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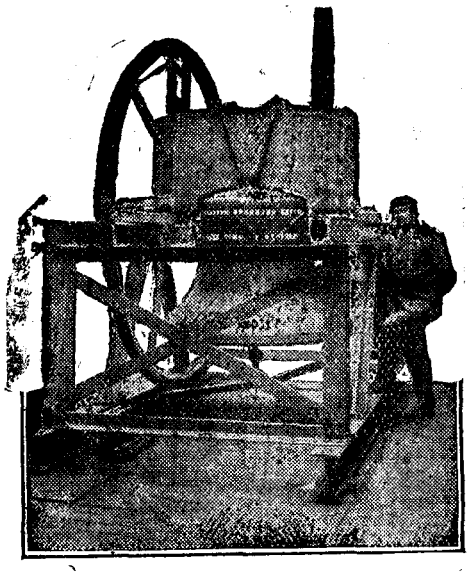
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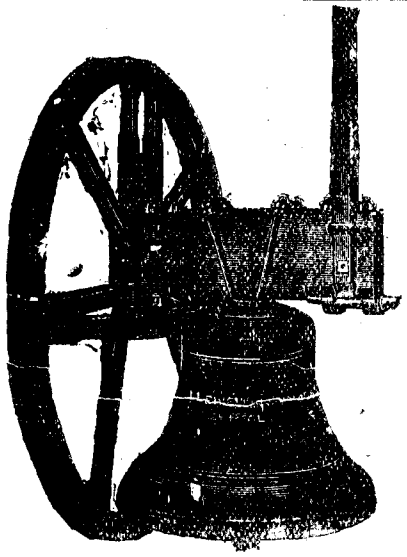
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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)

On Monday, August 12th, at Lower Bebington parish church, an event took place which has been eagerly looked forward to, both by the ringers and congregation of the above church, namely the dedication of two new bells presented to the church by W. W. Watson, esq., and so completing the octave. The dedication was undertaken by the Ven. Archdeacon Barber, of Chester, who is the respected Master of the Guild. After the dedication service was over several touches of Grandsire Triples was rung by the local band. The ringers are delighted with the "go" of the bells, and every one expressed themselves highly satisfied with the tone of the full octave, and say they are a credit to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who cast the ring of six in 1845, and have now completed the octave.

ALL SAINTS, MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

On Wednesday, July 24th, a very unique and striking ceremony was witnessed at the unveiling of a peal board, on which is recorded the account of four peals rung entirely by local ringers. Before the unveiling ceremony, Evensong was sung at 7 o'clock, the choir willingly assisting on such a special occasion. A small but interested congregation attended the service, at which Canon Drummond gave a suitable address. He emphasised the fact that bellringing, when entered upon in the right spirit, was an act of worship just as much as the singing of a hymn. A good many people, he was inclined to think, had a complete misunderstanding as to what a peal really was. Some seemed to think it an unnecessary, jangling, foolish noise, and a great nuisance. But if they would stop to think, they would see that it was of necessity methodical, and demanded the undivided individual attention and intelligence of all those taking part. He maintained that to complete a peal absolute harmony of mind was essential. If one failed, the whole failed. And this perfect harmony of mind was indicative of the true spirit of life in the Christian Church. He encouraged the ringers to persevere to perfect the Art, and also in the perfection of the character of those who administer the Art. He could say that those who so willingly gave their services in ringing for the glory of God were examples for the rest of the parish. He alluded to the four peals which were now to be recorded. Each was the first of its method ever rung in the parish by entirely a local band, and the peal of Superlative Surprise Major the first in the diocese. The ringers were to be heartily congratulated on their achievement. He publicly thanked, on behalf of the ringers, all those who, by their subscriptions, enabled the four memorable peals to be recorded. He concluded with an assurance that the ringers would in the future uphold their work as creditably as it had been upheld in the past.

After Evensong the Vicar and many of the congregation ascended the belfry, where the Vicar proceeded to unveil the new board, on which is recorded peals of Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative Surprise and Stedman Triples.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The usual monthly meeting of this society was held at Bolsover on Saturday, August 3rd, in response to the invitation of the newly-appointed Vicar, the Rev. B. Staunton Batty. Considering it was holiday-time, quite a large number of ringers attended, including representatives from Chesterfield, Sheffield, Norton, Bolsterstone, Barnsley, Rotherham, Eckington, Mansfield, Nottingham, Anston, Wombwell, and the local company.

The bells, a lovely ring of eight, tenor 14¾ cwt., were early sending forth their melodious tones in Plain and Treble Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative, etc., and they were allowed no rest until five o'clock, at which hour the Vicar requested us to adjourn to the schoolroom where a substantial tea had been kindly provided by him, sixty sitting down. On entering the room each person was cordially welcomed by Mrs. Batty, and all felt instantly at home. When all had duly replenished, and grace said, the president, Mr. Sam Thomas, thanked the Vicar for his kindness in meeting the society, also for his generous hospitality, and for the use of the bells. This was very ably seconded by Mr. C. H. Hattersley, who remarked on the condition of things generally, as compared with those of his younger days.

In reply the Vicar said he felt something like the clergyman who in publishing the banns of marriage between certain parties, could not at the critical moment lay his hands on the book, and after an awkward pause the clerk came to his assistance by calling out "between the cushion and the seat," and as the subject he was asked to say a few words upon was one that he took great interest in, he should like some one to come to his assistance, as he really did not understand it, but he hoped to make himself proficient in the Art in the near future, should his many duties in that large parish permit him to do so. In the first place he would like to say that it gave Mrs. Batty and himself very great pleasure to welcome the society at Bolsover, and also to see so many present, but at the same time he regretted that the vicarage was still in the builders' hands undergoing alteration, therefore he was compelled to make use of the schoolroom. However, he hoped this was to be the only one of many such gatherings, and that it would be his privilege to see them all again on the next occasion at the vicarage. Continuing, the rev. gentleman spoke very highly of bellringers as officials of the Church, and said that he had found in all the parishes he had been connected with, there was not a set of better Church workers than the bellringers, and he had already found the Bolsover company a keen set in this respect; and he was also pleased to learn that every one in the village were proud to hear their bells. Referring to the posi-

tion between the Church and the people, he believed there were troublous times coming, and it behoved every body of Church workers to keep themselves in an efficient state to overcome any difficulties that might arise, and he considered it the duty of the clergy to learn to take more interest in all that goes on the tower, so that all may work together for the glory of God. He knew that the best of feelings did not exist in some parishes, but the belfries were far better than they were years ago, and now that Associations had been formed, a high state of efficiency was being maintained. In concluding, he again hoped it was by no means the last time they would be his guests at Bolsover.

Mr. C. D. Potter, in a pleasing little speech, thanked the ladies for their attendance, and attention at the tea table, and this was supported by Mr. A. Craven. The Rev. B. Staunton Batty replied.

Five new ringing members were elected, and the Rev. B. Staunton Betty was unanimously elected an honorary member.

A vote of thanks to the Bolsover company for their ever willing and ready help brought the business to a close.

Before the assembly left the room, the Vicar announced that he had got permission for them to have a look round the castle grounds, and should anyone desire to do so he would accompany them. A large number took advantage of the offer. Others returned to the tower, where more ringing, including Superlative, Cambridge, and London Surprise, was indulged in until after eight o'clock, when the bells were lowered, and a very successful meeting terminated.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly Meeting of the Western Division was held at Arundel, on Saturday, July 27th. The bells were raised in peal and 120 of Grandsire Doubles was first rung by members of the Lyminster branch, after which touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and a course of Double Norwich were rung. At five o'clock the ringers adjourned to The Bridge hotel for tea, the Vicar, the Rev. E. S. Salubey, taking the chair. Members were present from Arundel, Angmering, Brighton, Heene, Lyminster, Steyning and West Tarring, numbering 23. After tea the business meeting followed. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the divisional secretary and passed. The rev. chairman here mentioned that it appeared to him, by the minute book, that it was a general rule for the Vicar to provide tea at these meetings, and he should be pleased to do the same, for which he was heartily thanked. Mr. J. E. Sykes, of Huddersfield, was elected a life independent member, and Messrs. M. Hide and T. Gent to the Lyminster branch. Mr. Bassett proposed that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Arundel.

Mr. Merrett proposed a most hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for defraying the cost of the tea, for presiding, and granting the use of the bells.

The chairman replied, and said he was pleased to welcome them to Arundel, and that he should be willing to alter the time of the evening service for the convenience of the ringers, if they wished to start for a peal.

At six o'clock the ringers attended the ordinary evening service, after which the tower was again visited and the bells were kept going till eight o'clock.

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This music which enchants the ear
Is dulcet tones from Debenham bells.

Full many a year had ringers tried,
To ring Day's peal and still did wait;
But their best efforts were defied,
By sixteen thousand six hundred and eight.

On June the sixth there came a band,
In eighteen hundred and ninety-two,
With steadfast mind and skilful hand,
Who manfully did pull it through.

Ten hours and minutes thirty-two,
They stood and rang with scarce a clash;
Old Treble Bob so well and true,
Though many thought the attempt was rash.

But when at last the feat was done,
For the first time in all the nations,
Readily many a mother's son
Offered their hearty congratulations.

About the gates there stood a crowd,
Churchmen, dissenters, blues and yellows;
With interest great and cheering loud,
Did greet the plucky clever fellows.

The Vicar, and ladies too, were there,
Racquets in hand from tennis ground,
Well pleased they came our joy to share,
Attracted by the exultant sound.

Before the band had left the tower,
The Reverend Duke then kindly said
"Come to my house and come this hour,
There you will find a table spread."

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5024.

1. 23456	M	B	W	H	2. 23456	M	B	W	H
64352	–			–	64352	–			–
25346	–		–	–	25546	–		–	–
42356			–		42356			–	
53624	–		–		53624	–		–	
26435	–		–		42635	–		–	–
54632	–			–	34625			–	
23645	–		–	–	62345			–	–
42635			–		36245				–
34625			–		26435	–	x		–
62345			–	–	46532	–			
46325			–		56342	–	x		–
52364	–		–	–	34562			–	–
54263		x	–	–	25463	–			–
53462		x	–	–	23564		x	–	–
45362				–	45362	–			–
25463		x	–		42563		x	–	–
35264		x	–		35264	–			–
63254			–		63254			–	
45236	–		–	–	45236	–		–	–
34256			–		34256			–	

3. 23456	M	B	W	H	4. 23456	M	B	W	H
64352	–			–	64352	–			–
25346	–		–	–	25346	–		–	–
42356			–		42356			–	
53624	–		–		53624	–		–	
42635	–		–	–	42635	–		–	–
34625			–		62345	–	x		–
26543	–		–		36245				–
					23645	–	x	–	–
42563			–		56342	–			–
35264	–			–	56432		x		–
56234	–	x		–	56234		x		–
46532		x	–						
34562			–		23564			–	–
25463	–			–	45362	–			–
56423	–	x			34562				–
36524		x	–		25463	–			–
23564			–		42563				–
45362	–			–	35264	–			–
63254	–		–		63254			–	
45236	–		–	–	45236	–		–	–
34256			–		34256			–	

Repeat the calling of three first courses completes each of these peals. No. 1 has the 5th and 6th at six course-ends each way in 5-6, the first I think in this number. No. 2 6th at six course-ends each way in 5-6, and 5th at six course-ends R. Ditto No. 4. No 3 same as No. 2, with the 4th at six course-ends in 6ths place.

I dare say I really deserve a good wallop; but I will not answer for Penning or Trollope.

If I tell F. J. P. his new Triple method is to be found in "THE BELL NEWS" of September 25th, 1897, page 268, I should be wrong, as it is not so. But if he, a J. F. P., or anyone else care to turn to that page, there is to be found my 5024 in the superior form, also the 5088 that belongs to Mallaby, each over another person's name, and which makes the third author of these peals. I of course now allude to the composition of Superlative, improved, and recently published by Mr. W. H. Inglesant.

HENRY DAINS.

P.S.—Let me compliment Mr. Penning on his Triple method, and hope it will soon be rung close to its birthplace, where I should think there are enough P's to form a band to ring it in Walden. H. D.

YORKSHIRE RINGERS IN LINCOLNSHIRE.

Bank Holiday, August 5th, was the day selected for an excursion into the adjacent agricultural shire of Lincoln by nine members of the Yorkshire Association and the Sheffield and Old East Derbyshire Society. A promised reserved compartment not being forthcoming, we persuaded the railway officials to lock us in an empty "first," and beguiled the journey by touches on the handbells and speculations as to the condition of the bells in the country parish churches that were passed *en route*. Arriving at the city of Lincoln (whose cathedral, being on a hill surrounded by flat country, could be seen miles before it was reached), we were welcomed at St. Peter-at-Arches church by Mr. J. W. Watson. The fine ring of bells by Rudhall were soon swinging to the tune of Stedman, whose extent of Triples was tapped off in 3 hrs. 14 mins. "Just a bit o' snap an' a glass" whilst the hustler was trying to induce a very lethargic Jehu (presumably native) to drive us to Washingborough. He was at last induced to go and "yok" his antiquated gondola out, in which we were soon seated, hitting off various methods on the "little 'uns," to the no small wonder of the people *en route*. We drove through a party waiting to salute a newly-married pair, and of course what more natural than for them to suppose that we were imported there as a novelty? Washingborough was reached in something under 40 mins. (not bad for three reputed miles, of which more presently). We ascended the tower (twelve steps I think), and rattled off 5008 sweet Bob Major in 2 hrs. 53 mins., it being George's first as composer and conductor. Then—the feast, in the shape of a real splendid meat tea, provided by the landlord of The Royal Oak, the headquarters of the Washingborough ringers. My word, wasn't each course got through in sharp time, with repetitions though! Stand! was called something under the hour, owing to the repetitions, thus finishing the third capital performance of the day. Two of the party being unfortunately not very agile, elected to return to Lincoln by the 7.2 (known in the local vernacular as the "last seven," the 6.40 being designated as the "fust seven"). How poetic, when used in connection with the prosaic railroad! But to keep to the point. An announcement in the window of The Royal Oak stated that home brewed ale could be had, of which the company assembled took reasonable notice. Between times votes of thanks were passed to the respective Vicars for the use of the bells; to the ringers for having everything in readiness; to the landlord for his bountiful hospitality, and to the ladies who presided. These having been suitably replied to, songs, tunes and touches on the handbells brought up 7.35, leaving us 45 minutes to foot it to Lincoln to catch the 8.20 (last train home). The distance, as already stated, was three (reputed miles). A hurried leave-taking, with hopes for future reciprocated visits, and "quick march." It was quick, and warm too, after a while. Twenty minutes plugging didn't seem to bring Lincoln towers much

nearer: the hustler therefore took the van, soon breaking into the double. This made the party appear in the light of "Harriers" to the slowly walking people overtaken, and their repeated shouts of the word, especially as the station was neared, provided another mild sensation. Not so mild for the harriers, though, in fact very hot. A grand finish over the station bridge resulted in a reserved carriage of the 8.20 being boarded in fine style, just on the dot. Coats and collars and other impedimenta off, what time we cooled down and watched the thin cool mists arise from Lincolnshire's lowlands, the train quickly (for a Bank Holiday) speeding us homeward. C. G.

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."

TRURO CATHEDRAL.

SIR,—I am glad to be informed that Mr. Pearson, jun., the architect, attended a meeting of the Cathedral Building Committee on the 15th instant, and agreed so to modify the design of the north-western tower that a ring of bells can be hung and rung therein. He also undertook to confer with the bellfounders. This is excellent; and considering the generosity of donors to the new cathedral, we may also in time find a great hour bell in the south-west tower, like "Big Noll" of Beverley.

OLD RINGER.

EXPLANATORY.

SIR,—In the last issue of "BELL NEWS" it is stated on page 254, under "Benjamin Thackrah," that the variation of "Cambridge Surprise" which I named "Burton Variation" was eventually named "New Cambridge Surprise," and that it is the third variation of this method.

It was not till after publishing the variation referred to that I came across Thackrah's book and found that he had anticipated me in exactly the same variation by making use of what he calls "singles" in every lead.

As this variation permits the use of all peals of Superlative which have no bells reversed in 5-6, it is valuable as compared with the original method, which admits of one peal only. The Central Council determined to call the variation "New Cambridge Surprise."

What I desire to call attention to is the statement, quoted above, that this is the *third* variation of the method. I did not know that more than the one variation had been published; although, if my memory serves—for I have no books of reference by me—there is one other and worthless variation which I fancy I drew attention to many years ago in a contribution to your paper on this subject. I can recall no third variation.

ARTHUR HEYWOOD.

THR FIRST 720 AT BLACKMOOR, HANTS.

SIR,—I should like to say that a 720 of Bob Minor was rung by the Farnham company at Blackmoor on June 18th, '94. Also two attempts for Kent which were lost in the last 20 changes. At that date the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (Secretary of the Winchester Guild) was giving a band a course of instruction, and they seemed to be making very good progress. The rev. gentleman was the means of getting this band to go to Blackmoor to ring, so as to give his pupils a little insight. The band were Messrs. J. W. Whiting, G. Graffham, J. Staples, G. Instrell, Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, and E. C. Chappell. The bells at that time were fairly good, and the Vicar, the Rev. R. R. Bevan, seemed to take an interest in them. But I think he has left Blackmoor.

G. E. CHAPPELL.

A LETTER FROM JOHANNESBURG, S. AFRICA.

SIR,—Referring to the account of the ringing career of the late Mr. William Shenton, of Melbourne, Australia, which appeared in your valuable paper of the 9th February last, I wish to state that in the first paragraph the writer is under a delusion when he makes the following statement: "Mr. Shenton and Mr. C. Norman are the only survivors of the band who rang the first peal on the bells of St. James's old cathedral fifty years ago last month." As a native of Melbourne I claim, as one intimately connected with the ringers and ringing in Victoria, and more or less in Australia, to know something about the Art in the great island continent of the southern seas. No peal—as ringers understand the word—has ever been rung at St. James's cathedral, Melbourne. Some ten years ago change-ringing altogether ceased on these bells, chiefly owing to the unsale condition of the tower, and also owing to the erection of a magnificent ring of twelve at St. Paul's cathedral, which was dedicated in the year 1891 by the Primate, the Right. Rev. Saumarez Smith, Archbishop of Sydney.

The first change-ringing in Australia (Mr. Shenton himself is my authority) took place at St. Patrick's (R.C.) cathedral, Melbourne, about the year 1865, when a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung. The first peal was rung at St. Philip's church, Sydney, on the 9th of April, 1880, when the late Mr. Shenton (as the writer states) rung the treble, the conductor being Mr. J. L. Murray, who is at present, I believe, an active member of St. Paul's society, Melbourne.

The rest of the article need not be discussed—it may or may not be correct. But this much I do say: the writer, whoever he may be, is not a ringer, for no ringer could ever pen such piffle, such arrant rubbish, unworthy of the traditions of the noble science. I hope ringers in England do not consider such stuff as that a sample of what ringing is in Australia at the present time. If however, some did read that article seriously, I may point to the successful ringing of Holt's Original on the 2nd July, 1904, at St. Paul's cathedral, the conductor being Mr. A. E. Bames. Another peal was also rung some years previously, the conductor being again Mr. Bames, and the composition his own. Though as yet not much has been accomplished in these days of advanced change-ringing, yet Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Plain Bob, are regularly rung in Melbourne, Sydney, Ballarat, and New Zealand. Rings of bells are vast distances apart, compared to England, and we have also to remember the climate is generally against long lengths, and peals can only be attempted in the winter months.

Change-ringing has had a hard and checkered history in Australia, and without going into detail, for I am loth to cast reflection on the memory of a dead man, I may truthfully state that nothing hitherto has been more to blame for this than the perversity, stubborness, and idiosyncracy of the late Mr. Shenton. As one intimately acquainted with him, I say he may have been a ringer in one method—Grandsire, but his most fervent admirers could never claim him as a safe man even in that method. Mr. Shenton was essentially a ringer of the old school, he loved Churchyard Bob, etc., and I shall never forget his opposition to the introduction of change-ringing in St. Paul's belfry, when some of the younger members of the society were desirous of becoming something more than mere rope-haulers.

I write this without any animus to the memory of a man who no doubt thought he was doing his best for ringing, and simply as a matter of justice to men who have always fought nobly and well for the advancement of change-ringing in the sunny south, such grand ringers as A. E. Bames, J. L. Murray, J. C. Nolan, J. A. Guest, and others. Now Mr. Shenton is dead and gone, perhaps the work of these men will in time bear good fruit. I cannot but think it will, for the foundations of our Exercise have been well and truly laid.

ERNEST F. BEHAN,
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The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637.) — Meetings for practice during the month of August: St. John, South Hackney, on the 26th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 27th; all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
32, *Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.*

The Royal Cumberland Society. — The next meeting for practice will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Monday, September 2nd, at 8 p.m. Trusting members will make it convenient to attend. A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*

The William Verry Commemoration.—The annual dinner will be held to-day, Sat., August 24th, at The Red Lion hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, at 6 30 sharp. Tickets 2s. 6d. each, may be had from R. Faux 65, Bacchus Road, Soho.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District —A meeting of this district will be held at Dunsfold to-day, Saturday, August 24th. 2.30—Bells available. 5.0—Service at the parish church. 6.0—Tea at the Club Room adjoining The Bricklayer's Arms inn. Members 6d. each. Visitors 1s.

JOHN J. JONES. *Hon. Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, on Tuesday evening, August 27th. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As there is special business for consideration, the attendance of every member who can make it convenient is earnestly requested.

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

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly ringing meeting will be held at Calverley on Saturday, August 31st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at The Thornhill Arms at 7.30 p.m.

GEO. W. SLACK, *Hon. Sec.*

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.–Christchurch District.—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Ringwood on Thursday, September 5th. Bells at 6 p.m.

GEO. PRESTON, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

The London County Association late the St. James's Society.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, September 7th, at the parish church of All Saints, Isleworth. The tower will be open from 3.30 to 8 p.m. A social will be held afterwards. All ringers will be made welcome. Members and others are requested to note that the annual concert will be held on Saturday, October 12th.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*
5, *Selborne Road, Denmark Hill, S.E.*

The Lancashire Association.–Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ambleside on Saturday, September 7th. Meeting at 5 o'clock. Ambleside and Brathay bells available.

W. ROBINSON, *Hon. Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Frome on Saturday, September 14th. Service at St. John's church at 4 p.m. Tea at the Union Jack coffee-house, Cork Street, at 4.30 p.m Meeting to follow.

E. E. BURGESS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.–Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Helen's church, Cliffe-at-Hoo, on Saturday, September 14th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided in the school at 5.30. Committee Meeting after tea. Half fares up to 2s. will be allowed. The Rector of the parish has promised to conduct parties round, and explain all about this grand and historic old church. The organist will give some selections on the organ during the evening. Members intending to be present must send me notice not later than Wednesday, September 11th.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting will take place at Blackburn on Saturday, September 28th. Preacher—The Right Rev. Bishop Thornton, D.D., Vicar of Blackburn. The following officers retire this year, but are eligible for re-election; Mr. J. Eachus, Vice-president; Mr. J. H. Banks, Ringing Secretary, and the two auditors, Messrs. J. Barratt and S. Greenhalgh. Nominations for any of these positions, and any notices for proposed alteration of rules must be sent in to the General Secretary not later than the first week in September. Further particulars by circular. A. E. WREAKS, *General Secretary.*
4, *Helena Street, Manchester.*

J. H. BANKS, *Ringing Secretary.*
462, *Helmshore Road, Helmshore.*

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JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

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NOTES TO PEALS.

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It is exceedingly pleasant to see that the representations made in "The Bell News" in connection with the proposed new north-western towers of Truro Cathedral, viz., that provision should be made therein for bells, have borne good fruit. The Cathedral is to be properly equipped with a ring of bells; and we perfectly agree with our correspondent this week when he exclaims—"This is excellent!" There is another agreeable point about this: the architect will consult with the bellfounder. That fact is a gain, certainly. We shall all hope that such a step may be followed in the future by other architects when they may be engaged in church building. If these gentlemen had always been in the habit of conferring with the bellfounder, there would not be so many instances of imperfect accommodation for ringers as there are now.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A very pleasant and successful meeting of the north-western division was held at Stansted on Saturday last, when twenty or more attended. The bells of the parish church were at the members' disposal. A good tea was provided at The Barley Mow inn, the business following immediately after, Mr. E. A. Pitstow presiding. The minutes of the last meeting heing read and confirmed, Sawbridgeworth was selected for the next annual meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for kindly granting the use of the bells.

The members then repaired to the belfry, where some capital ringing was done, the methods being London, Cambridge, Superlative, and New Cumberlend Surprise Major, Double Norwich, Stedman, and Penning's Triples. Members attended from Saffron Walden, Bishops Stortford, Ware, West Ham, Great Totham, with the local company.

The Metropolis.

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A reference to this peal next week.

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CHARLES R. LILLEY	2.	PERCY J. COOK	5.
CHARLES STAPLETON*	3.	WILLIAM STAPLETON	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

*First peal in seven methods. Further reference elsewhere.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 17, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD	..*Treble.*	ISAAC G. SHADE	5.
WILLIAM PYE	2.	JAMES HUNT	6.
JOHN J. LAMB	3.	BERTRAM PREWETT	7.
ERNEST BONIFACE*	4.	JAMES GEORGE	..*Tenor.*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method. This is J. Lamb's 200th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

H. MOORE'S TWELVE-PART.

CHARLES MORLEY	..*Treble.*	JOHN JOHNSON	5.
GEORGE WOODS	2.	JOHN MORLEY	6.
ARTHUR LATHAM	3.	WM. FITCHFORD	7.
ARTHUR A. CLAY	4.	*JOHN MEEK	..*Tenor*

Conducted by W. FITCHFORD.

*First peal.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1907, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

STANLEY B. DOBBIE*	..*Treble.*	EDWARD E. FOREMAN	5.
FREDERICK G. E'RETT	2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER	6.
EDWIN G. BUESDEN	3.	RICHARD S. STAINES	7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE	4.	JOHN EXCELL	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

*First peal.

CASTOR, NORTHANTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KYNEBURGHA,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

ROBERT ROWELL	..*Treble*	ROBERT BRIGHTMAN	4.
JOHN BARRATT	2.	F. COOK	5.
GEORGE WELLS	3.	WILLIAM J. GOSS	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by W. J. GOSS.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

ARTHUR CHAMBERS	..*Treble.*	SAMUEL GROVE	5.
WILLIAM SHORT	2.	JAMES DOWLEE	6.
MISS MABEL GILBANKS*	3.	ROBERT MATTHEWS	7.
JOHN BASS	4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER	..*Tenor.*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal of Major. First peal of Major by the above Association in which a lady has taken part.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOSEPH SADDINGTON*	..*Treble.*	JAMES HOUGHTON	4.
MARK NORTON†	2.	WILLIAM B. MEADOWS	5.
GEORGE LINES	3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

First peal on the bells which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Taylor. *First peal, and is one of the local band. †First peal in seven methods.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 17, 1907, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

WILLIAM LAMBERT	..*Treble.*	DAVID BREARLEY	5.
JESSE MOSS	2.	THOMAS RILEY	6.
THOMAS BETTISON	3.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE	7.
ARCHIE BREARLEY	4.	JOHN FLINT	..*Tenor.*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

DIBDEN, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Augnst 18, 1907, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS	..*Treble.*	WILLIAM H. GEORGE	5.
HENRY W. WILKES	2.	CECIL E. VALENTINE	6.
HERBERT PAYNE*	3.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER	7.
A. MARTIN STEWART	4.	*ARTHUR J. PRINCE	..*Tenor.*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 18, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOSEPH PETTITT	*Treble.*	GEORGE LINES	4
EDWARD CHAPMAN	2.	CHARLES W. CLARKE ..	5
WILLIAM B. MEADOWS ..	3.	JAMES HOUGHTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON.

Date Touches.

STOW AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

DENVER (Norfolk).—On Thursday, August 15th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1907 changes of Bob Minor. H. Moore, S. Staines, W. Goodrum, C. Holliday, H. Robinson, E. Barker conductor.

Miscellaneous.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS. ASSOCIATION.

WHITBY.—On August 14th, 504 Bob Triples and 672 Bob Major. E. Welburn, jun., F. Newton, Rev. A. J. de D. Denne, M. Thompson, G. F. Alexander, J. W. Wilkinson, R. Duch, Rev. W. P. Wright. On August 15th, 720 Bob Minor and 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Corner, W. Clarkson, J. W. Whittle, H. H. Bowes, J. Clarkson, Rev. W. P. Wright.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On Sunday, August 18th, at Christ Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. A. Lebbon, W. Smith, J. Marks, J. B. Marks, W. Keeble conductor, F. Squires. The above was rung as a compliment to J. B. Marks, who was married at West Ham parish church on August 10th, the steeplekeeper of this church having failed to arrange a band as promised for the wedding.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Friday, August 9th, being the anniversary of the King's Coronation, 756 Stedman Triples was rung at St. Saviour's church, in 27 mins. E. Holloway, C. Cox, H. Runham, T. Fuller, Rev. Edwards, W. Newell, A. Osborn conductor, W. Fuller.

MAIDENHEAD (Berks).—On Sunday, August 11th, for evening service at All Saints Boyn Hill, 384 Cambridge Surprise Major. H. Cox, T. Price, A. W. Brighton, M. Smither, C. Smith, J. Eldridge, A. Martin, G. Martin conductor. First in the method by all except A. W. Brighton.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PONTEFRACT (Yorks).—On Thursday evening, August 8th, at All Saints church, and on Friday, the 9th, at the parish church, half-muffled touches were rung as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the late W. H. Howard, of York, vice-president of the above Association.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BROMHAM (Beds).—On Friday, August 16th, 720 and 360 of Kent, 360 Oxford, and a touch each of Woodbine and Violet. A. Mortimer, R. Gardiner, F. Mortimer, H. Gayton, H. Cocking, C. Mortimer conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, August 3rd, at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Corrigan, E. Mullins conductor, J. Porter, T. Westwood, C. Mackenzie, T. Miller, A. Hackley, W. G. Ellis. On Wednesday, August 6th, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Porter, E. Mullins, W. Mason, W. G. Ellis, G. Pigott, T. Miller conductor, A. Hackley, G. Bott.

CLARE (Suffolk).—On Sunday, August 18th, after morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 51 mins. W. Roots, O. Laver, H. Cooper, B. Francis, G. Arnold, A. Shufflebotham conductor, G. Moore, E. Ridgwell.

GARVESTON (Norfolk).—On August 2nd, 720 Bob Minor. R. Beckett, jun. conductor, S. Kiddle, H. Kiddle, A. Barker, H. Beckett, F. Squires. The above was arranged for F. Squires, of Wanstead, who was on a visit to this place.

HARWICH (Essex).—On Tuesday, August 13th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. B. Bolton, A. Redwood, E. Todd, A. Turner, G. Thompson, C. Ramplin, C. Fenn conductor, T. Philo. On Sunday, August 18th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins. R. Elmer, C. Ellis, A. Bolton, C. Fenn conductor, G. Moss, C. Ramplin, A. Morris, J. Alderton.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday evening, August 18th, at St. Mary Abbots church, 1259 Grandsire Caters. S. Davie, A. Cutmore, C. F. Winney, J. Herbert, A. F. Harris, H. G. Miles, E. G. Stibbons, J. R. Mackman, C. Charge conductor, J. Judd.

PRITTLEWELL (Essex).—On Tuesday, August 13th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Grandsire Caters. W. Dudley, G. R. Wilson, C. Collins, G. Parrott, H. T. Wilson, W. H. Taffender, W. Bedwell, F. C. Newman, W. H. Judd conductor, H. Kelby.

ROLLESTON (Staffs).—On Thursday, July 11th, on the occasion of a parochial outing from Fenton, several 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. E. J. Stone, H. Wakley, C. C. Cox, S. Churton, J. Beech, Rev. E. V. Cox.

A REASONABLE COMPLAINT.

The following letter has appeared in a Northants paper:—

"Sir,—At holiday times all sorts and conditions of men avail themselves of the opportunity of friendly visits, and Bank Holiday saw a number of church bell ringers from various parts (Leicestershire, Lancashire, and Essex) in the vicinity of Northamptonshire. Permission to ring upon the bells of Irthlingborough, Burton Latimer, Islip, Higham Ferrers, etc., was kindly granted by the various authorities, whom we cordially thank; but the one sore place remains to be exposed.

"The Incumbent of any church is the one and only source whence permission may be obtained, and when these reverend gentlemen exercise their right solely without outside influence no fault can be found. It is when some petty official intervenes for personal reasons (usually jealousy) that cordiality is turned into contempt.

"The village of Thrapston possesses a fine ring of bells, and we who indite this letter naturally assumed that Thrapston would not be behind in common courtesy. From Irthlingborough, where we had been ringing in the morning, we despatched a telegram to the authorities asking if they would kindly grant permission to ring. As time went on, and the reply-paid wire did not arrive, we went to Thrapston to ask personally. This we did, and were informed at the Rectory that permission was refused because the caretaker of the bells demurred! We then asked to ring them for a few minutes only in order to hear their tones, but this was also refused because of the aforesaid official.

"We do not presume upon every Rector's sanction—there are often good reasons for not ringing—but it transpired that there was no tangible excuse for this dogmatic action except it be that the caretaker had an old grudge against the ringers of Irthlingborough, whose guests we were. In this case our telegram was sent by the Rector to the caretaker, who, seeing from whence it came, promptly extinguished our hopes, and we took return train home again. It was not an insignificant company of ringers that desired the privilege of ringing Thrapston bells, as there were among them those who hold the highest honours of the ringing world. We are all life members of the county Association, but if this treatment were a specimen of Northamptonshire courtesy we should not be in a hurry to visit it again. We are glad to say that in this respect Thrapston stands out in all its rude (!) grandeur.—We are, yours respectfully,

THE VISITORS."

Obituary.

HARRY SADDINGTON.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of the above-named Kettering ringer. Deceased was engaged at his usual employment, being a driver on the Midland Railway. He was driving a train to Cambridge on Thursday, August 8th, when he was taken ill on the engine, and was taken to Cambridge Hospital, where an operation was performed, but he gradually sank, and passed away in the presence of his wife. Deceased was a member of the Central Northamptonshire Association, and had been a regular attendant at the belfry to ring for the services on Sundays for a number of years. Although he had never rung a peal he was a good tenor-ringer, and a man that took great interest in the welfare of the Association. The funeral took place at Kettering the following Wednesday. The chief mourners were his wife, five daughters and two sons. He was borne to his last resting-place by four of his fellow-drivers. Among the many floral tributes was a wreath from his brother-ringers. During the evening the bells were rung half-muffled in touches of Grandsire and Stedman, and the usual whole pull and stand was rung forty-nine times to record his age. On Saturday the ringers again met and rang a peal of Double Norwich Major with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to one who was loved and respected by all who knew him. May he rest in peace.

"A Disappointed Citizen" writes: To-day (Friday) is Coronation Day. As I was dressing at 7 o'clock this morning, the first thing I heard was the sweet bells of St. David's, mellowed by distance in the early morning air, ringing out a merry peal. But what about those in the southern Norman tower of our Cathedral, reputed to be the heaviest ringing peal in Christendom? All to-day they have been dumb—mute as a dead codfish. A few years ago an appeal to the citizens in particular and to residents in the diocese generally for funds to put them in ringing repair was made, with the result that between one and twe thousand pounds was collected, but I doubt whether the bells have been heard fifty times since. Even when one day this week the Rev. Prebendary Roger Granville was appointed Sub-Dean—a selection that has given the utmost satisfaction to everybody who rejoices in the friendship of that jovial cleric—the bells remained silent. Is this fair—even to the bells?—*Exeter Flying Post.*

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And the recast "Grandison," of Exeter Cathedral.

The serious illness of the Dean of Peterborough will be widely regretted in North London. Dr. Barlow was for fourteen years Vicar of Islington, and still annually attends the Evangelical Conference, called the Islington Clerical Meeting. He had a distinguished career at Cambridge. Since his promotion, six years ago, Dean Barlow has laboured assiduously for the preservation of his magnificent Cathedral.

Seventy years ago a small Baptist chapel was built at Great Cheverell on a site the tenure of which was lifehold. This year the property reverted to the squire, who immediately put it up for auction. The purchaser was the Rector, the Rev. J. H. Burn, who declared he wanted it for a parish room. He has, however, offered it to the former Baptist tenants at an increased rental.

PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CHIEF OFFICE: HOLBORN BARS, LONDON.

Summary of the Report presented at the Fifty-eighth Annual Meeting, held on 7th March, 1907.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of policies issued during the year was 79,942, assuring the sum of £7,529,031, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £424,145. The Premiums received during the year were £4,290,971, being an increase of £167,653 over the year 1905. The Claims of the year amounted to £1,947,444. The number of deaths was 7,656, and 8,686 Endowment Assurances matured. The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 807,218.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £6,499,028, being an increase of £359,978. The Claims of the year amounted to £2,376,863. The number of deaths was 260,941, and 3,342 Endowment Assurances matured. The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those policy-holders of five years' standing and upwards who desired to discontinue their payments was 120,198, the number in force being 1,194,432. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 28,034.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 16,764,654; their average duration exceeds eleven years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £63,887,008, being an increase of £4,422,632 over those of 1905.

The increase granted early in the year under the pr ncipa Industrial Branch tables, to provide for which £750,000 was transferred from reserve, affected nearly thirteen million policies, ten millions of which receive an immediate increase in the sum assured. The Directors are glad to say that the alteratfon has been highly appreciated, and has resulted in a large accession of new business.

As the shareholders are aware, the Directors have on many occasions granted extended benefits to Industrial Branch policyholders. The total cost of these benefits already exceeds £4,000,000. It is the intention of the Directors to continue this policy, and if possible to establish it upon a more definite basis.

For each of the past ten years a reversionary bonus at the rate of £1 10s. per cent. on the original sums assured has been added to all classes of participating policies in the Ordinary Branch issued since the year 1876. The Directors are now pleased to announce a reversionary bonus at the rate of £1 12s. per cent.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, being the Summary of both Branches, on the 31st December, 1906.

LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.
Shareholders' Capital	1,000,000	0	0
Reserve Funds	2,300,000	0	0
Life Assurance Funds	60,470.431	4	1
Claims under life policies admitted	116,576	18	11
	£63,887,008	3	0

ASSETS.	£	s.	d.
British Government securities	3,415,976	13	
Indian and Colonial Government securities	6,156,247	4	
Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks, and gold and sterling bonds	7,743,842	19	
Loans on County Council, Municipal and other rates	14,091,357	12	4
Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties	4,501,678	8	10
Freehold and leasehold property	3,560,244	13	8
Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom	7,975,178	5	0
Railway, Gas and Water Stocks	7,464,984	18	9
Suez Canal shares	163,709	13	0
Telegraph and other shares	97,420	2	2
Metropolitan Consolidated stock and City of London bonds	257,901	11	10
Bank of England stock	202,756	18	6
Indian, Colonial and Foreign Corporation stocks	1,564,957	14	7
Foreign Government securities	1,539,459	7	4
Reversions and Life Interests	1,220,637	14	1
Loans on the Company's Policies	2,372,768	10	8
Rent Charges	278,523	13	1
Outstanding premiums and agents' balances	544,207	4	8
Outstanding interest and rents	515,685	7	1
Cash—In hands of superintendents	35,973	11	7
Ditto—On deposit on current accounts, and in hand	183,495	18	11
	£63,887,008	3	0

THOS. C. DEWEY, *General Manager.*

FREDK. SCHOOLING, *Actuary.*
D. W. STABLE, *Secretary.*

H. A. HARBEN, *Acting Chairman.*
J. W. SIMMONDS, } *Directors.*
J. H. LUSCOMBE }

We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1906, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, etc, representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1906.

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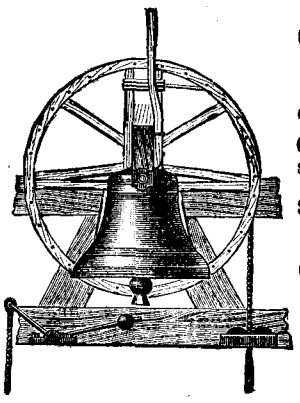
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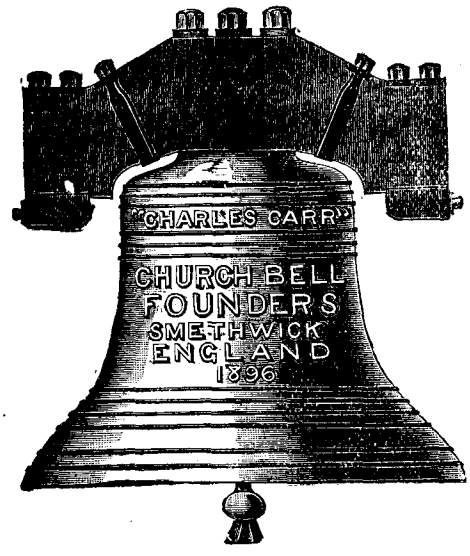
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