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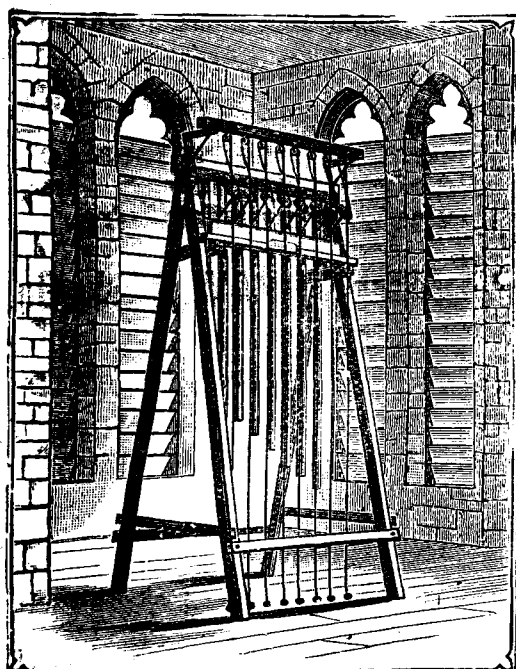
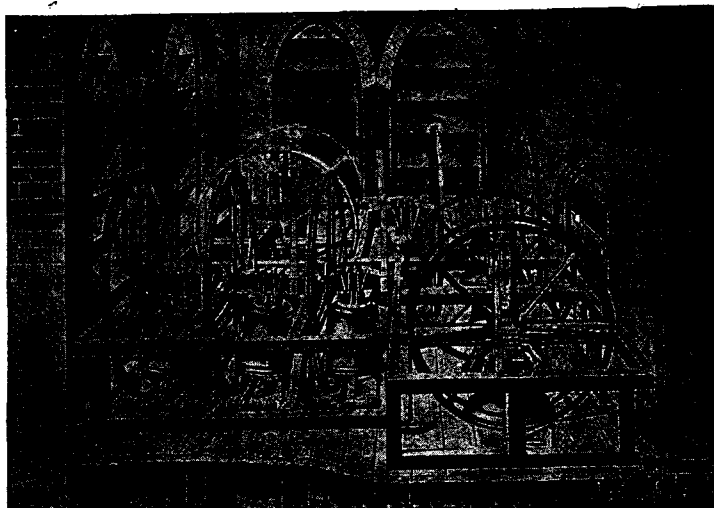
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1898.

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CHARLTON-ON-OTMOOR, OXON.

THIS village, situate upon the borders of the counties of Oxford and Northampton, celebrated quite recently a great event in its ecclesiastical history, when the bells in the lofty embattled tower of the church of St. Mary the Virgin rang out merrily, after having been silent for nearly twelve months. For a long time these bells had been in a most unsatisfactory condition: one being literally in two pieces, and the frame unsafe. During the period of silence the whole of the bells have undergone a complete and thorough restoration at the hands of Messrs. Webb and Bennett, church bell hangers, of Kidlington, Oxfordshire. They have erected a new wrought-iron frame in the tower, recast the 3rd, and rehung the whole with entirely new fittings. The bell-chamber has been refloored, and a new internal staircase to the ringing-chamber provided. The sanctus bell is placed in the new frame, where room is left for a 6th bell. The cost of all this is nearly £150, which sum has been almost raised by voluntary subscriptions. The interest taken in the movement has been testified by the way the subscriptions have been received. Nearly everybody in the parish have given according to their means, and many outside friends have helped most liberally.

The proceedings on the day of reopening commenced with a tea in the schoolroom, the viands for the repast being gifts of various parishioners. The Kidlington brass band played outside the building during tea-time, and afterwards paraded the village. Five ringers from Kidlington raised the bells during the service, which was held at 6.30. It commenced with the hymn "Lift them gently to the steeple." The prayers were read by the Rev. H. A. Mais, Vicar of Studley; the lessons by the Rev. J. Wade, curate of Islip, and the Rev. E. R. Massey, Rector of Marsh Gibbon. The anthem was taken from Psalm lxi. 9-10—"Thou visitest the earth." Special collects, authorised by the Bishop of Oxford, were then said by the Rector of Charlton (Rev. C. E. Prior) for God's blessing on the bells and ringers; and immediately on their conclusion the Kidlington company rang a few rounds.

An address was then given by the Rev. R. F. Dale, rural dean, and Rector of Bletchington, which was attentively listened to by the large congregation. He took as the basis of his remarks the words, "The meaning of the voice," which was taken from the second lesson. He said the ringing of the bells was a summons to worship in God's house; sometimes of gladness and sometimes of sorrow, but whatever the meaning of the voice of the bells might be it meant that they were to bring their joy or sorrow unto God. For centuries, 1400 years probably, churchmen had been called to worship in God's house by the ringing of the bells. When all the bells were ringing they might interpret their meaning as "Come to church and pray," and later, when the single bell sounded, its voice seemed to be asking them to "Come, come," all things were ready for worship. They continually heard that voice, but did they always heed it? Some people

never entered God's house at all, but God forbid that he should say they never prayed. Sometimes the voice of the bells was the voice of gladness. Religion was not all gloom. Jesus Christ while on earth shared in other people's pleasures, and what He did He would have His followers do as well. The bells were rung at weddings, at great national occasions of rejoicing as at the Jubilees, the recovery of the Prince of Wales from illness, and at the great festivals of the Church. This was to remind them that all happiness came from God, whether natural or spiritual. Then again the meaning of the voice was often the voice of sorrow. He remembered when a boy in London the great national humiliation at the time of the Indian Mutiny, and he would never forget the impression made upon him by all the bells in London being rung simultaneously. A great many of those present would remember the funeral of the late Duke of Wellington, and later the death of Prince Consort, and more recently still the decease of the Duke of Clarence. The ringing of the bells reminded them that there was something to look for beyond the grave. The bells were rung by men who had been trained; each ringer had his special part to do, and he must do it at the right moment. Disorderly ringing would spoil its sequence. The lesson was plain. Each of them had to do his work well and at the proper time, so that nothing would mar the whole band of workers.

"Hark, hark, my soul" was then sung, during which a collection was made on behalf of the fund for the bells; and the service closed with the singing of "Onward, Christian soldiers," the band accompanying. Miss Prior presided at the organ. In addition to the clergy whose names appear above there were also present the Rev. S. Crawley, Rector of Oddington; the Rev. J. H. Kirby, Vicar of Weston; and the Rev. P. V. Doyne, Vicar of Beckley.

The Kidlington ringers after the service rang a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, the company being Messrs. F. Webb, W. Bennett, H. Judge (conductor), J. Franklin, and W. Thorpe. The ringers, choir, and others partook of supper at the schools.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

GLOSSARY OF TECHNICAL TERMS.

SIR,—May I again implore those who have received the Glossary lists to return them to me, with or without additions, at once? Nearly one half of the number distributed have not yet come back, though a stamped addressed envelope for return was sent with each copy; and but little trouble is involved in putting the copy in the envelope, sealing it down, and posting it. From some districts no copy has yet been returned at all, though three were sent out to each Association Secretary for distribution.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec. C. C.*

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THE STOCKTON-ON-TEES BELLS.

The unfortunate misunderstanding or hiatus in connection with this grand project of amalgamation will not tend to unity and progress in the neighbourhood affected. It is not our duty to make any comment on the position; we can only hope that all may be settled amicably before long. The Hon. Secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association sends the following statement upon the questions at issue for publication:—

Touching a paragraph of "Plain Speaker's" notes in your issue of November 26th about the Stockton belfry, I regret to say there is some foundation for his saying that "that tower is closed to members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association for all purposes." I enclose a circular issued to some of the members but not to the officers of the Association. It will be evident to all who read this, what a prejudiced production it is, and still more evident from whose individual pen it emanates, though signed "The Stockton Ringers." Had Mr. Clarkson taken this trouble early in the year, and issued a simple appeal to the members (as approved by those present at the Annual Meeting last year at Durham and at Gainford in February) under the heading of our Association, his fund would have been a great deal the richer. Instead of this he takes up some fanciful position—an impossible one to the Association—and when he finds he can't have all his own way, he attempts to drag the good name of the Association in the mud by accusations of ingratitude, etc. Mr. Clarkson would have been better advised had he put in an appearance at the October meeting held in Newcastle, and proved the courage of his opinions. I have always found that is the only way to get support, and after the sharp attacks made on the Association and the President by Mr. Clarkson in "THE BELL NEWS," he could most certainly have reckoned the latter speaking in defence. As to Mr. Harrison's vote of confidence being without notice, this was not necessary, as it did not affect the rules of the Association. The circular is very laudatory of Mr. Clarkson, but any debt we owe for past services has always been acknowledged, and in 1885 handsomely so, by a presentation from the Association. It speaks of Mr. Clarkson finding it necessary to resign his office of Secretary in 1889. This, I am sorry to say, as far as I can remember, he did not do—he coolly abandoned the Association, and at the Durham annual meeting, which he failed to summon, there was neither books, money, or secretary present. While giving Mr. Clarkson full credit for a big treasury balance at the end of his office, a large balance does not necessarily mean a flourishing state of affairs, and since then we have aimed rather at carrying out the objects of the Association than accumulating a large balance. Every one admits that Mr. Clarkson did a good work in founding with others, this Association, but the harm he has done by going out of his way to do its constitution injury on more than this occasion, is fast nullifying that feeling of gratitude.

Judging from the unanimous tone at the Annual Meeting in favour of the policy of the Executive, I am afraid the members who will be qualified (according to Mr. Clarkson's circular) to accept an invitation to the opening of their bells will be a very small and non-representative number. There are one or two other points in the Stockton circular which would bear contradiction, but I have trespassed on your space too long. I may mention that I had, by post-card dated November 19th, intimation of the closing of Stockton belfry against us, signed by Mr. Clarkson. As such power is vested in others, and no authority for the action is named, it is difficult to know whether to take it as serious.

CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE,
Hon. Sec. Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

WILSHAMSTEAD CHURCH, BEDFORDSHIRE.

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A RINGING TOUR.

The Brighton Parish Church Branch of the Sussex County Association has arranged the following programme of peals for their annual eight evenings' ringing tour:—

DATE.	PLACE.	METHOD.
Saturday, Nov. 26 ...	Bolney	Cambridge Surprise Major.
Monday ,, 28 ...	St. Nicholas, Brighton...	London Surprise Major.
Tuesday ,, 29 ...	Southover, Lewes...	Oxford Surprise Major.
Wednesday ,, 30 ...	Heene, Worthing ...	New Cumberland Surprise Major.
Thursday, Dec. 1 ...	St. Paul's, Brighton ...	Superlative Surprise Major.
Friday ,, 2 ...	St. Peter's, Brighton ...	Gloucester Surprise Major.
Saturday ,, 3 ...	Stevington	Westminster Surprise Major.
Monday ,, 5 ...	New Shoreham	Norfolk Surprise Major.

The result will be published in next week's "BELL NEWS."

GEO. F. ATTREE, Hon. Sec.

THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The last monthly meeting of the above society was held on Saturday, November 12th, at St. Marie's (R.C.) church, Norfolk Row, when a good muster of members assembled. Touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung, after which the business meeting took place at headquarters, The Sportsman inn. The late secretary, Mr. J. Mulligan, has resigned, and that office has now been taken up by R. Harrison.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.

In answer to the notice of "LET-EM-ALL-COME," on Saturday last, ringers turned up from Barking, Romford, Hornchurch, West Ham, Tottenham, Woodford, Leytonstone, Rainham, and East Ham. Ringing commenced with a 720 of Bob Minor, followed by a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, and a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. Touches of Double Oxford, Double Court, and several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were afterwards rung, in which the local men took part. Two courses of Grandsire Caters were also rung on the handbells, and a long touch of Treble Bob Major. The East Ham handbell ringers also rang several touches.

In an interview with the Rev. Dr. Moore, the rev. gentleman assured Mr. Deards that since the bells had been restored and rang so well, the church had been crowded so much at the evening service that they had to borrow chairs and seats of the neighbours to accommodate the worshippers. We wish here to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and the locals for having provided everything to make the evening so enjoyable.

A. D.

BREWOD (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, November 24th, on handbells, retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Doubles, consisting of six 6-scores of Grandsire and four 6-scores and one 3-score of Plain Bob Doubles, each called differently, in 45 mins. J. Perry (conductor), 1-2-3; T. Perry, 4-5-6. Rung at the house of Mr. J. T. Perry. This is supposed to be the first quarter-peal rung in Brewod, and is the longest length by the above.

DARLSTON (Staffs).—On Sunday, October 30th, 503 Grandsire Triples. H. Harper, 1; T. Lowe, 2; J. Adams, 3; E. Unitt, 4; J. Foster, 5; W. Smith, 6; J. A. Brown (conductor), 7; W. Eyre, 8. On Thursday, November 10th, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. J. Mark, 1; G. Morgan, 2; W. Smith, 3; T. Lowe, 4; J. Foster, 5; E. Unitt, 6; J. A. Brown (conductor), 7; J. Jones, 8. Messrs. Harper, Brown and Eyre belong to Bilston, Adams to Willenhall.

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."

BRISTOL AFFAIRS.

SIR,—Readers of your comment of the 19th, and "Plain Speaker's" remarks of the 26th inst. would have a wrong impression of Bristol ringers. Your editorial states we "enjoy a diversity of opinion." We do not enjoy diversity of opinion any more than we enjoy ill-health, and on the contrary we endeavour to obtain unanimity of opinion. The recently proposed formation of a Bristol Diocesan Society was thought to be a compromise that all would agree with. We do not consider that we forfeit our claims to common sense, courtesy or cultivation by diversity of opinion, the finest body of gentlemen in the world, i.e., our Houses of Parliament, being our justification. There is no personal unfriendliness between ringers here, and we all ring together and enjoy each other's company. Bristol has probably the oldest ringing society in the world (the Antient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers, dating from 1620), and there was never a better feeling among its ringers than at present.

G. T. DALTRY.

THE PEAL AT HIGHWORTH, WILTS.

SIR,—I should like to point out to our friends who took part in the peal at Highworth on the 19th of November last, that it is not the first peal on the bells. Holt's Ten-Part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung here on the 29th December, 1787, by the local ringers. This peal is of considerable interest, as I believe it was the first ever rung in the county of Wilts. Some years ago I endeavoured to obtain particulars of it, but I was unfortunately too late, as the record, which was on the ceiling of the belfry, had been destroyed during a so-called restoration.

W. W. GIFFORD.

THE HEIGHT OF TOWERS.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Woolley, I beg to say that the height of the towers and spires I gave was taken from a list compiled during a discussion on the subject in *Shropshire Notes and Queries*, about the time of the sad disaster to St. Mary's spire, Shrewsbury, on February 11th, 1894. The accuracy of the measurements, of course, I cannot vouch for, but most of them are taken from "Our Parish Churches" (S.P.C.K.). In my list "Boston Stump" is given as 268 ft., which I did not include, as only towers with steeples were asked for, though the name of steeple is often applied to either indiscriminately. Now that the subject is being discussed, I supplement the list by the height of several others, as given in my list, which perhaps will interest other readers.

W. MEAD.

Clun, Shropshire.

CHURCHES.

Boston Tower	268-ft.
Spitalfields Church Spire, London	244-ft.
St. Bride's Church Spire, London	233-ft.
Chesterfield Wooden Twisted Spire	230-ft.
Bow Church Spire, London	225-ft.
St. Mary's Spire, Shrewsbury	222-ft.
St. George's Church Spire, Liverpool	214-ft.
St. Michael's Church Spire, Liverpool	201-ft.
St. Nicholas Church Tower, Newcastle-on-Tyne	194-ft.
St. Alkmund's Church Spire, Shrewsbury	184-ft.
St. Chad's Steeple, Shrewsbury	150-ft.

CATHEDRALS.

Lichfield (three spires) one is	258-ft.
Canterbury Cathedral Tower	235-ft.
Wakefield Cathedral Spire	235-ft.
Westminster Abbey Tower	225-ft.
Glasgow Cathedral Spire	225-ft.
Gloucester Cathedral Tower	224-ft.
St. Patrick's Cathedral Spire, Dublin	223-ft.
York Cathedral Tower	216-ft.
Durham Cathedral Tower	214-ft.
St. George's Church Spire, Dublin	200-ft.

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Obituary.

JOHN COOPER, OF LEICESTER.

AGE 52.

DIED NOVEMBER 17, 1898.

It is with regret that we announce the end of the above ringer. The rider on the pale horse has not been sparing to Leicester veterans during the last few years, and at a comparatively early age another has answered his call. From his youth John Cooper was connected with St. Margaret's and St. George's churches. He rang in the first Association peals (Midland Counties) of Stedman Caters, also the first peal of Stedman Triples rung in Leicester. A safe, solid ringer, he invariably rang at the heavy end. He rang in the writer's first peal at St. Margaret's, and in his time could always be relied on for the Standard Methods. A stonemason by craft, it is believed his occupation impaired his health, for he was a powerfully built man. Four ringers acted as bearers, viz.: S. Cooper, W. Cooper, A. Millis, J. Needham. A muffled peal was attempted at St. Mark's but failed owing to a change-course. On Monday 720 Bob Minor, muffled, was rung at St. George's, and on Tuesday muffled touches were rung at St. Margaret's church. May he rest in peace.

W. W.

FRUCESTER (Gloucestershire).—On Monday, November 14th, for practice, 360 Bob Minor. W. Davis, 1; R. T. Prout, 2; F. G. Prout, 3; C. East, 4; A. Summers, 5; F. K. Howell (conductor), 6. On Thursday, November 17th, 720 Bob Minor. W. E. Prout, 1; R. T. Prout, 2; F. G. Prout, 3; C. East, 4; H. W. Fussell, 5; F. K. Howell (conductor), 6. Also some 6-scores of Stedman Doubles with H. Townshend, 6. First 720 by W. E. Prout.

HATFIELD (Herts).—On Sunday evening, November 13th, for Divine Service at the church of St. Ethelreda, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. Composed by J. H. Barrett, J. J. Powers, 1; J. Shepherd, 2; W. J. Rumney, 3; S. Wade (conductor), 4; J. E. Miller, 5; J. T. Kentish, 6; A. Miller, 7; H. Tharby, 8. Tenor 26 cwt.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Sunday, November 6th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Halls, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; G. Dear, 3; I. Dear, 4; W. Watson (conductor), 5; J. Dale, 6. On Sunday, November 20th, 720 Double Court. G. Dear, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; G. Pye, 3; I. Dear, 4; J. Dale, 5; W. Watson, 6. On Saturday, November 5th, on handbells, two 720s of Bob Minor. On Saturday, November 19th, two 720s in the same method. J. Dale, 1-2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; W. Nash, 5-6.

LYMINGTON (Kent).—On Saturday, November 12th, a 6-score Grandsire Doubles. — Baker, 1; A. Castle, 2; E. Cheeseman (conductor), 3; J. Andrews, 4; A. Tanton, 5; J. Prebble, 6. And 360 Bob Minor conducted by A. Tanton. On Saturday, November 19th, 720 Bob Minor, taken from "THE BELL NEWS." J. Prebble, 1; A. Castle, 2; E. Cheeseman, 3; — Baker, 4; J. Andrews, 5; A. Tanton (conductor), 6.

STONEHOUSE (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, November 15th, the following ringers from Frocester, Messrs. E. W. Prout, A. Summers, C. East, and H. Townshend, with W. Davis and F. K. Howell rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, W. Phipps and A. Chandler, two of the local company, also taking part.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Saturday, November 19th, at St. Mary's church, two 360s Canterbury Pleasure. *F. Side, 1; I. Attwater, 2; — Burrows, 3; *H. Kilby, 4; *A. Tennant, 5; A. Pittam (conductor), 6. *First in the method. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. A. Pittam, 1; *H. Kilby, 2; — Burrows, 3; I. Attwater (conductor), 4; A. Tennant, 5; *F. Side, 6. *First in the method.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—On Thursday, October 27th, 224 Grandsire Triples. M. Whatley, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; W. G. Granger, 3; S. A. Wright, 4; J. Hazelden (longest length), 5; D. Wright (conductor), 6; H. J. Selby, 7; J. Charman, 8. On Sunday, October 30th, 504 Stedman Triples. H. J. Selby, 1; S. A. Wright (longest touch of Stedman), 2; G. B. Selby, 3; W. G. Granger, 4; M. Whatley, 5; D. Wright (conductor), 6; J. Heath, 7; G. Steer, 8. On Thursday, November 3rd, 336 Grandsire Triples. T. Groombridge, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; H. Ford, 3; D. Wright (conductor), 4; H. Marchant (longest length), 5; J. Heath, 6; H. J. Selby, 7; G. Steer, 8. An attempt was made for Taylor's Bob-and-Single peal, but it came to grief at the second part-end—1680 changes. H. J. Selby, 1; S. A. Wright (longest length), 2; W. G. Granger (longest length with a bob bell), 3; M. Whatley, 4; J. Heath, 5; D. Wright (conductor), 6; R. Stone, 7; J. Charman (longest length), 8. On Sunday, November 20th, 252 and 504 Stedman Triples. M. Whatley, 1; S. A. Wright, 2; H. J. Selby, 3; W. G. Granger, 4; J. Heath, 5; D. Wright (conductor), 6; R. Stone, 7; G. Steer, 8.

Compositions.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD
BOB MAJOR.By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, *Norwich.*

6496.

23456	M	W	R
45236	-	-	-
24536	-	-	-
65432	-	-	-
46532	-	-	-
53462	-	-	-
45362	-	-	-
34562	-	-	-
56342	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-
62345	-	-	-
36245	-	-	-
52643	-	-	-
65243	-	-	-
26543	-	-	-
35642	-	-	-
63542	-	-	-
54632	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-
46325	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-
53246	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-

Repeated.

Contains the extent of the method
in two parts without singles and with
the tenors together.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, *Norwich.*

5940.

23456	w	5th	4th	IN	R
36452	-	-	-	-	-
65432	-	-	-	3	-
46532	-	-	-	-	-
54632	-	-	-	-	-
43652	-	-	-	3	-
64352	-	-	-	-	-
35642	-	-	-	-	-
63542	-	-	-	-	-
56342	-	-	-	-	-
34562	-	-	-	-	-
53462	-	-	-	-	-
45362	-	-	-	-	-

Four times repeated.

The sixty in-course course-ends.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

By JOHN CARTER, *Birmingham.*

10001.

Start from the second change of the
Six instead of the fourth change, which
produces:—

312456789	4	5	16	413652879†	4	5	16
514362*	-	-	-	2356	-	-	-
2463	-	-	-	6253	-	-	-
3264	-	-	-	614352	-	-	-
315462	-	-	-	2453	-	-	-
2564	-	-	-	3254	-	-	-
213465	-	-	-	316452	-	-	-
5364	-	-	-	2654	-	-	-
4563	-	-	-	213456	-	-	-
412365	-	-	-	6354	-	-	-
5263	-	-	-	4653	-	-	-
3562	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
314265	-	-	-	214356	s	-	-
-	-	-	-	6453	-	-	-
314562	s	-	-	3654	-	-	-
2465	-	-	-	312456	-	-	-
5264	-	-	-	6254	-	-	-
513462	-	-	-	613452	-	-	-
2364	-	-	-	2354	-	-	-
215463	-	-	-	4253	-	-	-
3564	-	-	-	416352	-	-	-
4365	-	-	-	2653	-	-	-
412563	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3265	-	-	-	512346	-	-	-
5362	-	-	-	6243	-	-	-
514263	-	-	-	615342	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	2543	-	-	-
614352	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2453	-	-	-	412365	-	-	-
3254	-	-	-	5263	-	-	-
316452	-	-	-	3562	-	-	-
2654	-	-	-	314265	-	-	-
4256	-	-	-	5462	-	-	-
413652	-	-	-	2564	-	-	-
2356	-	-	-	213465	-	-	-
214653	-	-	-	5364	-	-	-
3456	-	-	-	512463	-	-	-
6354	-	-	-	3264	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	4362	-	-	-
216453	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3654	-	-	-	514263	s	-	-
4356	-	-	-	3462	-	-	-
412653	-	-	-	2364	-	-	-
3256	-	-	-	215463	-	-	-
6352	-	-	-	3564	-	-	-
614253	-	-	-	312465	-	-	-
3452	-	-	-	5264	-	-	-
316254	-	-	-	4562	-	-	-
4652	-	-	-	413265	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	5362	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	2563	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	214365	-	-	-

Round next change.

*Bobs at 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 12.

†Bobs at 2, 4, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16.

Contains the 6th twenty-four times
behind the 9th and twenty-three times
behind the 8th, and the 5th twenty-one
times behind the 8th and 9th.

A PEAL OF UNION CATERS.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS, *Chesterfield.*

5003.

23456	1	2	3	6
42563	-	-	-	1 3 4 2
52643	-	-	-	-
62453	-	-	-	-
46253	-	-	-	-
24653	-	-	-	-
43652	-	-	-	-
64352	-	-	-	-
36452	-	-	-	-
46532	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
62534	-	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-	-
35264	-	-	-	-
54263	-	-	-	-
25463	-	-	-	-
53462	-	-	-	-
45362	-	-	-	-
34562	-	-	-	-
54632	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
42635	-	-	-	-
62345	-	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-	-
64235	-	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-	-
46325	-	-	-	-
36245	-	-	-	-
23645	-	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-	-

The last twelve courses repeated
produces 42356. Round by 9th in and
out at two.

The 5th and 6th each twelve times
wrong and right.

PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By ARTHUR CRAVEN, *Lincoln.*

5184.

23456	M	B	W	H
26354	2	-	-	1
52643	-	-	-	2
45236	-	-	-	2
53624	2	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-	-
23645	-	-	1	2

Twice repeated.

Has the 4th, 5th and 6th each
five course-ends in 6ths, and 2nd never
there.

THREE PEALS OF TREBLE
BOB ROYAL.

By FREDERICK DENCH, College Youths.

5000.			
23456	M	W	H
52364	2	2	2
43265	I		I
36452	2	2	
53624	2	2	2
25346	2	2	2
24653	2	I	I
52436	2	2	2
54326	I in and 5ths	2	2
23456		2	2

5000.			
23456	M	W	H
52364	2	2	2
24365	I		2
36425		2	2
45236	2 in and 5ths	2	2
32546		2	2
62453	I	2	I
62534	2	2	I
54326	2 in and 5ths	2	2
23456		2	2

5040.			
23456	M	W	H
26354	2		I
23564		I	2
53624		2	I
45236	in and 5ths	2	2
32546		2	2

Repeated.

These peals have the 6th her extent right.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.
By HORACE C. HOWLETT, Norwich.

5104.				
23456	W	5	4	M R
35426	-	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-	S
52346	-	-	-	-
34526	-	-	-	-
53426	-	-	-	-
64325	-	-	-	-
32645	-	-	-	-

Four times repeated produces:—

32564	W	M	R
45236	S	-	-
23456	-	-	-

First rung at St. Michael's, Framlingham, on December 25th, 1897, conducted by its composer.

PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

By J. O. LANCASHIRE, Leicester.

5040.

1234567	I	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	12	13
3412657	S		S	B				S	B	B
6132457	S	B		S	B			B	S	B
3261547	S		B	S				S	B	B
5146237	S	B		B	S			B	S	
6235147	S				S	B		S	B	B
1365247	S	B		B	S			B	S	B
2563147	S				B			B	S	
6325417	S		B	S				S	B	B

These eight courses to be four times repeated, calling the first course of the second, third, fourth, and fifth parts thus:—

I	3	5	10	12	13
S	B	B	S	B	B

instead of as above, produces:—

6214357	I	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	12	13
4135267	S	B	S		S	B		S		
2531467	S	B		B				S	B	B
4321567	S	B		S	B			B	S	B
5123467	S				B			B	S	

The last four courses to be four times repeated, calling the first course of the seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth parts thus:—

I	6	7	10
S	S	B	S

The 7th is undisturbed throughout, and there are never more than two consecutive calls in its whole extent, and only eighty-two of these.

First rung by the Leicester company of the Midland Counties Association, at All Saints, Loughborough, on Saturday, November 26th, 1898, and conducted by GEORGE CLEAL.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH
COURT BOB MAJOR.

By G. LINDOFF, Dublin.

5760.

23456	I	2	3
64235	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-
43652	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-
54326	-	-	-
63542	-	-	-
25463	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-
56234	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-
63425	-	-	-
54263	-	-	-
32654	-	-	-
46532	-	-	-
25346	-	-	-
63254	-	-	-
42563	-	-	-
35642	-	-	-
26354	-	-	-
43526	-	-	-

Continued—

I	2	3
65432	-	-
24365	-	-
53624	-	-
46253	-	-
32546	-	-
65324	-	-
43265	-	-
52643	-	-
36452	-	-
24536	-	-
65243	-	-
32465	-	-
54632	-	-
26543	-	-
35426	-	-
64352	-	-
23564	-	-
45623	-	-
36245	-	-
52436	-	-
64523	-	-
35264	-	-
42635	-	-
56423	-	-
34256	-	-
62345	-	-
53462	-	-
24653	-	-
36524	-	-
45236	-	-
62453	-	-
34562	-	-
25634	-	-
46325	-	-
53246	-	-
62534	-	-
45362	-	-
23645	-	-
56243	S	-
32456	-	-

Repeated.

The bobs at 2 are called in the second lead when the treble is behind. This peal contains the 120 course-ends.

First rung at Kidderminster, on July 27th, 1898, conducted by R. E. GROVE.

A 1/4-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE
TRIPLES.

By G. WATSON, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

234567	
672453	2
346572	I
673425	3
S 456273	I
674532	3
256374	I
742635	2
567342	I
536274	

Five times repeated.

Contains fourteen 7-4s, fourteen 4-6s, and fourteen 6-7s.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1898.

THE bells of the parish church of Reigate, in Surrey, have been silent for some months owing to their unringable condition, and to such an enthusiastic company as the Reigate men are known to be, this state of affairs is disappointing. We have just heard, however, that of this drawback the end is in view. Messrs. MEARS and STAINBANK have sent in estimates for a new frame, and a restoration of the whole of the fittings, recasting the 2nd, and other items. This intelligence is refreshing to the local band. But they ask for more, and no one can blame them. For an additional £50 to the estimate of the above-mentioned firm, two trebles can be added to the peal, we are told. This is such a small amount that we have no doubt the Churchwardens, who have the matter in hand, will see that such a praiseworthy addition to their bells is effected. If they wish to immortalize their names, and remit to posterity the fact that they once filled the important office they hold, there is no better way of doing it than by taking advantage of an inscription on a new bell. This idea we commend to both gentlemen, and we are not without hope that the recommendation will be acted upon.

The Metropolis.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM TRUSS Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 5.
CHARLES H. MARTIN .. 2.	*FRANK HULL 6.
CHARLES WILKINS 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
CHARLES CHASTY 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

*First peal of Superlative. Messrs. Clarke and Chasty, for whom this peal was arranged, hail from Bedford.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM,

On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ANDREW S. OUGH Treble.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 6.
ERNEST A. ARTHURTON .. 2.	WILLIAM T. ELSON .. 7.
JAMES W. DRIVER 3.	JAMES NICHOLLS 8.
SIDNEY WADE* 4.	EDWARD H. ADAMS 9.
HORACE ADAMS 5.	SAMUEL HOW Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM T. ELSON.

*First peal of Grandsire Caters. †First peal on ten. This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent behind the 9th in the titium position. The figures were published in "THE BELL NEWS" of May 7th, 1898.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 29, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BERMONDSEY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt. in Eb.

FREDERICK A. NUNN* .. Treble.	*STAFF-SERGEANT A. PYE 6.
CHARLES WILKINS 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 7.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 3.	*HARRY FLANDERS .. 8.
GEORGE W. MULLEY* .. 4.	*JOHN R. SHARMAN .. 9.
ERNEST PYE 5.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal of Royal.

The Provinces.**OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.****SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

On Monday, November 21, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

WILLIAM R. SMALL Treble.	SAMUEL REEVES 5.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 2.	JOHN T. ELTON 6.
THOMAS HORTON 3.	REUBEN HALL 7.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 4.	JAMES HALL Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 23, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

HENRY STEADMAN* Treble.	WILLIAM MARKS 5.
JOHN WYATT 2.	WILLIAM COOK 6.
HENRY CORBETT 3.	ARTHUR DEAN 7.
JOHN HOYLE 4.	WILLIAM FARRELL Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN WYATT.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Messrs. Marks and Steadman were elected members before starting for the peal.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, November 24, 1898, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

ARTHUR MEASURES Treble.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 5.
HARRY K. HORWOOD .. 2.	JAMES F. CLARKE 6.
WALTER STONE 3.	JAMES GEORGE 7.
GLADSTONE J. WINTER .. 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor.

Composed by C. W. CLARKE, and Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal of Major as conductor.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.**

On Thursday, November 24, 1898, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM C. WAKLEY .. Treble.	EDWARD I. STONE 5.
JOHN BENSTAD 2.	ARTHUR WAKLEY 6.
HARRY WAKLEY 3.	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 7.
GEORGE ROBINSON 4.	WILLIAM WAKLEY Tenor.

Arranged by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE BURROWS Treble.	G. R. LILLEY 5.
GEORGE CLEAL 2.	W. H. INGLESANT 6.
JOHN O. LANCASHIRE .. 3.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. 7.
W. A. TYLER 4.	ALFRED MARTIN Tenor.

Composed by J. O. LANCASHIRE, and Conducted by GEORGE CLEAL.

The composition of this peal will be found on another page.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.**OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.**

On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

THOMAS WHITWORTH .. Treble.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 5.
GEORGE BURNHAM 2.	THOMAS BETTISON 6.
WILLIAM J. THYNG 3.	CHARLES SEVERN 7.
JOHN P. TARLTON* 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

*First peal of Major. First peal in the Oxford variation by all with the exception of the 3rd ringer. This peal, which is now rung for the first time, has the 5th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs.

JOHN J. MAWBY Treble.	JAMES GARRATT 5.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 2.	THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 6.
WILLIAM A. HALL 3.	ALFRED H. MARTIN .. 7.
ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. 4.	JOHN B. MARTIN Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by JOHN B. MARTIN.

This peal contains the full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6, with the 2nd never in 6th place at a course-end. First peal in the method and first attempt by W. A. Hall, who hails from Rushden.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 24 cwt.

R. HENRY BARTRAM* .. Treble.	WILLIAM WILLSON 5.
ERNEST J. GALE* 2.	JOSIAH MORRIS 6.
LEONARD W. COPSEY 3.	WILLIAM T. MILLER 7.
EDWARD E. SMITH 4.	JOHN C. HILL Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

*First peal. The ringer of the 3rd was elected a member of the Association previous to starting. Great credit is due to the ringers of the treble and 2nd, for whom the peal was arranged.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 32 cwt.

WALTER H. SYMONDS* .. Treble.	JOHN HOWARD 5.
STEPHEN COOK 2.	JAMES MOTTS 6.
EDGAR PEMBERTON 3.	WILLIAM MOTTS 7.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 4.	HENRY FOLKARD Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE F. WELBER, JUN... Treble.	HAROLD D. SEARLE 5.
PERCY DOICK* 2.	GEORGE H. LEE 6.
ERNEST HOLDEN* 3.	JOHN NETLEY 7.
FREDERICK LUXFORD 4.	ALFRED MILLS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE H. LEE.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of esteem and respect towards the late wife of Mr. C. Blackman, who is the captain of the local band.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

SIDNEY C. CLARK Treble.	JOSEPH BROADLEY 5.
WILSON ILLINGWORTH .. 2.	FRED. W. HARGREAVES .. 6.
JOHN CLAYTON 3.	EDWIN WHEATER 7.
DICK NEWTON 4.	DAVID STEPHENSON Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by EDWIN WHEATER.

Rung on the birthday of Messrs. Hargreaves and Wheeler, their brother-strings wishing them many happy returns.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

JOSEPH FAULKNER* Treble.	*HARRY PRICE 5.
SAMUEL J. HUGHES* 2.	*WILLIAM J. SMITH 6.
WILLIAM TALBOT* 3.	SAMUEL SPITTLE 7.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.. 4.	JOHN SMITH Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

*First peal in the method. This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY L. KEY* Treble.	ALFRED ARNOLD 5.
ARTHUR MOORE 2.	EDGAR H. HAXLEY 6.
HERBERT RAINBOW 3.	ARTHUR O. STEWART .. 7.
WILLIAM FAREY 4.	*JOHN FREEMAN Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR O. STEWART.

*First peal. This is the first peal on the bells. The band wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and Messrs. Howard and Leader for lighting the belfry and having all in readiness.

GORING, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(HENLEY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford, Kent, Woodbine, College Single, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

JOHN PARSONS Treble.	GEORGE WILSON 4.
CHARLES TIDBURY 2.	JOHN ALEXANDER 5.
JOHN WEDGE 3.	JOHN BOWER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BOWER.

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

BANGOR, NORTH WALES.

(THE ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES H. MIDWINTER* .. Treble.	SAMUEL WOOD 5.
REV. T. LEWIS JONES* .. 2.	GEORGE SALTER 6.
JOSEPH GAYTON 3.	PHILIP W. DAVIES 7.
SAMUEL TAYLOR 4.	WILLIAM H. BARBER Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORPE, and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

*First peal of Treble Bob. This composition has the 6th her extent right at ten course-ends, and is now rung for the first time. First in the method on the bells.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE OF CHARITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY WALLACE Treble.	GEORGE WILLSHIRE 5.
RICHARD STAINES 2.	CHARLES MILLWAY 6.
WILLIAM TASSELL 3.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 7.
ALBERT BIGGS, SEN... .. 4.	GEORGE WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by E. E. FOREMAN.

FINEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN PACKWOOD† Treble.	*GEORGE LINES 5.
ARTHUR SMEATHERS* .. 2.	THOMAS ABBOTT 6.
PHILLIP L. MANNING .. 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. 7.
WILLIAM B. MEADOWS* .. 4.	WALTER PERKINS Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and Conducted by J. HOUGHTON, JUN.

*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 26, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
 Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN CARTER Treble.	JAMES GEORGE 5.
ALBERT JACKSON 2.	JOHN MASON 6.
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL 3.	GEORGE BOURNE 7.
OLIVER JAMES 4.	JAMES PARRY Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES GEORGE.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 27, 1898, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES.
 Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED MOORE Treble.	WILLIAM ROCK SMALL 5.
JOHN MASON 2.	JAMES GEORGE 6.
GEORGE HAYWARD 3.	GEORGE BOURNE 7.
JOHN CARTER 4.	OLIVER JAMES Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal was arranged and rung on the birthday of James George, the band wishing him many happy returns.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
 (THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, November 27, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE DOUGHTY Treble.	WILLIAM PERVIN 5.
ARTHUR W. MATTHEWS 2.	CHARLES HARRIMAN 6.
HARRY WHITTLE 3.	ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT 7.
GEORGE HARDY 4.	JOHN YATES Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Richard Ratcliff, Esq., of Stanford Hall. This is the conductor's twentieth peal.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 27, 1898, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
 IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

CHARLES HOUNSLOW Treble.	CHARLES H. EXON 5.
WILLIAM J. SMITH 2.	WILLIAM BENNETT 6.
FRED. J. CASTLE 3.	EDWARD HIMS 7.
WILLIAM JEFFERY 4.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

First peal of Major on the bells.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, November 27, 1898, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
 IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED KNIGHT* Treble.	THOMAS FAIRS 5.
CHARLES TAYLOR 2.	ALBERT ELLIS 6.
GEORGE THOMPSON 3.	JAMES WORSFOLD 7.
GEORGE HOAD 4.	FREDERICK WICKENS Tenor.

Composed by THOMAS DAY, and Conducted by FREDERICK WICKENS.

*First peal.

BRADFIELD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 27, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob.
 Tenor 12½ cwt.

VALENTINE ROWE* Treble.	*CHARLES GILES 4.
ERNEST HOLLOWAY 2.	WILLIAM HORNE 5.
ALFRED E. REEVES 3.	*FRANK HOPGOOD Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

*First peal in seven methods. First peal on the bells.

BEDFORD.

On Tuesday, November 29, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being 720 each of College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford.
 Tenor 7 cwt.

FRANK WEBB* Treble.	CHARLES CHASTY 4.
ISAAC HILLS 2.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE 5.
JAMES AUSTIN SMITH 3.	JOHN WM. BARKER Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

*First peal of Treble Bob.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 29, 1898, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being 720 each of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob and Double Court Bob.
 Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH H. PARSONS Treble.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 4.
FREDERICK BRACE 2.	WILLIAM FRYER 5.
HENRY DAKIN 3.	GEORGE H. PAGETT Tenor.

Conducted by ADOLPHUS ROBERTS.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 29, 1898, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 30 cwt.

H. L. WADDINGTON Treble.	R. E. HAMMOND 5.
J. EARWICKER 2.	A. HALLETT 6.
S. F. BARNES 3.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 7.
J. E. RANDALL 4.	G. WRIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

GLOUCESTER.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, November 29, 1898, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE CRYPT,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
 5056 CHANGES;
 H. JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14 cwt.

JESSE GILLET Treble.	FRANCIS E. WARD 5.
FRED. G. MAY 2.	ERNEST E. DAVIS 6.
ALFRED T. BRUNSDON 3.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER 7.
JOHN AUSTIN 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

Handbell Peals.**THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.**

On Sunday, November 27, 1898, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. H. PASMORE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

HARRY R. PASMORE .. 1-2.	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. 5-6.
WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. 3-4.	JOHN W. GOLDING .. 7-8.

Composed by J. D. MATTHEWS, of Bath, and
Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

First peal on handbells by all the band, and first in the method on handbells by the above society. Umpire—Harry Barton.

Date Touches.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

COSTESSEY (Norfolk).—On Monday, November 21st, at the parish church, a date touch of Bob and Grandsire Doubles in 1 hr. 7 mins. A. Barber, 1; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 2; G. Howchin, 3; A. G. Warnes, 4; J. Bunn, 5. Longest length by Messrs. Barber and Bunn. Tenor 16 cwt.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hants).—On Thursday, November 17th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 14 mins. T. Best, 1; E. Hinton, 2; E. T. Green, 3; G. H. Plummer, 4; S. Best, 5; J. J. Bristow, 6; C. W. Goodenough (conductor), 7; C. Forfitt, 8. Composed by G. R. Newton.

WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, November 16th, at St. Paul's church, Wood Green, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 28 mins. A. Cooper, 1; C. Tyler, 2; E. J. Tyler, 3; G. Newbould, 4; W. Johnson (composer and conductor), 5; H. Tinsley, 6; J. Malpass, 7; T. Cooper, 8. Longest touch by all except Messrs. Johnson and Tinsley, and was rang at the first attempt.

Miscellaneous.**THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.**

DUBLIN.—On Monday, November 21st, for practice at St. Patrick's Cathedral on handbells, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. R. Cherry, 1-2; H. P. Harman, 3-4; G. Lindoff (conductor), 5-6; R. T. Greene, 7-8. On Sunday, November 6th, at St. Patrick's cathedral, 432 Grandsire Caters. T. Rudd, 1; G. Davis, 2; G. Lindoff (conductor), 3; H. P. Harman, 4; H. Greene, 5; J. Buffery, 6; C. Murray, 7; R. T. Greene, 8; R. R. Cherry, 9; R. Greene, 10. On Friday, November 11th, for practice, 546 Grandsire Triples. T. Rudd, 1; G. Lindoff, 2; H. Greene, 3; H. P. Harman, 4; C. Murray, 5; R. T. Greene, 6; R. R. Cherry (conductor), 7; D. Gibson, 8. On Monday, November 21st, for practice, 1064 Grandsire Triples. G. Lambert, 1; G. Lindoff, 2; H. Greene, 3; H. P. Harman, 4; C. Murray, 5; R. T. Greene, 6; R. R. Cherry (conductor), 7; E. Lister, 8. Tenor 45 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Thursday, November 10th, at St. Peter's church, 504 Stedman Triples. F. Harrington, 1; W. J. Wilson, 2; R. Pelling, 3; E. Mankelow, 4; G. Smithers, 5; A. Welsh, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; G. Kember, 8. And 504 Grandsire Triples. S. Perkins, jun., 1; S. Perkins, sen., 2; J. Muggridge, 3; G. Smithers, 4; E. Mankelow, sen., 5; H. Ford, 6; A. Welsh (conductor), 7; E. Mankelow, jun., 8.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, October 30th, 560 Bob Major. W. Dawe, 1; J. Rose, 2; T. G. Deal, 3; E. H. Nixon, 4; W. Bedwell (conductor), 5; G. H. Daynes, 6; J. Law, 7; W. J. Jeffries, 8. On Sunday evening, November 6th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. J. Town, 1; J. Rose, 2; T. G. Deal, 3; E. H. Dixon, 4; W. Bedwell (conductor), 5; J. Law, 6; G. H. Daynes, 7; T. Daynes, 8. On Sunday morning, November 14th, for Divine Service, three courses of Stedman Triples. W. Bedwell (conductor), 1; J. Rose, 2; E. H. Nixon, 3; A. C. Bedwell, 4; T. G. Deal, 5; W. J. Jeffries, 6; G. H. Daynes, 7; J. Law, 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. G. J. Daynes, 1; J. Rose, 2; W. J. Jeffries, 3; A. C. Bedwell, 4; E. H. Nixon, 5; J. Law, 6; W. Bedwell (conductor), 7; H. Young, 8.

CHATHAM (Kent).—On Saturday, November 12th, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major in 30 mins. L. Bullock, 1; A. Tawney, 2; W. Mannering,

3; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 4; W. Hobbs, 5; W. Hunt, 6; W. Haigh (conductor), 7; A. Palmer, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. Also two short touches of Double Norwich Major, being the first on the bells. The above was rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Wednesday, October 19th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; W. Webb, 2; H. Collins, 3; H. Pilcher, 4; E. Wachter, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Monday, October 24th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Pilcher (conductor), 1; W. Farrow, 2; H. Collins, 3; C. H. Howard, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; W. Webb, 6. Also 720 New London Pleasure. W. Farrow, 1; H. Collins, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; E. Wachter, 5; W. Grimwade, 6. On Sunday, October 30th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Farrow, 1; E. Wachter, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Hammond, 4; H. Collins (conductor), 5; C. H. Howard, 6. On Monday, October 31st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Wachter, 1; P. Holmes (first in the method with a bob bell), 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Hammond, 4; H. Collins, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, November 6th, 720 New London Pleasure. E. Wachter, 1; W. Grimwade, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; H. Pilcher, 4; H. Collins, 5; W. Webb, 6. For evening service 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Farrow, 1; W. Hammond, 2; F. Slade, 3; E. Chaplin, 4; E. Wachter, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, November 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Hammond, 1; P. Holmes, 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Farrow, 4; C. H. Howard (conductor), 5; E. Wachter, 6. For evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Watson, 1; W. Farrow, 2; F. Slade, 3; W. Hammond, 4; H. Collins (conductor), 5; C. H. Howard, 6. On Monday, November 14th, 720 Double Court Bob. P. Holmes, 1; H. Collins, 2; F. Slade, 3; H. Pilcher, 4; E. Wachter, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Farrow, 1; W. Grimwade, 2; W. B. Pettitt, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; H. Collins, 5; F. Slade, 6. For evening service 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. Farrow, 1; W. Webb, 2; E. Chaplin, 3; W. Hammond, 4; H. Collins (conductor), 5; C. H. Howard, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUCKLAND DINHAM (Somersetshire).—On Thursday, November 17th, 1260 Grandsire Doubles in 50 mins. F. Prescott, 1; J. Wittchell, 2; S. Brownjohn, 3; J. Fricker, 4; W. J. Prescott (conductor), 5; H. Beacham, 6. Rung as a farewell touch to the conductor, who has gone to Scotland for a time, his brother-ringers wishing him every success.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Sunday, November 20th, on handbells at the house of W. H. Pasmore, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 36 mins. H. R. Pasmore, 1-2; W. H. Pasmore, 3-4; G. E. Symonds (conductor), 5-6; J. W. Golding, 7-8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MIDDLEWICH (Cheshire).—On Saturday, November 5th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Grandsire Minor, with 6-8 behind. W. Hine, 1; T. Bush, 2; A. Booth, 3; T. Wilkinson, 4; H. Yarwood, 5; H. Parker, 6; J. Ashmole (conductor), 7; G. Mann, 8. Also several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with 7-8 behind. The visitors wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, also the local band for their most kind welcome. On Thursday, November 17th, 336 Grandsire Triples. A. Booth, 1; T. Bush, 2; T. Moore, 3; T. Wilkinson, 4; H. Yarwood, 5; S. Moore, 6; J. Ashmole (conductor), 7; J. Arrow-smith, 8.

DAVENHAM (Cheshire).—On Sunday, November 6th, at St. Wilfrid's church for morning service, 720 Plain Bob. W. Hine, 1; T. Bush, 2; A. Booth, 3; T. Wilkinson, 4; H. Yarwood (conductor), 5; J. Ashmole, 6.

GREAT BUDWORTH (Cheshire).—On Saturday, November 12th, at St. Mary's church, for practice, 180 Plain Bob, 7-8 behind. J. Holden, 1; T. Bush, 2; E. Cragg, 3; H. Dickens, 4; A. Booth, 5; H. Yarwood (conductor), 6; J. Ashmole, 7; T. Moore, 8. Also 168 of Grandsire Triples. A. Booth, 1; T. Bush, 2; T. Moore, 3; H. Dickens, 4; H. Yarwood, 5; E. Cragg, 6; J. Ashmole (conductor), 7; F. Hubbard, 8.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Thursday, September 11th, a touch of Minor in the following methods: College Single, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire. H. Carter, 1; J. Headey, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Phillips, 4; J. F. Harvey, 5; W. H. Lawrence, 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; J. F. Harvey, 5; A.

Wright, 6. On Monday, November 14th, two courses of Grandsire Triples, on handbells. A. Livings, 1-2; W. H. Lawrence, 3-4; A. Phillips, 5-6; A. Lawrence, 7-8. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles. A. Livings, 1; W. H. Lawrence, 2-3; A. Lawrence, 4; A. Phillips (conductor), 5-6. On Thursday, September 15th, eight courses of Stedman's Slow Course. H. Carter, 1; A. Wright, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Phillips, 4; W. H. Lawrence, 5; F. Whitman, 6. This is the first in the method on the bells, and by all the band.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENARTH.—On Tuesday, September 25th, at St. Augustine's church, 720 Violet. T. Northey, 1; W. B. Biss, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; F. Bartlett, 4; P. W. Davies, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure. T. Northey, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; W. B. Biss, 4; J. Vinnicombe, 5; P. W. Davies, 6. On Tuesday, October 4th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. P. W. Davies, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6; the rest as before. On Saturday, October 8th, 720 Grandsire Minor, standing as before. On Sunday, October 9th, for evening service, 720 College Single. T. Northey, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; W. B. Biss, 4; P. W. Davies, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. On Tuesday, October 11th, 720 College Single and 720 Grandsire Minor, standing as before. An attempt was made for a 5040, but it was lost in the third 720. On Sunday, November 6th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob. J. Vinnicombe, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; W. B. Biss, 4; T. Northey, 5; G. Watkins, 6. On Tuesday, November 8th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. W. T. Northey, 1; H. V. Wilkins, 2; W. B. Biss, 3; G. Watkins, 4; T. Northey, 5; P. W. Davies (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, November 15th, 720 each of College Single, Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. J. Northey, 1; F. Bartlett, 2; D. Thomas (conductor), 3; W. B. Biss, 4; P. W. Davies, 5; J. Vinnicombe, 6. The above was the fourth attempt for a 5040, which was lost after ringing a few leads of Violet.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEACONSFIELD (Bucks).—On Thursday, November 17th, for practice at the parish church by the local band, 168, 210, and 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Sherman, 1; R. Buckland (conductor), 2; T. Buckland, 3; W. F. Bagley, 4; A. S. Bagley, 5; J. Bagley, 6; J. Batting, 7; F. Bagley, 8.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA.—On Monday, October 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. Watson, 1; C. Hill, 1; T. Waterhouse, 3; H. Harvey, 4; F. Medhurst, 5; G. Watson (composer and conductor), 6; F. Kennett, 7; H. Denman, 8.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Thursday, October 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Linfield (first in the method), 1; C. Hills, 2; F. Finch, 3; E. H. Phillips, 4; T. Parsons, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. On Monday, November 14th, 720 Plain Bob. E. Parsons, 1; T. Linfield, 2; R. Linfield, 3; E. H. Phillips, 4; F. Finch, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. On Thursday, November 17th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Hammond (first in the method), 1; T. Parsons, 2; E. H. Phillips, 3; C. Hills, 4; F. Finch, 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6.

THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

HEAVITREE (Devon).—Recently for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. F. Shepherd, 1; C. Carter, 2; W. Drake, 3; W. Richardson, 4; T. Mudge, 5; J. Moss, 6; E. Shepherd (conductor), 7; W. Ackerman, 8.

BROADCLYST (Devon).—On Saturday, November 19th, by kind permission of the Vicar, an attempt was made for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 38 mins. E. Searle, 1; C. Carter, 2; W. Drake, 3; W. Richardson, 4; T. Mudge, 5; E. Shepherd (conductor), 6; J. Moss, 7; W. Ackerman, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday morning, November 20th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. P. Harman, 1; A. D. Stone, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. Harper, 5; J. T. Matthews, 6; E. Newman, 7; H. C. Symons, 8.

HAWLEY (Hants).—On Tuesday, October 10th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Davis, 1; F. Mustow, 2; W. Boyles, 3; G. Hawkins (conductor), 4; M. Steer, 5; P. Hawkins, 6. On Sunday evening, October 30th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor with 7-8 covering. G. Davies, 1; F. Mustow, 2; W. Boyles, 3; G. Hawkins (conductor), 4; M. Steer, 5; B. Hawkins, 6; M. Miller, 7; D. Leary, 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday, November 3rd, at

the parish church, 324 Grandsire Caters. G. Browning, 1; H. Scrivens, 2; W. Mills, 3; H. Grosvenor, 4; R. Baker, 5; W. Hale (conductor), 6; S. Baker, 7; J. Poole, 1; W. Bateman, 9; A. Hanks, 10. On Thursday, November 10th, 518 Grandsire Triples and 324 Grandsire Caters by the same band. On Sunday evening, November 13th, 324 Grandsire Caters, with T. Peters, 2; H. Scrivens, 9. These are the first touches of Grandsire Caters by an entire Painswick band for several years.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GRIMSBY.—On Friday, November 18th, at St. James's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. F. Leigh, 1; H. Fuller, 2; J. W. Chapman, 3; J. Baker, 4; G. Weldon, 5; W. H. Heyhoe, 6; A. B. Shepherd, 7; F. Howden, 8. Rung to celebrate the 74th birthday of H. Fuller, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PONTEFRAC (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, November 27th, for Divine Service, 240 each of College Pleasure and Duke of York, 120 Woodbine, 240 Oxford and Kent, and 96 Violet. W. Pease, 1; W. Brook, 2; G. Wilcock, 3; T. Pease, 4; J. Heckingbottom (conductor), 5; W. Heckingbottom, 6. For evening service 240 each of Violet and Duke of York, 144 each of Oxford, Kent, and College Pleasure, and 96 Woodbine. W. Heckingbottom, 1; A. Strangward, 5; J. Heckingbottom (conductor), 6; the rest as before.

ALDBURGH-ON-SEA.—On Saturday, November 9th, at the parish church, four 720s of Bob Minor were rung, each called differently. Several other touches were rung and the bells fired during the day. On Sunday, November 10th, for morning service, another 720 was rung while the Mayor, Mr. C. Garriett and the Corporation, the town band, coast guard men, fire brigade and Volunteers were marching to church. C. Smith (conductor), 1; H. Girling, 2; F. Cooper, 3; A. Wilson, 4; G. Churchyard, 5; E. Cooper, 6.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Thursday, November 17th, for practice at Christ church, 240 Darton Exercise. Joseph Thackray, 1; J. Heckingbottom (conductor), 2; B. Cowling, 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6. Also 240 Cambridge Surprise. A. Windsor (Leeds parish church), 1. And 240 each of Morning Exercise and Sandal Delight, and a course of Royston Delight. F. Blacketh (Bramley), 1; the rest as before. On Sunday evening, November 20th, 240 each of Oxford and Merchant's Delight. F. Kerry, 1; J. Heckingbottom (conductor), 2; Joe Thackray, 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Guy, 6.

BRIGHTON.—On Wednesday, November 9th, at 2, Grove Street, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. Williams (conductor), 1-2; F. Bennett, 3-4; K. Hart, 5-6; Mrs. G. Williams, 7-8. On Sunday, November 20th, at St. Peter's church, 448 Cambridge Surprise. R. J. Dawe, 1; G. F. Attree, 2; F. Bennett, 3; E. C. Merritt, 4; G. King, 5; T. Card (conductor), 6; G. Williams, 7; K. Hart, 8. And 192 London Surprise. T. Card, 1; G. F. Attree, 2; F. Bennett, 3; G. Smart, 4; G. A. King, 5; K. Hart, 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; G. Williams, 8.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, November 6th, for Divine Service, 350 Grandsire Triples. G. S. Hewitt, 1; G. H. Head (conductor), 2; A. Miles, 3; H. F. Fayers, 4; C. Harfey, 5; J. Osborn, 6; G. Howse, 7; H. Hookham, 8. On Tuesday, November 8th, after an attempt for Holt's ten-part peal, which had been arranged for the Rev. H. G. Bird, President of the Middlesex Association, but which came to grief in the second part, the following touches were rung: 336 Grandsire Triples (six bobs and six singles). C. H. Head, 1; Rev. H. G. Bird, 2; A. Miles, 3; H. F. Fayers, 4; A. Gower, 5; C. Harfey, 6; G. Howse (composer and conductor), 7; F. Elms, 8. The above were the band for the peal with G. H. Head as conductor. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. G. S. Hewitt, 1; C. Harfey, 2; A. Gower, 3; G. H. Head, 4; Rev. H. G. Bird, 5; A. Piper, 6; B. Hobbs (conductor), 7; G. H. Howse, 8. And 240 Stedman Doubles. Rev. H. G. Bird (conductor), 1; G. H. Howse, 2; G. H. Head, 3; A. Gower, 4; B. Hobbs, 5. 7-6-8 covering. On Friday, November 11th, 240 Bob Minor on the back six. G. H. Howse, 1; J. S. Goldsmith, 2; C. Harfey, 3; A. Gower, 4; H. F. Fayers, 5; G. H. Head (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, November 15th, 1008 Grandsire Triples. G. S. Hewitt, 1; G. H. Head (conductor), 2; A. Miles, 3; A. Piper, 4; T. Price, 5; G. H. Howse, 6; B. Hobbs, 7; F. Elms, 8. Longest touch by Messrs. Hewitt and Miles. On Sunday morning, November 20th, for Divine Service, 1260 Grandsire Triples taken from Troyte. G. S. Hewitt, 1; C. Harfey, 2; A. Miles, 3; H. F. Fayers, 4; G. H. Head, 5; J. Osborn, 6; G. H. Howse (conductor), 7; H. Hookham, 8. Longest touch by Messrs. Hewitt, Miles, Fayers, and Hookham. Longest touch with a bob bell by J. Osborn. First quarter-peal as conductor.

Notices.

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The East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at North Wingfield, to-day, Saturday, December 3rd. Six bells in good order, five minutes from Clay Cross Station. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Members and ringing friends invited.

T. ALLIBONE, Sec.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this association will be held at Longton, to-day, Saturday December 3rd.

Rev. G. T. BIRCH, Hon.
W. TWIGG, Secs.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at St. James' church, Accrington, to-day, Saturday, December 3rd. It is expected that the annual report will be ready for distribution at this meeting.

R. PARKINSON, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Diocesan Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, December 3rd, at St. Nicholas church, Liverpool. The tower will be open for ringing at 3 o'clock, and the meeting will be held at 6 o'clock in the belfry. It is hoped that members will endeavour to attend this meeting, as the last few meetings have been very poorly attended.

GEORGE WOODHALL, Secretary.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Peter's church, Halliwell, to-day, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting and unveiling of peal-board at 7. All ringers invited.

Hy. Moss, Branch Sec.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Bowdon, Stockport, and Mottram Branches. — The next meeting will be held at Stockport parish church to-day, Saturday, December 3. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea will be in the Wellington Road school at 5 o'clock.

H. LEIGH MALLORY, Hon. Branch Sec.

Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, December 10th. Bells available

from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided free to all those who send their names to Mr. H. Jones, "The Yews," Ringmer, by Thursday, December 8th. All members who have not already paid their subscriptions for 1898, will kindly oblige by sending the same at once to S. SAKER, Hon. Sec. Eastern Division.

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The Lancashire Association of Six-Bell Ringers.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chorley on Saturday, December 10th. Bells ready at 2 p.m.

JAMES HIGSON, Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Alban's church, Rochdale, on Saturday, December 10th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. I wish to remind members of this branch that subscriptions are now due. All ringers invited. E. B. SHAW, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ramsbottom on Saturday, December 10th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting in the school at 6.30.

J. H. BANKS, Branch Sec.

The Sheffield and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. John's, Ranmoor, on Saturday, December 10th. Bells ready at 4.30.

R. HARRISON, Sec.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Eccles, on Saturday, December 10th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting in the Mission Room at 7 p.m. It is expected that the annual report will be to hand before that date.

W. BROWN, Branch Sec.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting of six-bell ringers will be held at St. Martin's, Vicar's Road, Kentish Town, on Saturday, December 10th, when members and their friends are cordially invited to attend. The bells will be raised about 5 o'clock.

ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, December 17th. Tower open at 4 p.m. The Vicar, the Rev. H. G. Bird, with his usual kindness, will provide tea at 6 p.m. All mem-

bers and ringing friends are cordially invited. C. EDWARDS, Hon. Dis. Sec.
Lampton, Hounslow.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, December 17th. Full particulars next week.

HY. W. TOMKINS, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

The St. Andrew's Society, Netherton.—The first annual dinner in connection with the opening of the two new bells will be held on Tuesday, December 20th, at The Five Ways inn, Netherton. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. sharp. Tickets, 1s. 6d. each, may be obtained from the undersigned, and should be applied for not later than the 17th inst.

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NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT GORING.—The tower of this church formerly only contained five bells, but the Rev. H. C. Littlewood who was then Vicar, promised to add a new treble as soon as a 6-score of Doubles was rang by method, and although not one of the ringers that time had any idea of what change-ringing was, by hard work at the tower and out of it, the ringers soon began to make a little progress, and in less than three months a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles was accomplished. The new treble was cast by Warner, of London, and although only one of the band (W. Aldridge), beside the conductor of this peal remain, others have been found and learnt without once having troubled the Guild with an instructor, and the present band have all rang peals before. It was the conductor's wish to call the first peal in seven methods, and he now thanks all of them, and considers he is now repaid for all the trouble it was to learn. It was the first peal in seven methods by all except the ringer of the 3rd.

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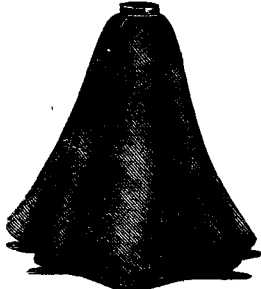
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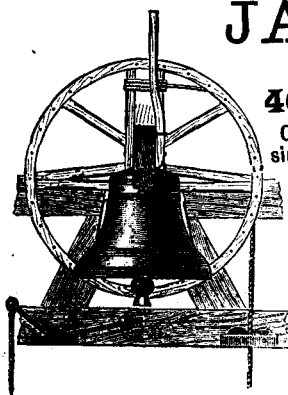
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