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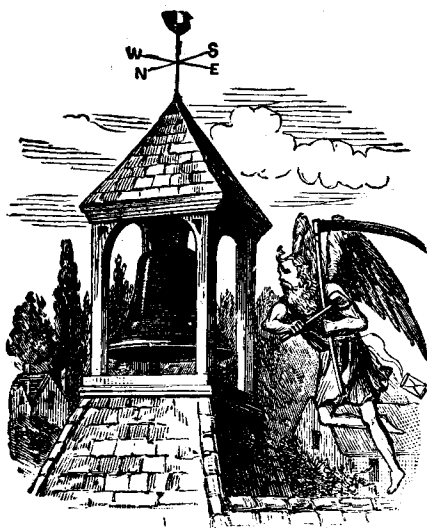
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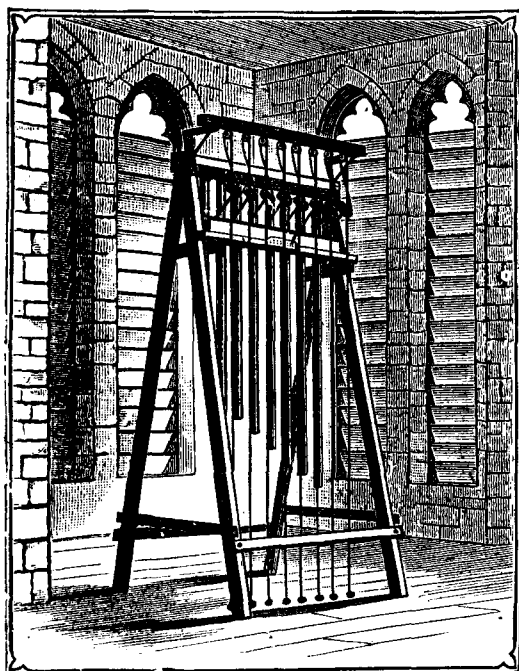
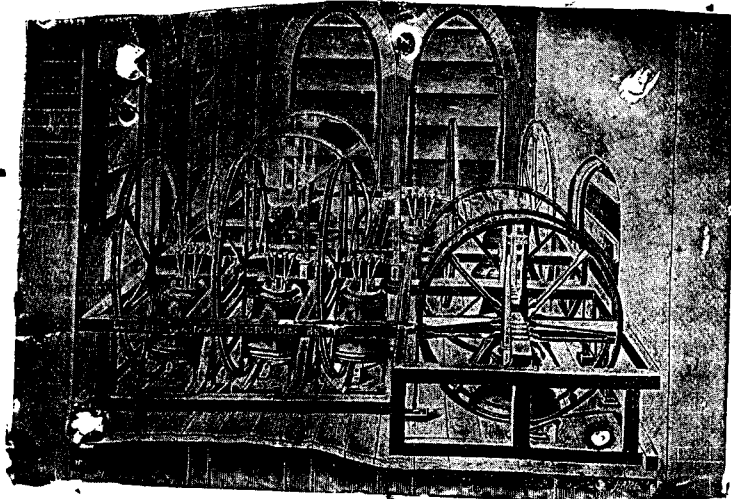
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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—ANNUAL REPORT.

The Seventeenth Annual Report of this Guild has just been published. It is of the usual bulky character, comprising no less than sixty-two pages of closely-printed matter. The cash in hand is £35 18s. 5d., a very good balance indeed after the many items of expenditure. On this feature—the important one of finance—the Hon. Secretary says:—

The financial position is all that can be wished. Mr. Preston's audit, for which we thank him once more, reveals a balance of £35 18s. 5d., after the disbursement of £10 to the Cathedral improvement, and £5 to that at Kidlington, a final payment of £5 3s. 6d. on account of the printing of the peal-book, and an expenditure of £7 15s. 10d. on instruction. The peal-book will now become a small, and we may hope increasingly large, source of income.

The number of members of the Guild has increased, notwithstanding that four bands have gone out of union. Several new companies have however joined. On this the Hon. Secretary says:—

The Guild has again maintained its progressive character during the past year. The increase of more than 100 members in 1896 arose out of the formation of the Deddington branch. But a new branch is not to be expected every year, and an addition of 30 to the membership is entirely satisfactory. In the last published returns in the official Year-Book of the Church of England, the number of bellringers in the diocese is given as 2393. Only one other diocese, Exeter, with 2414 ringers, exceeds these figures. Satisfactory as is our Guild membership of 1106 ringers, it is not half the whole body of ringers in the diocese. There is therefore, much work to be overtaken. The number of towers in union has gone up from 100 in 1896 to 103. This has been brought about by the loss of Amersham, Cuddington, Mollington, and Winslow, and by the accession of Bradfield, Freeland, Fulmer, Hook Norton, Leckamstead, St. John's, Mortimer, and Stoke Poges.

The Master reports as follows:—

The most notable event in the year is the augmentation of the Cathedral bells from ten to twelve, and the recasting of the old 6th bell. The three new bells are a great success, reflecting much credit on the Whitechapel foundry. The new bells, the gift of the Guild, were dedicated to the service of God by the Lord Bishop of Oxford on Tuesday, December 14th, 1897.

Good work has been done, and progress made by the Caversham band, and laudable activity has prevailed among the Reading men. The Goring ringers have also scored two peals during the year.

The Guild has scored 52 peals during the year: the Master (the Rev. F. E. Robinson) and Mr. F. Hopgood heading the list with ten each.

THE STOCKTON-ON-TEES JUBILEE MEMORIAL BELLS.

It may be mentioned that no formal appeal to other companies of ringers has been or will be made for donations towards this scheme, but only to people connected by residence or otherwise with Stockton.

POLLARDS, Limited, Bradford, LADIES' COSTUMES at 10s. 6d., are Wonderful Value.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

UNVEILING OF A PEAL BOARD AT BUCKNALL.

The Monthly Meeting of the above Association was held at Bucknall, on Saturday, March 12th, and was attended by the Rev. G. T. Birch (Rector), the Rev. H. E. Beech (Rector of Kingsley), Mr. W. Twigg (hon. secretary), and about forty members; the following towers being represented: Stoke, Longton, Hanley, Wolstanton, Tunstall, Kids Grove, Norton, Brownedge, Leek, Cheddleton, and Bucknall. Ringing commenced about 4 o'clock, and was kept up by mixed bands of ringers until 5.30, when a new peal-board, which has been placed in the ringing-chamber by the ringers, was unveiled by the Rev. H. E. Beech. The rev. gentleman in a few remarks said it was a great pleasure to him to come to Bucknall for the purpose of unveiling that board, and he thought the ringers of Bucknall deserved great praise for the way in which they had persevered, as it must have taken a great deal of practice to ring such a peal as that. He also spoke a few words of the work of the Association, and the good it had done amongst the ringers. The board, which is of English oak, contains the following inscription in gilt letters:—“St. Mary Society of Change-ringers, Bucknall. On Tuesday, April 6th, 1897, in two hours and fifty-six minutes, a peal of 5040 changes was rung in the seven following Surprise Minor methods, viz.:—London, Chester, York, Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol, and Worcester. Performers—George Clarkson, 1; William Wheeldon, 2; John E. Wheeldon, 3; Charles Preston, 4; Daniel Preston, 5; William Twigg, 6. A silent peal. This is the first peal of Surprise Minor ever rung in England. It was rung without any intimation being given whatever as to where the bobs should be made. Rev. G. T. Birch, Rector; John Fenton, William T. Gynes, Churchwardens; George Hobbs, Tower-keeper.” The members then adjourned to Bucknall Cottage (the residence of Mr. H. E. Clarkson), to partake of a substantial tea, which had been provided by the Bucknall ringers. After tea the Rector of Bucknall proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. H. E. Beech for so kindly coming from Kingsley to unveil the board. This was seconded by W. Twigg, and heartily carried. Mr. Beech, in responding, said he thought he was honoured in being asked to unveil such a board, and he hoped the other ringers would try to emulate the Bucknall ringers. He congratulated the ringers of Bucknall on the high position they had attained in ringing. Mr. J. Mason proposed a vote of thanks to the Bucknall ringers for the excellent tea which they had provided. This was seconded by Mr. T. Miller, and heartily carried, as was also a vote of thanks to the ladies who had so kindly waited on them. The ringers then made for the tower, where ringing was kept up until between eight and nine o'clock.

FESTIVITY AT WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

On Thursday evening, the 3rd inst., Mr. Austen Marshall entertained the local ringers to supper at his house in Highbridge Street. Twelve of them were present. The Host himself presided, and the vice-chair was taken by his son, Master Thomas Marshall (a local ringer). The table was loaded with an abundant supply of good things, and the comfort of everyone present was studied to a detailed nicety. Mrs. Marshall and other members of the family waited upon the company to expedite matters, and their efforts were decidedly a success. All present were helped to what they preferred most satisfactorily.

Supper over, Mr. Marshall said: I think the best thing will be to have some singing, after which Mrs. Marshall and the other members of my family would like to hear the handbells.

At this point Mr. W. A. Alps rose and said: Before doing so, Sir, will you first allow me to say a few words, so that I may not have to interrupt the harmony of the evening later on. Our

Master, Mr. Thos. Pallett, is absent through illness, and our Secretary, Mr. Frank Carter, through pressure of business, as are also two other local ringers. But they would, I know, have far rather been here in response to your kind invitation had not circumstances ruled otherwise. Anyone who noticed the good things provided must know that that in itself means a lot of work for someone, whoever it may be, whether it be Mrs. Marshall or her daughters. All I have to say is this: you are very kind, and we are very grateful. Speaking as I do in the presence of so many ladies and gentlemen, including Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, I feel it to be a privilege and a pleasure to propose "Health and continued happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Austen Marshall." In doing so I only re-echo the many good wishes expressed by the ringers among others twenty-five years ago.

The toasts having been musically and enthusiastically honoured, Mr. Austen Marshall said: On behalf of Mrs. Marshall and myself, you will please accept our thanks for the kind way in which the toasts has been proposed and received by all. My object in inviting you here to supper to-night is in recognition of your kind consideration on February 19th of our wedding-day, which this year is a silver wedding. And I do so because you have always been so kind to my son Tom, who is vice-chairman to-night, and who I know is very anxious to become a change-ringer. I am glad to know that such a good understanding prevails, and now I think it is time I sung my song. Our only wish is that you should all enjoy yourselves.

Master Thomas Marshall then proposed "Success to the Waltham Abbey Society of Change-ringers," which was duly honoured.

Mr. W. A. Alps, in reply, on behalf of the ringers, said he was glad to know and inform the company that change-ringing was still flourishing at Waltham Abbey, and hoped it would continue to do so. In thanking them on behalf of the local ringers, he might say if Master Thomas was anxious to become a full-blown change-ringer, he must make up his mind for many disappointments, for that was the lot of all men. He remembered some years ago reading the late Mr. John Carr's history of himself as a change-ringer, where it was related that a party of ringers from Waltham Abbey went to St. Albans to start a peal. Owing to someone being ill, they could not ring, and so these lines appeared in that book:—

Disappointments attend all classes of men:
The Pealmist as well as the singer,
The Bishop, the Doctor, the Dean, and the Prector,
And sometimes reaches the ringer.

Now, that being so with celebrities, all young ringers must say to themselves, "If we don't at first succeed, try, try, try again." Stick to that, and they would all become change-ringers.

During the evening the following musical items were rendered to the universal delight of the assembled company:—Pianoforte selections from "The Geisha," Miss Marshall; song, "We are all getting older every day," Mr. A. Marshall; handbells, "Course of Grandsire Caters," Messrs. Alps, Peace, Tarling, Thurgood, and Colverd; songs, "Beauty's eyes," "The Flight of ages," and "Adieu, Marie," were sung by Mr. C. Chapman. Miss Eastwood contributed the well-known songs, "I want yer, ma honey," and "The Tin Gee-gee." Mr. Neville A. Damian sang "The Burglar's Serenade" and "Dinah"; and Mr. J. A. Marshall amused the company with the humorous songs, "If it wasn't for the 'ouses in between," "Can't change it," "Brighton," and "The dandy-coloured coon." A pianoforte duet of a descriptive character, entitled, "A Bicycle ride," was ably performed by the Misses A. and L. Marshall, which was followed by a few well-known airs on the handbells, manipulated by Messrs. Peace, Thurgood, Dymock, Colverd, and Alps. The ringer visitors contributed the following songs:—Mr. Alps—"A starry night for a ramble"; Mr. Colverd—"Poor old Joe" and "Good old Jeff"; Mr. A. Tarling—"Anti-fat" and "Nothing"; Mr. G. Cole—"The miner's dream"; Mr. C. Hearmon—"The soldiers of the Queen"; and Mr. Walter C. Dymock—"Robinson Crusoe," "Bib-e-dy Bob," and "Peter Piper."

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD PEAL-BOOK.—A Record of Five Hundred and Twenty Peals rung by this Guild. Paper covers, 1s. 2d.; cloth do., 1s. 8d.—Blackwell, Reading; or the Hon. Sec. of the Guild—the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Dunsden Vicarage, Reading, Berks.

THE VICTORIAN ASSOCIATION, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

The members of this Association held their quarterly meeting on January 8th, 1898, when among other business, a report of the previous quarter's ringing was read. At St. Paul's Cathedral on October 23rd, 1897, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples failed after ringing 3766 changes in 2 hrs. 32 mins. owing to a mis-call; A. Barnes (conductor). At St. Patrick's Cathedral on November 7th, 1897, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins.; A. Barnes (conductor). On November 27th, 1897, at St. Paul's Cathedral, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples suddenly collapsed after ringing 3178 changes in 2 hrs. 9 mins.; A. Barnes (conductor). On December 5th, 1897, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, for evening service, 980 Grandsire Triples; A. Barnes (conductor). At the conclusion of the ordinary business Mr. Shenton read a very interesting paper on "Ringing in the Early Days of this Colony," which was much appreciated by the members present. After the usual vote of thanks had been accorded Mr. Shenton, and he had suitably responded, the meeting terminated. On January 1st, 1898, the Association held a day's ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral in conjunction with the St. Paul's society. After ringing rounds, etc. with some of the old ringers, a start was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples. All went well for 41 mins., when the 5th rope slipped wheel, and brought the attempt to an abrupt termination. After refreshments had been partaken of, another start was made, but again I have to record a failure, for after ringing 4172 changes in 2 hrs. 34 mins., the sixth man gave up exhausted, which was not to be wondered at, seeing that the prevailing temperature for the week previous had been 107 in the shade. Regret was expressed at having failed so near the finish, but more than one of the ringers was heard to express the opinion that he could not have lasted much longer, but hoped that we may be successful at our next attempt. We are experiencing very hot weather here this summer, consequently the ringing suffers, and although we have not yet been successful in ringing a peal, still, what has been done has been very creditable.

S. J. HALLISSY, *Hon. Secretary.*

PRESENTATION TO MR. JOHN AUSTIN, OF GLOUCESTER.

Very recently an interesting ceremony took place at the St. Michael's Church tower, Gloucester, in the presentation of a testimonial to Mr. John Austin, in recognition of his services as a change-ringer and conductor to the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and the St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester. The testimonial took the form of a beautiful marble clock, suitably inscribed. The presentation was made by the Master of the Association (the Rev. E. Bankes James), who said they all remembered well when in the year 1890, Mr. Austin came to live in Gloucester, and announced his arrival by conducting Holt's Original, and also rang his first peal for the Juniors, one of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, on Christmas morning in that year. Since then he had been a great help to the Association and the Juniors, and had helped to put the Juniors where they now were, viz. one of the leading ringing societies in the kingdom.

Mr. Austin, in reply, said he was more than pleased to know his services were appreciated, and nothing did him more good than to know that the St. Michael's Juniors were second to none as ringers, and it did not matter what method was brought out, he was sure they could soon ring it.

An adjournment was then made to The Albion Hotel, where a pleasant hour's harmony was indulged in, songs being rendered by several members.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, March 12th, an entertainment was given in the village schoolroom, the object being to raise funds to purchase a new peal of 17 handbells—and suitable box—in the key of E flat, size 20, cast by Shaw, Son & Co., of Bradford, which had been offered to the ringers on advantageous terms by their friend M—.

On opening the proceedings, Mr. G. Bolland briefly referred to the object of the gathering, hoping that all might spend a

pleasant evening together, and promising to entertain the Company to the best of their ability.

The programme was commenced with a course of Oxford Minor, being rung by G. Bolland and the brothers John and Joseph Thackray, of Armley, who very kindly came to aid their brethren in the art. This was followed at intervals by a course of Grandsire Major, two courses of Grandsire Royal, and several tunes, Messrs. H. Oddy and Fred. Hargreave taking the additional bells required.

Vocal music was rendered by some friends from Bradford, Mr. W. Hindle and Mr. Vickerman singing a duet, and the former also gave the song, "Queen of the Earth," Mr. Fred. senior (a nephew of Mr. Bolland), adding a comic song. A character sketch given by the brothers Vickerman and Mr. Hindle, and a reading by Mr. Stevenson in the Yorkshire dialect, "Trying to live on 6d. a day," proved very amusing.

Lovers of the terpsichorean art were not forgotten, and this lent variety and added zest to the evening's amusement for the ladies, who turned up in great force. Refreshments were served at 9 p.m., the wives of the ringers being responsible for this department, and they catered well for their numerous guests.

Mr. Tempest Barraclough, grandson of a former well-known village schoolmaster, presided at the piano, the thanks of the ringers being due to him and the other performers for their kind assistance in helping to make the evening's entertainment such a decided success.

FARNHAM ROYAL (BUCKS.) BELL FUND.

A fund has been started for the addition of two trebles to make a peal of eight, and to recast the present treble and 5th. A long additional list of subscriptions appear in the current number of the "Parish Magazine," the total amount now standing at about £115. The object being within a measurable distance of accomplishment, so near in fact, that the order has been given to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the noted Whitechapel firm of bell founders, and it is hoped that the work will be completed in the course of a few weeks. A great many ringers round about here have given their hearty support to the scheme, for which the Farnham Royal bell ringers wish to express their heartiest gratitude; at the same time it is hoped that additional names will swell the list of subscriptions.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, YORKSHIRE.

The monthly meeting of the above was held at The Spangled Bull, Earlsheaton, on Saturday last, March 12th, members assembling together from Kirkheaton, Halifax, Ossett, Batley Carr, Dewsbury, Earlsheaton, and other places. In the absence of the presidents and vice-presidents, Mr. David Stephenson occupied the chair. The secretary read the minutes, which were passed. It was unanimously agreed to hold a Committee Meeting at Halifax on April 2nd, at 5.30 p.m. After the meeting closed, the fine peal of tower bells was set going; these and the handbells being rung, bringing the evening to a close.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.—A meeting of the above was held on Saturday, March 12th, at the church of All Saints, Isleworth. Representatives were present from Burnham, Hillingdon, Heston, and Ealing; also the President, the Rev. G. H. Bird; Mr. King and several members of the north and east district. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Oxford Bob Triples. Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob were rung from 5 o'clock until 9 o'clock.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting early in May at Harmondsworth. Four new members were elected.

WANTED a large peal of handbells. Forty-nine bells. Chromatic scale; G25 to G64; or a larger peal with duplicates. Must be in thorough good condition, and sweet tone. State lowest possible terms, with maker's name, and all particulars to WILMER ROGERS, 8, Yerk Street, Wrexham.

CURRENT TOPICS.

The season is slowly approaching when I hope to have the indulgence of communing again with my ringing-brethren. At any rate I hope so; because for a long time past I have veritably felt like a fish out of water. The quidnuncs say that man is an egregious animal. So he is. You all know what that means. I can't say it is sufficiently clear to my mind, but probably my punctuation—no, pronunciation, is not as it should be. Man is an egregious—ah! I've got it—a "gregarious" animal. "Not quite so much of the animal, please," my friend A. says. Well, we will say "individual." The meaning is that he likes the company of his fellows (whether they are odd or even), fond of society, and so forth. And so it is with your humble servant. I like to be in the company of my brother-strings, amazingly fond of society, if it is only in the spirit. Therefore, I am pleased once again to be with them by means of this column. I hope such sentiments are reciprocated.

I have very little to say this week, and shall only break the ice, as we observe. Next week a big hole will be made, I hope. Looking around—performing a series of stock-taking, I see that some fortunate wight will capture an eight-day clock, all for nothing, in a week or two. I hope the fortunate animal, i.e. individual, who secures this prize, will lose no time in sending me a letter of thanks, because the presenting of such a useful article of domestic economy was the outcome of my own individual, personal, suggestion.

They say, i.e., the quidnuncs, that we are on the eve of war. Perhaps we are. We have been "on the eve," as it is called, of a great many things, but they haven't always come off. It is astonishing to see the climbs down some of the papers go through. One day we read the Russians are going to invade Australia; that the French will seize some equivalent territory in the Niger (whatever that may mean); that the Japanese are determined to become Chinese; and that the German Emperor inclines to the wisdom (or otherwise) of Confucius. All this is contradicted the next day, but other *canards* help to fill up the columns. Then they attack the foreign secretary, who, however, generally manages to make these wiseacres look small when he condescends to take them down a notch. And so they go on, Tory, Radical, Conservative, Liberal, and the "ole biling" of them. I am strongly of opinion that these newspaper people should take the "B.N." for their pattern, especially the profound writings of "P.S."

That was a very obliging gentleman who the other day gave information all about the peal of Stedman Triples at Shifnal. What *naivete* he exhibited in the question "Is there any more information wanted?" We don't often come across such obliging people, really. There are a great many things we require information upon, which has defied the wit and ingenuity of man for many years. The hour is come, and the man. Whoever wants to be enlightened upon any abstruse subject, now is the time. Just by way of introduction I may be permitted to ask a question of the gentleman. Would he kindly tell me the distance from London Bridge to the first of next January?

There is a set being made against the inordinate foot-notes to peals, I see. I wonder this did not come before. Many of these references are simply ridiculous. Some of the Associations object to them in the peal-books, altogether. The record cannot be too simple.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By N. J. PITSTOW, *Saffron Walden.*

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32546	I	-	2	2
35426			I	2
23456			I	

The above peals have the 6th her extent wrong and right, and the 5th her extent right respectively at five course-ends.

5024.				
23456	M	B	W	H
36452	I			2
36524		-		I
63425		-	I	2
64235			I	2
24365			2	I
62453	2		2	2
26354	2			2
23564			I	2
25634	I	-	2	2
53624	I	-		
32546		-		
24536	I	-		
35426	I	-		2
45236			2	I
25346			2	I
23456			I	2

PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By BROWN WALKER, *Kendal.*

5220.				
34256789	6			
97385642	2			
54932768	4			
26598473	4			
96245387	7			
58927634	4			
46532789	2			
52364				
34625				
65243				
s 32456				
46523				
53264				
24635				
65342				
s 23456				

In ten parts. Single mid-way and end.

First rung at Kendal, 22nd February, 1898.

PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By EDWIN TIMBRELL, *Chipping, Lancs.*

5056.				
23456	M	B	W	H
32654		-	I	2
53246		-		2
63425	2	-		I
36524		-	I	2
35264			I	2
62534	I	-		2
36245		-		2
64523	2	-		
26435		-		2
24365	I	-	2	2
46325	I	-		
54263		-	2	2
24653			2	I
52436		-		2
54326	I	-	2	2
23456	I	-		2

This peal contains the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6ths, and the 2nd never in that position.

A TOUCH OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES.

By H. LOVER, *South Croydon.*

1344.				
234567				
s 352467	5			
453267	5			
674253	I			
746532	2			
467325	2			
s 524367	I			

Contains eighteen 6 7s, twelve 7 4s, twelve 4 6s, all the right way. Bob for single midway and end.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By G. LINDOFF, *Dublin.*

5088.				
23456	B	M	W	H
45236		-		-
24536			-	-
52436			-	-
63425	-	-	-	-
63254	-		-	-
56234		-		-
26435	-		-	-
26354	-		-	-
32654			-	-
65324			-	-
36524			-	-
53624			-	-
25634		-	-	-
25346	-		-	-
32546			-	-
53246			-	-
42635		-	-	-
62534	-		-	-
43526	-	-	-	-
54326			-	-
35426			-	-
42356		-	-	-
34256			-	-
23456			-	-

Contains the 4th and 6th their extent in 6ths, the 2nd and 3rd never there. This is the first 5088 produced with these qualities.

720 PLAIN BOB MINOR.

By H. BLAKE, *Fornham St. Martin, Suffolk.*

23456				
35264				
s 53642				
s 35426				
s 53264				
36542				
s 63425				
s 36254				
65342				
s 56423				
62534				
s 26345				
s 62453				
25634				
s 52346				
24563				
s 42635				
s 24356				
s 42563				
s 24635				
s 42356				

Twice repeated. The above has forty-two singles.

Compositions.

PEALS OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By ARTHUR CRAVEN, *Lincoln.*

5024.

23456	M	B	W	H
32654	2			2
25346		-		
42536		-		2
24365			I	2
23645			I	2
26435	I	-	2	2
34625	I	-		2
42356		-		
64523		-		2
43526	I			2
45236			I	2
56234	I			2
52364			I	2
53624	I	-	2	2
53246		-		I
23456			2	I

Contains the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6ths place, without the 2nd in that position, the 6th being at home at six course-ends.

5088.

23456	M	B	W	H
32654	2			2
56234	I	-		2
52364			I	2
53624	I	-	2	2
25346		-		2
42563		-		2
26435		-		
34625	I	-		2
42356		-		
64523		-	2	2
43526	I			2
24365		-		2
23645			I	2
64235	I	-	2	I
45236	2	-	I	2
23456	I	-	2	I

Contains the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 6ths place, 5th and 6th at five course-ends, and the 2nd never in that position.

5024.

23456	M	B	W	H
32654	2			2
56324			2	2
52364			I	2
53624	I	-	2	2
25346		-		2
42563	2		2	2
24365		-	I	2
23645			I	2
26435	I	-	2	2

Continued—

	M	B	W	H
34625	I	-		2
42356		-		
64523		-	2	2
43526	I			2
45236			I	2
23456	I	-	2	I

Contains the same qualities as the preceding peal, with the 6th five course-ends home.

5120.

23456	M	B	W	H
26354	2			I
42563		-	2	2
24365		-	I	2
23645			I	2
26435	I	-	2	2
34625	I	-		2
42356		-		
64523		-	2	2
43526	I			2
45236			I	2
56234	I			2
52364			I	2
53624	I	-	2	2
32654	I	-		
53246		-		2
23456			2	I

Contains the extent of 4th, 5th, and 6th in 6ths place, 4th and 6th at five course-ends, and the 2nd never there.

5248.

23456	M	B	W	H
32654	2			2
25346		-		
42563		-		2
26435		-		
34625	I	-		2
42356		-		
64523		-	2	2
43526	I			2
24365		-		2
23645			I	2
64235	I	-	2	I
45236	2	-	I	2
56234	I			2
52364			I	2
53624	I	-	2	2
53246		-		I
23456			2	I

Contains the same qualities as in the preceding peals, with the 5th at five course-ends, and the 6th at six.

A QUARTER-PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By GEORGE ASTBURY, *Flixton.*

231456	S	H	L
246351	-	-	-
631542	-	-	-
342516	-	-	-

Four times repeated.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

5043.

231456	4	5	16
*514362			
2463		-	
3264		-	
314652	-	-	
2456		-	
213654	-	-	
4356		-	
412653	-	-	
3256		-	
316542	-	-	
612435	-	-	
215463	-	S	
3564		-	
312465	-	-	
5264		-	
4562		-	
413265	-	-	
5362		-	
2563		-	
214365	-	-	
5364		S	
4563		-	
412365	-	-	
5263		-	
3562		-	
314265	-	-	
5462		-	
2564		-	
213465	-	-	
5463		S	
3564		-	
312465	-	-	
5264		-	
4562		-	
413265	-	-	
5362		-	
2563		-	
214365	-	-	
123456			

*Bobs at 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11. †Bobs at 2, 8, 9, 15, 16s. Has the 6th twenty-one times behind the 9th, eighteen times behind the 8th, and the 5th six times behind the 9th, with all the 6-5s.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1898.

THIS week, if we are to believe the record printed in another column, the Yorkshire Association scores its longest peal. The statement, in most cases, would engender an idea that something extraordinary had been achieved, which would put into the shade some of those record performances with which every ringer is familiar. But our brethren of the great Northern county do not affect these lengthy feats as a rule. History, or perhaps we ought to say tradition, has not, if we recollect aright, dealt very kindly with attempted long lengths in Yorkshire.

The gaining of a peal, no matter of what length, or in what method, must always be held to be a creditable affair, and, therefore, the 10,000 of Bob Major rang last Saturday at Sheffield, must be regarded as an example of endurance. But it is, in a measure, surprising that if a greater length was not thought of, some more complex method was not favoured. The conductor of this peal is a ringer of no mean ability, and we should not have expected that he would select for a record performance such a method as Bob Major. The Yorkshiremen have

always been looked upon as adepts in Treble Bob; there are many of its complex variations peculiarly appropriate for their practice, which have scarcely been tapped. College Exercise, Imperial, and other interesting variations which, up to the present, have received but scant patronage, only want the attention of the ringer. A record peal in any of these methods would be more worthy of the fame of the Association than a long peal of Plain Bob.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The next meeting will be held at Bristol on Tuesday in Whitsun-week, 31st May, 1898.

Notices of motion, etc., must reach the Hon. Secretary not later than Tuesday, the 3rd of May. They must be in writing, and signed by two representatives.

Hon. Secretaries of societies are reminded that subscriptions to the Council are now due and should be remitted to the Hon. Secretary without delay, at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative. The Hon. Secretary would also be greatly obliged for information as to any change in representatives, or their addresses, that has taken place in the last year.

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Hon. Sec.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS,
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE
ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, March 12, 1898, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-AT-HACKNEY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056
CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lbs.

WILLIAM D. SMITH Treble.	JAMES WILLSHIRE 5.
JOHN N. OXBORROW 2.	SAMUEL E. ANDREWS 6.
FRANK BUCK 3.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE 7.
HENRY S. ELLIS 4.	HENRY R. NEWTON Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON and
Conducted by C. T. P. BRICE.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and the first by the Norwich Diocesan Association. Rang as birthday compliments to Mr. A. G. Ellis; and the daughter of Mr. W. D. Smith.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, March 12, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5010 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

HARRY BARTON Treble.	FREDERICK G. PERRIN 6.
GEORGE W. WILD 2.	ARTHUR R. DAVIS 7.
SIDNEY WADE* 3.	WALTER C. HASTED 8.
WILLIAM H. WEBBER* 4.	HAROLD N. DAVIS 9.
GEORGE E. SYMONDS* 5.	*JOHN W. GOLDING Tenor.

Composed by FREDK. J. PITTS and Conducted by HENRY BARTON.

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, March 15, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM TRUSS Treble.	THOMAS FAULKNER 5.
GEORGE FESTELL BURTON 2.	FREDERICK A. NUNN 6.
CALEB FENN 3.	EBENEZER ANDREWS 7.
ROWLAND FENN 4.	ALERD W. BRIGHTON Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by ALFRED W. BRIGHTON.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 15, 1898, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN MILLER Treble.	HERBERT W. NEWBY 5.
ISAAC J. ATTWATER 2.	ARTHUR MILLER 6.
SIDNEY WADE 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY and
Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

First peal of Major by the ringers of the 2nd, 5th and 6th.

The Provinces.

BRASTED, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT
SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, March 9, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 of Grandsire, and two each of Plain Bob, Oxford
and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

HERBERT J. FORD Treble.	HENRY J. SELBY 4.
GEORGE B. SELBY 2.	GEORGE STEER 5.
JOHN W. STEDDY 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

This is the first peal on the bells.

BACUP, LANCs.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 10, 1898, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRED. HOWORTH Treble.	J. B. TAYLOR 5.
J. A. BROWN 2.	J. SHEPHERD 6.
J. F. STANDRING 3.	W. ASHWORTH 7.
SAM. KAY 4.	WILFRED LAW Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN SHEPHERD.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 10, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY ARGYLE Treble.	JOHN CHANDLER 5.
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 2.	JAMES F. CLARKE 6.
WALTER STONE 3.	JAMES GEORGE 7.
GLADSTONE WINTER 4.	FREDERICK ADAMS Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS W. CHAPMAN.

This peal was attempted on Monday evening with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Harry Horwood, but came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 30 mins.

KELSEALE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1898, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

WILLIAM FLORY Treble.	GEORGE HARDY 5.
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER 2.	HORACE HOWLETT 6.
GEORGE WILSON 3.	EDWARD SHERWOOD 7.
GEORGE THOMPSON 4.	*HENRY FOLKARD Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

*First peal of Treble Bob.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, March 12, 1898, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5344 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

HERBERT MADIN Treble.	JAMES HUNT 5.
JOHN WORTHINGTON.. .. 2.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6.
STEPHEN DOUGHTY 3.	JOHN HARRIS 7.
WILLIAM DAFFIN 4.	ARTHUR WORTHINGTON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

This composition, which is now rung for the first time, contains the 6th her extent in all positions, and the 5th her extent in 6ths place. It is the first peal on the bells since the trebles were recast by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1898, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.
Tenor 23 cwt.

ISAAC PURSER Treble.	HENRY DAWKES.. .. 6.
ROBERT PICKERING 2.	GEORGE BURROWS 7.
WILLIAM G. HALL 3.	AARON GRIFFITHS 8.
HERBERT KNIGHT 4.	JAMES E. GROVES 9.
JOHN JAGGAR 5.	ERNEST GRAHAM Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

First peal by tenor man. First peal by treble man away from tenor. A note to this peal will be found on another page

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED WHIGHT Treble.	ROWLAND FENN.. .. 5.
THOMAS FAULKNER 2.	ARTHUR EDWARDS 6.
EDWARD LUCAS 3.	EBENEZER ANDREWS 7.
CALEB FENN 4.	ALBERT C. HARDY Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and Conducted by THOS. FAULKNER.

The band wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the rector, the Rev. H. T. Wilson, for permission to ring; also Mr. A. Tarbut (steepkeeper), for having everything in readiness.

WORTLEY, SHEFFIELD.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1898, in Six Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 10464 CHANGES.
Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM DRONFIELD .. Treble.	JOHN PARKIN 5.
THOMAS MCKEGG 2.	JOHN DRONFIELD 6.
EDWARD ROBBINS 3.	THOMAS ROBBINS 7.
ARTHUR SAXBY 4.	DAVID BREARLEY Tenor.

Composed by W. GARRARD and Conducted by DAVID BREARLEY.

This is the longest length by the Yorkshire Association.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 13, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

FREDERICK G. BURDEN*.. Treble.	WILLIAM STEED 5.
FREDERICK WHIBLEY 2.	ROBERT EDWARDS 6.
ALFRED HINDS 3.	GEORGE NEVE 7.
JOHN STEDDY 4.	WALTER CLIFF Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT EDWARDS.

*First peal.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 13, 1898, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Canterbury, Pleasure, Grandsire, two of Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE WHITE* Treble.	CHARLES H. BELTON .. 4.
JOHN H. SWINFELD.. .. 2.	WILLIAM A. NEEDHAM .. 5.
HARRY BRIGGS 3.	ARTHUR C. ALDHAM.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR ROBERT ALDHAM.

*First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Harry Horwood, of Nuneaton, for many years a member of the above Association.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.

On Monday, March 14, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

H. SIMMONDS Treble.	G. ESSEX 5.
W. J. WILKINS*.. .. 2.	R. T. HIBBERT 6.
E. W. MENDAY.. .. 3.	H. SMITH 7.
E. J. MENDAY 4.	T. NEWMAN.. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK and Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

*First attempt in the method.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 14, 1898, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR,
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble.	GEORGE A. KING 5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
GEORGE SMART 3.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. 7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4.	*GEORGE BAKER Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT and Conducted by GEORGE BAKER.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page. *First peal as conductor.

BRISTOL.—THE ST. MARY REDCLIFFE SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, March 15, 1898, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANCIS GOODING* .. Treble.	*HENRY PRING 5.
ALFRED PEARCE* 2.	*WALTER PORCH 6.
GILBERT PEARCE* 3.	*GEORGE T. DALTRY .. 7.
HERBERT TUCKER 4.	*HENRY PORCH Tenor.

(No Conductor mentioned.)

*First peal in the method; first in the method by the Society; first peal in the method in Bristol by a local band, and was rung at the second attempt. The bells were muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. C. D. Strong, for many years Vicar of this church.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 15, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM LOWE* Treble.	JOSEPH GREEN 5.
PERCY DERBYSHIRE 2.	*FRANK HYDE 6.
ALFRED SCRAGG* 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD 7.
JOHN JACKSON 4.	*HENRY LOWE Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

*First peal.

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BACUP, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1898, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Treble, Merchant's Delight, Violet, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

LEVI HOLT	Treble.	J. H. SMITH	4.
JAS. SMITH	2.	J. S. LOMAS	5.
G. SHOTTIN	3.	ZEB. LORD	Tenor.

Conducted by ZEB. LORD.

OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 16, 1898, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

CHARLES GEORGE	1-2.	GEORGE N. PRICE	5-6.
HERBERT MARTIN	3-4.	WALTER NORRIS	7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire—Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham. Further reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

Date Touches.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

DRIFHLINGTON (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, February 13th, a date touch of Oxford Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 11 mins. S. Clark, 1; H. Oddy, 2; H. Clapham, 3; D. Newton, 4; L. Snowden, 5; G. Bolland, 6; E. Wheeler (conductor), 7; F. Hargreaves, 8. Messrs. Clark and Wheeler hail from Bradford; Oddy, Bolland, and Hargreaves from Tong; the rest belong to the local company.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—FYLDLE BRANCH.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Friday, February 11th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of Minor in 1 hr. 10 mins., being 98 Oxford Single, 360 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire Minor, and 720 College Single. G. Maries (conductor), 1; J. Pendlebury, 2; C. Pendlebury, 3; E. Forshaw, 4; J. Moore, 5; W. Tomlinson, 6. This is the longest touch and first date touch by C. Pendlebury.

DARLASTON (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, February 13th, a date touch of 1898 Grandsire Triples, taken from Taylor's peal, in 1 hr. 6 mins. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; T. Lowe, 3; E. Unitt, 4; J. Foster, 5; J. A. Brown (conductor), 6; O. W. Smith, 7; W. Eyre, 8.

Miscellaneous.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, March 13th, at Christ Church, Spitalfields, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Kennedy, 1; J. Pettit (conductor), 2; A. Coles, 3; E. Hall, 4; A. Hughes, 5; S. Parmenter, 6; W. Wise, 7; G. Barrall, 8. Tenor 33 cwt. On Monday, February 14th, at St. George's, Southwark, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original in 49 mins. *G. Woodage, 1; S. E. Joyce, 2; W. Berry, 3; A. W. Brighton, 4; W. Truss, 5; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 6; J. Waghorn, jun., 7; †E. Clements, 8. *First quarter-peal with the treble. †First quarter-peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Woodage.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLESBROUGH (Yorks).—On January 28th, at the parish church, 840 Stedman Triples. R. Fenwick, 1; W. J. Titchener, 2; T. Metcalfe, 3; C. Hall, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; J. H. Jones, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; W. Newton, 8. On January 31st, 672 Superlative Surprise Major. W. Newton, 1; J. H. Jones, 2; C. Hall, 3; R. Fenwick, 4; T. Metcalfe, 5; J. Passman, 6; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 7; A. McFarlane, 8. Also 672 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. J. H. Jones, 1; C. Hall, 2; T. Metcalfe, 3; W. Newton, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; J. H. Blakiston, 6; R. Fenwick, 7; W. Passman (conductor), 8.

CHESTER-LE-STREET (Durham).—On February 4th, at

the church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 40 mins. F. Sheraton, 1; J. Anderson, 2; W. Brown, 3; G. A. Ward, 4; A. Meyers, 5; W. Sheraton (conductor), 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. D. Francis, schoolmaster and sidesman.

THE STAFFORD AND WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

OLDBURY (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, January 25th, an attempt was made to ring the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief after ringing 672 changes. S. Bowcutt, 1; W. James, 2; J. Lloyd, 3; G. James, 4; T. Lowe, 5; F. Bywater, 6; J. A. Brown (conductor), 7; R. Hall, 8. Messrs. Bowcutt, James, and Bywater belong to Tipton; Lowe to Darlaston; Brown to Bilston.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—WIRRAL BRANCH.

NESTON (Cheshire).—On Thursday, January 6th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), with the tenor covering. E. Molyneux, 1; J. Edwards, 3; J. Mealor, 4; W. Williams, 5; W. Wilcox (conductor), 6; W. Briscoe, 7; C. Grundy, 8. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor. On Thursday, January 13th, 720 Canterbury (eighteen singles and three bobs). On Thursday, February 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (nine bobs), with 6-8 covering. E. Molyneux, 1; J. Edwards, 2; J. Mealor, 3; W. Williams, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; C. Grundy, 6; W. Briscoe, 7; H. Grundy, 8. First 720 of Treble Bob by all except the conductor.

HIGHER SUTTON (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, February 9th, two members from Macclesfield, Gawsorth and Sutton met for practice and rung 720 Bob Minor. A. Mottershead, 1; W. H. Ingham (conductor), 2; W. Steele, 3; A. Lomas, 4; J. M. Davenport, 5; E. Johnson, 6. Also a course of Grandsire Major, on handbells. E. Johnson, 1-2; W. H. Ingham, 3-4; J. M. Davenport, 5-6; W. Steele, 7-8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WILLESBOROUGH (Kent).—On January 10th, 720 Bob Minor (thirty singles). J. Roberts, 1; W. Hobbs, 2; W. Hills, 3; C. Young, 4; E. J. Dixon (conductor), 5; T. Tabrett, 6. On January 16th, 720 Grandsire Minor. R. Pain, 1; W. Hobbs, 2; W. Hills, 3; W. Spice, 4; E. J. Dixon, 5; T. Tabrett (conductor), 6. On January 17th, 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Leeds, 1; W. Hills, 2; W. Hobbs, 3; H. Goodwin, 4; E. J. Dixon, 5; T. Tabrett (conductor), 6. On January 24th, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Hills, 1; H. Goodwin, 2; E. J. Dixon, 3; W. Spice, 4; W. Hobbs (conductor), 5; T. Tabrett, 6. This is E. J. Dixon's longest length with a bob bell in the method. Also 216 Bob Minor. J. Roberts, 1; W. Hobbs, 2; H. Goodwin, 3; W. Spice, 4; A. Hills, 5; T. Tabrett (conductor), 6. On February 2nd, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hobbs, 1; F. Leeds, 2; R. Pain, 3; C. Young, 4; W. Spice, 5; T. Tabrett (conductor), 6.

MERSHAM (Kent).—On Saturday evening, January 29th, for practice, 336 Bob Major. W. Paine, 1; G. Finn, 2; S. Paine, 3; A. Gower, 4; W. Hills, 5; F. Paine, 6; G. Paine, 7; E. S. Ruck (conductor), 8. Also 288 Kent Treble Bob. R. Paine, 1; E. S. Ruck, 2; S. Paine, 3; G. Finn, 4; A. Gower, 5; G. Paine, 6; W. Hobbs, 7; T. Tabrett, 8. And 576 in the same method. R. Paine, 1; G. Finn, 2; S. Paine, 3; E. Spice, 4; A. Gower, 5; G. Paine, 6; W. Hobbs (conductor), 7; T. Tabrett, 8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday afternoon, January 30th, five ringers from Pontefract visited St. Luke's church, and rang 720 Oxford Treble Bob; also 120 each of Kent, Woodbine, and Violet. J. Heckingbottom (Armley, conductor), 1; W. Brook, 2; G. Wilcock, 3; T. Pease, 4; A. Strangeward, 5; W. W. Heckingbottom, 6. First 720 in the method on the bells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, January 2nd, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. W. Reeves, 3; A. Evans, 4; J. M. Routh, Esq., 5; A. W. Higgs, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. On Sunday, January 9th, 546 Grandsire Triples. C. Holmes (first touch of Triples), 1; H. Coffee, 2; G. Boddington, 3; A. Evans, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; F. Sweetzer, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Dibley, 8. On January 11th, for practice 560 Bob Major. H. Dibley, 1; *H. Coffee, 2; *G. Boddington, 3; A. Evans, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; F. Sweetzer, 6; *A. W. Higgs, 7; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 8. *First touch of Major with a bob bell. On Sunday, January 16th, 447 Grandsire Triples. G. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. W. Higgs, 3; A. W. Reeves, 4; J. M. Routh, Esq., 5; A. H. Evans, 6; F. Sweetzer (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. On

January 18th, 504 Grandsire Triples. — Mayo, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. W. Reeves, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; G. L. Boddington, 5; F. Sweetzer (conductor), 6; A. W. Higgs, 7; H. Dibley, 8. On Sunday, January 23rd, 504 Grandsire Triples. — Mayo, 1; H. Coffee, 2; A. W. Reeves, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; G. L. Boddington, 5; F. Sweetzer (conductor), 6; A. W. Higgs, 7; H. Smart, 8. On Sunday, January 30th, 336 Grandsire Triples. G. L. Boddington, 1; H. Coffee, 2; — Mayo, 3; A. W. Reeves, 4; A. W. Higgs, 5; H. Dibley, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. And 336 Grandsire Triples. H. Dibley, 1; G. L. Boddington, 2; — Mayo, 3; A. W. Higgs, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; F. Sweetzer, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Smart, 8. *First touch of Triples with a bob bell. C. Holmes bails from Wargrave. On Sunday, February 6th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. J. Mayo, 1; H. Coffee, 2; G. L. Boddington, 3; F. Sweetzer, 4; A. W. Reeves, 5; A. W. Higgs, 6; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 7; H. Dibley, 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. On Monday, February 14th, at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Tucker, 1; J. Tucker (conductor), 2; C. Giles, 3; J. E. Hern, 4; F. Hopgood, 5; A. Osborne, 6; R. Swain, 7; R. Sawyer, 8. Also a course of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. A. Watmore, 1; J. Tucker, 2; A. Cullum, 3; J. E. Hern, 4; C. Giles, 5; A. Osborne, 6; H. Tucker, 7; F. Hopgood, 8. Also 232 Stedman Triples. C. Giles (conductor), 1; A. Cullum, 2; J. E. Hern, 3; A. Watmore, 4; C. Stone, 5; A. Osborn, 6; H. Tucker, 7; E. Bruce, 8. Also 416 Double Norwich Court Major. C. Stone, 1; J. Tucker, 2; A. Cullum, 3; F. Tubb, 4; C. Giles, 5; A. Osborne, 6; H. Tucker, 7; F. Hopgood (conductor), 8. Tenor 28 cwt. Rung with the bells half muffled, as a last token of respect to Mr. D. Orchard, who was interred in Reading cemetery, on Saturday, February 12th, 1898, aged 85 years. He had been a ringer at the above church for about 35 years; having to retire of late owing to sight and hearing failing him.

BEACONSFIELD (Bucks).—On Saturday, January 29th, 504 Stedman Triples. R. Flaxman (Slough), 1; J. C. Truss (Marlow), 2; A. E. Nye (Marlow), 3; H. Neighbour (Boyne Hill), 4; J. Eldridge (Boyne Hill), 5; J. W. Wilkins (Boyne Hill, conductor), 6; G. Martin (Boyne Hill), 7; A. W. Truss (Marlow), 8. Also several touches of Grandsire Triples in which members from Lawrence Waltham, Farnham Royal, Bray, Marlow, Boyne Hill, Beaconsfield, and other bellfries took part. Also courses of Bob Major in which members from Hughenden took part.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, January 16th, at St. Paul's church, 305 Grandsire Caters. W. Gazeley, 1; C. R. Lilley, 2; E. Tingey, 3; W. Hall, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; F. Keech, 6; J. Hills, 7; W. Barker, 8; H. Tysoe, 9; F. Hull, 10. Also a course of Bob Royal. On January 18th, 419 Stedman Caters. W. Barber, 1; C. Chasty, 2; E. Tingey, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; W. Hall, 5; F. Hull, 6; J. Hills, 7; H. Tysoe, 8; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 9; H. Toll, 10. Also 224 Kent Treble Bob Major, and 224 Superlative Surprise Major. On January 13th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Woodbine. W. Gazeley, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; H. Tysoe, 5; W. Barker (conductor), 6. A 720 Violet. W. Gazeley, 1; C. Chasty, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; W. Barker, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; H. Toll, 6. 720 College Pleasure. C. Tingey, 1; C. Clarke, 2; W. Barker, 3; C. Lilley, 4; H. Tysoe, 5; F. Hull (conductor), 6. On January 20th, 720 Violet. W. Barber, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; H. Toll, 3; C. R. Lilley, 4; C. Chasty, 5; F. Hull, 6. On January 23rd, 305 Grandsire Caters. W. Gazeley, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. Chasty, 3; F. Hull, 4; W. Hall, 5; W. Davison (Biddenham, first touch), 6; W. Barker, 7; F. Smith, 8; H. Tysoe, 9; R. Glass, 10. Also 377 Grandsire Caters, with E. Tingey and F. Keech standing in. On January 29th, 264 Double Norwich. W. Gazeley, 1; S. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. Lilley, 4; W. Barker, 6; H. Tysoe, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. 419 Stedman Caters. W. Barker, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; W. Hall, 4; F. Keech, 5; E. Tingey, 6; J. Hills, 7; F. Hull, 8; H. Tysoe, 9; H. Sharpe, 10. Also 305 Grandsire Caters and 180 Treble Bob Royal. January 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal Grandsire Caters. H. Toll, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; E. Tingey, 3; W. Barker, 4; S. Cullip, 5; F. Keech, 6; C. R. Lilley, 7; J. Hills, 8; C. Chasty (conductor), 9; H. Tysoe, 10. This quarter-peal was composed by J. George (Rugby) and contains the 6th eleventh times behind the 9th.

KEMPSTON (Beds).—On January 22nd, at All Saints church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. E. Tingey, 1; C. W. Clarke, 2; C. R. Lilley, 3; W. Barker, 4; C. Chasty, 5; F. Hull (conductor), 6. 720 College Exercise. E. Tingey, 1; C. Chasty, 2; C. Lilley, 3; W. Barker, 4; F. Hull, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

WHITWICK (Leicester).—On Sunday, February 6th, for evening

service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. J. Rawson, 1; S. W. West, 2; J. A. Moulton, 3; A. Whitmore, 4; H. Partridge, 5; L. Partridge, 6; B. West (conductor), 7; F. Boam, 8.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—NORTHWICH BRANCH.

HARTFORD.—On Saturday, February 5th, at St. John's church, two 720s of Plain Bob. First 720—S. Johnson (conductor), 1; S. Forster, 1; G. Johnson, 3; A. Johnson, 4; J. Bell, 5; W. Forster, 6. Second 720—S. Johnson (conductor), 1; W. Sutton, 2; G. Johnson, 3; S. Forster, 4; R. Chantler, 5; A. Johnson, 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RINGMER (Sussex).—On Thursday evening, February 1st, for practice at the parish church, two touches of Grandsire Triples, conducted by A. J. Turner and C. Painter. Also 560 Bob Major. A. Rooke, 1; J. S. Goldsmith (conductor), 2; T. Miller, 3; H. Jones, 4; W. Pelling, 5; F. Barnes, 6; A. J. Turner, 7; C. Painter, 8. Also 224 in the same method. G. Taylor, 1; C. Painter, 2; J. S. Goldsmith, 8; the rest as before.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On Tuesday, February 1st, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. C. Best, 1; T. Stroud, 2; T. E. Ellis, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; F. Trussler, 5; J. Lee, 6. First by all the band.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OXHEY (Herts).—On Sunday, February 6th, on handbells, retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. C. George, 1-2; H. Martin, 3-4; G. N. Price (conductor), 5-6; W. Norris, 7-8.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

BERMONDSEY.—On Monday, February 14th, at St. James' church, 658 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. M. Spink, 1; H. Pasmore, 2; J. Golding, 3; W. Webber, 4; F. Perrin, 5; G. Symonds (conductor), 6; W. Pasmore, 7; M. Spinks, 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Porter, Esq., chairman.

GLoucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

CHELtenham (Gloucestershire).—On February 28th, being the 45th birthday of W. T. Fates, Master of the Cheltenham Society, the following members of the above Association rang a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples, at St. Mary's church, in 48 mins. W. T. Pates, 1; F. Wade, 2; H. Hodges, 3; W. Brinkworth, 4; F. Musty, 5; W. Dyer, 6; G. H. Phillott, 7; R. Trigg, 8. Tenor 23 cwt. Conducted by W. Dyer.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON (Somersetshire).—On February 15th, at St. Mary's, in honour of the marriage of Col. Welby, M.P. for Taunton, to Miss D. Copland-Griffiths, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, a 514 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Iles, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; W. J. Thomas, 3; J. Fowler, 4; J. Garland, 5; E. Wyatt, 6; J. Burge (conductor), 7; F. Sadd. Recently at the same church, 518 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Iles, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; A. Doble, 3; T. Radford, 4; J. Fowler, 5; E. Wyatt, 6; J. Burge (conductor), 7; F. Collins, 8. And 308 Grandsire Triples. F. Collins, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; W. J. Thomas, 3; J. Fowler, 4; J. Garland, 5; E. Wyatt, 6; J. Burge (conductor), 7; F. Sadd, 8. 560 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Iles, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; J. Fowler, 3; W. J. Thomas, 4; J. Garland, 5; H. Poole, 6; J. Burge (conductor), 7; F. Sadd, 8. And 305 Grandsire Caters. J. Garland, 1; H. Poole, 2; F. Millard, 3; S. Wyatt, 4; A. Doble, 5; J. Fowler, 6; E. Burgess, 7; W. J. Thomas, 8; J. Burge (conductor), 9; F. Collins, 10. 377 Grandsire Triples. S. Wyatt, 1; W. J. Thomas, 2; A. Doble, 3; F. Millard, 4; J. Fowler, 5; E. Wyatt, 6; J. Burge (conductor), 7; G. Yandell, 8. And 518 Grandsire Triples. F. Collins, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; J. Maddock, 3; J. Garland, 4; J. Fowler, 5; W. J. Thomas, 6; J. Burge (conductor), 7; F. Sadd, 8. 514 Grandsire Triples. H. Megridge, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; J. Fowler, 3; G. Yandell, 4; W. J. Thomas, 5; J. Garland, 6; J. Burge (conductor), 7; F. Collins, 8. 308 Grandsire Triples. F. Collins, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; W. J. Thomas, 3; J. Garland, 4; J. Fowler, 5; E. Wyatt, 6; J. Burge (conductor), 7; H. Bosley, 8.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRIDGEND.—On Sunday, January 2nd, at the church of St. Illytyd's, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles). J. South, 1; R. Evans, 2; J. Evans, 3; D. J. Hurford, 4; R. Bunstone, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. On Monday, January 3rd, 720 Plain Bob. W. Hummel, 1; W. Hardwick, 2; J. Cox, 3; J. South, 4; R. Bunstone, 5; R. Evans (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 9th, 720 Plain Bob

W. Hummel, 1; R. Evans, 2; D. J. Hurford, 3; R. Bunstone, 4; J. South, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 23rd, 720 Plain Bob. W. Hummel, 1; R. Evans, 2; W. Hardwick, 3; J. South, 4; R. Bunstone, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. And 720 in the same method. W. Hummel, 1; R. Bunstone, 2; D. J. Hurford, 3; J. South, 4; J. Cox, 5; R. Evans (conductor), 6. On Monday, January 24th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Hardwick, 1; R. Evans, 2; D. J. Hurford, 3; J. South, 4; R. Bunstone, 5; J. Cox (first in the method on the bells), 6. On Sunday, January 30th, 720 Plain Bob. W. Hummel, 1; R. Evans, 2; J. Cox, 3; J. South, 4; R. Bunstone, 5; D. J. Hurford (conductor), 6.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, January 30th, for evening service, 504 Bob Triples. S. Kerrison, 1; W. Peirce, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3; A. Took, 4; E. Easter, 5; J. Howard, 6; C. Kerrison, 7; W. Lee, 8. Also 120 Siedman Doubles. A. Took, 1; W. Peirce, 2; A. Lee, 3; F. Lambert (conductor), 4; C. Kerrison, 5; J. Howard, 6. On Thursday, February 10th, 350 Grandsire Triples. S. Kerrison, 1; W. Peirce, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3; A. Lee, 4; C. Kerrison, 5; G. Towell, 6; A. Took, 7; W. Lee, 8. Also 252 Bob Triples. R. Tracey, 8; the rest as before. On Sunday, February 13th, for evening service, 448 Bob Major. S. Kerrison, 1; W. Peirce, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3; A. Lee, 4; C. Kerrison, 5; G. Towell, 6; J. Howard, 7; A. Took, 8. *Hand-bell ringing*.—On Monday, February 14th, 504 Bob Triples. A. Lee, 1-2; A. Took, 3-4; F. Lambert (conductor), 5-6; R. Tracey, 7-8.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ALFRETON (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, January 1st, at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 27½ mins. Tenor 17 cwt. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; J. Morton, 3; S. Robinson, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; H. Turton, 6. This is the first 720 of Treble Bob ever rang on the bells. Also 720 Duke of York and 360 Violet. F. Hancock, 1; G. Norman, 2; J. Morton, 3; S. Robinson, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; H. Turton, 6. H. Turton hails from Killamarsh; the rest from Eckington.

BRIGHTON (Derbyshire).—On Saturday, January 8th, at the parish church, 720 Duke of York. Tenor 10½ cwt. W. Allwood, 1; H. Orgeaves (conductor), 2; J. Morton, 3; S. Robinson, 4; H. Hall, 5; H. Turton, 6. And a 720 Violet. G. Norman, 1; W. Allwood, 2; J. Morton, 3; S. Robinson, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; H. Turton, 6. And a 720 Duke of York. F. Hancock, 1; J. H. Brothwell, 2; J. Morton, 3; G. Norman, 4; H. Turton, 5; T. Whitworth (conductor), 6.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, February 6th, for divine service, 720 College Pleasure in 27½ mins. F. Hancock, 1; W. Price, 2; J. Morton, 3; S. Robinson, 4; G. Marden, 5; G. Norman (conductor), 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

ARELEY KINGS (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, January 2nd, 720 Oxford Bob. E. Mapp, 1; W. Martin, 2; J. Reynolds, 3; T. Eleox, 4; T. Griffiths, 5; C. Beaman (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, January 19th, 720 Bob Minor. E. Mapp, 1; W. Martin (conductor), 2; P. Elcox, 3; T. Griffiths, 4; J. Reynolds, 5; C. Beaman, 6. First 720 as conductor. On Sunday, January, 30th, 720 Oxford Bob. E. Mapp, 1; P. Elcox, 2; P. Griffiths, 3; W. Martin, 4; J. Reynolds, 5; C. Beaman (conductor), 6.

BURTON LATIMER (Northants).—On Saturday evening, February 12th, for practice, 360 Grandsire Doubles. W. H. Henson, 1; M. Morton, 2; J. Pettit, 3; J. T. Tompkins, 4; G. Lines (conductor), 5. And 120 Bob Doubles. G. Lines, 1; M. Morton, 2; J. Pettit, 3; W. H. Henson, 4; J. T. Tompkins (conductor), 5. Also 120 Grandsire and Bob Doubles. W. H. Henson, 1; M. Morton, 2; G. Lines, 3; J. Pettit, 4; J. T. Tompkins (conductor), 5. Also several courses of Doubles, in which C. Fox, E. Hodson and A. Smithers took part.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Monday, February 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Great St. Mary's church, in 47 mins. F. Brown, 1; J. Rockett, 2; J. Taylor, 3; W. Kempton, 4; G. Taylor, 5; M. Staffurth, 6; W. Eusden, 7; W. Mansfield, 8. Conducted by W. Eusden, and it was his first quarter-peal.

DARTFORD (Kent).—On Saturday, January 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. R. Cullum, 1; H. Castle, 2; F. French, 3; C. Chasty (Bedford), 4; E. Everson, 5; J. Saxby (conductor), 6; G. Cullum, 7; A. Perry, 8.

FARNWORTH (Lancashire).—On Sunday, February 6th, at the parish church, for evening service, a 360 Grandsire Minor in 12 mins. A. Wilkinson, 1; W. Patten, 2; J. Wilde, 3; J. Witter, 4; J. T. Lowe, 5; R. Johnson (composer and conductor), 6.

GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On February 7th, at 9, Lea Road,

on handbells, retained in hand, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). J. Button (first 720), 1; J. Fisher, 2; F. S. W. Butler, 3-4; Rev. G. H. Ridout (first 720 as conductor), 5-6.

SLEAFORD (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, February 14th, at the church of St. Denys, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. W. Townsend, 1; R. Stringer, 2; N. E. Snow (conductor), 3; T. H. Holdich, 4; F. Bedford, 5; E. Rowbottom, 6; C. Harwood, 7; C. W. Jackson, 8. Tenor 20 cwt.

STISTED (Essex).—On Sunday morning, January 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. C. Duncombe, 1; H. Saunders, 2; A. Chaplin, 3; E. Chaplin, 4; Ernest Chaplin, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, January 4th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Duncombe, 1; H. Saunders, 2; E. Radley, 3; E. Chaplin, 4; Ernest Chaplin, 5; A. Chaplin (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Duncombe, 1; H. Saunders, 2; E. Radley (conductor), 3; Edgar Chaplin, 4; Ernest Chaplin, 5; A. Chaplin, 6. On Tuesday, January 11th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Saunders, 1; E. Radley, 2; Ernest Chaplin, 3; Edgar Chaplin, 4; F. Slade, 5; A. Chaplin (conductor), 6. F. Slade hails from Braintree. And 360 Double Court. H. Saunders, 1; A. Chaplin, 2; Ernest Chaplin, 3; Edgar Chaplin, 4; E. Radley (conductor), 5; F. Slade, 6. On Sunday afternoon, January 16th, for Divine Service, 360 Double Court. E. Prince, 1; A. Chaplin, 2; Ernest Chaplin, 3; Edgar Chaplin, 4; E. Radley (conductor), 5; F. Slade, 6. E. Prince hails from Braintree. On Tuesday, January 18th, for practice, 720 Double Court. C. Duncombe, 1; A. Chaplin, 2; Ernest Chaplin, 3; Edgar Chaplin, 4; E. Radley (conductor), 5; F. Slade, 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Duncombe, 1; E. Radley, 2; F. Slade, 3; Edgar Chaplin, 4; Ernest Chaplin, 5; A. Chaplin, 6.

TERRINGTON (Norfolk).—On Thursday, February 10th, at St. Clement's church, a 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. A. Ingraham, 1; R. Howling, 2; J. N. Wright, 3; G. Green, 4; F. Eastoe, 5; A. Markwell (conductor), 6. First 720 by A. Ingraham, and first 720 on the bells for upwards of two years, and rung at the second attempt. A. Markwell hails from Wilburton, Cambs., the rest belong to the local band.

WARRINGTON (Lancashire).—On January 1st, 720 Oxford Single Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles), conducted by A. Oxley. J. Wilson, 1; W. Oxley, 2; A. Oxley, 3; E. Edwardson, 4; W. Brammer, 5; F. W. Stout, 6. On Sunday, January 2nd, for evening service, 720 College Single (eighteen bobs and two singles), conducted by W. Brammer, standing as before. On January 23rd, for evening service, 720 Oxford Single Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Brammer, 1; J. Wilson, 2; A. Oxley, 3; W. Oxley, 4; E. Edwardson, 5; F. W. Stout, 6. On January 30th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire (thirty-four bobs and two singles), conducted by F. W. Stout. J. Wilson, 1; W. Oxley, 2; A. Oxley, 3; E. Edwardson, 4; W. Brammer, 5; F. W. Stout, 6. For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs), conducted by A. Oxley. J. Wilson, 1; W. Oxley, 2; A. Oxley, 3; E. Edwardson, 4; W. Brammer, 5; F. W. Stout, 6.

Obituary.

HARRY HORWOOD.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at his residence, King Edward's Road, Nuneaton, on Thursday, March 3rd, at the age of 48. He had been ailing for some time, but did not leave his employment (which he followed as signaller on the L.N. and W. railway) until some eight or ten weeks previous to his death, during which time he perceived a growth in his throat, which proved to be cancer. He only kept his bed a fortnight, and was a great sufferer. He was borne home to his last resting-place on Monday 7th inst., by six of his fellow-workmen, followed by upward of 30 railway servants, and most of the Nuneaton ringers and friends. He had rung about 40 peals in the four standard methods and was rightly named the father of change-ringing in Nuneaton. He joined the Midland Counties Association in 1884 and did a great deal in the interests of the Association. He will be greatly missed by all ringers in the district, and more so by the Nuneaton Society, as he was a regular attendant for Sunday ringing and practice. On Thursday, the 10th inst., the Nuneaton Society rung a muffled peal as a last token of respect, the record of which will be found in its proper place. It was deceased's wish that Holt's 10-part peal of Grandsire Triples should be rung muffled, as it was the first peal he took part in.

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The Chester Guild.—Wirral Branch.—The next monthly meeting and tea will be held in the Schoolroom, Heswall, to-day, Saturday, March 19th, at 6 p.m. Leaders of belfries are requested to let the Hon. Sec. know how many will attend. **HENRY WOOLCOTT, Hon. Sec.**
Grange Mount, West Kirby.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, March 19th, at Newchurch. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30. **Helmshore.** **J. H. BANKS, Branch Sec.**

The Midland Counties Association.—Nottingham District.—A meeting will be held at Long Eaton, to-day, Saturday, March 19th. Bells open from 4 to 9.

W. E. WHITE, Hon. Dist. Sec.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The yearly meeting of this society will be held at head-quarters, Leeds (parish church), 12 bells, on Saturday, March 26th. Ringing from 3 to 4 and 5 till 10 p.m. Business meeting at the Nags Head Hotel, opposite the church, at 4.30. Business—balance sheet, the society's proposed trip, and grant for bell restoration, etc. Members are particularly requested to attend. **R. BINNS, Hon. Sec.**
18, Irwin Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter and St. Paul, Swanscombe, on Saturday, 2nd April. Towers open at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m.

A. OSBORNE, Hon. Dist. Sec.

The Worcestershire & District Association.—The annual meeting of this association will be held at Dudley, on Easter Monday, April 11th, 1898. Full particulars next week.

JNO. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

36, Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

The Essex Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held on Easter-Monday, at Coggeshall. The following towers will be open, Coggeshall, Earl's Colne, Great Tey, Feering, Inworth and Kelvedon. A brake will start from Kelvedon church at 2 p.m. for Feering; from Feering at 3.45 for Coggeshall. Tea and business meeting will be held at The Chapel inn, at 5.30 p.m. A conveyance will be provided for members to reach Kelvedon in time for the evening trains. Members intending to be present must notify the same to me not later than the previous Tuesday.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, Ass. Sec.

Gt. Totham Vicarage, Witham.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—At a meeting held at the new head-quarters, The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., on September 21st, it was resolved that a testimonial be presented to Mr. Matthew A. Wood, of Bethnal Green, as a mark of esteem and in appreciation of the good work he has done towards the advancement of change-ringing during the past fifty years. Subscriptions towards this object will be gladly received by any of the following committee:—Messrs. F. S. Bayley, Burkin, Butler, Cockerill, W. Davies (Liverpool), Dorrington, T. Hattersley (Sheffield), Horrex, Hughes, T. Mash, Newton, Prime, Pettit, F. W. J. Rees (Nayland, Colchester), Smith, Springall, Waghorn, jun., and Winney. Saturday, April 2nd, 1898, is the

suggested date for the presentation to be made, and intending subscribers are earnestly requested to send in their subscriptions at least a week before that time.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT OXHEY, HERTS.—This is the first handbell peal ever rung in Hertfordshire outside of the city of St. Albans. It is also the first peal on handbells by all the band, and was rung at the third attempt. The band wish to tender their thanks to Mr. Buckingham for acting as umpire on each occasion.

THE PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR AT BRIGHTON.—This peal was rung at the first attempt. A lead of the method was published in "THE BELL NEWS," December 11th, 1897, under the name of "Arundel Surprise," but it was proved that the Rev. E. B. James had a prior claim as author of the method. The composition of the peal will be found in "THE BELL NEWS," January 9th, 1897, being the first two parts of a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, by Frank Bennett, of Brighton. The peal was rung with the bells half myffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the Rev. R. F. Tompkins, the first Hon. Treasurer of the Sussex Association, which position he held from the formation of the association, January, 1885 to May, 1894, when ill health compelled him to resign. The funeral took place on the above date at Tortington, of which parish he had been Vicar for about 43 years. This is the first peal rung in the above method.

THE PEAL AT WOLVERHAMPTON.—This peal, the record of which will be found in its proper place, was rang previous to the unveiling of a peal tablet, also as a birthday peal for the conductor. It was Mr. A. Griffiths' 50th peal, made up as follows:—Bob Triples, 1; Bob Major, 4; Darlaston Bob Triples, 3; Oxford Bob Triples, 1; Grandsire Triples, 13, Major, 3; Caters, 22; Cinques, 1; Stedman Triples, 1, Caters, 1. The peal tablet was unveiled by the Rector of Wolverhampton, the Rev. A. Penny, M.A. after evensong; the rev. gentleman expressed the pleasure it gave him to do so. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. E. Groves to the Rector, and in seconding which Mr. W. B. Small gave an interesting description of the past and present ringers and their habits. The Rector in returning thanks for such an interesting speech, said it gave him pleasure to think he had such an accomplished band of ringers, and would do everything that he could for them. Touches of Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples were afterwards rung. The tablet which is black and gold, records three peals, one of Bob Major rang in December, 1896, being the first peal of Bob Major rang by the local band; one of Grandsire Caters (7019), rang on March 20th, 1897, being the first peal of Caters by the local band since 1845; and one of Oxford Bob Triples, rang to celebrate the Queen's birthday last year, which was also the first peal in the method in the county.

THE PEAL AT ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE.—This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and first peal in the method by G. P. Burton and F. A. Nunn, and was rung on the birthday of R. Fenn, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. The band, through the medium of this paper, wish to thank the Rector and Churchwardens for the use of the bells; also the Vicar of All Hallows Barking, Tower Hill, City, for so kindly granting them the use of his ropes; also Mr. J. Joyce, his steeple-keeper, for his trouble. The figures of this peal will be found in the Central Council Appendix, 1895, on page 75.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHTON (Essex).—On Tuesday, February 8th, for practice, 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Ran, 1; W. Doran, 2; J. Mardell, 3; J. Moule, 4; E. Bacon (conductor), 5; E. Wightman, 6; W. Clarke, 7; G. Carter, 8. And three courses of Stedman Triples. W. Doran, 1; G. Parry, 2; E. Bacon (conductor), 3; J. Mardell, 4; J. Ran, 5; W. Pye, 6; E. Wightman, 7; W. Clarke, 8.

WOODFORD (Essex).—On Monday, January 17th, for practice, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Green (first 720), 1; H. Gowers, 2; J. Kimberley, 3; J. Moule, 4; J. Mardell, 5; E. Wightman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, February 6th, after evening service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 26 mins. J. Moule, 1; H. Gowers, 2; E. Wightman (conductor), 3; J. Kimberley, 4; J. Mardell, 5; T. H. Beams, 6.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Wednesday, Feb. 9th, for practice, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major, and for morning service, Sunday, Feb. 13th, 576 in the same method. W. E. Emery, 1; G. H. Sorrell, 2; E. W. Davis, 3; A. Head, 4; T. Lincoln, 5; R. Wood, 6; F. G. Radley, 7; W. Lincoln, 8.

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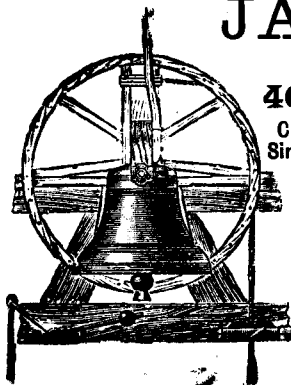
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