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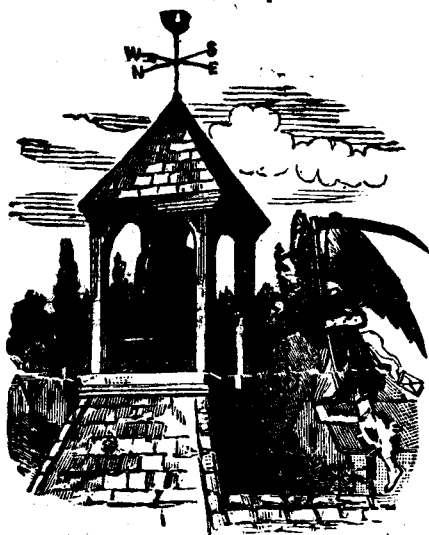
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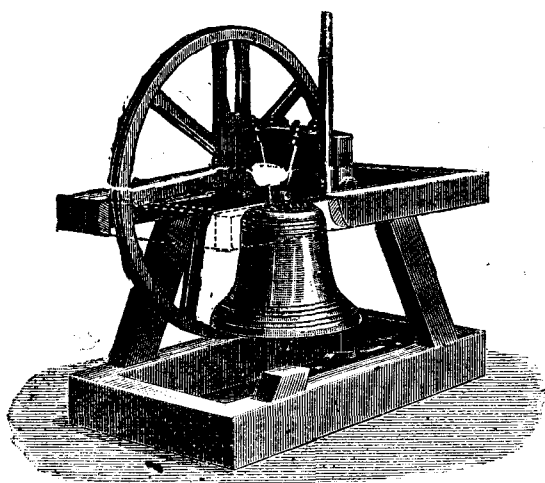


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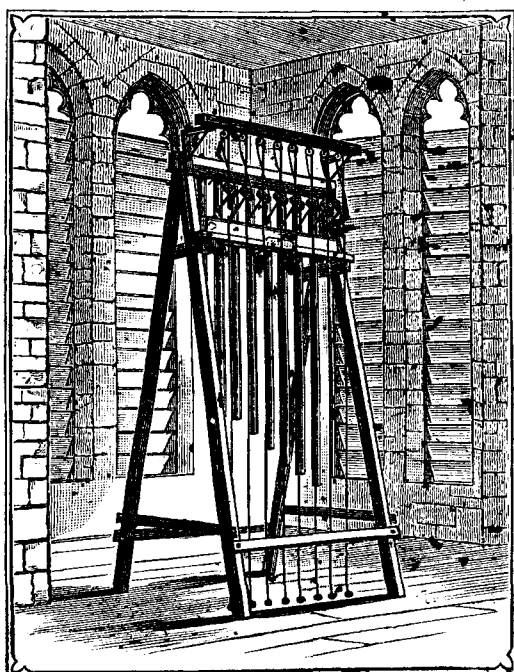
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THE RIPON AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Ripon, on Saturday, February 4th, when representatives were present from Ripon, Harrogate, Boroughbridge, Sharow, and Baldersby. The first assembly was at 5.15 p.m. in the Cathedral belfry, where the visitors were met by Mr. T. Clark, Honorary Secretary of the Association and President of the Ripon Society. Short courses of Bob Major and Grandsire Caters were rung.

At 6.30 an excellent tea was served by Mr. and Mrs. Snowden, at the Westgate Cocoa House. Here the ringers were met by the Rev. S. Reed, Minor Canon and Precentor of the Cathedral, who, before leaving at the close of the tea, gave a brief address, in which he referred to the practice of ringing bells in this country and on the Continent, stating that it was a very healthful occupation. He was glad that Mr. Clark had secured so many of the younger members, because if they made progress and induced others to join the Association, they would be doing good work. Bells were connected with churches, but in the old times it was not an uncommon thing, he was sorry to say, for the ringers to ring for people to go to church, and forget to go themselves. Happily that state of things was passing away, and should do so entirely, because bell ringers should feel that they were church helpers and church workers, and the more they exalted their position in that way and felt they were doing their part in inviting others to go to the house of prayer, they would not forget to avail themselves of the services. While ringing the bells to give pleasure to others, they were also giving pleasure to themselves and increasing their health. From his own experience he knew that bell-ringing was healthful and enjoyable. He always liked to hear the chimes. He hoped those gatherings would be continued. They were very pleasant, because they brought the members together from different centres, and it was a good thing for them to meet from time to time in that way. He hoped the Association would continue to prosper, and that the members would support those who took such an interest in the work. They could not always expect things to go on smoothly, but they must be forbearing and try to make the society flourish. He wished them every prosperity and happiness.

Mr. Clark, in thanking the Rev. S. Reed for his address, referred to the support he had received from the clergy and gentry of the district, which was very encouraging.

The annual meeting was afterwards held, when the chair was occupied by Mr. H. M. Bower, J.P., of Elmcrofts, Ripon, who, in opening the proceedings referred to the active part Mr. Clark had taken in the Association, and said the work he had done should be acknowledged in some way during the meeting, either formally or informally. He urged the members, whether old or young, to listen to what Mr. Clark had to say with very great attention, for the plain reason that there were not many places in England where they would find any one who combined enthusiasm with knowledge in the same way that Mr. Clark did. In keeping up and carrying on an art of which England ought to be proud, there was a great amount of arduous work. It was, perhaps, little known that the art of bell ringing, as we understood it in England, was a very peculiar art. There were bells in continental towns like Seville, Bruges, and other places, which had a great reputation; but English change-ringing was a peculiar art, and one which required, as every one present knew, great skill and perseverance to acquire. It was an art which had been developed over a long period of years, and nowhere would they find it carried out with greater success than by Mr. Clark at Ripon.

Mr. T. Clark, in acknowledging the remarks of the chairman, said he was happy to see so many friends present. He then, as Hon. Sec. of the Association, presented his report, in which he stated:—

There were now upwards of thirty-one well established Ringers' Associations in England, besides numerous minor ones. Until those and other societies commenced operations—the majority being formed since 1870—the office of bell ringer had received little or no attention, and some of the belfries were in a wretched state. At the same time many of the ringers were careless of the fact that they occupied a part of God's house during their avocation, and it was unusual for the greater part of them to attend service. This condition of things becoming more prominently noticeable to some of the clergy and the better ringers, including a number of gentlemen who took an interest in the art of change-ringing, it was considered that more good would

be done to remedy the existing abuses by binding the whole body of ringers, and as many of the clergy as would assist, into associations to work with certain aims common to all the members, than by those interested working single-handed. Associations were therefore established, their object being practically as follows:—Reform, by the abolition of irreverent and unbecoming behaviour in the ringing-chamber; by securing proper treatment of the bells themselves, they being valuable property of the church; and by inculcating a proper appreciation of the belfry as a part of God's house. To unite the various companies of ringers into associations, so that by meetings and friendship with each other, they might be stimulated to a friendly rivalry in the prosecution of their art. To promote the study and practice of scientific change-ringing, as distinguished from the dull, spiritless, and ignoble performance known as "call changes," and thus to elevate and improve the mental capacity of the ringer, while furthering the development of a beautiful science and art which was peculiarly and exclusively English. To secure for the church bell ringer a recognition of his position as a church worker, and at the same time to raise up in him a proper feeling of responsibility with regard to his office. With regard to the proceedings of the Ripon Association during the second year of its existence, he was glad to state that although many of their best senior members had not paid their subscriptions, and perhaps might have rendered more assistance than they had done, nevertheless the junior members were very promising. The periodical meetings had been fairly well attended, and good improvement made, although not productive of any great ringing achievement. The first meeting after the annual meeting was held in Ripon Cathedral belfry on Tuesday, February 16th, at 6 p.m. At the next meeting held on March 5th, in the Cathedral belfry, five performing members were elected. On March 12th, a meeting was held at in St. Mary's belfry, Harrogate, when five members from Ripon, one from Boroughbridge, and seven Harrogate members attended, good practice in change-ringing being done. Upwards of 1200 changes were rung in attempting a date touch (1892) composed by the secretary. The ringing being so much improved, it was unanimously agreed that a meeting should be held on the same day the week following, in St. Mary's belfry, but although twelve members attended, the same class of ringing could not be attempted for want of more experience. On Saturday, May 14th, a meeting was held in Boroughbridge belfry, when the Rev. R. C. P. Brownrigg, of St. Mary's, Harrogate, attended, along with nineteen other members from Ripon, Harrogate, Boroughbridge and Sharow. Peals of 720 Bob Minor were rung at Aldborough and Boroughbridge. After tea, a meeting was held, when the following honorary members were elected; the Rev. Canon Waugh, Ripon Cathedral; the Rev. Canon Owen, Vicar of Boroughbridge; the Rev. J. St. Maur Russell, Vicar of Aldborough; the Rev. R. C. P. Brownrigg, Harrogate; Mr. Edward Reackham, and Mr. H. Oswald Shutt, Harrogate. Mr. R. S. Storey was elected an honorary performing member, and Messrs. Dickenson (Harrogate), and Alfred Gibson (Ripon), performing members. The outing was a pleasant and agreeable one. On Saturday, October 22nd, a meeting was held at Sharow, but only nine members were present. Short touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples were rung. Thirteen members attended at the Harrogate meeting on November 12th, some good change-ringing being accomplished, especially touches of 350 and 168 changes of Grandsire Triples, which were neatly brought into rounds. On Saturday, December 3rd, Ripon Cathedral belfry was the place of meeting, fifteen members putting in an appearance. Short touches of Triples, Major, Caters and Royal were rung and enjoyed. After the ringing Mr. Benson was elected a member of the Association, along with Messrs. P. Willis, Arthur and Wilfrid Gibson, T. Ingleby and Robert Pick. The meeting following was held at Sharow belfry on December 17th, and attended by fourteen members. Ringing commenced about 6.30 p.m., when 600 changes were rung, succeeded by 350 Grandsire Triples, 672 Bob Major, concluding with a course of Kent Treble Bob Minor, (120 changes), an important step in change-ringing not hitherto attained by the association at their meetings. On Saturday, January 7th, a meeting was held in Sharow belfry, being the fourth and last in that belfry for the year. At this and all the former meetings ample time was given for all non-change-ringers to have a trial, and he was glad to state they had made good progress. Change-ringing commenced with 168 Grandsire Triples, and 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. A course of Plain Bob Major followed as a preliminary to proceeding with this year's date touch in the same method. After several attempts upwards of 1000 changes were rung, when a collapse took place, time not permitting the ringers to commence again. Thus ended a most friendly and agreeable meeting. The present meeting was the last for the year. During the past year twenty new members had been added to the association, which now numbered fifty-nine, viz., thirty-six honorary members, and twenty-three performing members. Last year the society numbered twenty-six honorary and twenty performing members, total forty-six. While thus increasing in numbers he hoped they were making progress in bell-ringing as a science. An eminent

Bishop of the present day had said:—"Bells are in very mysterious harmony with our mysterious nature. At one time they toll out some peal of joy, almost exuberant joy; at other times they remind us that we, too, are mortal. And so whether bells are heard on the marriage morn, or after some solemn funeral, or for the more ordinary purposes of summoning Christ's people to worship, there is something in them in harmony with the truest and deepest affections of our nature; they have a power, a secret and mysterious power, over some of our finest and most elevating sentiments, and therefore, I would add, should never be in the hands of low and unworthy characters." In conclusion, Mr. Clark said—Notwithstanding drawbacks, the beautiful and interesting science of change-ringing had been more widely diffused and more extensively practised, and he hoped this would lead to still greater efforts in the ensuing year.

The report was adopted, on the motion of Mr. T. Langley (Boroughbridge), seconded by Mr. A. Atkinson (Harrogate).

Mr. F. Tappin (Honorary Treasurer), presented the statement of accounts, from which it appeared that there were thirty-six honorary members, and twenty-three performing members. The year commenced with a balance in hand of £5 17s. The income of the year was £13 6s., making a total of £19 3s. The expenditure amounted to £10 7s. 8d., leaving a balance in hand at the close of the year of £8 15s. 4d. Considering the number of meetings that had been held during the year, the expenses were very reasonable, and he thanked Mr. Clark for the manner in which the accounts had been kept.

The Treasurer's report was adopted, on the motion of Mr. King (Boroughbridge), seconded by Mr. Langley.

The Chairman read the following letter from the Mayor of Ripon: "My dear Sir, I am unable to join you to-night, as I am required to attend a meeting outside the city, and in all probability shall not be back in time for your annual meeting. I enjoy your efforts very much, and should have, as usual, enjoyed your company along with the rest of the bell-ringers. Feeling sure you will have a good meeting, and a good balance in hand, I am, as ever, yours very faithfully, J. B. Parkin."

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the honorary secretary and treasurer for the work they had done for the Association; and also very hearty thanks to those who had already mastered the art of bell-ringing, as well as to the ringers who had assisted in the instruction of the junior members. In bell-ringing or any other art, without the hearty co-operation and assistance of those who were masters in the art, no progress could possibly be made. In bell-ringing it was peculiarly necessary that that assistance should be relied upon, for the reason that if there were six or eight bells and six or eight beginners no progress could be made, and the only thing that could be looked for was the co-operation and assistance of those who had already attained proficiency. The first time he went into the Minster belfry it was certainly like a fresh atmosphere to him, and perfectly astonishing to him, knowing the little he did of the intricate nature of the art, to see the readiness and proficiency with which the changes were rung. In a matter that depended not so much, as in handbell ringing, upon the ear, but so largely upon the sight, he was struck with the wonderful rapidity and skill with which the older ringers—who had no doubt spent many years in acquiring that skill—readily caught, at a glance, the position of affairs. And when it was remembered that the whole of a change was rung in a few seconds—(Mr. Clark: twenty-six changes in a minute)—and that each successive change was, by the law of bell-ringing, absolutely obliged to be different, not only from the preceding change, but from all that had gone before, it struck him in wonder and amazement, not only that the ringers in a belfry such as at Ripon or Sharow, but that any men in the world, with all the scientific attainments possible, could attain to that proficiency. He was not exaggerating when he said that to a tyro like himself, such a result was very striking. It was the older ringers who had handed down the traditions of that old art, and it was from them the younger members had acquired what skill they had already attained. He therefore begged to move that the hearty thanks of the Association be given to the honorary secretary, the honorary treasurer, and the other officers of the society for the assistance they had rendered during the past year, especially the proficient ringers, for the instruction they had given to the younger members.

Mr. Atkinson (Harrogate) seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. Langley, seconded by Mr. A. Gibson, the following officers were re-elected: President—the Lord Bishop of Ripon; Vice-President—Rev. Canon Gibbon; Hon. Sec.—Mr. T. Clark; Hon. Treasurer—Mr. F. Tappin.

On the motion of Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Atkinson, the following members of the Committee were re-elected: Rev. J. A. Naylor and S. Reed, Mr. H. M. Bower, Mr. J. Whitham (Ripon), and Mr. H. Brown (Harrogate).

The following were also elected on the Committee: Messrs. Atkinson (Harrogate), J. King and T. Langley (Boroughbridge).

Mr. Clark suggested that during the ensuing year there be two meetings at Boroughbridge, four at Ripon Cathedral, four at Sharow, and three at Harrogate; also that an additional meeting be arranged for outside the district if the funds would permit. This was adopted on the motion of Mr. Dickenson, seconded by Mr. Benson.

Mr. Atkinson called the attention of the Association to the necessity of the performing members attending in larger numbers at the meetings.

On the motion of Mr. Clark, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Dean of Ripon, the Rev. Canon Nunn (Sharow), the Rev. Canon Owen (Boroughbridge), the Rev. G. O. Brownrigg (St. Mary's, Harrogate), and the vicars of other churches for the facilities granted in allowing the use of the bells at the different places of meeting.

A vote of thanks was passed to the chairman on the motion of Mr. Langley, seconded by Mr. Atkinson.

The remainder of the evening was spent in handbell ringing under the conductorship of Mr. Clark.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Bolton on Saturday, February 4th, when between forty and fifty members attended from the various churches in the town, and from Deane, Halliwell, Heywood, Manchester, Ashton, Walkden, Wigan, and Radcliffe. The business meeting was held in the Holy Trinity school, at which the vicar, the Rev. T. Taylor Evans, presided, supported by the vice-president. The chairman read a letter from the President (Rev. H. J. Elsee), regretting his inability to be present on account of being in the midst of a mission. He then gave the members a hearty welcome to his church, this being the first meeting held there since he was appointed vicar, and although not a member, he was very willing to become an honorary member. He was subsequently elected along with some half-dozen performing members.

The Secretary (Mr. Redford), then gave a short outline of a scheme which the committee are formulating for the election of committee-men at annual meetings, the object being to lessen the time occupied in such elections.

The new certificate was on view for those members desirous of possessing one, and orders for them satisfying the committee that the design meets with the approval of the members.

Votes of thanks to the chairman for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and to the respective authorities of the other churches, terminated the meeting.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The half-yearly meeting of the above was held on Monday evening, February 6th, in the belfry of St. Philip's church, a very good muster of about twenty members being present. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, a proposition was carried that a rider to Rule 5 should be added, viz.—"That the society may admit any ringers belonging to any other society in the city, on the same scale as a district member." Twenty-nine members were then duly elected. It was also decided to keep the practice night at St. Philip's church on Mondays at 7.30, and Deritend on Fridays at 8 p.m. The date of the next quarterly meeting was left in the hands of the committee to decide, when fourteen days' notice will be given in this paper.

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THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.

On Saturday, January 28th, the members of the above society with their wives, children and friends, held their annual social gathering in the Girls' schoolroom connected with the church, when upwards of forty sat down to a tea provided by the above society at 5.30 p.m. prompt. After justice had been done to the good things provided, and the cloth withdrawn, they all settled down to enjoy a social evening. Through the kindness of Mr. J. Poole (sidesman), and one of their most willing supporters, Tiddley winks and Snap cards were provided for the children's amusement, many of the older ones thinking themselves children again, passed a jovial hour away at this innocent game. Finding the Ring was another game, many thinking they were sure where it was, but were doomed to disappointment, when open hands was shown. Mr. T. Seed, though rather noisy, amused the ladies with his often having to pay forfeit, while looking for the ring. Tune playing was next indulged in, and a well-known selection of Scotch Airs was first rendered, after which the "Heather Bell" polka was rang and re-demanded, the latter of which is composed by Mr. J. M. Fitzclarke, F.C.O., conductor of the handbell band. Songs were sung during the evening, and Mr. J. Rowley with his usual ability gave "McAnultyies Garden Party," and as an encore sang "The Brick came down." Mr. F. Willey sang "My Village Home" with taste and feeling. Mr. J. Rew followed with a humorous song entitled "He was a careful man." And at this hour of the night the company had got warm and fairly settled, and he was recalled to the footlights and sang the last edition to his budget of song, "They all come home to roost." There was also a bagatelle table kindly lent by another sidesman, Mr. G. V. Yates, which was much patronised by the members of the cue. The hour of departure was drawing nigh, and with many good wishes for the New Year and thoughts of looking for their next annual gathering, fathers, mothers, and children journeyed home, having spent one of the many pleasant evenings this company arranges and carries out for its members and friends.

THE BELLS FOR THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE.

On Saturday, February 11th, the foundry of Messrs. John Taylor and Co. was visited by a distinguished party from the Imperial Institute, London, to hear the heavy peal of ten bells cast for that building. Amongst the visitors were Sir Frederick Abel (Secretary), and Sir Somers Vine, Assistant Secretary of the Imperial Institute, Dr. Mackenzie, Principal of the Royal Academy of Music, and Professor Dewar. We are pleased to report that as was to be expected, the peal was pronounced to be very fine indeed, and will be worthy of the tower in which they are to be hung.

Many people having asked for permission to see the bells, Messrs. Taylor have kindly asked us to state that the peal will be on view from 2 to 4 o'clock this Saturday afternoon.

We shall publish next week a list of the dimensions and notes of the bells with their inscriptions.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the above Association was held on Saturday, February 4th, at Bucknall, and was attended by over twenty members from the following towers: Hanley, Tunstall, Longton, Leek, Wolstanton, and Bucknall. Ringing commenced soon after 4 o'clock, when touches of Bob Minor, Bob Doubles, and Oxford Bob were rung. At 6 o'clock the members adjourned to Bucknall Cottage and partook of a capital tea which had been provided by the ringers of Bucknall. Tea being over, Mr. J. Johnston (Tunstall) proposed a vote of thanks to the ringers of Bucknall for so kindly entertaining them. This was seconded and carried. A vote of thanks was also proposed to Mr. Clarkson for the use of his room, and to the ladies who had so kindly waited upon them. An adjournment was again made to the tower, and 240 College Pleasure was rung by six of the Bucknall band, and 720 Kent Treble Bob by J. Johnson (Tunstall), 1; W. Wheildon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; T. Miller (Wolstanton), 4; W. Twigg, 5; *G. Woods (Longton, conductor), 6. *First 720 as conductor.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER BRANCH.—On Monday, February 6th, the ringing members of the above branch held their annual dinner at the house of Mr. Stephen Cooper, C.C., when over twenty sat down to an excellent repast. It was noteworthy that every ringer present had won his "spurs" in a 5000.

After the viands had disappeared and the cloth had been withdrawn, Vice-President Cooper was duly installed in the chair, and the usual loyal toast was drunk to musical honours. A duet "Larboard Watch" was then given by Messrs. Willson and A. Martin, followed by capital songs by Messrs. Cotton, Buttery, Jarvis, Harriman, and Lowe. Lengthy speeches were properly conspicuous by their absence, as it gave more time for social intercourse and harmony. The toast of the evening, "Success to the Leicester Branch," was received with applause, and was responded to by the chairman, who congratulated the branch on the record it had made during the year 1891, they having rung no less than seventeen peals (including nine on handbells) in five different methods. He was pleased to see the achievements of the rising generation, although he himself had not figured to any extent in the performances, and trusted they would keep the ball rolling for the credit of their town. "The Bishop and Clergy" was also given, with votes of thanks to the rev. gentleman who had so kindly granted permission for the use of the bells. A vote of sympathy and condolence was also passed to the family of the late Canon Broughton, vicar of St. Mary's, and an honorary member of this association, for the loss they have sustained during the past year.

A course of Union Triples was then rung by J. O. Lancashire, 1-2; S. Cotton, 3-4; G. Cleal, 5-6; J. Needham, 7-8. The evening was thoroughly kept alive till 12 o'clock arrived, when the company dispersed, well satisfied with the night's enjoyment. On the following evening the election of officers took place, when S. Cooper was re-elected vice-president, J. Lancashire, Secretary, and S. Cotton and G. Cleal, Committee.

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."

DOUBLE NORWICH.

SIR,—I regret to say the peal rang at Henfield by members of the Sussex County Association on Tuesday, February 14th, and duly reported in your last issue, is false. It is the last of four compositions given by me on page 75 in your issue for June 5th, 1886, and I desire here to tender my humble apologies to the band, and especially to the conductor, Mr. Charles Tyler, for all the time, etc., wasted.

H. DAINS.

[NOTE.—We have sometimes considered it necessary to put the closure upon a certain sort of correspondence, and up to the present, those concerned have quietly borne with our action, and said nothing by way of protest. A different reception has this week met our intimation that the correspondence between A. J. PERKINS and S. HAYES was at an end. Mr. PERKINS has written what can best be termed an extraordinary letter. In this he says that he expected to see last week a note closing the correspondence. We believe that many of our readers expected to see such an intimation long before. Mr. PERKINS goes on to refer to his opponent—Mr. HAYES—by various choice appellations, in which "contemptible humbug" and "liar" are, he says, "the mildest language I can use." What his strongest language would be, we suppose no one wants to know. He threatens if he does not "get fair play from 'THE BELL NEWS,' he will drop the paper altogether." Against such an awful contingency we will try and make due provision. We should like it to be understood that each of the belligerents—S. HAYES and A. J. PERKINS—wrote the same number of letters to this paper, and every one appeared, so that our readers can form their own opinion of our fairness in this matter; and conscious as we are that in all instances we strain every effort to be fair and just, we shall be satisfied with their verdict. Not content with sending a letter to us, Mr. PERKINS has, we are told, written to Messrs. HAYES and GREEN, in which some more of his choice abusive rhetoric is to be found. Those writers who call their opponents "scoundrels" and such like because a newspaper correspondence has not pleased them, ought not to be allowed the privilege of expressing publicly their ideas; and such privilege we therefore withdraw from Mr. PERKINS for the present.—ED.]

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH. — The Monthly Meeting of this branch was held at Walton, near Liverpool, on Saturday, February 4th, when upwards of thirty members attended from Garston, Hale, Halewood, Liverpool, Southport, Woolton, etc., as well as members of the local company. The tower was open for ringing at four o'clock, and shortly after that time members began to arrive. At 5.30 the members assembled in the girls' schoolroom, and sat down to tea, which was presided over by the Rev. J. C. Leigh, M.A., Rector of Walton. During tea the Kirkdale handbell ringers, consisting of Messrs. Wilson (conductor), Yates, F. Muir, A. Muir, Jackson, Woodward, Burns, and Tyler, played several selections on their fine-toned bells, and judging from the applause of the audience, their efforts were much appreciated. Mr. F. Yates played some selections on his fairy bells, and a plain course of Grandsire Doubles, which was loudly applauded. After tea the usual business meeting was held, the Rev. J. G. Leigh presiding. The rev. gentleman heartily welcomed all those that were present, and spoke at some length on the good work that was being done by the Association. He also said it gave him very great pleasure to see such a large number assembled, and hoped that every meeting would be similarly well attended. He urged upon the ringers the importance of their duty as church-workers, and said it was desirable that they should all unite and band themselves together so as to make the ringing a success. Although not a change-ringer himself, he knew from reports that Walton was in a flourishing condition so far as change-ringing was concerned, and he hoped that other towers would make a special effort and see what could be done.

Mr. R. Hill, of Southport, also expressed the pleasure he felt at meeting such a large number, and hoped that members would attend the meetings more frequently than they had hitherto done, and by that means come in closer contact with each other. He also spoke words of encouragement, and in the course of his remarks said he hoped the day would not be far distant when there would be two more bells added to the peal at Walton.

The Rector said that £5000 were required for new schools, so that under the circumstances it would be a considerable length of time before anything could be done regarding the bells.

The minutes of the previous meeting held at Liverpool were read and confirmed. Twelve new members were elected, including five from Garston, three from Liverpool, two from Walton, and two from Cheshire.

The next business was the appointment of Secretary in place of Mr. C. R. Stanley, resigned. The choice seemed to lie in the Walton company, and after a discussion it was proposed and carried unanimously that Messrs. Wilson and Somerville be appointed for the next twelve months. A vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

The ringers afterwards adjourned to the tower, where some ringing was done, an account of which appears in its proper place. About ten o'clock the company parted for home, every one having thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon's and evening's proceedings. The next meeting is to be held on Saturday, the 4th of March, at Wigan. It is particularly requested that members will do their utmost to attend the various meetings with a view to practising new methods.

THE SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, January 28th, at Stamford. The bells of the several churches were kindly placed at the disposal of the ringers by the incumbents. The bells of St. Martin's were raised at 11.0 a.m., when several touches were rung. At 12 o'clock a business meeting was held in St. Martin's music room, the Rev. W. W. Layng, Rector of Rippingale, president of the Association, occupying the chair. The minutes of the last meeting (held at Morton) having been read, after a few remarks from Mr. J. Alford, the secretary, they were, on the proposition of Mr. Stow, seconded by Mr. F. Betts, duly confirmed. It was then proposed by the Rev. H. L. James (Stamford), seconded by Mr. C. Harper, that the rev. chairman be requested to write to the Rev. G. Ash (Fulney) to arrange for the annual meeting to be held at Spalding on Easter Monday. This was carried unanimously. On the motion of the Rev. H. L. James, seconded by Mr. H. Parker,

(Grantham), it was decided that reports of meetings be sent to "THE BELL NEWS" for publication, and also that notices of future meetings be advertised therein. Messrs. Heald and Collins were elected auditors for the present year. Other business have been transacted, the company adjourned to Mr. Holmes' restaurant in St. Mary's street, where an excellent dinner was provided, the Rev. H. L. James presiding, supported by the Rev. W. W. Layng and the Mayor of Stamford. After dinner the chairman proposed "The Health of Her Majesty the Queen," coupling with it the Mayor of Stamford, who suitably responded. Mr. Stow (Morton) then proposed "The Church and Clergy," responded to by the Rev. W. W. Layng. The company then dispersed, and attended a special service at St. Martin's church at 3 p.m., where a very appropriate address was given by the Rev. H. L. James, who alluded to the duties and office of bellringers as Christians and churchworkers. After the service the following members rang a 720 of Bob Minor. R. Clarke (Glington), 1; R. Wyche, Esq. (Stamford), 2; C. Collins (Stamford), 3; J. Alford (Hanthorpe), 4; T. Dennison (Stamford), 5; Rev. H. L. James (Stamford; conductor), 6. Several other touches were afterwards rung at neighbouring towers, and a very pleasant day was soon after brought to a close. Representatives attended from Grantham, Rippingale, Morton, Glington, and Stamford.

THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY, DARLINGTON.

On Saturday, January 28th, six members of the above society with Mr. G. Park, sen., of St. Cuthbert's, journeyed to Heighington, Durham, for an afternoon's ringing on the fine-toned bells at the church, this being their first outing since the formation of the society eleven months ago. On arrival at the belfry they were met by Mr. Chambers, one of the local ringers, when a start was made for a 720 of Bob Minor which came to grief after ringing 420 changes, owing to one of the band missing the sallie in consequence of the long draught of rope, which the young band had not been accustomed to. Another start was made which also came to grief. E. Cox, 1; R. B. Wilson, 2; G. J. Lungley, 3; G. W. Park, 4; G. Park, 5; G. A. Overton (conductor), 6. Afterwards the ringers were invited to a meat tea at Heighington House, the residence of Mrs. Barrett. After doing justice to the good things provided, the ringers adjourned to the entrance hall with the handbells, and rang a touch of Bob Minor and a course of Bob Triples, which was much appreciated. The belfry was again visited and a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung. J. W. Lynn, 1; R. B. Wilson, 2; G. J. Lungley, 3; G. Park, 4; G. A. Overton (conductor), 5; G. W. Park, 6. Also 240 Bob Minor. G. W. Park, 1; R. B. Wilson, 2; J. W. Lynn, 3; G. J. Lungley, 4; G. Park, 5; G. A. Overton (conductor), 6. The bells were then lowered in peal, with J. Robinson, one of the local ringers, on the 4th. The ringers then returned home, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They desire through the medium of this paper to thank Mrs. Barrett for her hospitality in providing tea, and Mrs. G. Chambers for oiling the bells, etc., and also the local company for their reception.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4th, some members of the above Association met at the tower of the parish church at Eversholt for a friendly practice. Ringing commenced at 4 p.m., and after ringing several 6-scores of Bob Doubles, the company adjourned to the Green Man inn, and partook of an excellent tea, most hospitably provided by Mrs. Baker, the wife of the Rector. After tea the party again visited the church tower, and rang Bob and Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor. The gathering afforded a good opportunity of helping forward some of the young Eversholt band who are learning half-pull ringing. At 7.30 the bells were brought down in peal, a choir practice then commencing at the church. The following took part in the ringing: Rev. W. W. C. Baker (Hon. Sec. of the Bedfordshire Association and Rector of Milton Bryant), and Messrs. Charles Herbert, Cyril Herbert, E. Herbert, E. Negus, C. Wild, F. Major, W. Janes, W. Oakley, A. Fleet, etc. Tenor 17½ cwt. in F. The ringers desire through this paper to thank the Rev. W. S. Baker for the use of the bells, and also Mrs. Baker for so kindly and thoughtfully giving the tea—materially contributing to a most enjoyable gathering.

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.

Kent County Association.—Maidstone District. The annual District meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, Feb. 25th, at Aylesford Church Tower, at 4.0 p.m.

A. L. BRINE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—A ringing meeting of the above will be held at the parish church, Ashton, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 25th, 1893. Bells will be ready at 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. JOHN HOPWOOD, *Hon. Sec.*

25, Egerton Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Welshpool and District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Welshpool to-day, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Business Meeting to follow.

T. HUGHES, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society. The next monthly ringing meeting of the above society will be held at Holy Trinity church, Rothwell, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Committee Meeting 4.30. General Meeting at 6 o'clock at the Swan hotel. Business—Revision of rules and nomination of officers for the ensuing year. Contributions for the year ending March 31st are now due.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*

43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Helmsford to-day, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 o'clock.

J. B. TAYLOR, *Branch Sec.*

7, Church Street.

St. James's Society, London.—The above society will meet at St. Clement's, for practice, on Monday next, the 27th instant, at 8 o'clock p.m.

E. A. YOUNG, *Hon. Sec.*

Society of Trinity Youths.—Meeting for practice, for February, 1893.—Lewisham, St. Mary, Monday 27th, 8 to 9.30 p.m.

GEO. J. BAYLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Prior Street, Greenwich.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. The remaining meeting this month is at St. Giles, Cripplegate, Tuesday, February 28th. Meeting time 8.15.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth.

The Royal Cumberland Youths.—On Friday, March 3rd, 1893, at 54, St. Martin's Lane, very important business will be brought before the Society. All members that can make it convenient are requested to attend.

10, St. Ann's Road, A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*

Hornsey, N.

Johnson Memorial Anniversary.—The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, intend holding the annual dinner as usual on Saturday, March 4th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street. Dinner tickets 2s. 6d. each may be obtained from the undersigned.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above Association will be held at Tunstall, on Saturday next,

March 4th. Bells at 4 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. J. Johnson, 15, Madely Street, Tunstall, not later than Wednesday, March 1st.

REV. J. W. ALSTON, *Hon. Secs.*
W. TWIGG,

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Saxmundham District.—The twelfth quarterly district meeting will be held at Great Glemham, on Saturday, March 4th. The tower will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Business meeting at 6 o'clock. All members and friends are cordially invited.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, *Hon. District Sec.*

Leiston.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wigan parish church, on Saturday, March 4th. Tower open at 2.30. Short service at 4.30. Business meeting at 6.30, at which one of the clergy will preside. It is hoped that members from the surrounding districts will do their utmost to attend and be present at the service.

C. R. WILSON, *Hon. Secs.*
T. R. SOMERVILLE,

Lancashire Association, Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Leesfield, Oldham, on Saturday, March 4th. Bells ready at 4.30 p.m. JOHN MILLETT, *Hon. Sec.*

60, Starkey Street, Heywood.

Midland Counties' Association.—Nottingham District.—There will be a ringing meeting at Long Eaton, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells open at 3.30 p.m. E. WHITE, *Local Sec.*

29, Heathcote Street.

Essex Association.—A District meeting will be held at Saffron Walden, on Saturday, March 18th. Towers open for ringing; Saffron Walden (8), Radwinter (8). Further particulars will be given. Communications respecting this meeting to be addressed to me, and not to the Assistant Secretary.

T. L. PAPILLON, *Hon. Sec.*

Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford.

Midland Counties' Association.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The members of the above District are reminded that their subscriptions are now due, and should be paid to the district Hon. Sec.

A. WAKLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

125, Victoria Crescent, Burton-on-Trent.

NOTICE.—Eight members of the Sussex County Association will attempt, all being well, the long peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major, 20160, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 25th, at Warnham, starting at 7 o'clock in the morning.

HENRY H. CHANDLER.

The Gardens, Warnham Court.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. C. H. MARTIN has removed to Mayfield, Stratford Road, Hendon.

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

Five times repeated, substituting single for bob midway end end.

A 720 BOB MINOR.

By E. FRANCIS, *Norwich.*

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Twice repeated.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1893

By an advertisement on another page we find that Miners, who are expert six-bell ringers, are required at a spot in the North. Plenty of occupation, we hear, can be found for such persons who can ring, and their presence will be welcomed. We are perfectly ignorant of the probable number of people following the occupation of mining, and who at the same time are ringers. Nevertheless we hope there are some who may be able and willing to respond to the invitation given.

It has often been remarked that there are a number of ringers who could effect some considerable amount of good among their brethren in proposals for their employment. There has to our knowledge been several instances of late, where, through the instrumentality of this paper, our brethren have found employment when wanting it. It is hoped that the practice of advertising for ringers to take work may be fostered and encouraged, and that where this good can be done among unemployed ringers, it will be done with spirit and promptitude.

There are to be found many excellent men in the Exercise who are compelled by circumstances beyond their control to live in a sphere where their ringing talent cannot have free play. Whoever makes an effort to lift such as these into better social conditions, does a most commendable action.

The Metropolis.**THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.***On Saturday, February 18, 1893, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM F. MEADS Treble.	GEORGE SMITH 5.
JAMES E. DAVIS 2.	HAROLD N. DAVIS 6.
FREDERICK J. PITTS 3.	WALTER C. HASTED 7.
JOSEPH BARRY 4.	JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. MARTIN and Conducted by JOHN C. TRUSS, JUN.

The Provinces.**TWERTON, NEAR BATH.****THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, February 14, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

C. BATH Treble.	G. TEMPLE 5.
F. SKUSE* 2.	C. LANGDON 6.
W. DAVIS 3.	H. WOTTON 7.
J. SMITH FLOWERS 4.	S. JAMES Tenor.

Conducted by F. SKUSE.

*First peal as conductor.

CRAWLEY.--THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Thursday, February 16, 1893, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

*First peal of Treble Bob Major. This peal has the 6th her extent in 5-6; the 2nd never there. Mr. Moses belongs to Reigate.

LIVERPOOL.--THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Thursday, February 16, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

RICHARD HILL Treble.	WILLIAM R. WILLIAMS .. 6.
RICHARD S. MANN* 2.	GEORGE FISHER 7.
ROBERT WILLIAMS 3.	JOHN ASPINWALL 8.
JAMES BOOTH 4.	THOMAS HAMMOND 9.
HENRY COLEY 5.	ALFRED J. NICOLSON Tenor.
	*JAMES MARTIN Tenor.

Composed by ROBERT WILLIAMS and Conducted by JAS. MARTIN.

*First peal of Royal. It was found necessary for two men to ring the 9th, the bell going so badly. R. Hill hails from Southport; the rest belong to Liverpool.

BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.**THE BISHOPS STORTFORD ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, February 16, 1893, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WALTER WILLIAM TUCKER* Treble.	WALTER PRIOR 5.
ALFRED TUCKER 2.	GEORGE PRIOR 6.
HENRY JAMES TUCKER 3.	HENRY PRIOR 7.
CHARLES PRIOR 4.	THOMAS NEWMAN Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and Conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

*First peal. This is the first peal ever rang by a band of the Ancient Order of Foresters, and is believed to be the first peal in the method ever rang in the County of Hertford, and the first in the method by all the band.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Committee for the collection of peals hereby give the following notice:—

For the sake of convenience the methods have been divided into four groups.

GROUP I.—Methods for odd-bell ringing, in which the treble has a continuous plain hunt, e.g., Grandsire and Union.

GROUP II.—Those for even-bell ringing in which the treble has a continuous plain hunt, e.g., Plain Bob and all its derivatives.

GROUP III.—Those for even-bell ringing in which the treble has a continuous dodging hunt, e.g. Treble Bob and all its derivatives, such as the Surprise methods, etc.

GROUP IV.—Those in which the treble has work similar to that of the other bells, e.g. Stedman, Duffield, etc.

All composers who wish their peals to be inserted in the report to be presented to the next meeting of the Central Council are requested to forward as soon as possible the reference (giving date of issue and page) to their *true compositions published in this paper* not later than December 31st, 1892, provided always that such composition is not to be found in any of the recognised books, pamphlets, or treatises already published. From the references received, a copious selection of peals will be taken for publication in the forthcoming report, but the Committee reserve to themselves entire freedom to accept or reject any composition as shall seem best to them.

The references to peals falling under Groups ii. and iii. should be forwarded to Mr. J. W. Washbrook, 26, Bath Street, St Clement's, Oxford; those in Group iv. to Mr. C. H. Hattersley, Snider Works, Sheffield; and those in Group i. to me here.

The Report will not enter into the question of compositions in Doubles or Minor, nor in fact into that of anything less than 5000 changes.

It is earnestly requested that the references may be forwarded as early as possible. Those arriving first will naturally have first consideration, and none will be accepted later than Tuesday, March 7th.

On behalf of the Committee,

East Marden Rectory,
Chichester.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Notices of any motions, &c., to be brought forward at the meeting on Easter Tuesday, should be sent to the Hon. Sec. in writing, with proposer's and seconder's names, by Saturday, March 4th. Hon. Secretaries of Societies which elect representatives are again respectively reminded that the subscription of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative became due on January 1st, and should be paid without further delay.

Stanhoe, King's Lynn,

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec.

22nd February, 1893.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual committee meeting was held at the Church Club, Chester, on Saturday, February 11th, at 3.30. Present: the Master (Archdeacon Barber). Rev. Canon Holme, Rev. G. I. Howson, Messrs. F. R. T. Bolton, Dillon, Walmsley, Wilson, Holding, Forster, Langford, and H. A. Heywood (hon. sec.)

The treasurer's statement of accounts for 1892 was read and passed. The Wirral branch is again at the head of the list. It was agreed: "That no band of ringers be allowed to ring more than 1000 changes in any one eight bell tower on Festival days, nor more than 720 in a six bell tower."

The Secretary was requested to get a list of members printed up to date, and circulated.

The Annual Festival will be held at Crewe, on Monday, August 7th.

BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 16, 1893, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON FIVE BELLS;

Six 6-scores each of Earl Soham Doubles, London Doubles, Antelope, April Day, Old Doubles, Plain Doubles and Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt.

FREDERICK LING* Treble.	WILLIAM FLORY.. .. 4.
FREDERICK CLAYTON .. 2.	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER .. Tenor.
ERNEST CLAYTON 3.	

Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

*First 5040.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, January 18, 1893, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JOHN BARBER* Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER 5.
WILLIAM SHORT.. .. 2.	THOMAS R. BENNETT .. 6.
GEORGE SALTER 3.	JOHN CRANE 7.
ALBERT E. PARSONS* .. 4.	RICHARD E. GROVE .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY and Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

This peal has the 4th and 6th their extent in 6ths place, without the 2nd and 3rd being there, and is the first peal of Superlative rung in the city of Birmingham. *First peal in the method.

HALEWOOD.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 18, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOSEPH GRACE Treble.	THOMAS AMBROSE 5.
ROBERT WILLIAMS 2.	CHARLES WILLIAMS 6.
THOMAS GRIFFITHS* .. 3.	THOMAS KAY 7.
ALBERT GRACE 4.	RICHARD BRIERS .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS KAY.

*First peal. Rang as a compliment to Alderman J. T. Woods, Esq.

STALYBRIDGE, LANCASHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 20, 1893, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

BENJAMIN LEES Treble.	*GEORGE H. CARTER 5.
WALTER CARTRIGHT*† .. 2.	HARRY BAILEY 6.
WILLIAM JAKEMAN 3.	*ALBERT HASSALL 7.
GEORGE H. COOK* 4.	†ISAAC SCHOFIELD .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM JAKEMAN.

*First peal. †Proposed as members of the above Association before commencing the peal. W. Jakeman hails from St. Peter's, Ashton; J. Schofield from Oldham; the rest belong to the local company.

BOUGHTON.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 20, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN E. CHAMBERS* .. Treble.	*GEORGE M. SAYER 5.
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR† .. 2.	†FREDERICK HUNT 6.
MORTON W. PIERCE* .. 3.	GEORGE A. RANSOM 7.
EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 4.	WILLIAM G. LUCAS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE ALFRED RANSOM.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. This was a birthday peal for the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. Messrs. Pierce and Sayer belong to Canterbury; Taylor and Hunt to Ospringe; the remainder to the local company.

WORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1893, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT TREBLE BOB METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

Violet, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK DENCH* Treble.	ROBERT JORDAN 4.
EDWARD STREETER* 2.	*GEORGE PAICE 5.
JAMES PARKER 3.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. RICE.

*First 5040 in seven different Treble Bob Methods. First 5040 on the bells in seven Treble Bob Methods. Messrs. Parker, Jordan and Paice hail from Crawley; the rest from Worth.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BASINGSTOKE BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 20, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

HARRY LAWES* Treble.	CHARLES HANSFORD 5.
THOMAS CURTIS 2.	HENRY WHITE 6.
FREDERICK WILSON 3.	GEORGE GASSON 7.
JOHN BALLARD 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHT .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

*First peal. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss May and Miss Leila May, daughters of the late Thomas May, Esq., of Brook House, and nieces of Lieut. Col. J. May, of Hawkfields, Basingstoke.

WIGAN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 21, 1893, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt. in C.

ALEXANDER SHAW* Treble.	S. HALL 6.
WILLIAM MAJOR† 2.	ROBERT FISHER 7.
JOHN E. GUMMERSON .. 3.	†HENRY MEADOW 7.
WALTER MARSDEN 4.	E. BENTHAM 7.
J. F. HALL 5.	†J. FISHER Tenor.

Conducted by ALEXANDER SHAW.

*First peal as conductor. †First peal.

Date Touches.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

SHIREOAKS.—On Friday, February 10th, at St. Luke's church, a date touch, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins., in the following methods: 453 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 720 Kent, and 720 Duke of York. D. Russon, 1; J. Fitzjohn, 2; R. Knowles, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; B. Hall, 5; F. Hargreaves, 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

HULL (Yorks).—On Monday, February 13th, at St. James's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins. G. Marshall, 1; J. W. Stickney, 2; W. Southwick, 3; W. T. Verity, 4; J. Dixey, 5; T. Stockdale, 6; C. Jackson (composer and conductor), 7; G. T. Miller, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. James Thompson.

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).—On Tuesday, February 14th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Caters, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 11 mins. *F. Kemp, 1; *H. Newnham, 2; W. Messam, 3; H. Wood, 4; S. Brooker, 5; H. Newnham, sen., 6; W. Marks (conductor), 7; T. Miles, 8; E. Hull, 9; J. Lisney, 10. Rung to celebrate the opening of the new Institute presented to the town by A. Dixon, Esq., of Cherkley Court, Leatherhead. *Longest length of Caters.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, February 5th, before evening service at St. Laurence's church, a date touch of 1893 Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. 16 mins. A. Watmore, 1; W. Holloway, 2; C. Foxell, 3; J. Potter, 4; J. T. Tarrant, 5; C. Stone, 6; F. Hopgood, 7; W. J. Williams (conductor), 8; W. Newell, 9; W. Robins, 10. Composed by E. Vinen.

LINDLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, February 12th, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. and 8 mins. A. Sykes, 1; A. Crosland, 2; G. Denbigh, 3; J. Royston, 4; J. Turner, 5; B. Shaw, 6; C. Crowther, 7; F. Schofield, 8. Composed by A. Sykes and conducted by F. Schofield, the bobs are all six-place.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

BLYTH (Notts).—On Sunday evening, February 5th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 25 mins. J. H. Swinburn, 1; J. Hind, 2; W. Swinburn, 3; G. Clayton, 4; R. Beeston (conductor), 5; T. Sewell, 6. First 720 of Kent by all except the conductor. On Monday, February 6th, for practice, 720 each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob in 50 mins. by the same band.

SHIREOAKS (Notts).—On Saturday, February 11th, Messrs. H. Haigh and J. Swannack, of Retford, paid a visit to St. Luke's church, and rung 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. S. Tomlinson, 1; J. Swannack (first 720 in the method), 2; D. Russon (conductor), 3; B. Hall, 4; H. Haigh (first 720 in the method), 5; F. Hargreaves, 6. Also 720 Duke of York. S. Tomlinson, 1; D. Russon (conductor), 2; E. Russon, 3; B. Hall, 4; H. Haigh (first 720 in the method), 5; F. Hargreaves, 6. And 240 Kent Treble Bob. J. Swannack (first in the method), 2; D. Russon, 3; the rest as before. The company then adjourned to the village inn, and spent a jolly hour, which brought train time for the two visitors, and after thanking the local company for their kindness in assisting them through the above methods, steamed out for home, well pleased with their outing.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEAL (Kent).—On Tuesday, January 31st, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen bobs and two singles), in 23 mins. S. Mockett, 1; H. Denne, 2; C. H. Sone (first 720 with a bob bell), 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; F. Capp, 5; H. Castle, 6. On Tuesday, February 7th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), in 24 mins. C. H. Sone, 1; H. Denne, 2; E. Potter, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; Laker, 5; H. Castle, 6. And 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles), in 24 mins. S. Mockett, 1; E. Potter, 2; W. Ongley, 3; G. Denne, 4; H. Castle, 5; A. Moorcraft (conductor), 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G. Messrs. Potter and Laker hail from Dover.

LEE (Kent).—On Wednesday, February 8th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. *S. Kirby, 1; J. Crowder, 2; *A. Pheasant, 3; H. Warnett, 4; T. G. Deal (conductor), 5; *H. Barrett, 6. *First 720 of Minor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LANE END (Bucks).—On Saturday, December 31st, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Bownes, 1; W. Bishop, 2; W. Coles, 3; W. Meakes, 4; Rev. F. L. Nash (conductor), 5; J. Meakes, 6. First 720 by all the band, and the first ever rung on the bells. On Monday, February 13th, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles, fewest possible number of calls) in 25 mins. C. Guttridge, 1; W. Bishop, 2; W. Coles, 3; W. Meakes, 4; J. Meakes, 5; Rev. F. L. Nash (conductor), 6. The Rev. F. L. Nash is vicar, and all the rest belong to the local band.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

WATERFOOT (Lancashire).—On Sunday, December 25th, for morning service at St. James' church, 720 College Single. R. H. Halstead (conductor), 1; J. Bolton, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; J. B. Taylor, 4; J. Whittaker, 5; A. White, 6. And for evening service a 720 Plain Bob, the ringers standing as before. On Tuesday, January 7th, for practice, a 720 Bob Minor. R. H. Halstead (conductor), 1; J. Bolton, 2; J. B. Taylor, 3; J. Pilling, 4; J. Whittaker, 5; A. White, 6. On Sunday, January 15th, a 720 College Single. R. H. Halstead (conductor), 1; J. Bolton, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; J. B. Taylor, 4; J. Whittaker, 5; A. White, 6. On Tuesday, January 10th, a 720 Bob Minor. R. H. Halstead (conductor), 1; J. Bolton, 2; J. B. Taylor, 3; J. Pilling, 4; J. Whittaker, 5; A. White, 6. On Sunday, January 22nd, a 720 College Single. R. H. Halstead (conductor), 1; J. Bolton, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; J. B. Taylor, 4; J. Whittaker, 5; A. White, 6.

NEWCHURCH (Lancashire).—On Sunday, January 1st, at the parish

church, a 720 Bob Minor and a 720 College Single. R. H. Halstead (conductor), 1; J. Bolton, 2; J. Ashworth, 3; J. B. Taylor, 4; J. Whittaker, 5; A. White, 6.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GREAT GRIMSBY.—On Tuesday, February 7th, for practice at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. W. Weldon (longest length), 1; J. Baker, 2; G. Weldon, 3; A. Collins, 4; W. Shimmans, 5; C. Creasey, 6; T. O. Nixon (conductor), 7; J. Lamb, 8. Tenor 16 cwt. W. Shimmans hails from Bedford; the rest are local men.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GAWSWORTH (Cheshire).—On Sunday afternoon, February 5th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor in 23 mins. W. Matthews, 1; J. Hammond, 2; J. Simpson, 3; C. Postles, 4; J. Minshull, 5; W. Henshall (conductor), 6. Tenor about 12 cwt. in G. Simpson hails from Bosley; Matthews and Minshull from Macclesfield; the rest belong to the local company.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

DARWEN (Lancashire).—On Saturday, February 11th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles). J. Smith, 1; J. Horrocks, 2; J. Bentley, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattinson, 5; T. Horrocks, 6.

CHURCH (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, February 12th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. F. Calvert, 1; J. Horrocks, 2; J. Smith, 3; H. Hayes (conductor), 4; W. Pattinson, 5; T. Horrocks, 6.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WORCESTER.—On Monday, February 13th, at the Cathedral, 503 and 504 Grandsire Caters, conducted by L. Longney, and a 575 conducted by G. Hayward. W. Johnson, 1; G. Hinton, 2; W. Page, 3; G. Hayward, 4; J. Mason, 5; L. Longney, 6; G. Bourne, 7; O. James, 8; W. Rea, 9; T. Malin, 10. Tenor 50 cwt.

BROMSGROVE (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, February 11th, ten members of the above Association attempted a peal of Grandsire Caters, but after ringing nearly 2500 changes in 1 hr. 30 mins. the conductor called "stand" owing to a change-course. W. Rea, 1; G. Bourne, 2; L. Longney (conductor), 3; T. Albutt, 4; G. Hayward, 5; J. Mason, 6; T. Bullock, 7; A. Moore, 8; O. James, 9; G. Morris, 10. L. Longney hails from Croome; the rest are local men. On Saturday, January 20th, on the occasion of a Quarterly Meeting of the above Association, 880 Kent Treble Bob Royal. W. H. Barber, 1; A. E. Parsons, 2; W. Wakeman, 3; W. Short, 4; T. J. Salter, 5; H. Martin, 6; G. Hayward (conductor), 7; W. Page, 8; J. Crane, 9; J. Barber, 10. And a 504 of Stedman Triples, and a course of Double Norwich. W. R. Small, 1; W. H. Barber, 2; T. Smith, 3; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 4; W. Micklewright, 5; W. Short, 6; J. Barber 7; W. Rea, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Thursday, February 9th, at St. Edward's church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Nash, 1; E. Pye, 2; W. Doran, 3; G. Pye (conductor), 4; W. Watson, 5; J. Dale, 6. And a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by the Editor, in 43 mins. S. James, 1; E. Pye, 2; W. Watson, 3; G. Pye (conductor), 4; W. Doran, 5; A. J. Perkins, 6; W. Nash, 7; J. Dale, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Saturday, January 28th, seven members from Northampton and one local man attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Chad's (R.C.) cathedral, but it came to grief after ringing about 3 hrs. owing to a change-course. J. B. Martin, 1; G. Hitchman, 2; S. Hall, 3; J. Mackay, 4; E. H. Haxley, 5; J. S. White (conductor), 6; W. H. Wood, 7; E. R. Maule, 8. The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Rev. Canon Greaney for the use of the bells; Mr. W. Sanigar, steeplekeeper, for having everything in readiness; and Mr. John Carter and friends for so kindly making all the necessary arrangements.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday evening, February 5th, at St. Mary's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Lakin, 1; W. Willson (conductor), 2; J. Wilson, 3; W. Lowe, 4; J. Barrow, 5; W. Miller, 6; A. Millis, 7; H. Lowe, 8. The above touch was rung to oblige Mr. J. Barrow, who hails from Long Eaton, Derbyshire.

SYSTON.—On Saturday, February 11th, at St. Peter's church, an attempt was made for Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, and all went as merry as the proverbial marriage bell till nearly 3000 changes had been rung, when the 6th rope slipped wheel and brought the peal to an untimely end. W. Willson (conductor), 1; G. Freeman, 2; T.

Briggs, 3; S. Cooper, 4; W. Moore, 5; J. Barker, 6; J. Hall, 7; J. Freeman, 8. Tenor 15½ cwt. W. Willson and S. Cooper belong to Leicester, the rest to the local company.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

BEBINGTON (Cheshire).—Recently at the parish church 720 Grandsire Minor in 23 mins. J. Smith, 1; E. Breeze, 2; J. Cliffe, 3; E. Hough, 4; F. Banton, 5; J. Dillon (conductor), 6. First 720 by J. Smith and F. Banton, who hail from Rock Ferry; Dillon from Bromborough; the rest are local men.

RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH, AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

FINE DON.—On Saturday, February 11th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Pettit, 1; Rev. W. H. Abbott, 2; H. Sharp, 3; A. H. Martin, 4; J. B. Martin, 5; W. Hall, 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BAGSHOT (Surrey).—On Monday, January 16th, at St. Anne's church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Corbett, 1; T. Gould, 2; F. Francis, 3; O. Harding, 4; H. Stapleton, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. On Thursday, January 19th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. J. Corbett, 1; T. Gould, 2; E. Spooner, 3; F. Francis, 4; H. Stapleton, 5; E. Collins (conductor), 6. First in the method by all except the conductor. On Saturday, January 28th, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Corbett, 1; E. Collins, 2; T. Gould, 3; F. Francis, 4; H. Stapleton, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by E. Collins. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Corbett, 1; E. Collins, 2; T. Gould, 3; F. Francis, 4; H. Stapleton, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. First 720 by J. Corbett. On Saturday, February 4th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. J. Boyles, 1; B. Hawkins, 2; G. Hawkins, 3; H. Stapleton, 4; T. Gould, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. Messrs. Boyles and Hawkins belong to Hawley, and this is their first 720 in the method. On Sunday, February 5th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Corbett, 1; T. Gould, 2; E. Collins, 3; F. Francis, 4; H. Stapleton, 5; E. Spooner (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by J. Corbett. Tenor 21 cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On Sunday afternoon, February 12th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (forty-four bobs and four singles) in 26 mins. T. R. Jackson, 1; T. Watson, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. Stuart, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. Composed by F. Pittow. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure (twenty-four singles) in 25 mins. T. Townson, 1; T. Watson, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. Stuart, 5; J. Burrows, 6. Composed by E. Wilson, of Walton, and conducted by T. Watson. First 720 in the method by T. Townson. These touches were rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late W. G. Ainslie, Esq., of Grizedale Hall. For evening service 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty bobs and thirty singles) in 25 mins. T. R. Jackson, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. Stuart, 5; J. Burrows, 6. Composed by F. Pittow.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.

WALTON (Lancashire).—At the monthly meeting of the above association, on Saturday, February 4th, the following touches were rung: A 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs), in 24 mins. T. Johnson, 1; W. Booth, 2; R. Hurst, 3; J. Booth, 4; J. Schofield, 5; T. Hammond (conductor), 6. The above is the first 720 in the method with a bob bell by J. Schofield. A 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. T. Johnson, 1; T. Jennions, 2; T. Hammond, 3; J. Schofield, 4; W. Davies, 5; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 6. The above is the first 720 in the method by T. Jennions. A 720 Canterbury Pleasure (sixteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. T. Johnson, 1; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 2; T. Hammond, 3; J. Booth, 4; J. Aspinwall, 5; W. Davies, 6. The above is the first 720 in the method by Messrs. Hammond, Aspinwall and Davies.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL.—On Sunday, December 25th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheildon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheildon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. For service in the evening, a 720 Oxford Bob. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheildon, 2; J. E. Wheildon, 3; J. Warren, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 1st, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheildon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheildon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 8th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. Also for evening service a 720 Violet Treble Bob, the ringers standing as before. On Tuesday,

January 10th, for practice, a 720 New London Pleasure. Also on Tuesday, January 17th, for practice, a 720 Duke of York Treble Bob. And on Tuesday, January 24th, for practice, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob and 720 Violet Treble Bob, the ringers all standing as before. On Sunday, January 29th, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of Doubles being 480 of Bob and 240 Grandsire. C. Preston, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheildon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg, 6. And on Thursday, February 2nd, for practice, 720 College Pleasure. C. Preston, 1; W. Wheildon, 2; R. W. Twigg, 3; J. E. Wheildon, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BLETHINGLEY (Surrey).—On Thursday, February 9th, in honour of a wedding, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, 1260 changes, in 46 mins. J. Balcomb, 1; F. Smith, 2; T. Boniface, 3; W. Mayne, 4; G. Potter, 5; L. Killick, 6; J. Bashford, jun. (conductor), 7; G. Brown, 8.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CRADLEY.—On Sunday evening, February 12th, for Divine Service, six different 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles (with plain leads and extremes). C. Watkins, 1; E. S. Kings (conductor), 2; R. Treherne, 3; H. Pritchard, 4; R. Stone, 5; M. Williams, 6. After service a 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. C. Watkins, 1; E. S. Kings, 2; R. Treherne, 3; H. Pritchard, 4; C. Edwards, 5; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, 14th instant, for practice, several courses of Grandsire Minor, Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 13 cwt.

WITHINGTON (Hereford).—On Thursday evening, February 9th, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 27 mins. H. Masen (foreman), 1; W. Davies, 2; A. Brace, 3; F. Matthews, 4; C. Jenkins (conductor), 5; A. Bowers, 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

HEREFORD.—On Wednesday, February 8th, at the cathedral, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Greenleaf, 1; J. G. Wall (Ross), 2; W. H. Fussell, 3; J. Jones, 4; C. H. Watts, 5; J. Davies, 6; T. Lewis, 7; J. Chamberlain, 8. Tenor 40 cwt. Rung on the back eight bells. Also several courses in which Messrs. Gaines, Powell, Phillips and Matthews took part.

ARELEY KINGS (Worcestershire).—Recently at the parish church a 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. H. Martin, 1; J. Johnson, 2; T. Elcox, 3; W. Martin, 4; J. Reynolds, 5; C. Beaman (conductor), 6. First 720 of Minor by H. Martin and J. Johnson.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, January 31st, for practice, 1000 Grandsire Triples. F. Howarth, 1; J. Pickup (conductor), 2; A. Whitworth, 3; S. Kay, 4; W. Ashworth, 5; J. Sutcliffe, 6; J. Standing, 7; T. Lord, 8. *First touch as conductor.

BATH (Somerset).—On Saturday, February 11th, at St. Saviour's church, Larkhall, 532 Bob Triples. W. Simmonds, 1; G. Whale, 2; A. Wilcox, 3; G. Hill, 4; G. H. Colston (Bristol), 5; H. Fussell, 6; H. Brown (conductor), 7; C. Goodenough, 8. It was intended to start for a peal of Bob Triples, but failing, the above was rung. Also two plain courses of Union Triples, being the first in the method by all.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Thursday, February 2nd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 42 mins. F. Dench, 1; J. Newnham (first quarter-peal in the method), 2; F. Rice, 3; W. Ward, 4; R. Jordan, 5; E. Moses, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; J. Rice, 8. And 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major. F. Dench, 1; J. Newnham, 2; J. Rice, 3; J. Parker (conductor), 4; R. Jordan, 5; G. Paice, 6; F. W. Rice, 7; E. Moses, 8. On Sunday, February 12th, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Rice, 1; J. Newnham, 2; J. Rice, 3; G. Paice, 4; T. King, 5; R. Jordan, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; J. Gasson, 8. And 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Rice, 1; J. Parker, 2; E. Streeter, 3; J. Gasson, 4; R. Jordan, 5; G. Paice, 6; T. King, 7; F. W. Rice (conductor), 8. Also 447 Grandsire Triples. G. Paice, 1; J. Newnham, 2; F. Dench, 3; P. Tyler, 4; F. Rice, 5; J. Parker (conductor), 6; R. Jordan, 7; J. Rice, 8. And 336 in the same method. E. Streeter, 1; J. Parker, 2; C. Holman (first in the method with a bob bell), 3; J. Tyler, 4; R. Jordan, 5; T. King, 6; F. W. Rice, 7; J. Gasson, 8. For evening service 504 Stedman Triples. F. Dench, 1; F. Rice, 2; J. Rice, 3; R. Jordan, 4; G. Paice, 5; T. King, 6; J. Parker (conductor), 7; P. Tyler, 8. Messrs. Streeter, Gasson, Holman, and King hail from Balcomb; Moses from Reigate.

FROME (Somerset).—On Saturday, February 4th, for practice, 420 Grandsire Triples. E. Frisker, 1; W. Bishop, 2; C. Summers, 3; H. Scammell, 4; F. Rebbeck, 5; H. Nutley, 6; J. Rebbeck (conductor), 7; J. Millard, 8. And a 182. E. Bishop, 1; H. Gaisford (first touch with a bob bell), 2; F. Rebbeck, 2; H. Scammell, 3; C. Summers, 5; F. Iles, 6; J. Rebbeck, 7; A. Langford, 8. Also 360 Grandsire Doubles. On Tuesday, February 7th, 168 and 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Gaisford, 1; F. Bishop, 2; W. Bishop, 3; H. Scammell, 4; C. Summers, 5; H. Nutley, 6; J. Rebbeck (conductor),

7; J. Millard, 8. On Saturday, February 11th, 210 Grandsire Triples. H. Gaisford, 1; W. Bishop, 2; C. Summers, 3; H. Scammell, 4; F. Rebbeck, 5; H. Nutley, 6; J. Rebbeck, 7; F. Iles, 8. And three plain courses. E. Bishop, 1; F. Iles, 7; J. Rebbeck, 8; the rest as before. Also 360 Grandsire Doubles with 7-6-8 covering. H. Gaisford, 1; W. Bishop, 2; C. Summers, 3; H. Scammell, 4; R. Southcomb (steeple-keeper), 5; J. Rebbeck (conductor), 6; F. Rebbeck, 7; F. Iles, 8.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Friday, February 5th, three of the Ealing ringers paid a visit to this place and had a friendly pull with the local band. They rang three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles with 4-6-8 behind, and three touches of Grandsire Triples, including a 504. T. Beadle, *E. J. Walsom, W. Etherington, *E. Harris, Rev. H. Shears, W. Bishop, *J. Basden, and W. Stanney. *Hail from Ealing. On Sunday afternoon, February 5th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. H. Taber, 1; E. J. Walsom, 2; W. Etherington, 3; E. Harris, 4; W. Meaton, 5; J. Basden (conductor), 6; E. H. Adams, 7; T. Beadle, 8.

MONWEDEN (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, February 8th, 720 College Single in 22 mins. B. Moss, 1; R. H. Hayward (conductor), 2; H. Moss, 3; J. Hunt, 4; W. G. Archer, 5; J. Tarrant, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. W. Brook, 1; R. H. Hayward (conductor), 2; H. Moss, 3; W. G. Archer, 4; Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, 5; J. Tarrant, 6. There will be no ringing here during Lent.

QUEDGELEY (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, February 7th, for practice at the parish church, 210 Grandsire Triples. C. Cox, 1; — Peglar, 2; A. Harris, 3; A. T. Brunson, 4; F. Knight (conductor), 5; S. Knight, 6; W. Brown, 7; W. Townsend, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. C. Cox, 1; — Peglar, 2; A. Harris, 3; A. T. Brunson (conductor), 4; W. Brown, 5; F. Knight, 6; C. Lyes, 7; W. Townsend, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Cox, 1; — Peglar, 2; W. Brown, 3; F. Knight (conductor), 4; A. Harris, 5; S. Knight (longest touch), 6; C. Lyes, 7; W. Townsend, 8. — Peglar hails from Hempstead; A. T. Brunson from Gloucester; the rest belong to the local company.

READING (Berks).—On Tuesday, February 14th, for practice, 504 Stedman Caters, in 25 mins. C. Foxell, 1; A. Pike, 2; E. Reeves, 3; J. Potter, 4; J. F. Tarrant, 5; C. Stone, 6; J. M. Routh, Esq., 7; W. Newell, 8; W. J. Williams (conductor), 9; C. Chapman, 10. First touch of Stedman Caters by all except J. M. Routh, Esq.

SAXMUNDHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 11th, at the parish church, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 24 mins. W. Watling, 1; F. Watling (first 720 as conductor), 2; G. Thompson, 3; R. Wells, 4; G. Hardy, 5; J. Edmunds, 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

WEST GRINSTEAD (Sussex).—On Tuesday, February 7th, at the

parish church, 720 Warnham Court Bob Minor (thirty singles) with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Sir William Barttelot, M.P. W. Jupp, 1; W. Pierce, 2; R. Summersell, 3; H. Tourle, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 12th, 720 Plain Bob (twenty-two singles). W. Jupp, 1; R. Summersell, 2; W. Peirce, 3; H. Tourle, 4; J. H. Blake, 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Bob (thirty singles). W. Jupp, 1; W. Pierce, 2; J. H. Blake, 3; H. Tourle, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6.

WINCHESTER (Hants).—On Tuesday, February 14th, for practice at the Cathedral, 672 Grandsire Triples on the back eight. A. Macey, 1; W. J. Sevier, 2; G. Smith, 3; W. Andrews, 4; J. Batts, 5; T. Groves, 6; W. H. George (conductor), 7; D. Froome, 8. Tenor about 30 cwt. This is the longest length yet rung by the newly-formed Cathedral society.

WORCESTER.—On Monday, February 20th, the Cathedral Guild held their first practice at the Cathedral and rang 305 and 306 Grandsire Caters, the first touch being conducted by L. Longney, the second by W. Page. B. Hill, 1; G. Hinton, 2; W. Pudge, 3; W. Johnson, 4; W. Powell, 5; L. Longney, 6; E. Davis, 7; W. Bradford, 8; W. Page, 9; T. Malin, 10. In the last touch F. Owen changed with B. Hill for the treble, and T. Penny rang the tenor. It is arranged to hold a weekly practice on Mondays at 7.30 p.m. sharp, and any friends being in town will be welcome.

Obituary.

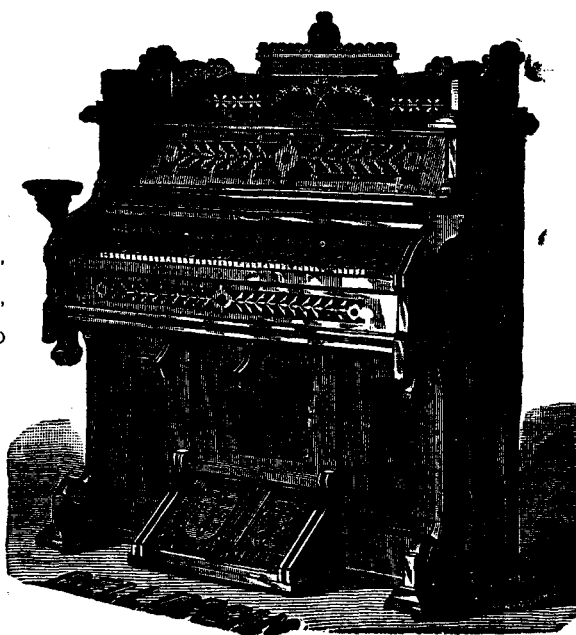
NATHAN YOUNG.

We very much regret to announce the decease of this once talented ringer which occurred on Monday, February 13th, at Clowne, Derbyshire, at the residence of his only daughter, Mrs. Wild, after suffering for some months through an accident to one of his legs, which at last proved fatal. He began his ringing career at Staveley, Derbyshire, on January 14th, 1847, with the well-known ringers, viz., Madin, Beresford, W. Harris, Widdowson, and Swift, although having only taken part in a small number of peals. He was a life member of the Yorkshire Association, and greatly enjoyed a high character as a ringer, and was one of the finest strikers in peal-ringing to be found. On the evening of his interment the Staveley society rang 768 Kent Treble Bob Major with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to their late member. S. Palmer, 1; W. Worthington, 2; S. Smedley, 3; A. Worthington, 4; S. Price, 5; H. Mottershall, 6; J. Harris, 7; H. Madin (conductor), 8. His remains were interred at Clowne on Thursday, February 16th. He was in his 65th year.

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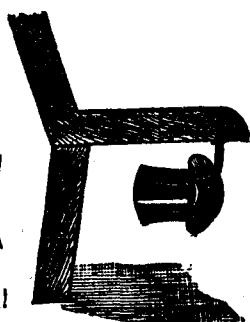
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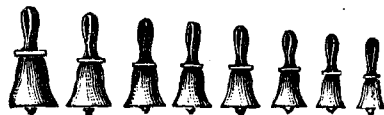
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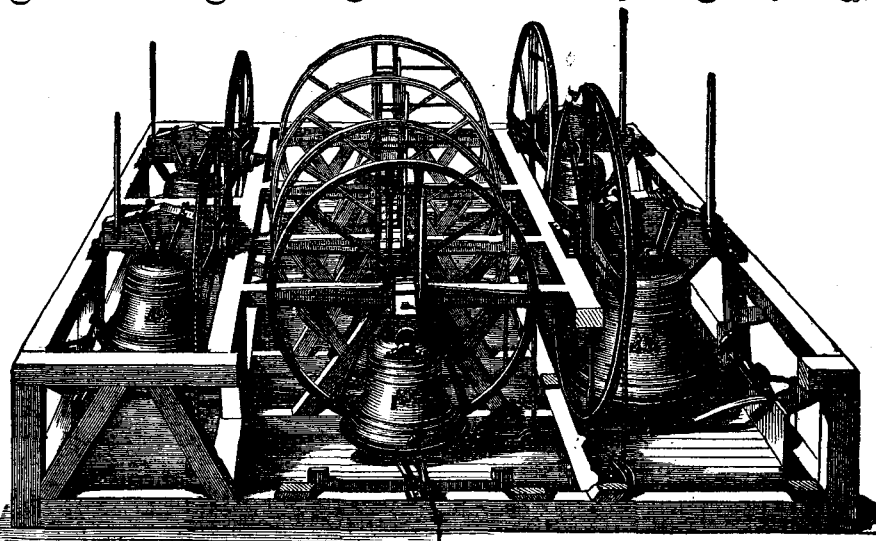
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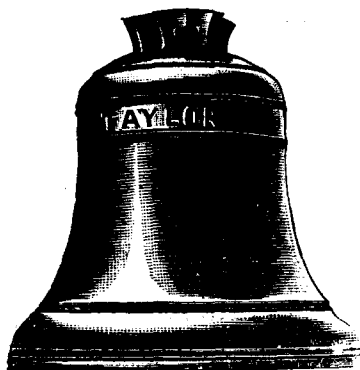
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