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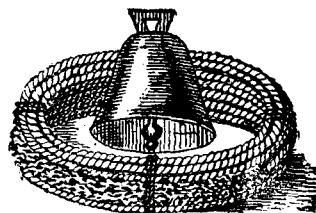
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THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

Although only established about six months, this Association shows signs of great life and energy. It is well officered, has a good membership, and promises to be an excellent field for good. The first festival in connection with the Association was held on Thursday, June 7th, at Greensnorton, and the proceedings in connection therewith were of a most successful and pleasant character. At a quarter to twelve o'clock service was held in the church, when there was a good congregation. Among the surpliced clergymen were the Rev. R. A. Kennaway (Rector), the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Rector of Drayton, Oxford; the Rev. R. S. K. Blucke, Bradden, Hon. Secretary of the Association; the Rev. R. D. White, Moreton Pinkney; the Rev. J. Mountain, Towcester; and the Rev. W. Smalley Law, Abthorpe. In the church were also observed the Rev. H. T. Barry, Blisworth; the Rev. W. Wilson, Stoke Bruerne; the Rev. H. A. Gray, Towcester; the Rev. A. Wake, Courteenhall; the Rev. J. H. Sheppard, Blakesley; and the Rev. W. J. Harkness, Castlethorpe. The following parishes were represented in the congregation:—Greensnorton, Bradden, Blisworth, Easton Neston, Gayton, Paulerspury, Towcester, Moreton Pinkney, Courteenhall, Whittlebury, Stoke Bruerne, and Blakesley. The processional hymn was "Praise the Lord! ye heavens adore Him." The prayers were read by the Rev. R. A. Kennaway, and the lessons by the Rev. J. Mountain. The hymn before the sermon was "The call to arms is sounding." The preacher was the Rev. F. E. Robinson, of Oxford, and he based an excellent discourse on the words, "This also we wish, even your perfection," part of the 9th verse of the 13th chapter II. Cor. He pointed out to the ringers the necessity of their seeking after perfection, and said it could only be found in the Word of God, and by following the example set them by their Lord Jesus Christ, Who was the highest standard of perfection. Whatever they did as ringers they should do for the love and glory of God. The gifts they possessed were the special gifts of God, and, therefore, they should try and bring them to perfection. The success of their Association depended upon their combined action, and if all worked together unitedly and for the love and glory of God, and looking at God as their standard of perfection, then good results must follow their efforts. Those Associations taught patience, brotherly love, charity, kindness, and peace, virtues they all should endeavour to possess, as they would tend to make them perfect Christian men. The concluding hymn was "All people that on earth do dwell."

A business meeting was subsequently held in the Reading Room in the centre of the village, and the proceedings were presided over by the Rev. R. A. Kennaway. The first business was the confirmation of the election of officers at the last meeting of the Association. The Rev. R. A. Kennaway was elected President, the Rev. J. B. Harrison, the Rev. J. Mountain, and the Rev. W. Smalley Law, Vice-Presidents; Mr. R. T. Gudgeon, Towcester, Hon. Treasurer; and the Rev. R. S. Blucke, Hon. Secretary. The Committee consisted of one representative from each belfry connected with the Association. Towcester was selected as the place for the holding of the festival in 1895, and the remainder of the business was of a routine character. At half-past one o'clock the ringers and a number of friends sat down to dinner in the school. The company, over which the rector presided, numbered above 100.

Dinner over, and the loyal toasts honoured, the Rev. R. S. Blucke stated the Association at present consisted of 21 honorary members and 66 ringing members, and their income since they started in January amounted to £9 3s. 6d. Their expenditure, including the expenses of that festival, amounted to £8 17s. 0d., leaving a balance in hand of 6s. 6d.

Mr. Gudgeon proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. F. E. Robinson for the excellent and appropriate sermon he had delivered to them, and he expressed the hope that every member would follow the good advice contained therein.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson, in reply, congratulated the members on having formed such an Association, and on the hearty manner in which they seemed to have set about their work. He had been a bellringer for thirty-five years, and was as keenly fond of ringing at the present time as he was when he began.

He spoke of the value of such Associations, and said he would like to see all the Associations in the county affiliated to one Association for the whole of the Diocese of Peterborough.

The Chairman next proposed "Prosperity to the Towcester and District Church Bellringers' Association," and in his own name, and on behalf of the parish, heartily welcomed the members to Greensnorton to celebrate their first festival.

The Rev. J. Mountain replied to the toast, and, in doing so, expressed the hope that the work of the Association might be productive of good among the ringers, and that they might really become, as it were, minor ministers for Christ.

"The Honorary Members" was given by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and replied to by the Rev. W. Wilson.

Mr. E. Slarke submitted "The President," which met with a hearty reception. The Chairman replied, and then proposed "The Hon. Secretary." It was to the Rev. R. S. Blucke, he said, the organisation of the Association was due, and he took a most active interest in its work and in endeavouring to promote its success. The toast was heartily received, and briefly responded to by Mr. Blucke.

During the afternoon the various sets of ringers occupied the tower of the church in turns, and rang a number of changes on the five bells. In the early evening tea was kindly provided for the visitors by the Rev. R. A. Kennaway, in the rectory grounds, and altogether a very pleasant day was spent.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the above Guild was held at Blandford, on Monday, May 28th. The proceedings commenced with a service at the parish church at 11.45, at which there were present about sixty representatives of affiliated bands of ringers, the places represented being Berwick (St. John), Bournemouth (St. Peter's), Burbage, Downton, Ebbesborne Wake, Fontmell Magna, Iwerne Minster, Longbridge Deverill, Salisbury (St. Edmund's, St. Martin's, and St. Thomas's), Blandford, Stourpaine and Durweston. An appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Watts, vicar of Stourpaine and rural dean. Service over, the members repaired to the parish room (kindly lent by the rector) for the purpose of electing officers, &c., for the coming year. Earl Nelson was re-elected president; the Rev. A. D. Hill, vicar of Downton, Master. A letter from Mr. J. R. Jerram, of Salisbury, general secretary, asking to resign, was read; but it was decided to re-appoint him, and to ask him to re-consider the matter. The other two district secretaries were re-elected. Mr. T. Blackbourn was elected on the committee in place of Mr. A. G. Dufosse, the Rev. W. J. Birkbeck in place of the Rev. H. G. Rogers, and Mr. S. Macey, in place of Rev. J. Mitchell (deceased). A report of last year's proceedings was presented, also a financial statement, from which it appeared there was a satisfactory balance of £14 17s. 4d. in hand. At 1.30 the customary dinner took place at the Greyhound hotel, hostess Brown's catering giving every satisfaction. Earl Nelson occupied the chair, and he was supported by the Rev. A. D. Hill, Rev. Canon Watts, Rev. C. H. Fynes-Clinton (rector of Blandford), Rev. W. A. Heygate (North Wilts), Messrs. E. O. Richards and R. H. Groves (churchwardens of Blandford), and H. W. Parker. After dinner the toast of "The Queen" was loyally honoured, succeeded by votes of thanks to Canon Watts for his sermon, and the Rev. C. H. Fynes-Clinton for the use of the church.

Mr. E. O. Richards proposed a vote of thanks to Earl Nelson for presiding, and his lordship, in acknowledging the same, referred to the success of the Guild, and urged the members to maintain their dignity as officers of the Church, and to be "good men and true" in all parochial matters.

At the conclusion of the dinner some of the ringers visited the belfries of the neighbouring villages of Stourpaine, Durweston, Pimperne and Shillingstone while the Salisbury ringers rang several touches of Grandsire Triples on the Blandford bells. In the absence of Mr. Jerram, the day's arrangements were chiefly in the hands of Mr. A. Grist, of Bournemouth.

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TONG, YORKSHIRE.

About two years ago the ringers from the parish church paid a visit to Boroughbridge, and received such a kindly welcome from the ringers there, and were so well entertained by their host of The Windmill inn, that it was determined to go again on Whit Saturday this year. Illness however prevented two of the company joining, substitutes being found in Messrs. S. Longstaff and Birks from Pudsey. Through the kindness of Mr. Hoy, permission had been first granted to ring at Knaresborough parish church, a call being made *en route*, and a 720 of Oxford rung in 28 mins. by S. Longstaff, G. Bolland, Oddy, W. Bolland, Birks, and Haley. Tenor 19 cwt. On returning to the station opportunity was taken of the delay in the arrival of the train for Boroughbridge, to have a peep from the railway bridge spanning the river at the beautiful view beneath. According to a prophecy of Mother Shipton, if this bridge falls three times, the end of the world is at hand. It has already fallen twice, but this did not deter the party from venturing upon it. Arriving in due course at their destination, a substantial tea was first discussed, and thanks to Mr. Langley's (of the local company) intercession, permission to ring was granted by the vicar, and an adjournment was made to the tower, a 720 of Oxford being rung in 26 mins., tenor 14 cwt. Returning to the hostelry the handbells were brought into use, and a pleasant evening was spent. Special mention should be made of Mr. Longstaff, the veteran of the party, who added greatly to the pleasure of all by his songs and recitations. Sunday morning found everyone astir early, and after a pleasant stroll they assembled at 7 a.m. and rang for early celebration a 720 of Bob Minor, Mr. Langley ringing the 5th. Permission having been asked to ring at All Saints, Kirby Hill, an adjoining village, 9.30 found the company there, and a 360 and 120 Bob Minor was rung with Mr. Archer of Boroughbridge. In the afternoon an early move was made for home, a call being made on the way to see the beautiful church of "Christ the Consoler," erected at Skelton by the late Lady Mary Vynar in memory of her son, who was killed by brigands in Greece; and which well repaid the visit. Continuing the journey forward to Ripon, a short halt for tea was made, and onward again to Sharow, where the ringers were found assembled at 5.30, and the bells raised, therefore no time was lost in getting to work, and two touches of Kent Treble Bob Major were rung by Messrs. Pick (Sharow), Oddy, Langstaff, W. Bolland, Metcalf (Sharow), Birks, G. Bolland, and Haley. Tenor 13 cwt. The hour of return being nigh, a move was at once made to the railway station, where owing to the train being late, the time was pleasantly passed with the handbells, some of the Sharow ringers who had accompanied, taking part. The visitors desire to thank the vicars of Boroughbridge, Kirby Hill, and Sharow for their kind permission to ring, and also to the local ringers for their hearty welcome.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Friday, May 25th, by the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Welby, the singers and ringers of Norton parish church were entertained to supper at The Bagshaw Arms. Having received an invitation to join the company, I was rather shy about taking part in the gathering, inasmuch that at present I claim to belong to no ringing company, but having been informed of the fact that although the pretty old church of Norton possessed a fine peal of six bells in good ringing order, and above that number of talented change-ringers, they have not mustered enough strength on a Sunday to ring for service, and considering that they have no dispute with the Rector or churchwardens, I thought it my duty as Secretary of the Association to join the party, and see if a change for the better could not be made. Ringers as a rule are not treated with such kindness as Mr. and Mrs. Welby do year after year give to the Norton ringers, and as the ringers may not be able to express their gratitude by words, yet they can let the bells speak forth their words of praise on the Sabbath morn.

The company, numbering about twenty, assembled, and were treated to a substantial meal well cooked and admirably served by Mr. and Mrs. Fielding and their assistants. After the table had been cleared, Mr. J. Atkin, choir-master, took the chair.

The toast of "The Queen and Royal Family" was given by

the chairman, and received with enthusiasm. Mr. Watts followed by a capital song with a good refrain, which was heartily taken up.

Mr. Cattell gave the toast of "The Bishops and Clergy," remarking what good they had done in the past, and were doing in the present. These observations were cordially endorsed by the company. The chairman kept the ball rolling well the whole evening, and songs were rendered by Messrs. Biggin, Rhodes, Atkin, Allen, Kirby, Fielding, and the brothers Cattell.

The chairman, in giving the toast of "Mr. and Mrs. Welby," spoke at some length on the many acts of kindness which they oftentimes had meted out, not only to the Church, but to other denominations. Mr. Fielding supported the toast, hoping that the chairman would write them at an early date, expressing the gratitude of all present for the manner in which they had been entertained on this and other occasions. The toast was drank with musical honours. The choir-master next "True, true till Jeath," which was the song of the night, being rendered in fine style.

The toast of "the Host and Hostess" was next drank, the company singing "For they are hearty good people." Mr. Fielding, in reply, thanked them for the hearty manner in which they had taken up the toast of himself and wife, remarking that after all they had only done their duty in trying to make the supper as good as possible. He hoped that all had enjoyed themselves, about which he thought there was no doubt. The hostess, in responding, expressed the pleasure it gave her to know that she had given those present such satisfaction. At 11 o'clock, the singing of the National Anthem brought a most pleasant evening to a close, one and all having most thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

E. J.

AN INTERESTING EVENT.

Saturday, June 2nd, was a red letter day at Meltham, a pretty place within easy distance of Huddersfield, Yorkshire, and in the Holmfirth district of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity, the occasion being the laying of three corner-stones for a new entrance to the Oddfellows' Hall, by P.G.M. Graham, of Burton-on-Trent, and Bros. Wrigley and Carlile, of the "New Year" lodge, Meltham. There was a grand procession of friendly society members in regalia and white gloves, headed by the famous Meltham Mills brass band, and the place was gay with flags, &c. The bells of the parish church were rung by the local ringers and others, in honour of the event. The bells of this church have only been rung by hand on this and two other occasions for a great number of years, one being on Her Majesty's Jubilee, and the other on some special local event. They have some mechanical arrangement which chimes the bells for service. As your correspondent was approaching the village, he was delighted with the sound of the bells, a splendid peal of six, tenor about 12½ cwt., which were being rung to the tune of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and before he reached the church, a short touch of Violet was rung, and a great number of the inhabitants were listening, and many expressed a wish that they should be rung oftener. There is a very good company of change-ringers here, and considering they have had no practice for so many years (only a preliminary practice at a tower about three miles distant), the ringing was good. Later in the evening a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung in 26 mins. by a mixed company. J. Roebuck (Armitage Bridge), 1; B. Woodhead (Meltham), 2; J. Holden (Mossley, conductor), 3; J. Shaw (Armitage Bridge), 4; J. Littlewood (Armitage Bridge), 5; J. Barrowclough (Armitage Bridge), 6. The local company finished the day's ringing with a few more touches, and those who had the pleasure of ringing, hope more opportunities will be afforded them of ringing on these bells, which are centred in a district in which so many noted ringers and composers have worked and laboured for our much-loved science.

Still may they ring when troubles cease,
Still may they ring for joys increase,
For progress in the arts of peace
And friendly trophies won.

Till rival nations join their hands,
Till plenty crowns the happy lands,
Till knowledge gives new blessings birth
And freedom reigns o'er all the earth.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The belfry of the fine parish church of St. John the Baptist at Cirencester, has just received an elegant interesting addition in the form of a beautifully illuminated peal-board commemorating the accomplishment of the peal of Grandsire Cinques by members of this Association on the occasion of the home-coming to Cirencester of the Earl and Countess Bathurst, and which was duly chronicled in our columns. The board is the work of Mr. H. Tom Gardner, a member of the parish church band, and is admirably executed. It bears at the head the diocesan coat of arms, and at the bottom the Bathurst arms with the Borthwick arms quartered. The wording is as follows:—

"Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Change-Ringers. In honour of the marriage, and on the occasion of the home-coming on December 2nd, 1893, of Seymour Henry, seventh Earl Bathurst, and Lillias Margaret Frances, Countess Bathurst, the following members of this society rang a true peal of Grandsire Cinques, 5038 changes, on these bells, in 4 hours and 3 minutes. Frederick Musty (Cheltenham), treble; Francis E. Hart (Gloucester), 2; Edward Bankes James (Gloucester), 3; John Austin (Gloucester), 4; Alfred T. Brunsdon (Gloucester), 5; William H. Brunsdon (Gloucester), 6; Walter T. Bennett (Gloucester), 7; Francis E. Ward (Cheltenham), 8; William Dyer (Charlton Kings), 9; Henry Roberts (Cheltenham), 10; Adolphus Roberts (Gloucester), 11; Albert W. Humphris (Cheltenham) and Henry Clutterbuck (Cirencester), tenor. Tenor 28 cwt. in D. Composed by James Motts, and Conducted by John Austin; and was the first peal of Cinques by each of the above, and by the Association. Henry Rudge Hayward, Archdeacon and Vicar; Fred. T. E. Boulton, John Hyde, Churchwardens."

There are now a trio of peal-boards in the Cirencester belfry, the other two being less pretentious in design, but considerably older. They record peals of Grandsire Triples in 1824 and 1868 respectively.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12th, the first annual contest connected with the above Association took place at Kirkburton, when the following bands competed for the Association's silver cup, other prizes being kindly given by the local band. The touch rung was 1056 Kent Treble Bob Major.

Drawn.	Faults.	
1 Dewsbury	479	1st prize silver cup and silver alberts.
2 Liversedge	528	2nd " 8 gold medals.
3 Brighouse	984	4th " 8 silk handkerchiefs.
4 Mirfield	1139	no "
5 Ossett	774	3rd " 8 half-dozen knives and forks.
6 Birstal	1103	no "

When the contest was over, the decision was read out at The Grapes inn, where a meeting was held and the prizes awarded to each successful competitor by Dr. Lockwood, president of the local company, who said it gave him great pleasure at being asked to distribute them, and commented upon the wisdom of practising much, to become successful on such occasions. Mr. S. Goodall, on behalf of the Association, proposed that the best thanks of this meeting be given to the Vicar, churchwardens, and ringers for their untiring endeavours to make the contest a success, which was carried unanimously. Mr. Moxon (churchwarden), responded, and in a few brief words explained that they had endeavoured to make the contest a success, and he only hoped the successful competitors were satisfied, and the unsuccessful ones would not despair, but try again. Mr. John Cordingley (Calverley), and Mr. Allan Womersley (Almondbury), officiated as judges, and gave general satisfaction.

THE SOCIETY OF BROMLEY YOUTHS.—On Sunday, June 3rd, six of this parish church ringers, with Mr. J. Emery, of St. Mary Cray, took a run down to Gravesend, where permission had been obtained for a pull on the bells at St. George's. There being an hour or so to spare before ringing time, the party went for a stroll through the town. After a good tea, the tower was sought, and 720 Bob Minor was rung, with 6-8 covering. G. Simpson, 1; H. P. Harman, 2; G. Durling, 3; E. Dunn, 4; T. Harford (conductor), 5; W. James, 6; I. Emery, 7; H. J. Jones, 8. The tenor-man belongs to the local band, and this is his longest touch. Shortly afterwards the visitors took their departure homewards, having spent a very enjoyable afternoon. They wish to take this opportunity to thank the vicar of St. George's for kindly granting them the use of the bells, and hope soon to be able to take a band down, and attempt a peal on them.

ANOTHER WEEK'S SURPRISING RINGING.

Ye Surprise ringers! draw in your horns; for has there not lately visited the Weald of Kent a band of surprising ringers from Barnstaple, in Devonshire, for a week's ringing, visiting Rolvenden, Benenden, Cranbrook, Headcorn, and several other towers in the neighbourhood? masters of those extraordinary scientific and intricate methods, yclept Stony, Churchyard Bob, Tombstone Surprise, and Stedman's Agony. The records of their achievements will be found no doubt in their proper place. The scientific way in which these Surprise ringers handled their ropes was surprising in itself, for they did ring most mightily, fetching pieces out of their hands, and covering the ropes with blood they hauled away, worthy of a better cause. This visit to Kent was through the kindness of a gentleman in Rolvenden, who paid all expenses amounting to about £26.

Oh! ye unenlightened Barnstaple ringers, if ye should ever visit Kent again, do for goodness' sake ring something worth ringing. E.

Correspondence.

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

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

A DOUBT.

SIR,—I see in last week's issue of "THE BELL NEWS" that the Winchester Diocesan Guild members (which Guild I had the honour of being a member for several years previous to 1891), has published the completion of a peal of Grandsire Triples, which I feel compelled to draw your notice to, especially as I see the name of a rev. gentleman as one of the band, which one would naturally have thought, would have been sufficient to ensure genuine ringing; but perhaps the said gentleman does not understand ringing sufficiently to judge if right or wrong. Anyhow, it was not a genuine peal, as, as near 1.45 as possible, the bells came to a perfect standstill, and remained so for a period of at least three or four leads. Therefore, if that performance can honestly be claimed a peal, bellringing is a farce, and is most unfair to other bands, who do succeed in going through a peal. Another thing I wish to call your attention to, Sir, is that it is quite time umpires should be enforced at all times a band is attempting a peal for publicity. This would soon put a stop to these bogus peals being foisted on the public. I should also like to call your attention to a question I asked you through "THE BELL NEWS," and which you explained in "THE BELL NEWS" of August 20th, 1892, relating to a similar case, which reply one would have thought sufficient to deter any band of making a like deplorable claim, especially in the same grand old church of Christchurch, where, I am sorry to say, a tablet is allowed to remain which was erected through the misrepresentation of the Christchurch band to the Vicar. A. PEARCE.

COMPOSITION WANTED.

SIR,—Seeing in your last issue an account of a date touch rang at Minehead, composed and conducted by W. H. Moore, and this being the first date touch to my knowledge composed by a Somerset man, myself, and I think other members of the Exercise, would like to see the qualities of this composition. SOMERSET.

Obituary.

ROBERT COOPER.

After a long and painful illness, the above gentleman died at his residence, near Victoria Park, on May 24th. He was well-known among ringers in the Eastern District of London, and many will recall to memory the happy smiles that always greeted any brother-string when paying Mr. Cooper a visit. He was many years associated with Shoreditch belfry, in which tower the following persons rang a muffled peal (whole pull and stand) as a last mark of respect, on Saturday, June 2nd, on which day the deceased was interred in Bow Cemetery. He was 68 years old. C. Linstead, 1; J. Charteris, 2; A. Linstead, 3; W. F. Meads, 4; W. Sinclair, 5; J. Barry, 6; H. Living, 7; H. Benham (conductor), 8. Time 65 mins.

FISHTOFT (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday morning, June 3rd, for Divine Service, a 6-score each of the following: Grandsire, April Day, Primrose, and Plain Bob. H. Broughton, 1; J. E. Clark, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; H. Palmer (conductor), 4; T. Woods, 5. Messrs. Woods and Clark hail from Skirbeck, and the rest from Boston.

Ringers' Outings.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday, May 26th, seven members of the Nuneaton branch of this Association, viz.: H. Horwood, H. Argyle, J. F. Clarke, T. W. Chapman, H. Paulson, W. Hickley, and W. Stone were met at Rugby by J. George and also H. Tarver, of Bilton, at 3.15 p.m., for the purpose of an outing round the neighbourhood. On Rugby station 168 of Grandsire Triples on handbells. H. Paulson, 1-2; H. Argyle, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; J. George (conductor), 7-8. The party then journeyed by wagonette to Newbold-on-Avon, a distance of two miles, and the first 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor on the bells at that place was rung. H. Horwood, 1; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 2; H. Paulson, 3; J. F. Clarke, 4; H. Argyle, 5; J. George, 6. Also two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Stone, 1; W. Hickley, 2; H. Tarver, 3; J. F. Clarke, 4; J. George (conductor), 5; H. Argyle, 6. Also 108 of Bob Minor. H. Paulson, 1; H. Argyle (conductor), 2; J. F. Clarke, 3; W. Hickley, 4; H. Horwood, 5; J. George, 6. Also a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells. J. F. Clarke, 1-2; H. Paulson, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; H. Argyle, 7-8; J. George, 9-10. Also 112 of Grandsire Triples on handbells. H. Paulson, 1-2; H. Argyle, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; J. George (conductor), 7-8. A move was then made for Rugby, another two miles, and at the church of St. Andrew, the first 6-score of Stedman Doubles on the bells. H. Argyle, 1; J. F. Clarke (conductor), 2; H. Paulson, 3; J. George, 4; T. W. Chapman, 5. Also a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. J. Coles (Rugby), 1; H. Tarver, 2; T. W. Chapman, 3; H. Horwood, 4; J. George (conductor), 5. At Bilton, at the church of St. Mark, the first 6-score of Stedman Doubles on the bells was successfully brought round. J. F. Clarke, 1; H. Paulson, 2; W. Hickley, 3; J. George, 4; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 5. Also two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Stone, 1; T. W. Chapman, 2; H. Argyle, 3; H. Tarver, 4; J. George (conductor), 5. Also a 6-score of Bob Doubles. W. Stone, 1; T. W. Chapman (conductor), 2; H. Argyle, 3; H. Horwood, 4; J. George, 5. At Dunchurch a very fine peal was brought round at 7 p.m. with knives and forks, the repast being provided by host Weston at The Dun Cow hotel. After this, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. W. Chapman, 1; H. Horwood, 2; H. Paulson, 3; H. Argyle, 4; J. George (conductor), 5; J. F. Clarke, 6. Also the first 6-score of Stedman Doubles on these bells was rung by T. W. Chapman (conductor), 1; J. George, 2; H. Paulson, 3; H. Argyle, 4; J. F. Clarke, 5; H. Horwood, 6. And 360 Bob Minor. T. W. Chapman, 1; J. F. Clarke (conductor), 2; H. Paulson, 3; H. Argyle, 4; H. Horwood, 5; J. George, 6. The ringers then adjourned to The Dun Cow hotel and the following touches were rung on handbells. 223 Grandsire Triples. H. Paulson, 1-2; H. Argyle, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; J. George (composer and conductor), 7-8. Also 112 of Grandsire Triples by the same band. And a course of Grandsire Caters. J. F. Clarke, 1-2; H. Paulson, 3-4; T. W. Chapman, 5-6; H. Argyle, 7-8; J. George, 9-10. Several tunes upon handbells were also given by H. Horwood, T. W. Chapman, J. F. Clarke, H. Argyle, and H. Paulson. At Dunchurch there were a great many on-lookers, both in the belfry and at The Dun Cow hotel, to hear the ringing, and a great many of the inhabitants expressed their entire satisfaction. The ringers and others after singing "Anld Lang Syne" left Dunchurch by wagonette at 10 p.m. (which hour came too soon) and departed from Rugby station to their respective homes at 11 p.m., after experiencing a most enjoyable outing. The ringers desire to thank the clergy and churchwardens of Newbold, Rugby, Bilton, and Dunchurch for the use of the bells, and also Messrs. Turland, Coles, Cockerill, and others for having everything in readiness.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—On Whit-Tuesday, May 15th, Messrs. A. E. Durrant, J. W. Lines, and A. R. Aldham, of Ipswich, took the 10.30 train to Melton, and on arriving there they were cordially welcomed by Mr. C. Ward at The Horse and Groom inn. After refreshing the inner man they were soon enjoying a pleasant drive to Wickham Market through the kindness of Mr. Ward. Here they were met by the brothers Reeve and a move was made to the church, where a 720 of Oxford

Treble Bob was rung in 26 mins. W. Reeve, 1; J. Reeve, 2; A. R. Aldham (conductor), 3; J. W. Lines, 4; A. E. Durrant, 5; C. Ward, 6. Also a 360 of Kent Treble Bob with C. Ward, 4; A. R. Aldham, 6; the rest as before, conducted by A. E. Durrant. Returning home a call was made at Ufford, where there is a pretty peal of eight, and by the kind permission of the rector and with the assistance of the local ringers a 377 of Grandsire Triples was rung. W. Ward, 1; J. W. Lines, 2; C. Ward, 3; J. Leggett, 4; W. R. Garratt, 5; A. R. Aldham (conductor), 6; A. E. Durrant, 7; A. Ward, 8. Also 336 of Bob Major, and about 260 of Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Ward (conductor), 1; J. W. Lines, 2; C. Ward, 3; J. Leggett, 4; W. P. Garratt, 5; A. Ward, 6; A. E. Durrant, 7; A. R. Aldham, 8. Great credit is due to J. Leggett for the way he rang his bell, he knowing little of change-ringing six months ago. The visitors desire to return many thanks to the brothers Ward, and other friends for so kindly assisting them in making their day's outing a success.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—On Monday, June 4th, the members of the Horley branch of this Association had their annual outing to Ashted, Surrey. Arriving about 11 a.m., they were soon ascending the steps of the tower and a start was made for various touches of Grandsire Triples consisting of two 504's and two 672's, and a quarter-peal. The ringers for the day were Messrs. E. Taylor, T. Sparks, W. Edwards, E. Dewey, A. Songhurst, G. Apps, G. Staplehurst, C. Taylor, F. Wickens, F. Voice, S. Kenward, J. Kenward, H. Peters, E. Still, and F. H. Page. The bells were then lowered and an adjournment was made to The Leg of Mutton and Ye Cauliflower hotel, where a substantial tea was provided, after which a short tune was rang on the handbells, and a start made for home. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the vicar for the use of the bells, also Mr. F. H. Page, for having the bells in readiness, the "go" being excellent.

ARMLEY, YORKSHIRE.—On Saturday, June 2nd, the ringers from Christ church, Armley, had their outing to Addingham, a village near Ilkley, the noted health resort. Arriving at their destination about 3 p.m., the "ideal" village church was examined and great pleasure was expressed at its neatness and beauty. A move was then made to the belfry, the ringing chamber being about five feet from the ground floor, the bells were raised and a course of Oxford was rung as a "feeler," then 1200 changes were rung consisting of 240 each of Violet, Woodbine, Merchants' Delight, Kent, and Oxford. Jos. Thackeray, 1; B. Cowling, 2; John Thackeray (conductor), 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. And 240 of Oxford. F. Blackith, 1; W. Phillips, 2; J. Heckingbottom, 3; W. Walland, 4; J. Cottam (conductor), 5; J. Guy, 6. An adjournment was then made to The Crown hotel for refreshments, and on their return to the tower they met the local and congenial conductor, and then rang a 720 of Duke of York in 23½ mins., standing as in the 1200. To conclude the ringing a 720 of Oxford Delight was rung, the striking of which was superb. Jos. Thackeray, 1; John Thackeray, 2; W. Phillips, 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; J. Cottam, 5; E. Town (conductor), 6. First in the method by the 1st, 2nd, and 4th. An adjournment was then made to The Crown hotel where the handbells were brought out and a "clinking" course of Oxford rung by the Armley men much to the delight of the company present. Other touches on the handbells brought a successful afternoon's outing to a close, the only drawback being a very wet afternoon, but it did not mar the enjoyment. Great pleasure was expressed at the tone and "go" of the bells, which are a splendid ring of six, tenor about 10 cwt., the running of which could not be better. They also wish through this paper to thank the rector for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for their kind reception and arrangements, and also Mr. Walland for kindly meeting them. Messrs. Town, Cottam, and Phillips are local men, and Walland hails from Ilkley.

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The Yorkshire Association.—Wanted, two competent members to ring the 5th and 6th bells, along with Mr. G. Bolland, Tong, and five of the St. Wilfrid's Society, Calverley, to attempt a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. Members wishing to take part please write as early as possible.

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Heavy Woollen Districts Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Thornhill, to-day, Saturday, June 16th, at 5 p.m. Meeting house, The Alma inn. Ballot for six-bell contest and other important business. All members are requested to attend.

Geo. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*
19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

The Devonshire Guild.—The annual meeting of the Devon Guild will be held to-day, Saturday, June 16th, at Ottery St. Mary. Tea in vicarage garden, weather permitting, 5 p.m., meeting 5.45, service in parish church 6.15. A grant of 1s. will be made for travelling expenses to every member attending the meeting. Tickets at reduced fares will be issued by the Railway companies to parties of eight, on application to Station Masters. Conveyances will meet the 1.33 p.m. train at Sidmouth Junction, to take the six-bell bands to Talaton, Pehembury, Feniton, and afterwards to Ottery. The eight-bell bands should come on by train to Ottery, where arrangements will be made for ringing from 2 to 5 p.m., and 7 to 8.15 p.m.

MAITLAND KELLY, *Hon. Sec.*
Vicarage, Ottery St. Mary.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Saxmundham District.—The fourth annual district meeting will be held at Sweffling, on Saturday, June 23rd. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 till 9 o'clock. Business meeting at 6 o'clock, when the annual report will be read. All members and friends cordially welcome.

W. TAYLOR, *Hon. District Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The annual meeting in connection with this Society will be held on Saturday, June 23rd, 1894, at Lichfield. Ringing at 2 p.m., sermon at 4 p.m. in Cathedral by the Rev. E. D. Pollock, vicar of Tamworth. Tea at 5.15 at Coffee house, tickets sixpence each to all members who have paid their subscriptions, to others 1s. Numbers for tea to be sent in not later than the 19th inst. to

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

South and West Middlesex Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above Association will be held at Staines, Middlesex, on Saturday, June 23rd, 1894, at 5 o'clock for united practice and enrolling members. E. J. WALSOM, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

Saffron Walden Society. Established 1623.—This society will hold its 271st anniversary on Wednesday, the 27th inst. Dinner at two o'clock, at The King's Arms inn. All friends heartily welcomed. G. MARTIN, *Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, 26th inst., at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, when it is hoped that every member will make it convenient to attend. Books open at 8, and chair to be taken for subsequent business at 8.30 p.m.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

The Surrey Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Dorking, on Monday, July 2nd. By kind permission of the Rev. E. A. Chichester the tower of St. Martin's (8 bells) will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. The tower of Ranmore Common is not available. The election of officers will take place at this meeting. Tea at the parish church room (close to church) at 5.30 p.m. Representatives are requested to forward the number who intend to be present at tea to the undersigned not later than Wednesday, June 27th. By permission of the Rev. E. Sanders, the tower of St. Michael's (six bells) will be open from 4 till 9 p.m. Methods for practice: Violet, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and College Single.

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Lavenham (Suffolk).—The anniversary of SS. Peter and Paul's bells will be held on Thursday June 21st. Tower will be open for ringing from 6.30 a.m. till 8 p.m.

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NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT TONBRIDGE.—It will be with surprise and regret that those ringers who had the pleasure of seeing and hearing the Vicar of Tonbridge on the occasion of the last Kent County Association annual meeting learn that the rev. gentleman died on Tuesday evening, the 5th of this month. Recently returned from the South of France, where, during the winter months, he had been officiating as Chaplain to the English church at Mentone, he was looking forward hopefully to resuming, with renewed strength, the many duties of his position. His hopes were, however, suddenly disappointed by an exceedingly painful illness, which, unfortunately, proved fatal. It is not my intention to even touch upon the incidents, work and fruits of his long and useful life in many branches of the Church, but rather to write of him as a ringer's friend. The improvements in the rules and regulations, and the encouragements given to ringers and ringing in Tonbridge, are largely due to his sympathetic interest and influence. Ever ready to welcome visiting ringers by extending to them the privilege of the use of the bells at almost any time, he made himself responsible for much of the good ringing which has been heard in Tonbridge of late, and which has not been without results in encouraging the local band to greater activity. But it was on Whit-Monday last, in his straightforward address to the ringers in the parish church, that he shewed how much he was at one with them in their duties and aspirations; and it will I am sure be felt by all who were present that they had lost a friend. On the Thursday, a farewell service was held in the church, previous to the departure of his remains for interment in the Isle of Man, his birthplace, on the Saturday following. The bells on both occasions were

slowly rung half-muffled by the local ringers, and in the evening, as recorded, a further expression of the affection and respect in which he was held by all ringers who knew him, was given by a complete peal. It should be added that the band was fairly representative, the ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 7 being from Tunbridge Wells, 5, 6 and 8 local ringers, and the conductor from Chislehurst. Special sermons being preached on the following Sunday, the bells were still partly silenced, and in the evening the local ringers rang six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, as a final tribute of respect and esteem for their late Vicar. The ringers were as follows, with 4, 6 8 covering: R. J. Graneson, 1; A. Laurence, 2; C. Mitchell, 3; C. Corke, jun., 4; G. H. Stonestreet, 5; J. J. Smith, 6; W. Steed (conductor), 7; G. Rabbitt, 8. G. H. S.

THE PEAL AT SCUNTHORPE.—In October last, at the invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. E. Akenhead, the St. Peter-at-Arches Society, Lincoln, opened the new peal of eight cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. When the peal was attempted it had to be abandoned after an hour's ringing owing to the bad go of the tenor. This has since been seen to by the founders. On Saturday, June 9th, the above Society made a second journey to accomplish their task. An attempt was made on the Saturday evening, but proved unsuccessful after two-and-three-quarter hours' good ringing. On Sunday morning, for Divine Service, three courses of Bob Major was rung. At noon another attempt was made for the peal, which was successfully brought round in three hours, particulars of which appears in its proper place. The ringers wish to express their regret that the Vicar was away from home, and they wish to thank him for the use of the bells; also the local ringers and friends for their kind hospitality.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 1894.

A report will be found in this number of the proceedings at the first festival of a new ringers' organization, under the style and title of "The Towcester and District Association of Change-Ringers." We are told, and told truly, that although this Association has been in existence but six months, it shows signs of great life and energy. From the array of reverend gentlemen who took part in the proceedings, and thereby interested themselves in the movement, it may be reasonably imagined that this youthful body is on the high road to prosperity. All will hope that such expectations may be realised.

It is pleasing to read that at this gathering the active and respected Master of the Oxford Guild was again to the fore. On this occasion the reverend gentleman occupied the pulpit at the service in the church, and delivered one of his characteristic sermons, which we regret not being able to publish in full. "The success of their Association," Mr. ROBINSON told his hearers, "depended upon their combined action." He pointed out to them the necessity of aiming at perfection, and in endeavouring to arrive at such a condition, to follow the example of the very highest Christian ideal. On such a topic as this, and indeed upon every other that he is interested in, the worthy Master knows how to speak.

At the meeting which took place after Divine Service,

Mr. ROBINSON, in replying to a vote of thanks accorded to him for his address, intimated that he should like to see all the ringing associations in the county affiliated to one Association for the whole of the Diocese of Peterborough. With such a sentiment we are perfectly in accord. If it be desirable that our close connection with the Church should be maintained and extended, the area of ringing guilds should be the diocese—in fact, a Diocesan Guild to embrace all ringing societies within its area.

The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Thursday, May 31, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

GEORGE NEWSON Treble.	HAROLD N. DAVIS 5.
GEORGE SMITH 2.	PERCY HOWARD 6.
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
THOMAS TITCHENER 4.	ARTHUR JACOB Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

Rung to celebrate the twenty-third birthday of P. Howard, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers wish to thank Mr. E. P. O'Meara, the steeplekeeper, for having everything in readiness.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 9, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qrs. in E.

WILLIAM BURKIN Treble.	WILLIAM H. DALLIMORE .. 5.
FREDERICK RUMENS 2.	*FREDERICK A. NUNN .. 6.
WILLIAM D. SMITH 3.	*WILLIAM PYE 7.
WILLIAM B. MANNING .. 4.	WILLIAM H. FRERMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BURKIN.

*First peal of Stedman. The above peal was rung on the birthdays of Messrs. Manning and Dallimore.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 9, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, SHADWELL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK CARTER† Treble.	EMANUEL HALL 5.
JAMES SCHOLES* 2.	SAMUEL JOYCE 6.
HENRY SPRINGALL 3.	YORK GREEN 7.
JAMES PETTIT 4.	CHARLES KENNEDY Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

†First peal. *First peal with a bob bell. F. Carter hails from Waltham Abbey.

The Provinces.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION. (BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 5, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE WALKER Treble.	GEORGE HITCHMAN 5.
JAMES GEORGE 2.	JOHN JENNINGS 6.
THEODORE PRITCHETT .. 3.	JOHN CARTER 7.
CHARLES SPARKES 4.	JOHN O. RAVENHILL .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal is in ten parts, and contains quadruple bobs throughout, and is now rung for the first time.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, June 6, 1894, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

JOHN O. BENNETT Treble.	WILLIAM H. SMITH 5.
WILLIAM H. BARBER* .. 2.	*WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 6.
GEORGE SALTER 3.	*ALBERT E. PARSONS .. 7.
THOMAS J. SALTER 4.	RICHARD E. GROVE Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON and Conducted by R. E. GROVE.

*First peal in the method.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, AND THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 7, 1894, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

HENRY DAWKES* Treble.	*ARTHUR SPITTLE 5.
BENJAMIN DALTON 2.	JAMES GEORGE 6.
WILLIAM R. SMALL 3.	ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 7.
HENRY A. HALL* 4.	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

*First peal of Bob Major. The above was rung after meeting one short for Caters.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, June 9, 1894, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5148 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. Treble.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 2.	EDGAR PEMBERTON 8.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER 3.	ALFRED BOWELL 9.
ROBERT HAWES 4.	ALBERT E. DURRANT .. 10.
WILLIAM MOTTS 5.	FREDERICK TILLET .. 11.
ALFRED WALTER BRIGHTON* 6.	WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

*First peal on twelve bells, and hails from Norwich.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1894, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM LATTER Treble.	WILLIAM STEED 5.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 2.	GEORGE H. STONESTREET .. 6.
GEORGE SMITHERS 3.	EDWARD MANKELOW .. 7.
CHARLES GOBLE 4.	GEORGE RABBITT Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late vicar of Tonbridge, the Rev. T. Howard Gill, M.A., who was interred on the above day. Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

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

On Saturday, June 9, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR W. BARKUS .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER 5.
WALTER S. WISE 2.	WILLIAM H. GEORGE .. 6.
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 3.	ROBERTO W. J. GOLLOP .. 7.
CHARLES J. CHOOET 4.	*WILLIAM PAYNE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. GEORGE.

*First peal. This is W. H. George's 100th peal. Messrs. Chooet, Sevier, George, and Payne belong to the Winchester Cathedral Society; the rest to Salisbury.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1894, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

F. HARGREAVES.. .. Treble.	E. WHEATER 5.
RUFUS THORNTON 2.	H. KERSHAW 6.
J. HECKINGBOTTOM 3.	J. W. EMMETT 7.
DICK NEWTON 4.	CHARLES DRACUP Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by CHARLES DRACUP.

First peal by H. Kershaw, also his birthday peal, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. Messrs. Hargreaves, Thornton, and Newton belong to Drighlington; Heckingbottom to Armley; Wheeler to Tong; Kershaw to Lightcliffe; Emmett and Dracup to Low Moor.

PRIVETT, HANTS.—WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ALTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 9, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE READING Treble.	ERNEST FINDEN 5.
HARRY E. WITHERS.. .. 2.	GEORGE GASSON 6.
ERNEST BRYANT* 3.	ALFRED BURGESS 7.
WM. G. WITHERS 4.	HARRY FORDER Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY E. WITHERS.

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

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES SOCIETY, LINCOLN.)

On Sunday, June 10, 1894, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

JOSEPH ASH.. .. Treble.	FREDERICK W. WALKER.. 5.
ROBERT E. CLARKE 2.	GEORGE CHESTER 6.
COOK WELLS 3.	GABRIEL LINDOFF 7.
RICHARD DAWSON 4.	CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

First peal on the bells. A note to this peal will be found on another page.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 10, 1894, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

RICHARD FENWICK† Treble.	ALEXANDER MCFARLANE.. 5.
JOHN H. BLAKISTON.. .. 2.	*FREDERICK A. MELLANBY 6.
ROBERT BORROWS 3.	*EDWARD EDWARDSON .. 7.
JOHN H. JONES* 4.	*JOHN W. PASSMAN Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON and Conducted by J. W. PASSMAN.

*First peal of Bob Major. †First peal. This peal was arranged specially for E. Edwardson, who hails from Warrington, and until recently a member of this company.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 12, 1894, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

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

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD.

Performances on Five and Six Bells.

TREETON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, June 9, 1894, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

SEVEN 720s OF TREBLE BOB MINOR IN SEVEN DIFFERENT METHODS:

College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lbs.

A. WOOFFENDEN Treble.	W. LAMBERT 4.
J. H. BROTHWELL 2.	W. J. NICHOLSON 5.
S. WALKER 3.	T. WHITWORTH Tenor.

Conducted by T. WHITWORTH.

The original bells, three in number, were reopened after repairs, together with three new ones, in July 1892, and the above is the first 5040 on the bells by the local band. It is also the first 5000 rung by the first, second, and fifth ringers, and the first 5040 of Minor by the ringers of the 3rd and tenor. Rung at the first attempt.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorks).—On Thursday, May 24th, at St. James's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 16 mins., with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. C. Collinson. F. Moulson, 1; J. W. Stickney, 2; G. M. Brownrigg, 3; G. T. Marshall, 4; C. Jackson, 5; W. Southwick (conductor), 6; H. W. Needham (composer), 7; W. Marshall, 8.

KENDAL (Westmorland).—On Wednesday, May 30th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1894 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins. J. Braithwaite, 1; W. Tyson, 2; R. Everson, 3; W. Graham, 4; W. Atkinson, 5; B. Walker, 6; B. Dawson (conductor), 7; J. Salmon, 8. Tenor 25½ cwt. This is the longest touch on the bells since they were reopened on Easter Sunday, after being returned and hung in an entirely new frame by Messrs. Taylor and Son, of Loughborough. This fine ring of ten is very much improved in tone, and the "go" is everything that can be desired.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ORDSALL (Notts).—On Sunday morning, May 26th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor (twenty-six singles). H. Merrills, 1; W. Preston, 2; J. C. Whetstone, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Blagg (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. And for evening service, 720 in the same method with W. H. Johnson, 4; the rest as above, conducted by H. Blagg. On Tuesday night, May 29th, for practice, 720 Yorkshire Court Minor. H. Merrills, 1; J. C. Whetstone, 2; H. Blagg, 3; H. Lambert, 4; H. Haigh (conductor), 5; J. White, 6. First 720 in the method by all, and was rung after three practices; and is also the fifth method this company has rung since they commenced change-ringing a year and five months ago.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday evening, May 28th, at the church of St. Mary, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, but after ringing half-an-hour it came to grief, and time not permitting to start again for the peal, and attempt was made to ring half of it, which was brought round in 1 hr. 34 mins. J. Hammond, 1; G. Sparrow, 2; J. Brady, 2; F. Allard, 4; W. Rumsey, 5; G. Rowe, sen., 6; G. Rowe, jun., 7; W. Grimes, 8. Longest length in the method by the ringers of the 2nd and 4th bells. The company hope to be able to score a peal of Bob Major before long, as there has not been a peal rung in the method by a Debenham company for over a century.

WORLINGWORTH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, June 3rd, for afternoon service, 720 Double Court, 360 Oxford, and 240 Oxford. C. F. Ling, 1; H. J. Creasy, 2; F. Clayton, 3; W. G. Crickmer, 4; W. Flory, 5; D. Collins (conductor), 6. And on handbells, 252 Bob Triples and a course of Grandsire. C. F. Ling, 1-2; F. Clayton, 3-4; W. G. Crickmer, 5-6; W. Flory, 7-8. And 896 and 720 Bob Major, and a course of Oxford. D. Collins, 1-2; F. Clayton, 3-4; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 5-6; W. Flory, 7-8.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COLWALL.—On Monday, April 16th, 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. C. Layton, 1; E. J. Beatley, 2; F. Voyce, 3; C. Greening, 4; J. Field, 5; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 6.

CODDINGTON.—On Tuesday, April 17th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. E. S. Kings, 1; H. Pritchard, 2; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 3; W. Taylor (first 720), 4; A. Layton, 5; C. Layton, 6. Also 400 Bob Minor, with C. Greening 5, and master Farmer (age 13) at the treble.

EASTNOR.—On Sunday, May 13th, and Thursday, May 17th, five 6-scores of Stedman Doubles and 480 Bob Minor by the local ringers.

MONTGOMERY.—On Monday, May 14th, 720 Grandsire Minor, being the first 720 on the bells, in 27 mins. W. Mead, 1; J. Roberts, 2; T. Horton, 3; W. R. Small, 4; J. G. Buchanan (first 720 of Minor), 5; W. H. Fussell (conductor), 6.

BRIDGNORTH (Salop).—On Monday, May 22nd, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Grandsire Minor in 21 mins. T. Overton, 1; W. Maund, 2; *F. Howard, 3; —, 4; J. Howard, 5; W. Fussell (conductor), 6. *First 720. On Thursday, May 17th, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Overton, 1; E. J. Hall, 2; F. Howard, 3; W. Maund, 4; J. Howard, 5; J. Overton, 6; W. Fussell (conductor), 7; H. Jones, 8. On Thursday, May 24th, an attempt was made for Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples which came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 40 mins. T. Overton, 1; E. J. Hall, 2; W. Fussell (conductor), 3; F. Howard, 4; W. Maund, 5; J. Howard, 6; J. Overton, 7; H. Jones, 8. On Sunday, May 27th, another 720 in 29 mins.

MORVILLE.—On Tuesday, May 22nd, a visit was paid to this place, and the first 720 of Grandsire Minor on the bells was rung in 26 mins. J. Overton, 1; W. Maund, 2; F. Howard, 3; J. Howard, 5; W. Fussell (conductor), 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Saturday, June 2nd, a peal of Stedman Triples, to celebrate the 20th year as Vicar of All Saints' parish by the Rev. A. H. Drummond, was attempted. All went well until sixty changes from home, when the slow work stopped in front, after ringing 2 hours 49 mins., thus causing the unfortunate loss of the peal. A. W. Pike, 1; W. E. Taylor, 2; A. Giles, 3; G. H. Wilkins, 4; A. E. Hoskins, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 6; J. W. Wilkins, 7; W. Brown, 8.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Monmouthshire).—On Tuesday, June 5th, at St. Woolos' church, for practice, two 504's of Grandsire Triples. W. Brooks, 1; E. Davies, 2; F. Atwell, 3; R. Les Vescompte, 4; S. Fry, 5; J. Butler, 6; J. Trowbridge (conductor), 7; R. Barnard, 8. The second 504. W. Brooks, 1; F. Atwell, 2; J. W. Jones, 3; R. Les Vescompte, 4; S. Fry, 5; J. Butler, 6; E. Davies (conductor), 7; J. Trowbridge, 8.

LLANDAFF (South Wales).—On Monday, May 28th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor with 6-8 covering. J. Pitcher, 1; W. Smyth, 2; W. Biss, 3; H. Snell, 4; C. Lloyd (conductor), 5; R. H. Brothwell, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; J. Thomas, 8. And 216 in the same method. W. Smyth, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Pitcher, 3; H. Snell, 4; C. Lloyd (conductor), 5; R. H. Brothwell, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; J. Thomas, 8. On Sunday, June 3rd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. J. Pitcher, 1; W. Smyth, 2; C. Lloyd, 3; W. Biss, 4; J. Harris, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; R. H. Brothwell, 8. On Monday, June 4th, for practice, 336 and 168 Grandsire Triples. R. Hopkins, 1; W. Smyth, 2; W. Biss, 3; C. Lloyd (conductor), 4; J. Harris, 5; *T. Northey, 6; J. Clutterbuck, 7; R. H. Brothwell, 8. *First touch in the method with a bob bell.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIDDENHAM (Beds).—On Thursday, March 29th, at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor (nine bobs and four singles). W. Wright, 1; P. Howard, 2; W. West, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; H. Sharp, 5; H. King, 6.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, April 1st, at St. Paul's church, a 224 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Smith, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; J. Sharman, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. And a 224 Oxford Treble Bob Major, 96 Kent Treble Bob Major, 168 Stedman Triples and 112 Grandsire Triples. On Sunday, April 8th, a 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major. J. Sharman, 1; F. Smith, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; W. Shimmans, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; S. Constant, 7; H. Sharp, 8. And 216 Stedman Triples. J. Sharman, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Sharp, 4; F. Smith, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R.

Shimmans, 8. On Tuesday, April 10th, a 504 Crandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 4; I. Hills, 5; J. Sharman, 6; F. Smith, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, April 15th, a 224 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. H. Tysoe, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; J. Sharman, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Smith, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. And 434 Grandsire Triples. J. Spencer, 1; C. Chasty, 2. H. Tysoe, 3; W. Hall, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; J. Sharman, 6; H. Sharp (conductor), 7; F. Hull, 8. And 216 Stedman Triples, 224 Kent Treble Bob Major, 168 Grandsire Triples and 112 Double Norwich. On Sunday, April 22nd, a 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Keech, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Smith, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. And 216 Stedman Triples. J. Sharman, 1; C. Chasty, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; H. Sharp, 7; J. Spencer, 8. On Sunday, April 29th, a 503 Grandsire Triples. H. Shimmans (first 500 in the method), 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Thursday, May 3rd, a 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Shimmans, 1; J. Sharman, 2; C. Chasty, 3; H. Tysoe, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Keech, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; F. Hull, 8. And a 216 Stedman Triples. H. Tysoe, 1; C. Chasty, 2; J. Sharman, 3; F. Keech, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, May 6th, a 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Keech, 1; C. Chasty, 2; J. Sharman, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Smith, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. On Thursday, May 10th, 2520 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. and 33 mins.; being the first half of Solomon Biddlestone's twelve-part peal. J. Spencer (longest length in the method), 1; C. Chasty (longest length in the method), 2; J. Sharman (longest length in the method), 3; W. Shimmans, 4; F. Smith, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. The above was intended for a peal, but one of the band did not want the other half. On Sunday, May 13th, a 224 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Hull, 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe, 3; F. Smith, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. And a 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. H. Tysoe, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; P. Howard, 4; I. Hills, 5; W. Shimmans, 6; H. Sharp, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. On Thursday, May 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. (*Troyte's Work*). J. Spencer (first quarter-peal), 1; C. Chasty, 2; H. Tysoe (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), 3; J. Sharman, 4; H. Sharp, 5; I. Hills, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON.—On Tuesday, June 5th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure in 25 mins. J. W. Smith, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; G. Smith, 3; J. Townsend, 4; J. Smith, 5; R. Round (conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 10th, 720 College Single in 25 mins. W. Talbot, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; J. Smith, 4; E. Hampton, 5; R. Round (conductor), 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Monday, April 23rd, for practice, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Peverell, 1; G. Green, 2; H. C. Mayne, 3; J. Pallister, 4; F. Charlton, 5; J. Cleminson (conductor), 6. On Sunday, April 29th, for evening service, 420 Bob Major. R. Pallister, 1; H. Peverell, 2; G. Green, 3; J. Pallister, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; F. Charlton, 6; E. Titt, 7; T. Buzzard (conductor), 8. On Monday, May 7th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. R. Pallister, 1; G. Green, 2; H. C. Mayne, 3; H. Peverell, 4; F. Charlton (conductor), 5; J. Pallister, 6. On Monday, May 28th, for practice, 1280 of Bob Major in 44 mins. R. Pallister, 1; G. Green, 2; H. Peverell, 3; W. Pallister, 4; H. C. Mayne, 5; J. Pallister, F. Charlton, 7; J. Cleminson (conductor), 8.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somerset).—On Saturday, June 2nd, at St. Mary's church on the occasion of the Taunton branch of the above Association holding a monthly meeting, 350 Grandsire Triples. H. Pearce, 1; J. Joyce, 2; F. Millard, 3; S. Radford, 4; H. Poole, 5; J. Burge, 6; T. W. Radford (conductor), 7; G. Yendall, 8. Also a 420. A. Evans, 1; J. Joyce, 2; F. Millard, 3; H. Poole, 4; S. Radford, 5; G. Yendall, 6; T. W. Radford (conductor), 7; J. Burge, 8. A course of Grandsire Caters. H. Pearce, 1; A. Evans, 2; F. Millard, 3; J. Joyce, 4; S. Radford, 5; J. Burge, 6; H. Poole, 7; G. Yendall, 8; T. W. Radford, 9; J. Fowler, 10. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles. O. Bond, 1; J. Garland, 2; H. Mogridge, 3; H. Pearce, 4; F. Millard (conductor), 5; S. Radford, 6.

OSPRINGE.—At the parish church on Sunday evening, June 3rd, for Divine Service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. S. Croucher, 1; E. Bridges, 2; W. Taylor, 3; F. Hunt, 4; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 5; C. Millway, 6; H. Burling, 7; J. Austen, 8.

And after service, a plain course of Bob Major, and 504 of Grandsire Triples (twelve bobs). S. Croucher, 1; W. Taylor, 2; G. A. Ransom, 3; E. Bridges, 4; H. Burling, 5; C. H. Drake (conductor), 6; C. Millway, 7; G. Wood, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Tuesday, May 29th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. Rev. D. Hamer, 1; E. Chaplin, 2; W. Grimwade, 3; F. Radley, 4; C. H. Howard (conductor), 5; H. Butcher, 6.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday morning, May 27th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. E. Hammond, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; W. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; A. Huckson, 6. On Sunday, June 3rd, 720 Bocking Treble Bob. F. Calthorpe, 1; C. H. Howard, 2; W. Hammond, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; F. Rudkin, 5; H. E. Hammond (conductor), 6.

STISTED (Essex).—On Sunday evening, June 3rd, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, 720 New London Pleasure, and 216 Kent Treble Bob. A. Chaplin, 1; F. Radley, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; F. Warren, 4; S. Sargent, 5; E. Radley, 6. After service 720 Double Court Bob. E. Chaplin, 1; F. Radley, 2; F. Warren, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; S. Sargent, 5; E. Radley, 6. This is E. Radley's first 720 of New London Pleasure, and he is the first Stisted ringer who has ever rung a 720 in the method. Messrs. F. Radley, Warren, and Sargent hail from Bocking; Howard from Braintree; the rest are of the local company.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RAINHAM.—On Saturday, June 2nd, at St. Margaret's church, for practice, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 30 mins. Tenor 24 cwt. G. Capeling, 1; F. Ockwell, 2; E. Dunster, 3; W. T. Hyland, 4; W. Seamer, 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells. Also 240 of Bob Minor. G. Denniss, 1; W. T. Hyland, 2; T. Ockwell, 3; G. Capeling, 4; J. Champion (longest length), 5; G. A. Ransom (conductor), 6.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday, May 27th, for morning service, 1008 Bob Major. G. Simpson, 1; R. G. Humphrey, 2; T. Durling, 3; E. Dunn, 4; G. Durling, 5; I. Emery, 6; T. Groombridge, 7; H. P. Harman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, June 3rd, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. E. Dunn (longest length in the method), 1; H. P. Harman, 2; H. N. Davis (conductor), 3; A. Davis, 4; I. Emery, 5; T. Harford, 6; E. O'Meara, 7; T. Groombridge, 8.

BORDEN (Kent).—On Sunday evening, June 3rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples taken from Holt's Original, in 43 mins. E. Allen, 1; S. Hutson, 2; W. Tassell, 3; G. Willshire, 4; C. Duttonall, 5; R. Staines, 6; C. Willshire (conductor), 7; A. Hardy, 8. G. Willshire hails from Quex Park, Birchington.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WICKHAM (Hants.).—On Saturday, June 2nd, the Southampton Blue Cross Abstiners' Cycling Brigade held their 33rd church parade at the parish church, when several 6-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rang for service by E. Cooper, W. Cooper, C. Tribe, G. Grafham, G. E. Chappell, W. Linter, and J. W. Whiting. After service, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. G. E. Chappell, 1; W. Cooper, 2; C. Tribe, 3; W. Linter, 4; G. Grafham, 5; J. W. Whiting (conductor), 6. And 720 in the same method. W. F. Churcher, 1; G. E. Chappell, 2; W. Cooper, 3; C. Tribe, 4; J. W. Whiting, 5; W. Linter (conductor), 6. And some Grandsire and Oxford Bob Minor was rung during the evening. On Tuesday, June 5th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs twenty-two singles), in 25 mins. G. Downs, 1; W. Cooper, 2; G. Carpenter, 3; W. F. Churcher, 4; G. E. Chappell (first 720 as conductor), 5; S. Cummings, 6. J. W. Whiting and G. Grafham hail from Fareham, W. Linter from Swanmore, C. Tribe from Bittern, W. Cooper and S. Cummings from Shedfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—BLACKBURN BRANCH.

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Thursday, May 24th, at Holy Trinity church, in honour of the Queen's birthday, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor with 7-8 covering. H. Heyworth, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; R. Ashworth, 3; M. Wood, 4; N. Townend, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6; T. Mounsey, 7; D. Heys, 8. On Sunday, June 3rd, for morning service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Baldwin, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; H. Heyworth, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; N. Townend, 5; M. Wood, 6; T. Mounsey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. And for afternoon service, 640 in the same method. T. Baldwin, 1; D. Campbell, 2; H. Heyworth, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; N. Townend, 5; M. Wood, 6; T. Mounsey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. Also for evening service, 640 in the same method. T. Baldwin, 1; J. Wilkinson, 2; D. Campbell, 3; H. Heyworth, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mounsey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Monday, June 11th, St. Barnabas' day, at St. Saviour's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. W. Cooter (conductor), 1; A. Deards, 2; H. Reeves, 3; Y. Green, 4; S. Hayes, 5; W. H. Dallimore, 6; T. A. Estall, 7; G. Bower, 8. Rung on the 4th anniversary of the wedding-day of the Vicar—the Rev. H. T. Maitland, and Mrs. Maitland—to whom the ringers wish "many happy returns." After the quarter-peal the bells were fired.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, May 23rd, for practice, 720 Plain Bob (thirty-two bobs two singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; W. Joinson, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday morning, May 27th, 720 Canterbury (twenty-six bobs ten singles). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walters, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. And for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob (fifteen bobs). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; W. Wilcox, 3; G. Kendrick, 4; J. Griffiths, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Wednesday, May 30th, for practice, 888 changes, being 72 Kent, 36 Plain Bob, 60 Canterbury, and 720 Grandsire. J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. On Sunday evening, June 3rd, 720 Canterbury (forty-two singles eighteen bobs). J. Povall, 1; G. Kendrick, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (composer), 5; T. Povall, 6. On Tuesday, June 5th, on the occasion of a wedding, 720 Canterbury (eighteen singles three bobs). J. Povall, 1; C. Rimmer, 2; J. Walter, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox, 5; T. Povall, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs two singles). W. Joinson, 4; the rest as before. Conducted by W. Wilcox.

BALCOMBE (Sussex).—On Sunday, May 27th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. A. Gasson, 1; C. Holman, 2; E. Streeter, 3; R. Streeter, 4; J. Wedge, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. And 240 Plain Bob. J. Gasson, 1; C. Holman, 2; F. Streeter, 3; R. Streeter, 4; J. Wedge, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. Also 720 College Exercise, E. Stoner, 1; C. Holman, 2; F. Streeter, 3; R. Streeter, 4; J. Gasson, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. On Thursday, May 31st, for practice, 360 College Exercise. E. Stoner, 1; A. Gasson, 2; C. Holman, 3; R. Streeter, 4; J. Wedge, 5; J. Gasson (conductor), 6. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob. J. Wedge, 1; R. Bourn, 2; F. Streeter, 3; A. Gasson, 4; R. Streeter, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And 360 Plain Bob. J. Bates, 1; J. Wedge, 2; F. Streeter, 3; E. Streeter (conductor), 4; R. Streeter, 5; C. Holman, 6.

BATH.—On Saturday, June 2nd, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 54 mins. H. Wyburn, 1; *W. Bruton, 2; P. Charles, 3; T. Gray, 4; G. H. Hill (conductor), 5; J. Higgs, 6; F. G. Beesley, 7; *F. Verrier, 8. *First quarter peal in any method.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday afternoon, May 30th, on the occasion of the Spring Meeting, and Ladies' branch of the Chaddesley Corbett and District Farmers' Club, 1260 Grandsire Triples. J. Horne, 1; E. Playdon, 2; A. Jackson, 3; E. Gilbert (conductor), 4; W. Hemming, 5; J. Perrins, 6; J. Broad, 7; T. Roberts, 8. And in the evening, 504 in the same method. J. Horne, 1; H. Martin, 2; J. Chance, 3; A. Jackson, 4; W. Hemming, 5; E. Gilbert, 6; J. Broad (conductor), 7; T. Roberts, 8. Also 336 in the same method. J. Perrins, 1; J. Broad, 2; A. Jackson, 3; J. Chance, 4; W. Hemming (conductor), 5; E. Gilbert, 6; H. Martin, 7; T. Roberts, 8. H. Martin hails from Belbroughton.

DARLINGTON (Durham).—On Wednesday, May 23rd, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. E. Cox, 1; G. Park, 2; T. Lungley, 3; W. Newton (Stockton), 4; R. B. Wilson, 5; G. A. Overton (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent. E. Cox, 1; T. Lungley, 2; W. D. Lister, 3; G. Park, 4; W. Newton, 5; G. W. Park (first in the method as conductor), 6. On Tuesday, May 29th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. E. Cox, 1; J. W. H. Lynn, 2; G. J. Lungley, 3; G. Park, 4; W. Porter (Tunbridge Wells), 5; R. B. Wilson (first in the method as conductor), 6. On Sunday, June 3rd, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Kenworthy, 1; W. M. Stephenson, 2; R. B. Wilson, 3; T. Lungley, 4; G. W. Park, 5; G. J. Lungley (first in the method as conductor), 6.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, May 27th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. J. Osborne, 1; A. Piper, 2; H. J. Fisher, 3; J. Sharp, 4; B. Hobbs, 5; E. Willoughby, 6; W. J. Fisher (conductor), 7; T. Deadman, 8. On Tuesday, May 29th, for practice, a 504 in 18 mins. A. Gower (first 500), 1; H. J. Fisher, 2; J. Sharp, 3; W. J. Fisher (conductor), 4; W. Lawrence, 5; A. Piper, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; J. Osborne, 8. Also 504 in 18 mins. J. Osborne, 1; E. Willoughby, 2; J. Hunnisett, 3; H. J. Fisher, 4; J. Sharp, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6; W. J. Fisher, 7; B. Hobbs, 8.

FISHERTON ANGER (Salisbury).—On Monday, June 4th, at St. Paul's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. S. Macey, 1; W. W. Gifford, 2;

W. S. Wise, 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; R. W. J. Gollop, 5; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. This is the first 720 of Treble Bob ever rung on these bells. A 720 Plain Bob was also rang by the same party stationed differently.

GILLINGHAM (Kent).—On Saturday, May 26th, for practice, 448 Superlative Surprise Major. P. Taffs, 1; A. Palmer, 2; T. Mannering, 3; W. Kings, 4; W. Baker, 5; W. Hobbs, 6; C. Waterman, 7; W. Haigh (conductor), 8. And 384 in the same method with W. Easter taking the place of C. Waterman. First attempt in the method by T. Mannering, and longest length by A. Palmer. And 504 Stedman Triples. A. Palmer, 1; T. Mannering (conductor), 2; W. Mannering, 3; P. Taffs, 4; A. Tawney, 5; W. Haigh, 6; W. Kings, 7; C. Waterman, 8. Also 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Mannering, 1; W. Haigh, 2; C. Waterman, 3; T. Mannering, 4; W. Hobbs, 5; W. Baker, 6; P. Taffs, 7; A. Palmer (conductor), 8. On Sunday, May 27th, 168 Stedman Triples. W. Kings, 1; W. Haigh (conductor), 2; W. Easter, 3; W. Evans, 4; W. Hobbs, 5; P. Taffs, 6; W. Bate, 7; E. Webb, 8. Messrs. Palmer, Mannering (2), and Tawney belong to Maidstone; W. Hobbs, late of Benington, Herts, but now of Gillingham.

LONDON.—On Monday, June 4th, for practice at St. Margaret's, Westminster, the last 700 of Holt's Original in 30 mins. F. Ford, 1; T. H. Taffender, 2; W. Hasted, 3; H. Barton, 4; A. R. Davis, 5; E. W. Fraser, 6; F. J. Pitts (conductor), 7; C. W. Ward, 8. This is the longest touch of Grandsire Triples by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 4th, and 6th, and is the conductor's first attempt at calling this touch. This is also the longest touch rang by the society, which has recently been formed in connection with the above church.

NORTON FITZWARRREN (Somerset).—On Sunday morning, May 20th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. P. B. Willis, 1; S. Northcott, 2; C. Lucas, 3; H. Chaplin, 4; H. Creed, 5; I. Creed, 6. For evening service a 720 in 26½ mins. J. Cridland, 4; the rest standing as before. Both conducted by I. Creed. First in the method by Messrs. Willis, Northcott, Lucas, Chaplin, and Id.

OCKLEY (Surrey).—On Friday, May 28th, at the parish church, a 720 Warnham Court Bob in 26 mins. F. Burton, 1; Rev. C. Eagles, 2; E. Jordan, 3; C. Taylor, 4; J. Taylor, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. On Sunday, May 20th, a 360 Oxford Bob. T. Steadman, 1; Rev. C. Eagles, 2; J. Akehurst, 3; F. Tullet, 4; F. Wickens, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Steadman, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; F. Tullet, 3; E. Jordan, 4; F. Wickens, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob, standing the same, with the exception of the 5th and 6th men changing places. Messrs. Steadman, Akehurst and Jordans hail from Capel; Tullet and Wickens from Charlwood; the rest belong to the local band.

SEDGLEY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, June 3rd, at the parish church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 46 mins. J. Goodman, 1; W. Mills, 2; S. Atkins (composer and conductor), 3; J. Harper, 4; J. Screen, 5; S. Bun, 6; R. Schofield, 7; B. Fullwood, 8. J. Harper hails from Bilston, S. Atkins from Willenhall, the rest are local men. S. Atkins is the first Willenhall man who has ever composed and conducted a 1060 changes.

WIDFORD (Herts).—On Monday, May 24th, on the occasion of the opening of a new stained-glass window at the parish church, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. G. Jordan, 1; J. Warner, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; H. Warner, 4; W. Watts (conductor), 5; J. Gray, 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob in 24 mins. G. Jordan, 1; J. Warner, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; H. Warner, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. The company then adjourned to the Rectory grounds, where the Rev. J. T. Lockwood had kindly provided dinner. After dinner, they again visited the church, and 720 Kent Treble Bob, and 360 in the same method was rung before the Dedication Service. G. Jordan, 1; J. Warner, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; H. Warner, 4; I. Cavill, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. After service, 180 Plain Bob Minor. J. Crab, 1; G. Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; W. Watts, 4; J. Warner, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. Also 360 Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called differently. G. Jordan, 1; I. Cavill, 2; J. Warner, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; W. Watts (conductor), 5; J. Crab, 6. An adjournment was again made to the Rectory, where refreshments were partaken of. The ringers again made for the church, to try for a 720 Double Court Bob, which was lost in the first lead of the last part. J. Crab (first touch in the method), 1; G. Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; W. Watts, 4; J. Warner (first in the method), 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. And several 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. T. J. Watts, 1; W. Watts (conductor), 2; I. Cavill, 3; H. Warner, 4; J. Warner, 5; J. Crab, 6. This brought the ringing to a close for the day. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the vicar for his kindness towards them. These are believed to be the first 720s on the bells. This is a handy little ring of six, tenor about 12 cwt., they were rehung about two years ago, and go like tops. It is a great pity some one does not take up change-ringing with such a pretty little ring of six. Messrs. W. and T. J. Watts and G. Jordan hail from Stansted, Essex; J. and H. Warner from Bennington; I. Cavill from Brickendon; J. Gray from Hertford, and J. Crab from Hunsdon.

Central Council Correspondence.

STEDMAN TRIPLES IN HAND.

SIR,—Some time in the year 1888 a statement appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" to the effect that the first peal of Stedman Triples rung in hand was a false performance.

This statement rather startled members of the day of the society involved, and although nothing was said, and little notice taken at the time, several discussions subsequently took place. Some enquiries were made, and the circumstances of the case have been investigated.

In the early part of this year, the writer, with a friend, called upon the ringer of the 3rd and 4th bells in this peal, "the only survivor of the band." The old gentleman willingly gave his version of the whole affair, first expressing his astonishment at the statement after a lapse of so many, forty years ago. He had no wish to create any ill-feeling whatever in any quarter, but he would candidly say that no such a mistake ever took place (such as a change-course) or in other words (the temporary change of sequence of a pair of bells) in this peal, and it was the statement made in 1888 that is false, and not the performance which took place in 1853.

This view presents itself also to the members of the society interested during the discussions previously mentioned, and are borne out by the following circumstances. It is well-known to all London ringers of a few years' standing, and still better to those of an older standing, that a very strong rivalry existed for many years between the celebrated men, now both amongst the great majority, who rang respectively the 1st and 2nd, and the 5th and 6th bells in this performance. It is far from my wish to enlarge upon this, and mention it only as an illustration that the performance was good. Now Sir, you will agree, I feel sure, that the honour of first calling a peal of Stedman Triples in hand, is a big one, and of the first order. That being so, how is it possible that either of these veterans, masters of their day, who were each in turn eagerly watching the other, would allow his rival to walk away with such a coveted honour, gained by means of a false performance, in which too, the vanquished participated? No Sir, this is impossible, and cannot be; but, on the contrary, we think the foregoing circumstance points to the strongest possible evidence that the performance was true, and therefore the society in question decided not to remove the record from its books.

At the last Central Council meeting, the matter was brought forward by Mr. F. G. Newman, and seconded by myself. As it did not appear in the Council report, I have, at the request of some members of the Council, and others, endeavoured to explain the matter as it presents itself to some members of the society concerned.

In conclusion, I shall be glad, sir, if you will allow me to present your readers with a copy of the record of this performance taken from our peal-book, which is nothing, if not additional testimony to the truth of the performance under notice.

"Change-Ringing Extraordinary.—On Monday, December the 19th, 1853, Four Members of the London Cumberland Society of Change-Ringers met at The Three Kings, Clerkenwell, London, and succeeded in ringing on handbells in hand, A True Peal of Stedman Triples, consisting of 5040 changes, which was brought round in excellent style in 2 hours and 40 minutes. Performers: Mr. John Cox, 1-2; Mr. Thomas Powell, 3-4; Mr. Hy. Wm. Haley, 5-6; Mr. Thomas Brittan, 7-8. Conducted by Mr. John Cox.

"The above was the first peal of Stedman Triples ever rung in hand, and was performed in the presence of nineteen members of the College Youths and Cumberland Societies, including Messrs. J. Miller, C. Andrews, E. Stokes, J. Fairbairn, H. Burwash, etc. Several of them had the figures of the peal before them, and ticked off the sixes as they were rung."

HENRY DAINS.

Representing the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

SIX-BELL MULTIPLE-METHOD PEALS.

SIR,—I am afraid there is little chance of splicing a peal of Treble Bob Minor and a truce with the Council at the same time, as I find on further examination that the dodging leads of the treble in one half are false (very) with the full leads of the other, in the methods I last mentioned as looking possibly true.

Anyone who took the trouble to follow my last carefully, would see what I meant; still I ought to apologise for carelessness. The plain-lead singles were to occur, of course, at the half-peal ends, so that it would have been better had I written—the last *Home* (of the 360) with a "plain-lead single."

I hope our Rev. Hon. Sec. is not the only one who has the courage to put his arguments against our amendment in black and white?

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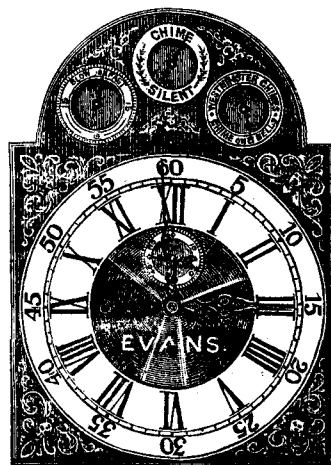
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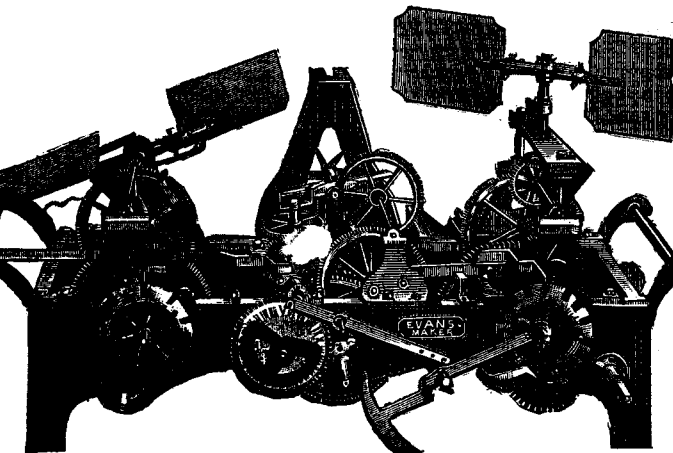
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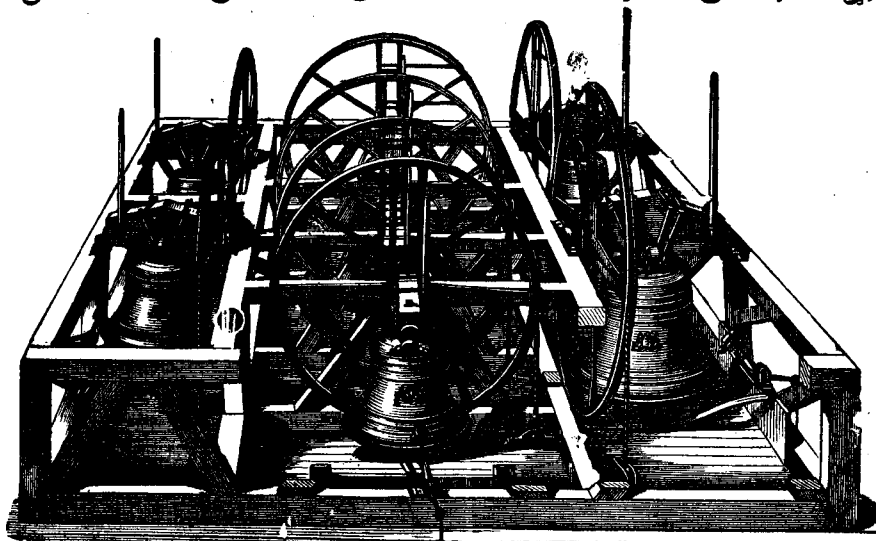


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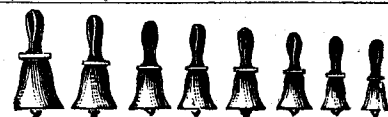
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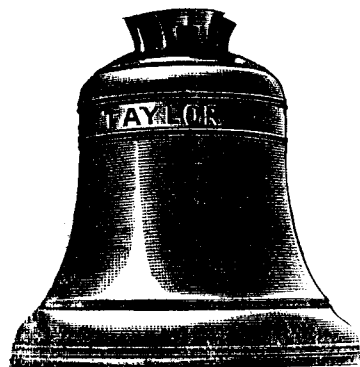
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