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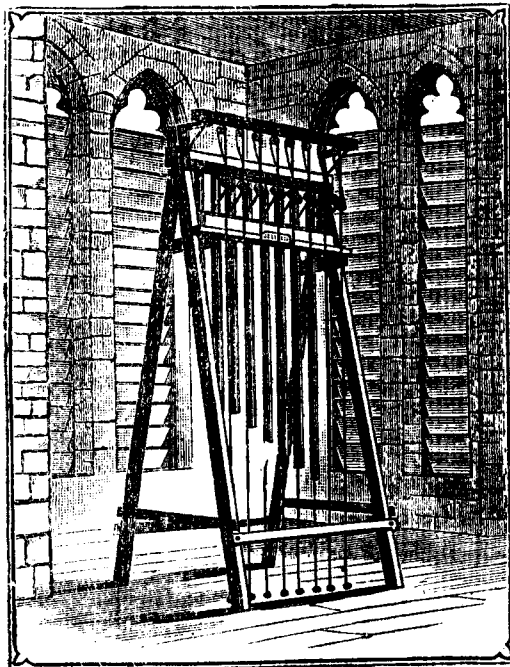
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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Council was held at The Wharnclyffe hotel, Sheffield, on Tuesday, April 16th, the President, Mr. Percival Heywood, in the chair. Of representative members 40 were present out of 77, representing 21 out of 31 societies; and of Honorary members 3 out of 8. The minutes of the meeting of 1894 were read by the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, and confirmed.

The President addressed the Council, referring to the lamented death of Mr. Proctor, and urging upon the members the importance of presenting a solid front against the attack of the Liberationists upon the endowments of the Church of England.

The Hon. Secretary stated that the year began with a balance of £40 3s. 0½d. in hand; subscriptions received, £9 7s. 6d.; sale of report on calls 14s. 8½d., total, £50 5s. 3d.; Expenditure, stationery for three years, 5s.; postage, 12s. 8½d.; printing, £7 1s. 4d.; cost of reporting, £1; total, £8 19s. 0½d.; balance in hand, £41 6s. 2½d.

On the motion of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, the accounts were passed.

Mr. W. Snowdon moved, and the Rev. F. E. Robinson seconded, and it was carried unanimously: "That this meeting desires to place on record its high appreciation of the services rendered to the Exercise by the late Leonard Proctor, Esq., of Bennington, than whom no one has done more to encourage practical ringing in its highest branches."

The Rev. F. E. Robinson moved, and Dr. Carpenter seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that Messrs. Thompson, Boughey, and Strange, be elected Honorary members of the Council, the two first-named and Captain Acland having retired by rotation.

The Hon. Secretary reported that he had duly placed in the hands of the Church Congress Subjects Committee the application of the Council to have the subject of ringing placed on the agenda for the ensuing meeting, but that he had little hope the appeal would be successful.

A letter was read from Mr. Strange reporting his advance with the Bibliography of ringing. It was decided to convey the thanks of the Council to Mr. Strange for his labours.

The report of the handbell committee was read, and Mr. Pritchett moved, and Mr. Catchpole seconded, that the recommendation of the majority of the Committee that there should be an umpire to every handbell peal should be adopted. This however was amended by the addition of the words "where practicable," and in this form the motion was carried by a large majority.

In regard to the report of the Committee on Technical terms, after some discussion it was moved by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, and carried, that the report be referred back to the committee for further consideration, and that the suggested changes in terms be published in "THE BELL NEWS."

The Rev. H. A. Cockey stated that the Committee on reduced railway fares had not yet received a definite reply to their enquiries of the railway managers.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies reported the progress of the Committee for the publication of peals, and stated that a further selection would shortly be issued.

Mr. Pritchett, moved, and Mr. Washbrook seconded: "That a Committee be appointed to consider the propriety of establishing a benevolent fund for the benefit of veteran ringers in poor circumstances, and to report as to the best means of carrying such a scheme into effect." The motion was lost by a large majority.

Mr. G. F. Attree moved, and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies seconded: "That owing to the very unsatisfactory manner in which members are now frequently elected, it is desirable that the elections for the future be only made at some recognised annual, general, or district meeting duly called by such Association." The motion was lost by a large majority.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the next meeting of the Council be held at Brighton.

The president being here compelled to leave to attend a funeral, the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer took the chair.

Mr. Snowdon moved, and Mr. Lockwood seconded the following additions to the Council's definition of a six-bell peal: "Nevertheless when a multiplicity of methods of which no two

are the same is rung, peals of Doubles and portions of true 720s, embracing bobs and also singles when the method requires them, shall be admissible, provided that the 720 changes be first rung in their entirety." The motion was lost by a large majority.

Mr. Snowdon moved, and it was seconded, "That some mode of admitting proxy voting under certain circumstances is desirable, and that a sub-committee be formed to report on this question to the next meeting of the Council" The motion was lost by a large majority.

Mr. Attree moved, and Mr. Pritchett seconded: "that the present schedule of points used in ascertaining the respective value of peals rung by the various Associations be considered, altered if found necessary, and issued in future under the authority of the Council." It was decided to refer the matter to a Committee consisting of the President, Mr. Attree, Dr. Carpenter, Mr. Dains, Mr. Washbrook, Mr. E. B. James, and Mr. J. Carter.

Mr. Attree gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that the Council meet in Whit-week instead of Easter-week.

Votes of thanks to the President and Hon. Secretary concluded the meeting.

ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS.

SOCIETY.	PRESENT.	ABSENT.
Ancient Society of College Youths ...	C. F. Winney ...	F. E. Dawe W. D. Smith W. T. Cockerill B. Foskett
Royal Cumberland Society ...	G. Newson ... H. Dains... A. Jacob... (unrepresented) ...	E. E. Richards W. L. Buckingham Rev. C. W. Griffith Rev. J. U. Todd
St. James' Society ...	(unrepresented) ...	E. E. Richards W. L. Buckingham Rev. C. W. Griffith Rev. J. U. Todd
Bath and Wells Association...	(unrepresented) ...	E. E. Richards W. L. Buckingham Rev. C. W. Griffith Rev. J. U. Todd
Bedfordshire Association ...	Rev. W. C. Baker ...	J. Carter
Birmingham and District Society ...	(unrepresented) ...	J. Carter
Chester Diocesan Guild...	W. Walmsley ... R. T. Holding ... (unrepresented) ...	L. Mackenzie, M.D. Rev. W. S. Willett R. S. Sory F. Lees
Devonshire Guild ...	(unrepresented) ...	Rev. T. L. Papillon W. Nevard G. H. Phillott E. B. James J. T. Bratton J. G. Wall
Durham and Newcastle Association...	(unrepresented) ...	E. P. Debenham Rev. F. J. Helmore W. Bedwell A. E. Wreaks
Essex Association ...	F. G. Newman ... N. J. Pitslow... Rev. H. A. Cockey ...	Rev. T. L. Papillon W. Nevard G. H. Phillott E. B. James J. T. Bratton J. G. Wall
Gloucester and Bristol Association ...	(unrepresented) ...	E. P. Debenham Rev. F. J. Helmore W. Bedwell A. E. Wreaks
Hereford Diocesan Guild ...	(unrepresented) ...	E. P. Debenham Rev. F. J. Helmore W. Bedwell A. E. Wreaks
Herts. County Association ...	(unrepresented) ...	E. P. Debenham Rev. F. J. Helmore W. Bedwell A. E. Wreaks
Kent County Association ...	(unrepresented) ...	E. P. Debenham Rev. F. J. Helmore W. Bedwell A. E. Wreaks
Lancashire Association...	Rev. H. J. Elsee ... Rev. C. A. Clements ... J. Eachus ... T. Lockwood...	N. E. Snow F. F. Linley
Leeds and District Association ...	(unrepresented) ...	N. E. Snow F. F. Linley
North Lincolnshire Association...	(unrepresented) ...	N. E. Snow F. F. Linley
Liverpool Association ...	W. Bentham... (unrepresented) ...	H. Bastable
St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham...	(unrepresented) ...	H. Bastable
Middlesex Association ...	G. B. Lucas ...	J. W. Taylor J. Griffin
Midland Counties' Association ...	A. P. Heywood ... S. Cooper ... Rev. H. E. Bulwer ... Rev. J. H. Pilkington ... W. L. Catchpole ...	R. H. Brundell
Norwich Diocesan Association ...	Rev. H. E. Bulwer ... Rev. J. H. Pilkington ... W. L. Catchpole ...	R. H. Brundell
Oxford Diocesan Guild ...	Rev. F. E. Robinson... Rev. G. F. Coleridge... J. W. Washbrook ...	A. H. Cocks
Salisbury Diocesan Guild ...	T. Blackbourn ...	Rev. A. D. Hill
Stafford Archdeaconry Society ...	S. Reeves ... R. Cartwright ...	Rev. A. D. Hill
Surrey Association ...	A. B. Carpenter ...	R. B. Blanchard
Sussex Association ...	Rev. C. D. P. Davies ... G. F. Attree ... J. Parker...	A. E. Nye
United Counties' Association ...	(unrepresented) ...	J. Holden
Winchester Diocesan Guild...	H. White ... J. Whiting ... R. E. Grove ... J. S. Pritchett ... W. Snowdon... C. H. Hattersley ... W. H. Howard ...	F. W. Rees G. Williams
Worcestershire and District Assn. ...	(unrepresented) ...	B. T. Copley
Yorkshire Association ...	(unrepresented) ...	B. T. Copley
Honorary Members ...	Rev. A. H. Boughey ... W. Wakley ... C. Hounslow...	Rev. Canon Wigrani W. H. Thompson J. C. Mitchell J. Pettit F. E. Ward

Societies represented ...	21
" unrepresented ...	10
Representatives present ...	40
" absent ...	37
Hon. members present ...	3
" absent ...	5
Total members present... ..	43
" " absent	42

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the above Association was held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 27th. In spite of the very unfavourable weather, a large number of ringers from all parts of the country were present, as well as visitors from within and without the county.

During the afternoon the different towers were visited, and touches in various methods were brought round.

At 4.45 an adjournment was made to the Co-operative Stores in Silver Street, where in the large hall an excellent tea was provided, at which about 120 sat down. When the tables had been cleared, the business part of the meeting was proceeded with. The chair was taken by the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln. In the course of his opening speech, after thanking the members of the Association for electing him as their President for the past year, the Dean applied to ringers generally the old quotation—"Oh that I had a hundred tongues, and a voice of iron." He reminded them of the important part which bells take on all occasion, both of festivity and sorrow; and said that Lincolnshire ought to be noted for its bell-ringing, considering the frequent references to bells in the great Lincolnshire poet's far-famed "In Memoriam," especially in the lines so well-known to all bell-ringers:

"Ring out the false, ring in the true."

When the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the report and balance-sheet for the past year were presented and passed. These shew the Association to be financially and otherwise in a very prosperous condition. In connection with the election of officers for the ensuing year, it was proposed by Mr. F. W. S. Butler (Gainsborough), on behalf of Mr. J. C. Tinker (Gainsborough), seconded by Mr. Hoyes (Lincoln), that an Assistant Secretary be appointed, resident in Lincoln, who shall, *ex-officio* be a member of the Committee.

As an amendment to this, Canon Andrews, rector of Claxby, moved that there be a General Secretary, and also a Local Secretary in each vice-presidency.

Mr. Hackney (Market Rasen) seconded, and Mr. Maidens (Lincoln) supported, and the amendment was carried.

On the proposition of Canon Andrews, the Dean was unanimously re-elected President. The other officers of the past year were also re-elected.

The Chairman then introduced the Rev. H. J. Elsee, President of the Lancashire Association, who had been invited to address the meeting.

After a brief summary of the proceedings at the recent meeting of the Central Council, Mr. Elsee pointed out three main objects of an association of bellringers. Firstly, to bring together clergy and ringers; Secondly, to bring before ringers a sense of their office as workers of the Church. He shewed that their was a danger lest ringers, through their interest in change-ringing, should forget that their art was to be used to the glory of God. The best remedy for this is to get the clergy interested in the ringers. The presence of the Dean at the meeting, and the fact that so many of the clergy of the diocese are honorary members shew that the clergy in Lincolnshire are interested; "but," he said, "make your clergy practical change-ringers, and then the ringers will take more interest in church work." As an instance to the point he spoke of a parish in which the clergyman took the trouble to learn change-ringing, and in consequence one at least of the churchwardens was taken from amongst the ringers. Thirdly, to improve the standard of ringing. This, the speaker said, was to be done by, 1: making round-ringers change-ringers; 2: patience with beginners. In this connection he said he had noticed with much pleasure a paragraph in the committee's report speaking of the great need of patience and sympathy on the part of older members in dealing with the difficulties and struggles of young ringers in learning the rudiments of our art; 3: learning a number of methods. He had noticed from the report that the ringers in one tower were far in advance of the rest in this respect, and he would like

to see a greater equality. He was glad to see that they had advanced so far, and were still making progress; he did not in the least wish to discourage them, but rather to rouse the others to a greater enthusiasm. As there are so many peals of six bells in the county he recommended the study of six bell-ringing, there being a great variety of six-bell methods to be learnt.

Canon Andrews, supported by Mr. Chester (Lincoln), then moved the following resolution: "That instead of four quarterly meetings there be a General Meeting in April, which shall be the Annual Meeting at Lincoln, and another meeting in October in the vice-presidencies in turn. Also that in each vice-presidency there shall be at least one District Meeting in each half-year."

Mr. Skinner (Waltham), moved an amendment, but found no second, and so Canon Andrew's resolution was carried.

It was afterwards decided that the October meeting be held at Market Rasen this year.

The Chairman then proposed "that the members of this Association respectfully tender to the family of the late Canon Venables their sincere and heartfelt sympathy, and desire to express their great sorrow at the death of the late Precentor, and also their heartiest appreciation of the unceasing interest shown by him for many years in the work of the Association and its individual members."

This was unanimously carried.

On the motion of Mr. Chester, seconded by Mr. Skinner, ten shillings was voted for providing an Instructor for the Timberland society.

Mr. Hoyes spoke of the great interest which was added to such a gathering by any opportunities of practical ringing, and proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter and incumbents of the different churches for the use of the bells.

Mr. Tinker seconded, and it was carried.

One honorary, ten efficient, eleven probationary, and four non-resident life members were elected.

Mr. Skinner, seconded by Mr. Ladd (Gainsborough), proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean for presiding, which was unanimously carried.

Mr. Watson (Lincoln), seconded by Mr. Lindoff (Lincoln), proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Elsee for his capital and helpful speech, which was carried by acclamation.

When Mr. Elsee had briefly responded, the members dispersed to the different towers, and numerous well-struck touches in various methods, brought a most successful gathering to a close.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWBURY BRANCH.—A step in the right direction was made by this branch on Saturday afternoon, May 4th, when the first of a series of meetings was held at Thatcham, and was attended by members from Newbury and Compton, also by nine local men. A very pleasant time was spent, and the meeting was a distinct success, both from a campanological and social point of view. Touches of Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Oxford and Plain Bob were rung, and at 5.30 nineteen sat down to an excellent meat tea, provided by host Williams, of The White Hart. After tea remarks were made by several members, who expressed themselves as satisfied with the day's proceedings, and hoped the meetings arranged to be held in each tower in the branch would be well attended. It was the unanimous opinion that Hungerford be the next tower visited. A return to the tower and more ringing concluded the day's proceedings.

RESULT OF THE JOHN COLLINS' BENEFIT DRAW.

Mr. Thomas Stead, Chairman of the committee, writes: "Now that the benefit draw for Mr. John Collins has drawn to a close the committee wish to thank all who have in any way contributed to its successful issue, and to say that they are more than pleased with the result, and as perhaps those who have contributed and bought tickets would like to know the result of their and our labours, I append it and also the destination of the prizes. We had the satisfaction, after paying all expenses, to hand over to Mr. Collins the sum of £36 10s. 0d. The prizes were won and have been sent to the following towns: Newcastle, Huddersfield, Oldham, Uppermill, Lincoln, Leeds, Bradford, Birmingham, Lepton, Rawmarsh, Woodlesford, Bacup, Hull, and Hillhouse.

THE LATE SQUIRE PROCTOR, AND THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Friday evening, March 29th, at the usual practice, a half-muffled peal was rung by members of this society at the church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, as a token of respect to the memory of the above-mentioned celebrated ringer, who had been a member of the above society for just upon sixty-nine years. The performance took place amid the solemnity befitting the occasion, which consisted of the usual whole pull and stand, and was followed by touches of Stedman Cinques.

As has been truly stated more than once, the Squire was at the head of the pioneer band of Surprise method ringers, and this band for many years would ring Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise, etc., for Divine Service on Sundays, just as regular as other bands would ring plain methods.

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His name it is thought, should be perpetuated in some befitting way, and the Central Council is going the right way in such a direction by taking this matter in hand.

As almost everything is interesting concerning the early doings of such an old veteran ringer as the late Squire, the following has been extracted from the records of the society above-mentioned, to show the date of membership, etc.

The Autograph and Name Book. Leonard Proctor—1836. Peal Book—No. 2.—On January 30, 1838, at Bennington, Hertfordshire, the following members of this Society rang a peal of Grandsire Triples, 2 hours 50 minutes, containing 5040 changes, on the bells of this church. Edmond Giles, *Treble*; Charlson Wilson, 2; William Lobb, 3; John Whiteing, 4; William Ludpid, 5; William Killick, 6; A. G. Frost, 7; Leonard Proctor, *Tenor*. Conducted by Edmond Giles.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WIRRAL BRANCH.—The monthly meeting of this branch was held on Saturday, May 4th, at Bromborough. About twenty members were present from the Bromborough, Eastham, Bebington, West Kirby, and Woodchurch towers; also the rector of Bromborough (Rev. E. D. Green, who presided and gave the tea), three honorary members, and the secretary. The beautiful peal of eight, which cannot be surpassed in the district, began to give out their melodious notes soon after four o'clock, and several well-struck touches were rung under the careful guidance of the well-known J. D. up to a late hour by mixed bands, amongst which may be mentioned 477 of Grandsire Triples, 560 Bob Major, and 504 Bob Triples. The welcome "stand" was called at 6 p.m, when they repaired to the schoolroom where they found a sumptuous repast, and the genial rector, who gave them a hearty welcome, and to whom a most cordial vote of thanks was passed for his hospitality. The principal business of the meeting was the enrolment of three honorary members. At the conclusion of the meeting the three new members ascended the tower to witness the ringing.

NOTE TO THE PEAL AT BATTERSEA.—The ringers of the peal at Battersea, on Saturday, the 18th inst., and the members of the Swallow Minstrel Troupe were most hospitably entertained to supper that evening by Mr. H. S. Thomas and Mr. H. A. Hopkins, at the St. Mary's schoolroom. After a very substantial meal, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Hopkins in brief speeches expressed the great pleasure it gave them in entertaining the friends there assembled. Mr. Pettit, on behalf of the ringers, suitably responded, and an excellent programme was then given by the Swallow Troupe, a body of vocalists of which Mr. Thomas, as president, is to be sincerely congratulated. Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells by Messrs. Pettit, Newton, Hopkins, and Hayes.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION.—A very successful meeting of this Association was held at East Grinstead on Saturday, April 27th, and was well attended by members from Brighton (St. Peter's), Crawley, Chichester, Hastings, Lindfield, London, and the local company, amongst those present being G. F. Attree, Esq. (Master of the Association), Messrs. Williams (Brighton), Parker (Crawley), Waghorn, sen. (London), and S. Saker (Hastings). During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Cambridge, Superlative, and London Surprise Major, were successfully brought round, and produced splendid music from this exceptionally good-toned ring of eight, tenor 25 cwt. The usual tea and business meeting was attended by twenty-three members, the Rev. D. Y. Blakiston, M.A., vicar of East Grinstead taking the chair, supported by G. F. Attree, Esq. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, and four new members duly elected (Christ Church, Eastbourne, 3; Crawley, 1), Mr. Attree thanked the vicar for honouring the meeting with his presence and for the use of the bells; also Mr. Huggett, the local secretary, for having everything in readiness and arranging for the tea. During his usually well-chosen remarks, Mr. Attree stated he was sorry to find that change-ringing did not seem to flourish at East Grinstead; he considered the bells were the best ring of eight in Sussex, and they went well, the only fault he had to find being that they were sadly in need of new ropes. The Rev. D. Y. Blakiston replied that he was very pleased indeed to welcome the ringers and to hear their ringing. He would with very much pleasure pass on to the churchwardens Mr. Attree's remarks about the ropes, and he was sure that the defect would soon be remedied. A return to the tower was then made, and a very enjoyable meeting terminated at 9 p.m.

Central Council Correspondence.

STR.—In your report of the proceedings at the recent meeting of the Council, you record that Mr. Attree gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that they meet annually in Whitsun-week rather than in Easter-week. I fully expected to find in your current issue some correspondence welcoming the proposal, and I venture to predict that it will be carried *nem. con.*, as Easter week is, to my mind, if possible, the most unsuitable week in the year to have a regular meeting of Churchmen away from their several parishes. It must be extremely inconvenient to many members of the Council, as well among the laity as the clergy, and for those of the latter who are parish priests well nigh impossible, to be away at the time of the annual vestry meeting. Further than this, our clerical brethren may well plead to be excused from a possibly long and tedious journey, coming immediately after the conclusion of the arduous work of the latter part of the Lenten fast, upon business which may be as well done at any other period of the year.

JNO. C. MITCHELL.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Sunday evening, April 28th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 1120 Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. W. Jordan (conductor), 1; A. Gordon, 2; W. Gordon, jun., 3; J. Gratrix, 4; J. Brockbank, 5; E. Cash, 6; W. Hesketh, 7; A. Sidebottom, 8. Longest length by the ringer of the 7th. The 4th, 5th, and 6th ringers hail from Swinton; the rest are the local band.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, April 28th, at the church of St. Giles, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 47 mins, composed by the Editor. G. Goodchild, 1; S. Dace, 2; W. Johnson (conductor), 3; J. Adams, 4; V. H. Wilkins (Birmingham), 5; S. Allport, 6; J. Appleby, 7; M. Kibble, 8. Rang at the first attempt. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qrs. in G.

WIMBLEDON (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, April 30th, for practice at the church of St. Mary, 720 Plain Bob Minor (eighteen bobs two singles). G. Byete, 1; N. Moss, 2; F. M. Butler, 3; J. Parker, 4; W. Weatherstone, 5; S. Frost, 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Byde, 1; F. M. Butler, 2; O. Byde, 3; J. Parker, 4; S. Frost, 5; W. Weatherstone (conductor, Greenwich), 6.

THE LONG PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE AT CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

[Vide Photograph.]

Treble.—EDWIN JORDAN.—This ringer kindly took the treble at the last minute, although he is quite capable of ringing any other bell. He was born at Capel on October 16th, 1850, and began ringing in 1872, at that time there being only five bells, but through him, his brothers, and friends, the money was subscribed, and a new treble was added in 1876, and on the first anniversary of the opening of the treble, they rang their first 5040 in three different methods. Since then he has taken part in 55 peals in the following methods: Grandsire Triples, 4; Stedman Triples, 5; Bob Major, 1; Double Oxford Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob, 9, conducted 1; Oxford Treble Bob, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 5; on six bells, 22, conducted 3. The above includes the first 5040 in seven Surprise methods rung in the south of England, 10,080 in fourteen different methods, of which nine were Surprise, 10,176 of Kent Treble Bob, and 9312 of Superlative Surprise. He is a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and the Sussex County and Surrey Associations.

2.—JOHN RICE.—Born on October 1st, 1871, but knew nothing of ringing until 1891, when the present Crawley band commenced. He chanced to come into the tower and saw them ringing, and on being asked if he could ring, he replied "I think I can," and so he was offered a rope, but on taking the rope he found it was not so easy as it appeared to him; but nothing daunted he must have another try, and after a few practices he was able to ring rounds, and on October 31st in the same year he rang his first peal, the treble to a peal of Grandsire Triples. Since then he has rung thirty-seven peals as follows: Grandsire Triples, 4; Court Bob Triples, 1; Plain Bob Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 4; Bob Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob, 4; Superlative Surprise Major, 17; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; New Cumberland Surprise, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 1; Alliance Major, 1; on six bells, 1. He is a member of the Sussex County and Surrey Associations.

3.—ALFRED D. MILLS.—Born at Capel on July 1st, 1866. He first learned to ring with the Capel band in 1884, and rang his first peal in January 1886, in seven Treble Bob methods, and after then rang in most of their notable performances. He came to reside at Crawley in 1893, and rang his first peals of Stedman and Double Norwich within a month. Altogether he has rung about sixty peals, but has kept no record. They were rang in the following methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford and Court Bob Triples, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Double Oxford, and Canterbury Pleasure Major, Superlative, Cambridge, and New Cumberland Surprise Major, and Alliance Major. He was also in the 10,080 at Capel; 10,176 at Warnham; and the 9312 of Superlative at Crawley. He is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Sussex County and Surrey Associations.

4.—WILLIAM WARD.—Born at Ardingley on May 25th, 1869. His parents removed to Crawley when he was about fourteen years of age. He was always fond of bells, and learned to ring with the old Crawley band when he was only sixteen. He rang his first peal, 5040 of Grandsire Triples with them in November 1888, and after that the band broke up, and it was not till 1891 when the present band was formed, that he really commenced peal-ringing, and up to the present he has rung thirty peals, twenty-nine of which he has rang at Crawley, the remaining one was rung in London, and are made up as follows: Grandsire Triples, 5; Stedman, 3; Plain Bob, 1; Court Bob, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 5; Double Norwich, 2; Superlative Surprise, 10; Cambridge Surprise, 1; New Cumberland Surprise, 1; Alliance Major, 1. Besides taking keen interest in ringing, he is a first-rate musician, being one of the first cornet players in the town band, which takes up a good deal of his time. He is a member of the Sussex County Association.

5.—FREDERICK DENCH.—This ringer is the youngest of the band. He was born at Worth on June 19th, 1875, so he is not yet twenty years of age. He was always very fond of bells, and when but a schoolboy he used to go on Sundays to help to chime the six bells for service, and soon after found his way

into the belfry on the ringers' practice-nights. This was his first steps in ringing, and was in January 1891, and in November of the same year he rang his first 720 of Bob Minor. After that he joined the Crawley band, and on February 28th, 1892, he rang his first peal on eight bells, a peal of Court Bob Triples, and since then he has rang the following: Grandsire Triples, 2; Stedman, 4; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 2; Alliance Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 18, Cambridge Surprise, 1; New Cumberland Surprise, 1; on six bells, 3; total, 35. Besides ringing he has gone in for composing, and has thoroughly mastered composing and proving of Treble Bob. He is a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, Winchester Diocesan Guild, and the Sussex County and Surrey Associations.

6.—ROBERT JORDAN.—This ringer is also a native of Capel, Surrey, being one of the well-known six-bell ringers of that village. He was born on June 28th, 1856, and first learned to ring with his brothers at Capel, and rang his first peal with them in January 1886. He came to reside at Crawley in 1890, and when the present band was formed he was one of the first to join, and he has rang eighty-seven peals in the following methods: Grandsire Triples, 9; Stedman, 8; Court Bob, 2; Canterbury Pleasure, 1; Plain Bob, 2; Bob Major, 3; Double Oxford, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 10; Alliance Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob, 12; Superlative Surprise Major, 14; Cambridge Surprise, 1; New Cumberland Surprise, 1; on six bells, 22. The above includes the first 5040 in seven Surprise methods at Capel, and the 10,080 in fourteen methods, and 9312 of Superlative. He is a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and the Sussex County Association.

7.—JAMES PARKER.—As nearly all know that this ringer had the honour to conduct the peal, and this being the second time his portrait has appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" within twelve months, very little need be said about him. He has rung altogether seventy-nine peals, and has conducted thirty-eight of that number. He had the pleasure of conducting the first peal of Superlative Surprise by the Surrey Association, and composed and conducted the first peal of Alliance Major ever rung. He is a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, Winchester Diocesan Guild, Sussex County, North Lincolnshire and Surrey Associations, and a member of the Central Council.

Tenor.—FREDERICK W. RICE.—This ringer is a native of Worth, an adjoining parish to Crawley, and is thirty-three years of age. He first began ringing with the old Worth band, but soon found that they were not masters of the Art of change-ringing, so he had to go to the adjoining parishes to get his knowledge, and after a few years he managed to drive the old band out, and get a young band to take possession of the tower, and he rang his first two peals at Warnham, viz., Oxford Bob Triples on November 20th, and Grandsire Triples on November 21st, 1886. He had belonged to the old Crawley band for several years, and when the present band started, he was glad to get back on a peal of eight, and his favourite place is on the tenor box in Superlative. He has rung more peals than any of the band, viz., 90, in the following methods: Grandsire Triples, 13; Stedman Triples, 8; Court Bob, 3; Canterbury, 2; Plain Bob, 2; Union Triples, 1; Oxford Bob, 1; Bob Major, 2; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 1; Double Norwich, 11; Kent Treble Bob, 14; Oxford Bob Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 15; Cambridge Surprise, 1; New Cumberland Surprise, 1; Alliance Major, 1. The above include 6720 Canterbury Pleasure Major, 10,176 Treble Bob, and 9312 of Superlative. He is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Winchester Diocesan Guild, the Sussex County and Surrey Associations.

SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Wednesday, May 1st, the Bishop of Peterborough formally started a very fine new clock at Shepshed church. It has one large dial, strikes the hours and plays the Westminster chimes. The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who have just been commissioned to make a clock and chimes for Hooton Pagnell church, near Doncaster.

EDWIN JORDAN.

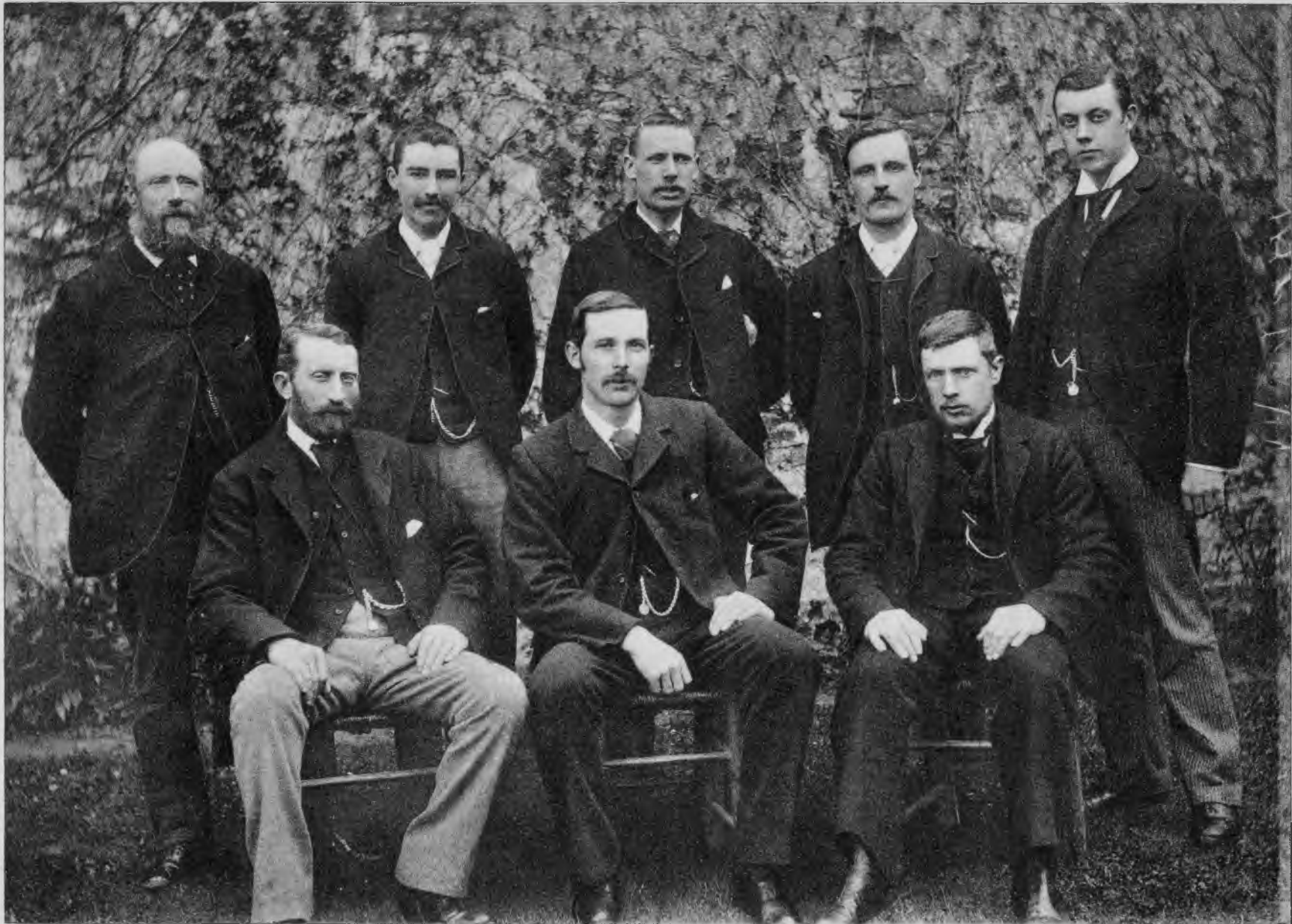
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Notices.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of this Society will be held at Armley, Christ Church (six bells), to-day, Saturday, May 25th. A peal will be attempted at 2 p.m. Meeting house, The Barley Corn inn, Town street.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*
3, Dame Street, Hogg's Field, Holbeck.

The Cheltenham and District Guild.—The annual dinner of this Guild will take place on Tuesday, May 28th, at The Sydney Arms hotel, Pittville street, at 7 p.m. Tickets, 2s. 3d. each, which can be obtained of A. N. Humphris, Uckington, near Cross Hands; W. T. Pates, Tudor House, Hewlett Road; F. Musty, 23, Princes Street; and W. Townsend, Leckhampton village. The tower of St. Mary, ten bells, will be open at 6 p.m., where all ringers will be cordially welcomed.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Heath, on Saturday, June 1st. Tea at 5 p.m., business meeting afterwards. All members requested to attend, if possible, to arrange for September meeting.
T. ALLIBONE, *Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Norton, on Saturday next, June 1st. Members intending to be present must send notice to Mr. E. Glover, Dog Croft, Smallthorne, not later than Wednesday, May 29th. There will also be a meeting at Hanley, on Whitsun-Monday, June 3rd. Members intending to be present must send notice to Mr. Mountford, 1, High street, Hanley.

REV. J. W. ALSTON, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. TWIGG, }

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting of this branch will be held on Saturday, June 1st, at St. Mary's church, Grassendale. Ringing at 3, business meeting at 6 o'clock.

ALFRED G. NICHOLSON, *Branch Sec.*
30, Upper Stanhope Street, Liverpool, S.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Helmshore on Saturday, June 1st. Bells ready at 3.30, meeting at 6 o'clock.

J. B. TAYLOR, *Branch Sec.*
7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held in the schoolroom, Woodchurch, on Saturday next, June 1st. Tea at 6 p.m. (free), Tower open from 3 p.m. Members who intend to be present are requested to send notice not later than Monday, May 27th, to

F. R. T. BOLTON, *Hon. Sec.*
Brasside, West Kirby.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—A meeting will be held at Consett, on Whit-Monday, June 3rd. Committee meeting at 12 noon, and Dinner at 1 p.m. at The Royal Hotel, Blackhill. Members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d. each. The bells of Consett, Benfieldside, and Lanchester will be at the disposal of members during the day. Members intending to be present, please reply on or before May 30th, to

THOMAS HUDSON, *Hon. Sec.*
314, High Street West, Sunderland.

Archdeaconry of Salop Guild.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Whit-Monday, June 3rd. Ringing at 11 a.m., and at other churches in the afternoon. Business meeting at Mid-day.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*
Leaton Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The Devon Guild.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday, June 3rd, at Ilfracombe. Tea at Girls' schoolroom near the parish church at 4.30; meeting at parish church at 5.15; service at 6 p.m. Grants of 2s. 6d. per member attending the meeting will be made for travelling expenses. Excursion tickets for return journey, of 3s. 6d. each, will be issued from Exeter by trains leaving Queen Street at 8.35 a.m., and for bands living east of Exeter by that leaving at 9.32 a.m., if notice is given to Secretary by May 20th. Journey may be broken at Barnstaple, Braunton, and Morthoe. Permission has been obtained to ring at Ilfracombe parish church (8 bells), Braunton parish church (8 bells), West Dower, four miles from Ilfracombe, 6 bells, and Berry Harbor, three miles from Ilfracombe, 6. Conveyances can be obtained at Ilfracombe for West Dower and Berry Harbor, but members must make their own arrangements for them. Please inform me at once if you intend to be present at tea.
MAITLAND KELLY, *Hon. Sec.*

Ottery St. Mary.

The South and West Middlesex Association.—The anniversary meeting of this Association will be held on Whitsun-Monday, at Hillingdon and St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, Uxbridge. The arrangements will be as follows: 10 a.m., Ringing at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon; 12 noon, Service in St. Andrew's church; 1.30 p.m., Luncheon in St. Andrew's schoolroom; 5 p.m., Tea. There will be ringing after luncheon and tea. The cost of the luncheon will be 1s. 6d. each, and the tea 6. Members of the Association may bring their friends. All those who intend to be present should let the Secretary know without delay.

E. J. WALSON, *Hon. Sec.*
1, Kerrison Villas, The Park, Ealing.

Kent County Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at Faversham on Whitsun-Monday, June 3rd. Committee meeting at 11.30 a.m. The annual service in Faversham parish church, 12.30 p.m. Address by Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Vicar of Milton, Sittingbourne. Dinner in the Drill Hall, Preston street, at 1.30 p.m. Application for Dinner Tickets to be made to the Hon. Sec. before May 30th. Towers open for ringing: Faversham (8), Ospringe (8), Boughton (8), Hernhill (8), Sittingbourne (8), Teynham (6).

FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*
Green Court, Canterbury.

The North Notts. Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Worksop, on Whit-Monday, June 3rd. Divine Service at Worksop Priory church at 2.30 p.m., with sermon by Rev. H. Cowgill, vicar of Shireoaks. The general meeting of all members of the Association will take place immediately after Divine Service, at the Girls' School. Tea at 4.30 at Town Hall. Towers should inform Mr. Barrowcliff, Rectory Infant School, Worksop, of expected number of members, not later than Wednesday, May 29th. The belfry of the Priory church, Worksop, will be open for ringing (except during the time of Divine Service), throughout the day. Each company will be limited to 30 minutes' ringing at a time.

HENRY T. SLODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford, on Whit-Monday, June 3rd. Divine Service at St. Mary's church, at 11.0 a.m. Preacher, Rev. H. A. Lake, Rector of Chelmsford. Business meeting at 12.0 p.m., in the Charity School. Dinner at 1.30. Tickets price 1s. each to members who signify beforehand their intention to be present. The towers of St. Mary's, Chelms-

ford (10 bells), Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Springfield (6), and Boreham (6) will be open for ringing during the day except from 11 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. Return tickets for the day to Chelmsford at reduced fares will be issued by the G.E.R. The receipt for the current year's subscription must be shown at the booking office; and notice must be sent to me, or to the Assistant-Secretary (Rev. H. T. Eyre, Great Totham, Witham), on or before Wednesday, May 29th, from what Station members propose to start. Tickets issued from Liverpool Street will be available from Saturday to Monday.

T. L. PAPHILLON, *Hon. Sec.*

Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford.

Sussex County Association.—This annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday, June 3rd, at Brighton. Towers of St. Peter and St. Nicholas open for ringing at 9 a.m. Special service, with address, in St. Peter's, at 12. Dinner in the Royal Pavillion at 1 p.m., business meeting at 2 p.m. Towers closed at 9 p.m. All members should make an effort to attend. Names to be sent by local secretaries on or before May 30th.

REV. J. W. G. LODER-COTHER, *Hon. Sec.*
Yapton Vicarage, Arundel.

Raunds, Wellingborough and District Association.—By consent of the Rev. B. R. Wilson, the annual meeting will be held at the parish church, Kettering, on Whit-Monday. Divine Service at 1 p.m. Dinner followed by business meeting 2 p.m. The ring of eight bells (tenor, 24 cwt. in D) open for ringing from 8.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*
Wellingborough.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Quarterly meeting at Micheldean, on Tuesday in Whitsun week, June 4th. Short service at parish church, 11.30, address by the Rector, Rev. A. J. Maclean, M.A. Dinner at The George hotel at 1 p.m., 2s. 6d. per head. Notice to be sent to Hon. Secretary on or before the 29th inst., to ensure reduced price dinner ticket. Station, Micheldean Road. Trains from Bristol 7.40, Cheltenham 9.25, Gloucester 9.45, arriving 10.17. Departure 7.11 and 9.29.
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St. Michael's Rectory, Gloucester.

The Yorkshire Association.—Owing to the Whitsuntide holidays, the next general meeting will be held at Saddleshworth on Saturday, June 15th, instead of June 1st, as in the ordinary course. Circulars in due time.

B. T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at Sandal on Saturday, June 15th, at 5 p.m., when any proposed alterations of the rules or additions may be submitted to the chairman in writing. Meeting house, Castle inn. GEO. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*
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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1895.

The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 18, 1895, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt. in Eb.

BENJAMIN FOSKETT Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS 5.
HENRY DAINS 2.	ALBERT PITTAM 6.
GEORGE SMITH 3.	ARTHUR JACOB 7.
JAMES HANNINGTON 4.	GEORGE NEWSON Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by GEORGE NEWSON.

This is the first peal in the method by all the band except the composer, and first in the method on the bells. The composition is in two parts, and a the original upon that plan in this method.

Messrs. Jameson and Hayworth of the College Youths, and Messrs. Harvey and Barry of the Cumberlands, with others, heard most of the peal. Very few of any other band have gone into practice of this intricate method in London and certainly this is the first to achieve success. The ringers hereby tender their best thanks to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells. A tablet worthy of such a performance should adorn the walls of the belfry.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, May 18, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES PETITT Treble.	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. 5.
HENRY SWAIN 2.	HENRY R. NEWTON 6.
HENRY A. HOPKINS 3.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 7.
JOHN M. HAYES 4.	GEORGE CHESTERMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

This peal is a variation of Brooks' by N. J. Firchow, with 5-6-7 at home every quarter-peal. A note to this peal will be found on another page.

The Provinces.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 15, 1895, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

EDGAR WIGHTMAN Treble.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 5.
HARRY LAST 2.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, SEN. 6.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN.. .. 7.
GEORGE THURLOW 4.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by A. W. BRIGHTON.

This composition is a three-part, and contains the 6th six courses each way in 5-6, and all the 8-6-7s and 6-7-8s, and was first rung at Great Marlow, Bucks, conducted by J. C. Truss, jun., on March 9th, 1895. The Messrs. Wightman hail from Cretingham; Last and Thurlow are local men; and A. W. Brighton from Norwich.

LONG EATON DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LONG EATON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 18, 1895, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SHIPWAY'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES HARRISON Treble.	WILLIAM HEXTER 5.
WALTER R. HEXTER 2.	JOSEPH FOXON 6.
JOHN R. WARE 3.	*JOSEPH BAILEY 7.
ARTHUR RICKETTS 4.	FREDERICK C. WICKS .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH BAILEY.

*First peal as conductor.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE AND THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, May 18, 1895, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN WORTHINGTON Treble.	SAMUEL SMEDLEY 5.
WILLIAM PRICE 2.	HENRY MOTTERSHELL .. 6.
SAMUEL PRICE 3.	ARTHUR WORTHINGTON .. 7.
WILLIAM DAFFIN 4.	HERBERT MADIN Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS and Conducted by HERBERT MADIN.

W. Price hails from Eckington; the rest belong to the local company.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

WILLIAM STORY Treble.	EMMETT W. J. LINCOLN.. 5.
WILLIAM HOLMES 2.	EDWIN J. TITT 6.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN.. .. 3.	FREDK. J. HARRISON.. .. 7.
EDWARD WALLIS 4.	HUGH D. DALL.. .. . Tenor.

Composed by J. PLATT and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

E. J. Titt hails from South Church.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 18, 1895, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. DIXON .. Treble.	EDWIN WHEATER 5.
JOHN SUNDERLAND 2.	JOHN THACKRAY.. .. . 6.
THOMAS M. THOMPSON .. 3.	FREDERICK HARGREAVES.. 7.
SIDNEY CLARK 4.	THOMAS B. KENDALL .. Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY and Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

Clark hails from Bradford; Wheater from Tong; Thackray from Armley; Hargreaves from Drighlington; Kendall from Shipley; Dixon, Sunderland, and Thompson belong to the local company.

CAVERSHAM OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 18, 1895, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY SIMMONDS Treble.	GEORGE ESSEX 5.
JOSEPH HANDS 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
EDWIN MENDAY.. .. . 3.	HENRY SMITH 7.
ERNEST W. MENDAY .. 4.	THOMAS NEWMAN Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW and Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH)

On Saturday, May 18, 1895, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY MASON Treble.	GEORGE WALKER 5.
JAMES JONES 2.	JAMES GEORGE 6.
JOHN CARTER 3.	JAMES GROVES 7.
W. ROCK SMALL.. .. . 4.	JOHN T. PERRY Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob ever rung upon the bells, and was rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Edwin Bruecton, churchwarden of the above church for the long period of twenty-three years and was highly respected throughout the town and neighbourhood as an earnest church worker, and who was laid to rest in the family vault in the churchyard, only a few yards from the tower where the peal was rung.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 19, 1895, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD DUNN† Treble.	†GEORGE DURLING 5.
HENRY WOOD* 2.	HAROLD N. DAVIS 6.
WALTER INGHAM 3.	ARTHUR J. NEALE 7.
ISAAC EMERY 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

*First peal of Major and hails from Rodmersham. †First peal in the method and hails from Bromley, Kent.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 20, 1895, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE EXERCISE MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HARRY WESTON.. .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.
GEORGE BAKER 2.	JAMES N. FROSSEL 6.
GEORGE SMART 3.	EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 7.
GEORGE A. KING 4.	GEORGE F. ATTREE Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. ATTREE.

The above peal is the one given in the *Clavis*, and is the first in the method rung in Sussex and by the whole band.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 21, 1895, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

HENRY STRINGER Treble.	WILLIAM J. ALLISS 5.
ALBERT GROVES.. .. . 2.	WILLIAM HILLMAN 6.
LAZARUS PAYNE.. .. . 3.	ALFRED W. GROVES.. .. 7.
GEORGE PAYNE 4.	CHARLES TYLER.. .. . Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

First peal by all in the method except the conductor, and first peal of Double Norwich on the bells. The above composition has the 4th and 6th each twenty-two course-ends in 6ths.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 21, 1895, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL BOB OF TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THOMAS ANTHONY Treble.	JOHN HOWE 5.
WILLIAM H. POYSER .. 2.	LOUIS LOMAS 6.
JOHN W. THOMPSON .. 3.	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 7.
JOHN NEWBOLD 4.	EDMUND WILLIS Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, Chesterfield, and Conducted by ALBERT E. THOMPSON.

This peal is in six equal parts, and is now rung for the first time.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 21, 1895, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 27 cwt.

JOE HARDCASTLE Treble.	HARRY PAYNE 6.
SIDNEY C. CLARK 2.	*JAMES W. MAWSON 7.
THOMAS B. KENDALL* .. 3.	JOSEPH BROADLEY 8.
GEORGE TITTERINGTON* .. 4.	JAMES COTTERILL 9.
HARRY RAISTRICK 5.	*JOHN WOTTON Tenor

Composed by W. BOOTH, Sheffield, and Conducted by JAMES COTTERILL.

*First peal on ten bells. T. B. Kendall hails from Shipley, the rest belong to the local company. This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Abraham Moulson, who was a ringer at the above church nearly half a century.

PEAL CORRECTION.—Mr. T. Bettison of Killamarsh writes: "The time for peal rung at Anston, and published in your last issue should have been two hours and fifty-five minutes, and not three hours and fifty-five minutes as published."

Miscellaneous.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

ORMSKIRK (Lancashire).—On Monday, April 29th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. J. Prescott, 1; J. Sholicar, 2; J. Taylor, 3; W. Bentham, 4; P. H. Harvey, 5; J. Watts, 6; G. Prescott, 7; T. Martland, 8. Conducted by J. Taylor, Christ Church, Aughton, and was rung as a mark of respect to Mr. R. Coombs (who is a ringer at Ormskirk church), who had that day been married to Miss S. Prescott.

GREAT CROSBY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, April 28th, for Divine Service, at St. Luke's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. W. Hale, 1; G. Voas, 2; J. Sephton, 3; S. Hoppood, 4; P. Mawdsley, 5; J. Hale (conductor), 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SITTINGBOURNE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, April 28th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins. H. Scattergood, 1; H. Tidy, 2; G. Elliot, 3; H. Kite, 4; G. A. Ransom, 5; T. J. Jarrett, 6; H. E. Simpson (conductor), 7; F. Shed, 8.

ASHFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, April 28th, for morning service at the parish church 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-eight bobs twenty-two singles), in 27 mins., with 6-8 covering. F. Chapman, 1; E. Dyson, 2; H. N. Horton, 3; G. Head, 4; T. Tobrett, 5; A. Collins, 6; A. J. Dyson (conductor), 7; F. Beeken, 8. And for evening service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (twenty-six singles), in 27 mins., with 6-8 covering. J. Chapman, 1; E. Dyson, 2; H. N. Horton, 3; G. Head, 4; A. J. Dyson (conductor), 5; W. Ansell, 6; T. Tabrett, 7; A. Collins, 8.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, April 28th, for service, 504 Stedman Triples. A. V. Selby, 1; H. J. Selby, 2; W. J. Collison, 3; G. B. Selby, 4; G. Steer, 5; J. Heath, 6; E. R. J. Dunk (conductor), 7; D. Ashdown, 8. First in the method by all except the ringers of the 3rd and 7th. E. R. J. Dunk's first as conductor. W. J. Collison hails from Edenbridge.

CANTERBURY.—On Sunday afternoon, April 21st, at St. Dunstan's church, for men's service, 720 Bob Minor (thirty singles six bobs), in 28 mins. A. T. Brett, 1; M. W. Pierce, 2; G. Sayer, 3; F. T. Marriott, 4; A. A. Saxby, 5; P. H. Pierce (conductor), 6. And at the church of St. Alphege, on Sunday evening, April 28th, 720 Bob Minor,

in 25 mins. G. G. Jenkins, 1; M. W. Pierce, 2; F. T. Marriott, 3; A. A. Saxby, 4; R. Goodbourn (Aldington), 5; P. H. Pierce (conductor), 6.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, April 28th, for evening service at Christ Church, 864 changes 720 Woodbine, and 72 each of Kent and Oxford. *M. Broadbest, 1; †F. Blackith, 2; B. Cowling, 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; Joe Thackray (conductor), 5; Jno. Thackray, 6. *Longest length on treble. †First 720 in the method. Rung on the anniversary of the birthday of Jno. Thackray, all wishing him many happy returns.

HULL (Yorks).—On Sunday, April 21st, at Holy Trinity church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. C. Jackson (composer), 1; T. Stockdale, 2; G. Marshall, 3; F. Merrison, 4; G. T. Miller, 5; D. W. Brown, 6; J. Dixey (conductor), 7; J. W. Dale, 8. This touch contains all the 6-7s at backstroke.

THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

LONDON.—On Sunday, April 28th, for evening service at St. Margaret's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1272 changes, in 47 mins. F. J. Pitts, 1; T. W. West, 2; F. G. Perrin, 3; J. E. Davis, 4; H. Beams, 5; H. Barton (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor), 6; A. R. Davis, 7; G. Daynes, 8; D. W. Griggs, 9; G. Bishop, 10. G. Daynes hails from Lewisham, and this is his first quarter-peal of Stedman Caters.

THE SALOP GUILD.

SHREWSBURY.—On the occasion of the re-opening of St. Mary's, on Thursday, April 25th, after rebuilding the church and spire, which was blown down in February, 1894, the following touches of Grandsire Triples were rung; 336 G. Burrows, 1; W. Taylor, 2; W. Griffiths, 3; T. Burd (conductor), 4; A. Espley, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; H. H. Hall, 7; W. Davies, 8. Also 350. T. Burd (conductor), 1; W. Taylor, 2; G. Burrows, 3; F. Taylor, 4; A. Espley, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; H. A. Hall, 7; J. Wynn, 8. And 168. A. Espley, 1; G. Taylor (age 14), 2; W. Griffiths, 3; W. Taylor, 4; F. Taylor, 5; C. F. Vickers, 6; H. A. Hall (conductor), 7; J. Wynn, 8. Also 420. T. Burd, 1; W. Taylor, 2; F. Taylor, 3; G. Burrows, 4; A. Espley, 5; H. A. Hall, 6; G. Byolin (conductor), 7; W. Davies, 8. Tenor 23 cwt. in E. On Monday, April 22nd, for practice at the church of St. Chad, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Wall, 1; G. Taylor, 2; W. Griffiths, 3; T. Burd (conductor), 4; A. Espley, 5; G. Burrows, 6; H. A. Hall, 7; A. Fullick, 8. Tenor 42 cwt. in C.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BEDMINSTER (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, April 21st, at St. Stephen's church, 600 Stedman Triples. W. A. Cave (longest touch), 1; C. H. Horton, 2; C. H. Gordon, 3; E. Duckham, 4; G. H. Colston, 5; C. E. D. Boutflower, 6; W. J. Hinton (conductor), 7; W. Colston, 8.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, April 21st, at St. Mary Redcliffe church, on the back eight, 384 Grandsire Major. G. Staddon, 1; G. H. Colston, 2; P. Came, 3; G. Daltry, 4; E. Duckham, 5; W. Emery, 6; F. Price, 7; W. J. Hinton (conductor), 8. And on Tuesday, April 23rd, at St. Stephen's church, 324 Stedman Caters. W. A. Cave, 1; C. H. Horton, 2; C. Millard, 3; C. H. Gordon, 4; H. Pring, 5; W. J. Hinton (conductor), 6; G. H. Colston, 7; F. Price, 8; W. Emery, 9; W. Colston, 10. And 288 Stedman Caters; H. Howell, 5; the others as before.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BALCOMBE (Sussex).—On Sunday, April 28th, 360 College Exercise. F. Streeter, 1; A. Gasson, 2; C. Holman, 3; R. Streeter, 4; J. Wedge, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6. And 720 Violet. F. Streeter, 1; A. Gasson, 2; C. Holman, 3; R. Streeter, 4; J. Gasson, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CRADLEY (Herefordshire).—On Sunday, April 21st, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. F. Smith, 1; H. Pritchard, 2; R. Trehern, 3; E. S. Kings, 4; C. Watkins, 5; C. Layton (conductor), 6.

MATHON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, April 28th, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 26 mins. F. Smith, 1; H. Pritchard, 2; C. Layton, 3; C. Watkins, 4; R. Trehern, 5; A. Layton (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. F. Smith, 1; S. Turner, 2; H. Pritchard, 3; A. Layton, 4; C. Layton, 5; C. Watkins (conductor), 6.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ATTLEBOROUGH (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, April 23rd, at the house of Mr. J. G. Miles, 720 St. Simon's Minor. J. G. Miles, A. Howes, 3-4; J. Howes (conductor), 5-6. Rung as a farewell touch to J. Howes, who has left the town for Kingston-on-Thames, much to the regret of this band, hopes being entertained by J. G. Miles, with J. Howes, in ringing their first handbell peal of Bob Major, with the Norwich Scholars before leaving, having on previous occasions succeeded in ringing 4058 changes. On Sunday morning, April 14th, at the church of St. Mary, at 7 a.m., an attempt was made for 720 of Minor, but after passing the half-way single, it had to be abandoned, owing to the action of the bells (*i.e.*) or frame. These bells, which have been silent for two years, have been entirely rebung, with the exception of the frame. Undoubtedly before these bells will go well, a new frame, with a ringing floor, will have to be added. E. Ettridge, 1; J. G. Miles (conductor), 2; J. Howes, 3; A. Howes, 4; S. Daniels, 5; J. Lawrence, 6. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

NORWICH.—Handbell Ringing.—On Friday, April 26th, being the anniversary of the 11 200 on handbells, an attempt was made for 5072 in the same method, but it came to grief after about 3000 changes had been rung. J. A. Trollop (composer and conductor), 1-2; G. F. Burton, 3-4; C. E. Borrett, 5-6; E. Francis, 7-8. Umpire, J. E. Burton.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Saturday, March 23rd, at the parish church, 768 and 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Newman, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; W. Dyer, 3; J. Nicholls, 4; J. Sadler, 5; W. Elliott, 6; E. W. Beckwith, 7; D. Elliott, jun., 8. On Sunday, March 24th, 784 Bob Major. H. Pye, 1; W. Elliott, 4; D. Elliott, sen., 6; rest as before. On Monday, April 1st, 336 Bob Major, 336 Canterbury Pleasure, 112 Double London Major. H. Pye, 1; J. Nicholls, 4; others as before. On Saturday, April 27th, 720 Yorkshire Court, 720 Woodbine. F. Newman, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; W. Dyer, 3; J. Sadler, 4; E. W. Beckwith, 5; D. Elliott, jun., 6. On Monday, April 29th, 1200 Minor, being 12-score each of New London, Kent, Double Court, Oxford, Plain Bob. J. Nicholls, 1; W. Dyer, 2; C. Norfolk, 3; J. Sadler, 4; E. W. Beckwith, 5; D. Elliott, jun. (conductor), 6. Tenor 22 cwt. in F.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks.).—On Sunday, April 28th, for Divine Service at St. Lawrence's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Sawyer, 1; G. Foxell, 2; J. F. Tarrant, 3; F. Watmore, 4; H. Tucker (first attempt as conductor), 5; C. Giles, 6; L. Rolfe, 7; J. Finns, 8.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Monday, April 22nd, at the parish church, for a wedding ceremony, 700 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 24 mins. A. E. Bassett, 1; T. Miles, 2; H. Pederick, 3; G. Pederick, 4; J. Easton, 5; W. Sanders, 6; H. Kenten (conductor), 7; T. Everett, 8. And after the service, 1260 Union Triples, taken from Johnson's twelve-part, in 42 mins. G. Pederick, 1; T. Miles (conductor), 2; H. Pederick, 3; A. E. Bassett, 4; J. Easton, 5; W. Sanders, 6; H. Kenten, 7; T. Everett, 8.

ARDLEIGH (Essex).—On Sunday, March 31st, 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering. W. Schofield, 1; G. M. Rashbrook (conductor), 2; F. Clements, 3; E. Abbott, 4; A. Feaner, 5; W. Bartlett, 6; W. Fenner, 7; J. Harrington, 8.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Monday evening, April 29th, at the church of St. Mary, 720 Plain Bob Doubles, with 6-8 covering. C. Heyling, 2; R. Thompson, 3; W. Andrews, 4; S. Hopton, 5; W. Yandall, 6; J. Morley (conductor), 7; W. Smith, 8. This is the longest length of Doubles by all except the conductor, and was rung as a birthday compliment to him.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Monday, April 1st, for practice at St. Peter's church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Scott, 1; G. Burch, 2; F. L. Bumpstead, 3; G. M. Rashbrook, 4; H. Mills, 5; W. Burch, 6. Conducted by J. Kittle. On Sunday, April 28th, for evening service, 882 Grandsire Triples. W. Hamey, 1; F. L. Bumpstead, 2; G. M. Rashbrook, 3; F. Rider, 4; W. Hazell, 5; W. J. Nevard, 6; C. H. Howard (conductor), 7; W. Burch, 8. Messrs. Nevard and Hazell hail from Bentley; Howard from Braintree.

GLODWICK (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, April 23rd, at St. Mark's church, for practice, 1036 of Grandsire Triples. J. Buckley, 1; A. Standsfield, 2; G. Dunkerley, 3; J. Taylor, 4; J. Greenwood, 5; A. Clegg (conductor), 6; E. Geary, 7; W. Rhodes, 8. Tenor 8½ cwt.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 5th, at All Saints, Fulham, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 48 mins. A. Ough, 1; E. H. Adams, 2;

J. Nichols, 3; F. T. Gover, 4; H. Adams, 5; T. H. Taffenden, 6; W. T. Elson, 7; E. P. O'Meara (conductor), 8; C. Charge (composer), 9; R. Burgess, 10.

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."

BRAINTREE SURPRISE.

SIR,—I noticed in your columns last week a paragraph to the effect that the new method, Braintree Surprise, as published a week previous, was false, and to detect the repetitions it stated compare third lead with twenty-fourth and fourteenth with twenty-third, and twenty-two repetitions were to be found in each case. As I sent the figures for publication, they having been given me by Mr. S. Hammond about ten years since, I should be obliged if Mr. Brooke would forward me the figures of the false changes, or publish the same in "THE BELL NEWS," as I am under the impression that the method will admit of the extent of Minor. I have pricked out the leads as given above, and fail to detect a single repetition. For calling a 720 I gave when the tenor is in the same position as in Bob Minor (of course I meant the original calling). Mr. Brooke adds to his paragraph for the 720 the tenor is called when behind, without the 5th. I always thought that was the way Bob Minor was called. What does Mr. Brooke mean by giving the calling for a 720 if it is not to be obtained in the method? He contradicts himself. First he says the method is false, and without suggesting any alteration in the construction of the same, he, by making use of other words, gives the calling for a 720 exactly as I give it.

C. H. HOWARD.

37, Bank Street, Braintree.

THE SIX-BELL PEAL QUESTION.

SIR,—In a letter in your issue of May 18th signed Arthur Craven, the statement is made that in almost all six-bell peals rung in the north, a whole pull of rounds is rung after each 720. I never heard of such a practice. Certainly it is not done in Durham and Newcastle. If such a performance should take place it would not be recorded as a 5040. I would like to know what grounds Mr. Craven has for his startling assertion.

THOMAS HUDSON.

314, High Street West, Sunderland.

SIR,—I was glad to see in last week's issue the right of seven method peals on six bells challenged. Not that I want to cast any reflection on our six-bell ringers whatever, for I think that a company of six-bell ringers ringing 720s of so many different methods is a feat worthy of acknowledgment. But suppose for instance that a company of ringers were ringing a peal of Triples, and they happened to have a change-course which might bring the bells into rounds. Some one of the company might say "we'll go on with the peal, theirs no one outside will detect it." But I will say that there is some one listening to it outside the tower and finds it out; why he would denounce the peal at once, because rounds would have come up in two different places, and then the peal would be false. As Mr. Craven pointed out there is only one round change in a peal, therefore I contend that peals on six-bells of seven 720s cannot be true and complete with rounds coming up so often. I hope we shall have the opinion of some other ringers on the subject. I think that it should have been settled by the Central Council instead of being left to the Exercise to be criticised.

Thomas Street, Leesfield, Lees, Lancashire.

E. B. SHAW.

THE HANDBELL PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH.

SIR,—We are very glad to see the article in to-day's "BELL NEWS" on the subject of the handbell peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, which was rung on February 23rd, 1891. As ringers of the other two pairs of bells in the peal, we fully endorse the account of it given by the Rev. H. Law James and his brother. We were both present at the recent meeting of the Central Council; but as Mr. Winnay's remarks were based on mere hearsay, and the limited time of the Council was wanted for important business, we did not think it fair to take up valuable minutes in explaining a matter which, as you justly say, "was quite out of place at the moment."

May 18, 1895.

A. H. F. BOGHEY.
C. A. CLEMENTS.

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W. H. GEORGE.—Your letter will appear next week. You intend it for publication, of course.

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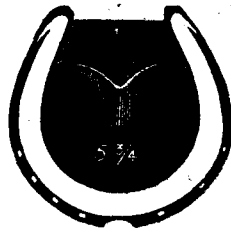
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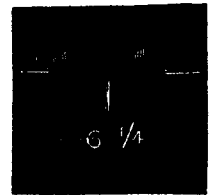


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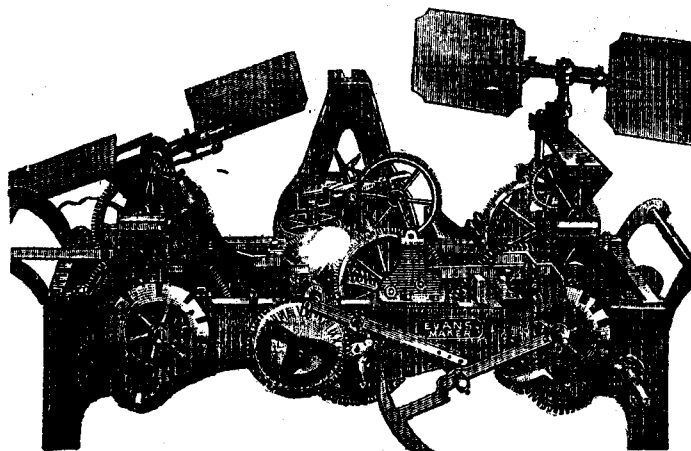
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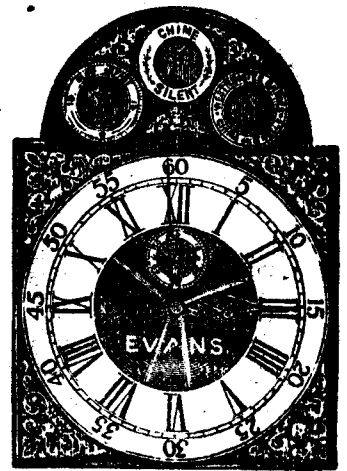
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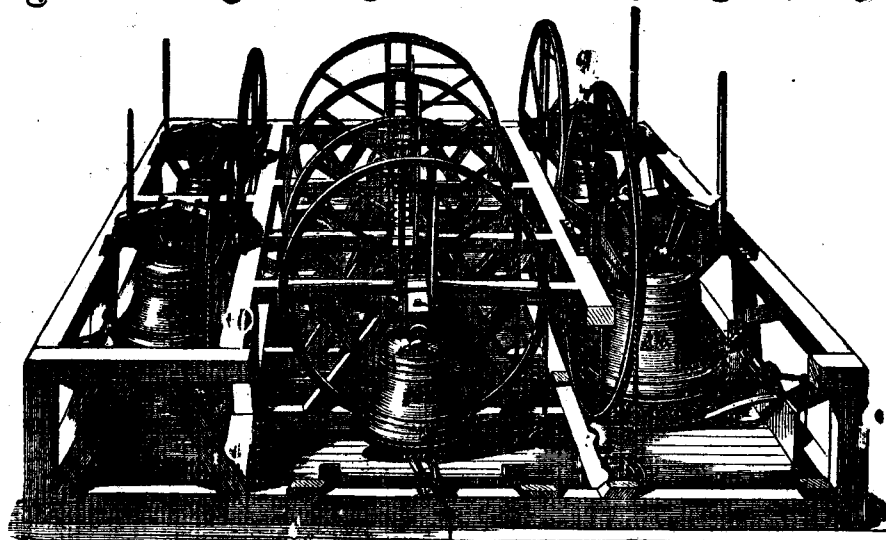
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