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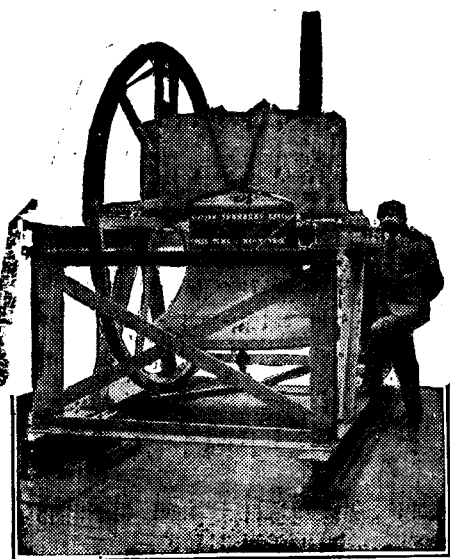
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CATALOGUE OF CERTAIN BOOKS AND MSS. CONNECTED WITH CHANGE-RINGING.

PART I.—TECHNICAL LITERATURE.

PREFATORY NOTE.

In compiling the following Draft of a briefly descriptive catalogue of the technical literature relating to change-ringing, which has been received by the Central Council as an instalment of the complete catalogue, an endeavour has been made to give such an historical account of the older and more generally inaccessible printed books and manuscripts as may enable any one to trace the sequence of the invention of methods. The form in which this information should be given has been to the compilers a subject of careful consideration, with the result that the following has been adopted for submission to the Exercise, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" for criticism; with a view to the improvement of the Draft within the ensuing year. Any criticisms offered will receive careful attention. One or two dates and references were incomplete at Whitsuntide, but they will be supplied in due course.

J. WHITE. — *Tintinnalogia*. Containing the Art of Ringing also Artificial Fireworks, likewise the Art of Gardening, to which is added an excellent receipt to make a valuable liquor agreeable to all constitutions.

London. No date, but obviously of the 17th Century. Queried in the B.M. Catalogue at 1650. B.M. Press Mark 1400 a. 20. This book contains nothing on ringing beyond plain changes on six bells.

PETER MUNDY.—MS. in the Rawlinson Collection in the Bodleian Library at Oxford (A. 315. fo. 210) c. 1652.

In this volume the Author, a great traveller in his day, refers among other things to Change-Ringing, as a new Art which he had lately heard in London; and he gives some pricking but only of plain changes. It appears from what he says that there were then, before the Great Fire of London, ten bells at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and twelve at Bow Church, Cheapside. Noticed in "THE BELL NEWS," February 6th, 1904.

FABIAN STEDMAN.—*Tintinnalogia*, or the Art of Ringing. London, 1668. Dedicated to the Noble Society of Colledge Youths. Reprinted at "THE BELL NEWS" Office, 1895.

This Book in its original Edition is so scarce that for many years it was supposed that the only *Tintinnalogia* published was White's. Subsequently a copy of Stedman's book came into the hands of the late Rev. W. C. Lukis. The earlier portion of the book deals with elementary instruction and plain changes up to six bells; and so far Stedman's and White's works are substantially the same. But the latter and larger part of Stedman's book is devoted to what he calls "Cross peals," and what we should now call "Methods," though some of these productions would not now be regarded as legitimate. Thus while Grandsire Doubles and also Plain Bob under the name Grandsire Bob, old and new doubles first appear, there are also to be found on five bells several methods—Doubles and Singles, Tendrings Six Score, Paradox, Phoenix, London Pleasure,

What you Please and Reading Doubles, which are marred by a superabundance of single changes and bells lying too many blows successively in one place. This book (not White's) is referred to by Dr. Burney in his History of Music, vol. 3, p. 413, in connection with his reproduction of Jenkin's "Five Bell Consort," a musical composition for three strings of the 17th century, which is reprinted in Dr. Raven's "Bells of England." An account of Stedman with a copy of his Will will be found in "THE BELL NEWS," November 7th, 1903.

FABIAN STEDMAN.—*Campanalogia*, London, 1677, B.M. Press Mark 1400 B. 11.

The Book opens with instructions about Plain Changes, but it is the developments in the Cross Peal work which is so marked a feature of it. As in the Author's previous work, there are here also several methods which are not now deemed legitimate, but the following legitimate methods appear for the first time—Court Bob Minor (exactly the same as Double Court in "Standard Methods" with instructions to call touches and the 720 of the present day; Stedman's Principle, pricked on five bells, some pricking of Grandsire Triples, with a note that all methods on five bells can be extended to seven, and several examples of both Plain and Dodging Triples under the name of The Experiment; Plain Bob extended to Major; Imperial Bob, under the name of The Grand Experiment, being the original Surprise Major method, though not called "Surprise," and being identical with the methods recently published by the Rev. E. B. James as Norfolk Surprise; by Mr. George Baker as Arundel; and by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter as Double Treble Bob. The five College Bobs: Oxford Treble Bob the same as Woodbine in "Standard Methods,"; Oxford another way, being what we now know as Oxford Treble Bob; Nottingham Singles and Doubles (being the same as Court Bob given by Shipway). This book is noticed in "THE BELL NEWS," February 25th, and April 8th, 1905.

R. H.—*The School of Recreation*. London, 1684. B.M. Press Mark.

This book contains Articles on Hunting, Racing, Hawking, Riding, Cockfighting, Fowling, Fishing, Shooting, Bowling, Tennis, Ringing and Billiards. Several subsequent editions up to 1736. Technically of little value, as it contains some instruction in Plain Changes only, but interesting historically from its quaint literary matter. It is noticed in "THE BELL NEWS," June 17th, and June 24th, 1899.

J. D. AND C. M.—*Campanalogia Improved*.—London, 1702 and subsequent Editions, one (5th in 1766) bearing the name of Monk, dedicated to the Society of London Scholars B.M. Press Mark 7898 c.c. 8.

Two Minor methods appear in this book for the First

time. Westminster Bob and London Scholars' Pleasure by J.D. being the same as Westminster and London Scholars Pleasure, in "Standard Methods" and Grandsire is for the first time extended in pricking to Caters.

Noticed in "THE BELL NEWS."

BENJAMIN ANNABLE 1702-1756.—A Manuscript Note Book now in the Library of the British Museum (Addl m.s.s. No. 33357).

It appears from a reference in Hearn's Diaries that Annable was contemplating a new Edition of the Campanalogia, and this volume seems to contain preparation made by him for the purpose. In it we have the name "Surprise" for the first time in Manuscript, which name according to Mr. Snowdon occurs first in print in the 1753 Edition of J.D.C.M.'s Book. London and Cambridge Surprise Minor are given as in "Standard Methods." The Major of Cambridge differs from that given in the *Clavis* (see "THE BELL NEWS" January 26th, 1907) Norwich Treble Bob is given, which is identical with the method named Victoria Surprise recently published by Mr. G. Baker; and also Grandsire Treble Bob, which is the same as Oxford Treble Bob, with the addition of fifths place when the Treble makes sixths. There is also given a Minor method called Oxford Surprise, in which the hunt of the treble combines dodging on the lead and behind with place making in the internal places. See "THE BELL NEWS" September 24th, October 29th and November 5th, 1904.

WILLIAM JONES, JOHN REEVES AND THOMAS BLAKE-MORE.—*Clavis Campanalogia*.—London 1788 and subsequently reprinted. B.M. Press Mark 1400 b. 15.

In this book we find given for the first time the composition of peals in the present sense of the term, as distinct from the Building of Methods. So that the book may be said to be the first of the modern series of works on the Science of Change-Ringing. Kent Treble Bob (under the name of New Treble Bob) and extended to Major, Royal and Maximus, Superlative, a new method, London and Cambridge Surprise Major are for the first time published in print, and Holt's Grandsire Triple peals are also given. Here we also get Double Norwich Court Bob Major for the first time, and also its extension to Royal and the Stedman method extended from Doubles to Cinques. Superlative Surprise Major as a new method, London Surprise ditto, which is evolved from its Minor, and a version of Cambridge Surprise Major revised from that in Annable's Note Book and the later editions of J.D. and C.M.'s Work.

The *Clavis* also contains an elaborate treatise upon the proof of Treble Bob, Oxford and Kent, London etc., with a scale of course-ends most exhaustively treated.

WILLIAM SHIPWAY.—*Campanalogia*.—London 1816? and since reprinted. B.M. press mark.

Shipway contributes two methods of his own. His principal and the place-making method. But the distinguishing features of his book are the division of methods into the single, reverse and double variations and the production of odd bell variations from even bell methods and the extension of Court Major to Caters, Cinques and Maximus.

BENJAMIN THACKRAH.—*The Art of Change-Ringing*.—Dewsbury 1852. B.M. Press Mark.

Thackrah states that he composed and conducted 6720 Cambridge Surprise. This statement was doubted for several years, until Sir Arthur Heywood discovered the Burton Variation. This eventually was named New Cambridge Surprise, and it is the third variation of this method.

WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL.—*Elements of Campanalogia*.—Huddersfield 1867.

In this book Albion first appears, and Cuckoo Major, the latter being constructed on the same principle as regards the hunt of the treble as Oxford Surprise above referred to in Annable's book.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the above was held at Newport, Isle of Wight, on August 5th, when members attended from Fareham, Gosport, Portsea, Petersfield, Ryde, Brading and Newport. All the members availed themselves of the cheap fares offered on Bank Holiday, and it was a very pleasing sight at Carisbrook, where the members rang by kind permission of the Rector, the ringing there proving a most fitting occasion, as the Carisbrook Pageant was being held that day, and needless to say the place was very lively, thus adding to the enjoyment of the visitors.

Newport was afterwards visited, it being the venue of the meeting, where the bells were kept going in various methods. Tea was partaken of by about thirty members. Afterwards the business meeting was held, which was of the usual routine character. Mr. J. Harper was voted to the chair in the absence of the Vicar, who was very busy with the Pageant. The minutes were duly read and confirmed. Two probationary members were elected, and it was proposed that a quarterly peal be attempted in the Isle of Wight by members of the Island band. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Vicars of Carisbrook and Newport for the use of the bells that day.

OWSLEBURY, HANTS.

On Wednesday, July 31st, the Wickham ringers visited this place by kind invitation of the Rev. C. Buston, and rang Grandsire Doubles, Oxford Single and 720 College Single. Afterwards the ringers were entertained at the vicarage to refreshments, which was very welcome.

Mr. Langford, on behalf of the ringers, thanked the Rector for his generous hospitality, and said they had spent a very pleasant evening.

The Rector gave the ringers a very hearty welcome to his church, and hoped they would come again, as he liked to hear the bells rung. The 720 of College Single was rung by H. J. Smith, W. Singleton, H. W. Merrett, N. Welch, W. F. Churcher, G. E. Chappell conductor.

MR. GEORGE BOLLAND.

A correspondent sends us the following extract from *The Yorkshire Post*, and adds: "It will show that brother Bolland has something in his noddle beside Surprise peals and 'broken leads' on six":—At the recent Tong Tenant Farmers' Show, the cup offered by Mr. W. H. Banks, of Pudsey, for the best fat cow fed on the Tong Hall Estate, and won last year by Mr. George Petty, of Pudsey, was awarded to Mr. George Bolland, of Tong, who also secured the President's cup for the best cow or heifer bred on his estate.

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."

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

SIR,—The following peal of Stedman Triples, although not a good one for ringing purposes, will, I venture to believe, be of interest to all students of Stedman. Its most noticeable feature is that, although produced with forty singles only, the observation-bell is undisturbed throughout, which quality has, I think, only been previously obtained on Mr. Lancashire's plan. The set of course-ends on which the peal is founded are hopelessly false when pricked out as plain courses, for the 1st, 2nd, 13th and 14th sixes are all repeated at the 10th, 11th, 8th, and 9th, and there is also considerable repetition in the open sixes. This falseness is corrected by a bob at 13, which connects a new set of sixes at 8, 9, 10, 11, to the original course-ends. The second and eighth sixes are thus foreign to each other and cannot be joined except by using one or more bobs. As a matter of fact the only true connection is by bobs at 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8, which, with the bob at 13, forms twenty round blocks of three courses each. These blocks may be joined by the omission of the bobs at 6-7 or at 7-8, but as both of these bring in false rows which cannot be corrected, the plan is useless for composing the extent. The only means of connecting them, and at the same time retaining the truth of the blocks, is by singles at 1, 5, 6, or 10. As those at 5 or 6 necessitate six-call sets it is obviously better to use the isolated singles at 1 and 10, and this plan is used in the peal, which follows.

	2	3	1	4	5	6	
A	4	1	6	5	3	2	35678 SIO, 12
B	5	6	3	2	1	4	34568, 12
C	1	2	5	4	6	3	SI, 35678, 13
A	4	5	3	6	2	1	
C	2	6	4	1	5	3	
D	1	4	3	5	6	2	SI, 34568, 12
E	6	5	1	2	4	3	34568, SIO, 13
A	2	1	3	4	5	6	
B	4	3	5	6	1	2	
B	6	5	1	2	3	4	
E	3	2	6	4	5	1	
	1	4	3	5	2	6	35678, 13

Four times repeated.

As will be seen the peal has four bob sets in every course; and in addition 120 isolated bobs, and is perhaps as regular as is possible on this plan with forty singles only.

Sunderland.

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

A CLAIM.

SIR,—I beg to inform you that the 12-part peal of Grandsire Triples published in your last number by H. F. Hull, belongs to Mr. John Carter, of Birmingham. I first conducted it at Nuneaton on October 10th, 1895, and it had been in force some years prior to that date.

JAMES GEORGE.

TO H. D. AND OTHERS.

My dear good friends, forbear;
You'll get your proper share,
So don't each other wallop.
But wait till you get "Trollope"—
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F. J. P.

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SWINDON PARISH CHURCH RINGERS' OUTING.

On August bank holiday, the ringers of the parish church, Swindon, accompanied by that enthusiastic veteran, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, held their annual outing, which proved a great success, a most enjoyable day being spent, the weather being on its best behaviour.

A start was made by the 7.22 West of England express from Swindon, two second class compartments having been reserved for the party by the kindness of Mr. John Brewer, the genial superintendent of the G. W. station, himself a ringer. A fast and comfortable journey resulted in the train being well up to time. Passing through an interesting and pretty district, and the important cities of Bath and Bristol, many noted towers were spotted, the Vicar of Drayton being particularly interested in those eight-bell towers where he has not already scored a peal of Stedman Triples. The party arrived at Bridgwater at 9.20, and Mr. A. E. Coles, the conductor of the local company, having kindly met the visitors at the station, a move was immediately made to the grand old parish church of St. Mary. The Swindon steeplekeeper having been entrusted by the wily veteran with a bottle of special oil for the benefit of the 7th bell, and this having been applied, and the other bells and ropes found in first-rate order, the bells were raised and ropes adjusted. It may here be stated that Bridgwater is an ideal tower for a peal, the bells being fine, the go and circle excellent, and the ringing-chamber, which is on the ground floor, spacious and comfortable. A start was made at 10.10 for Pitstow's variation of Thurstans's 4-part peal of Stedman Triples, and at 1.23 the familiar "That's all" announced the completion of a good peal, the first in the method on the bells, and also by Mr. O. W. Layng, the pioneer of change-ringing in Swindon. A few rounds followed the peal, to give those who had not taken part an opportunity of ringing on the bells, and then adjournment was made to The Bristol Arms hotel for dinner, which was well served and much enjoyed. A further visit was subsequently paid to the tower, and a course of Treble Eight tapped off. Among the local ringers present we were pleased to see our old friend Mr. James Burge, conductor of St. Mary's, Taunton, who reminded us that there were two good rings of bells in his town worthy of a visit, and at some future time the hint may be taken advantage of.

At 3 o'clock the party started for Burnham Brake, a call being made at Huntspill, to test the fine ring of 5½, tenor 23 cwt. but only a short time was spent there, the ringing including a course each of Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles.

Burnham was reached about 4.30. It is a picturesque little seaside resort, noted, like Weston, for its sands and mud. The golf course is known as the best in England. The mud referred to is not attractive to the eye, but authorities say that the ozone arising therefrom is most healthy and invigorating. Luckily on our arrival the tide was nearly full in, so that we saw the place at its best.

To the credit of the whole band it should be stated that the parish church was the first place visited. This stands right on the sea-front, and with its old grey tower, and well kept and beautifully-green churchyard, forms a picturesque and prominent feature. The eight bells, tenor about 22 cwt., are very mellow and sweet, and having been raised, were soon telling the message of Double Norwich for the first time. After a plain course to try the go, three courses were rung in excellent style, and with such effect that the Rev. F. E. Robinson, although he was supposed to have finished for the day, appeared in the belfry and immediately commenced to prepare for action, with the result that three courses of Stedman Triples were rung. A touch of Grandsire Triples, and another of Stedman, with one of the local men taking part, was also rung.

Three of the party returned by the 6.13 from Highbridge, and the remainder went on to Weston-super-Mare, and finished the day there, arriving home in the early hours of the morning, thoroughly delighted with their experiences.

The Swindon ringers wish to thank the authorities of the three towers at which they rang, for permission so readily given, and also Mr. A. E. Coles of Bridgwater and Mr. John Harris of Burnham, for their kind assistance in arranging matters. Several touches were rung at the places visited, reports of which will be found in the proper place.

B.

Obituary.

WILLIAM HORNER HOWARD.

VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 1st, Yorkshire, and the North, and we might almost say the whole of the English ringing Exercise, lost one of its most useful and interesting personalities in the passing away of the grand old veteran of York Minster, Mr. Wm. H. Howard, in his 85th year. Born on the 28th of August, 1821, Mr. Howard had been connected with bells and bellringing since he was a lad in his teens, and on Whit-Sunday, 1839, he first started at York Minster that alliance which was severed only by death. He began his ringing career at the church of St. Mary, Bishophill Senior, where he was taken in hand by the late Matthew West, who thoroughly drilled him in the various rudiments which every young ringer must first master, and young Howard being ambitious and fascinated with the work, soon began to do credit to his tutor. From the six-bell tower at Bishophill to the Minster was the next step, and here he started before his 18th birthday. Since that day Mr. Howard has given the greater part of whatever leisure he had to some phase of bellringing. He has rung and composed peals; he has given countless hours to the training of youngsters. No trouble was too great for the old veteran if a lad showed the least sign of coming on, and many a ringer of to-day owes much to the early grounding given him by "dear old Uncle," the name by which he was known pretty well all over Yorkshire. To the legislative side of the Exercise also Mr. Howard willingly devoted himself. He was one of the founders of the Yorkshire Association; in fact it was at a meeting called by him, and held at York, that the first steps were taken for its formation, and he held the position of vice-president to the day of his death. To the duties attaching to the office the records of the Association show that he faithfully attended, until increasing age put its veto upon much travelling. On the formation of the Central Council Mr. Howard was one of the Yorkshire representatives, and attended four out of six meetings while he held that position. In 1889, to mark the jubilee of his connection with York Minster, the ringers presented him with a framed oil portrait of himself, the actual presentation being made by the Very Rev. the Dean of York. In 1895, on the completion of twenty years' service as vice-president of the Yorkshire Association, he was presented with a silver tea-pot and tray, suitably inscribed, by the members of the Association. His love for the bells of York Minster led him some years ago to search the newspaper files, and amongst the old documents of the Dean and Chapter, for any and every reference to the Minster peal, and the result of much research was the publishing in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 16th, 1897, of a very interesting account "The Bells of York Minster." During his career Mr. Howard rang peals at York Minster, St. Martin's, York, Knaresborough, Scarborough, Selby, Hunslet, Halifax, Beverley, Sheffield and Newcastle-on-Tyne, the last peal he took part in being at the last-named place, when, at the age of 79 years, he rang the tenor (19 cwt.) through a peal of Stedman Triples. For the last two or three years of his life Mr. Howard took things easy in the ringing line, but he was always ready and willing to take a rope if circumstances demanded, and the attendance sheet at York Minster shows that in 1905 he was only absent on two occasions. And now he has gone, Old York still pursues its peaceful

course, but hundreds of its citizens feel that something has happened—something altogether out of the ordinary. "Old Howard is dead." Cheery, good natured, optimistic, bubbling over with good humour—the old man's laugh infected every one—he was beloved and respected by citizens of every rank. Typical hard worker and clean liver, he did his duty through life to his Maker and his fellow man. And now, having entered into his rest, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," applies in very truth to our late comrade and friend, William Horner Howard. G. W.

THE FUNERAL

took place the following Saturday afternoon. The first part of the service was held in York Minster, where the deceased had acted as bellringer for over sixty years. The large congregation and the presence of the clergy and deputations were proof of the respect in which the venerable ringer was held. The service was fully choral, and was conducted by the Dean of York. There were also present: the Bishop of Hull, Canon Watson, Revs. E. S. Carter, W. O. F. Campbell, H. T. S. Gedge, and B. W. Wood.

The chief mourners were: Mr. James Howard (eldest son) Bawtry; Mr. and Mrs. John Howard (Ampleforth), Miss A. Howard (Jaughter), Miss Jane Howard (niece) York; Mr. J. Highway (Darlington), Mr. and Mrs. Adams (Stockton), Miss Ewbank (Stockton), Mr. N. Storey (Macclesfield), Mr. R. Ewbank (Sunderland), Mr. McMain (Thornaby), Mrs. John Howard (York), Miss Weatherill (York), Mr. and Mrs. Giles (York), Mrs. Bickerdyke (York), Mr. F. Weathergill (York).

The whole band of ringers from the Minster attended. Mr. Wm. Snowdon was present, and with him were Councillor Abbshaw (Rothwell), and Mr. Harry Williams (Leeds), members of the committee. Letters of apology for absence were received from Mr. C. H. Hattersley (Sheffield), and Mr. J. McKell (member of the committee), and Mr. W. Whitaker, Leeds (trustees of the Association). The Ancient Order of Foresters, with which the deceased had been connected for sixty years, was represented. The Bishop of Hull read the lesson, and the Dean of York recited the prayers. The choir chanted the goth Psalm, and subsequently sang the hymns "Safe home, safe home in port," and "Now the labourer's task is o'er."

At the conclusion of the service the choir accompanied the coffin to the south door, chanting the Nunc Dimittis. The Rev. E. S. Carter performed the burial rites at the graveside.

Floral tributes were sent by York Minster ringers, officers of Court Old Ebor (A.O.F.), Mr. Weathergill, Mr. and Mrs. Giles, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Dalton and Miss Hird, the Refuge (York), Miss Winspear, Mr. Hitchcock (Naburn). Amongst those present were—Messrs. A. Gamble, J. Bellerby, J. Accy, J. H. Cooper, Mr. G. Kay, Mr. F. W. Ware, Mr. W. Brown, and Mr. W. Henderson.

The coffin was made of oak, with brass mountings, and was borne to the grave by six Minster ringers—Messrs. T. Haigh, A. Haigh, J. Thompson, T. Hodgson, G. Horner, and A. Leadley. It bore the inscription—"William Horner Howard, born August 28th, 1821, died August 1st, 1907; 85 years."

After the service, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells by Messrs. T. Hodgson, T. Haigh, T. F. Earnshaw, and A. Haigh.

The ringers then returned to the Minster, and rang two courses of Grandsire Caters, with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to their departed comrade. G. Breed, H. Williams, T. Haigh, T. F. Earnshaw, G. Worth, J. Thompson, T. Hodgson, W. Snowdon, A. Haigh, R. Thompson and A. Leadley, With the exception of Messrs. Snowdon and Williams, who belong to Leeds, the whole are members of the Minster company.

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TREBLE BOB MAJOR METHODS.

COLLECTED INTO TEN TABLES. By the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

TABLE I.

f. e. d. c. b. a.	i.	{ 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	
		{ - I - - - - -	I. A. B. C. D. E. F.
f. e. d. c. b. a.	ii.	{ I - - - - -	
		{ - I - - - - -	II. G. H. I.
d. b. a.	iii.	{ - - I - - - -	
		{ - - - I - - -	III. A. B. D. J.
j. d. b. a.	iv.	{ - - - - I - -	
		{ - - - - - I -	IV. C. E. G. H.
h. j. f. a.	v.	{ - - - - - - I	
		{ - - - - - - - I	V. A. F. J. I.
h. j. f.	vi.	{ - - - - - - - - I	
		{ - - - - - - - - - I	VI. B. C. G.
i. h. j. f. e. d.	vii.	{ - - - - - - - - - - I	
		{ - - - - - - - - - - - I	VII. D. E. F. I. J. H.
i. h. j. f. e. d.	viii.	{ - - - - - - - - - - - - I	
		{ - - - - - - - - - - - - - I	1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th.

In Table I.

A	=	7th place and 8th place made	=	a
B	=	5th " 8th "	=	b
C	=	3rd " 8th "	=	c
D	=	5th " 6th "	=	d
E	=	3rd " 6th "	=	e
F	=	3rd " 4th "	=	f
G	=	1st " 8th "	=	
H	=	1st " 6th "	=	h
I	=	1st " 4th "	=	i
J	=	1st " 2nd "	=	j
		no places made	=	o

TABLE II. and TABLE III. are the same as Tables ii. and iii. of Plain Major methods published in "THE BELL NEWS" on May 4th, and are to be used in the same way.

TABLE IV.

Treble Bob methods. Use G at II. IV. and VI.

TABLE V.

Exercise methods.—Use H or I instead of G at II. and G at IV. and VI.; or C E or H instead of G at IV. and G at II. and VII.; or use B or C instead of G at VI. or G at II. and IV.

TABLE VI.

Delight methods.—Use G at II. IV. or VI., and substitute B C E H or I for G at the other two.

TABLE VII.

Surprise methods.—Never use G at II. IV. or VI.

TABLE VIII.

Bob methods.—7th with Treble behind, or 2nd with Treble leading, or both.

TABLE IX.

Imperial methods contain A D F J a d f or j, or any of these.

TABLE X.

Court methods.—Omit places in tables VIII. and IX.

BOBS.

Substitute 4th or 6th for 2nd and 8th.

A and a are most offensive in practice, and methods containing them are not worth ringing.

London Surprise.—i. c I. o. ii c II. I iii o III J iv o IV. C. v. i V o vi. i VI. B vii h VII. o viii h and 5th repeat reverse and 2nd.

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1344.

1	2	3	4	5	6	I	B	O	F
3	6	2	1	5	4	-	-	-	-
1	2	6	3	5	4	-	-	-	-
6	1	2	3	5	4	-	-	-	-
2	6	1	3	5	4	-	-	-	-
3	1	6	2	5	4	-	-	-	-
2	3	6	1	5	4	-	-	-	-
6	2	3	1	5	4	-	-	-	-
1	5	2	3	6	4	-	-	-	-
2	1	5	3	6	4	-	-	-	-
3	5	1	2	6	4	-	-	-	-
1	3	5	2	6	4	-	-	-	-
5	1	3	2	6	4	-	-	-	-
2	3	1	5	6	4	-	-	-	-
1	2	3	5	6	4	-	-	-	-

Twice repeated; has 4, 5, 6 only in 5-6 at a course-end.

ORIGINAL MAJOR.

By the same author.

1344.

1	2	3	4	5	6	I	B	O	F
3	6	2	1	5	4	-	-	-	-
1	3	6	2	5	4	*	-	-	-
6	1	3	2	5	4	-	-	-	-
3	6	1	2	5	4	-	-	-	-
2	1	6	3	5	4	-	-	-	-
3	2	6	1	5	4	-	-	-	-
6	3	2	1	5	4	-	-	-	-
1	5	3	2	6	4	-	-	-	-
3	1	5	2	6	4	-	-	-	-
2	5	1	3	6	4	-	-	-	-
1	2	5	3	6	4	-	-	-	-
5	1	2	3	6	4	-	-	-	-
3	2	1	5	6	4	-	-	-	-
1	3	2	5	6	4	-	-	-	-

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Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.

ALFRED BEALE† Treble.	CHARLES V. HARE 4.
FREDERICK C. WEBB 2.	*PERCY J. COOKE 5.
JOHN HARE 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

†First peal. *First peal in seven methods.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.
STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 9, 1907, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

JACOB HANCOCK† Treble.	JAMES WILDBLOOD 5.
JOHN JOHNSON 2.	ARTHUR A. CLAY 6.
IRWYN MASSEY† 3.	CHARLES MORLEY 7.
SIDNEY CHURTON† 4.	WM. FITCHFORD .. Tenor.

Composed by H. WHITTLE, and Conducted by WM. FITCHFORD.

Messrs. Hancock and Massey were elected members of the above Association previous to starting. †First peal of Bob Major.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 10, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

ALBERT FLEMING* Treble.	EDWARD SHERWOOD 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6.
HAWKINS ENGLISH 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
FREDERICK SHIPP 4.	*AUSTIN BURROWS .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal. The ringer of the tenor is only 16 years of age.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Saturday, August 10, 1907, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY S. SMITH Treble.	JAMES GEORGE 5.
JESSE SCREEN 2.	WILLIAM FISHER 6.
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 3.	REUBEN HALL 7.
WALTER E. BRYANT 4.	JOHN SMITH Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES GEORGE.

This is the conductor's 350th peal.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 10, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY BARNES Treble.	PERCIVAL J. STOKES .. 5.
ARTHUR MACKEARS 2.	JOHN CRAGG 6.
JOHN P. PALEY, SEN. 3.	JOHN W. WOOD 7.
FREDERICK W. STOKES .. 4.	THOMAS HESSELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 10, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

HENRY WHITE Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
FREDK. G. WILSON 2.	ALFRED BURGESS 6.
CHARLES HOLDAWAY 3.	CHARLES GILES 7.
CHARLES F. HANSFORD .. 4.	*FREDERICK KIMBER .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 10, 1907, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	*GEORGE N. COCKIN 5.
HORACE F. STREET 2.	SAMUEL GROVE 6.
ALFRED DAVIES 3.	*WILLIAM WEBB 7.
JOHN BASS 4.	ROBERT MATTHEWS .. Tenor.

Composed by F. BENNETT, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

*First peal in the method.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 12, 1907, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

HAROLD HUMFREY Treble.	ALFRED R. BOSLEY 5.
ALBERT E. LOCK 2.	RICHARD F. DEAL 6.
WALTER HITCHMAN 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
RICHARD G. PRICE 4.	HENRY C. MULFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The weight of the tenor at Bridgwater is 25 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lbs., not 27½ cwt. as published in our last issue.

Date Touches.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WANSTEAD (Essex).—On Tuesday, July 30th, at Christ Church, a date touch of 1907 changes, being 720 each of Oxford and Kent and 467 Bob Minor. E. A. Lebbon, W. Smith, G. Cornell, F. Squires, W. Keeble conductor, J. Marks. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Cornell.

Miscellaneous.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENYFAL,—Recently, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of

Doubles, being 780 of Grandsire and 480 of Bob. G. Morris, T. J. Evans, R. Evans conductor, R. Rees, H. Worgan.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON.—On Sunday, July 28th, at St. George's church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. W. Holt, F. S. W. Butler conductor, W. Tebay, Rev. H. J. Elsee, W. Rudd, H. W. Kirton, W. Pennington, W. Moss.

PENDLETON.—On Monday, July 29th, at St. Thomas's church, 1760 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Gratrix, J. Smith, J. Barratt, F. S. W. Butler, W. J. Moss, R. Newton, R. Wallwork conductor, H. Chapman.

BURY.—On Saturday, July 27th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 23 mins. J. Steft, F. S. W. Butler, T. Wallwork, H. W. Kirton, R. Wallwork conductor, T. Barlow. The above ringing was arranged for F. S. W. Butler, who hails from Gainsborough.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

REDDISH.—On Tuesday, July 13th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Eckersley, 1-2; A. Booth, 3-4; A. Barnes conductor, 5-6. Recently, on tower bells, 720 Bob Minor. F. Needham first 720, W. Lees, T. Smithson, A. Booth, A. Barnes conductor, W. Eckersley.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, July 7th, for Men's Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. G. Spencer, G. A. Ransom conductor, J. Merrick, W. Lidbetter, T. Beadle, A. Harding. On Friday, August 2nd, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. Webb, G. A. Ransom conductor, J. Merrick, C. Dell, T. Beadle, G. Spencer, W. Lidbetter, H. Seward.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

FLEET.—On July 23rd, at the church of St. Mary Magdalene, on the occasion of the Church Sunday School Festival, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. G. Cross, Rev. C. J. Sturton, H. V. Fletcher, W. Brooke, G. R. Truss, J. B. Halifax conductor.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

LLANGOLLEN.—On Monday, July 8th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by James George, of Rugby. Rev. A. Rhys James, F. Edwards, T. James, J. Davies, J. Rogers, T. Davies, J. W. Davies, J. R. Edwards.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).—On Sunday, August 4th, for morning service at St. John's church, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise, 1280 changes. F. W. Rice, A. B. Bennett, G. F. Williams, A. H. Winch, A. H. Pulling, F. Bennett, F. Dench, J. E. Davis.

PULBOROUGH (Sussex).—On Sunday, August 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. P. H. Doick, S. Stone, S. Stilwell, L. Stilwell, J. Blake, S. Corden, A. Greenfield, E. Brooker.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLACKMOOR (Hants).—On Saturday, August 10th, the Farnham ringers paid a visit to this church and rung 720 Bob Minor, in 29 mins., being the first 720 on the bells. A. Smith, A. Baigent, T. Upshall, W. Lowman, E. Newell, C. Edwards conductor. Also 360 with A. LeClercq. Several 6-scores in which Messrs. Clapshaw, Kimber and Sherfield took part. This is a very musical ring of six by Warner.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BURNHAM (Somerset).—On Friday, August 9th, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. Rountley, E. Cox, J. Harris, J. Dunn, E. Fricker, F. Iley conductor, W. Worgan. Rung as a compliment to J. Dunn on the occasion of his silver wedding, his brother-ringers heartily congratulating him.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Sunday, August 4th, for evening service at St. Nicholas' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters,

1259 changes, in 47 mins. R. Hoather, J. Fox, F. M. Bacon, H. Rann conductor, C. Wallater, G. Ades, J. H. B. Hesse, A. Reed, W. Palmer. R. Fentiman.

BRIDGWATER (Somerset).—On Monday, August 5th, 240 Kent Treble Bob. E. Bishop, A. Lawrence, C. J. Gardiner, S. Palmer, T. Robinson, O. Norman, Rev. F. E. Robinson, J. H. Shepherd.

BOLDMERE (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, July 27th, at St. Michael's church, Johnson's 1008 of Grandsire Triples. C. Starkey, E. Mullins, T. Verry, B. Starkey, T. Westwood, W. G. Ellis conductor, T. Miller, J. Porter. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Botton, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

BURNHAM (Somersetshire).—On Monday, August 5th, 336 Double Norwich. A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, G. W. Challice S. Palmer, T. Robinson, O. Norman, J. H. Shepherd, E. Bishop conductor. 352 Stedman Triples. A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, T. Robinson, S. Palmer, J. H. Shepherd, O. Norman, Rev. F. E. Robinson conductor, A. W. Harrington. A touch of Grandsire Triples, conducted by G. W. Challice, and two courses of Stedman Triples with two of the local men standing in.

CAVENDISH (Suffolk).—On Friday, August 2nd, being the 85th birthday of the veteran ringer Mr. G. Maxim, of Cavendish, 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. Slater conductor, C. Honeybell, G. Rice, H. Evans, E. J. Perkins, T. E. Slater. The old veteran was present and assisted in a short touch of Treble Bob. All the band wish him many happy returns.

CLARE (Suffolk).—On Monday, August 5th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. S. Slater conductor, Z. Slater, B. Pettit, G. Moss, B. Francis, T. E. Slater, W. J. Nevard, L. W. Wiffen.

HUNTSPELL (Somerset).—On Monday, August 5th, a plain course of Bob Minor. A. Lawrence, O. W. Layng, R. W. Hyner, S. Palmer, E. Bishop, J. H. Shepherd. A course of Grandsire Doubles. H. W. L. Wells, 1; A. W. Harrington, 6.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Wednesday evening, July 24th, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late John Flegg, an old member of the St. Margaret's Society, 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. C. Whiting, N. Bailey, G. Berry, E. Bailey, E. S. Bailey, C. Samson, J. M. Button, C. Bailey conductor. On Saturday, August 3rd, 1120 Superlative Surprise. N. Bailey, A. Lincoln, G. Berry, E. Bailey, E. S. Bailey, C. Samson, C. Bailey conductor, H. W. Baldry.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On August 5th, in St. Edward's belfry, on handbells, one 6-score of Stedman and one of Grandsire Doubles. A. J. Perkins, 1-2-3-4; H. W. Catterwell, 5-6.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Thursday, July 25th, at Christ Church, 720 Bob Minor, 6-8 covering. G. Bester, A. Glasscock, J. E. Miller, F. G. Tegg, H. Miller, F. G. Tegg, H. Miller, F. G. Budd, S. Wade conductor, H. Armstrong. On Sunday, July 28th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 6-8 covering. G. Bester, S. Wade, J. E. Miller, J. A. Armstrong conductor, H. Miller, F. J. Budd, W. Pickworth, H. Armstrong.

STANSTEAD (Suffolk).—On Sunday afternoon, July 28th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Burch, S. Slater, P. Garwood, A. J. Clarke, G. Smith, T. E. Slater conductor. After service 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. Slater conductor, H. Burch, P. Garwood, T. E. Slater, A. J. Clarke, G. Smith.

STOKE, COVENTRY.—On Sunday, August 4th, at the parish church, 360 Grandsire Minor. E. Johnson, A. W. Flowers, J. Fennel, W. Maund, L. Lomas, J. H. White conductor. And 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Fennel, W. Maund, R. Bosworth, A. W. Flowers, L. Lomas, J. H. White conductor.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES (Sussex).—On Sunday, August 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. E. J. Pannett, S. W. Shoesmith, J. T. Rickman, F. S. Sturt, W. J. Trusler, A. J. Turner conductor, R. J. Dawe, A. S. Langridge, 224 Bob Major. E. J. Pannett, G. H. Sturt, F. S. Sturt, J. T. Rickman, W. J. Trusler, A. S. Langridge, R. J. Dawe conductor A. J. Turner.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very good meeting of the Central Division was held at Buxted on Saturday, August 10th. The bells were raised soon after 3 o'clock, and were kept going to the tune of Grandsire till 5 o'clock, when a move was made to The White Hart for tea, the Rector (Rev. G. S. Pownall) kindly presiding. After tea the meeting followed. The minutes of the previous meeting being read and passed, one new member was elected—Mr. F. Chipper, of West Tarring. Mr. Causley then proposed, and Mr. J. Hart seconded, that the next quarterly peal be rung at Buxted, the method to be Bob Major, Mr. Hart to act as conductor, which was carried. Mr. Rickman then proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for allowing the use of the bells for the afternoon, and presiding at the tea and meeting, which was carried. The Rector in reply said he was very

pleased for the Association to come to Buxted, and hoped they would come again. He then gave a few very interesting details about the history of Buxted church. After this, a stroll through the lovely park in which the church is situated, and some more Grandsire and Plain Bob indulged in, after which Mr. Wratten very kindly pointed out a lot of interesting things relating to the church and old Buxted village. After this the bells were lowered, and tracks made for home, having had a very enjoyable afternoon.

CROWLAND ABBEY.

On Sunday afternoon, July 14th, a visit was paid to the above Abbey by a party of ringers from Bourne, Morton and Edenham, and rang two 720s of Bob Minor and one of Kent Treble Bob Minor. The ringers were; Messrs. Lake, Larkinson,

and Blood (Bourne); Bainbridge and Neaverson (Morton); Holmes (Edenham). This was the first 720 of Treble Bob on the bells. These are a very handy ring of six, but have a very long draught and very noisy. The outing was arranged by F. Blood, who is a native of Crowland, but now resides at Bourne. On our way home a call was made at Deeping St. James, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were brought round, the calling being shared by Messrs. Lake and Holmes.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. H. F. Hull has removed to 44, Barclay Road, Walthamstow.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637.)—Meetings for practice during the month of August: St. John-at-Hackney, on the 20th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 22nd; 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 Essex Association—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Stansted to-day, Sat., August 17th. Business meeting at 5 p.m.

N. J. PRISTOW, *Dis. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Birch in Rusholme to-day, Sat., August 17th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Tring to-day, Sat., August 17th. Bells available at 4.30. Tea, 9d. per head at The King's Arms at 5.30. I trust ringers will turn up in force, and so make this, the first meeting of the Association to be held at Tring, a success.

H. EDEN, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting will be held at Audley on Saturday, August 17th. Bells at 4. Tea at 5.45.

D. PRESTON, *Hon. Sec.*

The William Verry Commemoration.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, 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 Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's church, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 24th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 prompt.

Z. LORD, *Branch 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.

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.—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, *Ringling Secretary.*

462, Helmshe Road, Helmshe.

The Midland Counties Association.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly will be held at Stanton-by-Dale, from 3.30 to 9. All those intending to be present at tea kindly notify Mr. E. Gobey, Stanton-by-Dale, near Ilkeston, not later than the 22nd inst.

REUBEN CLIFFORD, *Sec.*

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—All ringing at the above church is suspended till Friday, September 6th.

JAMES E. DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Ringers visiting Grimsby and Cleethorpes are welcome at St. Andrew's church (one minute from Grimsby Docks Station). Sunday ringing—10 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practices or peals arranged the Sunday previous. Intending visitors should write to J. W. Seamer, 83, Winttingham Road, to avoid disappointment.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—New Rule—Conductors should send a full report of peals rung within branch borders to the Branch Hon. Secs., and of peals rung elsewhere to the Guild Hon. Sec. within one month, written on one side of the paper only.

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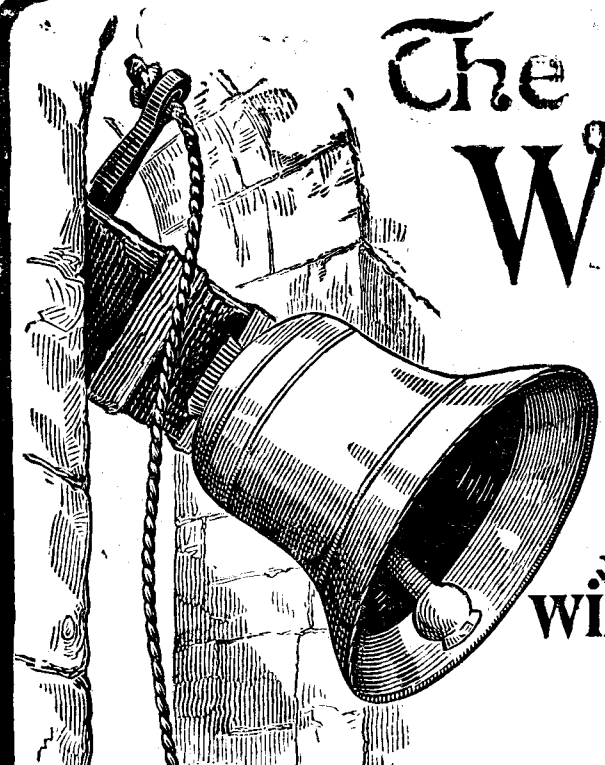
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WROTHAM (Kent).—On Tuesday, July 30th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. F. Terry, G. Barham, W. Taylor, J. Acott, G. Marshall, W. Goodbourn conductor.

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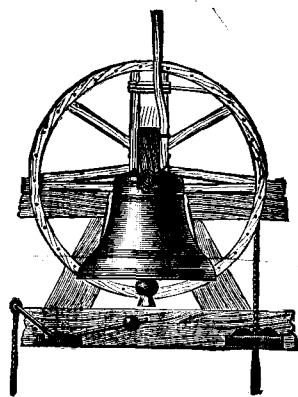
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