120 it came to grief. D. Elliott, junr., 1; W. Dyer, 2; F. L. Bumpstead, 3; G. Pye, 4; J. Sadler, 5; W. J. Nevard, 6; C. H. Howard (conductor), 7; W. Pye, 8. Afterwards a 672 in the same method. D. Elliott, junr., 1; W. Dyer, 2; F. L. Bumpstead, 3; J. Sadler, 4; W. J. Nevard, 5; G. Pye, 6; C. H. Howard, 7; W. Pye (conductor), 8. Tenor 22 cwt.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Tuesday evening, April 12th, at St. Peter's church, for practice, a 720 Bob Minor. R. W. Stannard (conductor), 1; G. M. Rashbrook, 2; W. Burch, 3; W. E. Green, 4; L. G. Geernaert, 5; A. Aviss, 6. On Tuesday, April 19th, a 720 Bob Minor. G. M. Rashbrook, 1; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 2; A. S. Wright, 3; W. E. Green, 4; L. G. Geernaert, 5; W. Burch, 6. On Tuesday, April 26th, a 720 Bob Minor. R. W. Stannard (conductor), 1; W. Button, 2; G. M. Rashbrook, 3; W. Green, 4; A. Aviss, 5; L. G. Geernaert, 6; W. Burch (covering), 7. On Tuesday, May 17th, a 720 Bob Minor. W. W. Scott, 1; G. M. Rashbrook, 2; R. W. Stannard (conductor), 3; W. E. Green, 4; L. G. Geernaert, 5; W. Burch, 8. Tenor about 20 cwt.

GREAT BROMLEY (Essex).—On Sunday, 24th, after Divine Service, a 720 Bob Minor. F. Balls, 1; W. Hazell (conductor), 2; W. Green, 3; L. G. Geernaert, 4; J. Starling, 5; A. Fuller, 6. Messrs. Balls, Hazell, and Fuller hail from Great Bentley; Green and Geernaert from Colchester; and J. Starling from Great Bromley.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, May 5th, at the parish church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 London Treble Bob (nine bobs, 5th the observation), in 25 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. A 720 Burton Pleasure, in 25 mins. G. Jordan, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; W. Cavill, 3; I. Hammond, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And on Sunday, May 8th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 College Exercise, in 23½ mins. W. Cavill, 1; I. Cavill, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. A 180 Grandsire Doubles. J. Cavill, 1; W. Watts (conductor), 2; T. J. Watts, 3; I. Cavill, 4; J. Luckey, 5; G. Monk, 6. For Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Yorkshire Court, in 24 mins. G. Jordan, 1; W. Cavill, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Cavill, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Thursday, May 12th, for practice, 720 London Surprise, in 24½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond (first 720 in the method), 2; I. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. On Thursday, May 19th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Cavill (first 720 in the method as conductor), 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill, 6. A 720 Stanstead Court Bob. G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; W. Cavill (first 720 in the method), 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Cavill, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 23rd, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 York Surprise (nine bobs, 2nd the observation), in 25 mins. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. For Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Durham Surprise (nine bobs, 5th the observation), in 25 mins. W. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 1; I. Cavill, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; I. Hammond, 5; T. J. Watts, 6. G. Monk hails from Hertford. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

BRIXTON (Surrey).—On Sunday, May 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. F. Davis, 1; H. Davis, 2; W. Perrin, 3; A. E. Church, 4; W. Griggs, 5; J. E. Davis, 6; G. Wild (conductor), 7; T. Coxhead, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Monday, May 16th, for practice at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 London Surprise. G. Hayes, 1; F. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all, and first by the Association. It is also believed to be the first in the county.

LYMINGTON.—On Thursday, May 13th, at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 28 mins. J. Prebble, 1; E. Bush, 2; A. Beer, 3; E. Potter, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Thursday, May 19th, for practice at St. Paul's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. T. Clarkson, 1; H. Weston,

2; H. Stalham, 3; H. Rann, 4; F. Hill, 5; W. Palmer, 6; G. Williams, 7; E. C. Merritt, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Rann, 1; F. Hill, 2; K. Hart, 3; W. Palmer, 4; H. Weston, 5; E. C. Merritt, 6; G. Williams, 7; G. Hill, 8. Both conducted by G. Williams.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Monday, May 2nd, two courses each of Grandsire Triples and Major. T. Collinson, 1-2; G. Watts, 3-4; L. Bullock, 5-6; G. Watkins, 7-8.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1260 changes) in 46 mins. *A. Savage, 1; J. Hunt, 2; *J. W. Roper, 3; D. Farthing, 4; G. Toplis, 5; W. Skelton (Retford, Notts), 6; G. Mee, 7; *G. Davies, 8; A. Knights (conductor), 9; *W. Mason, 10. *First quarter-peal of Caters. This quarter-peal has the 6th at home throughout. Tenor 24½ cwt.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Sunday, May 8th, at All Saints' church, 504 Grandsire Triples in 17 mins. C. Siggs, 1; W. Siggs, 2; E. Baber, 3; J. Davey, 4; J. Billings, 5; E. Willoughby, 6; W. J. Fisher (conductor), 7; J. Hollamby, 8. On Sunday, May 15th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. J. Hunnisett, 1; A. Baker, 2; J. Sharp, 4; F. Harding (conductor), 4; E. Willoughby, 5; T. H. Beams, 6; T. Lewes, 7; J. Warner, 8. T. H. Beams hails from Seaford, and it is his first quarter-peal.

EYNESBURY (Hunts).—On Saturday, May 14th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. W. Clarke, 1; F. Sharp, 2; G. Coleman, 3; I. Hills, 4; H. Sutton (conductor), 5; P. Howard, 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles). *G. Irons, 1; *S. Hawksford, 2; P. Howard, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; *H. Sutton, 5; I. Hills, 6. *First in the method. And 720 Bob Minor. G. Coleman, 1; S. Hawksford, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; G. Irons, 4; H. Sutton, 5; F. Sharp (conductor), 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. I. Hills, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; P. Howard, 3; H. Mason, 4; F. Sharp, 5; G. Coleman, 6. Messrs. Howard, Clarke, Hills, and Sharp hail from Bedford; the rest belong to the St. Mary's society, Eynesbury.

KING'S NORTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, May 8th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. F. Palmer, 1; W. H. Sumner, 2; T. Pritchett, 3; A. Cresser, 4; W. S. Pritchett, 5; J. S. Pritchett, 6; W. Palmer (conductor), 7; W. Williams, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs. in E. These are a handy ring in going order, having been entirely rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and opened on February 13th, 1892.

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OSWESTRY (Salop).—Recently for morning service at the parish church, some plain courses of Grandsire Triples. A. Jones, 1; M. J. Morris, 2; G. Whitfield, 3; W. Cotton, 4; R. Martin, 5; R. Edwards, 6; T. Rogers, 7; J. R. Wellings, 8. For afternoon service three six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. R. Evans, 1; E. Jones, 2; M. J. Morris, 3; W. Cotton (conductor), 4; G. Whitfield, 5; T. Rogers, 6. For evening service a plain course of Grandsire Triples. A. Jones, 1; W. Cotton, 2; R. Evans, 3; G. Whitfield, 4; R. Martin, 5; R. Edwards, 6; T. Rogers, 7; J. R. Wellings, 8. On Monday, for practice, 168 Grandsire Triples. R. Evans, 1; E. Jones and M. J. Morris (alternately, conductor), 2; G. Whitfield, 3; W. Cotton, 4; R. Martin, 5; R. Edwards, 6; T. Rogers, 7; J. R. Wellings, 8.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Thursday, May 17th, at Holy Rood church, for practice, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles on the back six. C. Cook, 1; C. Tribe, 2; J. Ellcomb, 3; J. Curtiss, 4; S. Russell, 5; C. Bridal, 6. Two 6-scores with 7 6 8 behind. C. Cook, 1; —. Adams, 2; H. Martin, 3; J. Curtiss, 4; S. Russell, 5; J. Bridal, 6; C. Tribe, 7; C. Bridal, 8. These are the first 6-scores by Messrs. Cook, Martin and Bridal, who, together with Russell, Curtiss and Tribe, are local men. Mr. Adams hails from Salisbury, and J. Ellcomb from Romsey.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, May 9th, for practice at St. Paul's church, Fulney, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. R. Quinton, 1; J. Smith, 2; F. Creasey, 3; A. Johnson, 4; C. Quinton, 5; R. Creasey, 6; J. A. Croxford (conductor), 7; J. Quinton, 8. First quarter-peal by Messrs. R. Quinton, Smith, F. Creasey, and Johnson.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Tuesday, May 24th, in honour of Her Majesty's birthday, the bells were first rung in rounds and "fired," and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples then rung. W. Emery, 1; W. J. Piper, 2; Rev. T. L. Papillon, 3; F. Radley, 4; R. Wood, 5; A. Edwards, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; F. Edwards, 8.

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Kent County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Greenwich, on Monday next, May 30th. Service at S. Alphege (address by Rev. Brooke Lambert, Vicar), at 12.30. Dinner at the "Good Duke Humphrey" coffee tavern. The general business meeting will be held after the dinner. The following towers will be open to members before the service and after the business meeting:—S. Alphege, Greenwich (ten), St. Mary, Lewisham (eight), S. Nicholas, Deptford (eight). The belfries of S. John, Deptford, and S. Mary, Woolwich, are closed. Application has been made for the use of the bells at S. Margaret, Lee (eight), and S. John the Baptist, Erith (eight). Members intending to be present, are requested to apply for dinner tickets and Railway vouchers (if required) to
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The Society of Trinity Youths.—By kind permission of the Vicar and Churchwardens, the 110th Anniversary Meeting will be held at St. Alfege, Greenwich, on Saturday, June 18th, 1892. The tower will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Under the superintendence of Miss Airy, a meat tea (price 9d.), will be served in the Mission room, at 6 p.m. Members and friends desirous of being present are requested to communicate with the undersigned, not later than Monday, June 13th. A special service, with an address by the Rev. G. J. Bayley, B.A. (Treasurer), will be held in the church, at 7.30 p.m. Meeting for the Election of Officers, &c., immediately after the service.
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The Yorkshire Association.—General meeting at Knaresborough, June 4th. Local and official committees will sit at the mission room, Kirkgate. Tea in the boys' schoolroom, Castle Hill, at 4.45.; business meeting in same place at 5.30. Special Choral Service in the parish church, at 6.30., with address by the Very Rev. Dr. A. P. Purey-Cust, D.D., Dean of York. The Local Hon. Sec. is Mr. Wm. Swires, High Street.
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The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held at Burley, to-day, Saturday, May 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Meeting house, "Milford Hotel," Kirkstall Road. Contributions now due.
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Lancashire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mark's church, Worsley, to-day, Saturday, May 28th. Ringing from 2 p.m. Meeting in the Schools at 6 p.m.
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Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—A General Meeting will be held at Sunderland, on Whit-Monday. The Committee will meet at the "Grand Hotel" at 12 o'clock, and the dinner will be held at the same place at 1 p.m. The bells of Bishopwearmouth parish church (peal of six), and also those of Sunderland parish church (peal of eight), will be at the disposal of the ringers during the day.
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Essex Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford, on Whit Monday, June 6th. Divine Service at 11 a.m. at S. Mary's church, with address by Rev. E. F. Hay, Vicar of Kelvedon. Business meeting at 12 in the the Charity School. Dinner (price 1s. each to members) at 1.30 p.m. in the Vestry Hall. The towers of Chelmsford (ten bells), Writtle (eight), Galleywood (eight), Great Baddow (eight), and Springfield (six), will be open to members during the day. Reduced fares will be granted by G.E.R. to those who give notice either to me or to the Assistant Secretary (Rev. H. Eyre, Great Totham, Witham), on or before Wednesday, June 1st, from what station they intend to start. I hope that all who can arrive in time, will attend the service kindly arranged for us by the Rector of Chelmsford.
T. L. PAPILLON, *Hon. Sec.*
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Middlesex Association.—A meeting of this society will be held at Hendon, on Saturday, June 11th. Ringing at 5 o'clock.
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Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hale church (six bells), on Saturday, June 4th. Belfry open from 3 p.m. Meeting in the Schoolroom at 6 p.m.
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East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held in the Schoolroom, Bolsover, at 5.30 p.m. on Saturday, June 4th.
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Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the parish church, Walkden (six bells), on Saturday, June 4th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.
W. BROWN, *Branch Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Important Notice.—A special meeting of this society will be held at S. Saviour's, on Tuesday next, the 31st inst., at 8.30 p.m. prompt, to take into consideration the question of the removal of the society's head-quarters, and other business appertaining thereto. As this is a most important question affecting this society, it is earnestly impressed upon the members the necessity of attending this meeting.
RICHARD T. WOODLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of this association will be held at Kids Grove, on Saturday next, June 4th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. J. Mason, 40, Heathcote Street, Kids Grove, not later than Wednesday, June 1st. There will also be a meeting held at Eccleshall, on Whitsun Monday, June 6th. Members intending to be present at this meeting, are requested to give notice to the Rev. Prebendary Allen, Eccleshall, or to
W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*
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North Notts Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Worksop, on Whit-Monday, June 6th, 1892. There will be a short service in Worksop Priory Church at noon. The tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon, by kind permission of the Vicar. Tea at 5 p.m. at infant school, to be followed by annual meeting. The tea is free to all members of the association. A charge of one shilling a head to friends introduced by members.
HENRY T. SLODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

Diocese of Lincoln.—Amalgamated Meeting of Church Bell-Ringers, of the North, South, and East Lincolnshire Associations, Saturday, June 18th, 1892. Service in Lincoln Cathedral at 4 o'clock. Address in Retro-choir by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop, immediately after the service in choir. Meat tea in Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 6 p.m. Tickets 1s. 2d. each; meeting afterwards, to be addressed by gentlemen representing each association.

NOTE TO PEAL RUNG UPON HANDBELLS.—The first attempt for this peal was made in April, 1891, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing into the 38th course. Messrs. McLaughlin and Barkus were ringing 5-6 and 7-8 in this attempt. At the next meeting Messrs. Wise, 1-2, Buckingham, 3-4, Winny, 5-6, McLaughlin, 7-8. All went well until the 39th course was reached, when the band broke down. For some months after this nothing was done in the matter, owing to one of the band taking unto himself a wife, and it being rather a difficult matter to pick another man out to fill his place in this intricate method. When a start was once more determined on, another kind of misfortune stepped in. Time after time meetings were arranged, and several quarter and half peals rung in attempts, and then, owing to business, first one man failed to turn up, and then another. On Tuesday, May 17th, it was arranged to start with Mr. McLaughlin on 5-6, but at the last moment he was obliged to disappoint owing to his business, and Mr. Buckingham (one of the umpires) who was quite at home on any pair, took his place. Mr. McLaughlin however, turned up in time to hear the last thousand of the peal, and heartily congratulated the band on their grand performance. This is the first time this intricate composition has been rung upon handbells.

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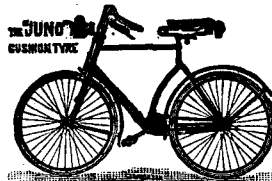
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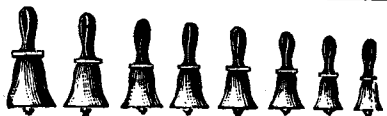
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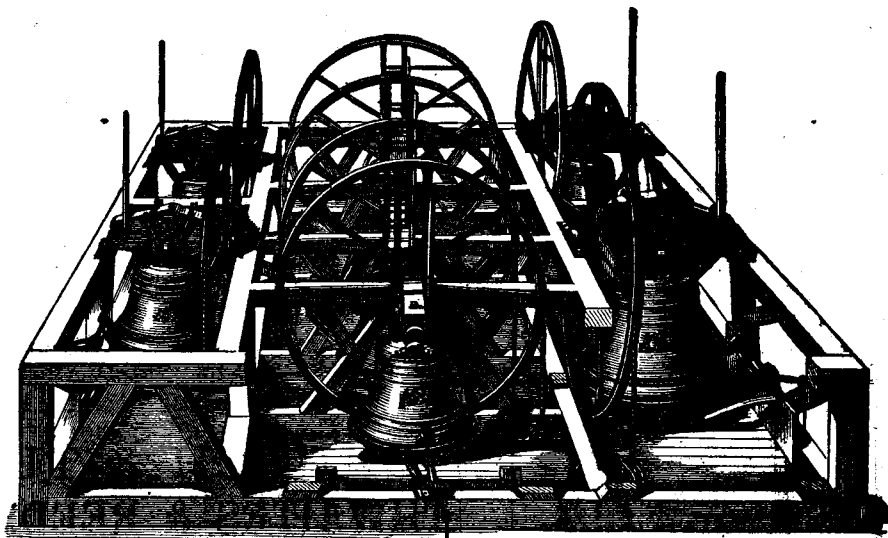
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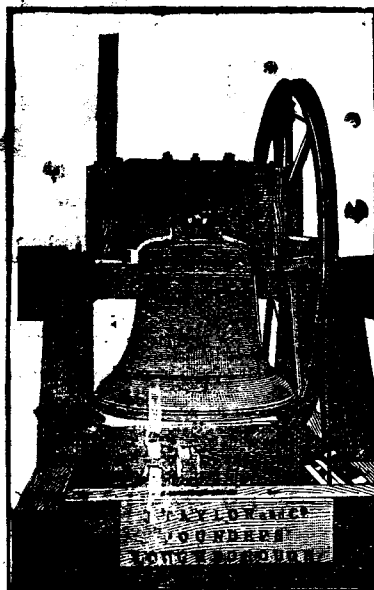
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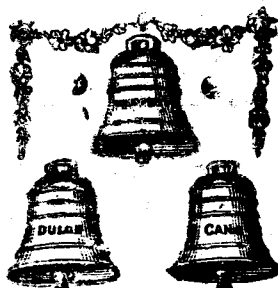
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