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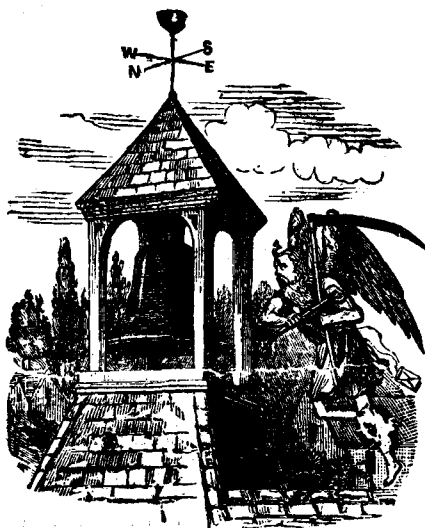
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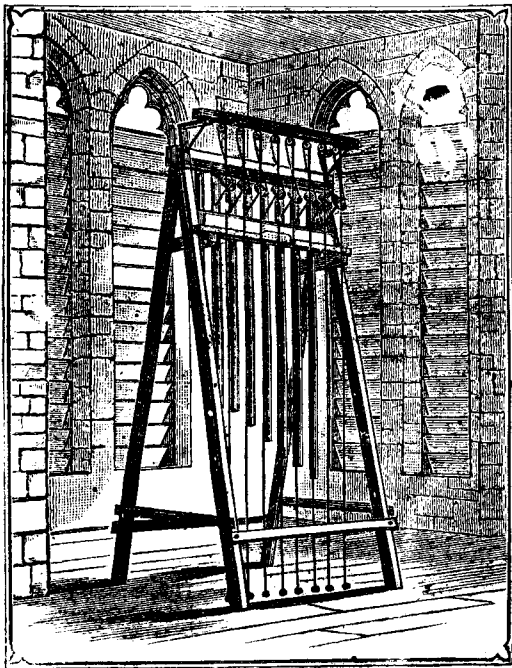
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DR. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, OF CROYDON.

[Vide Portrait.]

It was about Christmas, 1882, that DR. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, whose portrait we have the pleasure of publishing this week, began to take a practical interest in ringing. He made his way up into the tower of Croydon Parish Church while the tenor was being tolled for the late Archbishop of Canterbury. There he was kindly welcomed, and invited to come to the next practice. This invitation being accepted, he soon became a regular attendant; and having obtained copies of the elementary works on ringing, in course of time was able to ring a plain course of Grandsire Triples. He now began to wish he had taken to ringing earlier: he was twenty-nine years old; he had spent four years in Oxford and four more in London at the hospital, and felt that he had missed his opportunities, and that in fact he ought by that time to be able to ring Stedman Caters. In July, 1883, on the resignation of Mr. A. W. B. Percival, he was elected Honorary Secretary of the Surrey Association at the Annual Meeting of that Society held in Croydon. He was now ringing as regularly as he could at Croydon and at Beddington, and owing to the kind help he received at both places, he was soon able to ring Grandsire Triples and Caters, Union Triples and Plain Bob.

His first peal was rung on May 5th 1884, at All Saints, Carshalton, with seven members of the Beddington band, all being members of the Surrey Association and also College Youths. This peal (one of Grandsire Triples) was conducted by Mr. Edgar Bennett, to whose kind help and careful tuition Dr. Carpenter owes much of his present knowledge of the art. His next peal was one of Grandsire Caters, rung in the following October at Beddington with the Beddington band, and in November, 1884, he rang his first peal with the Croydon ringers, at Mitcham.

His first success as conductor was scored on July 13th, 1885, at Carshalton, where he rang his fourth peal, one of Union Triples, composed and conducted by himself, members of the Beddington Society again forming the band. From this time he was frequently to be found with Croydon and Beddington ringers, assisting in many successes, and, alas! in many more failures, at Croydon, Beddington, Mitcham, Streatham, Ashstead, Epsom, and other places wherever ringing was on hand.

In February, 1887, he took part in the opening of the peal of eight at St. Peter's, Croydon, and on March 11th rang in, and conducted the first peal on the bells, viz: Holt's Original. In June, 1888, the Rev. F. E. Robinson and Mr. Washbrook paid a flying visit to Croydon, which resulted in a peal of Stedman Triples and two of Stedman Caters. The Doctor rang in both the latter, and was thus enabled to score his first peal in the method. In the following October he had the great pleasure of staying a few days at Drayton Vicarage, and of ringing his first peal of Double Norwich, and in the same month he rang with the College Youths in a peal of Stedman Caters at Fulham, conducted by Mr. J. M. Hayes. Christmas of the same year found him at Exeter, where he received a hearty welcome from the St. Sidwell's Society, and with whom he rang and conducted Holt's Original on December 27th. The year was suitably wound up with a peal of Union Triples at Croydon Parish Church on New Year's Eve, this being the doctor's fiftieth peal. This was his busiest year, as he rang nineteen peals in the course of it. During the next year much time was devoted to the practice of Double Norwich, and on December 30th the Beddington men successfully accomplished a peal at Carshalton, Dr. Carpenter calling the bobs. It was not until April last year that a peal of Double Norwich was brought round at home (i.e. at Beddington), on which occasion a five-part peal was rung, which the Doctor conducted from a working bell. His longest

peal was also a peal of Double Norwich of 6000 changes, rung at Ashstead and conducted by himself.

During all this time the affairs of the Surrey Association were claiming his frequent attention as Secretary, much time being necessarily devoted to preparation for the meetings and to attendance at the same. But at Easter, 1890, he was appointed churchwarden of the Parish of St. James, Croydon, a post which he is only just now vacating; in May, 1891, he was elected a member of the Croydon School Board, and about the same time he was appointed one of the medical officers of the Croydon General Hospital. All these various duties, in addition to his daily professional work, took so much time that he found himself unable to attend properly to the requirements of the Association; a circumstance which obliged him, though very reluctantly, to resign the Secretaryship which he had held for nine years.

Dr. Carpenter is a representative of the Surrey Association on the Central Council. We may add that he is a brother of the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, formerly Honorary Secretary of the Kent County Association.

He has now rung eighty-seven peals, of which he has conducted twenty-nine, as the following list shows:—

	Rung	Conducted
Grandsire Triples	21	9
Grandsire Caters	12	2
Union Triples	7	5
Bob Triples... ..	3	—
Bob Major	5	3
Kent Treble Bob Major	11	—
Kent Treble Bob Royal	4	—
Oxford Bob Triples	7	4
Stedman Triples	5	1
Stedman Caters	6	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major ...	6	4
	87	29

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, December 2nd, at Stoke, and was attended by about forty members from the following towers: Stoke, Hanley, Longton, Wolstanton, Bucknall, Tunstall, Kids Grove and Leek. Ringing commenced soon after four o'clock, when several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by mixed bands. At six o'clock the members adjourned to the Church Room, where an excellent tea was partaken of, presided over by the Rev. J. H. Crump (Rector of Stoke), who provided the repast. After ample justice had been done to the good things provided, a vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for his kindness in providing such an excellent tea.

In responding, the rev. gentleman said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the members of the Association to Stoke, and also to provide something to refresh themselves with after their ringing, and he hoped next year he should have the pleasure of welcoming a greater number than there was that day.

The selection of towers for the monthly meetings next year was then proceeded with, a list of which will be sent to each tower in union. It was decided to hold the annual meeting in July at Wolstanton. The members then adjourned to the tower and rang a short touch for evensong, at which a good number attended, when the Rector gave a short address on the duties and responsibilities of ringers, and also the blessings which they themselves might get by doing their best as unto the Lord. After the service a good number of the members made their way again to the belfry, when several more touches of Grandsire were rung.

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BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting and tea of the above Society took place on Saturday, November 13th. Ringing commenced at St. Phillip's church at 3.30, and after touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters the party adjourned to the schoolrooms, Newton Street, Birmingham, where a good substantial tea was awaiting. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided, a little conversation was indulged in, and several courses and touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the handbells prior to the meeting. The Vice-President, Mr. G. Walker, took the chair for the evening, and upon opening the meeting read a letter of apology from the President, the Bishop of Coventry, who on account of his recent illness was advised not to attend meetings just yet. A letter was also read from Dr. Malin (churchwarden), who had been called away from home, and regretted his inability to attend. The minutes of the previous meeting was accepted, and the balance-sheet passed. The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year: President—The Lord Bishop of Coventry; Vice-President—Mr. G. Walker; Hon. Secretary—Mr. J. Jennings; Treasurer—Mr. J. Carter; Ringing Master—Mr. J. Carter; Deputy Ringing Master—Mr. J. T. Perry; Committee—Messrs. Jones, Hitchman, Sparkes, Perry, and Prickett. There were two Life and one Honorary members elected: Messrs. Chatteley and Martineau of Solihull as Life members, and Mr. Clifton as an Honorary member.

It was decided to hold the half-yearly meeting at King's Norton during the month of April, the Committee to decide the date and give due notice in "THE BELL NEWS."

Mr. J. Carter was unanimously elected to represent the society on the Central Council for the next three years. Mr. Carter objected to this on account of his hearing being affected, and a rather lengthy discussion ensued on the subject. Mr. J. S. Pritchett and Mr. Rock Small gave a brief account of the value Mr. Carter's services would be on the Council, and with no opposition Mr. Carter was induced to accept the office as representative for the next three years, much to the appreciation of the whole of the members. A vote of thanks was then proposed by Mr. Mason and seconded by Mr. Rock Small, that the meeting's best thanks be given to the Bishop and churchwardens for their kindness in giving the free use of the schools. Mr. Small remarked that he was pleased to see how friendly the Bishop and churchwardens were with their ringers, and hoped it would always be the ringers' motive to keep intact with such good supporters.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—The monthly meeting in connection with the above took place at Garston, on Saturday, December 2nd. The various towers represented were: Hale, Halewood, Liverpool, Prescott, Walton-on-the-Hill, Warrington, Woolton, etc., also the local company. The tower was open for ringing at 3 o'clock, and shortly after that time the bells were set in motion. The business meeting was held in the Jubilee Institute, at which the Rev. Dr. Ollier presided. The minutes of the previous meeting held at St. Helen's were read and confirmed. The rev. gentleman referred to the excellent work that the Association was doing, and considered it very important that every church ought to be connected with it. He was very pleased to see that many of the clergy were taking an active part in ringing, as it brought the ringers in closer contact with Church life. A vast amount of good had already been done since his ringers joined the Association, and he hoped every member would do his utmost to further its interests. He also spoke about ringing as being part of Church work, and he felt it his duty to impress upon them that after calling the people to church they ought to stop themselves as often as possible, and not go away time after time, which was the case in many instances. He referred to the ancient custom of calling people to church, and spoke about England being celebrated for peals of bells, but could not compete with foreign countries as to weight and size. He considered the art of change-ringing very difficult, and one which required much study and practice; and it was marvellous to him how changes could be rung for such a length of time without a repetition. He was very pleased that

Mr. Gough took such an interest in the local band, and it was through him chiefly that the peal of bells were put in the tower by the late donor. He heartily welcomed the Association, and hoped they would again visit Garston at a future date.

The next meeting is arranged to take place at Walton, on Saturday, January 6th, 1894. A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, to the churchwardens for use of bells, etc., and to the local company for having everything in readiness, terminated the meeting. After the meeting the ringers adjourned to the Wellington Hotel, where a first-class knife and fork tea was provided through the kindness of Mr. Robinson, of St. Helen's. Through the liberality of Mr. Woods, of Garston, and others, the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, songs and courses on the handbells, intermixed with speeches, bringing a most enjoyable evening to a close. Methods rung during the day: Grandsire Triples and Bob Major.

PRESENTATION AT GILLINGHAM, KENT.

The Gillingham branch of the Kent County Association held a smoking concert on Saturday, December 2nd, at The Five Bells inn, which was attended by ringers from Rochester, Frindsbury, Rainham, etc. The chair was ably filled by Mr. W. Hyett, and the vice-chair by Mr. C. E. Webb. The Gillingham company opened the proceedings with a touch on the handbells, and after several songs had been sung Mr. W. Haigh, captain of the Gillingham band, rose and said he had the most important part of the evening's programme to perform, namely that of presenting to their friend and brother-ringer, Corporal G. Lindoff, R.E., who is shortly leaving the service and the county of Kent, with a peal of ten handbells in the key of G, with the following inscription on the tenor: "Presented to G. Lindoff by the Gillingham ringers and friends, December, 1893."

Mr. Haigh spoke at length of the valuable service and great help Mr. Lindoff had been to the Gillingham band and to the Association in general. He (Mr. Haigh) had received subscriptions from the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore and the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, who had sent letters regretting their inability to attend, and wishing Mr. Lindoff success in his new sphere of life. Mr. Haigh then presented the bells to Mr. Lindoff, who suitably responded.

Amongst those who contributed to the harmony of the evening were Messrs. Easter, Wisden, Cartwright, G. Harris, A. Harris, Haghams, Kidd, Coates, Hyett, Corbett, Kings, Taylor, Fletcher, and a banjo solo by Mr. H. Wells. Mr. Desmond presided at the piano. A very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.

RE-OPENING OF THE CHURCH BELLS.—For some months past the mellow-toned bells of this fine old church have been silent whilst undergoing partial restoration. The lapse of years and wear and tear had left their effects behind them, and the bell frame and fittings stood much in need of renovation at the hands of a competent bell-hanger. The fourth bell was very poor in tone owing partly to a piece, weighing about 24lbs., having at some time being broken out of it, and it was decided to have it recast. The whole of the work was placed in the hands of Mr. John Sully, of Zinch, Stogumber, who has been a ringer at the parish church for years, and naturally the state of the bells of Stogumber would be of peculiar interest to him, and it is chiefly owing to his untiring energy that the present work of renovation has been carried out. He has most unselfishly given the whole of his labour (which has been considerable) in connection with the work free, the cost of material and the re-casting of the fourth bell being defrayed by public subscription. The old bell cage has been strengthened with iron corner brackets and long tie bolts; new head-stocks have been fitted to the second, fourth, and tenor, and the second, fifth, and tenor bells have been quarter turned. New bearings have been fitted to the fourth, fifth, and tenor, and new stays and sliders to the whole. The recasting of the 4th was entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, London, and the bell has come from the mould perfectly true to the required tone, and the splice is certainly everything that could be wished. The bells are a nice mellow ring of six

in the key of F., and bear the following inscriptions:—Treble, "Taylor and Co., Bell Founders, Loughborough. This bell was raised by subscriptions. John Sully, 1880"; second, T.O., S.H., C. Wardens, 1687, F.P."; third, "C. and G. Mears, Founders, London, 1857"; fourth, "When cald in God Reioyce. A.W., T.P., 1624. Recast by subscription. John Sully, 1893. Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel, London, 1893"; fifth, "1745, T. Wroth, fecit., John Maunder and George Escot, Ch. Ward"; tenor, "Cast by Bayley and Company 1755. Me resonaire jubent pietas mors atque. Charles Cade, Esq., Charles Winter, gent., Churchwardens." The ringers' chamber has not been neglected. The clock has been shifted into the corner and set going, much to the satisfaction of the parishioners. This alteration allows of the ropes falling in a good circle, and gives more room for the ringers. The wainscoting has been made good, and the room altogether is much improved by the alterations, and has a very comfortable appearance. Saturday, November 25th, was fixed for the re-opening, and soon after mid-day between forty and fifty ringers put in an appearance from Minehead, Dunster, Old Cleeve, Sampford Brett, Bicknoller, Crowcombe, Monksilver, Bagborough, Bishop's Lydeard, and Taunton. The Stogumber ringers first raised the bells in peal, and after this the bells were kept in continual motion until nine p.m., by various bands, and general satisfaction was expressed as to their excellent "go." Some well-struck "call changes" were rung, and in the scientific method several 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were brought round, and a 720 of Grandsire Minor was well struck in 26 mins. by a band representing the St. James' Guild, Taunton. This is the first 720 ever rung on the bells, and the ringers stood as follows: J. Maddock (conductor), 1; F. Millard, 2; H. Poole, 3; J. Burge, 4; G. Yendall, 5; W. Thorne, 6. A fine set of eight new hand-bells, the property of Mr. John Sully, were much admired, and some very good change-ringing was done on them. The vicar, the Rev. E. H. Jones, very hospitably entertained all the ringers to a capital tea.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.—On Saturday, November 18th, the annual meeting of this district was held at St. Alphage, Greenwich, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Brooke Lambert and was attended by about forty members from Lewisham, Lee, Woolwich, Crayford, Erith, Hayes, Dartford, Greenwich, etc. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Oxford Bob were rang upon the bells, after which the ringers sat down to tea in the schoolroom, kindly provided by Miss Airey.

The Secretary, the Rev. T. E. Teignmouth Shore, informed the members that the bells of St. Mary's, Woolwich, were being rehung by Mr. T. Blackbourn, of Salisbury, and were nearing completion, and that the restoration of the bells of St. Mary's, Lewisham, had been entrusted to Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and hoped they would be ready early in the new year.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Woolwich. Mr. Geo. Conyard, of Crayford, was elected to represent the district on the Committee.

FROME, SOMERSETSHIRE.

Death in this town has recently removed from the family circles of two brother-strings their offsprings. In the one case that of the eldest son of Mr. William Brewer, who succumbed to consumption of the lungs, and in the other that of the youngest child of Mr. James Millard, who died of scarlet fever. The sight on seeing three funerals enter the Frome parish church on Thursday, November 30th, appeared very distressing, as the third was that of the father of Mr. John Sutton. Each of the mourners are staunch friends, and have been closely identified with the various societies of the Frome parish church. They have the sympathy of many campanological friends, and the consolation that their loved ones they so reverently laid to rest will be restored on the Resurrection morn.

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

BENHILTON, SUTTON, SURREY.

It may be remembered by many of our readers that during the past summer an account appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of an offer from the Benhilton ringers to the church authorities of that parish to find the money for one treble bell if the churchwardens would do the same for the second, to augment the ring of six to eight bells, and how this was accepted by the latter; but the conditions mentioned were that the ringers were not to canvass the parish for the money they wanted for their bell. Difficult terms indeed! but so great was the desire to have the octave, and so persevering the efforts, that before the churchwardens had got out their complete circular to the parish, the ringers announced that their bell was practically secured. This put the authorities upon their "metal," and it was not long before the order for the two trebles was given to Messrs. Warner and Sons, of London.

It is no easy matter to make a good octave out of a peal of six that had been put up in driblets by different founders; however, by care and a good deal of chipping of some of the "mongrels" they were "licked" into shape, and the result is a very creditable peal indeed, which has given much satisfaction, so much so that neighbours residing close by the church who were formerly opposed to the bells, have expressed their approval of the eight.

The opening day was fixed for Wednesday, November 1st, All Saints' Day. After a simple service in the belfry at 12.30 p.m. which was taken by the vicar, the Rev. J. Booker, and his curate, a picked band of local ringers, with the Rev. F. E. Robinson, pulled off the first 500 of Grandsire Triples. Then a start was made for a peal, but after ringing 1 hr. 20 mins. a change-course occurred and "stand" was called. This was much regretted, but it made way for others to try the bells. At five o'clock the ringers and their friends sat down to a good tea, kindly provided by the vicar, who takes the greatest interest in his band of ringers and the bells.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson preached an excellent sermon at the evening service, after which the ringing was kept up until past ten o'clock, all expressing much satisfaction with the peal and the "go" of the bells. The tenor weighs about a ton, and was cast by Messrs. Warner and Sons about fifteen or twenty years ago. The following is the band that opened the bells:—R. Sewell (Mitcham), 1; J. Trendell (Benhilton), 2; T. King (Croydon), 3; F. Trendell (Benhilton), 4; G. Trendell (Benhilton), 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; Jas. Trendell (Benhilton), 7; G. Turner (Benhilton), 8.

REDMARLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

REHANGING OF THE BELLS.—A great work has been going on in this neighbourhood lately in the restoration of church bells. Half a dozen parishes could be counted within the radius of a few miles where the bells have been rehung or cracked ones recast. The parish of Redmarley D'Abitot, impelled by the determination of not being outdone by its neighbours, has subscribed, with the help of kind friends, about £90 for this object, Earl Beauchamp heading the list with £20. A rummage sale, which was held in the summer, also brought in over £20. There is no doubt that the work was very much needed. The bells have gone badly for many years, and the framework has moved about in a very dangerous way when ringing was going on. A date upon one of the stocks shows that they have been in use for 120 years at least. The framework has now been securely bolted together, the bells tuned, the clappers made to strike them in fresh places, and new fittings put throughout. The repairs have been done in a most workmanlike manner by Mr. T. Blackbourn, of Salisbury, who was entrusted with the restoration of the bells at Hereford Cathedral. Four of the Redmarley bells were cast by Abraham Rudhall, the great bell founder of Gloucester, and bear the date of 1743, while the third is dated 1739, and the tenor was added in 1793. It is not a heavy peal, but very sweet and pleasing in sound. A service on the re-opening was held on the evening of November 23rd, and the parishioners, who attended in large numbers, were favoured with a glorious moonlight night. A most appropriate sermon was preached by the Rural Dean, the Rev. E. W. Isaac, Vicar of Hanley Castle.

ST. ANDREW'S, CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

On Thursday, November 30th, the Festival of St. Andrew's, the bells of the parish church were re-opened by a band of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, after having been rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The Vicar, Canon Rich, kindly sent an invitation to the Master of the Association to bring a party of ringers to test the work of the bellhangers with a peal, and on their arrival most hospitably entertained them at dinner and tea, presiding himself at the former. The bells, which are a fine ring of eight by Rudhall, have been entirely rehung in a new oak frame with all new fittings, and the work gave the greatest satisfaction to all who took part in the three hours' peal, recorded in its proper place. The "go" of the bells leaves nothing to be desired, and the new ropes, so often the cause of sore hands, were pronounced by all to be as near perfection as possible. The back six are hard to clapper rightly when raised in peal, but this was the only fault detected in what otherwise seems to be a most excellent specimen of bell hanging. The party, consisting of the Rev. H. A. Cockey (Master), and Messrs. W. J. Hinton, H. Pring, J. York, R. J. Wilkins, C. Tomkins, C. W. Bell, C. Goodenough, and F. Price, reached Chippenham soon after mid-day, and after doing justice to the excellent spread which awaited them at Mr. Fisher's restaurant, started for the peal at 2.30, and in 3 hrs. 8 mins. brought the bells into rounds, the striking having been excellent throughout. After tea a visit was paid to St. Paul's church, where a 630 of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handy ring of eight by Mears and Stainbank, tenor 14 cwt., the band standing as follows: W. J. Hinton, 1; C. Goodenough, 2; H. Pring, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; C. Tomkins, 5; F. Price, 6; J. York, 7; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 8. The return journey was commenced at 7.49, and was enlivened by touches of Grandsire and tune-playing on Mr. Hinton's diminutive peal of "waistcoat pocket" bells. The best touch was rung on the up journey—a 212 of Grandsire Triples. R. J. Wilkins, 1-2; W. J. Hinton, 3-4; F. Price, 5-6; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 7-8. The most hearty thanks of the visitors are due to the Vicar, churchwardens and ringers of Chippenham for their kind welcome.

LLANTRISSANT, NORTH WALES.

Mr. J. J. W. Carr, Bellfounder, of Smethwick, sends the following:—

"I read with much interest the account in 'THE BELL NEWS' of the finding of a Bell Foundry in Llantrissant Church tower, especially so, as we have the contract for restoring the bells there, and I have personally seen the place and examined the relics turned up during the excavations. It is indeed a most remarkable sight. There stands the portion of the furnace in which the metal was melted and the foundation of the chimney, but the firing end is gone. They have also very good pieces of the hard loam from off face of bell, and the ornaments are as plain as if these belonged to a new mould, instead of one in which metal had been poured. I carefully measured a plaster cast taken from an outside mould or cope found in one corner, and it tallies exactly with the present fifth bell, whilst a large piece of inside mould found, certainly has been part of a larger mould than for any bell there now. It is worth a journey to see these and other things found, to any one who is in any way interested in bells."

Correspondence.

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

"STRANGE BEHAVIOUR."

SIR,—I see that my complaint about the treatment the Kidderminster ringers received at the hands of their Lye brethren has elicited a howl from Birmingham about a supposed grievance, in addition to a reply on behalf of the Lye ringers. I will deal with Mr. Worton's letter first, and I only wish to mention two points. First, that we were unaware of any change in the situation since we obtained the use of the bells (through Mr. Taylor) some little time ago. Second, that Mr. Worton has evidently yet to learn that it is the Vicar alone who can either refuse or grant the use of the bells. With regard to the letter signed "A Birmingham Ringer," it would be well if he

would first make himself acquainted with the facts before rushing into print. The bells were obtained for us by a Birmingham ringer, who was asked to stand in the peal, but could not. I most emphatically deny that I either told any one or led them to believe that we were going for a peal of Grandsire. The steeplekeeper, who was with me some little time during the afternoon, was most courteous to us and anxious that everything should be straight and ready. Under the circumstances one wonders who "A Birmingham Ringer" is, and where the shoe pinches him.

R. E. GROVE.

SIR,—I was surprised to see the letter from "A Birmingham Ringer." Nothing to the point but insinuating a charge of discourtesy against Mr. R. E. Grove on another occasion. As I was instrumental in obtaining the bells at St. Chad's on the occasion referred to, I would explain that I got permission direct from the cathedral clergy, who kindly promised to inform the tower-keeper. I was unaware at the time that there was a band of ringers attached to St. Chad's, nor did I know who had charge of the bells. I quite admit that every courtesy ought to be shewn to those connected with the tower, and if there was any lack I wish to take all the blame and to offer a frank apology for my negligence. I am sure anyone who knows Mr. Grove would admit that he is quite incapable of intentional rudeness; there is no one in the Exercise more courteous, obliging and considerate than the talented leader of the Kidderminster band. I am quite at a loss to fathom the motive that prompts the writer of so insulting a letter.

J. S. PRITCHETT.

A "WRONG" METHOD.

SIR,—I notice in "THE BELL NEWS" of December 2nd a 5040 on six bells, rung at Pulford, Cheshire, that includes a 720 of Leicester Court Bob, a method compiled by Mr. William Willson, of Leicester. This, I am sorry to say, is very false, and was pointed out to Mr. Willson after he published the method in this paper. What has Mr. Willson to say about this?

WILLIAM HOLMES.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—Allow me to state that the report of the annual meeting of the above Association recently held at Hendon and published in this journal emanated from me, and not from our worthy hon. secretary (Mr. Percy Howard). I regret that the error should so much have exercised the minds of Mr. J. Basden and others who he mentions in his epistle of last week, therefore to ease those gentlemen's minds I beg to correct the error and state that the report should have read: "that the above Association claims nearly all towers in the North of Middlesex in its union." As we are entering the season of joy and happiness and when ringers are called upon to ring out those joyous tidings of "Peace on earth and goodwill towards men," from their respective church towers, let us in Middlesex stimulate the sentiment of *esprit de corps* so that at no distant date the towers throughout the County may also send out sounds of concerted action, and each respective tower contribute dignity to the above Association, whose objects are deserving of serious consideration.

ALFRED J. J. GIDDINGS.

12, High Street, North Finchley, London, N.

Obituary.

ROBERT GREENWOOD.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death of the above-named ringer at the early age of twenty-two years, who died at his residence, Hughtrede Street, Balderstone, Rochdale, on Friday, November 24th, after a very short illness. The deceased only complained of being ill on the Wednesday. On Thursday he went to his work, but had to return home, and medical aid was called in, but despite all efforts he died the following morning, the cause of death being given as inflammation consequent upon a very severe attack of influenza. The deceased was very popular in the district, seeing that he took part in all matters concerning St. Mary's Sunday School, Balderstone, and from the fact also that he was of a genial disposition, and ready at all times to do a kind action. He had been a ringer at St. Mary's for upwards of four years, and also a member of the Lancashire Association, having rung his first two peals of Grandsire Triples this year, of which there is a polished oak tablet in process of making to record both the peals. He was carried to his last resting-place at the Heywood Cemetery by his brother-ringers. About sixteen wreaths and other floral tributes were placed upon his coffin by relatives and sorrowing friends. The bells of St. Mary's were rung deeply muffled on Sunday, the usual whole pull and stand being rung before the funeral on Tuesday. In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a last token of respect and esteem in which he was held by his brother-ringers. S. Kershaw, 1; A. Dearnley, 2; A. Ingham, 3; T. Buckley (conductor), 4; J. Thompson, 5; J. Buckley, 6; J. Kershaw, 7; E. Chadwick, 8.

Notices.

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The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—Will meet at Christ Church, Bacup, to-day, Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.

J. B. TAYLOR, Branch Sec.

7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Bury, to-day, Saturday, Dec. 9th. Method for practice—Kent Treble Bob. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.

EDMUND SCHOFIELD, Branch Sec.

63, Clark Street, Rochdale.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol.—The next meeting for practice will be held at St. Andrew's church, Clifton, on Tuesday evening, December 12th, at 7.30 p.m.

C. H. GORDON, Local Sec.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—Yorkshire.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Birstol, on Saturday, December 16th, at 5.30 p.m. Meeting House, Black Bull Inn. Election of Auditors and other business to be transacted. Eight members meet at 2.30 to attempt a peal. GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec.

19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The next smoking concert will be held on Saturday, December 16th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, when any ringers and friends will be cordially welcome. The chair will be taken at 8 o'clock.

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—A business meeting will be held at headquarters on Tuesday, December 19th, at 8.30 p.m. Being Advent, there will be no ringing at St. Paul's. Members are requested to note that the sum of rs. 8d. in lieu of peal booking fees, is now due. W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

37, Tradesant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts Association.—Stourbridge, St. Thomas's Society, will in future hold their practice-night on Wednesday, at 8 o'clock prompt. Any ringing member will be made welcome, and any information re the bells will be given by applying to Mr. G. H. Pagett, Cross Street, Long Lands, Stourbridge.

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By JAMES GEORGE, Rugby.

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Round as usual. This peal has the 6th its extent wrong and right. It is also in place of the false one published on August 19th, 1893, and contains the same number of changes.

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NOTE TO THE PEAL RUNG AT CIRENCESTER.

—This is supposed to be the first ring of 12 erected in England, and the only previous peal of Cinques on them was one of Grandsire recorded in the College Youths books as having been rung in 1767—126 years ago—a 5082 in 3 hrs. and 57 mins. The occasion of the peal was the home coming of Earl and Countess Bathurst from their honeymoon, and the old-fashioned town was *en fete* for the day in honour of the event, the decorations and illuminations being strikingly pretty, owing to picturesque nature of the buildings. In the afternoon the tenantry, to the number of 600, were entertained to a dinner in the Corn Hall, and afterwards adjourned to the station, where an immense concourse of the townsfolk, having a band in attendance, gave the happy pair a most enthusiastic reception, which was greatly accentuated by the merry music of the bells, the peal being at the time in full swing. A first attempt was made for the peal earlier in the afternoon, but this came to grief in three-quarters-of-an-hour. The local men having originally arranged to do the ringing for the actual home-coming, it was feared the attempt would have to be abandoned. Upon being consulted however, they generously consented to a second attempt being made, and this time Mr. Phillott, of Cheltenham, resigned his rope, as time would not allow of his catching his train had he rung. He was, however, able to hear nearly three hours of the ringing, and his judgment upon the striking and general effect was most favorable. The performance may be considered creditable from the fact of its being the first of Cinques in which any of the ringers had taken part, and it is also the first peal of Cinques rung by the Gloucester and Bristol Association. Most of the ringers had scarcely rung more than a course before, and some not even that, Cinques not having flourished in the county since the celebrated Painswick bands day, some time back in the fifties. (The last peal of Grandsire Cinques rung at Painswick, was a 5038, in 3 hrs. and 23 mins. on 20th May, 1850, in which the veteran Giles Mansfield took part, and the last of Stedman Cinques was rung on 16th February 1858, 8448, in 5 hrs. and 50 mins., by an entirely local band under the conductorship of William Estcourt, who also composed the peal. At the close of this peal he is recorded to have said "I have led you to the top of the tree, and you will go down faster than you came up," a prophetic utterance all too true, as after events proved.) All the ringers are members of the St. Michael's Juniors with the exception of the treble and tenor-men. The bells are in fairly good condition, though they would well repay a good overhauling by a competent man. The band are anxious to express their gratitude to Archdeacon Hayward for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, and to the local band (and especially the active secretary, Mr. F. W. Board), for having every thing so well prepared for the attempt, and for the hospitable provision they had made after the peal. The visitors were very reluctant to tear themselves away; and had a very hurried drive to Kemble Junction, just in time for the down mail at 11.47 p.m., the "we sma' hours" appearing before some of them obtained their well-earned rest.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1893.

THE peal records of the present week are rendered interesting from the fact that the Gloucester and Bristol Association has achieved its first peal of Cinques, and that upon bells which we are told were the first ring of Twelve erected in England, viz: the ring at Cirencester. The "note" which very often supplements a peal report, will be found in the usual place, and many of our readers will smile at the observation therein mentioned, said to have been uttered by the old Painswick conductor—WILLIAM ESTCOURT. As the writer of this "note" remarks, "a prophetic utterance all too true," for after the last peal of Cinques conducted by ESTCOURT, the decadence of the once flourishing Painswick society began.

We have read much of late about the progress and doings of a ringing society in Gloucester which is known by the name of "St. Michael's Juniors," and from the feats recorded by that body, and the ability displayed by several of its members, it can hardly be doubted that they will restore to the county the high prestige which it once held in the Exercise. The peal of Cinques just rung, at a church comparatively unknown is, we hope and believe, one of the first steps in that direction. The "St. Michael's Juniors" have among them composers of high degree, and intrepid conductors who flinch at nothing in the way of calling.

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN PRESCOTT Treble.	JAMES SHOLICAR 5.
WILLIAM BENTHAM 2.	WILLIAM J. TAYLOR 6.
JOHN WATTS 3.	GEORGE PRESCOTT 7.
JAMES PILKINGTON 4.	JAMES R. PARK Tenor.

Composed by JOHN WALKER, of Blackburn, and Conducted by
JAMES SHOLICAR.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 29, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE HATTON* Treble.	JOSEPH CURTIS 5.
WALTER CANNER 2.	HERBERT CANNER 6.
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE 3.	JOHN H. DUNMORE 7.
ARTHUR HITCHCOCK* 4.	GEORGE THORNLEY Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER CANNER.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the anniversary of the marriage of the conductor.

UPCHURCH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 29, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

5040 CHANGES IN TWO DIFFERENT MINOR METHODS
UPON SIX BELLS:

Being three 720s of Canterbury Pleasure, and four 720s of
Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE DENNIS Treble.	WILLIAM LAKER 4.
WILLIAM SEAMER 2.	GEORGE CAPELING 5.
WILLIAM T. HYLAND 3.	GEORGE A. RANSOM Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE ALFRED RANSOM.

This is the first 5040 on the bells, and the first by all except the conductor. G. A. Ransom hails from Rainham; the remainder belong to the local company. G. Capeling was proposed a member of the above Association before starting.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 30, 1893, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

HARRY PRING Treble.	REV. H. A. COCKEY 5.
JAMES YORK 2.	W. JAMES HINTON 6.
R. J. WILKINS 3.	CHARLES BELL 7.
CHARLES TOMKINS 4.	FRANCIS PRICE Tenor.

Conducted by W. JAMES HINTON.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 30, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

ERNEST BUTLER Treble.	WILLIAM NEWELL 5.
HARRY MILLS 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 6.
THOMAS EAST 3.	JOB SAWYER 7.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK 4.	JOB HITCHMAN Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

The above was Thurstans' peal connected together by the use of six singles instead of extras and omits.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S YOUTHS AND THE MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 28, 1893, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

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

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WALMSLEY.

This peal is the first in the method in Cheshire, and by all of the above, and by the Guild also, and was rung at the first attempt, the striking being good throughout. The average age of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th ringers is just over 19 years. The composition, which is now rung for the first time, contains the 5th, and 6th each twenty-two courses in 6th place, and is two unequal parts.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Saturday, December 2, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

HENRY BASTABLE Treble.	WILLIAM H. GODDEN 5.
WALTER BRYANT 2.	THEODORE PRITCHETT 6.
JOHN DAY 3.	WILLIAM KENT 7.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 4.	TOM GIBBS Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BASTABLE.

The above members of the Guild take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for his kindness in allowing them the use of the bells.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1893, in Four Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5038 CHANGES.
Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK MUSTY Treble.	WALTER T. BENNETT 7.
FRANCIS E. HART 2.	FRANCIS E. WARD 8.
EDWARD BANKES JAMES 3.	WILLIAM DYER 9.
JOHN AUSTIN 4.	HENRY ROBERTS 10.
ALFRED T. BRUNSDON 5.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 11.
WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON 6.	ALBERT W. HUMPHRIS Tenor.
	HENRY CLUTTERBUCK Tenor.

Composed by JAMES MOTTS and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

This is the first peal of Cinques by all, and by the Association. Rung in honour of the home-coming of Earl Bathurst and his bride. A further note to this peal will be found on another page.

WOODLESFORD, NEAR LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND
DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 2, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

5040 CHANGES IN FOURTEEN DIFFERENT TREBLE
BOB MINOR METHODS UPON SIX BELLS;

Being 360 each of the following:

Cambridge Surprise.	College Exercise.
Sandal Delight.	Arnold's Victory.
Tulip.	College Pleasure.
Royston Delight.	New London Pleasure.
Primrose.	London Scholars' Pleasure.
College Treble.	Duke of York.
City Delight.	Violet.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOSEPH HAIGH Treble.	WILLIAM ABBISHAW 4.
JOS. C. ABBISHAW 2.	ALFRED CHAPMAN 5.
WALTER CHAPMAN 3.	JOHN M. CHADWICK Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN M. CHADWICK.

Joseph Haigh belongs to the local company, the rest to Rothwell.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 17 cwt.

SAMUEL JAMES Treble.	WILLIAM H. DORAN .. 5.
ARTHUR W. SEARLE 2.	GEORGE R. PYE 6.
WESLEY WATSON 3.	MARK L. MYHILL 7.
ACKLAND J. PERKINS 4.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Conducted by A. J. PERKINS.

The above was rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the late A. H. Hunt, Esq., Solicitor, who died on November 28th. A. W. Searle, who is now residing at Grays, belongs to Salisbury, and was elected a member of the above Association before starting for the peal.

BARKING, ESSEX.—THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HENRY E. PARKER* Treble.	WILLIAM H. DALLIMORE .. 5.
YORK GREEN 2.	SAMUEL HAYES 6.
HENRY SPRINGALL 3.	†ALFRED WRIGHT 7.
EDWARD LUCAS 4.	†EDWARD A. DAVIES Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON and Conducted by H. SPRINGALL.

*First peal. †First peal in the method; also on the bells.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1893, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES WALKER Treble.	HARRY WARNETT 5.
EDWIN BARNETT 2.	JOHN GARARD 6.
FREDERICK HUNTER 3.	CHARLES WILKINS 7.
GEORGE CONYARD 4.	DAVID BARNES Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

The bells were rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the wife of Mr. R. McWhirter, and daughter of Mr. F. Cullum, sen., who are both members of the local band. Messrs. Walker and Warnett belong to Lewisham.

REIGATE, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(THE REIGATE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 2, 1893, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

PELHAM E. J. KNIGHT* .. Treble.	*THOMAS BROWN 5.
FRANCIS T. HOAD, SEN. .. 2.	EDWARD MOSES 6.
WILLIAM ARGENT 3.	EDGAR KENWARD 7.
FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN.* .. 4.	ARTHUR MOSELEY Tenor.

Conducted by F. T. HOAD, SEN.

*First peal. This is E. Moses's fiftieth peal.

TANFIELD, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS UPON SIX BELLS:

Being a 720 each of the following:

Double Oxford, Double Court, College Single, Oxford Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM BREWIS Treble.	ROBERT MORDUE 4.
JONATHAN W. NICHOLSON .. 2.	THOMAS BREWIS 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 3.	WILLIAM HOLMES Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

Messrs. Brewis are local men; Nicholson and Mordue belong to Whickham, and the other two to Newcastle. The visitors were afterwards hospitably entertained at The Peacock inn by the Tanfield company.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 2, 1893, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs.

EDGAR WIGHTMAN Treble.	†HARRY LAST 5.
GEORGE PERRY 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. .. 6.
WALTER WHITING 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7.
GEORGE THURLOW 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN.

This peal is by an unknown composer, the calling of which may be found in Hubbard's second edition, page 87. †First peal with a bob bell. The brothers Wightman hail from Creetingham; the rest belong to the local company.

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE AND HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, December 2, 1893, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 26½ cwt.

GARFORTH TAYLOR Treble.	WALTER BYRAM 5.
WILSON ILLINGWORTH .. 2.	JOSEPH RUDDLESSEN .. 6.
DANIEL SENIOR* 3.	WILLOUGHBY DIXON .. 7.
GEORGE H. HARDY 4.	DAVID STEPHENSON .. Tenor.

Composed by G. H. HARDY and Conducted by J. RUDDLESSEN.

*First peal. Messrs. Taylor and Hardy hail from Dewsbury, the rest belong to the local company.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 4, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED J. LE CLERQ Treble.	ALFRED WHITE 5.
FRED A. BARNETT 2.	HARRY E. WITHERS .. 6.
GEORGE H. BARNETT .. 3.	EDWARD CLAPSHAW .. 7.
HENRY L. GARFATH 4.	JAMES GOODALE Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY L. GARFATH.

Messrs. H. E. Withers and J. Goodale hail from Alton, Hants; the rest belong to the local band. The above was rung as a birthday peal to the conductor.

EWELL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 5, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM WORSFOLD* Treble.	*GEORGE CHANTLER 5.
FRANCIS GROVE† 2.	†HARRY G. BEAMS 6.
CHARLES READ* 3.	*WILLIAM CHANTLER .. 7.
STEPHEN WILSON† 4.	*JAMES S. REID Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS GROVE.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. †First peal as conductor. This is the first peal by a local company, and was rung as a birthday compliment to Harry G. Beams, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 5, 1893, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

S. HOLDEN Treble.	JOS. GOODHEAD 5.
WM. MILLER 2.	WM. FITCHFORD 6.
T. MILLER 3.	WM. GRICE 7.
FRED GROCOTT 4.	CHAS. OLLIER Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON and Conducted by TOM MILLER.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob Major by the above Association, and also the first in North Staffordshire by local ringers.

ORMSKIRK.—THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 5, 1893, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN PRESCOTT Treble.	WILLIAM J. TAYLOR.. .. 5.
JAMES SHOLICAR 2.	WILLIAM BENTHAM 6.
JAMES PILKINGTON 3.	JOHN WATTS 7.
GEORGE PRESCOTT 4.	JAMES R. PARK Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES SHOLICAR.

Rung in honour of the seventy-second birthday of John Prescott, and also his fifty-fourth year as a ringer.

A CORRECTION.—The peals of Treble Bob Major rung at Coseley, Staffordshire, and the peal of Forward Major at King's Norton, Worcestershire, and recorded in last week's issue, were "Midland Counties' Association" peals rung by the Birmingham Amalgamated Society Branch; and the treble ringer in the peal at Darlaston should have read "John Prickett," not "John Pritchett."

Date Touch.

READING (Berks).—On Thursday, November 23rd, at St. Lawrence's church, on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. Princess Christian, a date touch of Grandsire Caters, 1893 changes, in 1 hr. 18 mins. Composed by W. Willson, of Leicester. C. Giles, 1; W. Holloway, 2; W. Johnson, 3; J. Potter, 4; J. F. Tarrant, 5; F. Hopgood, 6; W. Goseltine, 7; W. J. Williams (conductor), 8; W. Newell, 9; L. Rolfe, 10.

Miscellaneous.**THE LANCAHIRE ASSOCIATION. — ROCHDALE BRANCH.**

ROCHDALE (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, November 5th, at All Saints church, Hamer, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 25 mins. J. Lingard, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Monday, November 6th, 720 College Single. J. Lingard, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; J. Harrison, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Thursday, November 9th, 720 College Single. J. Lingard, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; J. Crossley, 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. On Sunday evening, November 26th, 720 College Single in 26 mins. J. Lingard, 1; G. Hoyle, 2; J. Crossley (conductor), 3; R. Whittles, 4; E. Schofield, 5; R. E. Hoyle, 6. First 720 in the method by J. Harrison, who hails from Heywood.

THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, November 26th, for Divine Service and visit of the Mayor and Corporation to the Cathedral, 1068 Grandsire Caters. B. Hill, 1; W. Powell, 2; L. Longney (conductor), 3; W. H. Johnson, 4; W. Pudge, 5; W. Page, 6; W. Bradford, 7; B. Horton, 8; E. Davis, 9; T. Malin and G. Hinton, 10.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Tuesday, November 14th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Town, 1; T. Durling, 2; E. Dunn, 3; W. Smith, 4; G. Durling (composer and conductor), 5; G. Simpson, 6; W. Fright, 7; W. James, 8. On Sunday morning, November 26th, for Divine Service, 576 Bob Major. W. Fright, 1; E. Dunn, 2; P. F. Harman, 3; W. Smith, 4; G. Durling (conductor), 5; T. Harford, 6; H. P. Harman, 7; T. Groombridge, 8. For evening service 630 Grandsire Triples. J. Town, 1; J. Beams, 2; E. Dunn, 3; G. Durling, 4; W. Fright, 5; T. Harford (conductor), 6; H. P. Harman, 7; W. James, 8.

UPCHURCH (Kent).—On Tuesday, November 21st, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles) in 25 mins. G. Dennis, 1; W. Seamer, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. Laker, 4; G. Capeling, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Grandsire Minor on the bells, and the first 720 in the method by all the local men. On Sunday morning, November 26th, for Divine Service, 730 Bob Minor (twenty-two singles). G. Dennis, 1; W. Seamer, 2; W. T. Hyland, 3; W. Laker, 4; G. Capeling, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. This 720 is taken from the *Clavis Campanologia*, published in 1788.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Saturday, November 11th, at the church of All Saints, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters, 1550 in the same method. G. Pawley, 1; T. Mannering, 2; G. Lindoff, 3; A. H. Woolley, 4; A. C. West, 5; C. Waterman, 6; W. Haigh, 7; F. J. French, 8; A. Palmer (conductor), 9; R. Richards and W. Barnes, 10. Also 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major on the back eight. G. Pawley, 1; T. Mannering, 2; A. C. West, 3; C. Waterman, 4; W. Haigh, 5; F. J. French, 6; G. Lindoff (conductor), 7; A. Palmer, 8. This is the first touch in the method on the bells. Tenor 31 cwt. The above was rung as a birthday compliment to A. C. West. Also as a farewell to G. Lindoff, who is leaving the county much to the regret of his many ringing friends.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Tuesday, October 31st, being All Saints' Eve, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, J. Cantlow, 1; P. Long, 2; H. Coombes, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; S. A. Cantlow, 5; H. Jennings (conductor), 6; A. R. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8. On Thursday, November 9th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, 1; P. Long, 2; H. Coombes, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; S. A. Cantlow, 5; A. R. Ward, 6; H. Jennings (conductor), 7; A. Ward, 8. This quarter-peal contains the twelve 7-4s, and twelve 6-7s. On Sunday, November 26th, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Cantlow, 1; P. Long, 2; G. H. Coombes, 3; J. G. Norris, 4; S. Cantlow, 5; H. Jennings (conductor), 6; A. R. Ward, 7; A. Ward, 8.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Wednesday, November 1st, for the Municipal elections, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. G. Swannack, 1; G. M. Farr, 2; J. Bottomley, 3; G. E. Sharpe, 4; W. Skelton (conductor), 5; J. B. Joynes, 6; T. Spurr, 7; J. Swan-nack, 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DURHAM.—On Monday, October 30th, at the church of St. Nicholas, on the occasion of the annual meeting, 720 Bob Minor. A. Thompson (Chester-le-Street), 1; W. Brown (Chester-le-Street), 2; J. Rossiter (North Shields), 3; H. Peverell (Bishop Auckland), 4; F. Charlton (Bishop Auckland), 5; W. Walker (Staindrop), 6.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH.—On Sunday, December 3rd, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). R. W. Lang-ton, 1; H. G. Dawson, 2; W. T. Robson, 3; R. W. Lovie, 4; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 5; T. Hudson, jun., 6. For afternoon service, 720 Woodbine. H. G. Dawson, 1; W. T. Robson, 2; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 3; T. Hudson, jun., 4; T. Hudson, sen., 5; J. Naisby (first 720 in the method), 6. For evening service 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles). R. W. Lovie, 1; T. Hudson, sen., 2; G. Lowden, 3; R. C. Hudson, 4; J. Field, 5; W. T. Robson (conductor), 6.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—On Monday, November 27th, at 75, Barn Road, on handbells, retained in hand, 1008 Canterbury Pleasure Major, in 30 mins. A. W. Brighton, 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton, 5-6; J. A. Trollop (conductor), 7-8. It was intended to have rung a peal of Bob Triples, but the umpire could not come through illness.

BRADESTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, November 26th, for afternoon service, 720 Double Stedman Slow Course and 504 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Wightman, jun., 1; J. Durrant, 2; H. W. Baldry, 3; E. Wightman, 4; G. Wightman (conductor), 5; A. S. Wightman, 6. On Thursday, November 30th, 720 and 360 Double Stedman Slow Course. E. Wightman, 1; H. W. Baldry, 2; J. Durrant, 3; A. S. Wightman, 4; D. G. Wightman (conductor), 5; S. Wightman, jun., 6. On Sunday, December 3rd, for afternoon service, 360 Double Court Bob and 240 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. A. S. Wightman (conductor), 1; J. Durrant, 2; H. W. Baldry, 3; S. Wightman, jun., 4; E. Wightman, 5; G. Wightman, 6.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Saturday, November 25th, for practice at the church of St. Michael's, 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Bob Minor, and Double Court Bob. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; A. Huckson, 6. On Sunday, November 27th, for evening service, 720 New London Pleasure. T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; A. Huckson, 6. On Saturday, December 2nd, 720 College Exercise, standing as before, conducted by F. Rudkin. Tenor 13 cwt.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday, November 27th, for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Butcher, 1; *W. Chalk, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. Bearman (conductor), 6. On

Tuesday, November 29th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. *W. Chalk, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; *F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 3rd, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. F. Warren, 1; *F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; S. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. *First 720 in the method. W. Chalk hails from Thrumpton, Nottinghamshire.

BARKING (Essex).—On Saturday, November 25th, for practice at the parish church, 672 Grandsire Triples. H. Springall, 1; *H. E. Parker, 2; E. Lucas, 3; Y. Green, 4; W. Dallimore, 5; S. Hayes (conductor), 6; A. Whight, 7; E. A. Davies, 8. *Longest touch with a bob bell.

STANDED (Essex).—On Wednesday, November 15th, for practice at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Westminster Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 4; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. And 720 Imperial Treble Bob. J. Luckey, 3; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6; the rest as before. On Sunday morning, November 19th, for Divine Service, 720 New London Pleasure in 25 mins., standing as in the Imperial. For afternoon service 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; W. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Hammond, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, November 22nd, for practice, 720 Duke of York, 4th the observation. T. J. Watts, 3; W. Watts (conductor), 6; the rest as before. And 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Violet Treble Bob, 3rd the observation. T. J. Watts, 4; G. Gray, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6; the rest as before. On Sunday afternoon, November 26th, for Divine Service, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. I. Cavill hails from Brickendon, Hertfordshire. Tenor 13 cwt.

WEST HAM (Essex).—On Tuesday, November 28th, for practice, 447 Grandsire Triples, 216 Stedman Caters, 503 Grandsire Caters, and a course of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung by Messrs. Pye, Perkins, Randall, Doran, Pearl, Gobbett, Dempsey, Bradley, and a visitor, late of Sheffield.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, November 1st, for practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 25 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; T. Suart, 4; J. Spencer, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, November 5th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Plain Bob Minor (forty singles), in 24 mins. T. R. Jackson (conductor), 1; T. Townson, 2; T. Suart, 3; T. Watson, 4; A. E. Sheppard, 5; J. Burrows, 6. Also for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty bobs and thirty singles), in 25 mins. T. Watson, 1; J. Spencer, 2; T. Suart, 3; A. E. Sheppard (conductor), 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Wednesday, November 8th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-six bobs and ten singles), in 25 mins. T. Watson, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; T. Suart, 6. On Sunday, November 12th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-six bobs and ten singles), in 25 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; T. Suart, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Wednesday, November 15th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-one bobs and six singles), in 25 mins. *J. Gibson, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; C. J. A. Cushing, 3; T. Watson (conductor), 4; T. Suart, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On Sunday, November 19th, for morning service, a 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-six singles), in 25 mins. J. Gibson, 1; T. Suart, 2; T. Watson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. Also for afternoon service 720 Plain Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs), in 25 mins. J. Gibson, 1; T. Townson, 2; T. Watson, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and two singles), in 26 mins. J. Gibson, 1; T. Townson, 2; T. Suart, 3; A. E. Sheppard, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. Also for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor (forty-four bobs and four singles), in 24 mins. J. Gibson, 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; T. Watson (conductor), 3; T. Suart, 4; J. Burrows, 5; T. R. Jackson, 6.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, November 21st, for practice, on the back six of St. James', 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-six singles), in 25 mins. T. Watson (conductor), 1; A. E. Sheppard, 2; T. Suart, 3; J. Burrows, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; C. J. A. Cushing, 6. Tenor 15½ cwt. First 720 in the method on the bells.

GARSTON (Lancashire).—On Saturday, December 2nd, at St. Michael's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. E. Trinder, 1; W. Meredith, 2; A. Oxley, 3; W. Brammer (conductor), 4; G. Hislop, 5; W. Byron, 6; T. Byron, 7; G. Moston, 8. And another 504. J. Dixon, 1; W. E. Trinder, 2; W. Brammer, 3; C. Newton, 4; T. Jennions, 5; W. Booth (conductor), 6; J. Houghton, 7; T. Hammond, 8. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, December 3rd, at St. Mary's church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 25 mins. Composed by J. Burrows, of Dalton-in-Furness. And in the evening 720 Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins. Composed by C. E. Wilson. T. W. Gilmour, 1; W. Bramley, 2; W. E. Trinder, 3; T. Johnson, 4; T. R. Somerville, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 9. Tenor 9 cwt.

THE YORKSHIRE AND THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

KILLAMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, November 5th, for morning service, 720 of College Pleasure. And for evening service, 720 College Trebles. J. Severn, 1; T. Bettison (conductor), 2; J. Emsen, 3; G. Burnham, 4; H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. On Monday, November 6th, for practice, 720 each of Durham Surprise, Chichester Surprise, and Worcester Surprise. F. Hancock, 1; the rest as before. First 720s in the above methods by all. On Sunday, November 12th, for morning service, 720 of Arnold's Victory. H. Greaves, 1. And for evening service, 720 of Oxford. H. Taylor, 1; the rest as before. On Monday, November 13th, for practice, 720 of Carlisle Surprise. F. Hancock, 1. On Sunday, November 19th, 720 of Bristol Surprise. J. Severn, 1; the rest as before. The above are the first 720s in each of the above methods. F. Hancock hails from Eckington. On Sunday, November 26th, 720 of Violette, standing as before.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MATHON (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, November 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 24 mins. C. Watkins, 1; C. Edwards, 2; D. Greening, 3; H. Pritchard, 4; A. Layton, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure in 23 mins. C. Watkins, 1; C. Layton, 2; D. Greening, 3; H. Pritchard, 4; C. Edwards, 5; A. Layton (conductor), 6.

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EWELL (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, December 3rd, for Divine Service, 210 Grandsire Triples. W. Worsfold, 1; W. Chantler, 2; C. E. Read, 3; G. Chantler, 4; J. Beams (conductor), 5; H. G. Beams, 6; F. Grove, 7; J. Reid, 8. For evening service 630 Oxford Bob Triples, in 23 mins. *W. Worsfold, 1; *H. Y. Beams, 2; *C. E. Read, 3; *G. Chantler, 4; *J. Beams (conductor), 5; *W. Chantler, 6; *F. Grove, 7; *J. Reid, 8. *Longest touch in the method. †Longest in the method as conductor. This is also the longest touch in the method on the bells.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON. — On Sunday, December 3rd, for evening service at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins. W. F. Meads, 1; R. Bevan, 2; J. Cawley, 3; J. Nixon, 4; N. Alderman, 5; G. Smith (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON.—On Sunday, November 26th, for afternoon service at St. Peter's church, a course each of London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, and Double Norwich was rung in 30 mins. H. Weston, 1; K. Hart, 2; A. A. Fuller, 3; G. A. King, 4; E. C. Merritt, 5; H. Dains (London), 6; G. Williams, 7; G. F. Attree, 8. Tenor 10½ cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Sunday, December 3rd, at the church of St. Andrew, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. W. Shardlow, 1; C. McDowell, 2; S. Maskrey, 3; J. Timms, 4; W. H. Found, 5; W. Hickling, 6; C. Hart (conductor), 7; C. Draper, 8. J. Timms hails from Tamworth, and W. Hickling from Duffield.

BOLSTERSTONE (Yorks).—On Wednesday, November 22nd, the local band rang for practice 360 Bob Minor. On Wednesday, November 29th, an attempt was made for a 720, but came to grief within two leads of the end. On Sunday afternoon, December 3rd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 26 mins. J. Aspinall, 1; W. Steel, 2; J. Shaw, 3; J. Hattersley, 4; G. Jackson, 5; D. Brearley (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 by an entirely local band. Great credit is due to the ringer of the second, who is only fifteen years of age.

CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, November 12th, at the church of St. Bartholomew, a 720 Bob Minor (twenty-four singles and eighteen bobs). On Sunday, November 26th, two 720s Bob Minor (one with twenty-eight bobs and eighteen singles, the other with thirty-eight singles and four bobs). On Sunday, December 3rd, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs). And 720 Bob Minor (twenty-four bobs and eighteen singles). J. Green, 1; J. Maycock, 2; J. J. Cook, 3; T. Millington, 4; F. Marshall, 5; T. Clough, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in F#. The 720 of

(fourteen singles and four bobs), was rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Rector of Tibshelf (Rev. F. C. Long), who since the Association started has been Vice-President of the same. The quarterly meeting on December 2nd, had to be postponed on account of his decease. The muffled-peal was conducted by T. Clough, the remainder by T. Millington.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, November 16th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor with the tenor covering. J. Horne, 1; E. Playdon, 2; A. Jackson, 3; W. Hemming, 4; J. Chance, 5; E. Gilbert (conductor), 6; T. Roberts, 7. Longest length by E. Playdon. On Sunday evening, November 19th, for Divine Service, 546 Grandsire Triples. J. Horne, 1; E. Gilbert, 2; J. Chance, 3; A. Jackson, 4; W. Hemming, 5; J. Perrins, 6; J. Broad (conductor), 7; T. Roberts, 8. On Sunday morning, December 3rd, for Divine Service, 1260 Grandsire Triples. J. Horne, 1; E. Gilbert, 2; J. Chance, 3; A. Jackson, 4; W. Hemming, 5; J. Perrins, 6; J. Broad (conductor), 7; T. Roberts, 8. Composed by G. Hayward, of Bromsgrove. Longest length by Messrs. Horne, Chance, and Jackson.

DARLINGTON.—On Friday, November 24th, on handbells, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. *W. Kingdon, 1; R. Wilson, 2; G. J. Lungley, 3; G. W. Park, 4; *G. Park, sen., 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. *First 720 in the method. On Sunday, November 26th, for morning and evening service at Holy Trinity church, two 720s of Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Cox, 1; J. W. Lynn, 2; R. Wilson, 3; G. W. Park, 4; G. J. Lungley, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. First in the method by Messrs. Cox and Lynn. Tenor 7½ cwt. These 720s were rung on the anniversary of the first 720 rung by the Holy Trinity society. Great credit is due to Mr. G. Overton for the way in which he has got the band on. They have rung forty-two 720s in four methods, viz., Plain Bob, Grandsire, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, seven being rung away, two at Bolton-on-Swale, two at Cotherston, and three at Heighington.

ELHAM (Kent).—On Monday, November 13th, 504 Bob Triples. E. Smith, 1; A. Castle, 2; A. Beer, 3; E. Bush, 4; C. Richards, 5; J. Andrews, 6; A. Tanton (conductor), 7; J. Prebble, 8. Also two plain courses. G. Shepherd, 1; E. Bush, 2; A. Beer, 3; A. Tanton, 4; C. Richards, 5; J. Andrews, 6; A. Castle, 7; J. Prebble, 8. And a few short touches of Minor with 7-8 covering. E. Smith and G. Shepherd, 1; A. Castle, 2; A. Beer, 3; C. Richards, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Tanton, 6; J. Prebble, 7; T. Bourne, 8.

HAMPSTEAD (Middlesex).—On Tuesday evening, November 28th, for practice, the local band, assisted by members of the Cumberlands and St. James's Societies, rang at St. Stephen's church two touches of Grandsire Caters. G. Smith (conductor), 1; N. Alderman, 2; W. Coombs, 3; W. Cawley, 4; E. Doughty, 5; T. Titchener, 6; W. Pryor, 7; W. Bevan, 8; G. Turl, 9; G. Turl, jun., 10. Tenor 27 cwt.

HARTLEBURY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, November 19th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles with Extremes in 44 mins. J. Thomason, 1; J. Johnson, 2; J. Reynolds (conductor), 3; H. Oldnalls, 4; C. Beaman, 5; R. J. Cook, 6.

LEWES (Sussex). On Thursday, November 16th, 720 Bob Minor (thirty singles and six bobs) on the back six in 29 mins. G. Taylor (Ringmer), 1; A. Langridge, 2; J. Goldsmith, 3; T. Miller (Ringmer), 4; H. Jones (Ringmer), 5; A. J. Turner (conductor), 6.

LYMINGE (Kent).—On Saturday, November 18th, 180 Bob Doubles. H. Pitcher, 1; A. Castle, 2; A. Beer, 3; J. Andrews, 4; A. Tanton, 5; J. Prebble, 6. Also a few touches of Minor. J. Prebble, 1; H. Pitcher, 2; A. Beer, 3; A. Castle, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Tanton, 6.

NORTON (Staffordshire).—On Friday, November 24th, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. A. Royles, 1; J. H. Maylor, 2; T. Johnson, 3; J. Gibson, 4; E. Glover (conductor), 5; J. Brindley (first 720), 6. Also on Sunday morning, November 26th, 720 Bob Minor in 27½ mins. E. Glover (conductor), 1; J. H. Maylor, 2; J. Maylor, 3; J. Gibson, 4; T. Johnson, 5; J. Brindley, 6.

ORDSALL (Notts).—Recently at the parish church, 1036 of Grandsire Triples, being the first two parts of Holt's ten-part, in 39 mins. G. Swannack, 1; G. M. Furr, 2; J. H. Bottomley, 3; G. E. Sharp, 4; W. Skelton, 5; T. Spurr, 6; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 7; W. Skelton, 8. On Sunday, November 19th, for Divine Service, 224 of Grandsire Triples. J. Swannack, 1; G. E. Sharpe, 2; J. H. Bottomley, 3; H. Denman, Esq., 4; W. Skelton (conductor), 5; H. Warburton, 6; T. Spurr, 7; J. B. Joynes, 8. First touch with a bob bell by H. Denman, to whom great credit is due, taking into consideration this is about the sixth time he has handled a rope in changes. And for evening service, 336 and 384 of Bob Major. G. Swannack, 1; J. Swannack, 2; J. Bottomley, 3; G. E. Sharpe, 4; W. Skelton, 5; H. Warburton, 6; T. Spurr, 7; H. Haigh (conductor), 8. The 384 by G. Swannack, 1; J. Swannack, 2; J. Bottomley, 3; G. E. Sharpe, 4; W. Skelton, 5; H. Warburton, 6; H. Haigh (conductor), 7; J. B. Joynes, 8. Longest

touch by all in the method. On Tuesday, November 21st, for practice, 350 of Grandsire Triples. G. Swannack, 1; G. M. Furr, 2; J. Bottomley, 3; H. Denman, Esq., 4; W. Skelton (conductor), 5; H. Warburton, 6; T. Spurr, 7; J. B. Joynes, 8. Also 112 of Grandsire Triples. G. Swannack, 4; and the rest as before. First touch with a bob bell by G. Swannack. On Sunday, November 26th, for children's service, a 720 of Plain Bob. H. Merriels, 1; G. M. Furr (first 720 in the method), 2; W. Preston, 3; H. Blagg, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. On Sunday, November 26th, for evening service, 324 of Grandsire Caters. H. Denman, Esq., 1; T. Spurr, 2; G. M. Furr, 3; H. Warburton, 4; G. E. Sharp, 5; J. Swannack, 6; W. Skelton (conductor), 7; H. Haigh, 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; J. F. Haigh, 10. First touch of Caters by H. Denman.

READING (Berks).—On Thursday, November 23rd, at St. Lawrence's church, on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. Princess Christian to Reading, several touches of Grandsire Caters were rung at intervals during the afternoon.

RINGMER (Sussex).—On Monday, November 13th, 720 Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) in 23 mins. L. Farrant (Ringmer), 1; J. Goldsmith (Lewes), 3; T. Miller, 4; R. H. Jones, 5; R. A. J. Turner (conductor, Lewes), 6; C. Painter (Ringmar), 7; G. Taylor (Ringmar), 8.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Saturday, November 14th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Hughes, one of the local band, the two following touches were rung: a 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Gatland, 1; W. Woolgar, 2; J. Smart, 3; J. Matthews, 4; H. Meetens, 5; G. Gatland, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8. Another 504 in the same method. W. Woolgar, 1; G. Gatland, 2; J. Matthews, 3; H. Meetens, 4; W. Collison, 5; J. Smart, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; E. Turrell, 8. On Sunday, November 5th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Gatland, 1; W. Woolgar, 2; J. Smart, 3; H. Meetens, 4; J. Matthews, 5; C. Smart (conductor), 6; G. Gatland, 7; E. Turrell, 8. For evening service, 504 in the same method. A. Gatland, 1; H. Meetens, 2; W. Woolgar, 3; J. Woolgar, 4; C. Smart (conductor), 5; C. Chambers, 6; J. Smart, 7; E. Turrell, 8. On Sunday, November 12th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Smart, 1; W. Collison, 2; G. Gatland, 3; J. Woolgar, 4; F. Morris (Brighton), 5; C. Chambers, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; W. Woolgar, 8. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Rapley (first 504), 1; J. Woolgar, 2; J. Smart, 3; F. Morris, 4; H. Meetens, 5; W. Woolgar, 6; W. Collison (conductor), 7; E. Hughes, 8. On Tuesday, November 14th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Woolgar (first 504 in the method), 1; C. Smart (conductor), 2; J. Smart, 3; J. Matthews, 4; W. Collison, 5; C. Chambers, 6; G. Gatland, 7; H. Meetens, 8. On Friday, November 17th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples, but a change-course occurred prior to the third part-end coming up, and a quarter-peal in the same method was rung instead. W. Collison, 1; J. Smart, 2; J. Matthews, 3; J. Woolgar, 4; T. Searle, 5; C. Smart (conductor), 6; G. Gatland, 7; E. Turrell, 8. On Sunday, November 19th, for morning service, 350 Grandsire Triples. E. Rapley, 1; W. Woolgar, 2; G. Gatland, 3; J. Matthews, 4; H. Meetens, 5; C. Smart (conductor), 6; J. Smart, 7; A. Gatland, 8. For evening service, 504 in the same method. E. Rapley, 1; W. Woolgar, 2; H. Meetens, 3; J. Matthews, 4; C. Chambers, 5; C. Smart (conductor), 6; J. Smart, 7; G. Gatland, 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday evening, November 26th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 42 mins. S. Perkins (composer), 1; A. Welsh, 2; J. Muggridge, 3; W. Latter (first in the method as conductor), 4; G. Smithers (first in the method with a bob bell), 5; W. Porter, 6; E. Mankelow, 7; C. Goble, 8.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, November 23rd, for practice, 1008 Grandsire Triples. †C. Boreham, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; *D. Wright, 3; H. J. Selby, 4; †G. Steer, 5; †J. Heath, 6; E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 7; †A. H. Collins, 8. †Longest touch. *Longest touch with a bob bell. On Sunday, November 26th, 378 Grandsire Triples, composed by E. R. J. Dunk, standing as before, with the exception of R. Stone, 5.

WILBURTON (Cambridgeshire).—On Monday, December 4th, for practice, a 720 of Duke of York Treble Bob Minor, in 23 mins. J. Markwell, 1; Henry Markwell, 2; A. Markwell (conductor), 3; A. Hazel, 4; H. Sharp, 5; Herbert Markwell, 6. Tenor 10½ cwt. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and was rung at the fourth attempt. Also a few short touches of Woodbine Treble Bob and Grandsire.

A CORRECTION.—In the report of a 720 of Bob Minor rung at Cradley parish church by members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, which appeared in our last issue, it should have been stated that it was conducted by E. S. Kings, foreman and instructor to this band, and not by C. Layton, as sent.

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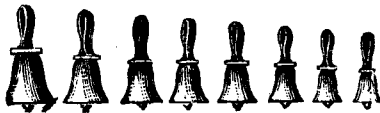
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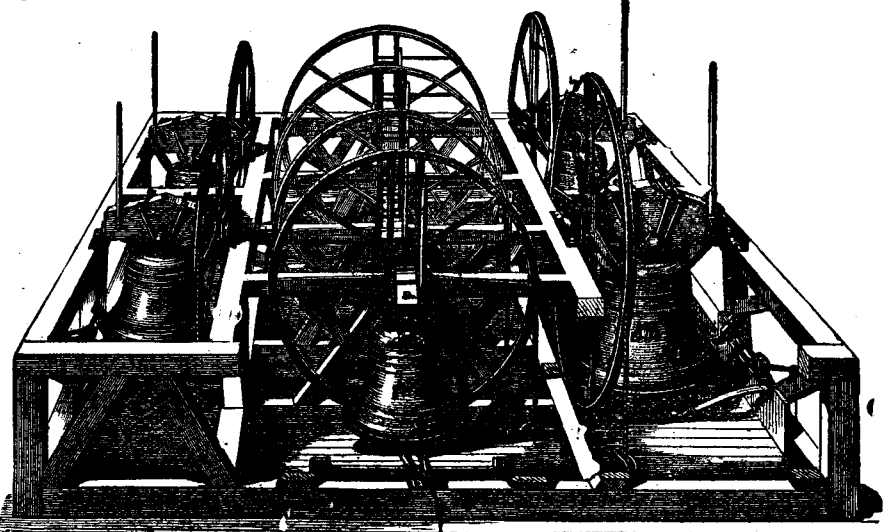
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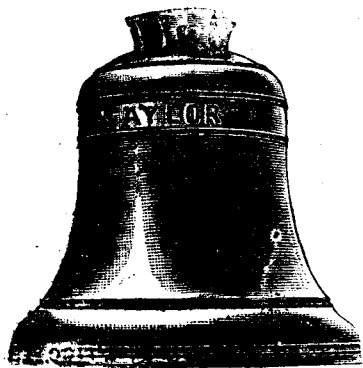
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