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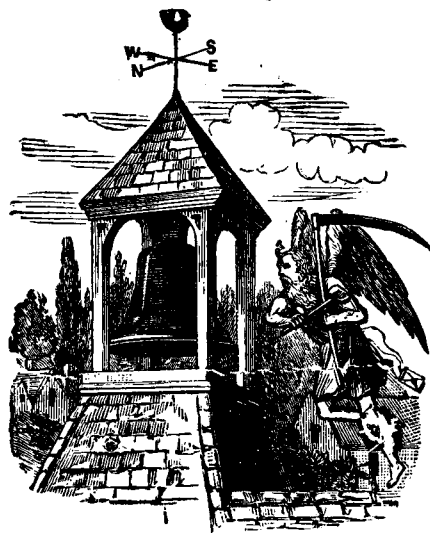
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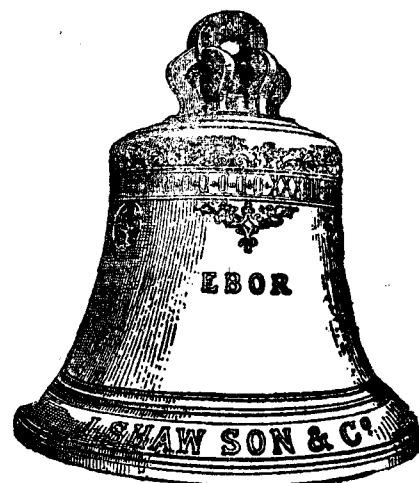
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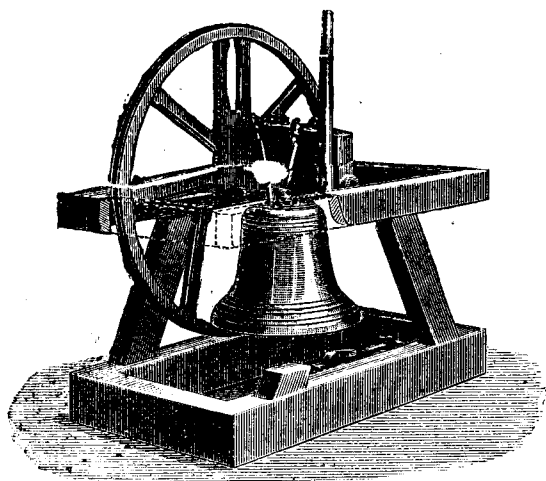
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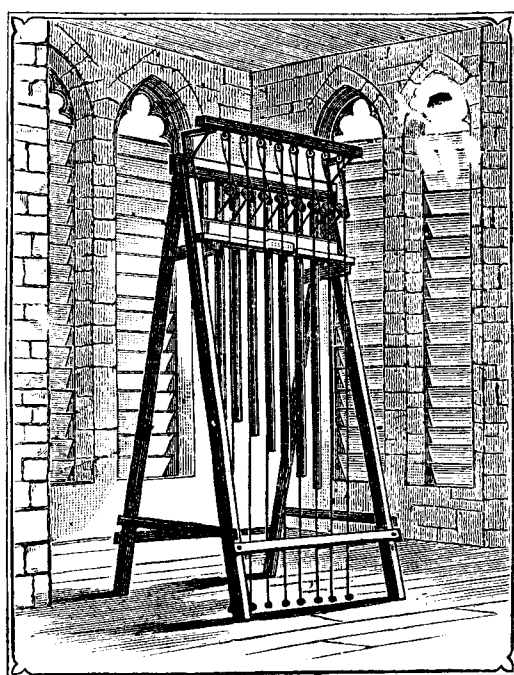
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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 13th, a quarterly meeting was held at Fakenham, which was attended by about thirty-five members from Aylsham, Beccles, East Dereham, Eye, Fakenham, Framlingham, North Elmham, Norwich, Somerleyton, Stanhoe, Wells, and Wymondham. Lunch was served at the Royal Oak inn at 1.30, the chair being taken by the Rev. A. E. Humphreys, Rector of Fakenham, who was accompanied by H. Newson, Esq., one of the churchwardens, both of whom gave a cordial welcome to the Association, which was acknowledged by the Hon. Secretary, who confessed to the support and encouragement he always derived from the presence of the recognised Church authorities on such occasions. He was also able to give a cheerful account of the way in which the Society was growing and progressing, and recommended to the sympathy of the meeting the project which was on foot for erecting a marble peal tablet in Debenham church tower, to commemorate the long peal rung there last Whit-Monday. He also congratulated the Rector of Framlingham, who was present, on the achievement of his first peal of 5120 Treble Bob after little more than six months' experience of the ropes, an instance of rapid progress which augured well for future success with other methods.

On the motion of Mr. S. F. Burleigh, (East Dereham) seconded by Mr. F. Day (Eye), a sum of £2 was voted as a contribution to the Debenham peal tablet. Three honorary and thirty performing members were then elected, and one probationer admitted. The beautiful bells of the parish church were made good use of during the day by various bands, and a party also went in the afternoon to Ryburgh, to make acquaintance with the six put up there not long ago by Messrs. Taylor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.—The Annual Festival of this branch was held at Great Marlow on Saturday, February 4th. Some good ringing in various methods occupied the afternoon, and the members present, numbering about ten clergy and seventy laymen, subsequently attended evensong at the parish church. An excellent and practical sermon was preached by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, on the analogy between the ringers' art and his moral and spiritual life. He drew a forcible parallel between accurate striking, and a well-regulated Christian life, in their respective effects on our fellow-men.

Tea followed evensong, and the business meeting followed tea. The chairman of the branch (Rev. A. H. Drummond, Vicar of All Saints, Boyne Hill), congratulated the members of the branch on their progress and achievements during the past year. The latter included, according to the Secretary's report, ten peals, of which the greater proportion were in the higher methods; one being the peal of London Surprise rung at Hughenden. A 12,096 of Double Norwich had also been rung at Boyne Hill, though not by members of the Branch (saving Mr. J. Evans, of Hughenden), on December 31st, 1892.

The balance-sheet was adopted and the officers re-elected.

The Master of the Guild (the Rev. F. E. Robinson) was present, and with the Guild's Secretary added his congratulations to those of the Chairman; especially with regard to the London Surprise peal, which the Master said compared favourably with a similar peal rung at Oxford. The meeting, which was extremely well-attended, then broke up, and ringing was resumed till a late hour.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN BRANCH.—On Saturday, February 11th, a meeting of this branch was held at Holy Trinity church, Darwen. Representatives were present from Blackburn, Church, Hoddleston, Darwen and Oswaldtwistle. Ringing was commenced at 3.30 and kept up until nine o'clock. Mr. J. Walker, President of the Branch, presided at the meeting, which was held at 5.30, when it was decided to hold the next meeting at Holy Trinity, Blackburn, on Saturday, April 8th. Votes of thanks to the Vicar, Wardens and ringers terminated the business of the meeting.

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THE RAUNDS, WELLINGBOROUGH AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A well-attended quarterly meeting of this Society was held at Finedon, on a recent Saturday afternoon. Ringers to the number of about fifty were present from Earls Barton, Irthlingborough, Higham Ferrers, Raunds, Wellingborough, Rushden, Desborough, Kettering, Warkton, Wollaston, and Finedon. The Rev. Wilfred H. Abbot, curate of Kettering, attended the meeting, took part in the ringing, and promised to join the Society. By the kind permission of the Rev. G. W. Paul, the bells of the church of St. Mary (a peal of six, tenor 24 cwt., first five dated 1825, tenor dated 1878), were at liberty for ringing from 2 to 6 p.m. After 6 o'clock the ringers adjourned to that famous hostelry The Bell, and amused themselves with tunes and changes on a new peal of fifteen handbells (by Warner) in the key of G, lately purchased by the parishioners of Finedon for the use of their ringers. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Tompkins and the local ringers for making them so welcome. It was gratifying to see those old ringing veterans, Messrs. Oughton, of Irthlingborough, and Moon, Manning, and Wallis (the aged sexton) of Finedon, mixing with the younger generations of campanologists. The Vicar of Finedon is one of the oldest clergymen in the district, having been inducted to the living in the year 1848. He is very desirous of having two trebles added to the present ring of six to complete the octave. If this could be done Finedon would possess a peal very close in weight and tone to the octaves at Kettering and Higham Ferrers. Finedon tenor is a very fine bell, well worthy to act as "cover" to a ring of eight.

The church of St. Mary, Finedon, is one of the most beautiful structures in the district. It dates from the fourteenth century. Its shapely proportions, beautiful east window, south porch with parvise containing ancient library, unique "strainer" arch across the nave, its grand old "Father Smith" organ and the handsome (modern) oaken lichgate at the entrance to the churchyard, were all objects of interest and admiration to the visitors, many of whom saw them for the first time. The Finedon ringers decided to join the Association at the Whit-Monday annual meeting.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The usual monthly ringing meeting of this society was held at Rothwell on Saturday, February 25th, and was fairly attended by members and ringing friends from the following churches in union: Armley, Calverley, Leeds, Holbeck, St. Chad's and St. Michael's, Headingley, Horbury, Woodlesford, and the local company. Ringing commenced long before the time announced, the bells going merrily in sweet Treble Bob for little over three hours, an account of which appears in another column. Other Major and Minor ringing followed in the above-named method. A business meeting was then held at the Swan Hotel, the President, Mr. J. Whitaker, presiding, supported by the Vice-President, Mr. C. Pratt. The minutes of the last meeting being read and passed, three new members were elected. The nomination was then made for the various offices for the ensuing year. The next business was the lettering of the headstone which mark the resting-place of the late Mr. Henry Hubbard and his son, the latter name being yet omitted, and the space at disposal being rather limited. It was decided to place a foot-stone to the above bearing the necessary inscription. The design will take the form of a bell, and is intended to be in position at as early a date as possible. The work is entrusted to Mr. A. Naylor, of Headingley, and the expenses in connection with this movement is being raised by a voluntary penny subscription. Any ringers or friends who have not previously subscribed, and who are desirous to assist in this object, may forward donations to the Secretary of this society, and which will be thankfully received and acknowledged in "THE BELL NEWS." A cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar, Churchwardens, and local ringers for the use of the bells and other arrangements was passed. The usual vote to the Chairman concluded the meeting. The remainder of the evening was spent in handbell ringing (the bells being kindly placed at the disposal of the ringers by Mr. John Chapman, of Rothwell), touches of Grandsire being rung to a late hour.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

This society held its seventh annual dinner on Saturday, the 11th January, at the Victoria Mansions restaurant. At 7.0 p.m. the word "go" was given, and the knives, forks, and spoons were kept merrily at it by the twenty-one performers, till the host's composition of five courses, with the usual coming round of butter and cheese, was most satisfactorily completed. The cloth being removed, and glasses replenished, the Chairman (the Ven. Archdeacon of London) commenced the second part of the programme by proposing the toast of "The Queen and Royal Family." Then followed "The Church," proposed by Mr. G. J. Chapple, and responded to by the Archdeacon. Mr. J. N. Oxborrow next gave "The Health of the President" (the Rev. W. H. G. Twining), who in replying spoke of his early attempts at bell ringing, which resulted in being able to ring what is commonly called "the dinner-bell." He then proposed the toast of "The Society," which was responded to by Mr. H. R. Newton. Then came "The Visitors," given by Mr. G. T. McLaughlin, and responded to by Mr. Chapple in a very humorous speech. A vote of thanks to the Chairman, accompanied by musical honours, brought round the hour for the clergy to take their departure, having the morrow to think of. This part of the programme was intersected with songs by Messrs. Newton, Pryer, Sice, and Sorrell; a recitation by Mr. Chapple; a course of Grandsire Triples by A. G. Ellis, H. S. Ellis, J. Willshire, and T. R. Bell; and a course of Stedman Triples by F. Davis, H. R. Newton, G. T. McLaughlin, and J. N. Oxborrow. Having elected a new chairman (Mr. Oxborrow) the ball was kept merrily rolling, and songs, recitations, and handbell ringing followed each other in rapid succession. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. A. F. W. Humm, who presided at the piano; and the singing with joined hands of "Auld lang syne," brought a most enjoyable evening to an end only too soon. Great praise is due to Mr. H. S. Ellis and Mr. H. R. Newton, who acted as stewards, for the admirable manner in which everything was arranged and carried out.

THE HECKINGTON SOCIETY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Tuesday, January 31st, the members of the St. Andrew's society paid a visit to Swineshead for an outing. The company arranged to meet at headquarters at two o'clock, where a break and pair was waiting. A start was at once made, Swineshead being reached at three o'clock. Here they met their old friend Mr. Dawson, and at once proceeded to the belfry. The bells were raised, and were soon set going to the tune of Grandsire Triples, some excellent touches being brought round. The company afterwards adjourned to The Wheat inn, where a good knife and fork tea was provided by their worthy conductor, Mr. S. C. Skinner. "Go" was called at six o'clock, and after half-an-hour's good striking the course-end turned up in good style. The company wish to thank their conductor for his kindness, and also for the trouble he has taken with them in teaching them the Art of change-ringing. The company arrived home at 11.30 p.m., all having enjoyed themselves.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

The annual supper of choirs and ringers connected with the parish church and St. Barnabas, took place at the Drill Hall on Monday evening, February 13th. The Vicar (Rev. R. W. Wynter), presided, and was supported by the churchwardens, Messrs. C. Watkins and W. E. Askham, the Revs. W. H. Davis and H. C. Beasley, and twelve of the sidesmen. Mr. Jowett (sidesman), proposed the toast of "The Ringers and Chimers" in very kindly terms. His remarks were re-echoed by the Vicar, and the churchwarden, Mr. Watkin, called for musical honours. Mr. E. J. Dennes (belfry sidesman), responded on behalf of all connected with the belfry, thanking those present for the very hearty way in which the toast had been received. The gathering passed off in the usual pleasant manner, the entire company (numbering about eighty), seeming to thoroughly enjoy themselves. General regret was expressed at the absence of Mr. J. T. Smith (sidesman) through illness. Mr. Smith was much missed, also his well-known song "John Peel," which has always been a feature of the evening.

MARRIAGE OF MR. C. H. MARTIN, OF HENDON, MIDDLESEX.

On Thursday, February 9th, at the parish church, Blewbury, Berkshire, Mr. Charles Henry Martin was united in holy wedlock to Miss Sarah Ann Cummings, of Blewbury. By the number of presents that Mr. Martin has been the recipient of, one is easily convinced of the high esteem in which he is held by all who knew him. The bridegroom is the eldest son of Mr. Harry Martin, who is the foreman of the band of ringers connected with the church of St. Mary, Hendon, N.W., and whose daily occupation for many years has been to work in "God's Acre" adjoining the church, assisted by his younger son, H. J. Martin, who also is a capital change-ringer and conductor. The newly-married pair, it is needless to say, has the good wishes of all, especially the members of the Middlesex County Association, of which the bridegroom is Master. On Monday, February 13th, Mr. Martin returned home to Hendon, and the bells of the parish church were on the swing, and in all probability a peal would have been attempted had it not been for the indisposition of the vicar. However the following touches was rung in honour of the occasion: A 720 of Grandsire Doubles. H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; J. Barrett, 4; C. Crampton, 5; F. Kirby, 6. And 720 Bob Minor. H. Martin, 1; H. J. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; J. Barrett, 4; F. Carroway (conductor), 5; C. Crampton, 6. This was followed with some excellent firing and breaking into "Queens," and the bells were lowered in the same. Thus in a manner emanated from the Hendon parish church the sentiments of the ringers below: "Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder." Besides the above ringers there were present Messrs. W. Church, Giddings, B. C. Pratchett, etc. The ringers were entertained after the ringing by the bridegroom. The following is Mr. C. H. Martin's ringing record, as well as being a composer, viz.—Fourteen 5040's on six bells; Bob Triples, 1; Bob Major, 11; Grandsire Triples, 7; Oxford Bob Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 2; Treble Bob Major, 5; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 9; Cambridge Surprise Major, 2; Total 53. Peals conducted by the above: on six bells, 6; on eight bells, 3; four of these peals were rung upon handbells retained in hand, of which one was the first peal in the method ever rung on handbells. It might be also well to add that on January 28th, Mr. Martin's sister Emily was married at the parish church, Hendon, to Mr. Charles Knight. The ringers also rang in honour of this occasion. A. J. J. G.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.—The annual meeting took place at the Rose inn, Mount Street, on Saturday, February 18th, when representatives from Wollaton, Beeston, and Long Eaton were present. Mr. John Hickman, Vice-President, occupied the chair. Mr. Alfred Archer, Local Sec., then read the report, after which it was decided to pay a visit to Wollaton, where there is a peal of six. Before the election of officers was proceeded with, the Vice-President and Local Sec. intimated their desire to be relieved from office. Mr. E. W. Holroyd was elected in the place of the former, and Mr. W. E. White the latter, and Messrs. Oldham and Wilkins were elected committee-men. Mr. A. Archer called attention to the deplorable condition of St. Peter's bells, and asked for a Committee to be formed to wait on the rector and churchwardens, and to lay before them the necessity of having the bells quartered and rehung. This was followed by encouraging remarks from Messrs. Hickman and Abbott, with a result that a committee was formed consisting of Messrs. Abbott, Hickman, Haywood, White, Wesley, Wilkins, and Archer, who subsequently waited upon the rector and churchwardens, and with their consent a start was made with the St. Peter's Bells Restoration Fund. After the usual complimentary vote of thanks to the retiring officers, the meeting was brought to a close.

Mr. John Ward, of Long Eaton, gave an account as to what part the ringers there took towards the restoration of their bells.

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THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

The society's annual dinner took place on Wednesday, February 8th, at the New Inn hotel. A few short touches of Stedman, &c., were rung at St. Michael's before dinner. The president of the society being unable to take the chair, Alderman W. Stafford (churchwarden) presided in his absence. Host Berry placed on the table a most excellent repast. This having been disposed of, the chairman submitted the toast of "Church and Queen," Mr. E. B. James responding, in the absence of his father, the Rev. G. James, through illness. The toast of "The President and Vice-President" was entrusted to Mr. W. Dawe, and was drunk with great enthusiasm.

The Chairman, in responding, regretted the enforced absence of their worthy and respected rector. Speaking for himself, he felt delighted to be among them once more. He trusted there would be many annual gatherings in store for the members of this society. He sincerely hoped that the society would still continue to prosper and maintain the high reputation it had earned for itself.

Mr. F. E. Ward next proposed, in a very humorous speech, "Success to the Junior Society."

The Master (Mr. W. T. Bennett) having replied, Mr. A. Roberts gave the toast of "Our Absent Members."

Mr. F. E. Hart being responsible for a reply, Mr. W. T. Bennett gave "Our Visitors," coupled with the name of Mr. F. E. Ward (Cheltenham), the other toasts being "The Secretary," "Our Conductor," "the Chairman" and "our Host."

During the evening songs were rendered by E. B. James, W. Dawe, F. E. Ward and W. T. Bennett, and recitations by E. Hayward, and selections on the handbells by Messrs. Brunson, Hart, Austin, James and Ward, which brought to a close one of the most enjoyable and successful social gatherings in the annals of this society. "Auld lang syne" having been sang a move was made homewards.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Quarterly Meeting was held at Grimsby on Saturday, February 18th, and was attended by the local ringers, together with ringers from Lincoln, Waltham, and other places. Tea was provided in the Coffee Palace, and the business meeting was held immediately afterwards. The Rev. Canon J. P. Young, vicar of St. James' took the chair, and in opening the meeting spoke of the pleasure it gave him in welcoming the Association to Grimsby. He thought such meetings like the one he was addressing did good in giving a sort of fillip to the members to carry on the work of the Association. In concluding his remarks he said he hoped that the meeting at Grimsby would become an annual one. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed, and the election of new members proceeded with. The Secretary said he had great pleasure in being able to say that three new honorary members had consented to their names being added to the Association, viz.—Rev. William De Foe Baker, of Welton; Rev. Reuben Jeffries, of Scothorne; and Mr. J. Parker, of Grimsby. The Welton band had joined the Association, and as a movement was on foot to have the bells thoroughly overhauled, it was hoped they would soon make progress. The total numbers of new members proposed was nineteen. A hearty vote of thanks to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the chairman and vice-chairman was proposed.

Mr. Parker, in responding at the request of the chairman, said it was a great pleasure to him to be amongst the members of the Association, and gave an interesting account of bells and the casting of bells.

This concluded the meeting, and afterwards the towers of St. Andrew's and St. James were visited, and several touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were brought round.

NOTICE.—On Easter Monday, April 3rd, 1893, all being well, ten members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford and St. Peter's Guild, will attempt at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, a 17,045 of Grandsire Caters, to start at 8 a.m. A set of new ropes will be supplied by Ironmongers, Limited, Wolverhampton, for the occasion.

* * We wish our readers to understand that correspondence, and reports other than peals, cannot be guaranteed to appear the same week they are sent.

ST. NICOLAS CHURCH, HEREFORD.

The bells of the parish church of St. Nicolas, Hereford, have recently been re-opened, after being repaired. The peal, which is by the famous founder Rudhall, of Gloucester, whose firm went out of existence something like seventy years ago, dates from an early period, having been removed from the old church. Since October last year the bells have been silent, some repairs being badly needed, and in the meantime Messrs. Blackburn and Greenleaf, of Salisbury, who recently rehung the Cathedral bells, have been engaged on the needed work. The framework has been straightened and repaired, the fittings repaired and partly renewed, and the five largest bells have been quarter-turned, so that the hammers might strike in fresh places, the old indentations having worn to a considerable depth. There are six bells altogether, the largest weighing about 11 cwt., and the peal is considered to be very sweet. The repairs, the cost of which was about £60, have been carried out by Mr. Greenleaf, under the superintendence of Mr. Robinson, architect, and the work has given general satisfaction. On the occasion of the re-opening the belfry was occupied by the St. Nicolas ringers assisted by ringers from the Cathedral, St. Peter's, and All Saints', and several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung. In the evening the ringers and a few friends were entertained to supper by Mr. H. B. Williams. Several toasts were honoured, and in the speeches satisfaction as to the way in which the work had been performed was expressed.

RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Saturday, February 18th, at the kind invitation of Mr. J. Akehurst, the ringers who took part in the peal of Oxford Treble Bob at Warnham on January 22nd, met with a few friends to partake of his hospitality at the Sussex Oak inn, Warnham. The chair was taken by Mr. W. Charman, who was supported by the Revs. R. Bowcott and H. M. Hordern, and J. Akehurst. Mr. Chandler, conductor of the peal, occupied the vice-chair, supported by E. Jordan, W. Short, A. Mills. A capital spread was provided, to which full justice was done. After the tables were cleared the usual loyal toasts were given by the Chairman, and duly honoured. The toast of the "The Church and Clergy" was given by the vice-chairman, and responded to by the Rev. R. Bowcott, who spoke of the great pleasure it gave him to be present that evening, and of the interest he always felt in the ringers and their achievements. He heartily wished them success in their efforts. Other toasts were "Success to Change-Ringing," "The Conductor," "The Donor of the Feast." Songs were sung by various members of the company, a most enjoyable evening being brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem and "Auld lang syne."

PRESENTATION TO A RINGER.

On Thursday, February 9th, a concert was given in the schools, Kidlington, Oxon, by the Kidlington Musical Society, in which the ringers took part, ringing a plain course of Grandsire Triples, and playing the Blue Bells of Scotland, and at the conclusion, the Rev. H. Jacob, who is leaving Kidlington, was presented with a Pocket Communion Service by the parish, as he has earned the good-will of all. Also the ringers presented him with five views of the principal colleges in Oxford framed in oak. In returning thanks he thanked the Kidlington people for their great kindness, and especially the ringers, as he had spent many happy hours among them, and he hoped to see their one ambition fulfilled, a peal of eight bells in the tower. On Friday, February 10th, the ringers rang a farewell touch with him, a 720 Grandsire Minor in 30 mins. F. Webb, 1; Rev. H. Jacob, 2; W. Bennett, 3; H. Butler, 4; J. Franklin, 5; H. Judge, 6. Tenor 26 cwt.

PERRY BARR (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, February 11th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief after ringing three-quarters of an hour, through a change-course. A 1008 was brought round in 39 mins. G. Williams, 1; W. Long (conductor), 2; W. Stringer, 3; F. Gibbs, 4; J. Murphy, 5; P. Conlon, 6; M. Murphy, 7; W. Painter, 8. Tenor 14 cwt.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

We are requested to again publish the following:—

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.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SOCIETY, FROME,
SOMERSETSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this society was held in the belfry on Saturday, February 11th, Mr. R. Southcomb presiding. After the Secretary had read the minutes of the previous meeting, the Captain read the report of the ringing during the year, which shewed that the bells had been rung on eighty-two occasions for festivals and for practice, and on five special occasions. The number of changes rang were 32,998 Grandsire Triples and 21,290 Doubles. The longest length of Triples has been several 336s, and it is hoped that a quarter-peal will be rang shortly, which is the longest the company will be able to get, as practice is limited to an hour. The election of officers were next proceeded with, and resulted in R. Southcomb (steepkeeper) being elected Treasurer; E. F. Bishop, Secretary; and J. Rebbeck, Captain; all three being unanimously re-elected, the first-named for the fifth time, and the two last for the sixth time in succession.

PEAL OF BELLS FOR GREENGATES CHURCH, YORKS.—Messrs. Shaw and Co., bell founders, Bradford, Yorks, have received instructions from Miss Ibbotson, of Idle, to supply and fix for her a peal of church bells for the tower of the new church at Greengates, Apperley Bridge. The bells are to be rung by means of chiming hammers, as the tower is not sufficiently large for the bells to be hung for ringing by ropes and ringers. The bells are to be a peal of six, in the key of G., the largest bell to weigh 10 cwt., and the whole peal about 40 cwt.

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HULL, YORKSHIRE.

The annual dinner of the members and friends of the St. James's Society, and the Hull branch of the Yorkshire Association took place at the Builders' hotel, Cogan Street, Hull, on Thursday, February 2nd. Thirty-six members and friends sat down to an excellent and substantial repast provided by the hostess, which was thoroughly enjoyed. A message was received from the Rev. D. K. Moore, Vicar of St. James', regretting his inability to be present owing to indisposition, and expressing the hope that those present would spend a pleasant evening. The same unfortunate cause contributed towards the absence of Mr. C. Kelsey, senior churchwarden of St. James'.

On the removal of the cloth the Rev. B. Radcliffe, curate of St. James', kindly undertook the duties of chairman, Mr. T. H. Richardson, junior churchwarden, occupying the vice-chair. The usual loyal toasts having been duly honoured, Mr. T. H. Richardson proposed "The Health of the Archbishop and Clergy," remarking that the Archbishop of York had expressed the intention of visiting every parish in his diocese, a task that had not been undertaken by any of his predecessors for more than 200 years. He thought that Hull possessed at the present time a staff of clergy that would compare favourably with those of any town in the country for the manner in which they carried on their work.

The Rev. B. Radcliffe, in responding, desired to express the pleasure it gave him to be present that evening, and said that it was gratifying to find that in fulfilling the difficult duties of their office they should receive such kind recognition of their services as that accorded them by Mr. Richardson.

"The Health of the Mayor and Corporation of Hull," proposed from the chair, was responded to by Mr. Councillor Meanwell, who trusted that this would not be the last time he would have an opportunity of being present on similar occasions.

Mr. J. W. Stickney proposed "Our Churchwardens," paying a tribute to the kindness and consideration with which they always met him whenever he had occasion to pay them a visit as steepkeeper.

Mr. T. H. Richardson, replying, said how pleased he was to be present, and regretted that his partner in office had not been able to get there.

"Success to the Yorkshire Association and the Hull Branch" was proposed by Mr. Needham, who pointed out the objects of the Association, and the success which had attended the working of it from the time of its formation.

Mr. C. Jackson suitably responded.

Mr. W. Southwick proposed "Success to the St. James's Society," to which Mr. J. W. Stickney replied.

"The Health of the Visitors," was proposed by Mr. T. Stockdale, Mr. H. Needler responding.

The toasts were liberally interspersed by musical selections on the handbells, and songs from a large number of those present. A congratulatory telegram was received from ringing friends at York. A vote of thanks to the hostess for providing the excellent repast, which was replied to by Mr. A. Bailey, brought another of these pleasant reunions to a close.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, January 21st, this Society held its twenty-fifth anniversary dinner at the Lord Hill hotel, Waterloo Bridge Road. Altogether about fifty sat down to a most substantial repast, the chair being taken by the Master, Mr. G. Wild, while Mr. H. S. Thomas, of Battersea, occupied the vice-chair. Dinner being successfully got through, to which justice had been done, the toast of "The Queen and Royal Family" was given by the Chairman, which was heartily received. The City of London Handbell Ringers, under the conductorship of Mr. A. Linstead, were in attendance, and played several selections in excellent style on their fine peal of fifty-six handbells, much to the admiration of the company present. The handbell ringing was interspersed with songs, recitations and change-ringing. "The Waterloo Society" was given by the chairman, and responded to by Mr. A. E. Young. The vice-chairman gave the toast of "The Vicar and Churchwardens," to which Mr. Mansfield responded in a few well-chosen words. Other toasts followed, and thus ended one of the most enjoyable and successful gatherings of the Waterloo Society.

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.

Johnson Memorial Anniversary.—The St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham, as already announced, will hold the usual annual dinner to-day, Saturday, March 4th, when the chair will be taken by the President of the Yorkshire Association, Wm. Snowdon, Esq. There will be ringing at St. Martin's from 3 to 5.30; and dinner will be served at 6 p.m. sharp.

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, to-day, Saturday, March 4th. Bells at 4 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m.

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

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Saxmundham District.—The twelfth quarterly district meeting will be held at Great Glemham, to-day, 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, to-day, 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.*
T. R. SOMERVILLE, } *Secs.*

Lancashire Association, Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Leesfield, Oldham, to-day, Saturday, March 4th. Bells ready at 4.30 p.m.

JOHN MILLETT, *Hon. Sec.*
60, Starkey Street, Heywood.

Society of Trinity Youths.—Meetings for practice for March, 1893.—Greenwich, St. Alfege, Tuesday 7th, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in vestry afterwards. Lewisham, St. Mary, Monday 27th, 8 to 9.30 p.m.

GEO. J. BAYLEY, *Hon. Sec.*
10, Prior Street, Greenwich.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol.—The next meeting for practice will be held at the church of All Saints (city), on Tuesday evening, March 7th, at 7.30 p.m.

C. H. GORDON, *Local Sec.*

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.

The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts.—A Committee meeting of this Association will be held in St. Thomas's School-room, Stourbridge, on Saturday, March 11th, at 5.30 p.m. prompt. The bells, which have recently been rehung, will be open for ringing.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*
37, Simms Lane, Netherton, Dudley.

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.—Nuneaton District.—The next meeting of this district takes place at Barwell, on Saturday, March 11th. Tower open 3.30.

HARRY ARGYLE, *Hon. Sec.*
27, Bond Street, Nuneaton.

Middlesex Association.—A meeting of this Association will be held at Hendon, on Saturday, March 25th. Ringing at 5 o'clock.

PERCY HOWARD, *Hon. Sec.*
10, Grayling Road, Stoke Newington, N.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT HUNTINGDON.—By special request of the vicar and churchwardens of St. Mary's church, five members of the Royal Cumberland Society journeyed to the above town to assist the local band in ringing a funeral peal in memory of the late Colonel Oliver Montague, who died at Cairo, and was entered in Brampton churchyard (a suburb of Huntingdon) on that date. The proceedings commenced with a touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor, on the back six, after which 461 of Grandsire Triples. An adjournment now took place for refreshments; the order being two o'clock for attempting peal. On returning to the belfry, the election of Messrs. Brown and Murphy members of the society took place, and after three futile attempts, go was eventually called at 2.45, all going well until 5.54, when "That's all" brought round a very fairly rung peal, which although being slow, no doubt greatly contributed to the success obtained.

A CORRECTION.—Mr. A. Knights, of Chesterfield, writes:—"The eighth course of the peal of 6784 published in 'THE BELL NEWS' for February 11th, page 547, should contain a bob before."

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1893.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1893

The event of the next meeting of the Central Council is casting its shadow before. The Honorary Secretary reminds all whom it may concern that notices of motions to be introduced at Oxford next Easter Tuesday must reach him not later than to-day, Saturday, March 4th, and he also throws out the hint—which really ought not to be needed—that the subscription for each elected representative is due, and should be paid at once.

An "instruction" of great import is also published by the Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES, as one of the Committee for the Collection of Peals. This instruction is given on another page, and it is most desirable that those whom it may concern will be careful in following it to the letter, so that no mistakes may occur to cause the committee additional and unnecessary labour. We are acquainted with a good deal of the slipshod character of many ringers' caligraphy, and know the trouble sometimes caused thereby. Perhaps this hint will be sufficient to cause those who send anything to this Committee to be

more careful than usual in their penmanship. It should be understood that different figures can be easily made to look very much like each other, and many letters can also be formed that will admit of more than one interpretation. These vagaries of penmanship cause infinite trouble in deciphering, which ought to lead those who wield the pen to exercise a little more care than they are in the habit of doing.

As we are now alluding to the Central Council, an idea has occurred to us in connection therewith, which it may not be wrong to mention. We think if a circular, signed by the President and Hon. Secretary of the Council, was issued to the resident clergy of Oxford and neighbourhood, inviting them to attend the meeting of the Council, and notice its proceedings, it would be a very good thing. They would thus receive a kind of introduction to ringers and ringing which they would not be likely to forget, and their attendance may be productive of some benefit; it could not, at any rate, do the slightest harm. With all due deference, we submit this proposal to the above-mentioned officers of the Council.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES ROBERT HAWORTH .. Treble.	I. GEORGE SHADE .. 5.
WILLIAM COOTER .. 2.	MATTHEW A. WOOD .. 6.
JOHN BONNEY .. 3.	JAMES WEST .. 7.
JAMES PETTIT .. 4.	WALTER PRIME .. Tenor.

Conducted by MATTHEW A. WOOD.

The above was rung on the forty-seventh anniversary of the first peal of Mr. M. A. Wood and W. Cooter, which took place at St. James's, Clerkenwell, on February 18th, 1846. Time 2 hrs. and 53 mins.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 25, 1893, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5004 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE NEWSON .. Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS .. 6.
ARTHUR JACOB .. 2.	*ARTHUR TENNANT .. 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 3.	ALBERT PITTAM .. 8.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. 4.	HARRY RANDALL .. 9.
GEORGE SMITH* .. 5.	WILLIAM F. MEADS .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

*First peal in the method and also on ten bells.

THE ALL SAINTS (FULHAM) ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1893, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, TWICKENHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. ELSON* .. Treble.	ROBERT PEARSON .. 5.
WILLIAM S. SMITH† .. 2.	GEORGE WOODISS .. 6.
JOHN BASDEN .. 3.	ALLEN H. TABER .. 7.
WILLIAM R. SMITH .. 4.	THOMAS BEADLE ? .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WOODISS.

*First peal of Grandsire Triples. †First peal with a bob bell. The ringers beg to thank the Rev. R. Tahourdin (Vicar), through the medium of this paper, for so kindly granting the use of the bells, on this and previous occasions.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 25, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

Tenor 17 cwt.

HENRY SPRINGALL .. Treble.	HENRY A. BARNETT .. 5.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE .. 2.	WALTER PRIME .. 6.
JOSEPH J. CROUCH* .. 3.	JAMES PETTIT .. 7.
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. .. 4.	CHARLES J. DAVIDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

First peal of Stedman. This is believed to be the first peal in the method rung on the bells.

The Provinces.

HULL, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE T. MARSHALL .. Treble.	ROBERT CHAFFER .. 5.
TOM STOCKDALE .. 2.	JOHN WM. STICKNEY .. 6.
GEORGE M. BROWNRIFF .. 3.	WILLIAM BURKINSHAW .. 7.
HERBERT W. NEEDHAM .. 4.	JOHN W. DALE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. STICKNEY.

Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Samuel Slingsby and Mrs. A. Bigby, sister of Mr. C. Jackson.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, February 21, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE FARMER* .. Treble.	GEORGE HITCHMAN .. 5.
EDWIN BOYLIN* .. 2.	JOHN JENNINGS .. 6.
CHARLES SPARKES† .. 3.	*EDWARD BRYANT .. 7.
JOHN CARTER .. 4.	*THOMAS CHAYTOR .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal, which is in two parts, is now rung for the first time, and it is the first peal in the method on the bells. *First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Thursday, February 23, 1893, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN SMITH .. Treble.	GEORGE HOWCHIN .. 5.
EDWARD WARD .. 2.	WILLIAM BALES .. 6.
FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS .. 3.	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 7.
CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 4.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS of Chesterfield, and Conducted by FREDERICK KNIGHTS.

This composition has the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in sixths place, and the 2nd never there. First peal by Edward Ward, who has made almost innumerable attempts for it. Rung upon the middle eight with the 9th as tenor.

STEYNING.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE STEYNING BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 23, 1893, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

CHARLES SMART .. Treble.	JOHN SMART .. 5.
JAMES WOOLGAR .. 2.	WILLIAM COLLISON .. 6.
THOMAS SEARLE .. 3.	GEORGE SMART .. 7.
GEORGE GATLAND .. 4.	JAMES MATTHEWS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE SMART.

This composition is now rung for the first time by this Association.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thursday, February 23, 1893, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

G. WALKER SAYER, Esq. .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 5.
THOMAS HORTON 2.	JOHN CARTER 6.
EDWARD GOODREDS 3.	REUBEN HALL 7.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. 4.	JAMES JONES Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal has the 6th twenty-two times wrong and twenty-three times right, and is the first peal of Major on the bells. The above are all members of the Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society, and the Worcestershire and Districts Association. This is James Jones' fiftieth peal, made up as follows: Grandsire Triples, 18; Major, 2; Caters, 6; Stedman Triples, 6; Caters, 2; Bob Triples, 2; Major, 4; Treble Bob Major, 3; Darlaston Bob Triples, 4; Union, 2; Forward Major, 1.

HUNTINGDON.

On Thursday, February 23, 1893, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDEKICK BROWN .. Treble.	RICHARD BEVAN 5.
GEORGE NEWSON 2.	FRANK V. SINKINS 6.
GEORGE SMITH 3.	THOMAS TITCHENER .. 7.
JAMES CAWLEY† 4.	*CHARLES MURPHY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. A note to this peal will be found on another page.

TREETON, YORKSHIRE.

YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.
(THE KILLMARSH COMPANY.)

On Saturday, February 25, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

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

Being a 720 each of the following:

Tulip, Primrose, College Treble, Arnold's Victory, City Delight,
College Pleasure and Violet. Tenor 11½ cwt.

HENRY TAYLOR Treble.	GEORGE BURNHAM 4.
THOMAS BETTISON 2.	W. HENRY TURTON .. 5.
JAMES EMSEN 3.	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor.

Conductor by T. BETTISON.

This is the first 5040 ever rung on the bells. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Rector for the use of the bells, and W. J. Nicholson for having everything in readiness for ringing.

HENFIELD.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Treble.	THOMAS SEARLE 5.
JAMES MATTHEWS 2.	GEORGE SMART 6.
JOHN SMART 3.	GEORGE GATLAND .. 7.
CHARLES SMART 4.	WILLIAM COLLISON .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal on the bells since they have been augmented from six to eight.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 25, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

A. HARDING* (aged 15) .. Treble.	A. JARVIS 5.
A. WILSON* 2.	G. HARDING 6.
R. LANGFORD 3.	R. T. HOLDING 7.
J. WRIGHT† 4.	A. DUDLEY Tenor.

Conducted by R. T. HOLDING.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND
DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 25, 1893, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

LEONARD STOKOE .. Treble.	ALFRED CHAPMAN .. 5.
J. C. ABBISHAW* 2.	ARTHUR CRAVEN .. 6.
CHARLES PRATT 3.	ALFRED NAYLOR .. 7.
WALTER CHAPMAN .. 4.	JOHN WHITAKER .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by ALFRED TAYLOR.

*First peal in the method. Messrs. Stokoe, Craven, Naylor and Whitaker hail from Headingley; Pratt from Calverley; the rest belong to the local band.

RAWMARSH, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1893, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

HENRY BUNCE* .. Treble.	JOSEPH FARMERY .. 5.
SAMUEL WALKER* 2.	THOMAS WHITWORTH .. 6.
TOM WILD 3.	*WALTER HAWKINS .. 7.
JOHN ENSOR 4.	*ROBERT WHITWORTH .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS WHITWORTH.

*First peal. This peal was rang as a birthday compliment to H. Bunce, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 25, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK BIGGS .. Treble.	FRED BIGGS 5.
ERNEST GADSDEN 2.	RALPH BIGGS 6.
SIDNEY GOODCHILD .. 3.	JOHN EVANS 7.
HARRY STRATFORD .. 4.	JOSEPH EVANS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

This peal was rung in honour of the twenty-sixth birthday of Coningsby Disraeli, Esq., M.P., who has now come into possession of Hughenden Manor and Estate.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD
EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, February 25, 1893, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

SAMUEL PALMER .. Treble.	SAMUEL PRICE 5.
HENRY MOTTERSHALL .. 2.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. 6.
SAMUEL SMEDLEY 3.	JOHN HARRIS 7.
ARTHUR WORTHINGTON .. 4.	HERBERT MADIN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

This peal, which had not been previously rung, was taken from a peal of 5408 in sixteen courses, containing the 5th and 6th the extent in 5ths place, and the 4th, 5th and 6th, the extent in 6ths.

BIRMINGHAM—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 25, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.
Tenor 29 cwt.

JOHN JENNINGS .. Treble.	CHARLES SPARKES .. 6.
J. EDWARD SCOTT 2.	GEORGE HITCHMAN .. 7.
ROBERT BOWKETT 3.	JOHN T. PERRY 8.
GEORGE WALKER 4.	JOHN CARTER 9.
JAMES JONES 5.	FRANK MUMFORD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal has the 6th twenty-four times right; six times behind the 9th, and twenty-four times behind the 8th.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1893, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

ARTHUR SPITTLE* Treble.	HENRY DAWKES 6.
WALTER JUKES 2.	CHARLES F. VICKERS .. 7.
JOHN MARSH 3.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 8.
BENJAMIN DALTON 4.	AARON GRIFFITHS 9.
SAMUEL SPITTLE 5.	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

*First peal of Caters. †First peal of Caters with a bob bell. Messrs. Spittle (father and son), and W. Micklewright hail from Dudley; B. Dalton from Tettenhall; the rest belong to the local company. The thanks of the company are due to Messrs. Vickers and Marsh for taking the ropes rendered vacant by the non-appearance of two of the company.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.—BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 25, 1893, in Three Hours and a ½ Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being a 720 each of the following:

Double Court, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Bob Minor. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

CHARLES ALLEN Treble.	EDWARD COLEMAN 4.
ISAAC HILLS 2.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 5.
CHARLES WEST 3.	*HERBERT SHARP Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT SHARP.

*First 5040 as conductor. The ringers wish to thank Mr. John Dickins for having everything in readiness.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 28, 1893, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

SAMUEL TAYLOR Treble.	JOHN CRABTREE 5.
FRED. JAKEMAN* 2.	JOHN H. BRIERLEY 6.
WILLIAM JAKEMAN 3.	WALTER INGHAM 7.
ERNEST BROWN* 4.	JOHN HARRISON Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD and Conducted by WM. JAKEMAN.

*First peal in the method. W. Ingham belongs to Oldham.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(THE SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.)

On Monday, February 27, 1893, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

JONATHAN FREEMAN Treble.	ERNEST PITSTOW 5.
ALFRED PITSTOW 2.	JOHN F. PENNING 6.
ARTHUR JAMES 3.	N. J. PITSTOW 7.
CHARLES FREEMAN 4.	FREDERICK PITSTOW Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by F. PITSTOW.

This is the first peal in the method rung in the County, and also the first by the Association. Rung on the fifty-seventh birthday of Mr. Jonathan Freeman.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, February 28, 1893, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE WINTER Treble.	WILLIAM HICKLING 5.
GEORGE DAWSON 2.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN 6.
WILLIAM CLARKE 3.	JOHN FLOWER 7.
HENRY W. WILDE 4.	A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Sunday, February 19th, at St. Michael's church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original), in 45 mins. S. Snelling, 1; W. Taylor, 2; E. Allen, 3; J. G. Elliott, 4; C. Willshire (conductor), 5; G. A. Ramsom, 6; F. Hunt, 7; W. Walker, 8.

Miscellaneous.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Monday, February 20th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Webb, 1; E. Bennett, 2; *A. Arnold, 3; W. Sadler, 4; *W. States, 5; C. Kitching, 6; H. Brooker (conductor), 7; F. Hermon, 8. *First 500 in the method. This is believed to be the first 500 of Stedman Triples rung by a band of residents in Croydon. Also 252 in the same method. H. Brooker (conductor), 1; W. Sadler, 2; A. Arnold, 3; A. Collins, 4; G. Burt, 5; C. Kitching, 6; F. Hermon, 7; B. Blake, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CHADWELL HEATH (Essex).—On Sunday evening, February 19th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 672 Bob Major, T. Baker, 1; A. Deards, 2; E. Pye, 3; G. Pye, 4; E. Lucas, 5; F. Norris, 6; A. Whight, 7; W. Pye (conductor), 8.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, January 22nd, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for Divine Service in the morning, a 720 of College Exercise in 24 mins. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, a 720 Chichester Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, January 25th, for practice, a 720 Durham Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And a 720 Superlative Surprise. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 29th, for morning service, a 720 Woodbine Treble Bob in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, February 1st, for practice, a 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty bobs and ten singles). G. Gray, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Sibley, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. White, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. An attempt was also made for a 720 Plain Bob Minor which came to grief after ringing 700 changes. G. Jordan, 1; J. Mills, 2; W. Watts, 3; J. Dellow, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 5th, for morning service, a 720 Worcester Surprise, 4th the observation. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service, six 120's of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. Watts (conductor), 5. On Wednesday, February 8th, for practice, a 720 of London Surprise. G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Also 720 Wells Surprise. G. Jordan (first 720 in the method), 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill (first 720 in the method), 3; T. J. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6; in this 720 the 4th was the observation bell. And 720 Durham Surprise. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; W. Cavill, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. This makes G. Jordan's 100th 720, also T. J. Watts 450th 720. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, February 14th, for practice at the parish church, 756 Grandsire Triples. A. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; S. Wolfe, 3; H. J. Button, 4; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 5; G. Wilson, 6; J. Button, 7; A. Osborne, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

NORWICH.—Handbell Ringing.—On Wednesday, February 15th, at 45, Oxford Street, Unthinks Road, 1008 Bob Major. *J. A. Trollop, 1-2; *J. E. Burton, 3-4; *G. P. Burton, 5-6; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 7-8. *First 1008. First by all on handbells.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON (Wilts).—On Sunday evening, February 19th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Rodway, 1; T. Ricketts, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; O. W. Layng (conductor), 4; G. Iles, 5; T. Robinson, 6; H. B. Slack, 7; G. Grist, 8. Tenor 16 cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Sunday evening, February 19th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 25 mins. J. Spencer, 1; T. Stuart, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On Sunday morning, January 1st, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Clifford, 1; L. Digweed, 2; G. Hayes (conductor), 3; M. Digby, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Martin, 6. On Saturday, January 14th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. M. Digby, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. Ring, 3; W. Cooke, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, January 15th, for Divine Service, 720 Superlative Surprise. L. Digweed, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, January 22nd for Divine Service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. W. Clifford, 1; M. Digby, 2; F. Ring, 3; G. Hayes, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Plain Bob. H. Milloms, 1; W. Clifford, 2; G. Hayes, 3; L. Digweed, 4; M. Digby, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On Monday, January 23rd, 720 Colledge Single. W. Clifford, 1; L. Digweed, 2; F. Ring, 3; W. Harper, 4; J. Broom, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

BATTERSEA (Surrey).—On Sunday, February 12th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Conley, 1; H. Hopkins, 2; A. R. Davis, 3; F. Davis, 4; A. Dean, 5; J. E. Davis (conductor), 6; A. Sweatman, 7; T. Taylor, 8.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, February 12th, at St. Dunstan's church, Stepney, for evening service, 1295 Grandsire Caters, in 55 mins. T. Baker, 1; A. Deards, 2; E. Lucas, 3; E. Hall, 4; C. Relton, 5; W. Dallimore, 6; S. Parmenter, 7; S. Hayes, 8; H. Springall (composer and conductor), 9; G. Barrell, 10.

THE HEREFORDSHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.

CRADLEY.—On Sunday, February 12th, 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. And six 6-scores of Grandsire in 26 mins. C. Watkins, 1; E. S. Kings (conductor), 2; R. Treherne, 3; H. Pritchard, 4; R. Stone, 5; C. Edwards, 6. On Sunday, February 19th, 600 Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 22 mins. R. Treherne, 1; E. S. Kings, 2; W. H. Fussell, 3; H. Pritchard, 4; C. Edwards, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

AUGHTON (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, February 14th, at Christ Church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins., with the tenor covering. C. Withington (first 720), 1; L. Gardner, 2; C. Sharples, 3; J. Taylor, 4; J. Gardner, 5; J. Watts (conductor), 6; R. Rimmer, 8. On Monday, February 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. C. Withington, 1; L. Gardner, 2; T. Jenkinson, jun., 3; E. Caunce, 4; J. Gardner, 5; W. Bentham (conductor), 6; J. Watts, 7; J. Parkes, 8. Longest length in the method by all except Messrs. Bentham and Watts.

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OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Friday, January 27th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. O. Pearson, 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; H. Mason, 3; A. H. Bassano, 4; T. H. Smith, 5; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method on the bells.

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UFFINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, February 11th, at the parish church, some 6-scores of St. Dunstan, Grandsire, and Bob Doubles. E. Popple, 1; C. Collins, 2; C. Harper, 3; F. Dennison, 4; Rev. H. L. James (conductor), 5. Tenor 17 cwt.

STAMFORD.—On Sunday afternoon, February 12th, for Divine Service at St. Martin's church, 360 Bob Minor (twelve singles). M. Lipscombe, 1; C. Collins, 2; C. Harper, 3; R. Wyche, Esq., 4; F. Dennison, 5; Rev. H. L. James (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 14th, a course of Oxford Bob Minor, standing as above. On Sunday, February 19th, some 6-scores of Bob Doubles, and some Oxford Bob Minor.

ALDBURGH-ON-SEA (Suffolk).—On Thursday, January 26th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 29 mins. C. Smith, 1; H. Girling, 2; A. Pryke, 3; R. Joy, 4; W. Perriton, 5; G. Churchyard, 6. First in the method by Messrs. Pryke, Joy, and Perriton. On Thursday, February 2nd, 240 Bob Doubles, 240 Grandsire Doubles, and 360 of Minor. On Thursday, February 9th, two 360s of Bob Doubles, and 240 of Grandsire. G. Churchyard, 3; J. Lovett, 6. On Tuesday, February 14th, 240 Bob Doubles, and two 360s and 120 Bob Minor. And 360 of Minor on handbells, standing the same as in the Minor. These bells are silent during Lent.

BRESTON (Notts).—*Handbell Ringing.*—Recently at the house of Mr.

Clifford, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Clifford, 1; W. Clifford, 2; A. Coppock, 3-4; G. Oldham, 5-6. And a course of Bob Doubles, standing as before; conducted by A. Coppock.

CHICHESTER.—On Saturday, February 18th, for practice at the Cathedral, 560 Grandsire Triples in 20 mins. R. Cheeseman, 1; F. Luxford, 2; F. B. Tompkins, Esq., 3; W. Smithers, 4; G. Balchin, 5; E. Ede, 6; R. Walters (conductor), 7; W. Spurlock, 8. Messrs. Luxford, Balchin, and Ede hail from Arundel; the rest are members of the Cathedral band. The Chichester ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Arundel men for their kindness in coming to assist them.

DURSLEY (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, February 18th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. G. Robbins, 1; W. Giddings, 2; H. Dainton, 3; A. Burcombe, 4; E. Whittard, 5; H. Fussell (conductor), 6. This is supposed to be the first 720 in the method ever rung on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt. It is also the first 720 in the method by Messrs. Robbins, Giddings, Dainton, and Whittard, and the second 720 by Messrs. Burcombe and Fussell. Great credit is due to the conductor for conducting it, and also to the whole band, as they have only been practising the method since Christmas.

EVESHAM (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, February 18th, at St. Peter's church, Bengeworth, the local company rang 720 Oxford Bob Minor. E. Sharp, 1; F. Lewis, 2; A. H. Sharp, 3; W. G. Arkell, 4; H. Middleton, 5; F. Cook (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all the band; first on the bells; and rung at the second attempt.

FLADBURY (Worcestershire).—Recently, at the parish church, by the St. Peter's Society, Bengeworth, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 27 mins. E. Sharp, 1; F. Lewis, 2; H. Middleton, 3; W. G. Arkell, 4; A. H. Sharp, 5; F. Cook (conductor), 6. First 720 on the bells for a great number of years. Also several 6-scores of Grandsire and Plain Bob, with G. Williams at the treble.

GLEMSFORD (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 18th, the following members of the local company, with C. Sillitoe and W. Howell, of Sudbury, met at the parish church and rang a 720 of Cambridge Surprise. W. Howell (first 720 in the method), 1; C. Honeybell, 2; Z. Slater, 3; O. Garwood, 4; C. Sillitoe (first 720 in the method), 5; S. Slater (conductor), 6. And a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor. C. Honeybell (conductor), 1; Z. Slater, 2; F. Wells, 3; R. Theobald (Stanstead), 4; W. Howell (first 720 in the method), 5; R. Gowers (Stanstead), 6.

HARWELL (Berks).—On Sunday, February 19th, at St. Matthew's church, the late H. Johnson's 720 Grandsire Minor (Variation No. 1). G. Gardner, 1; V. Hitchman, 2; A. Bosley, 3; A. Thomas (conductor), 4; J. Hitchman, 5; W. Hitchman, 6. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled. An "In Memoriam" service was held at the above church on the evening of the same day.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, February 14th, on the occasion of the annual fair, the bells of the parish church of SS. Peter and Paul were rung during the afternoon by a mixed band of ringers, who were visiting the town on this occasion. A touch of Bob Major, 944 changes. T. King (Lavenham), 1; W. Howell (Sudbury), 2; H. Smith (Lavenham), 3; A. Symonds (Lavenham), 4; O. Garwood (Glemsford), 5; W. Snell (Lavenham), 6; J. Bradwin (Glemsford, longest touch of Bob Major), 7; C. Sillitoe (Sudbury, conductor), 8. Also a touch of Grandsire Triples, 630 changes. W. Fisk (Lavenham), 1; W. Howell, 2; C. Jarvis (Lavenham), 3; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 4; H. Smith, 5; W. Snell, 6; T. King, 7; O. Garwood, 8. Tenor 24 cwt.

NORTON FITZWARRREN (Somerset).—On Sunday morning, February 19th, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. P. B. Willis (first 720), 1; C. A. Lucas (first 720), 2; H. J. Creed, 3; J. Cridland, 4; H. Chaplin, 5; I. Creed (conductor), 6. For evening service a 720 in the same method called differently, standing as above.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, February 5th, 504 Stedman Triples. A. E. Parsons (conductor), 1; C. W. Bassano, 2; H. Cartwright, 3; H. Mason, 4; T. H. Smith, 5; W. Priest, 6; W. Green, 7; G. Parish, 8. On Friday, February 17th, 864 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Priest, 1; H. Mason, 2; H. Cartwright, 3; C. W. Bassano, 4; T. H. Smith, 5; O. Pearson, 6; A. H. Bassano, 7; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. C. W. Bassano, 1; H. Mason, 2; H. Cartwright, 3; W. Priest, 4; A. E. Parsons (conductor), 5; O. Pearson, 6; T. H. Smith, 7; G. Parish, 8. On Sunday, February 19th, one course of Treble Bob and two courses of Stedman Triples. Also 480 Grandsire Major. T. H. Smith, 1; H. Cartwright, 2; O. Pearson, 3; W. Priest, 4; A. H. Bassano, 5; C. W. Bassano (conductor), 6; H. Mason, 7; A. E. Parsons, 8.

SHREWSBURY.—On Friday, February 10th, for practice at St. Alkmund's church, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. W. Owen, 1; W. Taylor, 2; A. Espley, 3; G. Byolin (conductor), 4; F. Taylor, 5; G. Burrows, 6.

SWANSEA (South Wales).—On Friday, February 17th, at St. Mary's parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. H. West, 1; E. Searl, 2; F. Curtis, 3; G. Searl, 4; J. Hoare, 5; W. Rees, 6; H. G. Gardner (conductor), 7; G. Hale, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. H. J. Gardner hails from Gloucester.

SUDBURY (Suffolk).—On Sunday, February 12th, the local company met at St. Peter's church, and rang for evening service a 576 of Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Tolliday, 1; M. Silvester, 2; W. Howell, jun., 3; W. Howell, sen., 4; J. Campin, 5; A. Scott, 6; H. Harper, 7; C. Sillitoe (conductor), 8. After service a 755 of Stedman Triples. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; M. Silvester, 2; W. Howell, sen., 3; W. Howell, jun., 4; J. Campin, 5; A. Scott, 6; H. Harper, 7; H. Brackett, 8. On Tuesday, February 14th, at St. Gregory's church, a 1260 of Stedman Triples in 52 mins. C. Sillitoe (conductor), 1; J. Campin, 2; M. Silvester, 3; W. Howell, sen., 4; A. Scott, 5; H. Harper, 6; W. Howell, jun., 7; H. Brackett, 8.

CORRECTIONS.—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Havant on the 7th inst. should have been headed "Winchester Diocesan Guild."—The peal rang at Clerkenwell, on Saturday, February 18th, by the Cumberland Youths, was Bob Major, and not Treble Bob Major, as published in the last issue.

Obituary.

SAMUEL SLINGSBY.

MR. SLINGSBY was born at Hull, in 1859, and commenced to ring at St. James' church in 1875, and continued with the St. James' society with the exception of a short time until 1889, when failing health compelled him to resign. He joined the Yorkshire Association in 1880, and was thus a life member. He rung in eight peals, the longest of which was 6272 Bob Major, rung at St. James' Hull. He was also conductor of the St. James' Handbell company, from its formation in 1884 until 1890. His remains were interred at the Holy Trinity cemetery, on Monday, February 20th, 1893, the Rev. B. Radcliffe, curate, of St. James' taking the service. He was carried to his last resting place by four members of the Yorkshire Association, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells at the grave side by Messrs. T. Stockdale, 1-2; J. W. Stickney, 3-4; C. Jackson, 5-6; R. Chaffer, 7-8; who were members of the handbell company with him. A muffled peal was rung as a mark of respect at St. James' church after the funeral. He leaves a widow and three children to mourn his loss.

Correspondence.

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

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—I was hoping, as a result of "Enquirer's" letter in your issue of February 18th, to see in last week's "BELL NEWS" a notice convening a district meeting of this association at Wellington—at least, I understood that at the Yeovil meeting it was decided to hold the next meeting at Wellington about the end of January—it is now March. Why, then this delay? I, amongst others, looked in vain for a report in your issue of the meeting above referred to, held at Yeovil in the autumn of last year, but the executive apparently did not think it worth while to send you even a few lines giving an outline of what took place—a full report would be too much to expect. Yeovil was an impossible place for a good many ringers to get at owing to the awkward train service, and it is disappointing to those who are unable to attend district meetings that reports of what transpires do not appear in "THE BELL NEWS." One other thing. Has any member seen the official report of the association for the year 1891? It should have been published about Midsummer last year, and there cannot be surely, any reasonable excuse for such delay as this! Many of the members, I know, are much to be blamed for the scant interest they take in the association, but if it is to be made a success there must be a deal more energy and life thrown into the management, and not till then can we expect to see an increased interest taken in our association by the members themselves.

A MEMBER.

HANDBELL CONTEST.

A Grand Concert and Change-Ringing Contest on handbells will take place in the Mechanics' Hall, Uppermill, on Easter Monday, April 3rd, 1893, when the following prizes, and the Hollingworth Silver Challenge Cup will be given for the best two courses, one of Grandsire Triples, and one of Grandsire Major. The Cup is to be held by the winning company for twelve months, to be competed for every year. First prize, £2; Second prize, £1; Third prize, 10s.; Fourth prize, 5s.; entrance fee, 2s. 6d. each company. Also a contest on ten bells for the best course of Grandsire Caters. First prize, 15s.; Second prize, 5s.; entrance fee sixpence each company. Draw to take place at 6.30 p.m. prompt. Bells in G, 18 size. All companies not in readiness when called upon, will have five faults penalty. No person allowed to ring with more than one company in each contest. Yours respectfully—The Saddleworth Friendly Societies Bath Fund Committee.

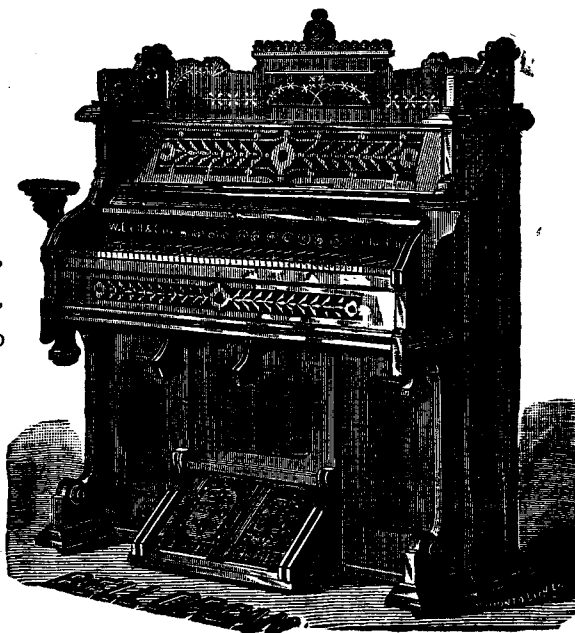
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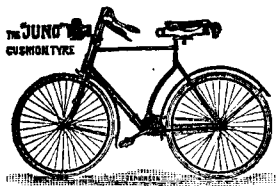
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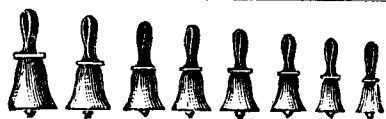
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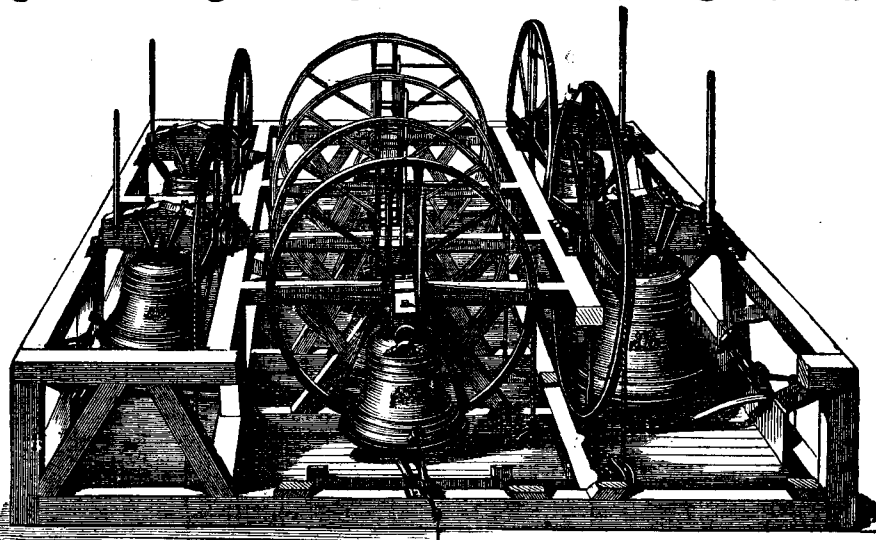
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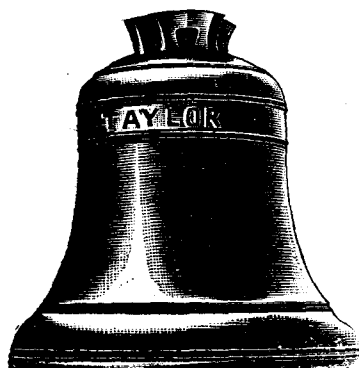
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