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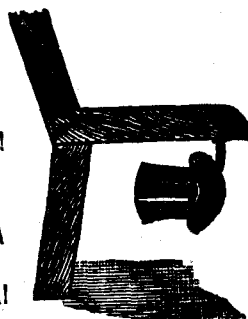
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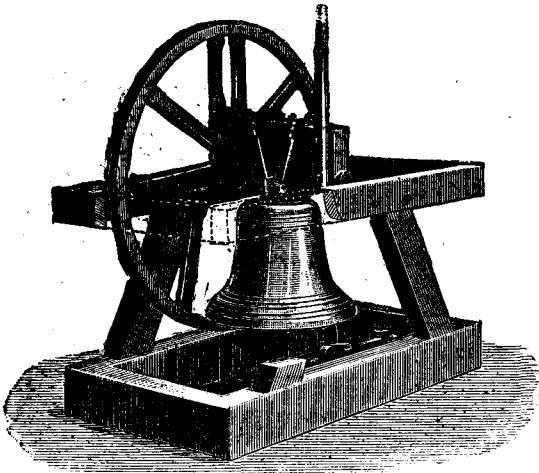
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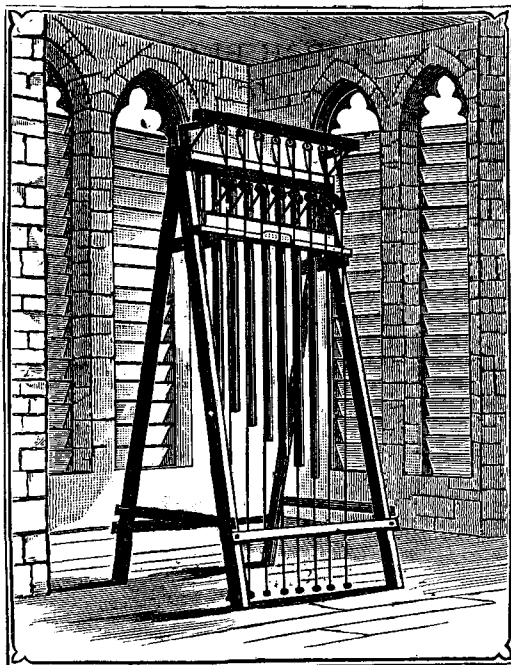
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The President said that he was sorry that Archdeacon Clarke, Vicar of Southport, who had promised to attend the meeting if possible, was unable to be present. He proceeded to speak of the methods of work used by the Association, saying that although they did not usually get a very large attendance of members at the quarterly meetings, yet by means of the numerous branch meetings held each month in different parts of the county, the Association was quietly carrying on its operations just in the places where they were needed. That might be a less showy way of doing its work, but it was a safe way. Alluding to the report of the committee of the Central Council he said that 800 copies had been procured by the Secretary, Mr. Redford, from whom any member might get a copy for himself for a penny, while they would be sent at the cost of the Association to clergy and others having charge of bells in Lancashire. With regard to the new certificate of membership of the Association which is being prepared, the President said that he had hoped to be able to exhibit a proof at that meeting, but there had been some unavoidable delay in getting satisfactory views of the four towers to be shown on the certificate—Manchester Cathedral, St. Nicholas, Liverpool, and the parish churches of Lancaster and Blackburn, representing the chief towers in the different branches. The work had been entrusted to Messrs. Falkner, of Deansgate, Manchester, and the certificate would be ready before the annual meeting, when he was sure that it would meet with universal approval.

The Secretary announced that the annual meeting would be held on Saturday, October 15th, at Blackburn, and that Bishop Cramer-Roberts had kindly consented to preach the sermon. He also intimated that he should be pleased to apply to the railway companies for an order for parties of eight to travel at the rate of a fare and a quarter, providing they would inform him of their intention to be present in due course.

Mr. Walker (Blackburn) raised the question of cheap railway fares for a single member wishing to attend meetings, similar to those worked in the southern counties.

The Secretary said that the question had been introduced on many previous occasions, and had been thoroughly discussed in Committee three years ago, and they reported that they had been unable to obtain any concessions other than those now existing.

The President said he would call on the manager of the L. and Y. railway, with a view of re-opening the question, and the subject was then allowed to drop.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting. The members then adjourned to the tower, where a 504 Stedman Triples was rung. J. Aspinwall (Liverpool), 1; T. G. Downs (Manchester), 2; Rev. H. J. Elsee (Manchester), 3; J. Carter (Birmingham), 4; W. Davies (Liverpool), 5; F. Derbyshire (Worsley), 6; R. Ridyard (Worsley), 7; J. Walker (Blackburn), 8. The Holy Trinity company of Bolton next rung 600 Grand-sire Triples. The next touch was one of 418 Stedman Triples, which is worthy of record by the number of towers represented. J. Carter (Birmingham), 1; W. Davies (Liverpool), 2; Rev. H. J. Elsee (Manchester), 3; J. H. Hardcastle (Bradford), 4; F. Derbyshire (Worsley), 5; J. George (Rugby), 6; R. Ridyard (Worsley), 7; J. Aspinwall (Liverpool), 8.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of this Guild was held at Chester, on Monday, August 1st. A large number of members attended the 10.15 service at the Cathedral, when the Rev. G. M. Custance, of Colwall, gave a short practical address.

The General Meeting was held at noon in the Refectory; the Master (Archdeacon Barber) in the chair. A telegram was read from the Bishop of Chester expressing his regret at being absent, and thanking the ringers for their past services. The Honorary Secretary (Mr. H. A. Heywood) submitted his annual report and statement of accounts, shewing a balance in hand on December 31st of £47 16s. 10d. It was resolved that the Committee be empowered to make grants, as the funds will allow, for the enlargement and improvement of peals in towers in union. Archdeacon Barber was re-elected Master; Mr. H. A. Heywood was re-elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer; and six honorary and six change-ringing members were elected to serve on the committee, viz.: Revs. Canon Wood, Canon Blencowe, Canon Turner, A. P. Holme, G. I. Howson, Messrs. Hatt Cook, Ball, Foster, Walmsley, Dillon, Holding and Haughton.

Mr. Bolton (West Kirby) moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Holding, and carried unanimously: "That with a view to rendering more efficient service to the Guild, the members of each branch be requested to elect as their representatives on the general committee, the Secretary of the branch, and one practical ringer."

Messrs. Walmsley and H. A. Heywood were elected representatives to the Central Council, and it was agreed that the expenses of representatives attending the meetings of the Council might be defrayed out of the funds of the Guild.

Crewe was chosen as the place of meeting next year. The best thanks of the meeting were voted to Mr. Custance for his sermon; to the Dean of Chester for the use of the Refectory and for making arrangements for the members in the Cathedral; to the Secretary; and to the Master for his gift of a printed copy of the proceedings at the last annual meeting, for the interest he takes in the Guild, and for his conduct in the chair.

After the meeting the members dined together at St. John's schoolroom (kindly lent for the occasion by the Rev. S. Cooper Scott), and during the afternoon and evening the following towers were open: Cathedral, St. Mary's-on-the-Hill, St. Mary's-without-the-Walls, St. Michael's, St. Peter's, and Eccleston.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—RE-OPENING OF THE BELLS.

The peal of six at this church has been rehung by Messrs. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich, with the addition of two trebles from the foundry of Mears and Stainbank, and now forms a handy peal of eight, much needed in the eastern corner of Essex. The work has been executed as a memorial to the late vicar, Canon Perry, a well-known authority in Ecclesiastical and liturgical history, and its completion was made the occasion for a parish festival, to which the vicar, the Rev. Greville Hales, made all ringers welcome. The bells were opened in due form on the morning of Tuesday, August 9th, with a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major by a band of the Essex Association, a report of which appears in the peal columns. The peal-ringers and others who had in the meanwhile turned up, were hospitably entertained by the vicar in the parish room attached to the vicarage, and all expressed themselves well satisfied with the "go" of the bells, of which the Messrs. Bowell appear to have made a thoroughly satisfactory job. At 3.15 p.m. Divine Service was held in the church, the procession of choir and clergy being headed by the band of the Norfolk Regiment from Colchester. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Colchester (Dr. Blomfield), who is also Archdeacon for that portion of the diocese of St. Albans. The preacher spoke in feeling terms of the late vicar, and gave an interesting *resumé* of the various uses to which church bells may be put. After service a public tea with sports of all kinds was held in a meadow near the railway station, and a very successful day was brought to an end. The ringers present have especial reason to thank the vicar for his kindly welcome and hospitality.

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RE-OPENING OF OLD BELLS AND DEDICATION OF THREE NEW BELLS AT ORDSALL.

On Wednesday afternoon, August 1st, the Right Rev. E. A. Were, D.D., Bishop-Suffragan of Derby, visited the parish church of All Hallows, Ordsall, for the purpose of dedicating three new bells, which have recently been added to the Ordsall peal. There was a large and fashionable congregation present, and at 3.15 the choir and clergy met the Bishop at the church porch, when they proceeded up the aisle, the processional hymn commencing "When morning gilds the sky" being sung, a prayer and psalm 150 then followed, after which the lesson from the Chronicles, 29th chap. 10th to 20th verses was read by Canon Ebsworth, Vicar of East Retford. The whole congregation then kneeling, the Bishop repeated the special dedicatory prayers, and after a short peal on the new bells had been rung, delivered his address to the congregation. After explaining the object for which they gathered together, he based his remarks on the opening verses of the 10th chapter of Numbers, and especially on the 10th verse, "Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, ye shall blow with your trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings: that they may be to you for a memorial before God." He said that they would see that the first use to which these silver trumpets, referred to in the verses he had read, were to be used to call the assembly together, and that was the main purpose of the bells. Whenever there was a service in the church the bells were sounded to call the people together. When those bells sounded would they remember also that they were to be a memorial before God? He hoped when they heard them they would be able to come regularly to church, they would remind them that their life belonged to God, and the service at his church was a necessary part of the Christian life. That life was lacking without it. No man or woman really knew what the fullness of life was until they knew the meaning of worshipping together. There would be many who would hear those bells sounding for the service in the distance when it was impossible for them to come to church when they were engaged, and no doubt rightly engaged, in other business. Worldly business they called it. Well, let the voice of the bells bring to them a memorial of God in the midst of their worldly business. Their work would not be done any the worse for it. He hoped the thought would come to them, a higher life than they were now leading, and if a perfectly silent prayer should rise in their hearts, and they said, God help me in my work, help me to do my work as unto Thee and not only as unto men, then the bells would have brought their message, and they would be unto them a memorial before God. But it was not only for the calling of assemblies that these bells were used, there was the alarm that was to be sounded. They might, indeed, be grateful that in these days in England they did not hear the bells sounding from their steeples the notes of alarm: it was so in olden days. A few hundreds of years ago the bells of England resounded all over the country from one end to the other, on the occasion of a foreign invasion. They might pray God that the bells might never sound for that again, and yet if it ever came to that—that would be a right use of the bells—to sound the alarm to gather the nation together to defend itself. There were other occasions sanctioned in the Bible on which they might well use their bells, they were the days of gladness. What better use could they have to put their bells to, than in their days of festivity, days of gladness, days of feasting, days it might be of marriage. Then also the sound of the bells would go forth for a memorial before God. They would be reminded that God loved to see his people joyful; that happiness was a real part of the Christian religion, that feasting, and marriage, and song, and joy, were not opposed to religion, that they were not always to be downcast and moody, they were not to imagine that God had no sympathy with their joys. So the marriage-bells, when they sounded forth from that church, may well be a sign to them that the blessings of God went forth upon the happiest days of their lives; that happiness and pleasure, provided it was innocent and such as God approved of, was one of the blessings of their life. He also reminded them that they would have their solemn days, and that the bells would sound then. They would have a message on the solemn days no less than on the days of gladness. He was glad to hear that the whole parish of Ordsall had joined together as one man

to subscribe for the restoration of this peal of bells. Quite apart from the bells themselves there was nothing so good as for a parish to join together heartily in some good object, it drew them out of themselves. It made them feel there were other needs beside their own little needs. He understood that for the actual cost of the restoration, rebanging of the bells, and the addition, even more had been subscribed than was actually needed. In addition to that, one bell had been given as a memorial of one who had passed away. But still, during the putting up of the bells, and the re-arrangement of the tower, certain necessary additions had to be made, which had cost more than the funds they had in hand. At the present time there was a debt of about £40. Surely that would be speedily wiped off by the almsgiving of a united parish. He did not doubt for one moment that the amount would be quickly defrayed, and he congratulated them on having such a peal of beautifully-toned bells. He hoped they would make good use of them for the glory of God. Again to the ringers he asked them to remember that the bells were a memorial before God. They must remember that the belfry was a real part of the church, and that they were as much officers in the church as the choir were, that they had a real part in the voice and service of the church, and that their lives must teach as well as the sound of the bells. Those that rang the bells should ring out good and true and pure lives. Let the ringers remember that they were not only to call others to church, but they were to attend themselves. He wished them to look upon their work as a real Church work done for God because they were His bells. They would bring others best to Church by showing how much they valued the services themselves. The bells were given to him for the use of His church, and when rung they were a memorial before God. He did not doubt that if they were rung with this in their minds, the blessings of God would descend upon the work they had done that day and upon the gifts they had given.

A short touch then followed, and the hymn "Hark on high the joyful music," was sung during the collection, after which 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 25 mins. by six members of the East Retford society. T. Spurr, 1; H. Haigh (conductor), 2; J. F. Haigh, 3; W. Skelton, 4; H. Warburton, 5; J. B. Joynes, 6. At 5 p.m. two companies of ringers adjourned to the Plough inn to partake of a good meat tea provided by host Gale, and after some good long courses had been got through, "stand" was called; the peal in the knife and fork method being liked as well as any of the day. In the evening another 720 in the same method was rung with Mr. Denison Taylor and W. Tyler from Loughborough, and Mr. Churchwarden Crawford from East Markham; conducted by W. A. Tyler. Also 6-score Grandsire Doubles conducted by W. A. Tyler. The day's ringing concluded with another 720 by W. H. Johnson (Ordsall), 1; W. Skelton (conductor), 2; T. Spurr, 3; H. Haigh, 4; H. Warburton, 5; J. B. Joynes, 6. The borough of East Retford now possesses three peals of bells; East Retford, ten, West Retford, six, and Ordsall, 6.

The peal at Ordsall has the following inscriptions on the bells: The largest bell "God save His Church; John Johnson 1661." It bears the name of its donor, once churchwarden at Ordsall, and a plate in the south aisle records that he died on October 10th, 1680, in the forty-third year of his age.

Fifth bell: "John Hedderley made me in 1743." This seems to be the bellfounder's name, an old Nottingham firm, who probably cast both of these bells.

The fourth bell, which was the oldest of the original peal, bears no inscription, but is supposed to date back 400 years. It has been recast. The three new bells have short inscriptions upon them of no particular interest.

The work of adding four new bells and rebanging the whole was entrusted to Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. They are hung in strong iron H frames, and their splendid go, combined with their sweetness and purity of tone, reflects the highest credit on that well-known firm.

BELL-FOUNDING OPERATIONS.—Messrs. Carr, bell founders, of Smethwick, Birmingham, have just secured the order for a peal of bells, together with oak frame, wheels, beams, and floor, all complete, for a church near Cardiff, which is now undergoing restoration.

Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM, OXON.—This society held its annual outing on bank holiday. Diligent readers of this paper have no need to be reminded that in the year 1791 a peal of Oxford Treble Bob was rung by a party of Londoners at the far-famed Abbey of Romsey, Hants; anxious that their names should be recorded on a tablet beside the names of such men as Blakemore, Povey, and Muggeridge, the Cavershamites journeyed to the noted spot just a year ago with a view to attempting the centenary peal, but had the ill-luck to lose it, partly owing to the strands of a rope giving way, and partly owing to the bad going order of the larger bells. Nothing daunted by their previous misfortune, it was determined to try again, Monday, August 1st, being the day selected. Taking advantage of the Foresters' excursion to Southampton and Bournemouth, the party, twelve in number, arrived at their destination shortly before 10.0 a.m., and at the conclusion of morning service, ascended the tower, in company with the Vicar and Curate of the parish. After the usual preliminaries, a start was made, with the strong men at the heavy end, and T. Newman as conductor; excellent striking was heard for an hour, when suddenly the peal came to an end by the 2nd rope becoming fixed in the platform of the clock case, barring all further progress. Another start was impossible owing to a wedding which was about to take place, which some of the ringers celebrated in a proper manner with a touch of Bob Triples with the local men, while the remainder paid visits to the Berthon Collapsible Boat Building Establishment, and to the river Test, where sundry fine trout gladdened their eyes. A capital dinner followed, and the train was taken for Southampton, where at Holy Rood church an excellent touch of Double Norwich was rung. The remainder of the day was spent in handbell ringing, and a sail down to the docks, where among other noble vessels the ill-fated "Eider" came in for a large share of attention. Songs and harmony made short work of the long journey home, Reading being reached about 11.0 p.m., one and all averring that their outing had been by no means the least enjoyable one of the many they have previously held.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION (GAINSBOROUGH BRANCH).—On Saturday, August 6th, eight members of this branch visited Corringham, for the purpose of ringing on the bells, which have been recently augmented to six. The party were met by Mr. Smithson, churchwarden, who conducted them to the belfry, where a start was soon made. After six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles (different callings) had been rung (conducted by F. F. Linley, Esq.), an adjournment was made to the house of Mr. Smithson, where a capital tea was waiting. After justice had been done to the good things provided, the thanks of the visitors were given to the Vicar (who came in during the repast) for the use of the bells; and to Mr. and Mrs. Smithson for the tea they had provided. The Vicar and Mr. Smithson having replied, a move was again made for the tower, where a well-struck 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung in 26 mins. by T. Pattison, 1; W. W. Bust, 2; W. Pattison, 3; J. C. Tinker, 4; J. T. Ladd, 5; W. D. Tinker (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt. This is the first 720 of Minor on the bells. After falling the bells a short drive brought the visitors (who were accompanied by some of the Corringham ringers) to Blyton, where a ring of five has recently been hung. Ringing was carried on for about an hour to the tune of Grandsire Doubles, when the bells were lowered, and a start made for home, which was reached about 10.0 p.m.

ST. WERBURGH'S SOCIETY, BRISTOL.—On Monday, August 1st, this company had their third annual outing, Ross, in Herefordshire, being the place selected. Arriving at Lydbrook, a conveyance was found awaiting to convey the party to their destination, a distance of about six or seven miles, the road being through a most enchanting and lovely country. Ross was reached just before 1 o'clock, and the company at once repaired to the Castle hotel, where a first-class dinner was partaken of. The historic parish church of Ross was then visited, and a ring on the fine peal of eight (the go of which was splendid) was much enjoyed. From the tower the scenery of the river Wye was much admired, the "horse-shoe point" being surveyed with advantage, and the curiosities to be seen inside the church were

found very interesting. The return journey was made from Ross about 5 o'clock, Bristol being reached about 10.0, all the party having had a most enjoyable time. They desire to thank the Rector of Ross for kindly granting permission to ring, also Mr. J. Wall for making such excellent arrangements.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The annual outing of this society took place on Saturday, August 6, the place selected being Stratford-on-Avon. The party, numbering about thirty, left Birmingham at 1.50 p.m., and arrived at the birthplace of the famous poet a little after three. Mr. Freeman, a local brother-string, met them at the station, and after the usual greetings conducted them to the parish church, where they found everything in readiness. The bells, already raised, were soon going in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and while several of the party were so occupied, others wended their way, led by Mr. Freeman, to view the memorable house where Shakespeare lived, while a few more, fond of aquatic indulgence, gratified their inclinations on the Avon. At about 5.30 the company, together with a few friends who had been attracted to Stratford by the announcement in this paper, met at the Great Western Arms hotel, and soon another good touch was in progress, the five course-ends coming up in excellent style. The cloth being removed, the president of the society, Mr. S. Walker, took the chair, and gave the toasts of "The Queen and Royal Family," "Church and State," etc., which were suitably acknowledged. Mr. J. Jones proposed "Success to the Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society," coupling with the toast the name of Mr. John Carter. Mr. Carter, in responding, gave an outline of the progress of the society during the past ten years, showing that it was in a flourishing condition. The chairman, in proposing "Prosperity to 'THE BELL NEWS,'" pointed out the great value that paper was to the ringing world, in putting ringers far and near in close touch with each other. Ample proof of the value of such a paper was seen that day, from the fact that a number of visitors availed themselves of the opportunity of meeting brother-strings simply through seeing the announcement of the annual outing in "THE BELL NEWS." The handbells were then brought out and a few selections were played by Messrs. Carter, Bowkett, Walker, Jennings, Sparkes, and Jones, which were highly appreciated by the company. Time being short, Mr. R. C. Bowkett proposed and Mr. J. Jennings seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells; also to Mr. Freeman for his kindness and courtesy to the company which was highly appreciated. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem brought to a close a most successful meeting.

CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.—On Monday, August 1st, Messrs. Smith and Collinson of Chepstow paid a visit to the above place, when they were met by a goodly number of ringers from Llandaff, Penarth, and district. Journeying to Peterstone-super-Ely by the 11.20 train, they were met by the sexton, who immediately took them to the tower where hangs a pretty little peal of six, by Messrs. Taylor and Co., when the following touches were rung: A 720 Grandsire Minor, being the first 720 on the bells. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Coombes, 2; T. Collinson, 3; W. Biss, 4; J. Clutterbuck, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. And 180 Bob Minor. J. Vinnicombe, 1; T. Collinson, 2; W. Biss, 3; W. Coombes, 4; J. Clutterbuck, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. And several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Pitcher, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Harris, 3; W. Coombes (conductor), 4; T. Collinson, 5; R. Brothwell, 6. This brought the ringing to a close at this tower. The next tower visited was St. Fagan's, where another 720 of Grandsire Minor was brought round in 25 mins. T. Collinson, 1; W. Coombes, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; W. Biss, 4; J. Clutterbuck, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. First 720 on the bells. And a 6-score of Bob Doubles. J. Clutterbuck, 1; T. Collinson, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; W. Biss, 4; C. Smith (conductor), 5; W. Coombes, 6. Tenor 15 cwt. Leaving St. Fagan's they journeyed to Llandaff, where 252 Grandsire Triples was rung. J. Vinnicombe, 1; C. Lloyd, 2; T. Collinson, 3; W. Biss, 4; W. Coombes, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; C. Smith (conductor), 7; R. Brothwell, 8. This brought the day's ringing to a close. Messrs. Smith and Collinson then bade their brother-strings good-bye, hoping soon to be able to spend such another pleasant day together, and also thanking the clergy and churchwardens of the above-mentioned towers through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS."

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Chesterfield on Saturday, July 30th, when the bells of the parish church (ten bells), were open for ringing, and touches of Grand-sire, Stedman, and Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening. Through the kindness of the vicar of Chesterfield (the Hon. and Rev. R. E. Adderley), the tea and subsequent General Meeting took place in the Parish Room, and representatives attended from Burton, Cotgrave, Derby, Duffield, Nottingham, and Sheffield.

The President (A. Percival Heywood, Esq.) presided, and in his address informed the meeting that twenty-eight peals had been rung during the year by ten distinct bands, which was a fair average on previous years, and after proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the vicar of Chesterfield and the clergy present at the meeting, which was unanimously carried, was obliged to leave to catch an early train.

The Rev. C. H. Fisher acknowledged the vote on behalf of the vicar and clergy, and was afterwards elected to preside over the business meeting.

The Hon. Sec. having read the minutes of the last meeting, Mr. Shardlow proposed, and Mr. White seconded, that they be passed and signed.

Five ringing members, including the Rev. H. E. Ferry (President of the Old East Derbyshire Association), were then unanimously elected.

The next business was to select a place for the second quarterly meeting, and Mr. White proposed, and Mr. Wesley seconded, that it should be held at Derby; Mr. Holmes proposed, and Mr. Griffin seconded Loughborough. Upon a vote being taken, Derby was carried by a large majority.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by the Hon. Secretary, and seconded by Mr. Shardlow, was carried unanimously. The Rev. C. H. Fisher briefly acknowledged the vote, and closed the meeting.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at Upholland on Saturday, July 30th, members being present from Aughton, Ormskirk, Hindley, Southport and Wigan, besides the local company. Ringing commenced about 4 p.m. and was kept up till 5.30 p.m., when, through the kindness of the Vicar, the ringers sat down to an excellent tea, to which ample justice was done. The business meeting was afterwards held, at which Mr. R. Young presided (in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar), and gave the Guild a hearty welcome to Upholland, and called upon the Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting.

The Secretary having done so, he also read a general statement of accounts, etc., which spoke of the steady progress of the Guild.

Mr. Hutton then made a presentation of a splendid peal-book to the Guild, and spoke words of encouragement to the members, asking them to still further the art of change-ringing in the various methods.

Other business of a practical nature was afterwards discussed, the usual vote of thanks bringing a very pleasant meeting to a close.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.—On Saturday, July 30th, a meeting of this branch was held at Middleton parish church. Ringers were present from Rochdale, Heywood, Oldham, Ashton, and the local company. Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor were rung. At the meeting Mr. J. Harrison presided, and Mr. John Millett was unanimously elected secretary in place of Mr. F. Birtwistle, who is resigning this year. The next meeting is to be held at All Saints' church, Rochdale, on Saturday, September 3rd. It was mentioned that three peals of bells were going to be rehung viz.: Milnrow, St. Alban's, Rochdale, and Bury parish church, and which ought to be an incentive for members turning up in larger numbers to help on the work of the new secretary. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the chairman, rector and wardens.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

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

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL BELLS.

SIR,—As one of the performers on the "dissonant bells of St. John's" I wish to correct a few of Mr. Denton's statements appearing in your issue of the 23rd ult., which to say the least, are misleading. *En passant*, I must say he shows bad taste in thus slandering our little peal of eight, as whatever they may be in tone we have made the best of them, which the talented eight he eulogises so much have not as yet done on their fine peal at the Cathedral. As regards Mr. Miller's letter I can most emphatically state that not one of St. John's ringers, or of the Association, instigated it, or dictated it to him, as Mr. Denton so wildly conjectures; and furthermore as this is the only letter appearing in the press about the opening of these bells, I challenge your correspondent to verify his charge of "proffering to write letters to the press and inviting others to do likewise." As regards our inability to handle ten bells I am afraid I must also differ from him on that score, and refer him to "THE BELL NEWS" of May 8th, 1886, when it records an attempt at a peal of Treble Bob Royal, which collapsed at 1700 in 1 hr. and 10 mins.; no less than seven of this band were in the vicinity of the Cathedral on Whit-Tuesday afternoon. Since that time opportunities for ten-bell ringing have been few and far between, owing chiefly to the retirement of Mr. W. Reed from the Exercise. As to having "the starch taken out of our collars," I think the best reply I can offer to that is to refer him to the peals we have rung (and not one of them badly struck, I am proud to say) on such bells as Gateshead, Alnwick, Morpeth, Hexham, etc. Mr. Denton I see takes shelter under the old lame excuse of springy ropes, etc., to explain away the poor exhibition of ringing on their opening day. If this gentleman and his colleagues had done their duty, that could have been rectified, so this fault is owing entirely to their own indifference. Touching Mr. Denton's lengthy paragraph on the merits of himself and the other Cathedral ringers, the less he says of three out of the four particularly mentioned, the better. I exclude Mr. Simm, whose capabilities and enthusiasm in the Art are above suspicion. Had they had any love for the Exercise, they would not have remained "drones in the hive" for so many years. There have been three practices held on the Cathedral bells, but even at these nothing but rounds and "Tombstone Surprise" have been heard. I appeal to you, Sir, and the Exercise generally, whether men who practice "stoney," be they proficient in the Art or not, are not "stoney" ringers themselves, as has been stated in your account of the dedication of the bells. Mr. Denton says the Association received an invitation a month before the opening. Ye shades of Ananias! what a mis-statement. I know of only one of St. John's men who got an invitation, and that was on Whit-Tuesday. Does Mr. Denton think that one band out of a whole Association was going to sacrifice the dignity of that body by accepting an invitation from one of the ringers when such request should have come from the vicar and churchwardens? I think not. Perhaps Mr. Denton and his *confreves* think that if the bells had been placed in the hands of the Durham and Newcastle Association they would have made a monopoly of the whole concern, placing our men (St. John's) in the majority. Not so! The intention of the President was, Sir, to take the pick of the Cathedral ringers and the pick of the Association, together with two or three eminent ringers from the Midlands, who could have been induced to come for such an important event, and thus do the bells justice with Caters and Royal besides well-struck rounds. It is the opinion of St. John's men that had those, who were members of the Association in the Cathedral band, been loyal and brought the claims of that body more fully before the Cathedral authorities, this undoubted blunder would have been obviated. C. L. ROUTLEDGE,

Master of the St. John's Guild, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SIR,—In reply to the remarks of Mr. Denton in your issue of the 23rd inst., which only reached me too late to enable me to reply the following week, I wish to state that as far as I am aware, and I was in the neighbourhood during the whole of the opening, etc., of the bells, the report which appeared in your paper was a true statement of the actual facts. Your correspondent sets out with a remark as to "misrepresentation," but does not proceed to establish anything of the kind. Considering the fact as stated by him that there were such a number of good ringers in the belfry, does he not place them in a very poor position when he cannot contradict the fact that "Churchyard Bob" was the order of the day. It must surely be humiliating to him and his friends to have their capabilities and their performances of call-changes admitted. Mr. Denton certainly puts on the cap whether there was one meant for him or not. On the other hand I should like it to be understood that there is no wish on our part to

run down the individuals he mentions, but on the contrary should be only too happy to be of any use to them in any endeavours they may make to advance the Art, if they ever intend to make any such attempt. Reference is made to the fact that no peal of Royal has been rung at North Shields. What a reflection upon your correspondent and his friends. They are I think all elderly men, and as is stated, of considerable experience, yet seem to be able to afford to sneer at the juniors for not having yet accomplished a feat they themselves have never dared to contemplate. I think I am right in saying that some of these men rang in a peal of Grandsire Triples (?) on this peal at North Shields. How is it they did not go on to Royal? I fear the ringers of the north have not much for which to thank these men, who I think, should have been our leaders and instructors. Poor dissonant St. John's might still have been like some of the belfries they patronise where a peal is rarely if ever attempted by them, and where instruction to young ringers is practically nil. I do not wish to discuss the merits of the ringers mentioned, and am prepared to give them the widest margin of credit for what is put forward on their behalf, but at the same time I think I could point to some of the lads in our Association with better records than some of those he names. I cannot however pass over Mr. Simm, as I, in common with the bulk of the ringers here hold him in great respect, and I can only hope that I may have the pleasure of ringing many more peals with him. How does Mr. Denton explain the fact that the peals which Mr. Simm has recently rung, have I think all been with the St. John's men; and strange to say not with the very capable change-ringers whom he mentions as being in the Cathedral belfry at the opening. Should he reply that they had not a sufficient number to make a band, then why were some learners not brought forward, or why were not some of the other local ringers asked to assist to complete a band. There are plenty of men eager for a peal, but I cannot remember any ringer being asked by Mr. Denton or any one of his friends to make one in a peal. As to the excuse of the springing of the ropes at the opening, I may state that the bells had already been tried, and "where there is a will there's a way." I have seen that difficulty overcome in other lofts. I have most emphatically to deny the statement put forward as to the Association being invited. No invitation was given to the Association whatever. In any case it would have been utterly inconsistent with the dignity of an Association having the Bishop of Durham and the Bishop of Newcastle at its head as patrons, to have listened to any verbal invitation from the steeple-keeper, and in this I am sure the ringing world will bear me out. It is admitted that the authorities had made the arrangements, but their arrangements were such as not only to preclude anything but rounds, but also to preclude the members of the Association taking part in the opening. We were completely ignored, and for my own part I state that I felt it sorely. A native churchman cannot but love his Cathedral, and being at the same time ringers, the only wish was that the opening had been carried out in a manner more befitting the occasion and in accordance with the traditions of this the only bell-ringing country. With regard to Mr. Miller's letter I have nothing whatever to do, but having made enquiries I cannot find any ringer who dictated it. Mr. Denton appears to know more about it than anyone else. I think our Association can flatter itself in having rung peals now on nearly every peal of eight in the neighbourhood, and I trust we shall continue to advance until we achieve a peal of Royal at North Shields. Might I ask for Mr. Denton's assistance instead of his sneers? He knows how we have had to bring up young ringers, and we want every help we can get.

R. S. STORY,

President of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

THE TRINITY YOUTHS.

SIR,—May I be allowed to say a word in reply to "Plain Speaker's" remarks on the Society of Trinity Youths, which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of July 23rd. There are two ways in which the words "110th Anniversary Meeting" may be read. "Plain Speaker" has evidently read them the wrong way, coupling "110th" with "Meeting," and not with "Anniversary." I take it that the writer of the report which appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of the 16th ult., intended the readers thereof to understand that the meeting of which he wrote was held on the Society's 110th Anniversary. Doubtless there has been a lapse in the holding of the Anniversary Meetings, though there has been no break in the Society itself; and I am sure that very few of your readers would take the writer's meaning to be that we had celebrated in our Society 110 Anniversary Meetings. Very few persons did know of the existence of the Trinity Youths "till the appearance upon the scene of Mr. F. W. Thornton," and about a dozen other gentlemen, among whom were Messrs. Bright, Weatherstone, Bedwell, Richards, and myself; for at the date of our election, April 17th, 1888, the Society consisted of only three members—Messrs. Smith, Dyer, and Pead. "The Trinity Youths" is the correct title of the Society. Mr. "Plain Speaker" probably had in his mind the name of another Society, now extinct, whose headquarters were in former days at Greenwich, "the Eastern Scholars." Their old peal-

book may, I believe, still be seen at St. Alphege, Greenwich. The headquarters of the Trinity Youths were in those days at St. Nicholas, Deptford, the original members being master shipwrights and caulkers in the Royal Dockyard. Doubtless, Mr. Editor, your forthcoming history of our Society will be a valuable addition to Bell Literature, but may I refer "Plain Speaker," meanwhile, to the short account of the Trinity Youths which he will find at the commencement of our "Rules and Regulations" published in 1888. H. A. COCKEY.

Oldland Vicarage, Bristol.

THE ANALYSIS OF PEALS.

SIR,—May I draw the attention of your valuable correspondent Mr. G. F. Attree, to the following facts. (1) In his analysis compiled from quarter to quarter there is no schedule of points for peals beyond Major. Surely Caters, Royal, Cinques or Maximus should count in advance of Triples or Major. (2) Does it not seem but reasonable that peals of 6000, 7000, 10,000, and 16,000 changes should be entitled to more respect than the orthodox 5000, considering how great the chances are of ringing past that number and then not scoring at all, by losing the peal. Perhaps if peals beyond the stipulated 5000 were tabulated, it might be an incentive for bands to go for greater lengths. (3) Should not handbell peals (double-handed) rank higher for points than single-handed or tower performances. (4) Would it not be interesting to the Exercise to insert a column annually containing the names of those persons who had rung the greatest number of peals during the past year under one or more Associations. Perhaps Mr. Attree will see his way to adopt some of the above suggestions.

Leicester.

WILLIAM WILLSON.

EMBLEMS.

SIR,—I am glad to hear that the wearing of some distinct badge is getting to be approved of by church bell ringers. The idea has been frequently mooted in your columns that some emblem of their craft should be worn by all ringers, especially on what may be termed "state" occasions. The difficulty is perhaps to know a firm of manufacturers who can carry out the wishes of ringers in this respect, by correctly supplying the article needed. These emblems may be various: stars, crosses, ribbons, medals, sashes, or even small hoods and aprons. We have adopted an appropriate St. Andrew's cross, surmounted by a bell set in gold lace, to wear on the coat, but the workmanship being local is hardly up to expectation, and we are looking about for an artist in this kind of work.

REGALIA.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—Will you please correct a mistake in the foot-note to the peal of Stedman Caters rung by the St. Martin's Guild at Aston-juxta-Birmingham on Saturday, July 30th, which should read as follows: "This peal contains eighty-two courses with 321 bobs and two singles," not twenty-one singles as stated.

B. WITCHELL.

37, Waterworks Street, Aston, Birmingham.

Obituary.

WILLIAM SELBY.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of the above-mentioned ringer, of Midhurst, Sussex, who died of diphtheria on Friday, August 5th, aged thirty-five years, after five days' illness, leaving a widow and five children. The deceased had been a resident in this town for sixteen years, and for the last five years had been indefatigable in his efforts to promote the art of change-ringing. Commencing to learn under the able tuition of Mr. George Williams, then residing in the neighbourhood, it was not long before seven 1720s of Plain Bob Minor were accomplished, followed by several others in various Minor methods, and one or two peals of Triples. There was no more regular attendant in the belfry, and no one more ready to give assistance to beginners at any time. He was a Local Secretary and member of the Sussex County Association, and also a member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. Of late his name had been brought more prominently before the ringing world in connection with his very successful silent practice apparatus, first erected at Midhurst parish church, and more recently at Romsey Abbey, the churches of Alton, Guildford, and St. Nicholas, Brighton. The funeral took place on Saturday, the day following the death, on account of the infectious nature of the disease. Shortly afterwards the remaining members of the band rang 360 Woodbine Treble Bob, with the usual whole pull and stand, and 720 Woodbine with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect. On Sunday, August 7th, with the bells still muffled, 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung in the morning, and 720 of Oxford for the evening service.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 1892.

It may be taken for granted, we think, that hardly two of our ringing Guilds or Associations dispose of their funds alike. One body finds it politic to defray the travelling expenses of its members to the Annual Meeting; another provides a dinner for them on arriving there; while others set their face against all such liberality, and condemn the principle of such grants. We are not about to question the right of an Association to do as it pleases with the funds at its disposal. The various committees of management know best what should be done: but it may be taken for granted that the circumstances of Guilds are very different, and that arrangements which does for one would not suit another. The proceedings at a recent meeting of the Chester Diocesan Guild, reported on another page, are interesting from the fact that "it was resolved

that the committee be empowered to make grants, as the funds will allow, for the enlargement and improvement of rings of bells in towers which are in union with the Guild." This is another mode of disposing of funds, and one which is worthy of commendation. There is something attractive in such a resolve, and we are of opinion that if it can be ungrudgingly sustained, and not become a dead letter, the Guild will ensure a much greater support from church-folk in the Diocese, than it would have done had such determination not been arrived at. For ringers to supply funds toward the augmentation or repair of bells is not altogether new, but we think the Chester Guild can claim the honour of being the first to pass a resolution determining that as long as their funds will admit they will assist in such work.

The Metropolis.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1892, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS ON SIX BELLS,

Being a 720 each of the following:

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM BURROWS* Treble.	BENJAMIN C. PRATCHETT .. 4.
CHARLES HENRY MARTIN .. 2.	CHARLES W. TUCKER .. 5.
HENRY JAMES MARTIN .. 3.	FRANCIS CARROWAY .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS CARROWAY.

*First 5040 in seven methods.

HENDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 9, 1892, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

IN THE TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF CANTEBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

CHARLES W. TUCKER .. 1-2.	CHARLES HENRY MARTIN .. 5-6.
HENRY JAMES MARTIN .. 3-4.	FRANCIS CARROWAY .. 7-8.

Composed and Conducted by C. H. MARTIN.

This is the first peal in the method ever rang on handbells. Umpire—Mr. H. A. Carroway. It was intended to have two umpires, but Mr. B. C. Pratchett was unable to attend.

The Provinces.

COOKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 15, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

5040 CHANGES ON SIX BELLS IN FOUR DIFFERENT METHODS;

Being Three 720's of Grandsire, Two of Plain Bob, and One each of College Single and Canterbury Pleasure.

NOAH DAVIS* Treble.	WILLIAM WAKEMAN .. 4.
GEORGE DAVIS* 2.	*WILLIAM SMITH .. 5.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. 3.	HARRY WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WILLIAMS.

*First 5040; and members of the local band; the others hail from Kidderminster. First 5040 on the bells, which have lately been rehung by Messrs. Carr, of Smethwick.

OXFORD.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, July 21, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER IN THE EAST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

ARTHUR HAWES† Treble.	CHARLES HOUNSLOW .. 5.
PERCY HIND† 2.	†ALFRED FOX .. 6.
CHARLES FOWLER* .. 3.	WILLIAM BASTON .. 7.
ALBERT DUBBER† .. 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells. †First peal in the method. *First peal of Major.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, August 3, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 30 cwt.

GEORGE SALTER Treble.	*WILLIAM SHORT .. 5.
JAMES PAGETT* 2.	WILLIAM WAKEMAN .. 6.
WILLIAM H. SMITH .. 3.	*HARRY WILLIAMS .. 7.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. 4.	RICHARD E. GROVE .. Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method; also first peal of Major by J. Paget. Messrs. Wakeman and Paget are both under twenty-one, and the average age of the whole band is twenty-four.

NORTHAMPTON.—MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(NUNEATON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, August 4, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

J. GEORGE Treble.	HARRY CHAPMAN .. 5.
EDGAR H. HAXLEY .. 2.	JOSEPH S. WHITE .. 6.
JOHN MACKAY .. 3.	WILLIAM H. WOOD .. 7.
ARTHUR O. STEWART .. 4.	ERNEST R. MAUDE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH S. WHITE.

J. George hails from Rugby; H. Chapman from Manchester; the rest belong to Northampton. H. Chapman was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 4, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

SAMUEL SLATER Treble.	CHARLES ADAMS .. 5.
CHARLES HONEYBELL .. 2.	WALTER P. GRIDLEY .. 6.
JOHN BONNEY .. 3.	OLIVER GARWOOD .. 7.
FRED WELLS .. 4.	CHARLES SILLITOE .. Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

The calling of this peal will be found in "THE BELL NEWS," Vol. vi., page 269. The peal was arranged for Mr. J. Bonney of London, who was on a visit to Sudbury, and had expressed a wish to ring a peal on these bells. Messrs. Slater, Honeybell, Wells, Adams, and Garwood, hail from Glemsford; Sillitoe from Sudbury; and Gridley belongs to Foxearth.

STALYBRIDGE, LANCASHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1892, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

J. GRATRICK Treble.	WILLIAM DICKEN .. 5.
F. RHODES 2.	WALTER INGHAM .. 6.
JAMES DICKEN .. 3.	SAMUEL WRIGLEY .. 7.
JOHN HOLDEN .. 4.	THOMAS B. DICKEN .. Tenor.

Composed by J. BARKER and Conducted by T. B. DICKEN.

Messrs. Rhodes, Holden, Wrigley, and T. B. Dickenson hail from Mossley; J. and W. Dickenson from Friezland; Ingham from Oldham; Gratrix from Manchester.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 18, 1892, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' REVERSED.

JOHNSON E. HERN Treble.	ERNEST MENDAY 5.
WILLIAM LAWRENCE 2.	FRANK HOPGOOD 6.
WILLIAM J. WILLIAMS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW 4.	J. W. WASHBROOK Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 6, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK W. BRAWN Treble.	ALFRED A. WAITE 5.
HENRY MITCHELL 2.	EDWARD B. JAMES 6.
JOHN T. HOPTON 3.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER 7.
HENRY G. GARDNER 4.	JOHN AUSTIN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by E. B. JAMES.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, is a regular three-part peal. The composition will appear in its proper place in due course.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 7, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lbs.

ALFRED J. PATE Treble.	GEORGE GIBBARD 5.
HARRY J. WRIGHT 2.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 6.
FREDERICK EDWARDS 3.	CHARLES H. MARTIN 7.
BENJAMIN C. PRATCHETT 4.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

Mr. Pratchett was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal, which was rang for evening service.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 8, 1892, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt. in D.

EDWARD HULL Treble.	ARTHUR SHEPPARD 6.
GEORGE W. CARTMEL 2.	HENRY BREWER 7.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY 8.
ERNEST R. MITCHELL 4.	THOMAS WALLER 9.
J. ERNEST RANDALL 5.	WALTER WALLER Tenor.

Composed by the late JOHN COX, and Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

This peal was rung on the occasion of J. E. Randall's birthday, and was the first peal of Caters by the 6th and 8th ringers. Mr. Huntley hails from Bushey; and Mr. Sheppard from Hatfield.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION;
THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER;
AND THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, August 8, 1892, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. R. E. GROVE, BEWDLEY HILL,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION.

WILLIAM WAKEMAN 1-2.	HARRY WILLIAMS 5-6.
THOMAS J. SALTER 3-4.	WILLIAM SHORT 7-8.

Conducted by HARRY WILLIAMS.

Referee—R. E. Grove, who ticked the lead ends off as they were rung. The above peal was rung on the handbells belonging to the Worcestershire Association, and is the first peal on these bells, and by all the band.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, August 6, 1892, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED J. CALLAWAY Treble.	ARTHUR W. SEARLE 5.
SIDNEY MACEY 2.	THOMAS BLACKBOURN 6.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE 3.	SYDNEY LAWRENCE 7.
CHARLES A. CLEMENTS 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES and Conducted by W. W. GIFFORD.

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

On Tuesday, August 9, 1892, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5.
WILLIAM I. REEVE 2.	CHARLES WILKINS 6.
FREDERICK J. CULLUM 3.	ARTHUR JACOB 7.
GEORGE CONYARD 4.	GEORGE NEWSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. I. Reeve, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns, and is his first peal in the method with a bob bell.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 9, 1892, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES SILLITOE Treble.	HENRY BOWELL 5.
WILLIAM HAZELL 2.	WILLIAM LINCOLN 6.
ARTHUR EDWARDS 3.	HIRZEL F. DE LISLE 7.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4.	ALFRED BOWELL Tenor.

Composed by J. THORP and Conducted by CHARLES SILLITOE.

Rung on the occasion of re-opening the bells, augmented from six to eight, and rung in memory of the late Vicar, Canon Perry. C. Sillitoe is from Sudbury; Hazell from Little Bentley; Edwards from Widford; Nevard from Great Bentley; Lincoln from Writtle; De Lisle from Galleywood; and the Messrs. Bowell from Ipswich.

BISHOPSTONE, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 9, 1892, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

REV. H. A. COCKEY Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 5.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE 2.	ERNEST BISHOP 6.
THOMAS BLACKBOURN 3.	W. JAMES HINTON 7.
THOMAS HIBBERT 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Rung on the occasion of the re-opening of the church after restoration by the Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol. The first peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LINCOLN.—On Wednesday, August 3rd, at St. Peter-at-Gowts' church, 720 each of the following: Bob Minor, Grandsire Minor, Kent Treble Bob Minor and Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. S. Harris, 1; T. Walker, 2; H. Hoyer, 3; P. Herrick, 4; J. B. Fenton, 5; W. Knowles (conductor), 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Sunday, July 31st, for morning service at St. Peter's church, 720 Bob Minor, on the back six, was rung with the bells muffled, as a token of respect to the late Bishop Claughton, in 28 mins. R. Potter, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; W. Dyer, 3; D. Elliott, sen., 4; D. Elliott, jun., 5; J. Sadler (conductor), 6. Tenor 21½ cwt. in F.

HARLOW (Essex).—On Sunday, July 31st, at St. Mary's church be-

fore morning service, 630 Bob Triples, in 27 mins. H. Perrin, jun., 1; F. Perrin, 2; R. Tabor, 3; H. Jermy, 4; C. French, 5; W. H. Dallimore, 6; H. Perrin (conductor), 7; E. Parish, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Bishop Claughton. W. Dallimore hails from West Ham.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Thursday, July 21st, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, a 720 Worcester Surprise (nine bobs). J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 720 Stansted Double Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Jordan, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; W. Cavill, 3; I. Hammond, 4; I. Cavill, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And 720 of Stansted New Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 24th, for morning service, a 720 of Bocking Treble Bob (nine bobs) in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Thursday, July 28th, for practice, a 720 College Pleasure in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; I. Cavill, 3; W. Watts, 4; W. Cavill, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And a 720 London Surprise, J. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; J. Luckey, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 31st, for morning service, a 720 Double Bob Minor. J. Luckey, 1; I. Cavill, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service a 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-six singles). G. Jordan, 1; W. Cavill, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. On Thursday, August 4th, for practice, a 720 Westminster Treble Bob. T. J. Watts, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Cavill, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And a 720 Durham Surprise. W. Cavill (first 720 in the method as conductor), 1; J. Luckey, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; I. Cavill, 6. And a 720 Cambridge Surprise. I. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey (conductor), 3; W. Watts, 4; G. Gray, 5; T. J. Watts, 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Saturday, July 16th, for practice at St. Gregory's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Campin, 1; W. Bacon, 2; W. Cross, 3; A. Scott, 4; W. Howell, sen., 5; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 31st, at St. Peter's church, after evening service, 576 Bob Major. F. Tolliday, 1; M. Silvester, 2; W. Howell, sen., 3; W. Cross, 4; H. Brackett, 5; A. Scott, 6; J. Campin, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. On Sunday, July 10th, on handbells, retained in hand, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). W. Howell, jun., 1-2; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 3-4; W. Howell, sen., 5-6. And 168 Grandsire Triples. W. Howell, jun., 1-2; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 3-4; W. Howell, sen., 5-6; M. Silvester, 7-8.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Saturday, July 16th, six members of this Association made an attempt to ring a 5040 in seven different methods, which came to grief after ringing 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. B. C. Pratchett, 1; F. Pratt, 2; H. J. Martin, 3; C. H. Martin, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. W. Tucker (conductor), 6. The above is the first 720 in the method on the bells.

HARROW WEALD (Middlesex).—On Monday, August 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. W. Tucker, 1; J. Cawley, 2; C. H. Martin (conductor), 3; F. Carroway, 4; R. Bevan, 5; C. Crampton, 6. And 720 College Single. R. Bevan, 1; C. H. Martin (conductor), 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. W. Tucker, 5; C. Crampton, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Cawley, 1; C. W. Tucker, 2; J. Nixon, 3; B. C. Pratchett, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. The ringers desire to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells on this occasion. The above are the first 720s in the methods on the bells.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Wednesday, June 23rd, for practice at the parish church, 720 Double Court. E. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; C. W. Tucker, 3; F. Pratt, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Saturday, July 2nd, 720 Plain Bob. H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; C. W. Tucker, 4; F. Carroway (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. On Sunday, July 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. B. C. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; C. W. Tucker, 4; C. Crampton, 5; F. Carroway (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, July 5th, 720 Oxford Bob. C. Pratchett, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; C. W. Tucker, 4; F. Carroway, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 10th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. C. Crampton, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; F. Carroway, 4; C. W. Tucker (conductor), 5; C. H. Martin, 6. On Sunday, July 17th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). C. Crampton, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. W. Tucker, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. On Sunday, July 31st, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. C. Crampton, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; B. C. Pratchett, 3; F. Pratt, 4; C. W. Tucker (conductor), 5; C. H. Martin, 6. Tenor 16½ cwt. *Handbell Ringing.*—On June 19th, 720

Plain Bob. B. C. Pratchett, 1-2; C. W. Tucker, 3-4; C. H. Martin (conductor), 5-6. And 720 in the same method (nine bobs six singles). B. C. Pratchett, 1-2; G. Newson, 3-4; C. W. Tucker (conductor), 5-6. On June 26th, 720 Plain Bob. B. C. Pratchett, 1-2; H. J. Martin, 3-4; C. W. Tucker (conductor), 5-6. On June 27th, 672 Canterbury Pleasure Major. C. W. Tucker, 1-2; H. J. Martin, 3-4; C. H. Martin, 5-6; F. Carroway, 7-8. On Wednesday, June 29th, 1344 Canterbury Pleasure Major, standing as before. On Saturday, July 9th, a half-peal in the same method, standing as before, conducted by C. H. Martin.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HUSBORNE (Beds).—On Saturday, June 18th, 2520, being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and 360 Double Court, in 1 hr. and 45 mins. Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 1; P. Howard, 2; C. Herbert, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; W. Shimmans, 5; T. Hill, 6.

SANDY (Beds).—On Saturday, July 2nd, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. J. Cullip, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Johnstone, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 5; J. N. Frossell, 6. Also a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. N. Frossell, 1; H. Sutton, 2; G. Coleman, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; I. Hills (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Sutton (first 720 in the method), 1; C. Johnstone, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles). Rev. W. W. C. Baker, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; H. Sutton, 3; G. Coleman, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; W. Shimmans, 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. S. J. Cullip, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; I. Hills, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; W. Shimmans, 6.

BEDFORD.—On Thursday, July 7th, at St. Mary's church, a 720 of Treble Bob Minor. I. Hills, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; C. Johnstone, 5; S. Constant, 6. On Sunday, June 12th, at St. Paul's church, a 588 Stedman Triples. S. Constant, 1; C. Johnstone, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; P. Howard, 8. And 408 Stedman Triples. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; C. Johnstone, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; I. Hills, 5; P. Howard, 6; H. Sharp, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, July 3rd, 490 Grandsire Triples. C. Johnstone (conductor), 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; H. Cullip, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And 408 Stedman Triples. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; C. Johnstone, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, July 10th, a 504 Stedman Triples. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; W. Shimmans, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. Johnstone, 4; I. Hills, 5; J. N. Frossell, 6; S. Constant, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; W. Shimmans, 2; C. Johnstone, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; G. T. Spicer (Baldock), 5; S. Constant, 6; H. Sharp, 7; I. Hills, 8. On Sunday, August 7th, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Shimmans, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; H. Sharp, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. Johnstone, 6; S. Constant, 7; R. Shimmans, 8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

IPSWICH (Suffolk).—On Thursday, August 4th, at St. Mary-le-Tower, on the occasion of a wedding, touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich Court, and 504 Stedman Triples were rung. I. S. Alexander, 1; R. W. Stannard, 2; C. Saul, 3; W. Lines, 4; R. Hawes, 5; W. Garrett, 6; J. Motts (conductor), 7; F. Tillet and S. Cook, 8. Tenor 32 cwt. Longer touches could not be attempted owing to the very bad go of the bells. R. W. Stannard hails from Colchester; the rest are local men.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On Saturday, August 6th, 360 and 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor. C. Tribe, 1; T. Ellis, 2; W. H. George (conductor), 3; A. B. Bennett, 4; C. Soane, 5; J. Lee, 6. On Sunday morning, August 7th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob, and for evening service, 720 Oxford, all standing as above.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, August 7th, at the parish church, being the village feast, a large number of ringers were present from Dronfield, Sheffield and Eckington. For evening service, 720 of Oxford Bob. G. Oates, 1; H. Jervis, 2; W. Price, 3; E. Allen, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; W. Biggin, 6. And 720 Duke of York. G. Butcher, 1; W. Price, 2; E. James, 3; J. Atkin, 4; G. Marden (conductor), 5; J. Allen, 6. Also touches of Kent, Violet, and Bob Minor, by mixed bands.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

PUTNEY (Surrey).—On Wednesday, August 3rd, at the parish church, eight members of this Society attempted to ring *Hells*

Original peal of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief after ringing 2842 changes in 1 hr. 45 mins. owing to a late call. W. F. Meads, 1; H. N. Davis (conductor), 2; J. C. Truss, jun., 3; F. G. Perrin, 4; W. Meaton, 5; H. Stubbes, 6; J. E. Davis, 7; W. Crocker, 8.

YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

STAVELEY (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, August 7th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. S. Palmer, 1; A. Worthington, 2; S. Price, 3; S. Smedley, 4; H. Madin, 5; H. Mottershall (conductor), 6. Tenor 19 cwt.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWTON-ST.-LOE (Somerset).—On Wednesday, August 3rd, 720 Bob Minor. R. Lewis, 1; *J. Bailey, 2; *E. J. Laseelles, 3; C. F. Langdon, 4; C. E. D. Boutflower, 5; Rev. H. A. Cockey (conductor), 6. *First 720.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On Sunday, August 7th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-six singles), in 25 mins. T. P. Jackson, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; J. Spencer, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6.

BOLTON (Lancashire).—On Friday, August 5th, eight members of this Association rang at The Saviour's church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. W. Thornley, 1; J. Calderbank, 2; R. Fiddies, 3; W. Hulme, 4; J. Partington, 5; J. Calderbank, 6; A. E. Wreaks (conductor), 7; H. Lord, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E. This touch was rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. J. Shepherd, of Bacup, to Miss Tattersall, of Bacup, the day previous.

LIVERPOOL.—On Monday, August 8th, at St. Luke's church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. R. S. Mann, 1; *C. R. Stanley, 2; J. Aspinwall, 3; J. Martin, 4; T. Hammond, 5; W. Davies, 6. *First 720.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAGBOURNE (Berks).—On Sunday evening, August 7th, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Hibbert, 1; J. Sawyer, 2; T. East, 3; J. Savage, 4; E. Menday, 5; D. Napper, 6; T. Hibbert (conductor), 7; A. Woodley, 8. After service 168 Grandsire Triples (six singles). W. Hibbert, 1; F. Napper, 2; T. East, 3; J. Savage, 4; D. Napper, 5; J. Sawyer, 6; T. Hibbert (conductor), 7; A. Woodley, 8.

BURNHAM (Bucks).—On Saturday, July 30th, at the parish church of St. Peter, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, in 27 mins. G. Stanbrook, 1; J. Basden, 2; R. Flaxman (conductor), 3; J. J. Parker, 4; C. Clarke, 5; A. Day (Burnham), 6. And three

six-scores, with J. Mitchell, 6. And 720 Oxford Bob Minor, in 28 mins. J. Bovington, 1; J. J. Parker (conductor), 2; G. Stanbrook, 3; J. Basden, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; C. Clarke, 6. R. Bovington, J. and E. Elderfield and W. Taylor rang some 6-scores. In all about 3240 changes were rung. This is the first change-ringing upon the bells since they have been rehung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, who have also added a new treble, and a good sound job seems to have been made of it.

BLETCHINGLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, August 7th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Balcomb, 1; F. Smith, 2; *G. Huggett, 3; J. Bashford, jun. (conductor), 4; W. Mayne, 5; J. Bashford, 6; T. Boniface, 7; G. Brown, 8. *First quarter-peal.

DRAYTON (Somerset).—On Monday, August 8th, for practice, the local company were successful in ringing their first 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. J. R. Bishop, 1; W. Bridge, 2; G. Meechem, 3; T. Doble (conductor), 4; H. H. Merrett, 5; J. Bridge, 6. When these bells were opened in December last none of the above could handle a rope except the conductor, and only began to practice change-ringing at the end of January.

GOOLE (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, August 7th, for Divine Service, an attempt was made to ring a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, but "stand" had to be called after ringing over 1000 changes, on account of time not permitting for a finish before service commenced. Another attempt was made by the same band in the evening, and a quarter-peal was rung in 49 mins. C. West, 1; *F. Sanderson, 2; T. Whitfield, 3; *W. H. Sanderson, 4; A. Haines, 5; F. Tate, 6; W. Welch (conductor), 7; *H. Young, 8. *First quarter-peal, and first attempt. Messrs. Sanderson hail from Thorne; the rest belong to Goole. The striking was excellent throughout, especially in the evening. Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lbs.

LIVERPOOL.—On Thursday, August 4th, for practice at St. Nicholas' church, 305 Grandsire Caters. R. Hill, 1; R. S. Mann, 2; W. James, 3; J. H. Hardcastle, 4; J. Brown, 5; G. Fisher, 6; W. Dowie, 7; W. Davies (conductor), 8; T. Hammond, 9; J. Martin, 10. And 270 Stedman Caters. R. S. Mann, 1; T. Hammond, 2; W. James, 3; J. H. Hardcastle, 4; J. Brown, 5; H. Coley, 6; W. Dowie, 7; G. Fisher, 8; W. Davies (conductor), 9; J. Martin, 10. Tenor 41 cwt. Three leads of Kent Treble Bob Royal and some handbell ringing brought the ringing to a close. J. H. Hardcastle hails from Bradford, Yorks.; R. Hill from Southport.

SAWRIDGEWORTH (Herts).—On Sunday, July 31st, at St. Mary's church before evening service, 330 Stedman Triples. N. Tarling (conductor), 1; A. Brown, 2; T. Saban, 3; W. H. Dallimore, 4; J. Tarling, 5; W. Plesence, 6; W. Morris, 7; F. Tarling, 8. And 153 Grandsire Triples, with W. Doughty, 7; C. Matthews, 8. W. H. Dallimore hails from Holy Trinity, Barking; Doughty from Bishops Stortford; the rest belong to the local company.

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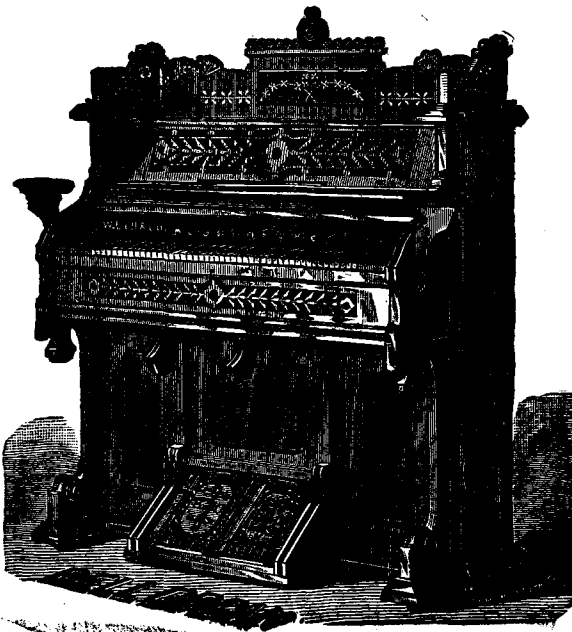
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5024.

2	3	4	5	6	1	4	5	6
6	3	5	2	4	s	-	-	-
2	3	4	6	5	-	-	-	-
3	4	2	6	5	-	-	-	-
4	2	3	6	5	-	-	-	-
2	5	3	6	4	-	-	-	-
5	2	4	6	3	-	-	-	-
2	4	5	6	3	-	-	-	-
4	5	2	6	3	-	-	-	-
5	3	2	6	4	-	-	-	-
3	2	5	6	4	-	-	-	-
2	5	6	3	4	s	-	-	-
3	5	4	2	6	-	-	-	-
2	4	5	3	6	-	-	-	-
4	5	3	2	6	s	-	-	-
5	3	4	2	6	-	-	-	-
2	4	3	5	6	-	-	-	-
4	3	2	5	6	-	-	-	-
3	2	4	5	6	-	-	-	-
5	4	2	3	6	-	-	-	-
4	2	5	3	6	-	-	-	-
3	5	2	4	6	-	-	-	-
5	2	3	4	6	-	-	-	-
2	3	5	4	6	-	-	-	-

Repeated.

This peal has the 6th bell the full extent home at the last twelve course-ends of each part. The following is a similar composition :

5024.

2	3	4	5	6	1	4	5	6
6	3	5	2	4	s	-	-	-
2	5	3	6	4	-	-	-	-
5	3	2	6	4	-	-	-	-
3	2	5	6	4	-	-	-	-
5	4	2	6	3	-	s	-	-
4	2	5	6	3	-	-	-	-
5	2	3	6	4	-	-	-	-
2	3	5	6	4	-	-	-	-
3	5	2	6	4	-	-	-	-
6	2	5	3	4	-	-	-	-
2	5	6	3	4	-	-	-	-

The calling of the last twelve courses of the peal previously given, completes the first half of this, which was first rung on October 27th, 1891, at St. Mary's Church, Old Battersea, by the Royal Cumberlands, and conducted by G. Newson. The number of changes with report of performance was erroneously given as 5088.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.By J. B. FENTON, *Lincoln.*

5024.

2	3	4	5	6	W	B	H
5	2	3	6	4	-	-	-
3	5	2	6	4	-	-	-
2	6	3	5	4	-	-	-
3	2	6	5	4	-	-	-
6	3	2	5	4	-	-	-
5	6	2	3	4	-	*	-
2	3	5	6	4	-	-	-

Five times repeated; adding three bobs at the * in the sixth part; singles to be substituted for the bobs w in the last course of the third and sixth parts. The 2nd and 3rd are never in sixths, and the 2nd never in fifths places.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.By WILLIAM JAMES FISHER, *London.*

5248.

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

Repeated.

The 5th twenty-two times in 6ths; the 4th twelve times, and the 6th fourteen times.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.By H. N. DAVIS, *Camberwell.*

5120.

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

To be three times repeated; a single to be substituted for the bob at 4 in the last course of the 2nd and 4th parts. This peal has the 6th twenty-times each way in 5-6.

A QUARTER-PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES.By WILLIAM WILLSON, *Leicester.*

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

Five times repeated; singles midway and end.

Notices.

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COMPOSITIONS.—SIR,—Absence from home prevented me answering Mr. Carter's letter. When I sent the peal up for publication I had no idea it would be claimed, or I should have withheld it. But allowing Mr. Carter to be a better judge of a peal than myself, I therefore withdraw all claim to the composition.

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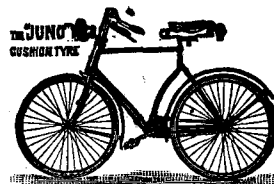
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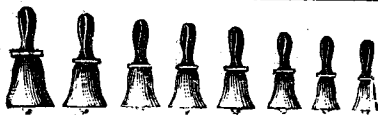
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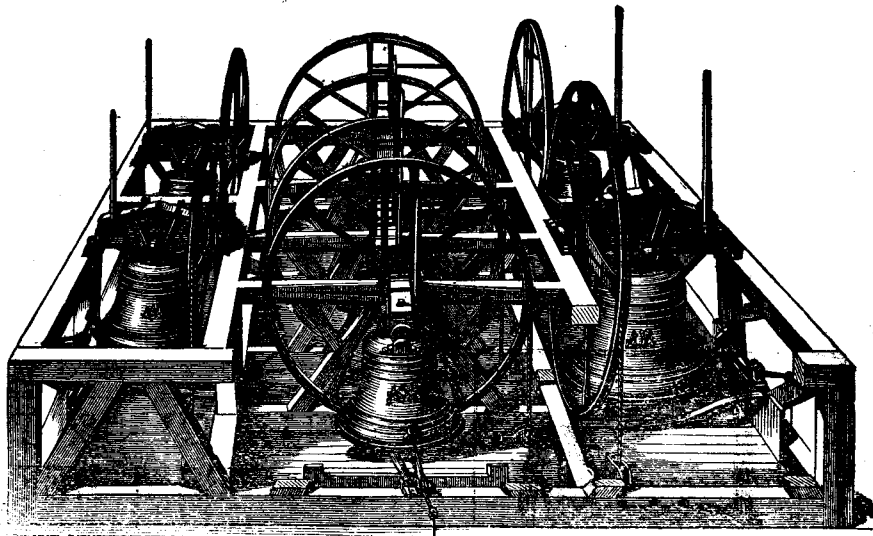
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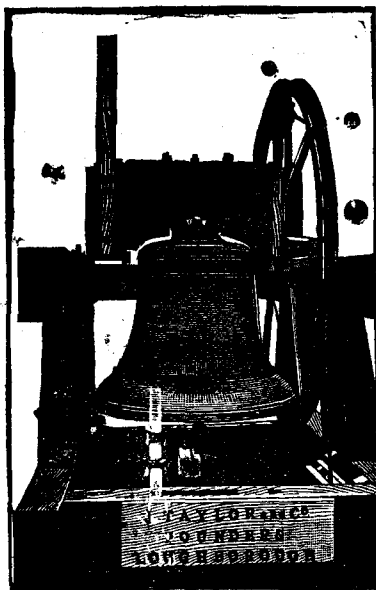
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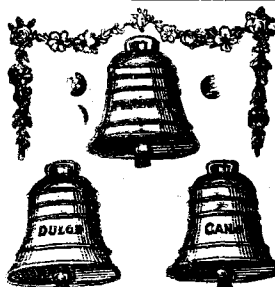
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