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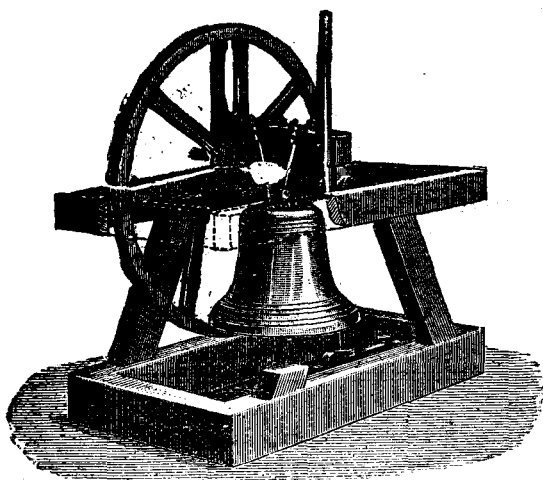


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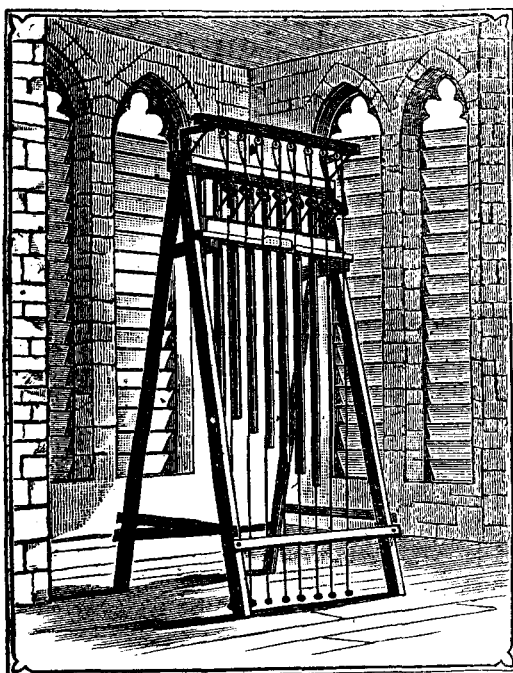
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ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM.

On the evening of Wednesday, the 11th inst., the ringers at this church assembled to try the "go" of their ring of ten, which have just been thoroughly overhauled and rehung with entirely new fittings by Mr. James Barwell, of this city. Besides his own band, the ringing master, Mr. John Carter, had invited other ringers and friends to be present, including one of the churchwardens, Dr. E. Malins, Messrs. John Day, H. Bastable, and W. Kent, of the St. Martin's Guild, and Messrs. J. S. and W. S. Pritchett, of the King's Norton Guild.

After an inspection of the work in the bell-chamber, which appeared of a very sound and substantial character, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung, and the company adjourned to the ringers' meeting house, the "White Swan" hotel, Edmund Street. The ringers and those present, numbering between twenty and thirty, were then entertained at supper by Mr. Barwell, represented by his foundry manager, Mr. Godden; the foreman bellhanger, Mr. C. Fluck, and others employed on the work in the tower being also present.

At the close of the supper the chair was taken by Mr. Carter, who proposed "The Health of his Lordship, the Bishop of Coventry (as Rector of St. Philip's), and the Wardens," explaining the difficulties which had to be overcome before they had been able to get the bells rehung, and the way in which he had been met by the church authorities. He also explained the absence of Dr. Malins from the supper in consequence of being called away to a patient. This toast having been duly honoured,

Mr. John Day followed with "The Health of Mr. Carter, and success to the Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society." He expressed to those present his sincere pleasure at being invited to be present at a re-opening of the bells he had known so well during all his ringing career, and upon which he had gained his early instruction. He informed his listeners that this was the first time in the history of St. Philip's bells, the oldest ring in Birmingham, that they had been thoroughly overhauled, and he was pleased to find that it had been done in so satisfactory a manner. Congratulating Mr. Carter upon having gathered round himself so many and promising young ringers, he sincerely hoped that now St. Philip's bells were in such good working order peals of as good quality as he himself had formerly heard on them might again be rung. As connected with the St. Martin's Guild, he referred to Mr. Carter's wish of sometimes seeing some of the St. Martin's ringers in St. Philip's belfry, by thanking him for the invitation, and assuring him in return that any members of the Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society would always be made heartily welcome at the gatherings of the St. Martin's Guild. He trusted that the differences between the two Societies might only be one of friendly rivalry—a rivalry in achievements which should never diminish the friendship existing between the individual members. He had been pleased to see many of those around him at the last smoking concert of the St. Martin's Guild, and hoped to see still more at the one to be held in the present month.

In replying, Mr. Carter thanked the last speaker on behalf of the Society and himself for the expressions of good will, and assured those present that he did not intend to relax the efforts he had made for so many years past to form a really capable band of change-ringers at St. Philip's. He then proposed "The Visitors," coupling with the toast the health of Mr. John Day, and "Success to Mr. Barwell's foundry."

Mr. Day and Mr. Godden having suitably responded, were followed by Mr. W. S. Pritchett, who, in the course of his remarks referred to the fact that hardly any of the faces he had seen at St. Philip's belfry twenty years ago were present at this gathering. He warmly welcomed any ringers present to the tower at King's Norton, and reminded the younger members that their beautiful science was not to be acquired solely by

belfry practice of perhaps once a week, assuring them from his own experience that it required almost daily study and a lot of sticking to. In conclusion he wished each and every one present a happy and prosperous new year.

These speeches were interspersed with a course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells, and some capital songs. Not the least of the attractions was a selection of music on the handbells by the St. Philip's tune ringers, under the leadership of Mr. Carter. These were capitally rendered, especially the "Huntsman's Chorus," which was performed in a remarkably crisp and spirited manner.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, CARLISLE.

The members of this company, being a branch of the Cumberland Diocesan Association, held their annual meeting and dinner on Monday, January 16th, at the Viaduct Temperance hotel, Carlisle. The chair was ably filled by the Vicar, the Rev. A. Hodge, supported by the curate, the Rev. W. G. Bird, and faced by the Honorary Secretary, Mr. L. W. Jennings.

After the repast, which consisted in the main of the standard roast beef of Old England, with the proper accessories, followed as a matter of course, the time being so near Christmas, by plum pudding.

The rev. chairman, in a few well-chosen words, expressed the pleasure he felt at meeting his good friends the ringers upon such an occasion, and in the course of the evening entertained the company present, especially the younger members, by his reminiscence of the struggles and vast amount of begging he had gone through in his efforts, happily crowned with success, to get a church built in what was at the time the churchless district, and at the same time the poorest in the city, of the now St. Stephen's parish. Happily his efforts, through no direct appeal of his own, came to the knowledge of that beneficent lady, the Baroness Burdett Coutts, who with her usual generosity, desired him to retain all he had in hand towards an endowment fund, and defrayed the entire cost of the building from her own purse. Even then the tower was more than half built before the subject of a bell or bells occurred to the Vicar, who upon writing to her Ladyship to know her wishes on the subject, was astonished and delighted at the receipt of a reply to the effect that her Ladyship would present him with a peal of eight. These were opened by a band of College Youths from London, who rang a peal of Triples, and henceforth for a period of about eighteen years no change-ringing was heard in Carlisle, until a Lancashire gentleman, Mr. Gregson, settled in the city, who took the thing in hand, and in a short time, by vast energy and perseverance on the part of himself and a few of the faithful, enabled a peal of Grandsire Triples to be rung by a local band.

The Honorary Secretary, after having given his annual financial statement, proceeded to expatiate upon a grievance, in our experience but too common in provincial towns, *i.e.*, the laxity of attendance, both for service-ringing and practice; this laxity having a disastrous effect and cutting both ways; first by having a very disheartening and disappointing effect upon those of the ringers who conscientiously attend to their duties, and in the second place by rendering it impossible to give the colts the practice needful to render them efficient, thus cutting off the supply needed to fill vacancies that naturally occur with time. He ventured an opinion that an honorarium or salary, however small it might be, would have the effect of altering this untoward state of affairs, and in this opinion was warmly supported by Mr. Fred. Gibson and Mr. George Little, the two most prominent and active members of the company, who at the same time disclaimed any desire for such recognition on their own behalf. That a genuine and disinterested love of the Art alone actuates these two gentlemen, may be inferred from the fact of their unremitting zeal and attendance, without fee or reward, for many years, in the case of Mr. Little this amounting to upwards of twenty years, in fact covering the whole period of the existence of the church.

The Vicar having promised to bring the matter before the churchwardens, with a view to seeing if some such arrangement as suggested could be made, vacated the chair, and the remainder of the evening passed in harmony and good friendship, enlivened by many tunes upon the handbells, which performance seemed to meet with much appreciation from a bevy of young ladies attached to the hotel.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.

The Sixteenth Quarterly Meeting of the above was held at Macclesfield on Saturday, January 14th, when twenty-five members attended from Poynton, Prestbury, Gawsworth, Bollington, and Macclesfield. A 406 of Grandsire Triples was rung prior to the usual tea by W. Matthews, 1; T. Bollington, 2; J. W. Kenny, 3; J. Kenny, 4; J. Minshall, 5; W. Walmsley (conductor), 6; T. Minshall, 7; W. Gayes, 8. T. Bollington belongs to Bollington; the rest belong to the local company. At five o'clock the members sat down to a good substantial tea in the school-room, which was presided over by the Rev. Canon Turner, supported by the Rev. H. Barber (curate), both of Macclesfield.

The business meeting was held in the vestry shortly after, the chair being occupied by the Rev. Canon Turner, who spoke well of the Guild and its objects, and in a few well-chosen words gave all a hearty welcome, and urged on the members to be united, to work together and persevere with their noble art. The position of the branch was fully explained, both financially and numerically, by the secretary, and after a general discussion about several things it was decided to hold only two branch meetings in the year, being one in January, and the other in May, and then the Guild annual meeting in August. The meeting passed off pleasantly and beneficially, the members present taking a deep interest in the business. A hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the meeting to a close.

The belfry was again visited, a large portion of the members having to leave without a pull, but a 539 of Grandsire Caters was rung by the Macclesfield men, assisted by W. Henshall, of Gawsworth, and a 720 of Bob Minor on the back six by J. Minshall, 1; J. R. Potts, 2; W. Atkinson, 3; E. W. Taylor, 4; J. Snape (first 720 as conductor), 5; W. Walmsley, 6. Messrs. Minshall and Walmsley belong to Macclesfield; the rest from Poynton. Tenor 20 cwt. in E. After leaving the tower a convivial hour was spent, and 120 Grandsire Doubles, a plain course each of Grandeire Triples and Bob Major and three bob leads of Kent Treble Bob Major were tapped on the piano by W. Walmsley.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

The fourth annual dinner of this branch of the Sussex County Association took place at "The Star" inn, on Thursday evening, January 12th, when all the members were present. The company, numbering in all twenty-eight, sat down to an excellent repast, the vicar, the Rev. A. Pridgeon, presiding, the vice-chair being occupied by Mr. G. Gatland, captain. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts having been given and responded to, the toast of the evening was proposed by Mr. Griggs, who coupled with it the name of Mr. G. Gatland, Captain of the Steyning society, who very suitably responded. The remainder of the evening was devoted to songs, sentiments, and handbell ringing by various members of the company, and at 11 o'clock the National Anthem was played on the handbells and brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.

On Thursday evening, December 12th, on the occasion of the unveiling of a peal-board, made and erected by Mr. A. Bowell, recording the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rang on the day the bells were opened, and kindly presented by the Vicar and churchwardens, the young company succeeded in ringing their first 720, being six 6-scores of Bob Doubles, with the help of their tutor. Also an 18-score of Bob Doubles. A. Youngs, 1; A. Fenner, 2; C. Osborne, 3; E. Abott, 4; A. Bowell (conductor), 5; F. Clements, 6. Also some some 6-scores on handbells. C. Osborne, 1-2; A. Fenner, 3; A. Bowell (conductor), 4-5. The company of about a dozen range from fifteen to twenty years old, and have not yet had five months' practice. They contemplate joining the Essex Association at Whitsuntide.

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THE HATFIELD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

This society held its fourth annual dinner on Saturday, January 14th, at their headquarters, the "Baker's Arms," Hertford. A capital dinner was provided by the Hon. Master of the society, Mr. J. Kentish. and at the hour appointed there were present the Rev. Lord W. G. Cecil, the Rev. N. S. Hodson, E. P. Debenham (St. Albans), J. Kentish, A. Shepherd, J. Shepherd, W. Powers, J. Rumney, H. Tharby, J. T. Kentish, H. Shepherd, J. Smith, N. Mitchell, J. Richardson, and J. Hollingsworth. After dinner, when the loyal toasts had been proposed and duly honoured, the Rev. Lord W. G. Cecil proposed "The health and future prosperity of the society." He said as a ringers' society they could congratulate themselves; first, as to the regular and voluntary services of the society on Sundays throughout the past year; secondly, that he could testify to the fact, that they knew they were ringing not for their own pleasure, but for God's holy services, and also that he could see a firm footing of respect they had gained for themselves from their fellow-parishioners. He hoped they would continue to prosper in the noble art, and he hoped that they would always be as united and as good in harmony as they had been during the past year.

The Rev. N. T. Hodson in a few words then proposed the toast of "The Herts. County Association of Change-Ringers."

Mr. E. P. Debenham (Hon. Sec.), in replying, said it had always been his endeavour to further the art of change-ringing and belfry reform. He was thankful to say that owing to belfry reform the time was past when ringers and bells could not go together without the ringers imbibing a certain quantity of beer to enable them to move the ropes. He spoke in high terms of the usefulness of the district and other meetings held by the various societies from time to time, and was never so well pleased as when helping some on through their first 168. In conclusion he said at these meetings they met those whom they would not have otherwise met; old friends and new, sometimes forming friendships that are never likely to be severed.

After a few more toasts had been given, intermixed with songs by various members of the society, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung by J. Hollingsworth, 1-2; J. Shepherd, 3-4; E. P. Debenham, 5-6; A. Shepherd, 7-8; J. Kentish, 9-10. This brought to a conclusion a most pleasant evening.

YEADON, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.

Mr. Edward Denison, cloth manufacturer, Westfield Mills, Yeadon, has just made some new additions to his extensive works, which, being at the Guiseley end of the town, has been hitherto without a public timekeeper. Mr. Denison has added a clock tower to his extensions, and has had fixed a first-class clock showing the time on two 6-ft. illuminated dials, and fitted with automatic gas apparatus, Lord Grimthorpe's gravity escapement, compensated pendulum, and all the latest improvements, and will be lighted up for the first time this week. The new clock has been made and fixed by Messrs. Potts and Sons, of Guildford Street and Cookridge Streets, Leeds, who made Yeadon church clock about forty years ago; Yeadon Town Hall, clock presented by J. Peate, Esq.; Messrs. Brown and Brayshaw's Mill clock, also the adjoining church clock at Guiseley, erected over forty years ago, the whole of which have gone well and given every satisfaction.

RAMSEY, HUNTINGDON.

On Thursday, January 12th, the members of the local company had their annual dinner at the "Lion" hotel. The proceedings commenced at 4.15 with an hour's practice upon the tower bells. Several scores of Grandsire were rung, after which at 6 p.m. the Rev. R. Black, M.A., vicar, and the Rev. G. F. Watson, M.A., curate, joined the members and friends at an excellent repast provided by the Association. This was followed by music, songs, and recitations by friends and members. Several performances upon the handbells were much enjoyed by those present.

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WELLINGBOROUGH (NORTHANTS).

DEATH OF THE REV. CANON BROUGHTON.—It is with regret that we have to record the death of the Rev. Canon Broughton, formerly vicar of Wellingborough, which occurred on Friday evening at Bedford, at the age of 74 years. The deceased Canon was educated at St. Peter's College, Cambridge, and took his B.A. degree in 1841, and his M.A. in 1844. In 1841 he was ordained deacon, and in 1842 priest. In the last mentioned year he was appointed Vicar of Wellingborough, and held the living until 1871, when he removed to Polebrook. He stayed at Polebrook until 1875, when he was appointed to the living of St. Mary's, Leicester. The deceased gentleman was made Hon. Canon of Peterborough Cathedral in 1869, and from 1873 to 1875 was Rural Dean of Oundle, Division 1. During his nearly thirty years' residence in Wellingborough, Mr. Broughton did a much-appreciated and valuable work in the interests of the church, and his departure was hailed with a considerable amount of regret on the part of the parishioners, as he was extremely popular in the town. Therefore we need hardly say that the news of his death was received with much sorrow by those who were acquainted with the Canon. At the parish church both morning and evening, and at St. Barnabas' church in the evening, the Dead March in Saul was played on the organ, and at the former place in the evening the Rev. W. H. Davies made reference to the sad event, and said the vicar would further allude to the subject next Sunday. On receipt of the news on Sunday, the chimes were stopped, and the five heaviest bells only were chimed for services during the day. The "sermon bell" on each occasion was tolled instead of rung. From twelve to one p.m. on Sunday the great bell was rung as "passing bell" in the customary manner. On Wednesday, the day of the funeral, the "minute bell" was tolled from 3.30 to 2.30 p.m., and in the evening (from seven to eight and nine to ten) full muffled peals were rung on the old six bells, which constituted the peal at the time the late Canon was vicar of Wellingborough, and which were re-hung three years before he left the town (1868.) Of other work carried out in connection with the structure during the time the rev. gentleman was vicar of Wellingborough, it may be mentioned that in 1844 the top of the spire was re-built in 1851, the restoration of the interior of the church, viz., the removal of the old galleries and the re-seating of the chancel was commenced, under the direction of Sir Gilbert Scott, the eminent architect. The restoration was continued in 1861, all the old pews throughout the entire building being replaced by the present oaken seats. The nave was re-roofed (ceiled) with pitch-pine, the west (belfry) arch opened out, the old ringing loft done away with, and the ringers brought down to the level of the pavement.

OPENING OF TWO NEW TREBLES AT BANSTEAD, SURREY.

On Wednesday, January 11th, the two new trebles were consecrated at a Dedication Service by the Rector of Banstead, and were rung for the first time by a band of ringers of the Surrey Association. These trebles, which complete the octave, were bequeathed by a late resident of the parish. The work, which included tuning the old six, and providing a new frame, has been ably executed by Messrs. Warner and Sons. On the evening named, eight ringers arrived from different parts, the duty of collecting the band having been kindly performed by Mr. W. P. Routh, of Sutton. At a special place in the Dedication Service, the Rector sounded each of the two new bells three times, and pronounced a dedication upon them. During the service a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung by J. Plowman, J. Holder, G. J. Plowman, T. Miles, J. Fayers, E. Bennett, C. Gordon and C. Bance; and after the service a few touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples by the same ringers, with Mr. Routh and Dr. A. B. Carpenter. The "go" of the bells is all that can be desired, and the two new bells were admitted by all hands to be an excellent splice, while the tone of the old six is much improved by the tuning process. After the ringing, the performers and the local ringers were entertained at a sumptuous repast kindly provided by the churchwardens, Mr. H. Reid and Mr. Secretan, and the Surrey Association men were afterwards very kindly driven to Sutton,

as the hour was too late for local trains. At the supper "The Vicar and Churchwardens" was briefly proposed by Dr. A. B. Carpenter, who called for a very hearty vote of thanks for the kind entertainment the ringers had received, and this was responded to in a very appropriate manner by Mr. Secretan.

FAREHAM, HANTS.

On Saturday, January 7th, Messrs. Elcombe, Cole and Walker, of Romsey, and C. Tribe, of Southampton, paid a visit to the above place, by the kind invitation of Mr. J. W. Whiting and other local ringers, to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples to commemorate the birthday of Mr. C. Tribe. On reaching Fareham, they at once reported themselves to the officer in command, Mr. J. Whiting, who very kindly invited them to tea. On arriving at the belfry, Messrs. Coghlan and Passingham were already in attendance, and had the bells all raised in readiness for the start, they were soon after joined by Mr. F. Hill, and at 6.15, "go" was called. All went well until 800 changes had been rung, when a chnage-course being detected, "stand" was called. Another start was however soon made, and "that's all" was called in 2 hrs. and 47 mins. from the start, the striking being very good throughout. This was the tenor man's first peal, also the first peal of Grandsire by Messrs. Elcombe and Cole, who had never before rang a plain course in the method on tower bells, and also the first peal by Mr. Passingham. The visitors wish to heartily thank Mr. Whiting for his kindness and hospitality, and also the other local ringers for their kind assistance, and would here like to add that it is such men as the Fareham ringers and a few of their old comrades (who are always ready and willing to assist a young beginner through his first peals) who deserve the greatest thanks of all true ringers, for who of us is there but what has experienced the great advantage of a good sound conductor, and one or two other good steady men at the ropes in scoring our first peals?

Late Notices.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.—The general meeting of the above society will be held after the usual practice at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on Wednesday, January 25th, when the election of officers for the ensuing year and other important business will take place. Members are requested to attend.
272, Southampton Street, Camberwell. J. E. DAVIS, Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Anniversary Meeting, Gloucester, Monday, January 23rd. Divine Service, Cathedral, 10.30. Address by Rev. Canon St. John. Members are particularly requested to attend, and to be in their places in good time. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately afterwards. Election of officers, etc. Dinner at the "New Inn" hostelry (near Cross) at one o'clock, at 2s. 6d. per head; 1s. 6d. allowed to members who send 1s. postal order to the local secretary before or by the 18th. Address: Mr. A. Roberts, 18, Swan Lane, Westgate Street, Gloucester. Belfries open to the Association: Cathedral of St. Peter, 8; St. Mary-de-Crypt, 8; St. Michael's, 8; St. Mary-de-Lode, 6; St. Nicholas, 6. REV. PITT EYKYN, Hon. Sec.
St. Augustine's Vicarage, Bristol.

THE ST. MARY'S (STRATFORD-LE-BOW) SOCIETY.—The annual dinner of this Society will be held at the "Still and Star," Aldgate, on Thursday, January 26th, at 7.30. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. All particulars may be obtained of H. SPRINGALL,
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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S REPORT.—A few copies of this Report still remain, and are to be obtained of the Hon. Sec. to the Council, Rev. H. E. Bulwer, Stanhoe Rectory, Norfolk, at the price of 1d. each and postage at the rate of 1d. for a single copy; and an extra 1d. for every two additional copies. By parcel post 13 for 3d., and an extra 1d. for every additional 13, or any part thereof. No copies sent without pre payment.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

The Annual Meeting of this society took place on Saturday, January 14th, in the Church Room. Members began to assemble at 4.30 p.m., when touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Treble Bob Royal were conducted by Messrs. Driver, Woodiss, Adams, Garrard, and Basden, respectively. At 6 p.m. the members were entertained by the vicar to a good substantial tea in the Church Room. At the conclusion of the meal the general business was transacted, the vicar occupying the chair. The balance-sheet having been read and accepted, and the Master reporting the progress and performances of the past year, the election of officers was then proceeded with, when the vicar was again re-elected as President of the society, and Mr. J. W. Driver re-elected as Master, all the retiring officers being again re-elected. A hearty vote of thanks was then passed to the vicar for presiding, and also for the room. The members then proceeded to the tower, where more touches of different methods were successfully brought round, after which the meeting was brought to a close, it having been a very pleasant and successful one.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

A few evenings ago the bellringers of this parish and their friends, to the number of twenty were, through the kindness of one of the Churchwardens (Mr. Stephen Knowles) invited to "The Squirrel" inn, to a most substantial supper. The chair was taken by Mr. James Butler, who proposed the loyal toasts, and subsequently "The Health of Mr. Stephen Knowles," which was drank with musical honours. The ringers are most assiduous in their practice, and the kindness that has been shown to them this season by their churchwardens will, no doubt, tend to increase their love for the work that they are doing so well. The company present included Mr. Stephen Mapp (nephew to Mr. Knowles), Mr. W. Daw, and Mr. R. Martin. The rest of the evening was devoted to singing and various amusements provided by Mr. Knowles, and at ten o'clock the company separated after spending a very pleasant evening.

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."

RE THE EAST END CLIQUE.

SIR,—The first part of the letter under the above head in your issue of January 7th, we pass over, as it deserves contempt. I will commence at that part of the letter where the writer thought that most ringers take in "THE BELL NEWS." Well if they did, we think it would be a good job for "THE BELL NEWS" staff and ringers throughout the country, as we should be able to have an enlarged paper. Yes, the East End clique, each and every one of them, take in "THE BELL NEWS," not even omitting the double numbers, as some of the Romfordians do, because it costs two pence those weeks, and they (the clique) neither borrow nor lend to any one; they also read everything that is interesting in it, but of course when they come to anything that they think uninteresting, they pass it by until their attention is called to it, and then behold they find they have passed something which is very interesting to them, inasmuch as they have gained a new name. But who and what is this great Romfordian of light and leading? Is he the dictator of the bell-ringers of Essex who are to meet where he commands? Let us tell him once for all that the clique at any rate declines, and very properly too, to meet him at West Ham or anywhere else to discuss a local squabble; that has nothing to do with him whatever; or is it that the West Ham locals feel they are not able to defend themselves, so they have employed this great Romfordian Attorney-General to defend them. From what we know of these men they are quite able to defend themselves, especially the invalid, who is soft-soaped down so very nicely. If what we hear is right, this great personage found himself much discomfited on the occasion of the peal of Double Norwich at Walthamstow. Again, are we to be dictated to by him as to what church we shall ring at? We would remind this individual that although we live in West Ham we are nothing more than the greatest strangers in England—with regard to the ringing there we are simply visitors. Surely then we have a discretionary power as to whether we go to the parish church or not, as we do not go there for the loaves and fishes. But the clique holds

three important documents of this important personage that creates their grievance with him, of which he may or may not have an opportunity later on to try to defend himself, so he had better rest his weary brain awhile in case he "falls down in a faint," as he is apt to do. Now then comes the question of handbell ringing, and here we would say it must be a very great trial to this Romfordian that he is unable to find a trumpeter, as he must find it exceedingly hard to be blowing every breath out of his mortal body in sounding his own. No wonder that he faints. The East End clique do not profess handbell ringing, they are quite satisfied with their abilities on the tower bells, poor though they know them to be, but they would advise this trumpeter to repair himself to London for that part of the science, and meet the handbell ringers of the society of College Youths, and when they pronounce him able to accurately conduct 168 of Grandsire Triples, the clique will take into their serious consideration as to whether they will go under his tuition, and if such decision should be favourable to him, we will make this stipulation that on no condition whatever shall the "first touch" published in "THE BELL NEWS" with or without a star be less than 168, as they do not deem anything less worthy of record; and speaking of stars, the clique are rather fond of them, so they too, have their weaknesses. They are not like this Romfordian; they do not think it lowers their dignity as ringers. They think it is an honour especially when a peal is the outcome of the star; it shows they are still making progress, although advancing in years they are not standing still in the science. One word as to the questions asked in our previous letter. This individual declines to answer them on a side issue; we defy him to deny them; we have witnesses to prove that he did go down to Barking about a fortnight after the peal was rung at Westminster, and before any letters were written, and denounce the conductor in calling a false peal, and the band in ringing a very bad peal, and that he did as stated in that letter produce what he said where the course-ends that came up in the ringing, and they were out-of-course changes, and yet in his first letter he states that he said nothing after he left Westminster. We leave those gentlemen to judge for themselves.

SAMUEL HAYES.

SIR,—The letter of Mr. Perkins the week before last does not answer either of the questions put to him. He boasts of his abilities largely, and runs down those of other people. But what he ought to answer is the questions put to him. In his first letter he makes an assertion that he said nothing whatever of the Westminster peal beyond giving his opinion about it to the band "in a friendly way" the same evening, and he adds, "as far as I was concerned the matter dropped." But it is confidently stated that some time after this peal was rung, Mr. Perkins met a company somewhere else, and alluding to this very peal before them, produces the out-of-course changes and says the bells were out of course for about two hours. These are the questions for him to answer, and not try to shirk them by a collection of rubbishing statements. Whatever prestige he has or thinks he has, has been damaged if not lost by his letter. ONE OF THE BAND.

* * Several other letters are unavoidably left over until next week.

THE RINGING AT PENARTH.—We have received a great quantity of very long letters in reply to the one published last week by E. Cook. The subject appears of no interest whatever to our readers at large, being apparently a very small local difference, and an exhibition of jealousy on the part of the above-named writer. We therefore must respectfully decline to encumber our pages with a terrifying array of letters on the subject. Their publication would not do the least good.

Obituary.

AMOS CRESSER.

We very much regret to announce the decease of this talented Birmingham ringer, which occurred on Thursday, January 5th, after a few days' illness. A generation or two ago Amos Cresser was a prominent member of the Birmingham St. Philip's society, when the renowned William Chattell was at the head of the affairs of that belfry. He had taken part in a number of peals, among which may be mentioned the 10,047 of Stedman Caters rung at Aston in 1859, and the long peal of Stedman Cinques, 9238 changes, rung at St. Martin's on February 28th, 1891. He warmly enjoyed a high character as a ringer, and, as a correspondent states, was one of the finest strikers in peal-ringing to be found. For some years he followed the business of a church bell hanger, being engaged both at Messrs. Taylor's, of Loughborough, and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. He was in his 63rd year.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is One Penny per line (six words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held to-day, Saturday, January 21st, at Christ Church, West Bromwich. Ringing at Christ Church at 2 p.m., and at All Saints after 5 p.m. Short address at 5 p.m. at Christ Church. Committee meeting at 5.30. Tea at 6 p.m. S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*
10, Bull Street.

P.S.—Members wanting copies of photo. will be able to get them at this meeting.

Waterloo Society, London.—The annual dinner of the above society will take place at the "Lord Hill," Waterloo Bridge Road, opposite the Station, to-day, Saturday, Jan. 21st. 1893, at 6.30 sharp. Tickets 3s. The tower of St. Martin-in-the-Fields will be open at 4 p.m. Tickets may be had of the following:—Mr. G. Wild, 8, Frances Street, Waterloo Road; Mr. F. Perrin, 25, Lower Bland Street, S.E.; Mr. F. L. Davies, 15, Melbourne Square, Brixton; and J. C. Truss, 46, Pater-noster Row. JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*
272, Southampton Street, Camberwell, S.E.

Society of Trinity Youths.—Meetings for practice for January, 1893: Lewisham, St. Mary: Monday, 23rd, 8 to 9.30 p.m. GEO. T. BAYLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at the "Tamworth Arms," Moor Street, Birmingham, on Tuesday, 24th instant. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—A smoking concert will be held at the "Tamworth Arms," Moor Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, the 28th instant, when any ringers and friends will be cordially welcome. Chair to be taken at 7.30 p.m. W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—A committee and quarterly meeting of this association will by kind permission of the Rev. E. V. Hall, M.A., who will preside at the meeting at 5.30 p.m. prompt, take place in St. John's school-room, Bromsgrove, on Saturday, January 28th, 1893, at which meeting all subscriptions are due in accordance with rule 7. The tower, containing ten bells, will be open for ringing. JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*
37, Simms Lane, Neitherton, Dudley.

Yorkshire Association.—Owing to other engagements of the Bishop and Archdeacon, the general meeting will be held at Wakefield, on Saturday, February 11th, (not 4th as previously intimated). The newly-augmented ring of twelve bells at the Cathedral will be at the disposal of members from 10.30 a.m. This meeting will be the official "re-opening" of the bells after augmentation and re-hanging; there will therefore be short choral service and sermon in the Cathedral at 4.0 p.m.; the Lord Bishop of Wakefield has promised to preach the sermon. Tea in the Zetland Street schools, at 5.0. Business meeting to follow. The local Hon. Sec., is Mr. John T. Hollis, 22, Albion Street, Wakefield. Circulars in due course. B. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*
3, St. Jude's Square, Bradford.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol.—The next meeting for practice will be held at St. Stephen's Church (City), on Tuesday evening, the 24th inst. at 7.30 p.m. G. H. GORDON, *Local Sec.*

Lancashire Association, Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Saturday, January 28th; bells ready at 4.0 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. JNO. MILLETT, *Hon. Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held at the Meeting House, the "Cardigan Arms," Bramley, on Saturday, January 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. (Members please note contributions for the current year now due.) R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*
43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Crossens, on Saturday, January 28th; bells open 3 p.m. meeting 6 p.m. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM, }

Lancashire Association. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 6 o'clock. J. B. TAYLOR, *Branch Sec.*
Seven Church, Waterfoot.

Midland Counties' Association, Nuneaton District.—The annual meeting of this District will be held at Hinckley, on Saturday, January 28th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. HARRY ARGYLE, *Local Sec.*
27, Bond Street, Nuneaton.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Owing to the deaths of two highly respected members of this society—Mr. G. Mash and Mr. G. Tanner—having taken place on Wednesday and Thursday last, the peal announced in our last issue to have been attempted at Bethnal Green, on the 14th inst., has been postponed until Saturday, February 4th.

Lancashire Association, Fylde Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's church, Blackpool, on Saturday, February 4th; bells open from 3 o'clock. Meeting in the school at 6. J. FELL, *Branch Sec.*
Lytham.

Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will take place at Kingston-on-Thames, on Monday, February 6th. Further details in next number. REV. E. G. BURR, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*
15, S. John's Grove, Croydon.

A CORRECTION.—The date touch rang on December 31st, by the North Lincolnshire Association, at St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln, reported in your last issue, was not rung as stated "to celebrate the wedding of Mr. J. W. Watson" (who took part in the touch), but was rang with the bells half-muffled to note the departing of the old year. W. W. J.

FALSE COMPOSITIONS.—The peal 5038 of Grandsire Cinques by J. Motts, of Ipswich, is said by Mr. G. Hayward (of Bromsgrove), and others, to be false. Mr. Wilcox, of Bidston, Cheshire, says: "The 720 of Grandsire in 'THE BELL NEWS,' January 14th, is false. The first course-end at hand-stroke occurs in the first bob, 34526."

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

Twice repeated. Single for last bob at 4 in third and sixth parts.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1893.

JUST four months ago we commented on the fact that MESSRS. BARWELL, of Birmingham, had been commissioned to restore the ring of ten bells at the church of St. Philip, in that city. This restoration has been happily accomplished, so we read, and the change for the better within the old tower, carried out by the above-named firm, is of the most substantial and satisfactory character. For many years these bells suffered in repute; ringers looked askance at any suggestion or hint of a peal upon them; in short, it was well-known that "they went bad." Now we rejoice to say all this is altered, and ringers in the Midland District have at their use another peal of ten where they will be able to indulge themselves in any or all the methods known, easy or complex. The veteran of Birmingham—Mr. JOHN DAY—at the opening festivity on the 11th instant, said "he hoped that now these bells were in such splendid condition, peals of an equal quality to those he had heard in times gone by would be again rung." With such a sentiment we are in perfect accord.

The church we are dealing with, will we suppose, be the head quarters of the Birmingham Amalgamated Society, whose presiding genius is Mr. JOHN CARTER, a worthy successor, by the way, to those who have held

similar positions in the same belfry. To ringers beyond middle age who knew anything of ringing matters in the Midland Counties, the church of St. Philip, Birmingham, has a great interest. For the "workshop of the world"—as Birmingham has not without reason been called—was the Midland ringing metropolis, so to speak, and members of the Exercise for miles around were wont so to regard it. THURSTANS, LATES, JOHNSON, T. DAY, CHATTELL, ROBERTS, and others, who attended at St. Philip's, as well as St. Martin's, were a galaxy of celebrities such as many towns have not been able to boast of. Need it then be wondered at that ringers of a past age journeyed to Birmingham with much the same feelings which possesses a pilgrim when he visits some noted shrine? They journeyed there not always to ring, but in many cases to see the men at one church or the other who, even in what we may term "pre-reformation" times, had caused the Art of ringing to be talked of. Therefore in such a place as this the Exercise will rejoice to hear that one important centre of ringing has been retrieved; and also that if the same modes of wielding power adopted by the above worthies are not accurately followed, it is gratifying to know that at the head of affairs in St. Philip's, there is an equally competent head; a worthy successor of those gone before.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.—PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The Honorary Secretary of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers begs to remind the Hon. Secretaries of Associations and Guilds represented on the Council that subscriptions for 1893, at the rate of half-a-crown for each representative elected, are now due, and should be paid, without fail, before the next meeting of the Council, which will be held at Oxford on the Tuesday in Easter-week—April 4th.

Notices of motions, with proposer's and seconder's names attached, and in writing, should reach the Honorary Secretary of the Council by Saturday, March 4th, after which date a fuller notice of the meeting and the agenda will be published in this paper.

All subscriptions and communications should be sent to the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn, who would be thankful to receive also intimation of all changes in the names and addresses of Secretaries and Representatives which have occurred since the last meeting of the Council.

We deeply regret to hear of the deaths of two distinguished London ringers—MR. GEORGE MASH, for many years steeple-keeper at St. Saviour's, Southwark; and MR. GEORGE TANNER, of Spitalfields. We shall next week give a notice of these lamented gentlemen.

The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 14, 1893, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

ARTHUR JACOB Treble.	HARRY RANDALL 6.
ACKLAND J. PERKINS .. 2.	*GEORGE PEARL 7.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 3.	EDWIN BARNETT 8.
THOMAS TITCHENER 4.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 9.
CHARLES WILKINS 5.	GEORGE NEWSON Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON and Conducted by ARTHUR JACOB.

*First peal of Royal. This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich.

THE ST. LUKE'S ASSOCIATION, CHELSEA.

On Monday, January 16, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM J. BARBER Treble.	*CHARLES HINDES 5.
WILLIAM H. ROWLAND .. 2.	*THOMAS E. BARBER 6.
JOHN G. GREEN 3.	JAMES W. DRIVER 7.
EDWARD H. ADAMS 4.	GEORGE ROBERTS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. DRIVER.

*First peal. This is the first peal by the local band since the year 1826.

The Provinces.

MACCLESFIELD.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 10, 1893, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

FRANK STONELY Treble.	JOHN MINSHULL 5.
TOM MINSHULL 2.	WILLIAM W. STEEL 6.
JOHN KENNY 3.	JOSEPH NORBURY 7.
WILLIAM WALMSLEY .. 4.	WILLIAM GAYES Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WALMSLEY.

First peal by all except the Conductor, and the average age of the band is twenty one years. It is the first peal on the bells since they were restored, and nearly seven years since the previous peal which was Holt's Original, also conducted by W. Walmsley before he was twenty years old.

SKIPTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 12, 1893, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

E. B. METCALFE Treble.	W. L. MASON 5.
J. BOOTHMAN 2.	H. HORNER 6.
S. DOUGHTY 3.	W. BILLOWS 7.
F. METCALFE 4.	W. D. HILLARY Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and Conducted by W. BILLOWS.

This peal, in fourteen courses, has the 5th and 6th the extent each way in 5-6, with eleven of the twelve 8,5,7's, and is now rung for the first time.

CHELTEMHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Thursday, January 12, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt. in Eb.

WALTER T. BENNETT* .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. PATES 6.
JOHN AUSTIN* 2.	FREDERICK MUSTY 7.
FRANCIS E. HART* 3.	*WILLIAM DYER 8.
FRANCIS E. WARD 4.	*ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 9.
HENRY ROBERTS 5.	*REV. H. LAW JAMES Tenor.

Composed by J. RILEY and Conducted by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

*First peal of Royal. Messrs. Bennett, Austin, Hart, A. Roberts and James belong to the St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester; the other five to the Cheltenham society.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, January 12, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. W. SAYER Treble.	W. R. SMALL 5.
E. GOODREDS 2.	J. HALL 6.
J. CARTER 3.	J. JONES 7.
R. HALL 4.	H. HIPKISS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Peter Spencer, who had been a sidesman of the above church for the last twelve years. Messrs. Carter and Jones hail from Birmingham; Goodreds and Small from Tipton; Hipkiss, and J. and R. Hall, West Bromwich; and Sayer belongs to the local company.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY AND THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 13, 1893, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5136 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 27½ cwt. in D.

FRANK BROWN* Treble.	JAMES ADAMS 7
JOHN HOPWOOD 2.	JOHN THORP 8.
THOMAS BRADLEY* 3.	*GEORGE BRADDOCK 9.
THOMAS WROE 4.	GEORGE LONGDEN 10.
JOHN LEIGH* 5.	JAMES S. WILDE 11.
SAMUEL BOOTH 6.	SAMUEL WOOD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

*First peal of Maximus. The above peal was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Rector.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 13, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS SAXBY Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5.
WILLIAM I. REEVE 2.	ROBERT WILKINS 6.
GEORGE CONYARD 3.	EDWIN BARNETT 7.
HENRY GIBBS 4.	CHARLES WILKINS Tenor.

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT and Conducted by CHARLES WILKINS.

The above is a five-lead-course peal, and is now rung for the first time. It was also rung as a birthday compliment to Robert Wilkins.

DEVONPORT, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THE PLYMOUTH AND DEVONPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 14, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHAPEL OF THE ROYAL DOCKYARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S SIX-PART.

EDWARD CROSS* Treble.	CHARLES SMITH 5.
RICHARD FORD 2.	HARRY FRUIN 6.
EDWARD HENDY* 3.	*WILLIAM FORD 7.
JOHN STEED 4.	*GEORGE STEPHENS Tenor.

Conducted by H. G. FRUIN.

The bells were rung half muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Captain Sir W. Wiseman, R.N. *This is the first peal by the above branch.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1893, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES RALPH Treble.	HARRY DEMAINE 5.
JOHN SUNDERLAND 2.	JOSEPH YEADON 6.
SAMUEL BROWN 3.	JAMES BALDWIN 7.
THOMAS M. THOMPSON 4.	*FREDERICK WM. DIXON Tenor.

Composed by the late J. BARKER, of Liversedge, and Conducted by FREDERICK WM. DIXON.

*First peal as conductor. C. Ralph hails from Otley, the rest belong to the local company.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.

Tenor about 14 cwt.

WILLIAM A. JEAVONS .. Treble.	ARCHIBALD E. JONES .. 5.
WILLIAM CHESHIRE 2.	*BENJAMIN GOUGH 6.
GEORGE JAMES FELLOWS .. 3.	EDWARD GOODREDS 7.
FREDERICK G. HORTON .. 4.	ALBERT E. LAW Tenor.

Conducted by BENJAMIN GOUGH.

This is the first peal of Triples on the bells, and is the first peal of Triples by W. A. Jeacons, G. J. Fellows, F. G. Horton, A. E. Jones and A. E. Low. *First peal of Triples as conductor. E. Goodreds hails from Tipton.

BALDERSTONE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 14, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ROBERT GREENWOOD* .. Treble.	*AMOS DEARNLEY 5.
HARRY WALMSLEY† 2.	*JOHN BUCKLEY 6.
JOHN KERSHAW* 3.	JOHN MILLETT 7.
THOMAS BUCKLEY† 4.	*EDMUND CHADWICK Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS BUCKLEY.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. †First peal as conductor Messrs. Millett and Walmsley hail from Heywood; the rest belong to the local company.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

FREDERICK DENCH* .. Treble.	ROBERT JORDAN 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	GEORGE PAICE 6.
JOHN RICE† 3.	†JAMES PARKER 7.
WILLIAM WARD 4.	FREDERICK W. RICE Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

*First peal in any method with a bob bell. †First peal of Stedman. †First peal of Stedman as conductor.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 14, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine and ½ Mins.,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM WARE Treble.	GEORGE STANBROOK 5.
T. EUSTACE HARWOOD* .. 2.	REUBEN FLAXMAN 6.
GEORGE KIRBY* 3.	JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

*First peal.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1893, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

EDWARD HULL Treble.	GEORGE W. CARTMEL 5.
HENRY JAMES MARTIN 2.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 6.
JESSE W. BREWER* 3.	CHARLES H. MARTIN 7.
BENJAMIN C. PRATCHETT .. 4.	WALTER BATTLE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal of Major. First peal of Bob Major on the bells for over 100 years.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 14, 1893, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 32 cwt.

EDWARD HINTON .. Treble.	THOMAS F. BEST 5.
GEORGE PRESTON 2.	THOMAS GROVES 6.
ELI WATERS 3.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER 7.
STEPHEN BEST 4.	HENRY PRESTON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. SEVIER.

A PEAL OF 362,880 GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6d.

Contains the full extent of changes on nine bells. Forwarded Post Free, on receipt of 7d. By James Hewett, 16, Chapel Row, Gosport.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 16, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

T. DAY'S COMPOSITION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM R. SMALL Treble.	HENRY W. WILDE 5.
BENJAMIN GOUGH 2.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.. 6.
SAMUEL SPITTLE 3.	REUBEN HALL 7.
JAMES HALL 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

W. Painter was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 17, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven and ½ Mins.,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN PRESCOTT Treble.	ALFRED HALTON 5.
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR.. .. 2.	JOHN WATTS 6.
JAMES SHOLICAR 3.	GEORGE PRESCOTT 7.
JAMES PILKINGTON 4.	FRANK STONEBRIDGE.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES SHOLICAR.

A CORRECTION.—Mr. F. W. Cripps, of Docker's Lodge, Plummer's Villa, near Horsham, writes: "The 5040 rung at Lower Beeding, January 6th, was four different Plain Minor methods, not Treble Bob."

Date Touches.

THE EAST LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SIBSEY (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, January 7th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1893 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 11 mins. E. Clayton, 1; F. S. Staffurth, 2; A. O. Barber, 3; J. Sharp, 4; E. Mason (conductor), 5; J. Sharp, 6. The Rev. F. Besant, Vicar, kindly entertained the company to tea at the Vicarage. E. Mason hails from Boston; the rest belong to Freiston.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

HORBURY (Yorks).—On Sunday, January 8th, at the parish church, for Divine Service, a date touch of 1893 changes in 1 hr and 6 mins. in the following methods: 93 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Violet, 360 Duke of York, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 360 New London Pleasure. A. Yelland, 1; W. H. Giggle, 2; G. Hunt, 3; H. Rowley (conductor), 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; R. Thickett, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt.

READING (Berks).—Recently on a Sunday evening, for Divine Service, a date touch of Grandsire Caters in 1 hr. 18 mins. F. Hopgood, 1; C. Giles, 2; W. Johnson, 3; J. Potter, 4; J. F. Tarrant, 5; C. Bennett, 6; W. Goseltine, 7; W. J. Williams (conductor), 8; W. Newell, 9; L. Rolfe, 10. Composed by Edgar Bennett.

MIRFIELD (Yorks).—On Sunday, January 8th, at St. Mary's church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. and 13 mins. H. Peacock, 1; C. Peacock, 2; A. Holmes, 3; G. Thornton, 4; T. Crawshaw, 5; W. Barrowclough, 6; W. Peacock (composer and conductor), 7; S. Peacock, 8; B. Robinson, 9; J. Peacock, 10. Tenor 30 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH.—On Sunday, January 8th, at the parish church, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). R. W. Langton, 1; H. G. Dawson, 2; G. Lowden, 3; R. C. Hudson, 4; J. Field, 5; T. Hudson, jun. (conductor), 6. After service, at the residence of Mr. Thos. Hudson, on handbells, retained in hand, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). T.

Hudson, jun., 1-2; Miss Hudson, 3; T. Hudson, sen., 4; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 5-6. First 720 by all on handbells. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, Miss S. A. Hudson, aged nine years, ringing the treble.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Christmas morning, at St. John's church, 503 Grandsire Triples. C. L. Routledge (conductor), 1; J. W. Roper, 2; W. G. Routledge, 3; H. Lindsey, 4; F. Lees, 5; A. F. Hillier, 6; J. H. Clapperton, 7; H. Pearson, 8. An attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples at All Saints' church, on Thursday, December 29th, came to grief just after the half-way single. C. L. Routledge (conductor), 1; R. S. Story, 2; W. Story, 3; A. Hillier, 4; F. Harrison, 5; J. Simm, 6; F. Lees, 7; G. Dixon, 8. Tenor 19 cwt.

WHICKHAM (Durham).—On Saturday, December 3rd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles). G. Stark, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; P. Harbottle, 3; W. Custance, 4; J. Linedon (St. John's, Newcastle), 5; J. W. Nicholson (conductor), 6. And 720 College Single. W. Custance, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; P. Harbottle, 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; J. W. Nicholson, 6. On Tuesday, December 13th, on the 30th anniversary of the restoration of the church, another 720 was rung. G. Stark, 1; W. Custance, 2; P. Harbottle, 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; J. W. Nicholson (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, December 28th, 720 College Single, in 25 mins. G. Stark, 1; W. Custance, 2; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; J. W. Nicholson, 6. And 720 Oxford Bob Minor. G. Stark, 1; W. Custance, 2; J. W. Nicholson, 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6. On Saturday, January 7th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Custance, 1; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 2; P. Harbottle, 3; J. Harbottle, 4; R. Mordue, 5; J. W. Nicholson, 6.

WINLATON (Durham).—On Sunday evening, December 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles), in 28 mins. S. Atkinson, 1; R. B. Atkinson, 2; E. R. Avery, 3; Z. Scott, 4; J. B. Dobson, 5; J. Pattison (conductor), 6. R. B. Atkinson is fourteen years of age, and it is his first 720 with a bob bell. On Thursday evening, December 22nd, for practice, 720 Yorkshire Court (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins. T. Atkinson, 1; J. B. Dobson, 2; Z. Scott, 3; J. Pattison, 4; J. Smith, 5; G. Atkinson (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all the ringers.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Sunday, December 25th, at St. James's church for Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. H. Poole, 1; H. Creed, 2; T. Harbottle, 3; J. Maddock, 4; T. Doble, 5; J. Burge (first 720 as conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Poole, 1; J. Burge, 2; T. Harbottle, 3; A. Doble, 4; W. Thorn, 5; J. Maddock (conductor), 6. On New Year's Eve, with the bells muffled, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. H. Poole, 1; R. Crossman, 2; J. Burge, 3; A. Doble, 4; W. Thorn, 5; J. Maddock (conductor), 6. On New Year's Day, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. J. Maddock (conductor), 1; J. Burge, 2; H. Poole, 3; A. Doble, 4; R. Crossman, 5; W. Thorn, 6.

BAGBOROUGH (Somerset).—On Monday, December 26th, at St. Mary's church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a 720, 240 Grandsire Minor was rung. H. Poole, 1; T. Doble, 2; J. Maddock, 3; A. Doble, 4; G. Yeandle, 5; J. Burge (conductor), 6.

BISHOPS LYDEARD (Somerset).—On Monday, December 26th, at the parish church, several courses of Grandsire Triples were rung, but owing to the bad state of the bells nothing further could be done.

BATH.—On Sunday, December 25th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. J. Smith-Flower, 1; C. Goodenough, 2; W. Wells, 3; H. Wotton, 4; F. Skuse, 5; J. Wotton (conductor), 6; C. W. Bell, 7; A. Harford, 8. J. Wotton hails from Yorkshire. On Thursday, December 29th, at St. Saviour's church, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. H. W. Brown, 1; A. Wilcox, 2; C. Goodenough, 3; H. Mills, 4; J. Fussell, 5; C. W. Bell (conductor), 6.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

ERITH (Kent).—On Monday, December 26th, at the parish church, an attempt was made to ring Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. A. R. Davis, 1; H. N. Davis, 2; F. Perrin, 3; H. Warnett, 4; F. Davis, 5; J. E. Davis (conductor), 6; A. E. Church, 7; E. P. O'Meara, 8.

WALWORTH (Surrey).—On Wednesday, December 28th, at St. Peter's church, the last 700 of Holt's Original. A. Davis, 1; E. P. O'Meara, 2; H. N. Davis, 3; F. Davis, 4; H. Langdon, 5; J. E. Davis (conductor), 6; F. Perrin, 7; H. Peters, 8.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, January 8th, at the church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, for evening service, 1360 Bob Major, in 50 mins. F.

Davis, 1; G. Smith, 2; W. O. Hasted, 3; R. Bevan, 4; F. Pitts (longest length in the method as conductor), 5; J. E. Davis, 6; H. N. Davis, 7; J. C. Truss, 8.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TURVEY (Beds).—On Saturday, November 19th, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Davidson, 1; C. West, 2; H. King, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; I. Hills, 5; P. Howard (conductor), 6. A 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; P. Howard, 2; C. West, 3; I. Hills, 4; H. King, 5; H. Sharp, 6.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, December 4th, 588 Stedman Triples. P. Howard, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. West, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; F. Keech, 8. On Sunday, December 18th, 408 Stedman Triples. H. Sharp, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; J. N. Frossell, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Sharp, 6; S. Constant, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And 672 Stedman Triples. W. Shimmans, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; C. West, 4; I. Hills, 5; S. Constant, 6; H. Sharp, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. Also 336 Stedman Triples. S. Constant, 1; H. Sharp, 2; W. Shimmans, 3; C. West, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Saturday, December 31st, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Cullip, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Sharp, 6; H. Sharp (first 504 as conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Saturday, December 24th, at St. Mary's, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). S. J. Cullip, 1; I. Hills, 2; W. Hall, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; S. Constant, 5; H. Sharp, 6. On Saturday, December 31st, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). C. Gable, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; W. Hall, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; H. Sharp (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs). H. Sharp, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; F. Sharp, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; S. Constant, 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Tuesday, December 13th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the opening of the Ryde Institute, 742 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; P. Long, 2; G. H. Coombes, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; S. A. Cantlow, 5; H. Jennings (conductor), 6; A. R. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8. On Tuesday, January 3, on the occasion of a wedding, 546 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; P. Long, 2; G. H. Coombes, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; S. A. Cantlow, 5; H. Jennings (conductor), 6; A. R. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8. And 672 Grandsire Triples. J. G. Norris, 1; P. Long, 2; G. H. Coombes, 3; W. E. Ward, 4; S. A. Cantlow, 5; H. Jennings, 6; A. R. Ward (conductor), 7; A. Ward, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; P. Long, 2; G. H. Coombes, 3; J. G. Norris (conductor), 4; S. A. Cantlow, 5; H. Jennings, 6; A. R. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8.

DORKING (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, January 1st, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. W. P. Tarling, 1; W. T. Boxall, 2; J. White, 3; P. J. Peters, 4; E. E. Dodd, 5; A. Dobinson, 6; H. Boxall, 7; W. Lynch, 8. Composed by John Carter, of Birmingham, and conducted by H. Boxall. On Monday evening, January 2nd, for practice, 504 in the same method. W. P. Tarling, 1; A. Hollingdale (first 504 with a bob bell), 2; J. White, 3; E. E. Dodd, 4; P. J. Peters, 5; A. Dobinson, 6; H. Boxall, 7; W. Lynch, 8.

FAREHAM (Hants).—On Sunday, January 1st, at St. Peter's church, for afternoon service, a 594 Stedman Triples. C. Privett, 1; A. Coghlan, 2; G. Grafham, 3; F. Goghlan (first 500 in the method), 4; F. Hill, 5; G. Passingham, 6; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 7; P. Corbett, 8.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Sunday, January 1st, at the Abbey church, for morning service, two 6-scores of Bob Doubles, with 6-7-8 behind. F. Russen, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; T. Cole, 3; A. Newman, 4; C. Tribe, 5; C. Cole, 6; J. Walker, 7; G. Saint, 8. For afternoon service, 180 Bob Minor, and for evening service, two 180s of Bob Minor. F. Russen, 1; J. Elcombe, 2; G. Newman, 3; A. Newman, 4; T. Cole, 5; C. Tribe, 6; J. Walker, 7; W. Elcombe, 8.

SOUTHAMPTON (Hampshire).—Recently for practice on handbells, at the residence of Mr. J. Cross, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Bridle, 1; C. Cook, 2; J. Elcombe, 3; T. King, 4; C. Tribe, 5-6. This is J. Bridle's first 6-score of Doubles and his first attempt at change-ringing.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—Recently by the local band and a few others, at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 26 mins. A. Rheams, C. Jones (Gloucester), J. Yeates, G. Miles, H. Mitchell, A. A. Waite (conductor). And 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. A. Rheams, F. Gillett, A. A. Waite, J. Yeates, H. Mitchell (conductor),

G. Miles. Also 720 of Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles) in 27 mins. F. Gillett, J. Yeates, G. Miles, C. Roles (Deerhurst), H. Mitchell, A. A. Waite (conductor). On Tuesday, November 22nd, a 720 of Bob Minor (twenty-five bobs and ten singles) in 26½ mins. A. Rheams, F. Hannis (Brockworth), D. J. Aston, C. Roles, H. Mitchell, A. A. Waite (conductor). On Tuesday, December 13th, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. A. Rheams, D. J. Aston, A. A. Waite, C. Roles, H. Mitchell (conductor), G. Miles. Several six-scores of Stedman, Grandsire, St. Dunstons and Bob Doubles were rung at the various practices.

BROCKWORTH (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday, November 10th. Messrs. Mitchell, Waite and Miles visited this place and assisted the local company in ringing a 720 of Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles) in 24 mins. G. Price, H. Downham, F. Hannis, G. Miles, H. Mitchell (conductor), A. A. Waite. On Thursday, November 24th, a 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and six singles) in 25 mins. J. Price, G. Miles, H. Downham, G. Price, H. Mitchell, A. A. Waite (conductor). Messrs. Mitchell, Waite and Miles belong to the Barnwood society.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Wednesday, December 7th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins. R. Bovington, 1; J. Parker, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; G. Basden, 4; J. Bovington, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. On Wednesday, December 14th, 720 Bob Minor. On Christmas Day, for Divine Service in the morning, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by C. Clarke. For afternoon service, 720 Minor. On Saturday, December 31st, at midnight, four 6-scores of Doubles and 720 of Minor. On Wednesday, January 4th, 720 Grandsire Minor, the first by R. Bovington with a bob bell. And several 6-scores of Doubles, conducted by G. Basden.

UXBRIDGE (Middlesex).—On Monday, December 26th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Bob Minor. T. Beadle, 1; J. J. Parker, 2; W. Taylor, 3; G. Stanbrook, 4; J. Basden, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. And 336 Grandsire Triples, with the Rev. H. G. Bird, Vicar of St. Andrew's, ringing the 5th, and one of his ringers the tenor. Six of the band had met short for a peal of Stedman.

BURNHAM (Bucks).—On Thursday, January 5th, at St. Giles' church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Eldersfield, 1; R. Bovington, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; J. Bovington, 4; C. Clarke (conductor), 5; G. Adler, 6. And another 6-score, with G. Adler, 1.

READING (Berks).—On Monday, January 9th, the day appointed for the funeral of the late Mr. William F. Palmer, one of the leading members of the firm of Messrs. Huntley and Palmer, biscuit manufacturers, the bells of St. Giles were rung half-muffled. While the procession was forming a 643 of Grandsire Triples was rung. G. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; F. Sweetzer, 3; A. W. Reeves, 4; A. H. Evans, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. After the interment the usual whole pull and stand was rung, followed by a 336 of Grandsire Triples. In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. G. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. W. Reeves, 3; F. Sweetzer, 4; H. Smith, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. H. Smith hails from Caversham.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELSHPOOL (Hereford).—On Saturday, January 7th, an attempt was made for Holt's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples as a compliment to the conductor, but it came to grief through a change-course after ringing 1 hr. and 40 mins. F. P. Hughes, 1; W. Maddock, 2; E. Thomas, 3; Rev. T. Hughes, 4; W. H. Brunnsden, 5; T. Barnes, 6; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 7; L. Gittins, 8. W. H. Brunnsden hails from Gloucester, and was made a member of the above Society before starting. On Sunday, January 8th, for evening service, a 504 Grandsire Triples. C. F. Tallis, 1; W. Maddock, 2; E. Thomas, 3; W. H. Brunnsden (conductor), W. Jones, 5; T. Barnes, 6; T. J. Bratton, 7; L. Gittins, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday evening, January 15th, at the Abbey church of St. Margaret, for Divine Service, a peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. Composed by the Editor, containing the twenty-four 6-7s. H. E. Parker (first quarter-peal), 1; A. Deards, 2; E. Lucas, 3; R. Sewell, 4; F. Norris, 5; S. Hayes (conductor), 6; A. Wright, 7; C. Deane, 8.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

CLENT (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, December 24th, for practice, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. H. Barber, 1; W. Boughton, 2; G. Workman, 3; J. Barber, 4; W. Huxley, 5; C. Boughton (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 25th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 360 of Plain Bob. W. Shilcock, 1; G. Workman, 2; C. Boughton, 3; W. H. Barber, 4; W. Huxley, 5; J. Barber (conductor),

6. On Sunday, January 1st, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Huxley, 1; W. Boughton, 2; C. Boughton, 3; W. H. Barber, 4; W. Short, 5; J. Barber (conductor), 6. This is W. H. Barber's first attempt at Treble Bob with a bob bell.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

OSPRINGE (Kent).—On Thursday evening, January 12th, at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), with 6-8 covering, in 27 mins. S. Croucher, 1; H. Burling, 2; *C. H. Drake, 3; E. Bridges, 4; W. Taylor, 5; F. Hunt, 6; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 7; C. Swaffer, 8. *First 720 by C. H. Drake, Organist and choir-master of the church.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, January 8th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 42 mins. A. Pheasant, 1; A. Warnett (conductor), 2; T. Deal, 3; A. Bedwell, 4; T. Chandler, 5; W. Bedwell, 6; A. G. Freeman, 7; A. A. Avis, 8.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—Recently for practice at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Dench, 1; J. Newnham, 2; F. Rice, 3; W. Ward, 4; G. Paice, 5; R. Jordan, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; J. Rice, 8. A 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Dench, 1; J. Newnham, 2; J. Rice, 3; J. Parker (conductor), 4; W. Ward, 5; R. Jordan, 6; F. Rice, 7; G. Paice, 8. And a 288 with G. Paice, 7; F. W. Rice (conductor), 8. On Thursday, December 22nd, the last 742 of Holt's Original. F. Dench, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Ward, 3; P. Tyler, 4; F. Rice, 5; G. Paice, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; J. Rice, 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. F. Dench, 1; J. Newnham, 2; J. Rice, 3; W. Ward, 4; F. Rice, 5; G. Paice, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; P. Tyler, 8. On Friday, December 30th, an attempt was made to ring Holt's Original, which came to grief after ringing 4700 changes, owing to the conductor calling a bob too late. F. Dench, 1; J. Newnham, 2; W. Wadey, 3; J. Rice, 4; W. Ward, 5; T. H. Beams, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; P. Tyler, 8. On Sunday, January 8th, a 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Dench, 1; F. W. Rice, 2; J. Rice, 3; W. Ward, 4; G. Paice, 5; R. Jordan, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; P. Tyler, 8. And another 504. F. Dench, 1; J. Parker, 2; J. Rice, 3; P. Tyler, 4; W. Ward, 5; F. Rice (conductor), 6; R. Jordan, 7; G. Paice, 8. And a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. F. Dench, 1; F. W. Rice, 2; J. Rice, 3; W. Ward, 4; G. Paice, 5; R. Jordan, 6; J. Parker (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; P. Tyler, 8. This is the first quarter-peal of Stedman ever rung by the local band, and was rung at the first attempt.

FAIRFORD (Gloucestershire).—On Monday evening, January 2nd, at the parish church, 1008 Grandsire Triples. T. Barnett, 1; H. Griffin, 2; R. Jefferies, 3; T. Wicheell, 4; C. Bate, 5; E. Perrin, 6; J. Kitchener (conductor), 7; T. Smith, 8.

FROXFIELD (Hants).—On Thursday, December 29th, for practice at the parish church, 120 Grandsire Doubles. G. Hall, 1; G. Squib, 2; F. Powell, 3; H. Page, 4; J. Knight (conductor), 5; J. Spencer, 6. First 120 by the local band on the bells.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Monday, December 26th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, the following touches were rung on handbells: 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Page, 1-2; S. Cotton, 3-4; T. J. Salter (conductor), 5-6; W. H. Smith, 7-8. A 336 of Bob Major, 240 Grandsire Major, and 168 Stedman Triples, conducted by W. H. Smith. W. Page hails from Worcester; S. Cotton from Leicester.

MOORSIDE, NEAR OLDHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, January 8th, for Divine Service, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 28 mins. T. Harrison, 1; S. Taylor, 2; W. Pitman, 3; T. Greenwood, 4; J. Taylor (conductor), 5; J. Shaw, 6; L. Hampson, 7; J. T. Prince, 8.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Tuesday, December 27th, the following members of St. George's Guild rang on the middle six at St. George's, Jesmond, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 29 mins. C. Corvell, 1; *Rev. W. D. Heelas, 2; †E. Hesketh, 3; F. Lees (conductor), 4; A. F. Hillier, 5; *S. E. Pennefather, jun., 6; *H. Widdell, 7; F. Marshall, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. *First 720. †First 720 with a bob bell.

PENARTH (South Wales).—On Tuesday, December 21st, for practice at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Jones, 3; D. Thomas, 4; F. Bartlett, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 6. On Monday, December 26th, one 720 of Grandsire Minor and two 720s of Bob Minor, called differently. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; D. Thomas, 4; F. Bartlett, 5; C. Smith (conductor), 9.

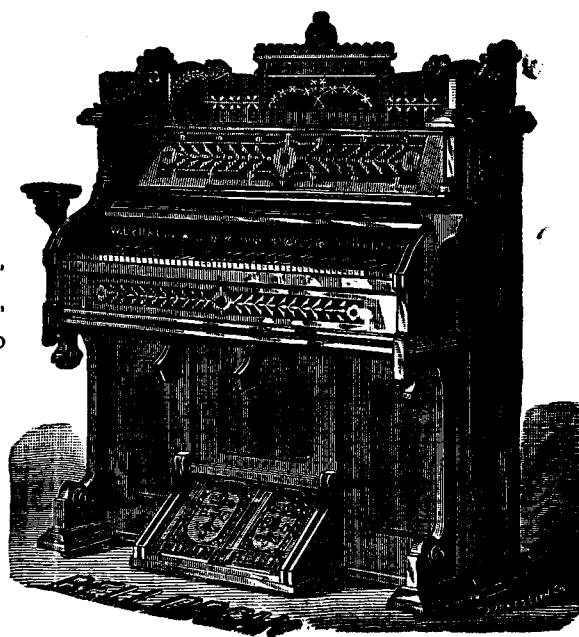
READING (Berks).—On Saturday, December 31st, at St. Lawrence's church, a 924 Grandsire Triples in 35 mins. C. Foxell, 1; J. Potter, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; W. Goseltine, 4; W. Johnson, 5; W. J. Williams (conductor), 6; W. Newell, 7; L. Rolfe, 8. On Tuesday, January 3rd, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Agnes Hilda Guilding, only daughter of the vicar of the parish, to Captain W. T. Percival Ricketts, of the Indian Medical Service, 1025 Grandsire Caters in 42 mins., and 672 Bob Major by the same band with the exception of W. Holloway, 1; C. Foxell, 2.

SKIRBECK (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, December 31st, at St. Nicolas' church, with the bells muffled, three 6-scores of Bob Doubles. J. Colman, 1; C. R. Lilley, 2; J. E. Clark, 3; H. Palmer (conductor), 4; T. Woods, 5. And to welcome the new year, with the bells open, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Colman, 1; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 2; J. E. Clark, 3; H. Palmer, 4; T. Woods, 5.

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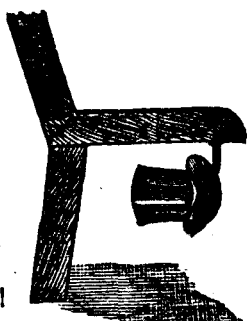
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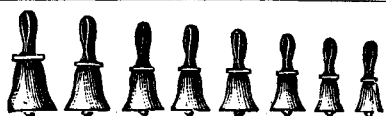


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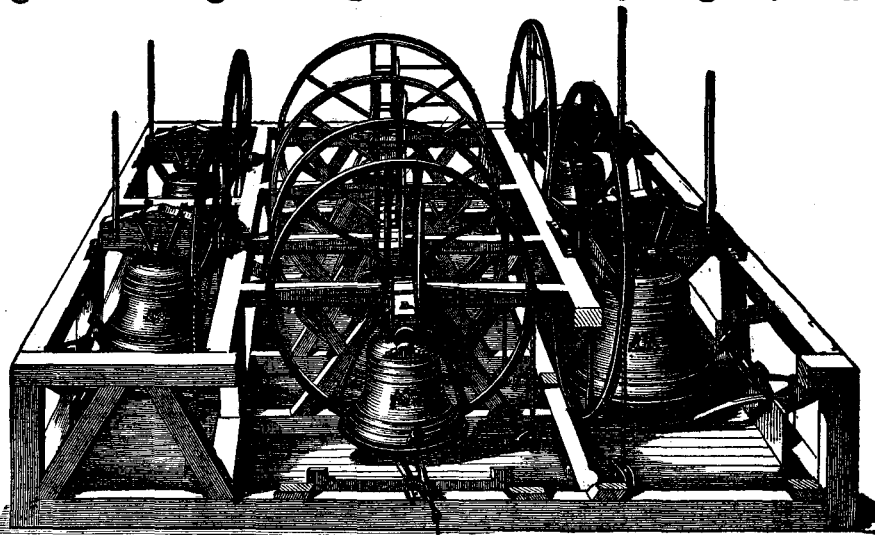
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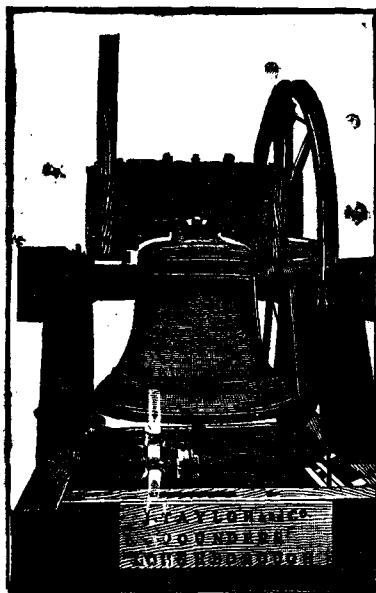
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