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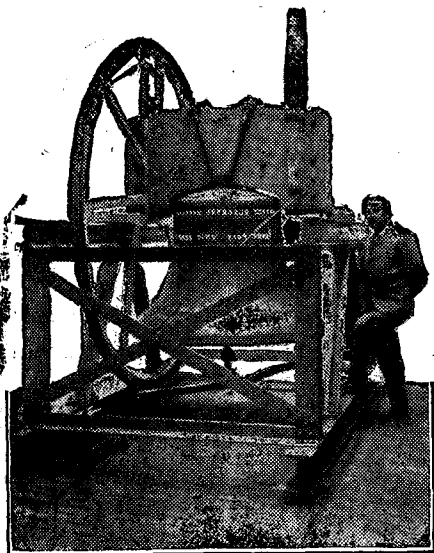
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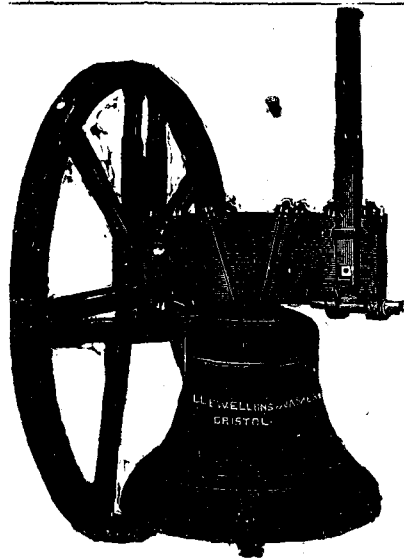
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

(SUPPLEMENTAL LIST.)

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R.

SCHEDULE (continued).

PRITTLEWELL (Essex). St. Mary. Essex Association. Ten bells; treble, 2nd and tenor by Warner, 1902; 3rd and 4th by Mears, 1897; the rest by the same, 1872. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Warner, 1902. Ropes new 1902, good. Methods: "Standard." Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.45, and 6 to 6.45. Practice: Tuesday and Friday, 8.15.

QUIDENHAM (Norfolk). St. Andrew. Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells; 5th and 6th about 1470; no founder mentioned; 7th by Darbie, 1677; the rest by Warner, date not stated. Tenor 16 cwt. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Day. Method; Plain Bob. No further information given.

READING (Berks.) St. Giles. Oxford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells; treble and 2nd by Mears, 1890; the rest by the same, 1793. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Rehung by Blackbourn, 1890. Ropes new 1904. Methods; Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing; 9.30 to 10, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice; Tuesday, 7.30.

RICHMOND (Yorks.) St. Mary. Cleveland and North Yorks. Association. Eight bells; treble and 2nd by Warner, 1904; tenor 13 cwt. by the same, 1863; 3rd, 1739, founder unknown; 6th, old bell, no date; the rest by Smith, 1697. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Warner, 1904. Ropes new 1904. Method; Plain Bob. Sunday ringing; 9.45 to 10.30, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice; Friday, 8.

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In spite of the inclement weather, on Monday, October 30th last, the parishioners of this little country village filled their church on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Winchester to dedicate three new bells. The service had been printed and was fully choral, the familiar hymn "Now at length our bells have mounted," being sung, with two others. The Vicar, Rev. C. Buston, formerly hon. sec. of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and afterwards hon. sec. of the Northumberland Guild, took the prayers, the lessons being read by the Revs. C. E. Matthews and E. W. Carpenter, Vicars of Bursledon and Thorpe, and respectively Master and hon. sec. of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. The Rev. C. Wickham (Twyford) was also present. The Bishop of Winchester having proceeded to the west tower, said the prayers of dedication, the ropes of the 3 new bells having been first tied together. His lordship subsequently preached an eminently practical sermon from Romans xii. 15; "Rejoice with them that do rejoice." He said the parishioners were to be congratulated on the acquisition of such a peal of bells, enlarged upon the various uses and lessons which their music should always bring home to the hearts of those who heard them, and finally expressed the hope that the ringers would become skilled change-ringers, and always endeavour to remember that as church officers, they must set an example which would be a help to the worshippers who assembled in God's house. It was for God's honour, praise, and glory, that the bells should sound Sunday by Sunday.

During the singing of the last hymn, a collection was taken for the bell fund, and there only remains a deficit of about £20 to complete the entire cost of the work, which has been admirably executed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The late Earl of Northesk at his own expense completely restored the tower a few years ago, and thus enabled the 3 new bells to be added to the old three. The new bells make an excellent splice, and the old 3 have been retuned and re-hung with new fittings, etc.; the tenor is about 11 cwt. in A, while the new trebles are F sharp, E and D respectively. The go of the whole peal is admirable. During the service a short touch of Stedman was rung, and afterwards several 720's in different methods were brought round. The first 720 on the bells was one of Kent Treble Bob: Alice White, 1; W. C. Lampard, 2; W. T. Tucker, 3; Rev. E. W. Carpenter, 4; W. H. George, 5; and H. White (conductor), 6; while Messrs. J. W. Whiting, F. Hansford, Rev. C. Buston, and Rev. C. E. Matthews also took part. The arrangements for the opening were made by Mr. J. W. Elkins, the hon. sec. of the Winchester District, Owslebury being some 5 miles from the Cathedral city. The Vicar hospitably entertained his guests and the ringers at luncheon and tea, while Captain Standish, one of the churchwardens, kindly provided a brake for the ringers to and from Twyford station. The Vicar, Rev. C. Buston, is to be heartily congratulated on the completion of this peal, on the admirable arrangements he organised, and on the enthusiasm of the parishioners of Owslebury.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

ANNUAL DINNER AND MEETING.

[Specially and exclusively reported for "THE BELL NEWS."]

The Two Hundred and Sixty-Eighth Anniversary Dinner of this society was held at the Bridge House hotel, London, on Saturday evening, November 4th. The chair was occupied by the Master (Mr. W. D. Smith), the vice-chairman being Mr. O. P. O'Meara. Miss Macalpine-Leny, of Speldhurst, was present, and the large company included among others the Ven. the Archdeacon of London, the Revs. G. F. Coleridge (Crowthorne), A. T. Dudley (Chiswick), J. W. Eisdell (Barking); R. A. Daniell, Esq. (Royal Cumberland Youths); and Messrs. W. T. Cockerill (hon. sec.), Arthur Hughes (treasurer), F. W. Waller (London), W. P. Routh (Reading), John W. Taylor, junr., Loughborough, and many other well-known ringers from all parts of the country.

From the secretary's (Mr. W. T. Cockerill) report, we find that during the year 41 peals have been rung by the society, consisting of

Grandsire Triples	..	6	Handbells ..	..	2
" Caters	..	1			
" Cinques	..	1			
Treble Bob Major	..	1			
Double Norwich	..	1			
" Caters	..	2			
Stedman Triples	..	10	" ..	..	1
" Caters	..	2			
" Cinques	..	7	" ..	..	4
Superlative Surprise	..	4			
Cambridge	..	1			
London	..	5			

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District meetings have been held during the past year at Kingston, Barking, and at Walthamstow. The number of new members totalled 31. Three peals of London were rung on Easter Monday by the same band which created a record.

Mr. E. P. O'Meara, vice-chairman, submitted in felicitous terms the toast "The King and Royal Family," mentioning that the fact of his being an Irishman, gave him additional pleasure in doing so. The toast was received with musical honours.

The Master, in submitting the toast of the evening, "The Ancient Society of College Youths," said: I have great pleasure in proposing the toast of the evening. You all know that this society was established in the year 1637. Before, however, proceeding to speak of the society I desire to say that letters regretting inability to be present this evening have been received from Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., Major-General Mackinnon, C.B., the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the Rev. F. E. Murphy (Walthamstow), Mr. G. Breed (York), Mr. W. A. Alps (Waltham Abbey), Mr. W. W. Gifford (Salisbury), Mr. Godden (Birmingham), Mr. G. H. Phillott (Cheltenham), and Captain Shuldham (Norton, Somerset). He then read three telegrams of congratulations and best wishes to the society from the Rector and Mrs. Mackinnon (of Speldhurst), Lachland Mackinnon (of H.M.S. *Russell*, of the Channel Fleet), and George Mackinnon (of H.M.S. *Goliath*, Mediterranean squadron). The reading of the telegrams was received with applause, and the Master asked Miss Leny to convey the best thanks of the "Youths" for the senders' kind remembrances.

The following letter, addressed to the Secretary, was then read by the Master:—

55, Mount Vernon Street, Boston, U.S.A., October 18th, 1905.

DEAR SIR,—About two years ago I chanced to come in possession of some family heirlooms transmitted from Simon Bishop and his descendants to James McLellan, an Englishman, and scenic artist, now living in Boston.

Simon Bishop was a coachmaker, living in Colchester in 1747, and his ornamental business card (now before me) shews that his shop was at East Hill in that town. His son, also named Simon, married first a daughter of Philip Clay, Mayor of Colchester, and carried on the business of coachmaking at Beccles, near Bungay, Suffolk. After the decease of her husband, Mrs. Bishop made her home with her grandson Mr. McLellan, in London, and died May 11th, 1879, at No. 54, Brunswick Road, Upper Highgate, being interred at Kensal Green. These relics then descended to Mr. McLellan.

Among these objects were two brass candlesticks which had been

carefully preserved by Mrs. Bishop, as being formerly the property of the Duke of Wellington, and used by him throughout the Peninsula Campaign. Her brother, Lieut. Oliver, served in this campaign, and was attached to Lord Wellington's staff.

At the close of the campaign, when certain objects having no great intrinsic value were distributed as souvenirs, these candlesticks fell to Lieut. Oliver.

I may add that Mr and Mrs. McLellan are an honest worthy couple, whose character and appearance would furnish adequate guarantee as to the authenticity of these candlesticks. As to antiquity, they will speak for themselves.

I am now forwarding them by express to your address, and shall be much gratified if the Ancient Society of College Youths will accept them as a modest addition to their cabinet of curiosities.

With best wishes for the welfare of the society, and kindest greetings to yourself and my other friends of the guild,—I am, yours most sincerely,

ARTHUR H. NICHOLS.

The letter was greeted with much applause, and continuing the Master said:—Well, gentlemen, I hardly think such relics as these could have reached here on a better occasion than the present, and I am sure that Dr. Nichols deserves a hearty vote of thanks for his remembrance of this society in this excellent way. We can assure him that they will be highly treasured, and that we shall keep them most sacredly with our other objects of value in our safes, and they will be well looked after. With regard to the society, gentlemen, I have to say it is in as flourishing a condition as ever it was—in fact, I think it is better this year than last, and I hope that every succeeding year will see it continue to flourish. No one would have thought in years gone by, that the society would have reached the height it has at the present time. Everyone present knows that it is the premier society of the world—that this society with its sister society—the Cumberland Youths, are the two staple societies of the world. They have brought up young men to be proficient in the art. A good deal has been said about ringers who have done without outside help, and such who are now in good positions, have everything to be proud of. When the science is a pure one, it is only necessary for those who choose to attach anything in the art, to take their beliefs to the belfry, and attempt to call a touch—it doesn't matter what it is—Grandsire Triples or anything else, and if they are not true to their calling the bells will pretty soon show that they are wrong. This society, for the past two years, has gone out of its conservative way and has visited outlying districts, and they have been productive of a very great deal of good, and have shown that, we are not always hiding our light under a bushel, and that we are approachable. It is a right and proper thing for all ringers to look after the younger church-goers in the parish. There is one thing I should like to impress upon all ringers here present, and that is, that they should be churchmen first and bell ringers afterwards. I take it that each man should have the greatest respect for the parish church to which he belongs. If he has the ability and the time, there is the possibility of his getting young men who are in the choir or leaving it, to attend the belfry, and teach them what is required to be a ringer. I think a great deal of that is being done, or the ringing science would not be on the basis it is at the present time, and hold the position it does. We have a great many of the clergy amongst us, and it is to them that we have to look for a certain amount of encouragement. At the same time we, as ringers, are very proud to think that as the Phoenix, we have risen out of our ashes, that we are really independent. As laymen, we should work for the church, at the same time we are independent of the church to the extent that we are capable of going into a tower, and if the bells are ringable, to produce some of the best music possible on the bells. I do want to impress upon all those present, not to think so much of peal ringing. I think more of practice nights than I do of peal ringing. As far as peals are concerned, I think they should crown the efforts of those youngsters who are coming on in the parish. Peals should not be pursued as a sort of pastime or a sport. Everyone should try to bring on the younger members of the parish in the art, and peals are sure to come along as the crowning efforts of what those youngsters have been doing. I do not think we ought to give quite so much time in peal ringing. I do not say but what all praise is due to those who partake in these particular peals, and in these most intricate peals all honour is due to them, at the same time we ought not to lose sight of what we really are—church bell ringers—and that we

ought not to make a fetish of peal ringing, and so neglect the weekly or fortnightly practice as the case may be. We ought to give as much time as we can to the practices, and bring on the young men of the parish, and so leave behind us—this society, or any other society, to which we may be fortunate to be adhered to—in a better position than which we found it. Gentlemen, I ask you to drink to the health of our noble selves, the College Youths.

(To be continued.)

JUBILEE OF MR. W. A. ALPS, OF WALTHAM ABBEY.

In celebration of his jubilee, Councillor W. A. Alps entertained the members of the Waltham Abbey Society, of which he is Master, at a supper given at The Green Dragon Inn, on Saturday evening, November 4th. The Rev. J. H. Stamp, a vice-president of the Society, occupied the chair. He was supported by Councillor W. A. Alps, Mr. Frank Carter, secretary, and Mr. Thomas Mitchell (senior member). Mr. G. E. Peace (Treasurer), was in the vice-chair, and had the support of Mr. H. Thompson (assistant secretary) and Mr. George Cole (steward). Other ringers present were Messrs. D. Tarling (steeple-keeper), G. Thurgood, J. Adams, T. Colverd, L. G. Thurgood, E. Wallage, and E. Hall. To show their goodwill towards Mr. Alps several members of the Urban District Council attended. After supper the Secretary read letters of regret for inability to attend from Mr. T. Powell, Mr. James Pettitt, and Mr. A. E. Hilton.

Proposing the toast of the evening, the Rev. J. H. Stamp said he considered it a great honour to be asked to occupy the presidential chair on such an auspicious occasion. They were assembled to celebrate the 50th birthday of their friend, Mr. Alps, and to wish him very many happy returns of the day. To-night he ended his jubilee; to-morrow he would begin another jubilee, and though they could scarcely express the wish that Mr. Alps would be able to celebrate in that way the completion of his second period of fifty years, yet they could hope to meet together and congratulate him upon the celebration of his diamond jubilee. Mr. Alps had been connected with a great many institutions in the parish, in connection with which he had done much useful service. To the young men of the parish he had set a very good example. He had not lived a selfish or idle life. The greater part of his fifty years had been spent in serving his neighbours. For thirty-three years he had been connected with the Waltham Abbey Society, and for long periods he had been associated with various other institutions. Whatever people might think of Mr. Alps' eccentricities—if he might be permitted the term—they would be unanimous in esteeming him for many good points in his character. They must admire his diligence and his zeal in whatever he took up. When he associated himself with any society he made it one of his chief points to attend the meetings regularly. And not only did they admire his diligence and zeal, but they admired his persistency. When he thought he had a good object before him, he would not rest until he had achieved it, or until someone had shewn that he was in the wrong. Another point to be admired in Mr. Alps, although some of his friends said they suffered from it at times, was his native eloquence. Mr. Alps afforded proof that eloquence was not restricted to Ireland. Again they must all admire Mr. Alps' good nature. It could be wished that in all societies there were men who could take a rebuff or a "setting down" as well as Mr. Alps. He never bore animosity or ill-will, which was an extremely good trait in his character. Another excellent attribute produced by him was his remarkable retentive memory, which had often served him in good stead. Mr. Alps, he said, was born at Essex House, Waltham Abbey, on October 4th, 1855. After leaving the British School, he attended a night school conducted by Mr. Wakefield. Subsequently he became associated with the late Mr. Teat, a leading politician of this town, and it was largely due to his influence that Mr. Alps became a public man. In 1887 he took a prominent part in the foundation of the well-known Victoria Swimming Club, and was presented with a writing desk in recognition of his services as organising secretary. In 1887 he was elected a member of the old School Board, and two years later he was appointed to a

committee formed to oppose the separation of Waltham Abbey from the Edmonton Union, and this object was successfully achieved. In 1890 Mr. Alps was again returned—this time unopposed—to the School Board, but three years afterwards, by reason of a very serious illness, he did not seek re-election. Recovering from that illness, Mr. Alps, in February, 1895, was elected to the local Charity Trust, a position which he had held ever since. Then he served the Ancient Abbey Lodge of Odd-fellows, with which he was associated at one time as Grand Master, for twenty-five years. In 1899 he was returned to the Urban District Council, and had retained his seat to this day. At the election of 1902 he was returned at the head of the poll, and in 1905 he was second only to Mr. Arthur Chapman. In connection with the local Patriotic Fund Committee, formed at the outbreak of the South African War in 1899, Mr. Alps was unanimously chosen chairman. When the new Education Act changed the system of school management, Mr. Alps was appointed a member of the local advisory sub-committee, and still occupied that office. It would be seen from this sketch of his career that the position of Mr. Alps was a very honourable one, particularly as he was a man who had "risen from the ranks." For thirty-three years he had been identified with the Waltham Abbey Society, and was now its respected Master. He had now rung upon the bells of 100 churches. In 1896, the Abbey ringers presented Mr. Alps with a complete copy of Shakespeare's Works. He was one of the restoration committee appointed to carry out the arrangements in connection with the renovation of the tower, and Mr. Alps deserved his share of the credit which was due to the promoters of the work for the success with which the scheme had been carried out. On behalf of the ringers, the chairman then presented Mr. Alps with a handsome illuminated address elegantly framed. The text of the address is:—

"The Waltham Abbey Society of Change-ringers.—Presented to Mr. W. A. Alps by the members of the above Society on the occasion of the celebration of his 50th birthday, conveying sincere congratulations and good wishes for many happy returns, and in some slight recognition of his close association with the society as a change-ringer for the past thirty-three years, and his services and ability as conductor for twenty years. In the position of Master for the past six years his services have been invaluable to the Society, the prosperity of which it has ever been his object to maintain; and the great appreciation of his services is hereby recorded. Officers: W. A. Alps (Master), G. E. Peace (Treasurer), Frank Carter (Hon. Secretary), H. G. Thompson (Assistant Secretary), and George Cole (Steward). 4th October, 1905."

Having read the address, the chairman proposed "The health of Mr. Alps," and wished him many happy returns of the day.

The toast was enthusiastically received, and musically honoured.

Responding to the toast, Mr. Alps, who was again loudly applauded, returned his sincere thanks for the valued testimonial that had been presented to him. He said he had heard it suggested that "Old Bill" should be presented with an umbrella or a walking-stick now he was getting older. But he didn't feel at all old. One gentleman had told him that he ought to go to New Zealand, but he was not likely to go. Proceeding, Mr. Alps said it was the object of his life to do good to his neighbours, and he thanked Mr. Stamp for the kind words spoken of him. Speaking of the ringers' society, Mr. Alps said that one handbell in its possession was dated 1846, but that was a comparatively recent date, and he could not say how long before then the Society had been in existence. The members of the Waltham Abbey and Saffron Walden Societies had been attached to each other as change-ringers for over ninety years. The names of Carr, Woodbridge, Ovenden, Powell and Britten would always remain in honourable association with the Waltham Abbey Society. The first peal he (Mr. Alps) called as conductor was twenty-seven years ago, and that was Mr. Colverd's first peal. Sad experience had been seen in other societies brought about by division, and he hoped the Waltham Abbey Society would always remember the adage—"United we stand, divided we fall." There had been divisions in this Society, and for a great many years some members, including himself, had fought hard against those divisions. And now, he was glad to say, the Society was perfectly united. There was room for more members, and applications were invited. More honorary members also would be welcomed. Gentlemen could

become such by paying 2s. 6d. or more per annum. The ringing members had to pay a small sum fortnightly in order to keep the Society going. The Society received so much a year from the church authorities, but that money was paid into the funds of the Society, and did not go into the pockets of the members. When the bells were rung on Sundays the members gave their services gratuitously. A gentleman some time ago said that these services were worthy of recognition, and he would see if something could not be done. "And that's all that has been done," commented Mr. Alps, amid laughter. He thought that, exclusive of himself, of course, the Society could be congratulated upon its excellent officers. In Mr. Peace they had an admirable treasurer, who closely watched the expenditure and kept the purse strings very tight. Mr. Tarling kept everything in the belfry in exceptionally good order. He (Mr. Alps) had visited over 100 towers, but he had never yet found a belfry better kept or more comfortable than the belfry of Waltham Abbey. Of course it was known in Waltham Abbey there was a ring of only eight bells. But the frames were there for twelve, and he hoped that some day some generous donor would strengthen the peal by the addition of two or more bells. The existing bells, by the way, which it had been necessary to lift on account of the work to the tower, were ready for use again on Friday evening, October 13th. Referring to the presence of the Councillors, Mr. Alps said he regarded it as a high compliment that six of his colleagues on the Council should have attended that gathering. Closing his speech, he thanked the Chairman and the company for the very cordial reception they had given him.

During the evening capital songs were rendered by various members of the company.

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"

HUBBARD'S TRIP IN STEDMAN CATERS.

SIR,—Ringers of Stedman are under an obligation to Mr. Nunneley-Wood for pointing out the slip made by no less an authority than the late Henry Hubbard. The peal is reproduced in the new work "Stedman," and not wishing to lose this interesting example of an early peal with the 6th fixed in 2nds, it struck me that some one amongst our skilled composers would possibly not mind rectifying the error, and so leave the honour of the peal to the memory of one who did so much for ringing in his day. Happening to be writing at the time to one well qualified for the task, I broached the matter, and it has been most obligingly fallen in with. Will, therefore, the possessors of copies of "Stedman" kindly alter the peal of H. Hubbard's, given on page 87, to read 5076 (two more changes than before), and further alter the homing course to read 3, 7, 11, 13, 15, 18, and make the additional note, rectified by Mr. J. R. Pritchard, 1905. Mr. Pritchard very cleverly, without altering the number of calls, and by re-arranging two only, viz., the 7th and 15th, has put the matter right and well deserves our thanks.

Now comes this question—Could a reader of the excellent book from the pen of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, have found the mistake out for himself, supposing he had searched for it? For my brother always held that it was the duty of a conductor to qualify and prove for himself the peals he proposed to call.

The best answer is the following: as no additional knowledge has been used, in penning these lines over and above that set forth in Mr. Davies' "Theory and Proof" of Stedman Caters, chapter vi. At the beginning of this chapter, p. 73, the reader is warned of the special danger of Stedman Caters, owing to the whole of a six being of one nature (all *in-course*, or all *out-of-course*), so that the dodging bells have great powers of quietly bringing about a repetition. This is further emphasised on page 74. On page 75 are set out two very instructive tables, in skeleton character, showing the varying positions of 9-7-8, at the six-ends in a plain course of tittums, one table giving the backstrokes, and the other the corresponding handstrokes. Embodied, also, in these tables is the corresponding relative positions of the bell fixed in 2nds at the course-end, so that we

are very near indeed to the pith of the matter. On page 77 dealing with the starting and homing courses, we find "(3) examine the six-ends to discover if in any of them the three heavy bells and the bell fixed in 2nds place in the body of the peal collectively fall into a position which they occupy in a tittum position; (4)—If they do, the portion where they are thus situated must be compared with the body of the peal."

Let us proceed to test these points, first as to (3). After pricking out the six-ends of the homing course (we are not here troubling with the starting course), we find that at the 13th six-end, the heavy bells, 9-7-8, and the 6th (the bells in 2nds) at a course-end are in a very suspicious position, for they turn up 652983471. Not only do Mr. Davies' skeleton tables show this, but they point out that the mischief—if it be there—is a handstroke (that is to say, a dodging) trouble, which will occur at the 10th six of a course. This handstroke pitfall is very clearly shown because it is in the handstroke table that we identify the similarity of the tittum position, and we may almost point out with certainty that this is the very snare which caught the old composer.

The would-be prover will have fortified himself for the earlier stage of the proof, with a list of all the course-ends, and if he wants to save himself trouble, he will object to finding all the 10th six-ends through the various courses, and still more to finding their handstrokes. Therefore we must treat our suspected row and find its particular natural course-end so that we may compare it with the others in the body of the peal.

Our suspect being 652983471—with a bad reputation "at hand," we dodge the three hind pairs and get 652894317—as our backstroke basis at the end of a 10th six; treating this by a scale for "eight sixes from a quick six-end," we get as its natural course-end 326415978. The three back bells are common to the tittum course-end, so we take no notice of them, and go on to 415; searching in the body of the peal we find 415 in 4-5-6 at the 8th course-end of the 3rd part. As the 10th six is the one in which we may expect to find "ructions," let us turn up the 9th six and proceed cautiously. The 9th six-end we find to be (by "scales" on page 83), 259638741, and three more rows of a quick six give us 652983471, the very row we ought to have been hoping not to find.

It has proved very interesting to put Mr. Davies' writing to a practical test, as I had previously formed an opinion that their proof of Caters was one of the best and most lucid chapters in the book, and so I think it will prove to those who will follow this matter through in the fullest detail of which I give here only a bare outline.

In thanking you for your space, allow me to add my own personal thanks to Mr. Pritchard for stretching out a hand in favour of the preservation of Mr. Hubbard's peal, and for the prompt and kindly manner in which he has ungrudgingly saved the composition to us.

WM. SNOWDON.

BARHAM OF LEEDS.

SIR,—With reference to your correspondent's letter in yours of the 11th inst., it seems to me that the fact of the Wigston long length being rung by eight men only, differentiates it altogether from the extent of Bob Major at Leeds. The former, like the rivalries in long lengths of Treble Ten between the College and Cumberland Youths in the eighteenth century, has a distinct tendency to stimulate aspiring members of the Exercise to increased physical and mental exertion; but to get a party of fourteen men to ring completely the extent of so simple a method as Bob Major cannot have that effect. I have a great respect for Barham's work and accomplishments as disclosed by his record, but all the same that particular instance does not appear to me the one on which to form an appreciation of him. It seems to me a mere curiosity.

R. A. DANIELL.

SIR,—I should say that "An Old Ringer" is not so old as his *nom de plume*, neither a regular reader of "THE BELL NEWS." His statement in your last issue that "the Wigston long ring" was justly regarded as an exploit though not brought round, etc.; calls for an answer. It is strange that such a sentence should have passed the editorial eye. The Wigston "long ring" was brought round, true and correct to the satisfaction of all concerned. The figures were sent to "THE BELL NEWS" at the time, and for aught I know to the contrary, are there now.

They were also published in the Midland Counties Association Report for 1904. Leeds tenor is 20 cwt., that of Wigston 14½ cwt.; but it was not because of the weight we went to Wigston. It would have made very little difference if she had been half-a-ton heavier. I would have preferred a bell the weight of St. John's, Leicester (21 cwt.), which goes quite as well as Wigston, but permission is the chief factor. Any long-peal man knows that there is not enough shoulder work on a light tenor. It affects too much the muscles of the wrist. If "Old Ringer" keeps his eye on "THE BELL NEWS," he may be enabled to bear the next attempt for either 21,000 or 25,000, but it will not be at Wigston, owing to the opposition of the local press on the last occasion.

W. WILLSON.

AUTHORSHIP OF THE 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Craven I wish to inform him that my brother did not know the actual date he produced it till he asked me the date he gave it to me, as he had not kept any account of it. If Mr. Lindoff will give his testimony he can tell him the date I sent him the figures. He also says that my statement about Mr. Knights telling me he had not seen the peal, is false, and I challenge him to prove it. I also ask him to deny if he can, that on the evening of February 7th he pronounced the false compositions of Mr. Lindoff that are on the same plan as this, to be true; so it is quite evident he had not then started to produce this peal. I think that while telling me about the items I admitted, it would have looked a good deal better on his part if he had admitted that my brother wrote to him last December about the authorship of this composition, and the childish reply he gave was a suggestion that they should both claim it, if anyone ever heard of such a thing. If he had acted any way honourable, he would have given up his claim, as he knew quite well it was not his. Instead of that he sends it on to the Yorkshire Association as rung for the first time, knowing at the time it was rung by the same Association four months before. I may say that this is not the first occasion in which he has endeavoured to claim other authors' compositions. It is not many years ago since he published a 5184 Double Norwich belonging to Mr. Washbrook, after it had been before the Exercise about ten years, and published in the Midland Counties Association Report, and when it was pointed out to him by I believe Mr. Dench, he was not honourable enough to withdraw his claim.

W. PYE.

SIR,—I am afraid that I cannot throw much light on the authorship of the above peal. When I met Mr. W. Pye at Putney I remember mentioning recent false compositions that had been rung in this method, and saying that Mr. Craven had got a peal of 5120 on the plan of the false peals. Mr. Pye then said that his brother had also got a peal of 5120 on the same plan, but neither of us had the figures to show. I cannot remember whether I had seen the figures of the peal before I met Mr. Pye, but if I had not, it would be a most unusual occurrence for Mr. Craven to have a peal of this quality in his possession nearly a month without shewing it me. My son says he remembers Mr. Craven shewing the peal in the belfry on one practice night, but cannot remember the date.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—In your current issue of "THE BELL NEWS" you record a peal rang by the Lancashire Association at Holy Trinity Church, Hulme, on Saturday, November 4th. It is stated at the bottom of the news that this is the first peal rung on the bells since being augmented to eight. Please allow me to correct this as being wrong. The first peal was rung on December 10th, 1887, a peal of Grandsire Triples being rung in 3 hrs. 5 mins., by *John Heald, 1; J. O'Brien, 2; *James Heald, 3; H. Wood, 4; E. Ettock, 5; A. Egginton, 6; J. F. Woods, 7; Thomas Heald, 8. Conducted by J. F. Woods. *First peal. This will probably be found in the issue of December 17th, 1887.

A. BARRY.

[Mr. A. E. Wreaks, and other writers admit that the statement was an error, and withdraw it.—The letter of E. G. Gale is too long for insertion: the subject being of no general interest.—Ed.]

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Literary News.

We hear that more than 230 pages of the new edition of Jasper Snowdon's *Grandsire* are now in print, and that an effort is being made to have the work completed for the first week in December. It will interest our readers to learn that practically all that Mr. W. H. Thompson knows on the subject is being incorporated in the book, and that several novel diagrams by that mathematical authority will illustrate many interesting and debatable points.

Mr. Thompson's pamphlet of 1886 being out of print, special permission has been given to the Editor of the new edition (Mr. Wm. Snowdon), to embody its leading features, so that, together with the review by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, as given in the first edition, a fairly complete grasp may be had of that valuable little work—"A note on Grandsire Triples." This pamphlet our readers will remember finally proved the impossibility of the whole peal of Triples with common bobs only, and, therefore, that Holt's one-part stands the masterpiece for all time. Notwithstanding the endeavour to bring the scientific side down to the date of issue, no curtailment of the elementary parts of the late Mr. Snowdon's writing will be made, so that the book will be as complete as ever for the beginner.

Obituary.

JOHN ROWLEY.

Death has removed another of the ringers of the parish church of Barthomley, Cheshire, at the age of 70 years. Deceased was born and lived in this pretty little village all his life, and was greatly beloved by all who came in contact with him. He had been a member of the local company for over forty years, never failing in his duties as a ringer. We laid him to rest in the above churchyard on Thursday, November 9th, 1905, amid many manifestations of sympathy, the Rector, Rev. G. W. Skene, officiating. The bells, which he always loved and admired, were rung muffled at intervals during the afternoon by his brother ringers. "Life's task well done."

JAMES DICKEN.

We deeply regret to record the death of the above named ringer, which took place at High Grove, Greenfield, Yorkshire, on Friday, November 10th, at the age of 45. The deceased had been a member of the local company (Christ Church, Friezland) for 28 years, and was highly respected by all ringers who knew him. He was a member of the Yorkshire Association, and had rung 12 peals with that body. He was also one of the Friezland band who was so successful on 6 bells between the years 1887 and 1897, a record of which was published in "THE BELL NEWS." At the funeral, which took place on Monday, November 13th, at Saddleworth Parish Church, the local company rung a muffled peal, and then returned to Friezland church and rung another peal deeply muffled as a last mark of respect. May he rest in peace.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1905.

THE contention regarding the authorship of a peal of Superlative Surprise, which has for some few weeks been dealt with among our correspondence, seems a long way from settlement. Perhaps the treatment which the question is undergoing is not of the best, because the parties concerned do not adhere closely to the points which are pertinent to the issue. It is not necessary to rake up other matters which have nothing whatever to do with the subject; whether one's opponent has been guilty in the past of something not honourable. Such things are better left unsaid—the possession of transcendent ringing skill does not warrant the use of such observations.

We believe that our friend HENRY DAINS brought forward the peal as his own in this paper of September 23rd. Why did not Mr. G. R. PYE then point out at once that the composition was his? Mr. CRAVEN claimed it as his on October 7th, and it was on the 21st October—nearly a month after its appearance—that it is claimed by Mr. G. R. PYE. No inference is to be drawn from this that the last-named gentleman's claim is not sound, but it would have been better if he had went into print the very first opportunity afforded him.

The Metropolis.

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On Monday, October 30, 1905, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

BERNARD CLARKE* .. Treble.	JAMES FLOYD 5.
CHARLES GOLDING 2.	WILLIAM H. NEWELL .. 6.
WILLIAM J. NEWELL 3.	HARRY GOLDING 7.
WILLIAM FLOYD 4.	GEORGE SELLS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. NEWELL.

*First peal. Rung to commemorate the twenty-first anniversary of the formation of the above Association.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, November 2, 1905, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble.	SIDNEY F. PALMER 5.
JOHN THORPE 2.	GEORGE LEWIS 6.
WALTER COATES 3.	SAM THOMAS 7.
ALBERT NASH* 4.	CLEMENT GLENN .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

*First peal in the method.

ST. BRIAVELS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1905, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor about 11 cwt. in F sharp.

CHARLES SAUNDERS .. Treble.	ROBERT THOMPSON 5.
JAMES THOMAS 2.	ALBERT GOULDING 6.
JAMES E. GROVES 3.	JOHN AUSTIN 7.
JOHN PRICKETT 4.	FREDERICK SANDFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Reference elsewhere.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 4, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores of Grandsire and Antelope. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE GREEN* .. Treble.	RICHARD NICHOLLS 4.
CHARLES TYRELL* 2.	JOSEPH READ, SEN. 5.
JOSEPH READ, JUN.* .. 3.	*FREDERICK CASHMORE .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH READ, SEN.

First peal by the above Association. *First peal. First peal on the bells.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 6, 1905, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

GEORGE RUMSEY* .. Treble.	GEORGE ROWE, JUN. 5.
PERCIVAL WOODS 2.	WILLIAM J. GROOM 6.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 3.	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7.
BERTIE W. DEBENHAM .. 4.	JAMES G. RUMSEY Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

*First peal in the method. Arranged to oblige the Rev. William C. Pearson, Vicar of Henley.

HOLBECK, LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 6, 1905, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS (R.C.),

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES. Tenor 11½ cwt.

PERCY JOHNSTONE .. Treble.	PATRICK LAVAN 5.
ROBERT BINNS 2.	JOHN O'BRIAN 6.
MARK MELIA 3.	GEORGE MCHALE 7.
WILLIAM VARLEY 4.	MICHAEL KILLORAN .. Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by G. MCHALE.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the treble.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford.

FRED CUTTING .. Treble.	JAMES STARLING 4.
ALDERMAN LING 2.	ROBERT SMY 5.
HENRY PUTTOCK 3.	WILLIAM SAWYER .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. SAWYER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(HEENE BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THEURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED TULETT Treble.	ALFRED W. GROVES.. .. 5.
JOHN H. PAICE 2.	ARTHUR ARNELL 6.
WILLIAM HILLMAN 3.	EDMUND H. LINDUP 7.
GEORGE NORRIS.. .. 4.	WILLIAM GILBERT Tenor.

Conducted by EDMUND H. LINDUP.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 6, 1905, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

GEORGE KEMP Treble.	ALPHAUS BERRY 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	HARRY DAVY 5.
THOMAS DAVY 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLE.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 7, 1905, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

GEORGE F. SWANN Treble.	*MAURICE SMITH 7.
FRANK FAY.. .. 2.	EDMUND J. HYLAND 8.
CHARLES DICKENS 3.	THOMAS REYNOLDS 9.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	JOHN NEAL.. .. 10.
ALBERT WALKER 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER.. .. 11.
ALF PADDON SMITH 6.	SYDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This peal which is now rung for the first time, has the 5th twelve times right, and the 6th eighteen times right in the titlums position, and the 6th fourteen times behind the 8th in the handstroke home position, with all the 5-6-7-8s in both positions with the treble a second bell, and is the first peal of Stedman Cinques composed with these qualities. *First peal of Stedman Cinques.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 7, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lbs.

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	THOMAS JORDAN 5.
HENRY J. TUCKER 2.	WILLIAM PRIOR.. .. 6.
WILLIAM WATTS 3.	†GEORGE DENT 7.
WALTER HOBBS* 4.	ISAAC CAVILL Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by GEORGE DENT.

First peal on the bells. *First peal of Oxford. †First peal in the method as conductor. This is H. J. Tucker's 150th peal, and W. Watts' 100th peal.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 8, 1905, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED T. HYLAND.. .. Treble.	EDMUND J. HYLAND 5.
JOHN JAGGAR 2.	THOMAS COLLINSON 6.
JOHN CARTER 3.	REUBEN HALL 7.
JAMES JONES 4.	JOHN NEAL.. .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal has only 4-5-6 in 6ths place at a course-end. This is J. Jones' 100th peal eighty-five of them being rung with the conductor. Further reference elsewhere.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1905, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES.

JOHN J. MAWBY.. .. Treble.	WALTER PERKINS 5.
ALPHAUS PERKINS 2.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 6.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN 3.	JAMES GARRATT.. .. 7.
FREDERICK PALMER 4.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN., .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by J. HOUGHTON, JUN.

First peal in the method by all the band. First in the county, and first by the Association. Rung to celebrate the King's birthday.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 9, 1905, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY WARBURTON .. Treble.	ERNEST COLLINGBURN .. 6.
T. HERCY DENMAN* .. 3.	GEORGE R. WINTER.. .. 7.
ARTHUR SWANNACK 3.	†ARTHUR T. WINTER.. .. 8.
GEORGE W. METCALFE .. 4.	JOSEPH B. JOYNES 9.
ROBERT MILES 5.	*THOMAS SPURR Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ARTHUR T. WINTER.

*First peal in the method. †First peal as conductor.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
VICARS'. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ARTHUR DURLING .. Treble.	ISAAC EMERY 5.
RICHARD HIMS 2.	ROBERT BRETT SMITH .. 6.
GEORGE FRENCH 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 7.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 4.	*GEORGE HEAD Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

*First peal. Rung in honour of His Majesty's birthday; also on the occasion of a baronetcy being conferred upon Richard Biddulph Martin, Esq., M.P., at one time a resident of Chislehurst.

CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 9, 1905, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

SAMUEL WILLIAMS*.. Treble.	ALLEN ROWLEY.. .. 5.
WILLIAM B. BISS 2.	JOHN CLUTTERBUCK.. .. 6.
HENRY DAY 3.	WILLIAM COOMBS 7.
WILLIAM G. MILLER .. 4.	CHARLES ORAM Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM COOMBS.

*First peal. First peal rung on the city bells. Rung in honour of the King's birthday; also of the re-election of the first Lord Mayor—Alderman Robert Hughes—for the city of Cardiff.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 9, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS PEERS Treble.	WALTER C. HUNT 5.
ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. 2.	RICHARD RIDYARD 6.
TITUS BARLOW 3.	JOSEPH POTTER 7.
PERCY DERBYSHIRE .. 4.	WILLIAM DENNER Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

HERBERT COX Treble.	MAURICE SMITHER 5.
GEORGE MARTIN 2.	WILLIAM WALKER 6.
JAMES LITTLE 3.	JESSE ELDRIDGE 7.
THOMAS PRICE 4.	†ARTHUR MARTIN Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by ARTHUR MARTIN.

†First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

GEO. ROBERT V. CRUSH* .. Treble.	WILLIAM LINCOLN 5.
HENRY F. COOPER 2.	FREDERICK G. RADLEY 6.
ERNEST DAWSON 3.	HENRY HEAD 7.
FREDERICK G. MANNING.. 4.	†THOMAS LINCOLN Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and
Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

*First peal. †Fiftieth peal.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. WOODISS* .. Treble.	*STEPHEN C. HAMBLIN 5.
GEORGE EDGER, SEN.* .. 2.	CHARLES HAMBLIN 6.
ALFRED WOODROW 3.	GEORGE WOODISS 7.
JOHN EMERY 4.	*ROBERT J. POLLEY Tenor.

Conducted by G. WOODISS.

*First peal. First peal by the local society.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1905, in Three Hours.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

EDWARD GOBEY† Treble.	GEORGE PIPES 5.
HENRY FLETCHER 2.	GEORGE A. GOODWIN 6.
ISAAC HOUTON* 3.	HENRY GEORGE 7.
JOSEPH BOURNE 4.	*ALFRED T. BAKER Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE A. GOODWIN.

*First peal. †First peal on eight bells.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

J. REED Treble.	C. SUMMERS 5.
F. FARRANT 2.	REV. W. M. K. WARREN.. 6.
G. STACEY 3.	H. MOORE 7.
G. ATKINS 4.	A. H. HAYWARD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by H. MOORE.

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HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being three 720s of Plain Bob, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

BERTIE W. DEBENHAM .. Treble.	PERCIVAL WOODS 4.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2.	WILLIAM J. GROOM 5.
JAMES G. RUMSEY 3.	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

This is the first peal of Minor on the bells, and was rung in consequence of one member of the band failing to turn up for Kent Treble Bob Major.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN F. PENNING Treble.	JOHN LUCKEY 5.
THOMAS J. WATTS 2.	WILLIAM WATTS 6.
GEORGE JORDAN 3.	*ARTHUR F. JAMES 7.
WILLIAM T. PRIOR 4.	NATHAN J. PITSTOW.. .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by ARTHUR F. JAMES.

*First peal as conductor in any method.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Saturday, November 11, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN GOODMAN Treble.	HARRY GOODMAN 5.
FRED EVANS 2.	†JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. .. 6.
HERBERT SHEPPARD 3.	JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. .. 7.
THOMAS WATTON 4.	WILLIAM MILLS.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

†First peal as conductor. Quickest peal on the bells.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 11, 1905, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM MILLER* Treble.	WILLIAM FITCHFORD 5.
CHARLES MORLEY 2.	JOHN JOHNSON 6.
GEORGE WOODS.. .. 3.	ARTHUR LATHAM 7.
HARRY ROBERTS 4.	JOHN MORLEY Tenor.

Conducted by W. FITCHFORD.

*First peal.

BRATHAY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 11, 1905, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Plain Bob, College Single, Duke of York, Woodbine, Violet, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOSEPH BACKHOUSE Treble.	ROGER SATTERTHWAIT .. 4.
WOODBURN NEVINSON .. 2.	JOHN HOLME 5.
FURNESS WOODEND 3.	WILLIAM ROBINSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH BACKHOUSE.

First peal in seven methods by all.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Monday, November 13, 1905, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

SAMUEL REEVES Treble.	THOMAS HORTON 5.
WILLIAM R. SMALL 2.	JESSE SCREEN 6.
ALFRED ROWLEY 3.	JOHN JAGGAR 7.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

Rung to celebrate the 66th birthday of Mr. William Rock Small, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—In the peal at Rowley Regis reported last week, the ringers of the 3rd and 4th should read Homer, not Hooper, as published.—The peal of Bob Major on handbells rung at Wellingborough, and published in our last issue, was the first peal of Major on handbells in Northamptonshire, and first on handbells by all except W. V. Newman.

Date Catches.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Monday, November 6th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1905 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 12 mins. J. Taylor, J. H. Sholicar, J. Sholicar conductor, H. J. Ellis, J. Pilkington, J. W. Pilkington, J. R. Park, T. Martland. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Rev. Canon Blundell, for forty-two years Rector of Halsall, Rural Dean of Liverpool diocese, and chaplain to His Majesty the King.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THORINGTON (Essex).—On Sunday, October 29th, before the afternoon service, 720 Double Oxford. After service another 720 in the same method. G. Miles, G. Lancaster, G. Andrews, J. Howell, W. J. Hazell, W. J. Nevard conductor.

GREAT BENTLEY (Essex).—On Tuesday evening, October 31st, for practice, 720 Double Oxford, 720 Double Bob Minor. G. Miles, G. A. Andrews, G. Lancaster, J. Howell, W. J. Hazell, W. J. Nevard conductor.

STRATFORD ST. MARY (Suffolk).—On Sunday, November 12th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 360 Double Court. G. Miles, G. A. Andrews, G. Lancaster, J. Howell, W. J. Hazell, W. J. Nevard conductor.

LANGHAM (Essex).—On Sunday, November 12th, for Divine Service in the afternoon, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Double Court. After service 720 Double Court, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Double Bob Minor, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Double Oxford Bob, 720 Bob Minor. G. Miles, G. Andrews, G. Lancaster, J. Howell, W. J. Hazell, W. J. Nevard. W. J. Nevard conducted all the ringing except the Cambridge and Bob Minor, which W. Hazell conducted. In the 720 Double Court F. Smith rang the 5th. In the 720 of Oxford Treble Bob G. Green and A. Smith rang the treble and 2nd. In the 720 Bob Minor A. Smith rang the 2nd. These are the local men; the rest are the Great Bentley company.

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NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT ST. BRIAVELS.—This is the first peal on these bells which have just been rehung by Greenleaf and Frisram, of Hereford. The 2nd, which was badly cracked, has been recast by Mears and Stainbank as a treble, and the old treble which was flat, tuned down to take the place of the 2nd. They are now an excellent peal in perfect condition. The back six were cast by Evans, of Chepstow, in 1764, and the trebles by Rudhall in 1830. The ringers were kindly entertained to a meat tea at The George hotel by the Vicar, the Rev. G. C. May. The work in the tower is a credit to the firm who have recently rehung the bells of Lydney, Gloucestershire, and are now engaged at Swindon and Cheltenham.

THE PEAL AT ST. CHAD'S CATHEDRAL, BIRMINGHAM.—Mr. James Jones' 100 Peals.—Grandsire Triples 20, conducted 3; Major 2; Caters 19; Royal 1; Stedman Triples 8; Caters 7; Bob Triples 2; Major 8; Caters 1; Royal 3; Treble Bob Major 5; Royal 2; Forward Major 4; Royal 2; Darlaston Bob Triples 8; Caters 1; Union Triples 3; Oxford Bob Triples 1; Canterbury Major, 1; College Single Triples 1; Double Norwich Major 1. Total—100. Two of the peals of Grandsire Caters were rung on handbells; also a record peal of Grandsire Major (10,272); a record muffled peal of Caters (8009); and the Editor's 7001 of Grandsire Caters.

THE PEAL AT WRITTLE.—Mr. T. Lincoln's Fifty Peals.—Grandsire Triples 9; Caters 2; Oxford Bob Triples 3; Court Bob Triples, 1; Union Triples, 1; Darlaston Bob Triples 1; Stedman Triples 2; Caters 1; Bob Major 5; Treble Bob Major 19; Double Norwich 6. Total—50.

THE PEAL AT HARLOW.—Mr. W. Watts' 100 Peals.—Kent Treble Bob Royal 1; Bob Royal 1; Grandsire Caters 1; London Surprise Major, 1, conducted 1; New Cumberland 3, conducted 3; New Cambridge 3, conducted 2; Cambridge 3, conducted 1; Superlative 14, conducted 4; Kent Treble Bob 4, conducted 1; Oxford 5; Double Norwich 7, conducted 3; Bob Major 5, conducted 2; Stedman Triples 11, conducted 6; Grandsire 2, conducted 1; Oxford Bob, 1; Seven Surprise Methods on six bells 17, conducted 16; Seven Treble Bob Methods 13, conducted 12; Seven Minor Methods 7, conducted 2. Total—100; conducted 54. Rung in three different counties, and in eleven different towers.

THE SAME PEAL.—Mr. H. J. Tucker's 150 Peals.—Kent Treble Maximus 1; Stedman Cinques 1; Oxford Royal 1; Kent 5, conducted 2; Bob Royal 1, conducted 1; Stedman Caters 4; Grandsire 8, conducted 7; Superlative Major 8, conducted 2; Cambridge 1; New Cumberland 2; Double Norwich 16, conducted 2; Kent Treble Major, 12, conducted 8; Oxford 5, conducted 3; Canterbury Pleasure 1, conducted 1; Bob Major 12, conducted 10; Grandsire 1, conducted 1; Stedman Triples 14; Oxford Bob Triples 6, conducted 6; Grandsire 46, conducted 32; Darlaston Bob 3, conducted 3; Seven methods on 6 bells 2, conducted 1. Total—150; conducted 79. Rung in forty-eight different towers, and ten different counties.

NOTICE OF LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

All being well on Saturday, November 25th, eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association of ringers will attempt at St. Peter's, Kelsale, a peal of 1000 changes and upwards of Treble Bob Major. Starting time 2.30 p.m. sharp.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members to vote on questions of finance, is now due, and should be paid before February 28th next. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Tuesday, November 21st., and at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, November 30th, both at 8 p.m.
W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Bedfordshire Association.—A meeting will be held at Luton, to-day, November 18th, Bells available at 4 o'clock. All ringers welcome.
A. KING, *Local Sec.*

Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—S. and W. District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, to-day, Saturday November 18th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Members and friends cordially invited.
J. J. PRATT, *Dis. Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting will be held at Uttoxeter, to-day, Saturday, November 18th, Bells (newly re-hung) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at Town Hall, at 5 p.m., the Vicar presiding. Service in church at 6.30 p.m.
D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Herts Association of Change Ringers.—A joint meeting of the Northern and Eastern Division will be held at Knebworth, to-day, Saturday, November 18th, 1905. Tower open at 3 p.m.
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The Central Northamptonshire Association.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Geddington to-day, Saturday, November 18th, 1905, Ringing from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.
J. C. SHATFORD, *Hon. Branch Sec.*

Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Basingstoke District.—The annual district meeting will be held on Thursday, November 23rd, at Basingstoke. Tea 5.30. Meeting, etc., afterwards.
REV. F. G. HUMF, *Dist. Sec.*

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—Northampton Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Kingsthorpe, on Saturday, November 25th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at the King William, 4.30. Names of those intending to be present at the tea must reach me not later than Wednesday, November 22nd.
F. WILFORD, *Hon. Branch Sec.*

Essex Association.—The annual meeting of the south eastern division will be held at Chelmsford, on Saturday, 25th inst. Meat tea 5.30 p.m. at Dolphin Inn. Members 6d each. All those intending to be present please let me know by 22nd inst. Bells (10) will be open for ringing.
BENJ. J. THOMPSON, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the parish church, Leyland, on Saturday, November 25th. Bells at 3. Meeting at 5.30.
R. SANDERSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at West Tarring, on Satur-

day, November 25th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5.30. The Rector has kindly offered to provide tea for those who inform me of their intention of being present by Thursday, November 23rd. The secretary will be pleased to receive all subscriptions owing for the present year.
H. EVANS, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanfrecfa, near Caerleon, on Saturday, November 25th, at 4 p.m.

REV. CANNOP L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*
J. W. JONES, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

Oxford Diocesan Guild—North Bucks Branch Church Bell Ringers.—The next quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Newport Pagnell, on Saturday, December 2nd next. Bells available 2 p.m.
A. E. POWELL, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—The annual district meeting of the south western division will be held at West Ham, on Saturday, December 2nd. The bells will be available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Church Hall at 5.30., to be followed by business meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year. The cost of the tea will be 6d. to members and 1s. 6d. to non-members. All who intend to be present are particularly requested to advise me before November 29th. The tower of Holy Trinity, Barking Road, will be open during the evening.
G. A. BLACK, *Dist. Sec.*

The Bath and Wells Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton, on Saturday, December 2nd 1905. Bells available all day. Service will be held at the parish church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the "Prince of Orange" at 5.30 p.m. 6d. each to member. Business meeting immediately following. Members intending being present should send me their names not later than Tuesday, November 28th.
A. G. COLES, *Hon. Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Bristol on December 26th (Boxing Day). Further particulars in future advertisements.
C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, *Hon. Sec.*

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 28th, the annual meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at the parish institute, Portsea. Members were present from Fareham, Havant, Petersfield, Wickham, Gosport, Swanmore and St. Thomas's, Portsmouth, together with the local ringers. Tea was provided in the Institute at one o'clock, of which thirty members partook. After tea the business was commenced, the Rev. C. W. Scott presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the following members were unanimously elected to the various offices for the ensuing year: the Rev. C. W. Scott, chairman; J. W. Whiting, Secretary; G. E. Chappell, assistant secretary; J. Harper and O. C. Coombs, representatives on the central committee; and E. J. Harding, auditor. The quarterly meetings are to take place at the following places: Nec-

ley, Westmeon, Petersfield, and the annual at Portsea. The two central meetings will take place on Easter Monday and August Bank Holiday. Mr. Franklin, of Shedfield, was proposed an honorary member, and five members of the Shedfield band were proposed probationary members, the same band applying for an instructor. The meeting decided to send G. E. Chappell, of Wickham, to instruct the band. Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. B. R. Wilson for the use of the bells; the Rev. C. W. Scott for so ably presiding; and Mr. J. W. Whiting, Secretary. The bells were kept going during the afternoon, Stedman, Treble Bob and Grandsire being rung.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 12th, a party from Woodford and Loughton drove to Harlow for some ringing on the new peal at St. Mary Magdalen. Arriving about

four o'clock, the visitors were very kindly entertained to tea by Mr. Dent, and an adjournment was then made to the belfry. The bells were quickly raised and set in motion, and an excellent struck touch of Stedman was followed by 576 Kent and 504 Stedman. After service 288 Treble Bob and another 504 Stedman. The ringers taking part were Messrs. Carter, Clark, Rann and Bacon of Loughton; Margetson, Green and Black of Woodford; and Dent and Hobbs of Harlow. The conducting was shared by Messrs. Hobbs and Bacon. The visitors were particularly delighted with the tone and go of the bells, both of which are excellent and reflect great credit on the founders. Best thanks are due to Mr. Dent for his hospitality and kindness, and the visitors returned home having thoroughly enjoyed their visit.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

A meeting of the Grimsby District was held at Grimsby on Saturday, November 4th, and was well attended by members from Scunthorpe, Barrow, Thornton Curtis and the local men. Several touches of Bob Major, Triples and Treble Bob were rung at the parish church. In accordance with rule 6 a district committee meeting was held in the vestry, presided over by the Rev. E. Bullock, Vicar (vice-president of the above branch), when W. H. Heyhoe was re-elected district secretary, and Mr. J. W. Seamer elected a member of the general committee for the year 1906. At 5 p.m. a service was held in the new side chapel, conducted by the Vicar. Miss S. E. Bennett kindly presided at the organ. At 5.30, by kind invitation of the Vicar, the ringers partook of an excellent tea at Harman's hotel. This was followed by a meeting, the Vicar presiding. After a few remarks by Mr. P. O. Bixby, hon. general sec., the election of members took place, and Scunthorpe was appointed for the next place of meeting. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness and use of the bells concluded a most enjoyable meeting.

PRESENTATION AT HEAVITREE, DEVON.

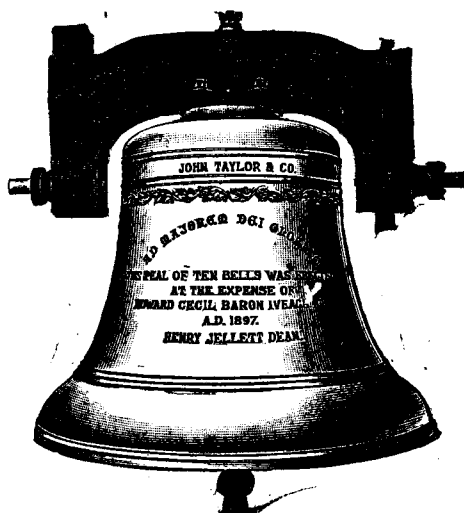
One of the younger members of the Heavitree Society—Mr. William Boundy—was, on Saturday, November 11th, united in marriage to Miss Matilda Halfyard, also of Heavitree. On the preceding practice night the Vicar, as President of the Society, with several hon. members, came up in the tower to present Mr. Boundy, on behalf of the members, with a marble clock and illuminated address, and in so doing referred to the good feeling which now existed between all the members. Mr. J. R. Nethercott ably supported the Vicar in the same strain, and Mr. Boundy suitably returned thanks. At the wedding eight members assembled in the tower to greet the newly-married pair by firing the bells, and ringing two short touches. In the evening an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples collapsed after ringing 3000 changes,

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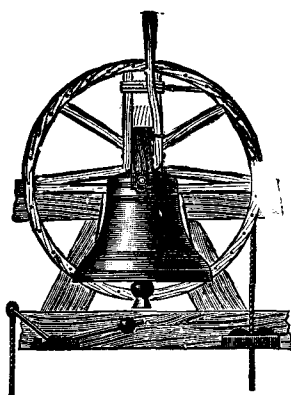
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