

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

The Royal Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day (December 1st).
The Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Vassall Road, on December 4th; and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on December 6th.
The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and St. John's, Hackney, on December 5th; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on December 6th; at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on December 8th; at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on December 2nd, at 7.30 p.m.
The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on December 6th.
The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on December 7th.
The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on December 8th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The late Mr. Henry Langdon, sen.

It is with much regret that we announce the death of Mr. Henry Langdon, sen., which took place on Thursday, November 23rd, at the age of fifty-five. Mr. Langdon was a native of Honiton, Devon, but removed to London in 1876. After making the acquaintance of the ringers at St. George's, Southwark, Mr. Langdon practised change-ringing with the members of the Waterloo, St. James's, and College Youths Societies. He had rung about 100 peals in the standard methods, and had filled various offices in connexion with the above Societies. The funeral took place at Tooting Cemetery on Tuesday, November 28th. At the usual fortnightly practice of the St. James's Society at the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, on November 27th, the whole-pull-and-stand was rung as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Henry Langdon, sen., by the following members:—C. F. Winney (conductor), 1; J. Mansfield, 2; W. Weatherstone, 3; H. R. Newton, 4; E. J. Comb, 5; H. R. Pasmore, 6; A. W. Brighton, 7; T. H. Taffender, 8; E. P. O'Meara, 9; W. T. Cockerill, 10. Afterwards touches of GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN CATERS were rung.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Middlesex County Association.

At Christ Church, Southgate, on November 25th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 24 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt., in D.

Alfred R. Glasscock ..	1	George H. Barker ..	5
John Armstrong ..	2	William H. Lawrence ..	6
Frederick C. Fordham ..	3	John E. Miller ..	7
Frank C. Newman ..	4	Sidney Wade ..	8

Composed by Henry Dains and conducted by Sidney Wade.

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 20.)

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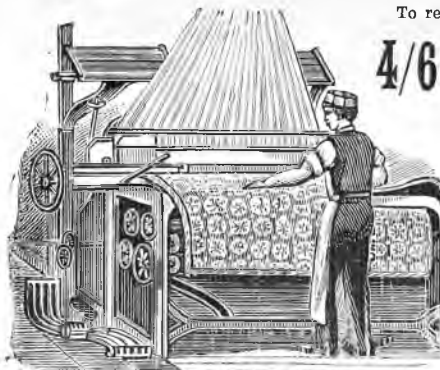
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The Sussex County Association.

At St. Botolph's, Heene, Worthing, on November 22nd, a peal of GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins.

Frank Bennett .. 1	Edward C. Merritt .. 5
Keith Hart .. 2	George F. Attree .. 6
Robert J. Dawe .. 3	George A. King .. 7
George Baker .. 4	George Williams .. 8

Composed by the Rev. E. B. James, conducted by George Williams. First peal in the method on the bells.

Also at St. Andrew's, Steyning, on November 25th, a peal of WESTMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 14 mins.

George A. King .. 1	Edward C. Merritt .. 5
George F. Attree .. 2	Keith Hart .. 6
Frank Bennett .. 3	James N. Frossell .. 7
Robert J. Dawe .. 4	George Williams .. 8

Composed by Henry Dains, conducted by George Williams. The first peal in the method on the bells.

AND at St. Peter's, Brighton, on November 27th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins.

George Baker .. 1	Frank Bennett .. 5
George F. Attree .. 2	George A. King .. 6
Keith Hart .. 3	George Smart .. 7
Robert J. Dawe .. 4	George Williams .. 8

Composed by Henry Dains, conducted by George Williams. This composition is now rung for the first time.

The Middlesex and Essex County Associations.

At St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on November 25th, a peal of BOB TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 16½ cwt.

Albert O. D. Abrahams .. 1	F. W. J. Butler .. 5
Joseph Waghorn, sen. .. 2	Richard Elliott .. 6
E. D. Lillywhite .. 3	George B. Lucas .. 7
Herbert F. Hull .. 4	Arthur T. King .. 8

Composed by John Carter, conducted by George B. Lucas.

SOUTHWARK.—The eight bells of the church of St. George-the-Martyr were rededicated by the Bishop of Southwark on Sunday, November 26th. The bells have been all rehung with entirely new fittings by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank. For morning service a touch of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 504 changes, was rung by H. Langdon, 1; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 2; H. R. Pasmore, 3; J. W. Golding, 4; G. E. Symonds, 5; W. S. Langdon, 6; W. H. Pasmore, 7; G. Woodage, 8. And for evening service a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. E. Clements (first quarter-peal away from tenor), 1; H. Springall, 2; F. E. Dawe, 3; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 4; W. Truss, 5; F. Clements, 6; N. Humberston, 7; W. Cobbett, 8.

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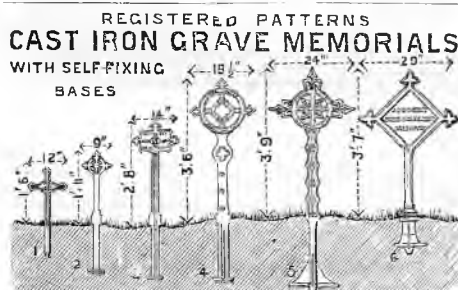
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THREE SWEDISH DANCES. For pianoforte. By Frederic Muller. Nos. 2, 3.—Thoroughly characteristic dances. They will require skilful playing, or the frequent repetition of the principal subjects, usual in this style of composition, will produce a feeling of monotony.

LA MASCARADE. Suite for pianoforte duet. By George Aitken. Nos. 2 and 3.—The first movement of the suite was noticed in our issue for October 27th. It will be sufficient now to say that the three movements are well contrasted, are musically interesting, and of very moderate difficulty.

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THE CLERGYMEN'S READY REFERENCE DIARY AND KALENDAR, for the use of the clergy and workers in town and country parishes (published by Messrs. Bemrose & Son, at 3s. 6d.), is already well known and widely used. The tabulated pages for registering classes, &c., are useful.

THE C.M.S. KALENDAR FOR 1900 is tastefully got up. It is printed on four glazed cards, each having an appropriate illustration in the centre. In the left-hand corners of the cards particulars are given of the Society.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY'S ALMANACK.—The picture in the centre of this capitally arranged publication is one that appeals to our sympathy at once. It is called 'After the Day's Work,' and represents an old countryman reading the Bible to the partner of his joys and sorrows. This almanack is got up very well indeed.

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The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on December 14th.

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(This case has not been published before.)

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT St. George-the-Martyr's, Southwark, on November 30th, Thursdays' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

Challis F. Winney (conductor) .. 1	Edward P. O'Meara .. 5
Henry Springall .. 2	Thomas Faulkner .. 6
Matthew A. Wood .. 3	William T. Cockerill .. 7
Thomas H. Taffender .. 4	George Woodage .. 8

ALSO at Christ Church, Southwark, on December 2nd, Thursdays' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

William Truss .. 1	James Scholes .. 5
Henry Springall .. 2	Challis F. Winney (conductor) .. 6
Edward Wallage .. 3	Thomas H. Taffender .. 7
Emanuel Hall .. 4	William T. Cockerill .. 8

AND at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on December 2nd, a peal of WESTMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

John N. Oxborrow .. 1	Henry S. Ellis .. 5
Arthur G. Ellis .. 2	William H. Pasmore .. 6
Charles T. P. Brice .. 3	John W. Golding .. 7
Frank Buck .. 4	Henry R. Newton .. 8

Composed by Frederick Dench, conducted by H. R. Newton.

The Waterloo Society.

AT St. Peter's, Walworth, on December 2nd, with bells half-muffled, as a tribute to the memory of Mr. H. Langdon, sen., a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 16 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Harry Barton .. 1	Harold N. Davis .. 5
Frederick G. Perrin .. 2	Reuben Charge .. 6
Arthur Hardy .. 3	William H. Webber .. 7
William R. Crockford .. 4	George E. Symonds .. 8

Composed by Arthur Knights, conducted by Harry Barton.

ST. GEORGE'S-IN-THE-EAST, LONDON.—On November 21st, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 50 mins. (Staley's Variation of Thursdays'), by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. T. H. Taffender (conductor), 1; E. Wallage, 2; W. Truss, 3; H. Torble, 4; J. Scholes, 5; E. Hall, 6; H. Alford, 7; J. Jones (first quarter-peal), 8.

WESTMINSTER.—At St. Stephen's, on November 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 1344 changes, in 50 mins. W. H. Pasmore, 1; H. R. Pasmore, 2; F. Buck, 3; G. Langford, 4; A. G. Ellis, 5; H. S. Ellis, 6; H. R. Newton (conductor), 7; J. W. Golding, 8.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's, on November 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 1260 changes. W. E. Judd, 1; H. G. Miles, 2; A. V. Selby (first quarter-peal of STEDMAN CATERS), 3; H. Richardson, 4; A. E. Bradley, 5; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 6; A. F. Harris, 7; W. Fox, 8; J. George, 9; W. Hollier (first quarter-peal of CATERS and comes from Gillingham), 10.

THE LATE MR. THOMAS WHITFIELD.—The death of Mr. Whitfield occurred at Stockton-on-Tees, on November 19th, at the age of seventy. He joined, or rather, rejoined, the ringers at Stockton when a regular system of weekly practices was inaugurated in 1872, with a view of establishing the art of change-ringing in the belfry of the Parish Church. In due course he became fairly efficient in hunting the treble, and in that capacity took part in a 5040 of seven methods of MINOR rung on the Stockton bells on September 15th, 1883. When the Durham Diocesan Association was formed in 1877, he joined it and attended several of the meetings of its early years, and at one time was a vice-president. His attendance at the Stockton belfry had ceased some years ago, and his death did not become known to his former colleagues in time to ring a muffled peal on the day of the funeral of their genial associate of former days.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday, the 18th ult., a meeting for friendly practice was held at Northallerton, and

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was attended by ringers from Middlesbrough, Stockton, Thornaby, and Thirsk, and the indefatigable Secretary, the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Stokesley, who cycled the journey sixteen miles both ways in a dense fog. The peal, with a 16 cwt. tenor, is a delightful one to ring on, and the bells were sent along through touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and BOB MAJOR. A creditable attempt for a 720 of BOB MINOR was also made by the Thornaby band and lost in the fourth part. It is gratifying to notice that the local band, hitherto one short, have received an accession of strength in the assistance now rendered by the Rev. — Frost, curate, who has become interested in the art, and, of course, is now ambitious to become an adept. Should he succeed, there will be three clerical performing members within the pale of this Association.

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Meetings for Practice.

The Royal Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day (December 15th).
The Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Vassall Road, on December 18th; and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on December 20th.
The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and St. John's, Hackney, on December 19th; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on December 20th; at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on December 22nd; at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on December 16th, at 7.30 p.m.
The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on December 20th.
The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on December 21st.
The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on December 22nd, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Putney, on December 4th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

John N. Oxborrow .. 1	John W. Golding .. 5
Charles T. P. Brice .. 2	William E. Garrard .. 6
Arthur G. Ellis .. 3	William T. Cockerill .. 7
George Langford .. 4	Henry R. Newton .. 8

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow, conducted by Henry R. Newton.

At St. Michael's, Cornhill, on December 9th, a peal of STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 changes, in 4 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 41 cwt.

James Pettit .. 1	Matthew A. Wood .. 7
Harry R. Pasmore* .. 2	Edwin Horrex .. 8
Henry Springall .. 3	John R. Sharman* .. 9
Charles F. Winney .. 4	William T. Cockerill .. 10
Thomas H. Taffender .. 5	Edward P. O'Meara .. 11
Thomas Hattersley .. 6	Walter Prime .. 12

Composed by the late John Cox, conducted by James Pettit. [* First peal on twelve bells.]

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

At St. James's, Great Grimsby, on November 27th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 18 cwt.

John W. Chapman .. 1	Arthur B. Shepherd .. 5
George Weldon .. 2	William H. Heyhne .. 6
George T. Marshall .. 3	Charles Jackson .. 7
Herbert P. Harman (cond.) 4	James Lamb .. 8

Rung to commemorate the fiftieth birthday of Mr. C. Jackson. Messrs. Jackson and Marshall come from Hull; H. P. Harman from Bromley, Kent.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday morning, November 12th, for Divine service at the Parish Church, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. G. Payne, 1; L. Payne (conductor), 2; S. Burt, 3; A. E. Lish, 4; C. Tyler, 5; H. Markwell, 6; A. Heasman, 7; W. Markwell, 8. And in the evening 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. W. A. J. Ives, 1; G. Payne, 2; S. Burt, 3; A. E. Lish, 4; H. Markwell, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6; A. Heasman, 7; A. Hodges, 8. Also on November 14th, for practice, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES. W. A. J. Ives, 1; L. Payne (conductor), 2; S. Burt, 3; C. Tyler, 4; H. Markwell, 5; G. Payne, 6; A. Heasman, 7; A. Hodges, 8. [* First quarter-peal.]

NORTHALLERTON.—On November 18th, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, by members of the Cleveland and North York Association. J. H. Blakiston, 1; J. Barnett, 2; J. Stott, 3; J. Neasham, 4; J. Wrightson, 5; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 6; D. H. Burton, 7; H. Wright, 8. Also 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Wrightson, 1; J. Barnett, 2; J. Stott, 3; J. W. Neasham (conductor), 4; G. J. Clarkson, 5; H. Brown, 6; D. H. Burton, 7; A. McFarlane, 8.

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NORTH-TAWTON.—The Exeter St. Sidwell's Society of Change-ringers visited Northtawton tower on November 18th to ring on the octave just completed by the addition of two new bells. The visitors were Messrs. W. Ackermont (hon. secretary), F. Davey, W. Drake, T. Mudge, T. Roberts, W. Richards, E. Sergeant, A. W. Searle, and E. Shepperd. A half-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was attempted, but after about 1200 changes a shift occurred, and the bells were brought round. Mr. E. Shepperd conducted. Other touches were conducted by Messrs. A. Searle and F. Davey. Mr. Searle congratulated the Northtawton people on having so thoroughly restored the tower, which was now, from a ringer's point of view, certainly one of the best in the country. Mr. Shepperd fully endorsed Mr. Searle's remarks.

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A QUEEN AMONG GIRLS, by Ellinor D. Adams (Blackie, 3s. 6d.), is the story of a sister's love. The heroine is Augusta Pembroke, head of her school, and favourite of her teachers and fellow-pupils. She has dreams of a distinguished professional career; but the pity awakened for her timid and sensitive little brother Adrian, the victim of his guardian-uncle's harshness, causes her to abandon her ideals. The story describes the means adopted by Augusta for Adrian's relief. Brother and sister go out into the world together, and learn, as they share troubles, to love and trust each other. Later, when the guardian repents of his injustice, Augusta returns to him and becomes the sunshine of his home. A capably written story.

KIDNAPPED BY CANNIBALS, by Gordon Stables, M.D., C.M. (Blackie, 3s. 6d.), is the story of Willie Stewart. We make his acquaintance on the far-northern shores of Scotland, and have an interesting account of school and fisher life among the frugal inhabitants of village and farm. Willie has a grievance and runs away to sea: there is a mutiny on board—stirred up by foreign sailors—and the hero and others are cast away in a group of hitherto unknown cannibal islands in the southern seas. Their strange, wild life and adventures among these cannibals is the subject of this thrilling story.

THE YOUNG STANDARD-BEARER, volume for 1899 (Wells Gardner, Darton, & Co.), is well illustrated, and contains a capital assortment of little stories, simple articles, verse, &c.

THE MIDGET SERIES: FAVOURITE FABLES FOR TINY TOTS. (Wells Gardner, Darton, & Co.)—These are very pretty, tiny volumes, and we confidently suggest that parents desiring to give children dainty Christmas presents should invest in one or more of the 'Midgets' of the series. The volumes are each of them supplied in a little cardboard box, and we feel sure that many young eyes will brighten when such a gift is presented.

AMONG Christmas books we would heartily recommend I WILL BE A SAILOR, by H. Louisa Bedford (Religious Tract Society), for a brightly written story for our young folk of both sexes. Miss Bedford possesses the rare power of knowing how to interest young people. The boy hero, Nelson Trevelyan, is a true boy, and not the customary ideal child, who has no existence except in the imagination of the author. The many escapades and incidents, which surround 'the Flag which braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze,' are well told, and the development of child-character is a strong feature in the book, as displayed in Nelson and his companion, poor, lame Charlie Grant. Not only children, but grown-ups, will be much fascinated by the clever character sketches, while the moral tone of the story is excellent. We hope that this book will find a home upon the shelves of innumerable home schoolrooms and parish libraries, for it well deserves to be widely known.

Miscellaneous.

THE OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE LONDON CHURCH CONGRESS. Edited by the Rev. C. Dunkley. (Bemrose & Son. 10s. 6d. net.)—We reported the various meetings in connexion with the Church Congress last October at such length that there is not much to say about the excellent volume, which bears on every page the indication of the Editor's painstaking work. We regret that the sentence used by Prebendary Webb-Peploe, in reference to the Holy Eucharist, which gave offence to thousands of reverent Church people, has not disappeared from the report of his speech, though we are well aware that the editor is not responsible for its insertion. There is a vast amount of valuable material, on the wide range of topics which figured in the Congress programme, which will induce many to purchase this volume.

DESIGNING AND DRAWING. Edited by H. Snowden Ward. (Dawbarn & Ward, Ltd. 6d.)—These are the first and second of a series of books on 'useful arts,' which, under the capable editorship of Mr. Ward, should be found acceptable by a large circle of readers. The first book deals with designing and drawing, and the second with wood-carving (with special instruction to beginners).

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on January 8th.

The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and St. Paul's Cathedral, on January 9th; St. Paul's, Shadwell, on December 28th; and St. Stephen's, Westminster, on December 29th.

Royal Cumberland Society: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on December 29th.

The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on December 27th.

The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on December 28th.

The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on December 28th.

The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on December 29th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

Rugby.

ON December 7th, Mr. James George, master of the St. Andrew's Association of Rugby, entertained a number of his fellow-ringers and also his colleagues in the Estate Office of the L. & N. W. Railway at Rugby to a social evening at the Bull Hotel, to celebrate the thirtieth year of his service with the railway company, and also the ringing of his two-hundredth peal, which took place at Pinner a short time ago, when he conducted a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in honour of the golden wedding of his father and mother. About twenty local friends were present, also Messrs. W. Short, W. H. Barber, A. Walker, and W. H. Godden, of the St. Martin's Guild; P. W. Davies (Lichfield), H. Argyle and T. W. Chapman (Nuneaton). Mr. W. Brooke (churchwarden) presided, and was supported by Mr. R. Over, ex-churchwarden. During the evening songs were contributed by Messrs. F. Stannard, A. White, and F. Betts, with Mr. W. M. Parsons at the piano, and tunes were played on the handbells by the St. Martin's Guild members, and Messrs. Argyle, Chapman, and George joined these gentlemen in ringing touches in various methods.

The Chairman, in proposing the health of the founder of the feast, first read a letter from the Rector, expressing his appreciation of Mr. George's services. He (the Chairman) then referred to the objects of the gathering, as mentioned above, and said there was another, viz., the promotion of good-fellowship among the members of the Association. It was only ten years ago that Mr. George went in for peal-ringing, and they were proud to have as their Master one who had been able to ring two hundred peals in that time.

Mr. Godden and Mr. F. Stannard added a few appreciative words, and the toast was received with musical honours.

Mr. George, in responding, expressed his gratitude for the kindness he had always received from the Rector and churchwardens, from Mr. Coales, and his ringing friends; and when he told them that in the Estate Office he had one of the best of chiefs, and a most admirable working staff, they would understand that he had every reason to be grateful. With regard to ringing, while being satisfied with the progress of the band, he hoped soon to take them into the higher methods of the art.

(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 104.)

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By MR. CONGREVE'S COMMISSIONER

With Mr. GEORGE HARVELL, West Lulworth, Wareham. Dorset, April, 1899.

West Lulworth—or Lulworth Cove, according to the map—is not an easy place to get at, though it is one of the prettiest spots on the Dorset coast, and a favourite resort for tourists. The village is only small, and I had no difficulty in finding Mr. George Harvell, who is the Secretary of the Local Foresters' lodge, and appears to be very well known there.

His experience of Mr. Congreve's treatment dates back considerably over thirty years, and his present condition of health after that long period is of itself a powerful testimony as to its efficacy.

'It was about the year 1867,' Mr. Harvell told me, 'that I first applied to Mr. Congreve, through the minister here—Rev. W. Gidley, having been strongly recommended so to do by an old patient (Mr. Henry Richards, late of Christchurch, Bournemouth)—who had received great benefit. Mr. Gidley began with a severe pain in the right side, and offensive expectoration. In fact, I had all the symptoms of Consumption. The doctors who attended me said it was a hopeless case. I was seriously ill for a year, and unable to work for three years. For twelve months I took Mr. Congreve's medicine regularly, all the time getting slowly better, and at last quite recovered my health. Since then I have only had four days' illness, and am able, as you see, to attend to my work, though I am over fifty years old. I have used his medicine for people I have known, and have seen good results follow. I have Mr. Harvell's permission to make these facts public.'

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A Nonagenarian Ringer.

On Sunday, December 3rd, Mr. George Russell, who still resides at Croydon, entered on his ninety-first year, and several bands connected with the Surrey Association sought, therefore, to ring in his honour. The Beddington Company attempted a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS at Beddington on Saturday, the 2nd inst., which unfortunately came to grief, after an hour and a half's ringing, owing to a change-course. On the Sunday, however, the members of the Beddington Company rang for evening service ninety sixes of STEDMAN TRIPLES, specially composed by Mr. Edgar Bennett, the ringers standing as follows:—H. Brooker (conductor), 1; J. Rumble, 2; A. Boxall, 3; E. Bennett, 4; A. J. Plowman, 5; A. Clayton, 6; C. Bance, 7; J. Wignell, 8. And at Mitcham, on the same evening, the same touch was rung by the local band, viz.: W. S. Smith (conductor), 1; J. D. Drewett, 2; R. Sewell, 3; A. J. Lambert, 4; J. Fayers, 5; A. Calver, 6; L. C. Ferrige, 7; J. Currell, 8.

Mr. Russell has been a member of the Surrey Association since its inception in 1881, and so far as that Association is concerned, he has rung in eight peals, viz., three of GRANDSIRE CATERS, three of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, one of UNION TRIPLES, and two of STEDMAN TRIPLES, the first of which latter, being the first in the method by members of the Association, was rung on January 24th, 1887. Despite his great age, Mr. Russell still considers he can pull a bell, his remark being that 'his arms want to go up and down,' but that 'his legs will not carry him up to the belfry,' although the writer only last year stood in an attempt for a quarter-peal of STEDMAN CATERS in which the veteran also participated. While, however, he is not quite able to mount steps, he is still able to get about without assistance on the level, as it was only a few weeks ago that he walked from his house in Croydon to visit one of his old ringing friends in Mitcham. Mr. Russell is also an old member of the Royal Cumberland Society, and doubtless his old associates in that Society will be pleased and proud to hear that their old colleague is still in such good health, in possession of his faculties, and with an ear for the dear old bells. C. D.

The Bells of Wouldham, Kent.

Two new bells have recently been added to the four old ones in this church (one of which had been recast), thus forming a beautiful peal of six. A Diamond Jubilee clock, with Cambridge chimes, has also been placed in the tower, together with a chiming apparatus. The church is particularly interesting as being the burial-place of Walter Burke, 'purser of His Majesty's ship *Victory*, and in whose arms the immortal Nelson died.' The Dedication Service took place at 11 a.m. The Rev. W. H. Addison read the prayers, the Rev. A. E. Bourne (vicar of Burcham), the lesson, and the Rector (the Rev. R. W. Taylor) gave an address on the invention and use of bells. The date on the old bells is 1624, 'Joseph Hatch made me,' the rector at that time being Dr. Caccott. Mrs. Henry Peters started the clock. The Aylesford bell-ringers rang peals during the day. Five hundred children and all the old people over sixty years of age had tea. There was a display of fireworks in the evening, after which the Jubilee Committee and the bell-ringers of the two parishes had supper. It is necessary to have a new roof to the tower, and the whole cost is 670*l.*, of which Henry Peters, Esq., and the Rector each gave two hundred guineas. The Royal Engineers have their chief pontooning station in the village, and there are many navy and army pensioners residing there. This fact prompted a telegram to be sent to Her Majesty, expressing the parishioners' loyalty and devotion. A gracious reply was received by the Rector: 'The Private Secretary is commanded to express the thanks of the Queen for the kind message of congratulation which you have forwarded to Her Majesty.'

CHANGE-RINGING.*The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.*

At the Parish Church, Thornaby, Yorkshire, on December 2nd, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 30 mins.

G. J. Clarkson 1	T. Metcalfe 5
W. Newton 2	F. P. Howcroft 6
T. Haigh 3	J. H. Blakiston 7
T. Neill 4	J. Stephenson 8

Composed by C. H. Hattersley, conducted by J. H. Blakiston.

The Birmingham Amalgamated Society of the Midland Counties Association.

At the Parish Church, Oldbury, Worcestershire, on December 4th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 45 mins. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

John Jennings 1	Thomas Collinson 5
Reuben Hall 2	John T. Perry 6
Thomas Horton 3	John Carter 7
Charles Sparkes 4	Richard Speakman 8

Composed and conducted by John Carter. This peal is in five parts, and is now rung for the first time.

The All Saints', Fulham, Society.

At All Saints', Fulham, on December 9th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 19 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

James Driver 1	William T. Elson 6
Harry Barton 2	William Pickworth 7
William H. Fussell 3	Lance-Corporal J. Mackman .. 8
Frederick G. Perrin 4	Reuben Charge 9
George E. Symonds 5	Cornelius Charge 10

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, conducted by Cornelius Charge.

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Botolph's, Heene, Worthing, on December 13th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (Brook's Variation), 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 42 mins. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

George Williams (conductor) .. 1	Reuben Standing 5
George Norris 2	Benjamin Barrett 6
John Paice 3	Edmund Lindup 7
Alfred W. Groves 4	Arthur Arnell 8

And at St. John-the-Baptist's, Liffeld, Sussex, on December 16th, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 21½ cwt.

George Tomsett 1	Alfred Tomsett 5
Herbert Tomsett 2	Edmund Lindup 6
Albert Stone 3	George Williams (conductor) .. 7
Frank Bennett 4	Frederick Willery 8

Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin.

On May 20th, at the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, seven members of the St. Martin's Society of Birmingham, assisted by R. R. Cherry, Esq., Q.C., and Messrs. Salter and Lindoff, of Dublin, rang on the musical ring of ten bells a true and complete peal of STEDMAN CATERS—the first in Ireland—consisting of 5017 changes, in 3 hrs. 43 mins. Tenor, 38 cwt., in C.

G. Salter 1	R. R. Cherry, Q.C. 6
G. Lindoff 2	J. George 7
W. Short 3	T. Miller 8
T. G. Salter 4	J. Barber 9
W. F. Barber 5	J. Buffery 10

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, conducted by W. H. Barber.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—At the Parish Church, on December 2nd, 720 BOB MINOR. W. Keeble, jun., 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; J. Moule, 3; L. Copsey, 4; J. Dale, 5; G. Hayden, 6. Also 720 KENT TREBLE BOB. L. Copsey, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; J. Dale, 3; J. Moule, 4; W. Keeble, jun. (conductor), 5; G. Hayden, 6. And 720 BOB MINOR (9 bobs, 6 singles). F. Withers, 1; G. Pearl, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; I. Dear, 4; W. Doran, 5; W. Keeble, 6.

We regret to record the death of Madame de Falbe, of Luton Hoo, Beds., which occurred at Bournemouth on Saturday last. An illustrious personage, a worthy successor to one of the finest rolls of the lords and ladies of the manor of the ancient royal demesne of Luton, her Christmas gifts were always appreciated by the ringers of the famous old parish church of St. Mary, Luton, and as a tribute of respect the Union Jack flag was hoisted half-mast, and a muffled peal was rung on the bells which had once heralded her arrival at Luton as the bride of the mansion of Luton Hoo.

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I HAVE for a long time desired to plead the cause of sentiment in bell ringing, which has, as I conceive, been sadly tyrannised over by modern science—by the modern developments of the athletic, rather than the æsthetic; of rivalry and competition.

Peal-ringing is one of the finest fields for athletic training, through the discipline imposed upon the ringers in its exercise as a physical pastime, involving the greatest readiness of action with perfect precision. Its first inception as a musical art, for the benefit of others besides the ringer, would seem almost to be lost sight of. Occasional reports make it appear that the tendency of the present day is to perform a feat of physical skill with the greatest accuracy and endurance in a minimum of time—a feat of admiration rather than of delight. The 'church bells of my childhood' are rarely to be heard in these degenerate days. Instead of the moderated cadence giving the full tone of each bell distinctly, we have only the hurried fusion of each successive bell into the next, to the loss not only of the melody, but of the harmony also. It becomes almost impossible even to count the number of the bells in the peal; and the musical effect of the change-ringing, upon which so much loving labour and care have been bestowed, is dissipated.

The grand aim of modern peal-ringing appears, to the outside world at least, to run the greatest number of changes in a given time—reckoned not alone by hours and minutes, but even by seconds. Doubtless there is in this, as in games of skill, or athletic sports, a large amount of pleasure to the performers, and they may, or may not, be in a better position to hear or to realise the effect of their own efforts; but to an outsider it would seem that there might be even a larger amount of skill displayed, and appreciated, by an equally careful, though moderated, performance. There would be a much larger evidence of metro-nomic skill; and much less distress to neighbouring ladies, ignorant of bell-ringing!

It may well be that, not being a ringer, and being an *ignoramus*, I am not properly entitled to express an 'opinion' upon it. But, not being a ringer, I may be allowed to express some 'feeling' in the matter, and to express it on behalf of others also; for I am by no means alone in my views, or rather in my sentiments.

The note of a perfect bell is by no means a simple sound. It is a compound sound, consisting of several tones in accurate harmony with each other, produced from the lip, the waist, and the crown respectively. And, if these be not in perfect harmony, the reverberations conflict with each other and are deadened. On this account, therefore, the sound of each bell separately should be distinctly audible, and not further mixed up with the tones of the other bells. The greatest care should be taken to have them all in perfect tune, and the attainment of this appears now to have been made possible by the investigations of the Rev. Arthur B. Simpson, prebendary of Chichester, explained in a small pamphlet, *Why Bells Sound Out of Tune*, published by Skeffington. This ought to be well studied by every bell-founder and every peal-ringer in the kingdom. The notes of bells out of tune with themselves cannot be readily distinguished.

I cannot but think that the Divine purpose of the bells would be better fulfilled, and the pains and labours of the ringers would

be better paid by the popular appreciation which they would invoke, and the higher sentiment which they would be the means of instilling into willing ears:—

'The church bells of my childhood's days,
I hear them pealing still,
As in fond memory I gaze
Upon life's downward hill.

'Those scenes of distant love and home,
In peace they nearer bring;
Again on grateful wave they come,
In measured joyous ring.

'And, in their turn, to other ears
Their mission they shall bear,
Of solemn thoughts, of smiles and tears,
Of rest from earthly care.'

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW-YEAR'S ROBIN DINNERS.—On Tuesday, January 2nd, and Saturday, January 6th, the Robin Dinner Fund will inaugurate its twenty-third season by large gatherings in Westminster and Shoreditch Town Halls. Some six hundred children will have a hearty Christmas meal. Music will be provided during dinner, and an entertainment will form the conclusion of a delightful evening for some of London's little waifs and strays.

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The Royal Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day (December 29th).
The Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Vassall Road, on January 1st; and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on January 3rd.
The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and St. John's, Hackney, on January 2nd; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on January 3rd; at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on January 5th; at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on December 30th, at 7.30 p.m.
The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on January 3rd.
The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on January 4th.
The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on January 5th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

Hackney Church Bells.

An effort is being made to restore the bells of the Parish Church of St. John-at-Hackney. These bells were cast in 1786, and form a fine peal of eight. In 1852 they were transferred from the old tower to their present position, and since then little has been done to improve the condition of the belfry, which now amounts to a condition almost dangerous. The timber is worm-eaten, the joints are loose, and the whole frame is so rickety that it is almost impossible to ring the bells with proper precision, whilst the continual oscillation must eventually endanger the stability of the tower. The bell-founders report that an entirely new frame and fittings are necessary, which will cost about 300l. A committee has been formed to raise a fund for this purpose, and over 100l. has already been promised by old Hackney residents and other friends. The ringers now appeal to the parishioners, and to all interested in the parish or in bells, to assist in this work. The bells of the parish church should certainly be a source of pride to all the inhabitants of Hackney. At present they are simply a fine spoil. It has been suggested that at the same time two smaller bells should be added to make a peal of ten, which, in the opinion of ringing experts, will greatly enhance the musical properties of the present peal. This will entail an expenditure of an additional 100l., and must depend on the response that is made to this appeal. Subscriptions will be gladly received by the Treasurer, Mr. Howell W. Voss, 38 Mildenhall Road, Clapton, or may be remitted direct to 'The St. John's Church Bell Fund' account, London and County Bank, Hackney branch.

The Bells of Hambleden, Bucks.

A CORRESPONDENT writes: 'In your issue of September 12th, 1890, in an article re "The Bells of Hughenden, Bucks," an allusion is made to the bells of Hambleden. Perhaps the following information, extracted from a record of the bells in Hambleden tower, may be of interest to some of your readers.'

Treble bell, 5½ cwt., note D sharp, cast at Whitechapel Foundry. Inscription, 'Georgius Rex, A.D. 1724. D. Jones, R. Lane, churchwardens. R. Phelps made me.'

Second bell, 6 cwt., note C sharp. 'Feare God. 1634.'

Third bell, 7 cwt., note B. 'George Deane gave this bell, 1634.'

Fourth bell, 8 cwt., note A sharp. 'John Warner & Sons, Crescent Foundry, London, 1867.' (Royal coat of arms.)

Fifth bell, 9½ cwt., note G sharp, cast at Whitechapel Foundry. 'Pack & Chapman, of London, fecit, 1778.'

Tenor bell, 13 cwt., note F sharp, coin perhaps of Edward III. 1327-1337. This bell was most likely cast in the fifteenth century. 'Ora mente pia pro nobis virgo Maria' (in old English).

According to the above the tenor is dedicated to the Virgin Mary (to whom the church is also dedicated), and is a pre-Reformation bell, probably nearly 500 years old.

SOUTHWARK.—At St. George-the-Martyr's, on December 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1260 changes. J. Pettit, 1; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 2; W. S. Wise, 3; W. Pickworth, 4; C. F. Winney, 5; H. Springall, 6; W. T. Cockerill, 7; G. Woodage, 8.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Botolph's, Heene, Worthing, on December 20th, Thurstone's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 48½ mins. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

Benjamin Bassett ..	1	Alfred W. Groves ..	5
John Paice ..	2	Reuben Standing ..	6
George Norris ..	3	George Williams (cnr.) ..	7
Edmund Lindup ..	4	Frederick Lindup ..	8

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—The members of the Cleveland and North York Association rang, on November 9th (Mayor's Day), 672 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; J. A. Carter, 2; F. P. Howcroft, 3; Rev. W. P. Wright, 4; J. Waller, 5; T. W. Waller, 6; T. Metcalf, 7; T. Stephenson, 8. Also 640 KENT TREBLE BOB. J. Clarkson, 1; T. Burdon, 2; J. A. Carter, 3; Rev. W. P. Wright, 4; F. P. Howcroft, 5; T. W. Waller, 6; T. Metcalf (conductor), 7; T. Stephenson, 8. Also 704 KENT TREBLE BOB. J. Clarkson, 1; T. W. Waller, 2; T. Burdon, 3; Rev. W. P. Wright, 4; J. A. Carter, 5; F. P. Howcroft, 6; T. Metcalf, 7; T. Stephenson (conductor), 8. And 1024 KENT TREBLE BOB. J. Clarkson, 1; J. A. Carter, 2; F. P. Howcroft, 3; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 4; T. Burdon, 5; T. W. Waller, 6; T. Metcalf, 7; T. Stephenson, 8. And 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Clarkson, 1; J. A. Carter, 2; F. P. Howcroft, 3; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 4; T. Burdon, 5; T. W. Waller, 6; T. Metcalf, 7; T. Stephenson, 8. Also, on November 18th, on the back six, 720 YORK SURPRISE. W. Newton, 1; T. W. Waller, 2; J. Waller, 3; T. Burdon, 4; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 5; T. Stephenson, 6. On November 21st, 576 KENT TREBLE BOB. J. Clarkson, 1; J. J. Brown, 2; R. Alcock, 3; W. Newton, 4; J. Waller, 5; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 6; T. Metcalf, 7; T. Stephenson, 8. On November 28th, 960 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; W. T. Titchener, 2; W. Newton, 3; T. Langley, 4; T. W. Waller, 5; T. Metcalf, 6; F. P. Howcroft, 7; J. H. Blakiston, 8; A. Macfarlane, 9; T. Stephenson, 10. On December 12th, on the front six, 720 of BOB MINOR. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; W. Newton, 2; R. G. Greenwood (first 720), 3; T. W. Waller, 4; T. Metcalf, 5; T. Stephenson, 6. And 576 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. J. Clarkson, 1; F. P. Howcroft, 2; J. Brown, 3; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 4; T. W. Waller, 5; T. Stephenson, 6; W. Newton, 7; T. Metcalf, 8. Tenor, 27½ cwt.

THORNABY-ON-TEES.—On November 15th, by the Cleveland and North York Association, 720 BOB MINOR. N. H. Job (first 720), 1; H. Pinkney, 2; T. Kelly, 3; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 4; A. Barrett, 5; N. Kidd, 6. And on November 29th, 720 BOB MINOR. T. Beckwith, 1; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 2; W. Newton, 3; W. J. Wright, 4; A. Barrett, 5; N. Kidd, 6. On the same night, 336 BOB MAJOR. N. H. Job, 1; W. Newton, 2; T. Beckwith, 3; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 4; T. Metcalf, 5; W. J. Wright, 6; A. Barrett, 7; N. Kidd, 8. Tenor, 10½ cwt. [* First touch of MAJOR.]

DEATH OF MR. HENRY FREEMAN.—On November 16th this well-known inhabitant of Henfield was removed. Mr. Freeman passed his early years at Ashurst, and died at Woodmanote, but he always considered himself to belong to Henfield; indeed, he lived at Wantleigh for more than thirty years, and during that time was a constant member of the church bell-ringers. He was buried at Henfield on November 20th, within a few months of his wife's interment there. The Henfield ringers rang the following touches in memory of their old comrade: a plain course of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES rung at the grave on handbells by W. J. Alliss, 1-2; G. Payne, 3-4; C. Tyler, 5-6; H. Markwell, 7-8. And the following touches were rung on the tower bells half muffled: A quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES: W. A. J. Ives, 1; C. Tyler, 2; T. Burt, 3; A. E. Lish, 4; H. Markwell, 5; W. J. Alliss, 6; G. Payne (conductor), 7; A. Heasman, 8. Also 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES: G. Payne (conductor), 1; L. Payne, 2; T. Burt, 3; A. E. Lish, 4; H. Markwell, 5; W. J. Alliss, 6; A. Heasman, 7; T. West, 8. And 1008 of STEDMAN TRIPLES: W. J. Alliss, 1; L. Payne, 2; T. Burt, 3; H. Markwell, 4; C. Tyler (conductor), 5; G. Payne, 6; A. Heasman, 7; T. West, 8.

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Royal Cumberland Society: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on January 12th.

The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on January 10th.

The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on January 11th.

The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on January 11th.

The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on January 12th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

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Monday, Jan. 1 (New Year's Day) . . . 9 to 10 a.m.
 Thursday, Jan. 25 (Dedication Festival) . . . 9 to 10 a.m. and 6 to 7 p.m.
 Wed., Feb. 14 (Queen Victoria Clergy Fund) . . . 3 to 4 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.
 Wed., May 9 (Sons of the Clergy Festival) . . . 2.30 p.m. and 5 p.m.
 Thursday, May 24 (Ascension Day) . . . 9.45 to 10.30 a.m. & 2.30 to 3.15 p.m.
 Wednesday, June 20 (Queen's Accession) . . . 9 to 10 a.m. and 6 to 7 p.m.
 Monday, October 8 (Harvest Thanksgiving) . . . 6 to 7 p.m. and after the service.
 Thursday, Nov. 1 (All Saints' Day) . . . 9 to 10 a.m. and 6 to 7 p.m.
 Friday, Nov. 9 (Lord Mayor's Day) . . . 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.
 Monday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve) . . . 9 to 10 p.m.
 Tuesday, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day) . . . 10 a.m. and 2.45 p.m.
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And on the following Tuesday evenings at 7.45 for practice:—Jan. 9th, Feb. 6th, May 1st and 29th, June 26th, July 24th, Aug. 21st, Sept. 18th, Oct. 16th, and Nov. 13th.

Besides St. Paul's, the following is a list of churches at which members of the Ancient Society of College Youths are engaged to ring the bells, and the nights they meet for practice, 1900:—

TWELVE BELLS.

St. Saviour's, Southwark: no practices. Bells awaiting restoration.
 St. Giles's, Cripplegate, and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside: no practices. Towers awaiting restoration.

St. Michael's, Cornhill: Tuesday, January 23rd, and every four weeks at 8 p.m.; also on any St. Paul's night when the Cathedral bells are not available, and on March 6th, April 3rd, and December 11th.

These and the St. Paul's practices are the official meetings of the Society, when, after ringing, a business meeting is held at the headquarters in Warwick Lane. Any necessary alteration in the above dates will be notified in this paper.

TEN BELLS.

St. Magnus the Martyr, Lower Thames Street: no practices. Bells awaiting repairs.

All Hallows, Lombard Street: occasional.

St. Dunstan's, Stepney: practices resumed when restoration is completed.

St. Mary's, Walthamstow: Saturdays at 7.30 p.m., and Sundays for morning and evening service.

EIGHT BELLS.

St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green: every Sunday, 10 a.m.

St. John at Hackey: on the first and third Tuesdays in each month.

St. Paul's, Shadwell: on Thursday, January 11th, and every fortnight.

St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton: occasional.

St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel: Wednesday, January 3rd, and every fortnight.

St. Mary's, Bow, E.: tower under restoration.

Christ Church, Spitalfields

St. John's, South Hackney } Bells out of order. No Practices.

St. Gabriel's, Pimlico

St. John the Evangelist, Pimlico: Thursdays evenings.

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Feltham, Middlesex.

A NEW ring of eight bells (tenor, 12 cwt.) was dedicated at Feltham Church on December 27th. The bells were the generous gift of the late Mr. Serjeant Spinks (the last of the Serjeants-at-Law), who also partly defrayed the cost of the handsome tower and spire in which the bells hang. Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, of the Whitechapel foundry, were intrusted with the order for the casting and erecting of the bells some four months ago, and it was by special desire of the donor that everything was in readiness for the ring to be dedicated and heard for the first time on the above date, that being the eighty-third anniversary of his birth.

A short special service was conducted in the belfry at 2.30 p.m. by the Vicar, the Rev. J. F. Jemmett, after which the bells were opened with a touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. During the afternoon and evening, touches in different methods were rung. The bells form a very musical ring in the key of F sharp, and 'go' remarkably well. It was much to be regretted that the sad death of the donor had to be recorded the same evening. He had been in ill health for some time, and passed quietly away at his residence, Brinley House, near Faversham.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Ethelfleda, Romsey, Hampshire, on December 26th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 17 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt., in D.

John W. Whiting	.. 1	Rev. F. E. Robinson	.. 5
Edward C. Merritt	.. 2	William W. Gifford	.. 6
Frank Bennett	.. 3	George Williams (condr.)	.. 7
Thomas Blackburn	.. 4	William G. Fowler	.. 8

The first peal of STEDMAN on the bells.

The Kent County Association.

At St. Mary's, Ashford, on December 26th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 17 mins.

R. Edwards	.. 1	R. Jenner	.. 5
C. Turner	.. 2	W. Spice	.. 6
A. Hindes	.. 3	J. Preston (conductor)	.. 7
J. Steddy	.. 4	W. Hadlow	.. 8

First peal of STEDMAN on the bells.

The St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.

At St. Margaret's, Ipswich, on December 27th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

Alfred Bowell	.. 1	Robert S. Pye	.. 5
William Motts	.. 2	Ernest Pye	.. 6
Albert E. Durrant	.. 3	James Motts	.. 7
William L. Catchpole	.. 4	William Pye	.. 8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, conducted by James Motts.

The Ely Diocesan Association (Sudbury Branch)

At St. Peter's, Sudbury, Suffolk, on December 27th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 14 mins. Tenor, 23 cwt.

Charles Sillitoe	.. 1	William Kinsey	.. 5
Harry Thompson	.. 2	Arthur Symonds	.. 6
Hugh Gladwell	.. 3	Ernest Beckwith	.. 7
Charles Honeybell	.. 4	David Elliott	.. 8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow, and conducted by Charles Sillitoe. Messrs. Beckwith and Elliott were elected members of the Association on this occasion. [*First peal of MAJOR.]

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Botolph's, Heene, Worthing, on December 30th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (a variation of Thurstan's Four-part), 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 44 mins.

Frank Bennett	.. 1	George Norris	.. 5
John Paice	.. 2	Reuben Standing	.. 6
Alfred W. Groves	.. 3	George Williams (condr.)	.. 7
Edmund Lindup	.. 4	Alfred Tulett	.. 8

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Meetings for Practice.

The Royal Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day (January 12th).
The Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Vassall Road, on January 15th; and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on January 17th.
The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and St. John's, Hackney, on January 16th; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on January 17th; at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on January 19th; at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on January 18th, at 7.30 p.m.
The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on January 17th.
The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on January 18th.
The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on January 19th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

Saxlingham Thorpe.

THE bells of the Parish Church were dedicated on December 28th, after being rehung and in part recast. The work of recasting the treble, fourth, and tenor bells has been effected by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank of Whitechapel, London, while Messrs. George Day & Son, of Eye, carried out the work of hanging and tuning the bells. The bells, which are six in number, now hang in a wrought-iron frame, resting on entirely new oak timbers built into the tower; the ropes being led by wooden troughs to the ringing chamber, which is upon the ground floor. This latter has been floored with wood to make it more comfortable for the ringers. Many members of the Norwich Diocesan Association were present from Norwich, Yarmouth, Diss, and other places, and performed on the bells during the day. There was a special service of dedication in the afternoon, during which a short peal was rung. The Dean of Norwich preached from Exod. xxviii. 33, 34.

CHANGE-RINGING.

Lamberhurst, Kent.

At the Parish Church, on December 19th, the following ringers from Horsmonden rang a peal of MINOR, 5040 changes, in four methods, in 3 hrs., viz.:—GRANDSIRE, one 720; OXFORD TREBLE BOB, two 720's; KENT TREBLE BOB, two 720's; and PLAIN BOB, two 720's.
 George Hodge 1 William Lambert 4
 Edwin Lambert 2 Frederick Butcher 5
 Ernest Lambert 3 Frederick Lambert (condr.) 6

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

At St. Hilda's, Middlesborough, on Christmas morning, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins.
 Alexander M. MacFarlane 1 Richard H. Fenwick .. 5
 James A. Carter 2 Frederick P. Howcroft .. 6
 William Rudd 3 John H. Blakiston 7
 Charles R. Hall 4 Thomas Metcalfe 8
 Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, conducted by J. H. Blakiston.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At Coddendam Church, on December 26th, the following members of the Sproughton Company rang a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins.
 A. Woolward 1 E. Rivers 5
 G. W. Mee 2 F. Rolfe 6
 H. J. Mee 3 A. G. Rivers 7
 C. Mee 4 F. Mee 8
 Composed by the late H. W. Haley, and conducted by Charles Mee. This is the first peal of MAJOR on church bells by a wholly Sproughton company.

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The Midland Counties Association.

At St. Andrew's, Rugby, on December 31st, 1899, a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt., in D.
 Arthur Coleman* .. 1 Harry Sear (Bletchley)* .. 5
 Richard Watson 2 James George 6
 Albert Dubber 3 Albert Bramall† 7
 Charles George (Bushey)† .. 4 John William Shotton .. 8

Composed by John Carter and conducted by James George. This peal, which came round at 11.40 p.m., was rung muffled for the dying year, and also for the gallant soldiers who have given their lives for the Queen and Empire in South Africa. [* First peal. † Elected members prior to starting for peal.]

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

At Christ Church, North Shields, on January 1st, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 19½ cwt.
 Andrew Tully 1 Edward Hern 5
 Joseph Gofton 2 Joel Hern 6
 George R. Holmes 3 Joseph E. Keen 7
 Thomas A. Teasdale 4 Thomas Gofton 8
 Composed by Arthur Knights, conducted by Thomas Teasdale.

LEYTONSTONE.—At St. John's Church, on December 21st, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR (fifteen bobs). J. Philpot, 1; H. Beams, 2; W. Miller, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; J. Mardell, 5; G. Hayden, 6. Also 720 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE. G. Hayden, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; W. Doran, 3; W. Miller, 4; J. Mardell, 5; H. Beams (conductor), 6.

EARL SOHAM.—On Saturday, December 16th, five members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang upon the bells of St. Mary's Church a date touch of 1899 changes, in seven different methods, in 1 hr. 4 mins. J. W. Mallett, 1; J. Read, 2; A. S. Stageman, 3; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 4; G. Balls, 5. This is the longest touch by the treble and third men.

MORETON-IN-MARSH.—The ringers of St. David's Church have of late made great strides in the art of change-ringing, thanks chiefly to the coaching of Mr. Walter Large, late of Burford. On December 19th a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 43 mins. by the following:—W. Butler, 1; W. Smith, 2; C. J. Gillett, 3; R. Lyddiatt, 4; A. White, 5; J. Butler, 6; W. Large (conductor), 7; A. Grimes, 8. Tenor, 13 cwt.

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, December 31st, 1899, for evening service, 476 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. Dubber, 3; C. George (Bushey), 4; H. Sear (Bletchley), 5; J. George (conductor), 6; A. Bramall, 7; J. W. Shotton, 8. Also 279 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. Coleman, 1; A. J. Gillings, 2; A. Dubber, 3; C. George, 4; H. Sear, 5; A. Bramall, 6; J. George (conductor), 7; J. W. Shotton, 8. And 294 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. Coleman, 1; A. J. Gillings, 2; A. Dubber, 3; C. George (conductor), 4; H. Sear, 5; J. George, 6; A. Bramall, 7; J. W. Shotton, 8. The above date being New-year's Eve, the bells were rung muffled. On Monday, January 1st, 1900, the New Year was welcomed in (with the bells open) with 279 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; H. Sear, 3; C. George, 4; A. Bramall, 5; J. W. Shotton, 6; A. George (conductor), 7; A. Dubber, 8. Tenor, 25 cwt., in D.

WE understand that the Secretary of State for War has accepted from Messrs. S. Chivers & Sons, the well-known proprietors of Chivers' Jellies and Jams (of Histon, Cambridge), 5000 packets of their jelly for our sick and wounded soldiers in South Africa, and these are now on their way to the front.

AMONGST the many special offers in regard to the war, comes one from the proprietor of Beecham's Pills, who asks us to state that he will be pleased to send a gratis box, postage paid, to any individual soldier now on active service in South Africa, in whom any of our readers are interested, if they will send to St. Helens an address which will find their absent friend at the seat of war. He adopts this course, having received so many letters complaining that Beecham's pills cannot at present be obtained at the front.

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Meetings for Practice.

- The St. James's Society*: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on January 22nd.
The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on January 23rd; St. Paul's, Shadwell, on January 25th; and St. Stephen's, Westminster, on January 26th.
Royal Cumberland Society: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on January 26th.
The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on January 21th.
The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on January 25th.
The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on January 25th.
The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on January 26th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Nicholas', Brighton, on January 13th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 17 mins. Tenor, 16½ cwt.
 George Williams .. 1 | Lionel Sears .. 6
 Frank Bennett .. 2 | John S. Goldsmith .. 7
 Edward C. Merritt .. 3 | George A. King .. 8
 William Palmer .. 4 | James N. Frossell .. 9
 Robert J. Dawe .. 5 | Keith Hart .. 10
 Composed by the late Henry Johnson, and conducted by Keith Hart.
 Rung as a birthday compliment to J. S. Goldsmith, who received the usual congratulations after the peal.

The Waterloo Society, London, and the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

On January 7th, at the residence of Messrs. W. H. Fussell and H. Barton, 40 Catherine Street, Westminster, on handbells retained in hand, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 34 mins.

William H. Fussell .. 1-2	G. E. Symonds (condr.) .. 5-6
Harry Barton* .. 3-4	Thomas H. Taffender* .. 7-8

Umpire, Herbert Langdon. [*First peal on handbells.]

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At the residence of Mr. Pasmore, Peabody Buildings, Southwark, on January 8th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, on handbells retained in hand, in 2 hrs. 54 mins.

Harry R. Pasmore .. 1-2	William H. Pasmore .. 5-6
George E. Symonds .. 3-4	John W. Golding .. 7-8
Thomas H. Taffender	9-10

Composed by Arthur Knights, conducted by George E. Symonds.
 First peal of CATERS on handbells by all the band.

KENDAL.—Mr. Ben. Dawson, who, when resident at Kendal, lived at Wattsfield, died lately from consumption, at the age of thirty-three years. Mr. Dawson was a printer by occupation, formerly employed in Kendal, and was at one time a bell-ringer at Kendal Parish Church, and during the funeral service, which was conducted by the Rev. H. Monsarrat, and after the evening service at the Parish Church, muffled peals were rung on the bells by his old comrades.

MITFORD, NORTHUMBERLAND.—A peal of eight new bells of the ordinary shape, cast out of the thirteen hemispherical bells which formerly occupied the tower, have been erected in Mitford Church by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and were dedicated on December 16th. The weight of the tenor is 17 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs., and the total weight of the eight bells is 64½ cwt. It is interesting to note that these bells have been cast under the supervision of the Rev. Prebendary Simpson, rector of Fittleworth, an admitted authority upon the scientific tuning

of church bells. Mr. Simpson has examined the bells, and has expressed his satisfaction at the way in which Messrs. Taylor have practically carried out the system which he has advocated for many years, and which was explained in some well-known articles in the *Pall Mall Magazine* on bell-tones, four or five years ago.

THE ST. ANDREW'S, NETHERTON, CHANGE-RINGING SOCIETY.—The members of the above Society held their second annual dinner on Tuesday, December 19th, at the 'Five Ways' Inn, Netherton. Among those present were the Revs. J. Marriot (vicar) and J. B. Brinkworth (curate), Mr. J. Davis (churchwarden), Councillor D. Rollinson, Messrs. E. Russell, W. W. Frost, B. Cutler, J. Barnsley, W. Bannister, and ringing friends from Dudley, Halesowen, Old Hill, and Tipton. The Vicar was voted to the chair. The toast of 'The Queen, and Church and State' was given from the chair, and a verse of the National Anthem followed. 'The Army and Navy' was proposed by Mr. Churchwarden Davies, who was pleased to see that our army had not deteriorated in pluck or fighting quality. Mr. J. Brettell, a volunteer from Halesowen, responded. Mr. J. W. Smith recited a poem, and Mr. S. Spittle sang 'The Absent-minded Beggar,' after which the hat went round and brought in 11. 1s. for the *Daily Mail* fund, which the Chairman kindly promised to forward next day. Other toasts followed. During the evening songs and recitations were given by Messrs. J. Faulkner, W. R. Small, A. Spittle, J. W. Smith, and S. Spittle. Tunes were played on the handbells by Mr. J. Goodman and sons, and courses of changes by members of the company.

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With rise and fall and break and change
Of mingled praise and prayer;

Of praise that rises high and clear
On notes that upward sweep,
Of prayer that graver accent finds,
And falls to cadence deep.

As each, in size and tone apart,
Doth its own tale repeat,
And all, attuned in order, form
One harmony complete,

So we, in order true, would be
Where God would have us stand,
So we, or great or small, would do
The thing He doth demand;

Each, with the force to him allowed,
A herald of His Word,
All, in one voice of blended might,
A peal of sweet accord. E. P. BARROW.

(* May be sung to the tune of Hymn 213 in *Hymns Ancient and Modern*.)

Meetings for Practice.

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The Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Vassall Road, on January 29th; and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on January 31st.

The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on January 30th; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on January 31st; at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on February 2nd; at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on January 27th, at 7.30 p.m.

The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on January 31st.

The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on February 1st.

The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on February 2nd, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Waterloo Society.

At St. Mary's, Beddington, on January 20th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Harry Barton ..	1	William H. Fussell ..	6
Herbert Langdon* ..	2	Harold N. Davis ..	7
Arthur Hardy ..	3	Reuben Charge ..	8
Charles E. Malim ..	4	George E. Symonds ..	9
Frederick G. Perrin ..	5	William Charge ..	10

Composed by the late George Newson, conducted by Harry Barton.

[* First peal with a bob-bell.]

PORTSEA.—On October 3rd, for practice, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES by the following local members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild: F. S. Bayley (conductor), 1; J. Harper, 2; C. Groves, 3; Rev. G. Bayley, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. J. Pickard, 6; E. C. Newman, 7; J. T. Matthews, 8. On October 23rd, on the visit of Mr. W. F. D. Smith, M.P., and Lady Esther Smith to the new Parish Institute, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. J.

Harper, 1; P. M. Hannam, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. J. Symons, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. J. Pickard, 6; F. S. Bayley (conductor), 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. On December 3rd, for the special service and Volunteer Church Parade, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. F. S. Bayley, 1; E. C. Newman (conductor), 2; H. Reynolds (Gosport), 3; J. J. Symons, 4; J. Harris, 5; W. J. Pickard, 6; J. Gould, 7; J. T. Matthews, 8. On December 24th, for service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 46 mins. J. Harris, 1; J. Harper, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. J. Symons (conductor), 4; A. D. Stone, 5; J. T. Matthews, 6; E. C. Newman, 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. On Christmas morning, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. C. Groves, 1; J. J. Symons, 2; J. Harris, 3; J. Harper, 4; A. D. Stone, 5; J. T. Matthews, 6; E. C. Newman (conductor), 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. Also on December 31st, for service, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. J. Harper, 1; P. M. Hannam, 2; E. C. Newman, 3; J. J. Symons, 4; A. D. Stone, 5; J. T. Matthews, 6; J. Gould (conductor), 7; H. C. Ingram, 8.

THORNABY, YORKS.—On December 24th, 720 BOB MINOR. N. Job, 1; T. Beckwith, 2; J. H. Pinkney, 3; T. Kelly, 4; E. Usher, 5; N. Kidd, 6 (covering); W. C. Hardy, (conductor) 7; J. Williams, 8 (covering).

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's, on January 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 1260 changes, in 56 mins. W. E. Judd, 1; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 2; A. V. Selby, 3; W. E. Garrard, 4; S. H. Godfrey, 5; H. G. Miles, 6; A. E. Bradley, 7; W. Fox, 8; A. F. Harris, 9; J. Judd, 10.

A CORRESPONDENT, writing under the *nom de plume* of 'Searth Nick,' says that there seems to be a great want of interest amongst those who might be capable of writing about bells. They know (adds the writer) a certain amount of hard work is necessary, but forget the mental calculation which is also necessary—to say nothing of the time and perseverance on the part of the ringers—to produce the music of change-ringing. They leave the ringing chamber entirely to the working man, and don't bother themselves about the condition and repair of the bells or the behaviour of those in the ringing chamber; in fact, very few of the regular attenders of the services have ever taken the trouble to climb the belfry stairs. And then 'Searth Nick' suggests that some one in each parish should collect information about the bells of his church. We need only say that we should be very pleased to receive information of the kind indicated.

IPSWICH.—On December 2nd, in memory of Mr. Robert W. Catchpole, formerly in the employ of Messrs. Garrod, Turner & Son, and father of William L. Catchpole, a prominent church bell-ringer of the diocese, the following members assembled at the church of St. Margaret, Ipswich, and rang the recently augmented ring of eight bells, half-muffled, to various touches of STEDMAN TRIPLES, GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, and KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, viz.:—I. S. Alexander, R. H. Brundle, J. Motts, W. Motts, S. Cook, W. Wood, H. C. Gillingham, W. Roughton, and A. Gillingham. The deceased had attained the advanced age of eighty-one years; this number was tolled on the tenor bell.

SHOREHAM.—At the invitation of Mr. Henry Reeks, of New Shoreham, the band of bell-ringers belonging to St. Mary's Church sat down to a capital spread on January 1st at that gentleman's house. The Vicar, the Rev. C. M. A. Tower, and Mr. F. Pilmore (churchwarden) were also present. Mr. Reeks had kindly consented to be Treasurer of the Christmas Fund, and, after supper, announced the receipt of just under 8*l*. He regretted this was not quite so much as last year, but this was no doubt due to the many calls upon the public purse. Mr. J. Bond and Mr. B. Challen were re-elected leader and deputy-leader respectively. Mr. J. Bacon was appointed Treasurer; Mr. W. Henson, Steeple-keeper; and Mr. C. West, Hon. Secretary for the coming year. Mr. J. Sears tendered his resignation, but was unanimously elected honorary life member of the band. After supper, the band played a selection of airs on the handbells, and, warm appreciation of the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Reeks having been expressed, the party dispersed.

BUNGAY.—At St. Mary's Church, lately, while a party of ringers were ringing a peal, Frederick Baker dropped his rope and fell forward, exclaiming, 'I'm done.' He died immediately. The man's father, a veteran ringer, was present.

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Meetings for Practice.

- The St. James's Society:* at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on February 5th.
- The Ancient Society of College Youths:* at St. John's Hackney, St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and St. Paul's Cathedral, on February 6th; St. Paul's, Shadwell, on February 8th; and St. Stephen's, Westminster, on February 9th.
- Royal Cumberland Society:* at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on February 7th.
- The Waterloo Society:* at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on February 7th.
- The St. Margaret's Society:* at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on February 8th.
- The St. John's Society:* at St. John's, Wilton Road, on February 8th.
- The St. Alfege's Society:* at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on February 9th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

New Bells for St. Mary's, Beverley.

A NEW peal of ten bells is about to be placed in St. Mary's Church, due to the munificence of the late Mrs. Crust, who generously made an offer of 850*l.* for the object, in memory of her deceased husband. The old peal consisted of an octave, which were in a shocking condition. Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, reported that the 'quality and tone of them all, with the exception of the seventh, is very inferior indeed The effect of the clock striking the quarters is most excruciating and must be annoying to any one with a musical ear.' These bells have been taken down to be recast and incorporated with the new peal. Two of the bells are not dated—the fourth and the fifth—but they are very old, and supposed to belong to the pre-Reformation period. The fourth bell has a number of marks upon it, among which is a shield. The fifth bears this inscription, 'Fvit Gra Benedictvs et Nomine.' The sixth bell bears the date 1631, and has inscribed upon it the names of the churchwardens who doubtless were in office at that time. The names are as follows:—'Ihon Wilson, William Ellerington, Richard Sileato, Jeffrey Taler.' The seventh bell is dated 1599, and, in addition to the Royal arms and initials of the churchwardens, bears the following words: 'Ut Tvba Sic Sonitv Domini Iondvco Iohortes.' The eighth bell is a most interesting one. It bears no date. It has some beautiful scroll-work around it, the words 'S.S. Ebor' appearing on each bit, with small bells at either end. The inscription on it reads thus: 'Ante Jacetis Hymo Sonitv Respicite Mæsto. S. A. Robinson, Ed. Farmer, Io. Garton, Ri. Greyhorne, Guardiani It.' It is expected that the new peal will cost a little over 1500*l.*, and that the bells will be fixed in the tower by Easter.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

- AT St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, on January 27th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5001 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 31 cwt.
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| Challis F. Winney .. 1 | John W. Golding .. 6 |
| Arthur G. Ellis .. 2 | John M. Hayes .. 7 |
| Henry R. Pasmore .. 3 | John N. Oxborough .. 8 |
| William H. Pasmore .. 4 | Edward P. O'Meara .. 9 |
| Henry S. Ellis .. 5 | Henry R. Newton .. 10 |
- Composed by John P. Bradley, conducted by Henry R. Newton.

The Sussex County Association.

- AT Holy Trinity, Hurstpierpoint, on January 27th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (a variation of Thurstans' Four-part), 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min. Tenor, 13 cwt.
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| Keith Hart .. 1 | Frank Bennett .. 5 |
| Joseph Waghorn, sen. .. 2 | George Norris .. 6 |
| Arthur A. Fuller .. 3 | George Williams (condr.) .. 7 |
| Edmund Lindup .. 4 | James N. Frossell .. 8 |
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The Essex Association.

AT the Parish Church, Sawbridgeworth, Herts, on January 23rd, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

Nehemiah Tarling .. 1	Ernest Pye .. 5
Walter Prior .. 2	William Watts* .. 6
Henry J. Tucker .. 3	Isaac Cavill .. 7
George Dent .. 4	William Pye .. 8

Composed by Arthur Craven, and conducted by William Pye.

* First peal in the method; also the first peal in the method on the bells.]

BELGRAVE, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On December 31st, eight members of the Midland Counties Association rang 1050 changes of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES as a tribute of respect to the late Samuel Pole, sexton of the parish church. W. Cornish, 1; A. J. Ballard (conductor), 2; Edward E. Smith, 3; E. Smith, 4; W. Miller, 5; J. O. Lancashire, 6; J. Morris, 7; W. Bennett, 8.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On January 1st, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. C. Tyler, 1; G. Payne, 2; S. Burt, 3; A. E. Lish, 4; L. Payne (conductor), 5; H. Markwell, 6; A. Heasman, 7; W. Markwell, 8. And on January 2nd, for practice, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. H. Markwell, 1; L. Payne, 2; S. Burt, 3; A. E. Lish, 4; C. Tyler, 5; G. Payne (conductor), 6; A. Heasman, 7; W. Markwell, 8.

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Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

The Royal Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day (February 9th).
The Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Vassall Road, on February 12th; and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on February 14th.
The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on February 13th; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on February 14th; at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on February 16th; at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on February 10th, at 7.30 p.m.
The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on February 14th.
The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on February 15th.
The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on February 16th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers

THE twenty-fourth annual meeting of this Association took place at Earlsheaton. By kind permission of the Vicars and churchwardens, the bells of Earlsheaton and also Dewsbury Parish Church (which are a new ring of eight) were available during the day. At Earlsheaton an attempt was made for a peal by officials of the Society, but after ringing 2 hrs. 20 mins. it had to be abandoned owing to one of the men becoming suddenly indisposed. At four o'clock the annual service, which was choral, was held, when the Rev. R. S. Davies, M.A. (vicar), preached. At five o'clock tea was provided in the schools for about two hundred ringers and friends from a wide area. Mr. Wm. Snowdon (Leeds) presided at the meeting, being supported by the Vicar and churchwardens of Earlsheaton, along with Messrs. W. H. Howard, the veteran bell-ringer from York, and Mr. Geo. Bolland (Tong), who are vice-presidents; T. Hattersley (Sheffield) and J. H. Hardcastle (Bradford), stewards; W. Stainthorpe (Birstall), hon. treasurer; B. T. Copley (Bolton, near Bradford), hon. secretary; and T. Lockwood (Leeds), W. Gill (Keighley), W. Barraclough (Halifax), W. Abbshaw (Rothwell), and W. Pearson (Pontefract), committee. At the outset, regret was expressed at the death of Mr. John Holden, of Saddleworth, who had been on the committee for some years. Two hon. members were elected—the Rev. H. M. Cox (vicar), and Mr. F. Webster, churchwarden of Christ Church, Upper Armley. The annual report showed that the number of members had increased from 974 to 1012. During the year the Society had rung fifty peals, which is only one less than in the previous year. These peals are spread over thirty-one churches, as compared with thirty-four towers, when the largest number of peals (72) were rung. There is a balance of 228l. to the credit of the Society.

Croydon Bell-ringers at Dinner.

THE annual dinner of the Ancient Society of Croydon Bell-ringers was held on Tuesday evening, January 16th, at the 'Rose and Crown,' Church Street. The company, if not very numerous, was a thoroughly representative gathering, visitors from Streatham, Carshalton, South Croydon, &c., being present. In the absence of Sir Frederick Edridge, the chair was occupied by Mr. Howard Houlder (churchwarden), who was supported by the Rev. T. G. Hill, Mr. Pates, and others. The toast of 'The Vicar and Churchwardens' was proposed by Mr. Pates, and the Rev. T. G. Hill responded. He said the Bell-ringers' Society was a most necessary body, and all that could be done for their welfare would be.

The toast of 'The Ancient Society of Croydon Bell-ringers' was proposed by the Chairman, who was sure that every one in Croydon admired the magnificent peal of bells which hung in the Parish Church, and he was positive that it would be a matter for regret if any possible circumstance should cause those bells to hang dumb in the belfry. They were all under a deep debt of gratitude to those who rang the bells. Mr. Pates had mentioned that he should like to have seen more of the Vicar, and, as one who was so closely associated with Canon Pereira, he could assure them that he had extraordinary calls upon his

time. He (the speaker) would not like it to be supposed for one moment that the Vicar had not the same interest in the bell-ringers of the Parish Church as he had in all the men in the parish.

Mr. Pates said, with regard to the past year, he could not say it had been a successful one, as they had not been able to ring a peal. The addition of two bells would prove an attraction to bell-ringers for miles around, and would be of great service.—Other toasts followed.

The St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, Guild.

THE annual meeting of this Society took place, on January 22nd, at St. Mary Abbot's Club. Mr. R. A. Daniell was in the chair, supported by the Vicar (Canon Pennefather), the Rev. — Johnson, Messrs. A. E. Bradley, G. Brush, H. Cotton, S. Davies, F. Edwards, G. R. Fardon, W. Fox, W. E. Garrard, S. H. Godfrey, W. E. Golby, A. Harding, A. Harris, J. Judd, W. Judd, D. Sucking, H. G. Miles, C. Phipps, A. Selby, and H. Wilson.

After supper, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were honoured. In proposing 'Prosperity to the Church of England,' the Chairman coupled with it the name of the Vicar of St. Mary Abbot's, who had always shown them great consideration, and, by his presence that evening, evinced the interest he took in the Guild.

The Rev. Canon Pennefather, in reply, said that the Vicar of a parish with a peal of bells deserved an amazing amount of sympathy, for he was, generally speaking, wrongly abused by a certain section of parishioners for allowing the bells to be rung at all, and, on the other hand, he was conscious that the ringers thought that the bells might be

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rung a little more frequently. However, he thought the parishioners were beginning to realise that, if the bells were to be rung at all, there must be practices. The ringers were in every sense Church workers, and, if not seen, they were heard, and they certainly did their best to remind people of God's house in the parish, and of the services which were going on therein. The Vicar then submitted the toast of 'The Guild,' coupling with it the name of Mr. R. A. Daniell, who had done so much for its welfare, together with those of Mr. W. E. Garrard and Mr. Fox.

Mr. W. E. Garrard stated that the Guild had made very satisfactory progress during the year. There were twenty-one members. During the past year they had rung eleven quarter-peals, and they rang their first peal of the Society on November 7th, which was a creditable performance.

The Chairman explained that the Society was in a flourishing condition, with a balance of 15l. 8s. 8d. in hand. All the officers were re-elected. Various minor details were arranged, and a long discussion took place on the subject of Sunday ringings.

Business having terminated, Mr. W. E. Garrard successfully piloted his handbell band through some well-struck GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and CATERS.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Stephen's, Westminster, on February 3rd, a peal of SUPER-LATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 23 mins. Tenor 24 cwt.

John N. Oxborrow .. 1	Henry S. Ellis .. 5
Henry R. Newton .. 2	John M. Hayes .. 6
John W. Golding .. 3	William H. Pasmore .. 7
Arthur G. Ellis .. 4	Charles T. P. Brice .. 8

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow, and conducted by Charles T. P. Brice.

At the residence of Mr. Pasmore, Southwark Street, S.E., on January 31st, on handbells retained in hand, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 27 mins.

John W. Golding .. 1-2	William H. Pasmore .. 5-6
Harry R. Pasmore .. 3-4	Thomas H. Taffender* .. 7-8

Composed by J. D. Matthews, conducted by Harry R. Pasmore; umpire, Mr. C. T. P. Brice. [* First peal of BOB MAJOR.]

Correction.—The peal rung at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, on January 27th, and published in CHURCH BELLS last week as TREBLE BOB ROYAL, was one of STEDMAN CATERS.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

At St. Martin's Church, Tipton, on January 18th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 42 mins.

Herbert Knight .. 1	Robert Pickering .. 5
William H. Godden .. 2	William R. Small .. 6
Thomas Horton .. 3	Samuel Reeves (condr.) .. 7
John Jagger .. 4	Ernest Brown .. 8

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

At St. Mary's Church, Handsworth, on January 27th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins.

Samuel Reeves (condr.) .. 1	Geoffrey A. Martineau .. 5
William Ellis .. 2	William H. Godden .. 6
Thomas Horton .. 3	Thomas Reynolds .. 7
Alfred Smith .. 4	William Verry .. 8

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The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At the Parish Church, Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire, on January 31st, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (a variation of Thurstans' Four-part), 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 17 mins. Tenor about 30 cwt.

Frederick White .. 1	Alfred Thomas .. 5
G. H. Phillott .. 2	Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn .. 6
Rev. G. F. Coleridge .. 3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.) .. 7
Richard White .. 4	Frederick Webb .. 8

This is the first peal of STEDMAN on this grand ring of bells.

RUGBY.—The annual meeting of the St. Andrew's Association of Change-ringers was held at the Coffee Tavern on January 22nd. The Rev. A. V. Baillie, rector, as president, took the chair, and was supported by Mr. W. Brooke, churchwarden. The finances and membership were reported to be in a satisfactory position. Mr. James George was unanimously re-elected ringing-master, and Mr. A. Coleman was appointed hon. secretary, in the place of Mr. F. Stannard, resigned.—Mr. George, after returning thanks for his re-election, gave a brief review of the year's work. They were steadily progressing, and might congratulate themselves upon the fact that, apart from quarter-peals and touches, two peals had been rung within the year.—Amongst other business, it decided to institute a peal-book, and to have certificates of membership, with rules and lists of officers.—Mr. C. J. B. Cooke proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and the churchwardens for the way in which they endeavoured to promote the interests of the Association.—The Rector, in the course of a genial reply, said that, having such a fine peal of bells, it was only reasonable that they should be rung, and, by having due regard to the feelings of those who live in the immediate vicinity, and ringing the bells on suitable and proper occasions and in a reasonable manner, they hoped to avoid giving annoyance and remove in time all objections.—Mr. Brooke also replied, and thanked Messrs. Cooke, Coleman, and George for their present of ringing-mats for the belfry.

THE following is part of the principal church work carried out by Messrs. John Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, during 1899:—

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Augmentations and Restorations.—The rings of eight at Bridge-water, Somerset, and Birch-in-Rusholme, near Manchester, tuned and rehung; and two trebles added to complete the octaves at Alfreton, Derbyshire; East Tytherley, Hants, and Twyford, Hants. A new treble added to make six at St. Ignatius', Sunderland, and at Amptill, Beds., and the following augmented or restored, viz., the rings of six of Old Warden, Beds.; Tibshelf, Derbyshire; Hosketon, Suffolk; Burbage, Derbyshire, and Houghton Regis, Beds.; and the rings of five of Winterton and Messingham, Lincs.; Great Dalby, Leicestershire; Long Buckby, Northants; Wood Ditton, Cambs.; Huntingfield, Suffolk; and Cottesmore, Rutland.

HOLCOT, NORTHAMPTON.—Another addition has been made to the pretty little church of this village. On Friday, the 2nd inst., being the Feast of the Purification, a new clock, with Cambridge chimes, erected by Messrs. Smith & Sons, of Derby, together with two new bells, supplied by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, were dedicated by the Rev. J. Gooch, M.A., rector. The donor was Miss Frances Mary Montgomery, as a memorial to her late sister, Mrs. Harriett Andrew Watts-Manning, daughter of the former Rector.

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THE ANTIQUITY AND CONTINUITY OF THE CHURCH.

At the Synod of the diocese of Montreal (Canada), held recently, the Rev. G. O. Troop moved the following: 'That in the opinion of this Synod the time is opportune for the presentation, by means of illustrated lectures and otherwise, of the antiquity and continuity of the historic Church of England.' In making the motion, Mr. Troop said that his own idea in bringing up this subject was not at all that of having a mission in opposition to the Roman mission that had recently been held in the city, but rather that the Church should do all it legitimately could, what it was bound to do, viz., to give the plainest and simplest statement of the historical facts which every Christian Churchman ought to know. He advocated the carrying out during the winter of some plain system of teaching, either by the clergy in their own parishes, or by some person who might be invited for that purpose, to educate Church of England people in the fundamental principles of their Church's history. He had been shocked at the ignorance of Church history among Church of England people whom he had met recently. The motion was seconded and carried.

AN AUSTRALIAN BISHOP ON 'MIXED MARRIAGES.'

A PASSAGE in the Synodal Address of the Bishop of Perth, W.A., is worthy of the serious consideration of Churchmen. Dr. Riley, speaking upon the subject of 'mixed marriages,' said: 'I am convinced that, as a rule, they are a great mistake, at least judging by examples one knows of, and remembering how they are condemned by most thoughtful people. As a rule—there are exceptions—the result is either that religion is never mentioned between husband and wife for fear of a quarrel, or that one of the two changes his or her faith—a very immoral proceeding unless it is from conviction; or that, to prevent a quarrel, neither of them goes to any place of worship. I believe the general result of mixed marriages is absolute indifference to religion on the part of husband, wife, and family. There is one thing I am bound to counsel, viz., that people ought to be as true to their faith as it is rightly expected that those who belong to the Roman communion must be. It is generally our people who give way "for the sake of peace."'

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on February 19th.

The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. John's Hackney, St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on February 20th; St. Paul's, Shadwell, on February 22nd; St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on February 22nd; and St. Stephen's, Westminster, on February 23rd.

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(For remainder of Bell-ringing see page 264.)

A STRAWBERRY PICNIC.

The *Morning Leader*, July 13th, 1898, says:—'Messrs. S. Chivers & Sons, the well-known jam and jelly manufacturers, understand the art of entertainment no less than the art of jam-making. On Tuesday they invited a number of Pressmen to a picnic at their farm at Histon, Cambridge. The wondering pickers were delighted with the sight of two-score top-hatted visitors bending their backs to the willing task of finding large strawberries. It is just twenty-five years since Messrs. Chivers started jam-making. They now have a thousand acres of land under cultivation, and employ, when busy, eight hundred hands. The jam factory is within the circle of the fruit fields, and the fruit can therefore be handled without delay.'

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT St. Michael's, Cornhill, E.C., on February 10th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 changes, in 3 hrs. 44 mins. Tenor, 41 cwt.

John N. Oxborrow ..	1	John W. Golding ..	5
Harry R. Pasmore ..	2	John M. Hayes ..	6
William H. Pasmore ..	3	Charles T. P. Brice ..	7
Henry S. Ellis ..	4	Henry R. Newton ..	8

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow, conducted by Henry R. Newton. This is the heaviest ring on which a peal of any Surprise method has been rung.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

AT St. Giles's, Reading, on February 6th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Charles Giles ..	1	Alfred E. Reeves ..	5
G. L. Boddington ..	2	Frank Hopgood ..	6
Alfred W. Reeves ..	3	Henry Tucker ..	7
Frederick Sweetzer ..	4	Albert E. Reeves ..	8

Composed by J. Buckley, conducted by Albert E. Reeves.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

AT St. George's, Dunster, on February 6th, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Five-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 21 cwt.

James Hole ..	1	Thomas A. Elliott ..	5
George Stacey ..	2	James R. Jones ..	6
Albert Hole ..	3	James Grabham (condr.) ..	7
Albert J. Chilcott ..	4	John Payne ..	8

This is the conductor's fiftieth peal.

The Middlesex County Association.

AT St. Andrew's, Holborn, on February 10th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5083 changes, in 3 hrs. 27 mins. Tenor, 28 cwt.

Alfred W. Brighton ..	1	Harry Flanders ..	5
W. H. L. Buckingham ..	2	John H. Cheesman ..	6
Charles Wilkins ..	3	John R. Sharman ..	7
Caleb Fenn ..	4	William Pye ..	8

Composed by G. Lindoff, and conducted by Alfred W. Brighton. This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and is believed to be the first peal in any method on this fine ring of bells for upwards of twenty years. It was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, and at the third attempt. The first attempt, after excellent ringing, was lost within the last five minutes of its completion entirely through the illness of one of the band, and the second attempt fell through, owing to a change-course, after three hours' ringing. At the close of the peal, the ringers were most hospitably entertained by the Rev. Dacre Craven and Mrs. Craven, who congratulated them on their well-deserved success.

The Essex Association.

AT Dagenham, Essex, on February 10th, a peal of MINOR, 5040 changes, being 720 each of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE, WOODBINE, OXFORD, KENT, DOUBLE OXFORD, DOUBLE COURT, and PLAIN BOB, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

George Hayden ..	1	W. Keeble, jun. (condr.) ..	4
William Miller ..	2	John Moule ..	5
Auckland J. Perkins ..	3	John Dale ..	6

The above ringers belong to Leytonstone, Romford, and Hornchurch. This is the first time seven continuous 720's have been rung on these bells.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—Recently, on handbells, 720 BOB MINOR (22 singles). J. Dale, 1-2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; W. Nash, 5-6. Also 672 BOB MAJOR. W. Halls, 1; I. Dear, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; J. Dale 5-6; W. Nash, 7-8. Also 360 DOUBLE COURT BOB.

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CLIFTON, BRISTOL.—At the Parish Church, Clifton, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1260 changes, was rung by the following: C. Horton, 1; W. S. Gist, 2; W. Thomas, 3; S. Thomas, 4; A. Harvey, 5; J. Burford, 6; J. Wilkins (conductor), 7; R. Clark, 8.

YORK MINSTER RINGERS.—On February 3rd, the anniversary of the company of York Minster Ringers was celebrated by a dinner at the Lowther Hotel. After dinner, the chair was occupied by Mr. J. W. Cundall, the president, under whose rule the different toasts were proposed, viz., 'The Queen and Royal Family,' 'The Archbishop,' 'The Dean and other Members of the Church,' 'The Donors of the Feast,' 'The Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers' (responded to by one of the Vice-Presidents), 'The Press' (not forgetting CHURCH BELLS). Songs were contributed by Messrs. Hodgson, A. Haigh, and Verner. Several courses were rung on the handbells, notably three leads of TREBLE BOB MAJOR by Messrs. Earnshaw, Breed; T. Haigh, and Morrell.

CURIOUS BELL-RINGING CUSTOM.—H. Andrews, Gainsborough, writes: 'At the villages of Beckingham and Saundby, in Nottinghamshire, on the Sunday when the banns of marriage of a couple are published for the first time, it is customary to announce the fact by a peal on the church bells immediately after morning service. A similar peal is also rung when the banns have been published for the third time.'

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Meetings for Practice.

The Royal Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day (February 23rd).
The Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Vassall Road, on February 26th; and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on February 28th.
The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on February 27th; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on February 28th; at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on March 1st; at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on March 2nd; at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on March 2nd, at 7.30 p.m.
The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on February 28th.
The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on March 1st.
The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on March 2nd, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Waterloo Society, London.

THE thirty-first anniversary dinner of this Society was held on February 17th at the York Hotel, Waterloo Road, S.E. After dinner, Mr. Harry Barton, the retiring Master, occupied the chair, and was supported by one of the founders of the Society, Mr. W. Baron. The following toasts were duly honoured: 'The Queen,' 'The Waterloo Society,' 'The Clergy and Churchwardens,' and 'The Visitors.' The Chairman, in responding to the second toast, gave a *resumé* of the past year's work. The peals rung numbered 13, viz., GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 3; GRANDSIRE CATER, 2; BOB MAJOR, 3; BOB ROYAL, 1; TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 1; ROYAL, 1; STEDMAN CATER, 2 (one unfortunately false). Of this list of peals, Mr. Symonds had conducted 10 and the Chairman 3.

Songs were contributed by Messrs. V. W. West, G. E. Symonds, H. N. Davis, A. R. Davis, W. D. Davis, C. A. West, W. Baron, and his friend, Mr. Allen. Mr. Symonds recited 'Horatius,' and Mr. Wild gave much amusement with his gramophone. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and was brought to a close by the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne.'

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At the Parish Church, Sonning, Berks, on February 10th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Tenor, 22 cwt.

Harry Simmonds ..	1	Ernest W. Menday ..	5
Edwin J. Menday ..	2	Henry W. Smith ..	6
Joseph Hands ..	3	Thomas Newman ..	7
George Essex ..	4	Richard T. Hibbert ..	8

Composed by John Carter, conducted by Richard T. Hibbert. First peal in the method on the bells.

Also at SS. Peter and Paul's, Mitcham, on February 17th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Henry R. Newton ..	1	Arthur G. Ellis ..	5
Charles T. P. Brice ..	2	Henry S. Ellis ..	6
William H. Pasmore ..	3	John W. Golding ..	7
Harry R. Pasmore ..	4	John N. Oxborrow ..	8

Composed by James W. Washbrook. Conducted by John N. Oxborrow. First peal of any SURPRISE method on the bells.

The Ancient Society of College Youths and the Hertfordshire Association.

At St. Matthew's, Oxhey, on February 17th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins.

Challis T. Winney (condr.)	1	Herbert Martin ..	5
Charles George ..	2	Nathan J. Pitstow ..	6
George N. Price ..	3	Ernest E. Huntley ..	7
W. H. L. Buckingham ..	4	Frank A. Smith ..	8

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The Sussex County Association.

At St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, on February 17th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 11 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

Robert J. Dawe ..	1	John S. Goldsmith ..	5
William Palmer ..	2	Alfred J. Turner ..	8
Thomas Price ..	3	Keith Hart (conductor) ..	7
Edward C. Merritt ..	4	Benjamin Hobbs ..	8

This is the first peal of STEDMAN on the bells. It was also the conductor's 250th peal. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. H. U. Whelpton) for the use of the bells, and Mr. W. Ticehurst for having everything in readiness.

MR. GEOFFREY LEIGH, Oban, Bridgwater (late Hon. Sec. and Treasurer of St. Mary's, Bridgwater, and now Hon. Member of Cannington team), writes:—'I quite agree with the remarks of "Scarth Nick" in your issue of the 26th ult., and if the clergy and churchwardens would only take up the matter of ringers more heartily something more might follow. We want a few more clergy like the new Vicar of Cannington, the Rev. C. E. Mallet, who, on the Sunday after his appointment, met the ringers in the churchyard and heartily thanked them for ringing him in, and told them they one and all filled a high position in the Church, as workers and church officers, which he should never overlook. Since the bells of St. Mary's, Bridgwater, have been overhauled and rehung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, the fever is spreading, and now through the generosity of H. H. P. Bouverie, Esq. of Bymans Hall, Cannington, their bells are to be rehung, and the great danger to the fine old tower averted, and more comfort to the ringers caused thereby.'

BATH.—The members of the Bath District of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change-ringers held their annual dinner on January 29th at the Alliance Rooms, Westgate Street. In the absence of the Vice-President, the Rev. W. Stokes Shaw (who was unable to attend), the chair was occupied by the Rev. C. C. Parker, and later in the evening it was taken by the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett. The company, which was fairly representative, included members from the following towers:—The Abbey, St. Saviour's, St. James's, St. Andrew's, St. Michael's; St. Mary's, Bathwick; St. Mark's, Twerton, and some friends from St. Stephen's, Bristol. 'Success to the Association' was proposed by Mr. J. Fussell, and 'The Visitors from Bristol' by Mr. Tilney-Bassett, the latter being responded to by Mr. J. Hinton. Songs were contributed by Messrs. Richardson, Rice, May, Goodenough, Bell, A. Hill, Blackwell, Eves, Wake, and Prescott. Mr. Wake gave a recitation, and a most enjoyable item of the programme was Mr. Hinton's manipulation of his handbells.

CHICHESTER.—The annual dinner of the Chichester Cathedral Bell-ringers took place at the White Horse Hotel on February 1st. The Mayor (Mr. R. Combe Miller, D.L.) occupied the chair: Mr. R. Walter (leader of the ringers) was in the vice-chair, and the company numbered about fifty. In proposing the toast of the 'Queen,' the Mayor gave expression to the hope that Her Majesty's declining years might yet be crowned with the blessing of peace. Prebendary Bennett followed with the toast of the 'Navy, Army, and Reserve Forces,' remarking that amid all the trials and anxieties of the terrible contest now in progress, Englishmen were inspired with intense pride at the undaunted energy and indomitable pluck of officers and men alike. Mr. J. W. Moore (an old member of the Chichester Volunteer Corps) responded. Councillor Holt proposed the toast of the 'Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese.' An appropriate response was made by Prebendary Codrington, who apologised for the absence of Canon Teulon and the Ven. Archdeacon Mount, who had always taken such a lively interest in the well-being of the ringers. Mr. F. B. Tompkins proposed the 'Visitors,' and mentioned that Sussex was the premier county for bell-ringing, the Brighton ringers being especially efficient. Councillor Gale briefly returned thanks. The Mayor next submitted the toast of the 'Chichester Cathedral Bell-ringers,' Mr. R. Walter appropriately responding. The Rev. S. J. Norman proposed the toast of the 'Mayor and Mayoress,' and the Mayor's response brought the speeches to a close.

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The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on March 9th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Midland Counties Association.

THE third quarterly meeting of the year was held at Birmingham on February 3rd. The towers of St. Chad's, St. Philip's, and St. Martin's were open for ringing from two p.m. until nine p.m., excepting during the holding of the tea and meeting, which took place in St. Martin's Schools, kindly lent by the Rector for the occasion.

After tea the President, Sir Arthur P. Heywood, Bart., took the chair, supported by the Rector of St. Martin's and the Rev. H. Drake, and about forty members. The minutes of the previous meeting having been passed and signed, and several new members elected, the Chairman read a list of the peals rung during the past quarter, eleven in number. He considered that a fair record, and thought they were much indebted to the Burton men, who had rung five of them.

Mr. J. W. Taylor proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of St. Martin's for his attendance at the tea and meeting, and to the other clergy and churchwardens for the use of the bells. Mr. Wakley having seconded, it was carried unanimously. The Rector briefly responded.

Mr. A. Wakley and Mr. J. Griffin were elected auditors.

Mr. W. Wakley proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Birmingham ringers, specially mentioning Mr. W. H. Godden, who had been put to no small amount of trouble in arranging the meeting. Mr. J. George seconded, and it was carried unanimously.

Mr. A. Wakley proposed a vote of thanks to Sir A. P. Heywood for his presence, and the Rev. H. Drake seconded. In replying, Sir Arthur Heywood said it always gave him great pleasure to do all he could for the Association and for ringing generally. But for that meeting he would have gone to Southampton to bid good-bye to his son, who was sailing that day for South Africa with his regiment.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Stephen's, Westminster, on February 24th, a peal of ST. STEPHEN'S SURPRISE, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

John N. Oxborrow .. 1	Henry S. Ellis (100th peal) 5
Arthur G. Ellis .. 2	William H. Pasmore .. 6
Charles T. P. Brice .. 3	John W. Golding .. 7
Henry R. Pasmore .. 4	Henry R. Newton .. 8

Composed by Frederick Dench, conducted by Henry R. Newton. This is the first peal in the method yet rung. Mr. H. S. Ellis's 100 peals are made up as follows: GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 14; GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5; STEDMAN TRIPLES, 17; STEDMAN CATERS, 3; BOB MAJOR, 2; DUFFIELD MAJOR, 1; KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 9; KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 9; OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 3; OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 2; DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR, 6; WESTMINSTER SURPRISE, 1; ST. STEPHEN'S SURPRISE, 1; SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE, 12; CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE, 8; LONDON SURPRISE, 7.

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The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

At the Parish Church, Berkeley, Gloucester, on February 17th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins.

A. W. Humphris .. 1	F. Musty .. 5
F. E. Ward .. 2	W. Dyer (conductor) .. 6
F. K. Howell .. 3	Rev. H. A. Cockey .. 7
W. Brinkworth .. 4	G. H. Phillott .. 8

Rung on the occasion of the dedication of the new ring of bells by Bishop Marsden.

The Surrey Association.

At the Parish Church, Leatherhead, on February 21st, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

John Hoyle .. 1	Thomas Miles .. 6
Charles R. Lilley .. 2	William Marks .. 7
Thomas Newman .. 3	Edward Hull .. 8
John Wyatt .. 4	Arthur Dean .. 9
Charles Dean .. 5	John C. Cropley .. 10

Composed and conducted by William Marks.

The Kent County Association.

At St. Mary's, Selling, on February 22nd, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 11 cwt.

Walter Andrews* .. 1	John Steddy .. 6
George M. Sayer .. 2	Rev. F. J. O. Helmore .. 7
Percy Paine (first peal) .. 3	(conductor) .. 7
Henry G. Fairbrass .. 4	Frederick Davison* .. 8
Charles F. Turner .. 5	

First peal on the bells since two trebles were added last October.

* First peal in the method.]

The Waterloo and St. Margaret's Societies.

At St. Margaret's, Westminster, on February 24th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 17 mins. Tenor, 28 cwt.

Frederick G. Perrin .. 1	Harry Barton .. 6
Herbert Langdon .. 2	Charles R. Lilley .. 7
Arthur Hardy .. 3	Reuben Charge .. 8
William H. Webber .. 4	William H. Fussell .. 9
William R. Crockford .. 5	William Charge .. 10

Composed by the late George Newson, conducted by Harry Barton.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On February 24th 720 BOB MINOR on handbells. W. Halls, 1; A. G. Perkins, 2-3; I. Dear, 4; J. Dale (conductor), 5-6.

BERKELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On February 17th, the new ring of bells were dedicated by Bishop Marsden. Twelve months ago a movement was set on foot for the purpose of putting the bells in order, then a peal of six, which had been silent for some time owing to their dangerous condition. The result has been that the old bells were returned, and two additional bells added, one of them the gift of Alderman Bailey. Towards the cost (about 310*l.*) Lord Fitzhardinge has given 100*l.*, and the residue is being raised by public subscription.

At the last monthly meeting of the Committee of the City of London Trust Society it was decided to administer the benefits of the charity to the wives, widows, and children of the troops now engaged in actual service in South Africa. This privilege to continue in force during the war.

MESSRS. HORLICK & Co., of 34 Farringdon Road, E.C., have followed up their recent gifts of Malted Milk for the sick and wounded soldiers in South Africa, and for the hospital ship *Maine*, by another consignment of their celebrated product for the benefit of the Imperial Yeomanry Hospital.

ADVERTISING AND ITS RESULTS.—Presiding at a meeting of Bovril, Limited, Mr. J. Lawson Johnston said that the special circumstances obtaining towards the end of the year afforded exceptional opportunities for an advertising campaign, of which the directors decided to avail themselves, with the result that the sales up to date showed an increase of over 120 per cent. over the corresponding period of last year. The result, he was glad to say, had been achieved without taking into account the large Government orders received in connexion with the war in South Africa.

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The Bishop of London's Charge.

THE following correspondence has been sent to us:—

'16 Amwell Street, E.C., February 28th, 1900.

'To the Right Hon. and Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of London.

'MY LORD BISHOP,—You are reported to have said in your recent Charge that on any day which is provided in the Prayer-book with Collect, Epistle, and Gospel, there should be a Celebration of Holy Communion. In connexion with this statement I would respectfully ask your Lordship two questions:—

'1. May I understand you to mean that, in your judgment, there should be Celebrations on *all* such days without any exceptions, such as Good Friday and Easter Eve?

'2. Will your Lordship allow me to publish your reply, whatever it may be?—I have the honour to be, my Lord Bishop, your Lordship's most obedient servant,

'W. A. FROST.

'London House, 32 St. James's Square, S.W., March 2nd, 1900.

'DEAR SIR,—My direction about the Holy Communion on Saints' Days and Holy Days was that the service prescribed in the Prayer-book should be said. Whether the Holy Communion should be administered or not on any particular day would depend on the number of those who wished to receive.—Yours faithfully,

'M. LONDON.'

'W. A. Frost, Esq.'

'16 Amwell Street, E.C., March 2nd, 1900.

'To the Right Hon. and Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of London.

'MY LORD BISHOP,—I am much obliged for your prompt reply to my letter. I presume I may conclude from it that you consider the clergy should offer their people the same opportunities for communicating on Good Friday and Easter Eve as on other Holy Days (which, alas! so many do not), and also that you have no objection to my publishing your letter.—I beg to remain, my Lord Bishop, your obliged servant,

'W. A. FROST.'

'London House, 32 St. James's Square, S.W., March 3rd.

'DEAR SIR,—The Bishop of London has no objection to your publishing his letter to you.—Yours truly,

'L. J. PERCIVAL, Chaplain.'

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

The Royal Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day (March 9th).

The Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Vassall Road, on March 12th; and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on March 14th.

The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on March 12th; at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on March 13th; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on March 14th; at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on March 15th; at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on March 16th; at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on March 17th, at 7.30 p.m.

The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on March 14th.

The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on March 15th.

The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on March 16th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Middlesex County Association.

AT All Saints', Edmonton, on March 3rd, Thurstan's' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins. Tenor, 17½ cwt.

Percy J. Darlington .. 1	Isaac G. Shade .. 5
Richard Goodchild .. 2	Lewis J. Darlington .. 6
Alfred W. Darlington .. 3	John R. Sharman (condr.) .. 7
James Parker .. 4	William Bennett .. 8

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The Sussex County Association.

AT St. Peter's, Brighton, on March 1st, in honour of the Relief of Ladysmith, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 14 mins. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

George Smart .. 1	Frank Bennett .. 5
Keith Hart .. 2	George A. King .. 6
Arthur A. Fuller .. 3	James N. Frossell .. 7
Robert J. Dawe .. 4	George Williams .. 8

Composed by Henry Dains, conducted by George Williams.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT St. Mary Matfelon's, Whitechapel, on March 3rd, by request of the Rector, in honour of the Relief of Ladysmith, Thurstan's' Four part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor 20 cwt.

James Scholes .. 1	Thomas H. Taffender .. 5
Edward Wallage .. 2	Henry Springall (condr.) .. 6
Arthur W. Barkus .. 3	John W. Golding .. 7
Harry R. Pasmore .. 4	Emanuel Hall .. 8

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5 3 2 4 6	- -
2 3 6 4 5	- -

Five times repeated, with single for bob at six in the fourth course of the third and sixth parts.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—At the Parish Church, on a recent Sunday, for Divine service, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. W. A. J. Ives, 1; L. Payne, 2; S. Burt, 3; A. E. Lish, 4; H. Markwell, 5; G. Payne (conductor), 6; A. Heasman, 7; A. Hodges, 8. Also on February 11th, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. W. A. J. Ives, 1; L. Payne (conductor), 2; S. Burt, 3; A. E. Lish, 4; H. Markwell, 5; G. Payne, 6; A. Heasman, 7; A. Hodges, 8. And on February 27th, for practice, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. W. A. J. Ives, 1; L. Payne, 2; S. Burt, 3; A. E. Lish, 4; G. Payne, 5; H. Markwell, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; P. W. Brooks (first 504), 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On February 25th, for Divine service, Penning: 720 BOB MINOR (forty-six calls) on the back six. J. Cottis, 1; G. W. Faulkner, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; A. G. Carter, 4; R. Fenn, 5; C. Fenn, 6.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's, on March 1st, in honour of the Relief of Ladysmith, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes. F. Edwards (first quarter-peal), 1; W. E. Judd, 2; W. E. Garrard, 3; H. G. Miles, 4; A. E. Bradley, 5; A. F. Harris (conductor), 6; W. Fox, 7; J. Judd, 8.

BERMONDSEY.—At St. James's, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal on March 3rd, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 52 mins. F. Faulkner, 1; W. S. Wise, 2; A. V. Selby, 3; A. F. Harris, 4; E. Carter, 5; W. Fox, 6; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 7; W. T. Cockerill, 8.

WYKEHAM, YORKS.—Lady Downe has presented to Wykeham Parish Church a peal of five bells, by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough and they will be dedicated at Easter by the Archbishop of York.

THE Poor Pious Clergy Fund held its monthly meeting at the Chapter House, St. Paul's, yesterday week, and distributed 125 in thirteen benefactions, including a donation of 25l. to the Bishop of Sodor and Man's Fund for distressed Manx clergy.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. John's, Hackney, St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on March 20th; St. Paul's, Shadwell, on March 22nd; St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on March 22nd; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on March 23rd.
Royal Cumberland Society: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on March 23rd.
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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At the Parish Church, Staines, on March 10th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 18½ cwt.
 William H. Pasmore .. 1 Henry S. Ellis .. 5
 Arthur G. Ellis .. 2 Henry R. Newton .. 6
 Harry R. Pasmore .. 3 Charles T. P. Brice .. 7
 John W. Golding .. 4 John N. Oxborrow .. 8
 Composed by James W. Washbrook, conducted by Charles T. P. Brice.

Also at St. Paul's, Shadwell, on March 10th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins. Tenor, 17 cwt.
 Henry Springall (condr.) .. 1 Emanuel Hall .. 5
 James Scholes .. 2 Edward J. Webb* .. 6
 Edward Wallage .. 3 Henry Torble .. 7
 William Truss .. 4 Charles Kennedy .. 8

These peals were rung in honour of the thirty-seventh anniversary of the wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales. [* First peal away from the tenor.]

GRASSENDALE.—On February 19th, six members of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers rang, at St. Mary's Church, a date touch, consisting of 1900 changes in three TREBLE BOB MINOR methods, viz., 460 VIOLET, 720 KENT, 720 OXFORD, in 1 hr. 11 mins. The ringers were J. Turner, 1; R. Geen, 2; T. C. Newton, 3; J. Morris, 4; J. T. Lowe, 5; J. Allen, 6. This is the longest length ever rung on the bells, also the greatest number of changes in the six-bell methods by all the company, and their first attempt at VIOLET.

'IGNORANCE'S' method of producing the 120 changes on five bells is useless for practical ringing. A slight perusal of GRANDSIRE, STEDMAN, or BOB DOUBLES will show that (1) a bell is only allowed to move one place at a time, up or down, in successive changes; (2) the changes work back by the method to 'rounds.' In the method in question, the first division has 12435, 13245, in which the 3rd bell would have to jump from 4th's to 2nd's place. See also first division, last change 43215; second division, first change 12354. Treble would jump from 4th's place to lead, and the 4th bell from lead to 5th's place. These jumps would not allow the ringers to strike their bells with precision, one place at a time being quite sufficient: and the bells must work back naturally to rounds, as in the methods before mentioned.

BATTLE SOCIETY OF RINGERS.—The annual dinner of this Society took place at the 'Chequers Hotel' on February 22nd, and was a great success. The Rev. E. H. Rogers presided, and was supported by the Rev. W. Arthur Jones, the Churchwardens, and Mr. Sidney Saker, the secretary of the Eastern Division, and there were also representatives of the County Association from Christ Church, Blacklands, and Christ

Church, St. Leonards. The company numbered about thirty. After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, the Chairman submitted 'Success to the Battle Society,' which was responded to by the conductor, Mr. W. Franks, and 'Kindred Societies' was also honoured, and replied to by Mr. G. Watson, of St. Leonards. Vocal and instrumental music and selections on the handbells by Messrs. Franks and Thomas tended much to the harmony of the proceedings.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS.—In the Carlisle Consistory Court, on February 14th, before Chancellor Ferguson, an application was made by the Rev. James Cropper, perpetual curate of Broughton, and the churchwardens, for a faculty to authorise them to take down the present tower in the church to the foundations on the north, south, and west sides, and to the aisle roof on the east side, to build a new tower and place a peal of bells therein. Mr. J. Graham, solicitor, who appeared in support of the application, stated that Lord Cross would bear the cost of the erection of the new tower, and that it would be his gift to the parish. The vestry had passed a resolution approving of the scheme. The Chancellor intimated that the faculty would issue. Messrs. Paley & Austin, Lancaster, have prepared the designs for the new tower.

NEWTOWN, SALOP.—The church bells, after a period of thirty years, have just been readjusted, and the woodwork in the belfry renewed. The Welshpool Guild of Ringers have rung several peals on the bells, and the alterations (which cost about 80*l.*) were deemed quite satisfactory.

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The Kent County Association of Change-ringers.

ASHFORD DISTRICT.—A district meeting (without allowances) will be held at Charing on Saturday afternoon, March 31st, at four o'clock.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Surrey Association.

AT SS. Nicholas and Mary's, Leatherhead, on March 10th, in honour of the Relief of Ladysmith, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Arthur C. Otway ..	1	William R. Crockford ..	6
Charles R. Lilley ..	2	William Marks ..	7
Arthur E. Otway ..	3	Arthur Dean ..	8
John Hoyle ..	4	Edward Hull ..	9
John Wyatt ..	5	John Cropley ..	10

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The Middlesex and Hertfordshire Associations.

AT St. James's, Bushey, Herts, on March 10th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

John R. Sharman (condr.)	1	Walter H. L. Buckingham	5
Frank A. Smith ..	2	George N. Price ..	6
Bertram Prewett ..	3	Ernest E. Huntley ..	7
William G. Whitehead ..	4	Arthur T. King ..	8

The Kent County Association.

AT St. James's, Bermondsey, on March 13th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5003 changes, in 3 hrs. 22 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

George R. Pye ..	1	William Berry ..	6
Isaac G. Shade ..	2	Charles Wilkins ..	7
Bertram Prewett ..	3	Harry Flanders ..	8
John R. Sharman ..	4	Ernest Pye ..	9
John H. Cheeseman ..	5	William Pye ..	10

Composed by the late George Newson, and conducted by William Pye.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on March 17th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 36 mins. Tenor, 31 cwt.

James Scholes ..	1	Henry Springall ..	6
William Truss ..	2	John M. Hayes ..	7
Thomas Faulkner ..	3	Emanuel Hall ..	8
Thomas H. Taffender ..	4	Henry Torble ..	9
Samuel Hayes ..	5	William T. Cockerill ..	10

Composed by Henry Hubbard, conducted by Henry Springall.

The Sussex County Association.

AT Holy Trinity, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, on March 17th, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

Thomas Gander* ..	1	Edward C. Merritt ..	5
Keith Hart ..	2	Frederick G. Dart* ..	6
William Palmer ..	3	George Williams (condr.)	7
Arthur A. Fuller ..	4	David Davey* ..	8

[* First peal—members of the local band.]

EDENHAM, GRANTHAM.—On February 25th, for Divine service, the St. Michael's ringers rang a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, containing 10 six-scores and a three-score, each called differently. W. Bellamy (aged fourteen), 1; Geo. Sentance, 2; A. J. Holmes (conductor), 3; J. Alford, 4; G. H. Furness, 5. Time, 43 mins. On March 1st, in honour of the Relief of Ladysmith, a date touch of 1900 changes (consisting 2 six-scores of DUNSTAN DOUBLES, 4 six-scores of PLAIN BOB, 9 six-scores and a five-score of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES) was rung, each called differently, in 1 hr. 5 mins. G. Sentance, 1; A. J. Holmes (conductor), 2; J. Alford, 3; G. H. Furness, 4; W. G. Jones, 5. These were the first quarter-peal and date touch conducted by Mr. Holmes.

SHEFFIELD.—In honour of the Relief of Ladysmith, the All Saints' Society of Change-ringers rang, on March 2nd, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 42 mins. Thomas Clown, 1; Albert Gledstone, 2; Walter Hammond, 3; George Lewis, 4; Edwin F. Rippon, 5; Joseph Rowley, 6; Frank Willey (conductor), 7; John Lloyd, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

DEMOCK, GLOUCESTER.—On Sunday, March 4th, the Newent Band of Change-ringers rang, for evening service, a date touch of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 1900 changes, in 1 hr. 4 mins. H. Awford, 1; H. Hartland, 2; J. Hodgetts, 3; F. Davis, 4; J. Williams (conductor), 5; H. Davis, 6. Tenor, 21 cwt. After the peal the ringers were very kindly entertained to tea by the Rector, the Rev. R. Horton.

ST. GEORGE'S-IN-THE-EAST, LONDON.—On March 13th, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (arranged from Thurstans' One-part) in 51 mins. T. H. Taffender (conductor), 1; W. Truss, 2; H. R. Pasmore, 3; J. Scholes, 4; H. Torble, 5; W. H. Pasmore, 6; E. Hall, 7; J. Jones, 8.

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The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on April 2nd.
The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. John's, Hackney, St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on April 3rd; St. Paul's, Shadwell, and St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on April 5th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on April 6th.
Royal Cumberland Society: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on April 6th.
The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on April 4th.
The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on April 5th.
The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on April 5th.
The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on April 6th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Hertfordshire Association.

ANNUAL MEETING at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Further particulars next week.
 E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Secretary.*

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

At St. Martin's, Tipton, on March 17th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 12 cwt. 25 lbs.

Samuel Keeves 1	Philip W. Davies 5
Arthur Bowler 2	William Short 6
William Dempster 3	William R. Small 7
William H. Godden 5	Frederick J. Cope 8

 Composed by G. Lindoft and conducted by Philip W. Davies.

The Yorkshire Association.

At St. James's, Bolton, Bradford, on March 20th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

B. T. Copley 1	Harry Good 5
John Palframan 2	Bernal E. Howe 6
Arthur Gill 3	W. Joyce 7
Arthur Benson 4	John Joyce 8

 Composed by W. Nicholl, conducted by W. Joyce. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. Copley, hon. secretary of the Yorkshire Association.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—The local band of ringers have been taken in hand by Mr. J. W. Wilkins, of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and formerly of Boyn Hill, Maidenhead, and under his tuition great progress has been made. Recently, to commemorate the relief of Ladysmith, 720 changes were rung by B. Page, F. Hayes, G. Twitchen, R. Wheeler, J. W. Wilkins, T. Coles, J. Watkins, and J. Neighbour. Again, on March 14th, a quarter-peal (composed and conducted by J. W. Wilkins), 1260 changes, was rung in 50 mins. by the following:—F. Hayes, 1; J. W. Wilkins, 2; R. Buckland, 3; P. W. Wilkins, 4; B. Page, 5; F. Healey, 6; J. Buckland, 7; G. Twitchen, 8. Messrs. Page, Hayes, and Twitchen are of the local band, and this was their first experience in a quarter-peal.

PEAL TABLETS IN THE TOWER OF ST. MICHAEL'S, CORNHILL, E.C.

No. 1.—Cumberland Society.

ON Tuesday, April 11th, 1839, was rung in this steeple an excellent peal of GRANDSIRE CINQUES, consisting of 5015 changes, which was completed in four hours.

Performers:

Mr. William H. Burwash .. Treble	Mr. William Ludford .. 7th
" John Fairbairn 2nd	" Charles Wilson 8th
" Charles Goozee 3rd	" William Kellitt 9th
" Thomas Michael 4th	" John Whiting 10th
" Jeremiah Miller 5th	" Augustus G. Frost .. 11th
" William Lobb 6th	" William Brett Tenor

The above was the first peal rung on these bells after they had

been taken down and rehung, and was conducted by Mr. W. H. Burwash.

Rev. THOMAS W. WRENCH, *Rector.*

Messrs. GEROCK, VINEX, and ALLNUTT, *Churchwardens.*

No. 2.—Society of College Youths, established A.D. 1637.

ON Monday, April 11th, 1853, the Company rung in this steeple a true peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, containing 5232 changes, in 4 hours and 7 minutes, being the first peal of TREBLE BOB upon the bells.

Performers:

James Mash Treble	Thomas Michael 7th
William Banister 2nd	George Stockham 8th
George E. Ferris 3rd	John Bradley 9th
Robert Jameson 4th	Edward Lansdell 10th
William Cooter 5th	James Dwight 11th
William Lobb 6th	Matthew Wood Tenor

Composed and conducted by William Lobb.

The Rev. THOMAS WILLIAM WRENCH, M.A., *Rector.*

H. J. THORNTON, Esq., *Churchwardens.*
 GEORGE HAYTER, Esq.,

No. 3.—The Ancient Society of College Youths, established A.D. 1637.

ON Saturday, 27th April, 1861, twelve members of the above Society rang on this noble peal of bells a true and complete peal of CINQUES, on Stedman's Principle, consisting of 8580 changes, in 6 hours and 41 minutes, being the greatest number of changes ever rung in that method on 12 bells.

Performers:

H. W. Haley Treble	Robt Haworth 7th
Thos Ray 2nd	Geo E. Ferris 8th
John Bradley 3rd	Matt A. Wood 9th
Robt Jameson 4th	Edw Lansdell 10th
William Green 5th	Geo Muskett 11th
Geo Stockham 6th	Jam Dwight Tenor

The above is the first peal in that method performed on the bells. and was composed and conducted by Mr. H. W. Haley.

Rev. THOMAS WILLIAM WRENCH, M.A., *Rector.*

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 CHARLES GAINES, Esq.,
 DAVID SHREWSBURY, Esq.,

HENRY HOPPE, Esq., *Vestry Clerk.*

No. 4.—The Ancient Society of College Youths, established A.D. 1637.

ON Saturday, June 14th, 1873, the company rang a true peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, comprising 5280 changes, in 4 hours and 9 minutes.

Performers:

Henry W. Haley Treble	Robert Haworth 7th
James Pettit 2nd	George Ferris 8th
William Cooter 3rd	Henry Booth 9th
George Muskett 4th	Edwin Horrex 10th
Matthew A. Wood 5th	James Dwight 11th
Robert Jameson 6th	John M. Hays Tenor

Composed and conducted by H. W. Haley.

J. BURRUP, Esq., *Churchwardens.*
 S. E. ATKINS, Deputy,
 A. J. WATERLOW, Esq.,
 F. BOYCE, Esq., *Vestry Clerk.*

[There is one other small tablet, but, as it is close to the ceiling, the writing cannot be deciphered.]

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The Royal Cumberland Youths: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, to-day, (April 6th).

The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on April 9th; at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on April 10th; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on April 11th; at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on April 12th; at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on April 14th, at 7.30 p.m.

The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on April 11th.

The Hertfordshire Association.

THE Annual Meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, when the towers of the Cathedral and of St. Peter's Church will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Divine service at the Cathedral at 5 o'clock, and tea at the Town Hall at 5.45, followed by meeting for the election of officers and of representative on the Central Council and other important business. Members are particularly requested to attend the meeting, and to communicate with me not later than Wednesday next, April 11th, in order that provision may be made for their comfort.

E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Secretary.*

St. Albans.

The Ely Diocesan Association.

THE Annual Meeting will be held at Bury St. Edmunds on Easter Monday, April 16th. The bells at the Norman Tower and St. Mary's will be available (also Fornham, Horringer, and Rougham for six-bell methods) during the day. Dinner at the 'Golden Fleece,' Churchgate Street, at 2 o'clock, to be followed by the usual business meeting. Other ringers will be welcomed, as will also be any of the local clergy interested in the subject.

W. W. CRUMP, *Hon. Secretary.*

Haddenham Rectory, Ely.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Surrey Association.

AT SS. Mary and Nicholas, on March 24th, a peal of BOB ROYAL, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 24 mins. Tenor, 30 cwt.

John Wyatt	1	William H. Fussell ..	6
Harry Barton	2	William Pickworth ..	7
Dr. A. B. Carpenter ..	3	Charles R. Lilley ..	8
Reuben Charge	4	Charles Bance	9
Arthur Hardy	5	Arthur Dean	10

Composed by W. H. Inglesant, conducted by Charles R. Lilley. First peal of ROYAL on the bells.

The Kent County Association.

AT St. Alphrge's, Greenwich, on March 30th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 11 mins. Tenor 25 cwt.

John H. Cheesman ..	1	Isaac G. Shade	5
Bertram Prewett ..	2	Joseph Waghorn, jun. ..	6
John J. Lamb	3	John R. Sharman (condr.)	7
Harry Hoskins	4	Arthur S. King	8

The Waterloo Society.

AT St. Margaret's, Westminster, on March 31st, a peal of GRAND-SIRE CATERS, 5039 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Tenor, 28 cwt.

F. G. Shepherd	1	C. R. Lilley	6
H. Searle	2	W. Charge	7
H. Langdon	3	J. Hoyle	8
A. Hardy	4	H. Barton	9
W. H. Fussell	5	R. Charge	10

Composed by the late John Cox, conducted by Harry Barton.

The Middlesex County Association.

AT St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on April 2nd, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

William Pye (condr.) ..	1	Ernest Pye	5
John R. Sharman	2	Henry Stubbs	6
Bertram Prewett	3	Harry Flanders	7
Isaac G. Shade	4	Arthur S. King	8

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—At the Parish Church, on March 18th, 840 STEDMAN TRIPLES. W. A. J. Ives, 1; C. Tyler (conductor), 2; S. Burt, 3; A. E. Lish, 4; H. Markwell, 5; G. Payne, 6; A. Heasman, 7; W. Markwell, 8. On March 20th, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES, W. A. J. Ives, 1; H. Markwell, 2; S. Burt, 3; C. Tyler, 4; G. Payne, 5; L. Payne (conductor), 6; A. Heasman, 7; A. Hodges, 8. And on March 27th (after an attempt for a peal), the following 1260 of STEDMAN TRIPLES (Haley's Variation), in 40 mins. W. A. J. Ives, 1; S. Burt, 2; A. E. Lish, 3; C. Tyler, 4; H. Markwell, L. Payne (conductor), 6; G. Payne, 7; A. Hodges, 8.

The Bells of York.

THOUGH a city of many churches, York possesses but one ring of eight bells, viz., at St. Martin's, Coney Street. From the early part of the fourteenth century there have been bell-founders carrying on their business in York, a list of which would include William de Towthorpe, 1308; Richard Tunnoc, who represented York in Parliament in 1327, and to whose memory the beautiful 'Bell-founders' Window' was erected in the Minster about the year 1330. John de Stafford and John de Kirkham are mentioned in 1371. Then follows John of York, many of whose bells are still to be found in the county of Leicestershire, from which fact it is supposed that he was established for a time in Leicester or its neighbourhood. In 1466 Thomas Innocent is mentioned as founding four bells for the Minster; Richard Blakey, 1501; Thomas Ryche, 1537; Henry Oldfield, 1590; William Oldfield, 1605; James Smith, 1656; Edward Seller I., 1688; Edward Seller II., 1724-1764; George and Robert Dalton, 1750-1791. This list, though not complete, shows a continuous succession of bell-founders, whose flourishing industry ceased in York with the death of the later Dalton. The founder of the St. Martin's bells was Edward Seller II., who served the office of Sheriff in 1731-2. Six of the bells were cast by him in 1729, and were the gift of a parishioner, William Thompson. In the following year the tenor was recast, and two new bells added to complete the octave. They bear the following inscriptions:—

Treble: 'Dono Amicor Societatis Campanistarum, Ebor, 1730. E. SELLER, Ebor.'

2nd: 'Dono Societatis Campanistarum, Ebor, 1730. E. SELLER, Ebor.'

3rd: 'Invoca Deum, 1729. E. SELLER, Ebor.'

4th: 'Te Deum Laudamus, 1729. E. SELLER, Ebor.'

5th: 'Vos Jubilate Deo, 1729. E. SELLER, Ebor.'

6th: 'Gloria in Altissimis Deo, 1729. E. SELLER, Ebor.'

7th: 'Hæc Campanarum Conventus E. Dono

'GULIELMI THOMPSON, Hugus Parochiæ.

'WILLIAM DOBSON, Esquire, Lord Mayor.

'HENRY BAYNES, Esquire, Alderman.

'JOHN MARSDEN, JOHN MAYOR, Commissioners. JOHN MAYOR, Churchwardens.

'SAMUEL WAUD, SAMUEL WAUGH, Churchwardens.

'1729. E. SELLER, Ebor.'

Tenor: 'Sonitu Resipiscite Mæsto Ante Jacetis Humo, 1730.

'RICHARD JOHN MAYOR Sen., Churchwardens. E. SELLER, WARNEFORD, Vicar. JOHN BUSFIELD, Ebor.'

Though interesting as being the only ring of eight in York, and of native production, these bells would fall far below the requirements of a modern tuner's ears. Ringers, especially visitors, will also find much difficulty in handling the bells.

A new work, entitled *Man and the Spiritual World*, by the Rev. Arthur Chambers, vicar of Brockenhurst, and author of *Our Life after Death*, will be published shortly by Mr. Charles Taylor, of Warwick Lane.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.

A BOHEMIAN Concert will be held at the 'Ship,' Ivy Lane, E.C., on Saturday, April 21st, at 7 p.m. All members and friends of the Society will be heartily welcomed. WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

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Peal Tablet at St. Mary's, Harrow-on-the-Hill.

SUNDAY, May 7th, 1780, the London Youths completed 5040 BOB MAJOR, in 3 hrs. 25 mins., being the first peal on these bells, by—

Robert Donkin ..	Treble	John Anderson ..	5th
John Canna ..	2nd	Thomas Morris ..	6th
John Reeves ..	3rd	Allen Grant ..	7th
Richard Wilson ..	4th	William Paris ..	Tenor

Call'd by R. Donkin.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Surrey Association.

AT St. Bartholomew's, Horley, on April 1st, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

Albert Ellis ..	1	Francis T. Hoad, jun. ..	5
Frederick W. Rice ..	2	George F. Hoad ..	6
Alfred D. Mills ..	3	Henry Reeves ..	7
George Thompson ..	4	Charles R. Lilley ..	8

Composed by Arthur Knight. Conducted by Charles R. Lilley.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT St. Giles's, Ashted, Surrey, on April 7th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 41 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Charles T. P. Brice ..	1	John N. Oxborrow ..	5
William H. Pasmore ..	2	John Wyatt ..	6
Henry S. Ellis ..	3	John W. Golding ..	7
Henry R. Newton (condtr.)	4	William Cropley ..	8

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On April 3rd, 1440 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, by members of the Cleveland and North York Association. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; W. T. Titchener, 2; T. Burdon, 3; N. Kidd, 4; F. P. Howcroft, 5; J. Waller, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; W. Newton, 8; T. Metcalfe, 9; T. Stephenson, 10.

ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK.—On Sunday, March 18th, after Evening Service, eight members of St. George's Society rang (with the bells half-muffled) the whole-pull-and-stand, as a mark of respect to the late Elizabeth Marie Foster, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, of Borough High Street, and wife of Mr. James Foster, who died on March 10th, 1900, at the age of thirty-eight years, and was interred in Norwood Cemetery on the 16th ult. G. Woodage (conductor), 1; W. H. Smith, 2; W. T. Butler, 3; E. Clements, 4; W. Cobbett, 5; W. Walden, 6; W. Green, 7; T. H. Taffender, 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.—At St. Margaret's, on Palm Sunday morning for Divine Service, by members of the Essex Association. A quarter-peal of 1280 BOB MAJOR. J. Cottis, 1; A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor), 2; E. G. Fenn, 3; A. Hardy, 4; A. J. Carter, 5; J. Dale,

6; R. Fenn, 7; C. Fenn, 8. This quarter-peal has six courses in the Tittums, and five courses in the home position.

On the 29th ult. died, at Stockton-on-Tees, William Warner, head of the firm of founders who, in 1856, at the Norton Blast Furnace, near Stockton-on-Tees, cast 'Big Ben,' which strikes the hours at Westminster. The firm executed the work for 3300*l.*, but owing to a defect the bell had to be recast at a cost of 750*l.*, and its weight was reduced from 16 to 13½ tons.

'CLAPPERS.'—This correspondent's suggestions would not be safe if carried into practice, there would be too much strain on the crown staple. There can be no simpler way of lashing bells than using light pieces of rope, made long enough and kept in a spot convenient to be reached when amongst the bells. Two ringers one each side of the bell, would soon be able to complete the preparations for silent practice in a very few minutes. Have the ropes protected with leather where they would cross the lips of the bells, and to adjust, one ringer fasten his end of rope to cannons or crown bolts, pass it under the bell to his friend who would make a 'hitch,' round flight of clapper (keeping clapper in the centre of the bell) and tie end of rope to cannons on his side of the stock. Whilst this latter part was being accomplished, the first ringer would have his half done for the next bell.

NORWICH.—An interesting lecture was given at the Training College, on March 17th, by Mr. D. O. Holme, on 'Church Bells.' The lecturer referred to the uses of bells in general, and the history of church bells in particular. He spoke of the casting, the hanging, and the ringing of bells. Amusing inscriptions on bells were quoted. Some explanation was given of the mysteries of change-ringing. Frequent references were made to the bells of Norwich and of other places in Norfolk. Practical illustrations were given of various points. The whole paper proved exceedingly enjoyable, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Holme.

BOURNE, HANTS.—A Guild of Bell-ringers has been formed at St. Mary's, Bourne, with Mr. W. Gibbons as captain. The bells have been lately repaired, and were rung for the first time, after a long interval, to celebrate the relief of Ladysmith. The dates on the bells are 1681, 1683, 1693, 1724, and 1737, and also the names of the churchwardens of those dates; while on the tenor bell are the following words:—'On earth bells do ring; in heaven angels sing, Hallelujah.' The records shows that the bells were rung when the Duke of Marlborough won the battle of Blenheim; also for the battle at Dettingen, in which George II. was engaged; for the fall of Quebec; for the Peace of Amiens. and for the Peace with France.

FELTHAM BELLS.—Our representative regretfully heard the fine peal of bells which have been lately placed in the tower of St. Catherine's Church, dubbed 'a nuisance,' during a visit to the village. In fact, the shop-keepers and residents in the vicinity of the church are almost frantic with vexation to find that the beautifully toned instruments, from which they expected to derive so much pleasure, have not proved the unmixed blessing they anticipated. Inquiry showed that the fault was not after all with the bells themselves, but with the bell-ringers. Most of these are altogether inexperienced in the art of campanology, and it turns out that it is their practice, or, rather, their attempts at practice, that create the nuisance complained of. Every Tuesday and Friday, and sometimes oftener, for about two hours, these energetic young bell-ringers clash the bells, and create a confused jargon of discordant sounds that prove most irritating to the nerves of those in the vicinity, and hence it is that the grievance against the bells has arisen among the dwellers in the High Street. The remedy for this state of things is not far to seek. In the case of learners it is the approved practice to tie up the clappers and train for the greater part of the time simply for the pulling, to gain regularity in which is, after all, the first principle of campanology. After this had been done, the beginners could be allowed, say, half an hour to prove how far they had progressed in their lesson by ringing out sounds which, by that time, would have proved more acceptable than those which now annoy the oral nerves of Feltham.—*Middlesex Chronicle.*

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JOAN OF THE SWORD HAND. By S. R. Crockett. (Ward, Lock, & Co. 6s.)—The Duchess Joan of Hohenstein, the heroine of Mr. Crockett's clever and at the same time often thrilling narrative, is introduced to us 'in the pride of her twenty years, her eight strong castles, and her two thousand men, ready to rise at her word.' Another interesting character is the Count Maurice von Lynar, a young Danish prisoner in the Duchess's castle. Joan's father leaves her the 'evil heritage' that she must marry the Prince of Courtland, or lose her dominions. She goes in male attire, as Johann the Squire, to see for herself what her designated husband is like. She sees him—a man of grave and massive beauty, with the 'head of a marble emperor'—at a tournament, in which he takes the highest honour, and she is much impressed. An interview follows with the Princess Margaret, and then another—charmingly described—with the Prince of Courtland himself. Thenceforward, through many pages, we read of strange, startling adventures. Joan's character is finely drawn, and we follow her through her experiences with intense interest. Princess Margaret also is a good character, and we like Maurice, who turns out to be Joan's brother, and who, in the end, weds the impulsive Princess. Prince Conrad, who eventually marries Joan and becomes her 'Sword Hand,' is worthy to become the consort of such a brave and noble woman. Altogether, the book is dramatic and fascinating. It will doubtless be received with much favour by Mr. Crockett's large circle of admirers, as it well deserves to be.

MESSRS. CLARK announce the early publication of 'The Testament of Our Lord Jesus Christ,' a work of great interest to students of early Christian literature. It is an English translation of the *Testamentum Domini Nostri Jesu Christi*, translated from the Syriac into Latin by the Patriarch of Antioch, Ignatius Ephræm Rahmani. The work is based on a text found in a Syriac manuscript preserved in the Metropolitan Library at Mosul on the Tigris, and is of immense interest and value on account of the light thrown by it on questions of early ecclesiology and liturgics. Professor Cooper, of Glasgow, provides an important introduction with copious notes, ecclesiological, liturgical, theological, and historical, while the translation itself is prepared by the Rev. Canon Maclean.

DEAN FARRAR's new work on the Life of Christ, on which he has been engaged for some years past, is now nearly ready for publication, and will be shortly published by Messrs. Cassell & Co. under the title of *The Life of Lives: Fresh Studies in the Life of Christ*.

Magazines.

THERE is a fine frontispiece, 'The Kiss of Betrayal,' in **GREAT THOUGHTS**, and the general contents of the number have, as usual, been selected with excellent judgment. Raymond Blathwayt, the clever interviewer, has 'A Talk with the Bishop (Tugwell) of Western Equatorial Africa,' and there are good articles on Major-Gen. Hector Macdonald, the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P., and the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava.

THE **CHURCHMAN** opens with a continuation of the fourth part of Chancellor Lias's scholarly article on 'The Witness of the Historical Scriptures to the accuracy of the Pentateuch.' Chancellor Lias, in a very masterly way, deals with the criticism which has been passed upon this portion of the Scriptures. The remaining contents of the magazine include the continuation of Canon Benham's series on 'The Archbishops of Canterbury since the Restoration,' and also a further instalment of Canon Meyrick's series on 'The Protestantism of our Great English Divines.'

THE second number of the new series of the **FOREIGN MISSION CHRONICLE** of the Episcopal Church of Scotland contains an article by the Bishop of St. John's, Kaffraria, on the 'War and the attitude of the Natives,' and articles by the Bishop of Athabasca on 'Missionaries and Travellers' and 'Life and Work in Athabasca.' The magazine is nicely printed, and the portraits and other illustrations are excellent.

ONE of the most interesting contributions, particularly at this time, in the **ANGELICAN CHURCH MAGAZINE**, comes from Bishop Wilkinson, who gives a fifth paper under the heading of 'The Transvaal as I knew it.' The Bishop was introduced to Krüger when the latter was about forty years of age, a 'tall, dark, high-shouldered, heavy, uninteresting-looking man.' It seems, to quote the Bishop again, that even in those days 'Oom Paul' posed somewhat as a leader amongst the old ignorant type of Boer.—A number of interesting topics are ably dealt with in the magazine.

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IN THE **GIRL'S REALM** there is a thoughtfully-written article by Miss Beale, Principal of the Ladies' College, Cheltenham. It is one of the 'Careers of Girls' series, and Miss Beale touches upon the crying need there is for women as teachers of religion in girls' schools. She maintains that the field for this work is enormous, but adds that women have yet to be convinced of the need of it. The *Girl's Realm* maintains its creditable standard of merit in every respect.

THE **ARGOSY**.—This magazine is, as usual, laden with golden literary grain. Sydney C. Grier's serial, 'The Warden of the Marches,' becomes increasingly interesting every month, and J. Cuthbert Hadden's 'Some Literary Associations of Lakeland' includes references to Wordsworth, Hartley Coleridge, De Quincey, and others. 'Letters from the North' (prettily illustrated) is a welcome contribution from the busy pen of Charles W. Wood, F.R.G.S.

THE **EXPOSITOR**.—This is a strong number, the items including 'Doctrines of Grace,' 'The Holy Catholic Church,' 'Historical Commentary on the Epistles to the Corinthians,' 'The Thunders of the Lord in Amos,' and so on. The magazine is full of interest.

THE **EXPOSITORY TIMES**.—The contents of this well-edited publication include 'Notes on Recent Exposition,' 'Israel's Restoration in the Persian Period,' 'Answers to Prayer,' and a quantity of other admirable matter.

THE **PHOTOGRAM**.—In this magazine we have a continuation of the instructive 'Inquiry into the Early History of Photography,' and a well-illustrated analytical review of the Philadelphia Salon of 1899.

THE **RELIQUARY AND ILLUSTRATED ARCHEOLOGIST**.—There is good reading in the current number. H. Whiteside Williams, F.G.S., tells us about those strange dwellings, 'The "Clachans" of Lewis;' the Rev. R. E. Bolton writes about an interesting church, that of Stenny Bentley, in the Peak of Derbyshire; Florence Peacock imparts valuable information on the subject of the 'Metal Sun-dials of the three last centuries;' and B. Newstead, F.G.S., describes 'Recent Roman Finds at Chester.' There are many capital illustrations, the pictures accompanying the article on the Derbyshire church being especially good.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

BELL NOTES FROM PARISH REGISTERS.

THESE notes from the Registers of the ancient parish of Chester-le-Street, in the county of Durham, will be of interest to those who care about the history of our old and dearly loved churches.

'The 25th day of April, Ano. Dom. 1619. It is sett downe and agreed upon by a mutuall consent the day and yere above-said by Sir John Claxton, Sir William Lambton, knights and the rest of the gentlemen 24 and churchwardens here assembled that there shall be no ringing for any corps, but three peales at the most upon the payne of 10s. for every default to be levied upon the parish clerke, and to be distributed to the use of the poor. And that upon the payne aforesaid there shal be no supstitionous ringinge at any twelve moneth day for any corps whatsoever.'

'Jan. 20th, 1654. Agreed this day with Basil Tyler for the castinge of the great bell, and for his paynes we are to give him

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RECENT INTERVIEW (No. 222)

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With Miss ALICE LE MOIGNAN, Chevalier Road, St. Heliers, Jersey.

During a hurried visit to the Channel Islands early in July last, I came across several persons who had cause for gratitude to Mr. Congreve's treatment for Chest Diseases; and among them Miss Alice Le Moignan, whose address is given above. In the course of a brief chat this lady told me:

'My chest has been examined by six doctors at various times, and the verdict of them all was that my lungs were affected. I got a little temporary benefit from their medicines, and also from a six weeks' stay in a Convalescent Home; but I fell back again every time. Some friend of ours who had favourable experience of the treatment, recommended me to apply to Mr. Congreve, about seven years ago, when my condition was really very serious. I had a terrible cough, some night perspirations: I brought up blood mixed with the expectoration; I lost my voice, and got both weak and thin. The first dose relieved the cough, and with perseverance all the symptoms disappeared. I followed the treatment for two years, but not regularly the latter part of the time. I am quite well now, and have been for a long time. I feel sure I owe my recovery to Mr. Congreve's treatment. Sometimes I have a little trouble with my throat, but one or two doses of the medicine puts me right. The people who saw me when I was ill can hardly believe I am the same person.'

Miss Le Moignan was good enough to consent to the publication of these facts, that others might be encouraged to persevere with the remedy to which she owes her renewed health.

8£ and to find him the above named materials for his worke, and the said Tyler and Mathew Corner are to give sufficient securitie for the performance of the worke to make the bell sound and tuneable to the other two, and the churchwardens to give them the like bond for their paymente accorden to this agreement, and hereto we set our hands.

'1654. Charges for the same.	Earles for	£	s.	d.
the Bell foundry ... ..	...	0	5	0
Charges in ale for the founder and churchwardens ... ..	...	0	2	0
Drinck at the takeing down of the great bell ... ..	...	6	0	0
		6	7	0'

'April 1st, 1678. 'Tis this day agreed upon by the gentlemen and 24 that the bell shall be rung according to the ancient custom, viz., at 5 a clock in the morning at 8 at night, and that the ringer shall be paid for so doing ten shillings P. annum.' (This custom is kept up to the present day.)

The following entries are from the churchwarden's accounts:—

1623. 'Paid to the Ringers at Prince Charles his homecoming, 2s. 8d.' (On his return from Madrid, where he had engaged himself to the Princess Henrietta, daughter of the Spanish king, whom he afterwards married.)

1624. 'Paid for charges when the churchwardens were called to Durham for 6s. 8d. fyne for not ringeing when the Bishop came through Chester.'

1664. 'Paid to the ringers on Coronation day, 2s. 6d.'

1688. 'Paid for ringing for the Prince of Wayls, 5s.'

1799. 'Paid ringers for Nelson's Victory, 10s.'

1819. 'Ringing the bells on the anniversary of the battle of Waterloo, 5s.'

1820. 'Tolling the bell for the death of the King, 4s.'

1820. 'Extra ringing day King George the Thir'd's interment, 16s.'

1821. 'Tolling the bell at the Queen's death, 10s.'

In the year 1883, when a great Church festival was kept in commemoration of the Church having been founded in Chester-le-Street for a thousand years, a ring of six bells was put into the belfry. The inscriptions on the bells are in Latin, but the translations are as follows:—

Treble bell. 'Praise to God, in honour of Eardeelf, I speak.'

Second bell. 'Praise to God, in honour of Guthred, the King, I speak.'

Thir'd bell (inscription on the old middle bell). 'Lord John Lumley ordered me to be made. This bell was given devoutly in honour of Mary.'

Fourth bell (inscription on old tenor bell). 'Praise to God, peace to the Church, and safety to the parish of Chester.'

Fifth bell. 'Praise to God in honour of Alfred the King, I speak.'

Tenor bell (19 cwt.). By an unfortunate mistake this bell was cast before the inscription arrived. It was to be named after Aldune, the last Bishop of Chester-le-Street and the first Bishop of Durham.

The old bell. 'Master Robert Ashburn, dean of Chester, made me. This bell is given the name of Cuthbert.'

The above inscriptions tell their own tale. The first six are mostly new, but they contain in their metal the old tenor and middle bells, which were, unfortunately, both cracked. As stated

above, the old inscriptions have been repeated on the two bells which correspond in size to the old ones.

Eardulph was the first Bishop of Chester-le-Street who established the See here and built the Cathedral of wood, A.D. 883.

Guthred, the Danish prince or king of this part of Britain, was a most liberal benefactor to the Church here.

Lord John Lumley lived in the year 1409, when the three old bells were presented. This bell, called the pancake bell from being rung every Shrove Tuesday at 11 o'clock, has also been the curfew bell, ringing the hours at 5 a.m. and 8 p.m. Bishop Langley, who presented the old tenor bell, was made a cardinal, and filled the See of Durham for thirty-one years, dying in the year 1437. This bell tolls for the dead.

Alfred the Great bestowed large grants of land upon this bishopric.

By far the most interesting and valuable of our bells is the only remaining ancient one, the original treble bell given by Dean Ashburn. There are few bells that have rung for 474 years. This bell is still in the belfry, but has not been used during the last few years.

Meetings for Practice.

The Ancient Society of College Youths; at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on April 23rd; at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on April 24th; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on April 25th; at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on April 26th; at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on April 28th, at 7.30 p.m.

The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on April 25th.

The Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, on April 23rd, and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on April 25th.

The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on April 26th.

The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on April 27th.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

A BOHEMIAN Concert will be held at the 'Ship,' Ivy Lane, E.C., on Saturday, April 21st, at 7 p.m. All members and friends of the Society will be heartily welcomed.

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The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

At All Saints', Bristol, on April 5th, a peal of FORWARD MAJOR 5024 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

Charles H. Horton ..	1	Raymond J. Wilkins ..	5
Frederick G. May ..	2	Charles H. Gordon ..	6
William Knight ..	3	William A. Cave ..	7
Richard Clark ..	4	George T. Daltry ..	8

Composed by John Carter, conducted by George T. Daltry.

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Andrew's, Steyning, on April 7th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor, 11½ cwt.

George Williams ..	1	John Smart ..	5
Charles Smart ..	2	George Gatland ..	6
James Matthews ..	3	Edmund Lindup (condr.)	7
John Paice ..	4	George Phillips ..	8

BEVERLEY, YORKS.—At the Minster, on April 7th, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 50 mins. W. Gibson, 1; H. Smelt, 2; C. P. Bradley, 3; J. Youney, 4; A. B. Gledhill, 5; H. Blyth, 6; F. Osgerby (conductor), 7; A. N. Wood (Middleton, first quarter-peal in any method), 8. Tenor, 29 cwt., in D.

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The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on May 2nd.
The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on May 3rd.
The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on May 3rd.
The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on April 30th.
The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on May 4th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Ely Diocesan Association.

THE Annual Meeting was held at Bury St. Edmunds on Easter Monday, and was attended by about seventy ringers, representing all parts of the diocese. The fine ring of ten bells at the Norman Tower and the almost equally fine major ring at St. Mary's Church were kindly placed at the service of the members, and during the day several capital touches of BOB ROYAL, GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN CATERS, TRIPLES, TREBLE and PLAIN BOB MAJOR were rung, whilst visits were also paid to Fornham and other minor rings in the neighbourhood. The business meeting was held after dinner at the 'Golden Fleece Inn,' the Rev. Canon Hodges (vicar of St. James', Bury) presiding. The report showed that the condition of the Association continues satisfactory, though considerable apathy still exists amongst ringers in some parts of the diocese. The meetings during the year had been well attended, and nine peals had been rung by members. The report and balance-sheet having been unanimously adopted, the Revs. K. H. Smith (Ely) and W. W. Crump (Haddenham) were re-elected as Treasurer and General Secretary; Mr. C. Sillitoe was elected Secretary for the Archdeaconry of Sudbury in place of the Rev. W. M. K. Warren, who has left the diocese. Mr. Sillitoe was also appointed to represent the Association on the Central Council, and Mr. A. H. Osborne (Bury) as Auditor. After the election of new members, the meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Hodges for presiding and to the clergy who had granted the use of their bells.

Worcestershire and District Association.

THE Annual Meeting was held at Dudley, on Easter Monday. Upwards of seventy members were present. The following towers (through the kindness of the clergy) were available for peals: St. Michael's, Brierly Hill; St. Andrew's, Netherton; Holy Trinity, Old Hill; All Saints, Sedgley; Christ Church, Oldbury; and St. Martin's, Tipton; but only two were used, viz., Brierly Hill by the Kidderminster company, and Netherton by a mixed band. St. Thomas's, Dudley (ten bells) was kept open during the day for touches. The usual service was said in St. Thomas's Church, Dudley, at four p.m., at which all the members were present. The Rev. J. K. Floyer, minor canon of Worcester and warden of the Cathedral Guild, gave an appropriate address from 2 Chron. xxxi. 18, 'For in their set office they sanctified themselves in holiness.' The Rev. S. J. A. Dean, curate of Dudley, intoned the service; the Rev. W. C. Gibbs, rector of Hagley (Clerical Sec. of the Association), read the lesson: the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, vicar of Dudley, and the Rev. T. J. Cartwright, curate of Halesowen, being present.

Tea was served in the schoolroom at five o'clock, where the business meeting was afterwards held, the Vicar presiding. In opening the business the Vicar gave a hearty welcome to the members to Dudley. He congratulated them upon the good work they were doing, and expressed his sorrow that he was not able to practically work with them in the belfry. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed; thirteen performing members were added to the roll, also Mr. H. Grove from Pershore, an hon. member, and Messrs. W. F. Hartshorn of Crewe and J. H. Gallimore of Lichfield, life members.

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It was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Leigh, near Malvern. A letter was read from the Rev. Canon Cattley, Worcester, regretting his inability to attend. The whole of the officers were re-elected, with the addition of the Rev. A. Gray Maitland on the Clerical Committee in place of the Rev. H. Kingsford, of Scoulton, resigned. The Secretary read a communication from the Hon. Secretary of the Central Council re the *Glossary of Technical Terms* connected with the Art and Science of Change-ringing. After discussion it was resolved to take 250 copies for the Association. A report was received from Mr. W. H. Smith of Kidderminster, who was appointed instructor to the Wolverley company at the last annual meeting, which stated that the company were now able to ring five different Minor methods, which was considered satisfactory. Votes of thanks were given to the officers for their past services; to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the service in the church, the use of the schoolroom, and for presiding at the meeting: to the Rev. J. K. Floyer for his able address, to the other clergy present, and to Mrs. Maitland, Mrs. W. H. Thompson, and Mrs. T. Rhodes for presiding at the tea-tables.

A peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR was rung at Brierly Hill by the Kidderminster Company, and a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR was attempted at Netherton, which failed. Touches in different methods were rung during the day by mixed companies.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Michael and All Angels', Huzhenden, Bucks, on April 16th Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 45 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

James W. Wilkins .. 1	John Evans .. 5
Thomas H. Taffender† .. 2	Ralph H. Biggs .. 6
John W. Golding .. 3	Edward P. O'Meara .. 7
Harry R. Pasmore* (condr.) 4	Frank K. Biggs .. 8

* First peal as conductor on tower bells. † Fiftieth peal: the 50 peals are *Grandsire Triples* 6, *Caters* 3, *Major* 1; *Stedman Triples* 13, *Caters* 5, *Cinques* 4; *Treble Bob Major* 6, *Royal* 3; *Double Norwich*, 4; *Superlative*, 2; and on handbells one peal each of *Grandsire Triples*, *Grandsire Caters*, and *Bob Major*.]

The Waterloo Society.

At St. Giles's, Camberwell, on April 21st, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 30 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

Harry Barton .. 1	Frederick G. Perrin .. 7
Reuben Charge .. 2	Charles R. Lilley .. 8
Herbert Langdon .. 3	William Langdon .. 9
William H. Webber .. 4	William H. Fussell .. 10
Herbert P. Harman .. 5	Arthur Hardy .. 11

Composed by George Newson, conducted by Harry Barton.

Sproughton, Suffolk.

On April 10th the following members of the Sproughton Company of Change-ringers rang on handbells, at the house of Mr. H. J. Mee, a peal of new CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 24 mins.

Walter Brown .. 1	Edgar Rivers .. 5
Geo. W. Mee .. 2	Alfred G. Rivers .. 6
Frank Rolfe .. 3	Charles Mee .. 7
Harry J. Mee .. 4	Frederick Mee .. 8

Composed by Mr. G. Lindoff, instructor to St. Patrick's Society, Dublin: conducted by Charles Mee. This is the first peal of CAMBRIDGE MAJOR by all the band, and the first ever rang in either Norfolk or Suffolk.

CAMBERWELL.—At St. George's, on April 19th, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 40 mins. Rev. W. J. Conybeare, 1; W. T. Cockerill, 2; J. A. Dart, 3; W. E. Judd, 4; H. G. Miles, 5; W. Fox, 6; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 7; S. How, 8.

An explanatory note concerning the ringing on the return of Prince Charles from Spain in 1623 (p. 456) was rather muddled. The Prince was engaged to the Spanish Princess, but the arrangement was not carried out, and he finally married Princess Henrietta Maria of France.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.

ON Saturday, April 21st, the above Society held a smoking concert at the 'Ship Inn,' Ivy Lane, E.C., which was attended by a distinguished company of members and friends, amongst whom we may mention Miss R. M. Leny, the only lady member of the College Youths. There were also present many prominent members of the exercise both from London and the country. The Chairman (the Master) opened the proceedings by proposing the toast of 'Our Most Gracious Queen,' which was received right royally. Songs followed by Messrs. D. S. Prime, W. Prime, W. Chamberlain, and Rosier, and handbell-ringing by Messrs. Wood, Winney, Newton, Barkus, and Breed, after which came the principal song of the evening, composed and conducted by Mr. J. W. Rowbotham.

The Chairman then said: 'Mr. Vice-Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,—It gives me great pleasure to perform what is the chief feature of the evening, a task which might have been left in better hands. Mr. Cockerill, our worthy secretary, has now held that honourable position for many years, and it occurred to some of us that a suitable testimonial would be a good way of showing our appreciation of his valuable services. With that object a committee was formed, and as one of that committee I must say that the feeling, not only in London, but throughout the country, was one of esteem and good-fellowship extended on all sides towards Mr. Cockerill. I have very great pleasure, therefore, in asking your acceptance, Mr. Cockerill, of this mahogany writing-table, with silver bell inscription, this address and album, with the names of a few of your friends, and a purse of money, as a token of our esteem and affection, and we trust that these gifts may be useful to you, and also serve to remind you of many pleasant hours spent with the Ancient Society of College Youths.'

After further handbell-ringing by Messrs. Pasmore (2), Taffender, and Golding, and songs by Messrs. Hunt and F. Prime, Mr. Cockerill thanked the Society for the handsome gifts, and hoped that all the members would rally round the officers for the good of the Society. The Vice-Chairman, Mr. H. R. Newton, proposed the health of the old veteran, Mr. J. R. Haworth, who was seventy-nine years old that day, and the Chairman proposed 'Mr. Cockerill,' both of which were drank with musical honours. Mr. E. A. Davies (Barking) proposed a vote of thanks to the committees of both concert and testimonial, and wished to add that, had the testimonial been ten times what it was, he was only voicing the general opinion that their Secretary was more than worthy of it. The Chairman having replied, the meeting broke up, after 'Auld Lang Syne,' all hoping the Secretary would organize many more such pleasant evenings.

The Hertford County Association.

THE Annual Meeting was held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, when representatives attended from all parts of the county. The towers of the Cathedral and St. Peter's Church were open to the ringers at two o'clock. At five o'clock the members attended choral evensong at the Cathedral, when the Dean gave an address appropriate to the occasion. Tea and business meeting was held at the Town Hall, the room being packed, and the gathering marked a record attendance. The President, Canon Wigram, occupied the chair, supported by the Mayor

of St. Albans (H. J. Toulmin, Esq.), Messrs. J. Field (Bushey), A. T. King (Barnet), and others. The Secretary's report and balance-sheet were adopted, and the officers elected as follows: President, Canon Wigram; Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. P. Debenham; Hon. Auditor, Mr. E. E. Huntley; Representative to the Central Council, Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham. The question of dividing the Association into East and West branches, to obviate the present difficulty of meeting in remote places, was brought forward by Mr. Huntley, and the meeting appointed a Committee, consisting of the President, the Hon. Secretary, and the Hon. Auditor (with power to add to their number), to go into the question. At the conclusion of the business the pealing of the bells again burst forth, and many a record was scored.

Obituary.

It is our painful duty to record the death, at the age of fifty-nine years, of Mr. John M. Hayes, which took place on Sunday, April 22nd, after a short illness (nine days), which terminated with bronchitis and pneumonia. Shortly after his removal to Gravesend and London from his native village of Bocking, Essex, where he first became acquainted with change-ringing, Mr. Hayes was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and owing to his endurance and prowess as a heavy-bell ringer, many excellent performances have been credited to this Society. He had been a regular ringer at St. Paul's Cathedral from the opening service on All Saints' Day, 1878, to Palm Sunday morning last, when he rang his last touch of STEDMAN CINQUES. The funeral was on Thursday, April 26th, at Norwood Cemetery, the first part of the Burial Service being read at St. Gabriel's, Pimlico. A course of GRANDSIRE CINQUES was rung on handbells at the grave by six of his fellow-members, in the presence of his bereaved family and other relatives.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Peter's, Caversham, Oxon, on April 25th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins.

Harry Simmonds ..	1	Edwin J. Menday ..	5
Ernest W. Menday ..	2	George Essex ..	6
John Hands ..	3	Harry W. Smith ..	7
Thomas H. Taffender* ..	4	Thomas Newman ..	8

Composed by J. W. Washbrook, conducted by Thomas Newman.

[* First peal in the method.]

Also at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on April 28th, with bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. J. M. Hayes, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 43 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

Challis F. Winney ..	1	Henry S. Ellis ..	6
Henry R. Newton ..	2	John W. Golding ..	7
Arthur G. Ellis ..	3	Frederick Dench ..	8
Charles T. P. Brice ..	4	William H. Pasmore ..	9
Henry R. Pasmore ..	5	John N. Oxborrow ..	10

Composed by Frederick Dench, conducted by John N. Oxborrow.

BOSTON.—At St. Botolph's, on April 15th, for Divine service, 672 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. M. Rylatt, 1; F. Davoto (conductor), 2; J. Goodwin, 3; F. Davey, 4; T. Boyens, 5; G. Moore, 6; C. R. Lilley, 7; L. Goodwin, 8.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Easter Sunday, April 15th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. G. Payne, 1; W. A. J. Ives, 2; A. E. Lish, 3; C. Tyler, 4; H. Markwell, 5; L. Payne (conductor), 6; A. Heasman, 7; W. Markwell, 8. And another 504 in the evening. L. Payne, 1; W. A. J. Ives, 2; A. E. Lish, 3; C. Tyler, 3; S. Burt, 5; G. Payne (conductor), 6; H. Markwell, 7; W. Markwell, 8.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's, on April 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 1260 changes, in 52 mins. G. R. Fardon, 1; W. E. Judd, 2; H. G. Miles, 3; C. F. Winney, 4; A. E. Bradley, 5; E. Bishop, 6; A. F. Harris, 7; W. Fox, 8; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 9; J. Judd, 10.

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The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on May 16th.

The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on May 17th.

The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on May 17th.

The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on May 14th.

The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on May 18th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Bedfordshire Association of Change-ringers.

THE Annual Meeting of the Association was held in the Allhallows Lane School on Easter Monday. Mr. E. Ransom presided, and there were also present the Rev. W. W. C. Baker and Mr. I. Hills (hon. secretaries), Mr. Matthews, and about forty other members.

The annual report stated that 'a somewhat uneventful year affords few topics for comment; nevertheless, the Committee, in presenting the eighteenth annual report, desire to express their belief that the comparative meagreness of the list of performances may be accounted for on sufficient grounds, and that interest in change-ringing and in the care of bells and belfries is, to say the least, not decreasing in the county. The new ring for Cardington Church has been cast and hung. Rehanging and general repairs have also been carried out at Oakley and Houghton Regis, while at Ampthill a sixth bell has been added to the existing five. Under the tuition of Mr. Clarke, the Harrold Company have been making good progress during the past year. The Committee regret to learn that it is proposed to spend some considerable sum in adding five new bells to the ring at Turvey. They desire to place on record their opinion that the present condition of the tenor requires attention before any addition is taken in hand. The Association will learn with pleasure that a Company has been formed at Luton Parish Church, with the sanction and under the auspices of the Vicar, to learn and practise change-ringing, and that they are in communication with the Committee for advice and instruction.' The report was adopted. The statement of accounts showed that the year was commenced with a balance of 34l. 19s. 4d. The total receipts amounted to 6l. 17s. 7d. After paying all expenses the year concluded with a balance of 32l. 8s. 6d., showing a loss of 2l. 10s. 10d.

The members of the Committee were re-elected with Mr. F. Crouch, of Harrold, in place of the late Mr. Dickens. Mr. T. Bull was appointed Hon. Treasurer; the Rev. W. W. C. Baker and Mr. I. Hills, Hon. Secs., and Mr. G. C. Walker, Hon. Auditor. The Rev. W. W. C. Baker was appointed as representative of the Association to the Central Council for three years.

The next business was to consider a motion to alter the date of the annual meeting. The Rev. W. W. C. Baker moved that it is expedient to alter the date of the annual meeting, as Easter Monday was not a satisfactory day for many of the members. It was eventually decided to keep to Easter Monday; the time of the business meeting being altered from 12 noon to 11 a.m.

During the day many of the members tried their hands on the bells of St. Paul's and St. Peter's. At 4 p.m. tea was provided in the Allhallows Room, and at 5 p.m. a service was held in St. Paul's Church, when the Vicar of Ridgmont preached.

An Appeal.

THE ringers of England will have read with regret of the lamented death of Mr. John M. Hayes. At a meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths held on Tuesday, May 1st, it was resolved that a subscription list be opened on behalf of Mrs. Hayes. The following elected Committee will be pleased to receive contributions in aid of the widow of one of whose name has been prominent in the exercise for the last thirty-eight years: C. T. P. Brice, 41 Ranelagh Road, Piccadilly, S.W.; W. T. Cockerill, 37 Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.; W. E.

Garrard, 21 Peel Street, Kensington, W.; E. Horrex, 55 Ashbury Road, Shaftesbury Park, S.W.; G. Muskett, 55 Sewardstone Road, Victoria Park, E.; H. R. Newton, 43 Lillington Street, Piccadilly, S.W.; E. P. O'Meara, 39 Goring Road, Bowes Park, N.; J. Pettit, 3 St. Thomas Cottages, Hackney, N.E.; W. D. Smith, 70 Median Road, Clapton, N.E.; H. Springall, 35 Huddleston Road, Forest Gate, E.; C. F. Winsey, 13 Harbledown Road, Parsons Green, S.W.; M. A. Wood, 41 Church Row, Bethnal Green, E.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Midland Counties Association.

At All Saints', Loughborough, Leicestershire, on April 26th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5050 changes, in 3 hrs. 40 mins. Tenor, 30½ cwt. in D.

Wm. Willson (Leicester) ..	1	John H. Grundy* ..	6
William H. Inglesant ..	2	James Hutchby* ..	7
Charles Fowler (Leicester) ..	3	John Smith ..	8
T. H. Colburn ..	4	J. W. Taylor, jun. ..	9
Samuel Smith ..	5	Thomas Grundy ..	10

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., and conducted by J. W. Taylor, jun. [* First peal of STEDMAN CATERS]

The Surrey Association.

At St. Mary's, Rusper, Sussex, on April 29th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

George Wickens ..	1	Charles Taylor ..	5
George F. Head ..	2	Albert Ellis ..	6
Francis T. Head, junr. ..	3	James Worsfold ..	7
John Akehurst ..	4	Charles R. Lilley ..	8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff; conducted by Charles R. Lilley.

At Christ Church, Epsom, Surrey, on April 30th, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 11 cwt. 3 qrs., in F sharp.

Alfred E. Bassett ..	1	John Crawford ..	5
John Hoyle ..	2	Thomas Tutte* ..	6
Alfred Trappitt ..	3	Arthur Dean ..	7
Charles R. Lilley (condr.) ..	4	John Martin ..	8

[* First peal with a bob-bell.]

The Essex Association.

At St. Mary's, Widdford, on April 30th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 12 cwt.

William J. Piper ..	1	Arthur Head ..	5
Thomas Lincoln ..	2	William Lincoln ..	6
William Wellington ..	3	George W. Piper ..	7
Ernest Runter ..	4	William Pye ..	8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, conducted by William Pye.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

ON the usual monthly practice-night, Tuesday, May 1st, at St. Paul's Cathedral, by the kind permission of the Dean, the whole-pull-and-stand funeral peal was rung, with bells deeply muffled, as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. John M. Hayes. J. Pettit, 1; J. W. Rowbotham, 2; W. Cooter, 3; R. French, 4; E. Gibbs, 5; G. Muskett, 6; G. Dorrington, 7; H. Springall, 8; M. A. Wood, 9; H. R. Newton, 10; W. Prime, 11; W. T. Cockerill and E. Horrex, 12. Afterwards three leads of KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, in which C. T. P. Brice, E. P. O'Meara, and C. F. Winsey took part.

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Tong, Yorkshire.

A GATHERING of ringers and other friends took place on Saturday afternoon, the 28th ult., to celebrate the 'golden wedding' of Mr. and Mrs. John Cordingley, who were married at Leeds Parish Church on Sunday, April 28th, 1850. The aged couple were formerly residents of Calverley, but removed to Tong two years ago. They are both active and in good health. Mr. Cordingley is well known as an expert change-ringer, either in the tower or with handbells. He has taken part in many contests in former days, and acted as judge in more recent times. Many of his old comrades have passed away, but a few old friends, who have been acquainted with him very many years, attended. The church bells were at liberty for the visitors, and many took advantage to try their skill, one notable 'set' being, John Cordingley (conductor, aged seventy-three), 1; John Oddy (Cleckheaton, aged seventy), 2; William Smith (Birstall, aged seventy-three), 3; Thomas North (Liversedge, aged sixty-nine), 4; Nathaniel Hepworth (Mirfield, aged seventy-eight), 5; John Haley (Tong, aged sixty-six), 6. Mr. Hepworth was present in 1841, on the occasion of the opening of the augmented peal of six at Tong, and Mr. Oddy was then a resident there, both his father and grandfather having been ringers.

The visitors, some seventy in number, were entertained to tea in the schoolroom by the wives and sisters of the Tong Company, amongst them being the Vicar of Tong (the Rev. C. Farrow, B.A.), Mrs. Farrow, and the Misses Farrow (four), Mr. Shaw (bell-founder), and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Smith (of Bradford), the churchwardens, and others. After tea, the Vicar, on behalf of all present, offered hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Cordingley on attaining their golden wedding. Mr. Oddy and Mr. G. Bolland supported, and Mr. Cordingley warmly thanked every one on his wife's and his own behalf. Handbell-ringing was then indulged in, and several courses of *GRANDSIRE MAJOR*, &c., were accomplished, the gathering being brought to a conclusion by the singing of the National Anthem.

Henfield, Sussex.

THE ringers of the Parish Church had their annual outing on May 1st. The party, accompanied by the Rev. H. J. Boyd (assistant curate), who is himself a ringing probationer, and Messrs. Tyler (captain) and W. Markwell (secretary), left Henfield at 7.21 a.m. and arrived at Godalming at 9.15, where a 504 of *STEDMAN TRIPLES* was rung. W. A. J. Ives, 1; L. Payne (conductor), 2; S. Burt, 3; C. Tyler, 4; G. Payne, 5; H. Markwell, 6; A. Heasman, 7; W. Markwell, 8. Returning to Guildford, luncheon was taken at the Castle Hotel, and Farnham was reached at 3, when another 504 of *STEDMAN TRIPLES* was rung. W. A. J. Ives, 1; L. Payne, 2; S. Burt, 3; H. Stringer, 4; H. Markwell, 5; G. Payne (conductor), 6; C. Tyler, 7; A. Hodges, 8. Returning to Guildford to tea, the party was joined by the Vicar of Henfield, the Rev. W. Wakeford. After tea, the bells of St. Nicholas' were rung in touches of *STEDMAN TRIPLES*, and after a happy day the party reached home at 9.30 p.m. Thanks are due to the Vicars of Godalming, Farnham, and St. Nicholas', Guildford, for their permission to ring the bells, also to the officials who attended and had the bellfries in readiness.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Sussex County Association.

At Holy Trinity Church, Hurstpierpoint, on May 5th, a peal of *LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR*, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

William Palmer ..	1	Herbert P. Harman *	5
Keith Hart ..	2	George A. King ..	6
Edward C. Merritt ..	3	James N. Frossell ..	7
Arthur A. Fuller ..	4	George Williams ..	8

Composed by James W. Washbrook, conducted by George Williams.
[* First peal in the method.]

The Waterloo Society.

At St. Nicholas', Leatherhead, on May 5th, a peal of *STEDMAN CATERS*, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 19 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

William H. Fussell ..	1	Charles R. Lilley ..	6
Harry Barton ..	2	Charles Willshire ..	7
Herbert Langdon ..	3	William W. Thorne ..	8
Reuben Charge ..	4	Arthur Dean *	9
Henry Wood ..	5	Arthur Hardy ..	10

Composed by Frederick J. Pitts, conducted by Harry Barton.
[* First peal of *STEDMAN CATERS*.]

Also at St. Barnabas', Rammore, Dorking, on May 6th, Holt's Original peal of *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES*, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 20½ cwt.

Charles Willshire (condr.)	1	William W. Thorne ..	5
William H. Fussell ..	2	John Hoyle ..	6
Harry Barton ..	3	Arthur Dean ..	7
Herbert Langdon ..	4	Charles R. Lilley *	8

[* 100th peal, as follows:—*Doubles* in 12 methods 3; *Seven Minor methods* 22; *Union Triples* 1; *Oxford Bob Triples* 1; *Grandsire Triples* 19, *Caters* 8; *Stedman Triples* 4, *Caters* 5; *Bob Major* 10, *Royal* 7; *Kent Treble Bob Major* 9, *Royal* 4; *Double Norwich Major* 6 (one a 17,024); *Superlative Surprise Major* 1; total 100, 29 of which he conducted.]

The Kent County Association.

At St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on May 11th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of *STEDMAN TRIPLES*, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

Harry Hoskins ..	1	Isaac G. Shade ..	5
John J. Lamb ..	2	William Berry ..	6
Harry Flanders ..	3	F. W. Thornton* (condr.)	7
William Foreman ..	4	Arthur T. King ..	8

Rung as a 'welcome home' to the Vicar, the Rev. Brooke Lambert, after four months' sojourn in South Africa and the Soudan. [* First peal of *STEDMAN* as conductor.]

TYLDESLEY, LANCs.—On St. George's Day, at the request of the Vicar, the Rev. J. Lund, the ringers of St. George's Church rang 720 changes, *BOB MINOR*, in 26½ mins. Tenor, 11½ cwt. J. Allred (conductor), 1; R. Allred, 2; J. Allred, jun., 3; H. Allred, 4; J. Ridings, 5; J. T. Aldred, 6.

RUGBY.—In connexion with the St. Andrew's Society of Change-ringers, a pleasant gathering was held at the 'Bull Hotel' on May 2nd, when about twenty ringers and friends sat down to a well-served repast. The Rector the Rev. A. V. Baillie presided, and there were also present Mr. W. Brooke and Mr. F. Thompson (churchwardens), and Mr. R. Over (ex-churchwarden). After dinner the ringers gave selections on the handbells, and the Ringing Master (Mr. Jas. George) proposed the health of the Rector and other guests. In responding to the toast, the Rector spoke of the improvement that had been made in the ringing, and said that in Mr. George they had a gentleman who possessed all the qualities necessary for a leader. Mr. W. Brooke also complimented the ringers upon the interest they appeared to take in their work, and expressed pleasure at seeing Mr. George sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to be back amongst them. In acknowledging the compliments paid him, Mr. George referred with pleasure to the feeling of unanimity that existed in the Society on all matters appertaining to ringing.

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The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on May 30th.

The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on May 31st.

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The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on May 28th.

The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on June 1st, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Central Council.

THE Tenth Annual Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell-ringers will be held on Whit Tuesday, June 5th, 1900, at the Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, at 11 a.m. punctually. The morning sitting will be adjourned at 1 o'clock till 2.30 p.m., from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, till 5.30.

The Standing Committee will meet at 9.30 a.m. on the same day at Westminster Palace Hotel.

There will be a social gathering in the evening at 9 o'clock at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn (Lincoln's Inn Fields entrance), at which Sir Arthur Heywood will have pleasure in seeing members and ringing friends.

AGENDA.

1. Election of President and Secretary. Nominations received: for *President*, Sir Arthur P. Heywood, Bart.; for *Secretary*, Rev. H. Earle Bulwer.
2. Election of Hon. Members (if desired).
3. Appointment of Standing and other Committees.
4. To receive Report of Committee on Rail Fares.
5. To receive further Report from Committee on Peal Values with regard to questions left over by last Council.
6. To receive Report of Committee on the condition of Rings of Bells.
7. To receive Report of Committee for the definition of a legitimate Method.
8. To consider the following motion: 'That in the opinion of this Council any protest against the truthfulness of a peal should be made within three months of its performance; and that, if not challenged within this period, the record should be allowed. If the record is challenged, it should be submitted to the Central Council, or a Committee appointed by it for this purpose, for decision; and the decision of the Council should be accepted as final.'
9. To discuss the following subject, adjourned from the last meeting: 'How best to instruct beginners in the Art of Change-ringing.'
10. To consider the desirability of appointing official correspondents with the Central Council, attached to each Association.
11. To consider the desirability of appointing a Committee to draw up a model code of Rules for (a) an Association; (b) a Company of Ringers.
12. To draw attention to the large number of insufficiently proved compositions, and of worthless methods, sent to *The Bell News* for insertion.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Secretary.*

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

Barking, Essex.

THROUGH the kind invitation of Mr. E. A. Davies, churchwarden of the Abbey Church of St. Margaret, a most enjoyable outing was spent at Barking, on May 12th, by several members of the Ancient Society of College Youths from London, in company with the St. Margaret's Society. Proceedings opened with a touch of STEDMAN TRIPLES: R. Sewell, 1; J. Pettit (conductor), 2; E. Gibbs, 3; M. A. Wood, 4; S. Hayes, 5; E. Carter, 6; W. T. Cockerill, 7; E. A. Davies, 8. And a touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES: P. J. Cast, 1; T. Faulkner, 2; G.

Faulkner, 3; E. Andrews, 4; A. J. T. Carter, 5; R. Fenn (conductor), 6; C. Fenn, 7; E. A. Davies, 8. These were followed by a course of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR and a touch of DOUBLE NORWICH, in which A. Deards, H. Springall, E. Lucas, and A. Hardy took part, and a course of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE. An adjournment was then made to the 'Red Lion' for tea. The Vicar and Churchwarden Weller here joined the party, the former giving a hearty welcome to the visitors. Thanks being accorded Mr. Davies for his kind invitation and hospitality, the tower was again visited, and other touches, in which C. F. Winney rang, were brought round.

In July, 1875, the 238th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths was held at the 'Red Lion,' under the catering of Mr. Bosworth, the present proprietor. At that dinner it was mentioned that the bells and tower had, through the exertions of Mr. Sewell, been put into a state of proper repair, and it was hoped that Barking would soon possess a band of change-ringers to manipulate the bells as skillfully as the visitors had done that day. This is now an accomplished fact: Mr. Davies has continued Mr. Sewell's good work in the preservation of the bells and belfry, and an enterprising band of ringers in advanced methods are now resident in Barking, where it is hoped they may long continue to enjoy and spread the work of change-ringing. A smoking concert was, through the assistance of Messrs. Hopkins, Mason, and others, improvised, which was brought to a close soon after ten o'clock by singing the National Anthem.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At the Parish Church, Leatherhead, on May 19th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5218 changes, in 3 hrs. 14 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

John N. Oxborrow ..	1	Henry S. Ellis ..	6
John W. Golding ..	2	Frederick Dench ..	7
Henry R. Newton ..	3	James Willshire ..	8
William H. Pasmore ..	4	Charles T. P. Brice ..	9
Harry R. Pasmore ..	5	William Cropley ..	10

Composed by John P. Bradley, and conducted by Henry R. Newton.

At St. Magnus-the-Martyr, London Bridge, on May 19th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 40 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

James Pettit ..	1	Edwin Gibbs ..	6
Edwin Horrex ..	2	Herbert P. Harman ..	7
Matthew A. Wood ..	3	Thomas H. Taffender ..	8
Henry Springall ..	4	Challis F. Winney ..	9
Samuel Hayes ..	5	William T. Cockerill ..	10

ALSO at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on May 19th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 changes, in 3 hrs. 21 mins. Tenor, 32 cwt.

Albert V. Selby ..	1	Arthur E. Bradley ..	6
William E. Garrard ..	2	Sidney H. Godfrey ..	7
Henry G. Miles ..	3	Archibald F. Harris ..	8
William E. Judd ..	4	William Fox ..	9
George R. Fardon ..	5	John Judd ..	10

Composed by John Carter, conducted by William E. Gerrard.

AND at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Putney, on May 21st, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

John W. Golding ..	1	William H. Pasmore ..	6
Arthur G. Ellis ..	2	Henry R. Newton ..	7
Henry S. Ellis ..	3	William T. Cockerill ..	8
Charles T. P. Brice ..	4	John N. Oxborrow ..	9

Composed by James W. Washbrook, conducted by John N. Oxborrow. The above peals were rung in honour of the relief of Mafeking.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On Easter Monday, April 16th, 3000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, in an attempt for 5000, by members of the Cleveland and North York Association. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; T. Burdon, 2; J. Carter, 3; N. Kidd, 4; F. P. Howcroft, 5; J. Waller, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; W. Newton, 8; T. Metcalfe, 9; T. Stephenson, 10. And on May 6th, 576 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. J. Newton, 1; J. Clarkson, 2; T. Burdon, 3; J. Waller, 4; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 5; T. W. Waller, 6; W. Newton, 7; T. Stephenson, 8. Tenor, 27½ cwt.

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Meetings for Practice.

The Ancient Society of College Youths; at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on June 4th; at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on June 5th; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on June 6th; at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, and St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, on June 7th; at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on June 8th; at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on June 9th, at 7.30 p.m.

The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on June 6th.

The Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, on June 4th, and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on June 6th.

The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on June 7th.

The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on June 8th.

An Appeal.

THE ringers of England will have read with regret of the lamented death of Mr. John M. Hayes. At a meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths held on Tuesday, May 1st, it was resolved that a subscription list be opened on behalf of Mrs. Hayes. The following elected Committee will be pleased to receive contributions in aid of the widow of one whose name has been prominent in the exercise for the last thirty-eight years: C. T. P. Brice, 41 Ranelagh Road, Pimlico, S.W.; W. T. Cockerill, 37 Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.; W. E. Garrard, 21 Peel Street, Kensington, W.; E. Horrex, 55 Ashbury Road, Shaftesbury Park, S.W.; G. Muskett, 55 Sewardstone Road, Victoria Park, E.; H. R. Newton, 43 Lillington Street, Pimlico, S.W.; E. P. O'Meara, 39 Goring Road, Bowes Park, N.; J. Pettit, 3 St. Thomas' Cottages, Hackney, N.E.; H. Springall, 35 Huddlestons Road, Forest Gate, E.; C. F. Winney, 13 Harbledown Road, Parsons Green, S.W.; M. A. Wood, 41 Church Row, Bethnal Green, E.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Cleveland and North York Association.

AT the Parish Church, Thornaby-on-Tees, on May 12th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 19 mins. Tenor, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

G. J. Clarkson	1	A. W. Barrett	5
N. Kidd	2	W. Newton	6
T. Metcalfe	3	W. J. Wright	7
T. Beckwith	4	T. Stephenson	8

Composed by W. Shipway and conducted by T. Stephenson. This is the first peal of BOB MAJOR by this Association or by any of the above company, and the first on the bells. It is also the first 5000 by Messrs. Beckwith, Barrett, and Wright, who are members of the Thornaby Company.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Oxhey Society.

AT St. Matthew's, Oxhey, on May 16th, Lates' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins.

George N. Price (condr.) ..	1	William Norris	5
Hubert Eden	2	Herbert Martin	6
John B. Bates	3	Charles George	7
Walter Norris	4	James Alexander	8

Rung on the occasion of a Confirmation service held at the above church by the Bishop of St. Albans. It is the first peal of STEDMAN by an entirely local band in the county since the days of the famous Bennington band.

The Middlesex County Association.

AT St. John-the-Baptist's, Chipping Barnet, on May 23rd, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

Bertram Prewett	1	Frank A. Smith	5
Herbert P. Harman	2	Ernest E. Huntley	6
Frank A. Milne*	3	John R. Sharman (condr.)	7
William G. Whitehead ..	4	Arthur T. King	8

Rung to commemorate the eighty-first birthday of Queen Victoria and the relief of Mafeking. [* First peal of STEDMAN.]

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on May 26th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 43 mins. Tenor, 9 cwt.

Edward P. O'Meara	1	John W. Rowbotham	5
James Pettit	2	Edwin Horrex	6
Challis F. Winney (condr.)	3	William T. Cockerill	7
Matthew A. Wood	4	William E. Garrard	8

This is the first peal on the bells, which were dedicated the same afternoon, being the Patronal Festival of the church, by Bishop Barry.

STONE, BUCKS.—On April 28th, by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. F. White, 1; Rev. J. Jenkins, 2; Rev. H. C. Bell (conductor), 3; J. Evans, 4; J. C. Truss, 5; T. H. Taffender, 6. First 720 of MINOR on the bells. Tenor, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—At the Parish Church, for service, April 29th, 1008 STEDMAN TRIPLES. L. Payne, 1; W. A. J. Ives, 2; A. E. Lish, 3; C. Tyler, 4; H. Markwell, 5; G. Payne, 6; A. Groves (conductor), 7; W. Markwell, 8.

RUGBY.—At St. Andrew's, on May 2nd, 588 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; S. Hope, 4; A. Dubber, 5; A. Bramall, 6; J. George (conductor), 7; T. Holmes, 8. The above was rung specially to precede the annual dinner.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—At St. Michael and All Angels', on May 3rd, 1260 STEDMAN TRIPLES. J. Evans, 1; F. Dentry, 2; Rev. H. C. Bell, 3; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 4; F. Bissley, 5; W. J. Wilkins, 6; G. A. Alder, 7; A. G. Jones, 8.

PORTSEA.—At the Parish Church on May 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 43 mins. J. Harper, 1; J. J. Symons, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. T. Matthews, 4; J. Harris, 5; A. C. Collins, 6; E. C. Newman (conductor), 7; H. C. Ingram, 8.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's, on May 13th, for evening service, 1259 GRANDSIRE CATERS. S. Davie, 1; W. E. Garrard, 2; A. V. Selby, 3; R. A. Daniell, 4; W. E. Judd, 5; G. R. Fardon, 6; A. E. Bradley, 7; W. Fox, 8; A. F. Harris (conductor), 9; J. Judd, 10. And on May 20th, 1260 STEDMAN TRIPLES. W. E. Garrard (conductor), 1; G. R. Fardon, 2; A. V. Selby, 3; A. E. Bradley, 4; H. G. Miles, 5; A. F. Harris, 6; W. Fox, 7; J. Judd, 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.—At the Abbey Church of St. Margaret, on May 13th, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. R. Sewell, 1; E. G. Fenn, 2; G. W. Faulkner, 3; C. Fenn, 4; A. Carter, 5; R. Fenn, 6; T. Faulkner (conductor), 7; E. A. Davies, 8.

SPROUTON, SUFFOLK.—On May 14th, at the Parish Church, a date touch, 1900 changes, was rung in 1 hr. 5 mins. in the following methods: OXFORD and KENT TREBLE BOB, DOUBLE COURT, and PLAIN BOB MINOR. W. Brown, 1; H. J. Mee, 2; F. Rolfe, 3; A. Rivers, 4; E. Rivers (conductor), 5; G. W. Mee, 6.

RUGBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on May 19th, 630 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; J. B. Fenton, 3; A. J. Gillings, 4; T. Holmes, 5; J. George, 6; A. Bramall, 7; H. King, 8. Composed and conducted by J. B. Fenton. Rung to commemorate the relief of Mafeking, South Africa.

WATTON, NORFOLK.—On May 14th, the dedication of the peal of six bells recently erected in the tower of St. Mary's Church took place. The Bishop of Thetford said the dedicatory prayers, and preached. The bells have cost 250*l.*, towards which 130*l.* has been raised.

BRATTON-CLOVELLY Church bells were reopened on May 22nd. The bells have been quarter-turned, provided with new fittings, and hung in a new cage over a new floor, while chiming apparatus, on the Ellacombe principle, has been erected. Mrs. Manning, of Bratton-Clovelly, has borne the entire cost of about 120*l.* A special service was largely attended. The clergy taking part were the Revs. G. C. Bateman, S. Baring Gould, J. Worthington, R.D., Hawking, Grylls, Carr, and Maitland Kelly, the latter, who is President of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers, preaching on the uses of bells and the importance of the office of ringer.

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The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on June 11th.
The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on June 15th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

Kent County Association of Change-ringers.

ASHFORD DISTRICT.—An extra District Meeting, without allowances, will be held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 9th, at four o'clock.

C. WILFRID BLANLAND, Hon. District Sec.

Central Council Meeting.

THE tenth annual meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell-ringers was held at the Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster, on Whit Tuesday, June 5th, 1900.

On the motion of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart., and the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer were re-elected President and Secretary respectively. The minutes of the meeting held at Norwich last year were read and confirmed. Mr. Pettit, Mr. F. E. Ward, Mr. J. Carter, Mr. J. S. Pritchett, the Rev. H. L. Bilkington, Mr. Rees, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Trollope were elected hon. members for the ensuing three years.

The Secretary read the statement of accounts, which was adopted, showing a balance in hand of 66l. 10s. 8d.

On the motion of Mr. J. S. Pritchett, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, the Rev. H. F. Cockey, the Rev. H. J. Elsee, the Rev. E. B. Carpenter, Mr. Dains, Mr. Snowdon, Mr. Rees, Mr. C. H. Hattersley, Mr. Lockwood, with power to add to their number, were elected as a Standing Committee.

The Rev. H. F. Cockey reported that the petitions for reduced railway fares have been forwarded to the Clearing House, and that the decision of the railway companies might be expected in a fortnight's time. Only 6817 signatures of ringers had been received on the petition papers.

The Committee for obtaining reduced railway fares was re-elected.

The President brought forward the report of the Committee on the condition of rings of bells. 914 forms had been sent to various towers, and only 663 had been returned. On the motion of the Rev. T. L. Papillon, this Committee was re-elected.

On the motion of the Secretary, the Committee for the definition of a legitimate method was re-elected; no report could be given, as the matter required greater consideration, and was postponed until next meeting.

The Secretary stated that the *Glossary of Technical Terms* had been completed, and would shortly be on sale.

Mr. G. F. Attree, in reporting on peal values, proposed that 32 points be given for a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH MAXIMS, and 23 for ROYAL, and that 50 points be given for BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.

Mr. Trollope seconded, and the motion was carried.

On the motion of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, it was decided that the next meeting be held at Derby.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee moved 'That, in the opinion of this Council, any protest against the truthfulness or worthiness of a peal should be made within three months of its performance; and that, if not challenged within this period, the record should be allowed;' but, in accordance with the judgment of the President, Mr. Elsee withdrew his motion, so that after further consideration the matter may be brought forward at the next meeting.

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THE Rev. E. W. Carpenter opened a discussion on 'How Best to Instruct Beginners in the Art of Change-ringing,' which proved very lengthy, and the meeting was brought to a close by a hearty vote of thanks being accorded the President.

Touches were rung on the bells at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and St. Clement Danes, Strand, and at 9 p.m. a social gathering was held at the 'Inns of Court' Hotel.

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(1.) The College Youths

On the 21st February, 1762, d.d. ring in this steeple a complete Peal of 5143 DOUBLE GRANDSIRE CATERERS in 3 Hours 40 minutes, being the most ever performed in that method.

John Underwood	Treble	Emanuel Crouch	6th
William Mills	2nd	George Meakins	7th
William Hatt	3rd	Robt. Bly	8th
James Darquitt	4th	John Lokes	9th
Robert Bunterworth	5th	Fras. Buckingham	Tenor

The Peal was call'd by Mr. Geo. Meakins.

(2.) St. Magnus, London Bridge.

SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. ESTABLISHED 1637.

ON Saturday, Novr. 5th, 1853, the Company rang a true Peal of 5079 STEDMAN CATERERS in 3 Hours and 13 minutes, being the first in the method on the bells.

Performers:

Jas. Mash	Treble	Wm. Lobb	6th
Geo. Menday	2nd	Wm. Cooter	7th
Wm. Hinde	3rd	G. E. Ferris	8th
Jno. Bradley	4th	Jas. Dwight	9th
Wm. Banister	5th	F. Wood	Tenor

Conducted by William Cooter. A Period of 45 years had elapsed since a Peal had been accomplished in this steeple.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Middlesex County Association.

AT All Saints', Poplar, on May 26th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

John R. Sharman	1	Frederick W. Thornton	6
John H. Cheesman	2	Ernest Pye	7
Edgar Wightman	3	William Berry	8
Isaac G. Shade	4	Harry Flanders	9
Edwin Barnett	5	William Pye	10

Composed by J. Riley and conducted by William Pye.

The St. Martin's Guild.

AT Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, on May 25th, THIRTEEN Five-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 12 cwt.

Thomas Miller	1	Albert Walker	5
William H. Godden	2	William Short	6
Henry Middleton	3	Arthur E. Pegler	7
William H. Barber (condr)	4	Charles Mackenzie	8

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On May 20th, 1008 STEDMAN TRIPLES. W. A. J. Ives, 1; S. Burt, 2; A. E. Lish, 3; H. Monkwell, 4; C. Tyler, 5; L. Payne (conductor), 6; A. Hasman, 7; W. Monkwell, 8.

BEVERLEY.—The new peal of ten bells has now been hung in the tower of St. Mary's Church. In order that the tower shall not suffer from the vibration, the beams on which the bells have been hung have been built into the tower. The parishioners are under a debt of gratitude to the late Mrs. Crust, who provided the greater part of the funds which were necessary for the recasting and additions to the bells.

BIDEFORD, DEVON.—Recently these bells were formally opened after rehanging, and in some instances recasting. The Rector (the Rev. Newton Leeke) officiated at the dedication service, and during the day merry peals were rung by ringers from Alvington, Abbotsham, Parkham, Pilton, Westleigh, Monkleigh, and Bideford.

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The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on June 20th.

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The Kent County Association.

THE twenty-first annual meeting was held at Tonbridge on Whit Monday, June 4th. A meeting of the Central Committee was held shortly after eleven. The annual service was held in the church at noon, the Hon. Secretary (the Rev. F. W. Helmore) and the Rev. D. D. Mackinnon (rector of Speldhurst) officiating. The address was given by the Rev. D. D. Mackinnon from Zech. xiv. 20. The offertory in aid of the Association's Belfry Repairs Fund amounted to 1*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*

At the dinner in the Public Hall, at which 117 sat down, the Vicar of Tonbridge (the Rev. C. G. Baskerville) presided, and was supported by Mr. G. D. Warner (churchwarden), Mr. B. Wadmore (the hon. secretary), and Messrs. Palmer, Osborne, Latter, and Bex (district secretaries), and others. Mrs. Mackinnon and Miss Macalpine Leny were also present. The vice-chair was occupied by the Rev. C. E. Escreet (rector of Woolwich). The toast of 'The Queen' was given by the Chairman, and was received with acclamation and the singing of the first verse of the National Anthem; and 'The Archbishop and Clergy' was proposed by Mr. G. D. Warner, to which the Rev. D. D. Mackinnon replied. The Secretary's report was read and adopted. The Vice-President and other officers were re-elected. A small addition was made to one of the rules, insisting upon the figures of peals being sent in before a peal can be inserted in the peal-book. A vote of thanks to the Chairman, moved by the Rev. C. E. Escreet, concluded the proceedings.

The towers open for ringing, besides Tunbridge, were St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells (8), Speldhurst (8), Hadlow (8), Penshurst (8), and Brenchley (6). The Rector of Speldhurst invited to tea any who liked to walk over, and as many as seventeen accepted the invitation, tea with the ladies on the Rectory lawn being a well-known and agreeable institution. The exhibition of an empty cartridge-case, specially kept for Mr. Mackinnon, excited great interest. It was the case of the first shot from the twelve-pounder by the Naval Brigade, from H.M.S. *Powerful*, at Ladysmith.

The Tonbridge meeting of 1900 was a small one, but certainly one of the most enjoyable of the twenty-one annual gatherings, since the Association was first founded. The Association will celebrate its 'coming of age' next year, and it is hoped the event will be marked by a great accession of strength in the matter of numbers, which have gone down this year from 819 to 758, a general advance in change-ringing throughout the county, and a 'record' gathering at the annual meeting.

Dedication of Bells at Beverley.

THE Archbishop of York dedicated on Saturday, June 2nd, the new peal of ten bells which have been hung in the tower of St. Mary's, Beverley. There was a large congregation, and his Lordship was met at the west door by the Vicar (the Rev. R. Fisher), and Canon Nolloth who acted as chaplain to the Archbishop, and the churchwardens (Messrs. J. Stephenson, S. Todd, and J. Edgar).

The new bells come from the foundry of Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and when they were rung for the first time on May 17th they gave every satisfaction. Their total weight is 142 cwt. and 20 lbs., which is nearly double the weight of the old peal. They are cast of the purest metal as specified by Lord Grimthorpe in his treatise upon *Clocks*,

Watches, and Bells, and the whole peal is tuned upon the principles propounded by the Rev. Prebendary Simpson, rector of Littleworth, the harmonic tones of each bell are in true relation to its fundamental note. The fittings comprise all the firm's latest improvements, the frames being in massive iron in H-shaped castings, standing upon and bolted to stout steel girders.

The chimes will be rung on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 6th bells, thus giving a full octave between the last note of the chimes on No. 3 and the stroke of the hour on the tenor, No. 10. The total cost will be about 1600*l.*, in which is included the value of the old bells, about 400*l.*

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

1. 'Sursum Corda.'
2. 'Gloria in Excelsis Deo.'
3. 'Cantate Domino Canticum Novum.'
4. 'Audite et Venite, Venite et Audite.'
5. 'Venite Exultemus Domino.'
6. 'Thon Wilson, William Ellerington, Richard Sileato, Ioffery Taler, 1631. Magnificat Anima Mea Dominum. Iterum Fusum. 1900.'
7. 'Vt Tyba Sic Sonity Domini Cndvco Chortes, 1599, Pd Re Rs Wl. Iterum Fusum, 1900.'
8. 'Ante Iacetis Humo Sonity Respicite Mæsto, Sa Robinson Ed Farmer Io Garten Ri Groyborne Gvardiani It, 1700. Iterum Fusum, 1900.'
9. 'Nos Resonare Iubent Pictas Mors Atque Voluptas.'
10. 'Deum Laudo Vivos Voco Mortuos Plango. By reason of a gift of 850*l.* by Mercy Crust the bells of the former ring of eight except the fifth were used in casting this ring of ten A.D. 1900. Robert Fisher, Vicar. Edward Nicholas Hill, John Stephenson, Marmaduke Wray, Churchwardens. F. G. Hobson, Clerk to Churchwardens.'

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Sussex County Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Southover, Lewes, on June 7th, Thurstars' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 17 cwt.

Robert J. Dawe 1	Alfred J. Turner 5
George A. King 2	James N. Frossell 6
John Jay, sen. 3	George Williams (condr.) 7
Albert D. Stone 4	John F. Steadman 8

AND at St. Andrew's, Steyning, on June 9th, a peal of DOUBLES NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 12 cwt.

John Smart 1	Frank Bennett 5
William W. Thorne 2	George Gatland 6
Charles Smart 3	George Williams 7
Robert J. Dawe 4	John S. Goldsmith 8

Composed by Henry Dains, conducted by George Williams.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, on June 9th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5037 changes, in 3 hrs. 34 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

James Pettit 1	Matthew A. Wood 6
Edwin Gibbs 2	Samuel Hayes 7
Thomas Faulkner 3	William T. Cockerill 8
Caleb Fenn 4	Challis F. Winney 9
Rowland Fenn 5	Edward A. Davies 10

Composed by the late Henry Haley, conducted by James Pettit.

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.—At St. Andrew's, on May 21st, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 50 mins. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. J. Gillings, 3; C. J. B. Cooke, 4; J. B. Fenton, 5; J. W. Shotton, 6; J. George, 7; T. Holmes, 8. Composed and conducted by James George. Rung to celebrate the relief of Mafeking.

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The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on June 25th.
The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. John's, Hackney, St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and St. Paul's Cathedral, on June 26th; St. Paul's, Shadwell, and St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on June 28th; St. Stephen's, Westminster, on June 29th.
The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on June 27th.
The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on June 28th.
The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on June 28th.
The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on June 29th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

RECENTLY, the members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association of Bell-ringers held their annual dinner and business meeting at the Corporation Hotel, Middlesbrough. About forty members were present from Whitby, Northallerton, Thirsk, Thornaby, Middlesbrough, Stockton, Darlington, Guisborough, Wath, Stokesley, &c. Mr. G. J. Clarkson (Stockton) presided, and the vice-chair was filled by Mr. J. H. Blakiston (Middlesbrough). The loyal and several other toasts were duly honoured.

After dinner, the business meeting was held, when the Rev. W. P. Wright (Stokesley), hon. sec. and treasurer, read his annual report which stated that ten 5000 change peals had been rung as against seven last year, making a total of 210 points, as agreed upon by the Central Council of Ringers, or equal to 21 points per peal. Eight of the peals were rung at Middlesbrough, and the other two at Thornaby by mixed bands, one of those two being the first peal of BOB MAJOR by the Association. Twenty-one members took part in ringing the peals. During the year six members had scored their first peal of 5000 changes. The membership this year was 146, as against 121 last year. The financial statement showed that the expenditure had amounted to 7l. 11s. 4d., the balance in hand being 6l. 4s. 3d. He wished to thank Mr. Blakiston (the vice-president) for his large and important share in the compiling of the report, without whose valuable assistance his (Mr. Wright's) efforts would result in failure.

Prior to the dinner, service was held in the Parish Church, an appropriate address being delivered by the Rev. F. L. Perkins, vicar of Thirsk.

The Essex Association.

THE twenty-first anniversary meeting of the Essex Association of Change-ringers was held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday. There was a larger attendance than usual, due to the fact of this being the 'coming-of-age' anniversary. Service was held in St. Mary's Church, at which the Rev. T. L. Papillon (vicar of Writtle, hon. sec. of the Association), the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (assistant hon. sec.), and the Rev. H. A. Lake (rector of Chelmsford) officiated, while an address was given by the Rev. Canon Wigram, of St. Albans, from 1 Cor. xii. 4.

The annual meeting was held at the Corn Exchange, the Rev. H. A. Lake presiding. The officers and Committee were re-appointed, and a number of new members were elected. The annual report gave some interesting statistics, showing the gradual growth of the Association. In 1879 there were 18 honorary members and 47 ringers; now there are 62 honorary members and 469 ringers. The following list (by no means complete) gives some idea of twenty-one years' activity in the direction of bell-restoration:—New rings: Brentwood, Harlow, Radwinter, 8 bells; Canning Town (Holy Trinity), Mistle, Laindon Hills, and Stanford-le-Hope, 6 bells; Bentley (Brentwood) and Thorrington, 5 bells. Rings augmented: Chelmsford, and St. Mary's, Walthamstow, from 8 to 10; Ardleigh, Great Bentley, Braintree, Feering, from 5 to 6, and then 8; Prittlewell, Rayleigh, and Widford, from 6 to 8; Kelvedon, Orsett, St. Osyth, Rettendon, Springfield, and Tillingham, from 5 to 6. Rehung or otherwise repaired: West Ham, 10; Great Baddow, Romford, Thaxted, Writtle, 8; Dagenham, Goldhanger, Maldon (St. Mary's), and Woodford, 6; Danbury, 5; and many others. The receipts

for the year were 52l. 15s. 7d., and there was a balance in hand of 9l. 10s. 10d., while the reserve fund amounted to 66l. 19s. 2d.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey, a former assistant secretary, moved the adoption of the report, and Mr. S. Hayes seconded the resolution, which was carried. Mr. J. H. Beams had given notice of a proposal to divide the county into districts—eastern, western, and northern—and a sub-committee was appointed to consider the matter.

A paper was read by Mr. B. Keeble, on 'Ringers as Church Workers: their Duty to the Church.' He pleaded that ringers should be recognised as Church workers. There was a time, he remarked, when, in some cases, the belfries were little better than the taproom of a beerhouse, but ringers realised now that their conduct in the belfry should be as becoming as if they were in any other part of the church.

Subsequently luncheon was partaken of in the Corn Exchange, the members afterwards visiting churches in the locality, and ringing various peals.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Kent County Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Erith, on June 10th, for evening service, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Edwin Barnett ..	1	William Pye (conductor) ..	5
Charles Wilkins ..	2	John Garrard ..	6
Edgar Wightman ..	3	Ernest Pye ..	7
George R. Pye ..	4	John H. Cheesman ..	8

The Lancashire Association and the Ashton-under-Lyne Society.

At St. Michael and All Angels', Ashton-under-Lyne, on the front eight bells, on June 12th, Taylor's Bob-and-Single peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins.

Joseph Mellor ..	1	Samuel Wood (conductor) ..	5
Samuel Booth ..	2	Benjamin Thorp ..	6
James Booth ..	3	Albert Adams ..	7
Benjamin Gill (first peal) ..	4	William Booth ..	8

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.—At St. Andrew's Church, on May 24th, 168 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; F. Sear, 3; A. J. Gillings, 4; A. Dubber, 5; J. George (conductor), 6; T. Holmes, 7; C. Rowbottom, 8. Also 240 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. H. King, 1; J. B. Fenton (conductor), 2; J. Coales, 3; J. W. Shotton, 4; R. Clarke, 5. This church has two towers—one with a peal of eight bells, the other a peal of five—and both these touches were rung at the same time. This is supposed to be the first time a method has been rung in one church on two peals of bells at the same time. Rung in honour of the Queen's eighty-first birthday.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 3rd, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. C. Tyler, 1; W. A. J. Ives, 2; S. Burt, 3; H. Markwell, 4; L. Payne, 5; G. Payne (conductor), 6; A. Heasman, 7; W. Markwell, 8. And on June 5th, in honour of Lord Roberts's entry into Pretoria, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 45 mins. H. Markwell, 1; S. Burt, 2; W. A. J. Ives, 3; L. Payne, 4; C. Tyler, 5; G. Payne (conductor), 6; A. Heasman, 7; W. Markwell, 8.

SWAINBY, YORKSHIRE.—On June 16th, the following members of the Cleveland and North Yorks. Association, from Middlesbrough, Stockton, Thornaby, and Stokesley, rang 720 KENT TREBLE BOB. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; N. Kidd, 2; J. Carter, 3; F. P. Howcroft, 4; A. M. Macfarlane, 5; W. Newton, 6. Also 720 BOB MINOR. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; W. T. Titchener, 2; W. Newton, 3; Rev. W. P. Wright, 4; T. Beckwith, 5; F. P. Howcroft, 6.

STOKESLEY, YORKSHIRE.—On June 16th, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; J. P. Clarkson, 2; W. T. Titchener, 3; J. Carter, 4; A. M. Macfarlane, 5; F. P. Howcroft, 6.

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The Towcester and District Bell-ringers' Association.

THE seventh annual festival of this Association was successfully held at Eydon by kind invitation of the Rector, the Rev. W. H. Chapman. The Association comprises nineteen parish belfries, and with one exception—Stoke Bruerne—all these were represented. The day's proceedings commenced with a service in the church, conducted by the Rector, the lessons being read by the Rev. F. H. Curgerven and the Rev. R. A. Kennaway. An appropriate sermon was preached by the Ven. J. E. Stocks, archdeacon of Leicester, on the words, 'Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house' (Ps. xvi. 8). A short business meeting was afterwards held, and this was succeeded by a dinner in the schools. The representatives from the various parishes took turns in ringing during the afternoon, and also availed themselves of the opportunity of inspecting the pretty grounds of Eydon Hall, which had been thrown open by Mr. and Mrs. Holland, who also provided tea for the visitors. Their thoughtful kindness was highly appreciated.

The Bells of St. Augustine's, Kilburn.

At the recent patronal festival of St. Augustine's, Kilburn, the new bells were dedicated by Bishop Barry, in the unavoidable absence of the Bishop of London. A special form of service was used after the first part of evening service had been sung, consisting of appropriate versicles, psalms, and collects. During the singing of the hymn, 'When morning gilds the skies,' the Bishop, clergy, churchwardens, and ringers proceeded to the belfry, and after the Bishop had dedicated the bells, a course of STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung. The Bishop and clergy having returned to their places, Psalm cxlii. was sung, and a short address given by the Bishop on Psalm xix. 4, 'Their sound is gone out into all lands.' He referred to St. Augustine as the founder of the great continuous line of English Christianity which had existed up to the present day, and said that that continuity had been illustrated by the dedication service which had just been said, part of it being identical with a similar service in the Sacramentary of Gregory the Great. He showed how the various functions of the bells symbolised the chief aspects of Christian and social life. At the close of the service 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung, and later in the evening Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES was successfully brought round, a record of which has appeared in these columns.

The bells are from Van Arschoot's Belgian foundry, and range from a treble of 1 cwt. 2 qrs. to a tenor of 9 cwt. 10 lbs. Many have been the difficulties in securing and putting into a satisfactory condition for ringing this light peal, and it is a great pity that the incumbent, the Rev. R. C. Kirkpatrick, was advised to go abroad for a ring of bells.

When the bells arrived, they were hung by the Belgian workmen in a way which they no doubt thought would do for ringing. On being examined by some London ringers, it was found that the treble was not present; the eight bells were 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and another, a semitone, between the 4th and 5th. This bell has been retained for chiming tunes, and, after a long delay, the above treble of 1½ cwt. arrived. In hanging, the bells had not been arranged in any order, but were dotted about all over the tower. Some of our well-known bell-hangers made inspections. One would have nothing to do

with them, another suggested taking away the five smaller bells and adding four behind the present tenor. As the bells had cost in the first case as much as an English ring with 15 cwt. tenor would have done, this was thought a too costly undertaking. At last, however, the difficulties have been surmounted by much painstaking skill and ingenuity on the part of Mr. E. P. O'Meara. The bells have been hung so as to form a good circle; wheels, stays, and sliders have been adjusted to do their respective duties, and to an experienced band the bells are in a pealable condition.

St. Augustine's possesses a fine tower and well-appointed ringing-room, the only matter for regret being in the light weights, and the consequent high, shrill tones of the bells.

An Appeal.

THE ringers of England will have read with regret of the lamented death of Mr. John M. Hayes. At a meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths, held on Tuesday, May 1st, it was resolved that a subscription list be opened on behalf of Mrs. Hayes. The following elected Committee will be pleased to receive contributions in aid of the widow of one whose name has been prominent in the exercise for the last thirty-eight years: C. T. P. Brice, 41 Ranelagh Road, Pimlico, S.W.; W. T. Cockerill, 37 Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.; W. E. Garrard, 21 Peel Street, Kensington, W.; E. Horrex, 55 Ashbury Road, Shaftesbury Park, S.W.; G. Muskett, 55 Sewardstone Road, Victoria, Park, E.; H. R. Newton, 43 Lillington Street, Pimlico, S.W.; E. P. O'Meara, 39 Goring Road, Bowes Park, N.; J. Pettit, 3 St. Thomas's Cottages, Hackney, N.E.; W. D. Smith, 70 Median Road, Clapton, N.E.; H. Springall, 35 Huddleston Road, Forest Gate, E.; C. F. Winney, 13 Harbledown Road, Parsons Green, S.W.; M. A. Wood, 41 Church Row, Bethnal Green, E.

It is earnestly requested that all intending subscribers will forward their donations on or before Monday, July 9th. The following is a list of peals rung by Mr. J. M. Hayes:—

	Tower Bells.		Handbells.	
	Rung.	Conductd.	Rung.	Conductd.
GRANDSIRE Triples	70	15	6	1
" Major	1			
" Caters	23	6	3	3
STEDMAN Triples	47	14	1	
" Caters	32	6		
" Cinques	21	2		
KENT TREBLE BOB Major ..	51	18		
" " " Royal	24	9		
" " " Maximus	7	2		
OXFORD TREBLE BOB Major ..	1	1		
" " " Royal	4	3		
BOB MAJOR	2			
DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR ..	12	8		
SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR	2			
	297	84	10	4

Total: Rung, 307; Conducted, 83.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Durham and Newcastle Association.

At St. Stephen's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on June 19th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 35 mins. Tenor, 30 cwt.

James Cliff	1	J. E. R. Keen	5
John W. Robinson	2	Hugh Dall	6
George R. Holmes	3	Robert S. Story	7
S. O. Ferry	4	E. E. Ferry	8

Composed by F. Hopgood, conducted by E. E. Ferry. Rung in honour of the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

The Midland Counties Association.

At St. Peter's, Mountsorrel, on June 16th, seven 720's of BOB MINOR, each called differently, in 2 hrs. 58 mins.

Samuel Wesley	1	James Hutchby	4
John Grundy	2	Israel Lovett	5
Josiah Morris	3	Wm. H. Inglesant (condr.)	6

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The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on July 11th.
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The John M. Hayes Fund.

It is earnestly requested that intending subscribers will kindly forward their donations to any member of the Committee on or before Monday, July 9th.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Secretary.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

ON Saturday, June 23rd, sixteen members of the above Society were kindly invited by Miss Rosa Macalpine Leny to spend a pleasant day amidst the prettiest of Kentish scenery, but pressure of business detained two of the number, who unfortunately missed one of the best of the many pleasant outings given by that well-known lady.

Special carriages had been retained in the 8.8 a.m. South Eastern train from Cannon Street, and on arrival at Tonbridge the party were cordially greeted by Miss Leny and her sister, Mrs. Mackinnon. The usual 'four-in-hand' being in waiting, the 'Youths' were not long in taking their accustomed places thereon, and a lovely drive of nine or ten miles through Shipborne and Ightham brought them to Wrotham, where, after viewing the interesting old church, they rang various touches on the peal of eight bells. The cracked 3rd and tenor detract somewhat from the musical quality of the ring, and it is hoped that this may be remedied at no far-distant date.

Whilst every one was busy discussing the many good things provided at luncheon, Mr. W. D. Smith, who had been unable to join the company earlier, put in an appearance; this called for another visit to the tower, after which the coach was again requisitioned for the return journey to Speldhurst.

The weather being most favourable, and the road in capital condition after the recent heavy rain, made the drive most enjoyable, the magnificent scenery calling forth many expressions of admiration. Arriving at Speldhurst, tea on the Rectory lawn was indulged in, and Mr. W. T. Cockerill, on behalf of the company, then asked Mr. and Mrs. Mackinnon's acceptance of a souvenir of their silver wedding, in the shape of a silver-mounted claret jug. Various touches were rung on the pretty ring of eight bells in Speldhurst tower, and at 7.30 p.m. a return was made to the Rectory for dinner, which was rendered more enjoyable by the presence of the Rector. In addition to the more substantial display, the table was prettily decorated with miniature Union Jacks in silk, which afterwards adorned the button-holes of the guests. Messrs. Smith and Dawe returned thanks to the Rector, Mrs. Mackinnon, and Miss Leny, each of whom responded with a neat little speech; the absence of Mr. Pettit and the Master of the Society, Mr. E. P. O'Meara, being much regretted. The return drive to Tonbridge was accomplished in time to catch the 9.56 p.m. train for London, and so came to a close another of those pleasant days, so heartily enjoyed by one and all, who tender their warmest thanks to Miss Leny, who leaves nothing undone which will add to the comfort of her guests on these occasions.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT 37 Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, on June 28th, on handbells retained in hand, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 36 mins.

C. F. Winney (condr.)... 1-2 | George N. Price .. 5-6
 Herbert P. Harman .. 3-4 | William T. Cockerill .. 7-8
 Umpire, Harry R. Pasmore.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At the Parish Church, Drayton, Berks, on June 26th, a Variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs 40 mins. Tenor, 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn .. 1	John Monk* .. 5
Thomas Short .. 2	Francis P. Powell* .. 6
William H. Adkins .. 3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (con.) .. 7
Harry Holfield .. 4	Thomas Bull* .. 8

[* First peal of STEDMAN.]

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.—On June 27th Mr. T. Langdon was elected Master of this Society in the place of Mr. George E. Symonds, who was compelled to resign the office through leaving London to reside at Eye, Suffolk.

WALTHAM ABBEY.—The bells have arrived safely back from the Loughborough foundry, where they have undergone the process of tuning. When the repairs to the tower are completed, it is hoped they will shortly be rehung, and heard once more from this ancient fane.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—On June 23rd, a quarterly meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Chieveley. There were thirty-one members present from Newbury, Thatcham, and Compton. A short service was held in the church, after which touches were rung upon the bells. The company then adjourned to the schoolroom and partook of a meat tea kindly provided by the Vicar, the Rev. R. A. Fawcett. After tea the Secretary of the branch, the Rev. J. A. Thomas, rose to thank the Vicar for the kindness he had shown to the members. Mr. Geater endorsed these remarks. The Rev. R. A. Fawcett responded, saying that it gave him much pleasure to be able to entertain them that day. He was always ready to hold out the right hand of fellowship to the ringers, and was glad to hear that his own ringers were going to join the Guild. Mr. Geater then proposed the election of the Chieveley band of ringers as change-ringers to the Newbury branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He said that he could assure all those present that the Chieveley ringers were fully qualified to take change-ringing certificates. The vouchers will be filled up and handed in at the annual meeting of the branch, which will take place at Newbury in November. This proposition was seconded by Mr. Diggins, captain of the Thatcham tower. After discussion, it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting of the branch at Thatcham on the first Saturday in September. The ringers then returned to the tower, where 360 BOB MINOR were rung. A touch of 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR was attempted, but, owing to a slight trip at 640, not completed.

FELSHAM, SUFFOLK.—The Felsham and Preston ringers recently had their annual outing. Starting by brake from Preston, a call was made at Rougham, where 720 VIOLET was rung (tenor, 17 cwt.) conducted by W. Hollox; followed by 720 WOODBINE, conducted by W. Kinsey. Woolpit was next visited, where another peal of six (tenor, 17 cwt.) were put in motion; here 720 NEW LONDON PLEASURE and KENT TREBLE BOB were rung, conducted respectively by W. Hollox and A. Symonds. The next place was Drinkstone—six bells (tenor, 12 cwt.); here 720 COLLEGE SINGLE, conducted by W. Kinsey, was rung, followed by 720 OXFORD, with T. Levett as conductor. The day's ringing finished at Felsham, with 720 DOUBLE COURT (T. Levett, conductor) and 720 PLAIN BOB, conducted by A. Symonds.

MR. WILLIAM ALLEY, of Trowbridge, has just attained his eightieth birthday, and is probably, if not the oldest, one of the oldest, bell-ringers in the country. This veteran was baptized by the poet Crabbe, who was then Rector of Trowbridge, and began his bell-ringing career when quite young. He rang at the Queen's coronation and at all great events since, including the Jubilee periods, and, after ringing at the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, Her Majesty accepted his photograph. He has been connected with the ringers in Trowbridge belfry for sixty-six years.

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The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on July 18th.

The Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, on July 16th, and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on July 18th.

The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on July 19th.

The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on July 20th.

St. Andrew's Society of Change-ringers, Rugby.

ON Saturday, June 30th, eight members of the above Society visited the Church of St. Andrew, Harlestone, Northamptonshire, by invitation of the Rector, the Rev. W. Berry. The ringers were met on the way by Mr. W. Craddock, the chief ringer, and great credit is due to him for the kindly manner in which he entertained the visitors.

On arrival at the church, the bells were set going to GRANDSIRE DOUBLES and BOB MINOR. The visitors were then entertained to a substantial tea, followed by a stroll round the grounds of Harlestone House, the seat of the Duchess of Grafton. More ringing followed on the fine-toned peal of six bells (tenor, 21 cwt.).

After tea a vote of thanks was proposed and carried for the great kindness of the Rector.

Nottingham Bell-founders.

WRITING to the *Nottingham Guardian*, Mr. Harper Gaythorpe says: 'It will be known to some of your readers that Richard Mellor, who practised as a bell-founder in 1488, and who was Mayor of Nottingham in 1499 and again in 1506, cast a large number of bells, which still hang in church towers in the counties of Lincoln, Northampton, Leicester, and Rutland. These bells have been referred to in the late Mr. North's books on church bells, and are accompanied with the rose and shield stamps and the black-letter inscription, "Celorum xpe placeat tibi rex sonus iste" (O Christ, the King of Heaven, may this sound be pleasing unto Thee). It will, however, be interesting to learn that recent researches in the church towers of Low Furness have brought to light two other bells with the rose and shield stamps, cast by the same founder. A full account of these bells, with their probable derivation, local uses, inscriptions, and stamps in facsimile, and much other information relating to the history and archaeology of the Furness district, in which are situated the Priors of Conishead and Cartmel, and the far-famed ruins of Furness Abbey, is given in an illustrated volume entitled *Furness Lore*.'

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

AT St. Laurence's, Chobham, Surrey, on June 30th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 47 mins. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

Challis F. Winney (condr.)	1	Charles Willshire	5
Herbert P. Harman	2	Frank Blondell	6
George Foster	3	William W. Thorne	7
Alfred H. Pulling	4	George Gunner	8

First peal of STEDMAN on the bells.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

AT the Parish Church, Witney, Oxon, on July 2nd, a Variation of Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 11½ cwt.

John Monk	1	Francis P. Powell	5
Harry Judge	2	Thomas Bull	6
William Bennett	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.)	7
Rev. C. W. O. Jekyn	4	Jesse Brooks	8

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The Hertfordshire Association.

IN the Parish Room, Oxley, Herts, on handbells retained in hand. a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 46 mins.

Charles George	1-2	W. H. L. Buckingham	5-6
George N. Price	3-4	Herbert Martin	7-8

Composed by W. H. L. Buckingham, conducted by Herbert Martin.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On June 28th, by a band from Stockton, Middlesbrough, and Thornaby (members of the Cleveland and North York Association), 540 BOB ROYAL. R. G. Greenwood, 1; W. T. Titchener, 2; J. Clarkson, 3; N. Kidd, 4; A. W. Barrett, 5; J. Waller, 6; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 7; J. H. Blakiston, 8; T. Metcalfe, 9; T. Stephenson, 10. Tenor, 27½ cwt. First touch of BOB ROYAL by all the band.

SHARROW, YORKS.—On June 30th, 800 BOB MAJOR. J. Carter, 1; T. W. Waller, 2; W. T. Titchener, 3; W. J. Wright, 4; A. W. Barrett, 5; N. Kidd, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 8. Tenor, 13 cwt.

RIPON.—On June 30th, by the Cleveland Association, three of the Cathedral Society assisting, 1040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL. W. T. Titchener, 1; J. Baines, 2; W. Gibson, 3; N. Kidd, 4; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 5; J. Carter, 6; J. H. Blakiston, 7; T. W. Waller, 8; C. Swiers, 9; T. Metcalfe, 10. Tenor, 20 cwt.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's, on July 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes. S. Davis, 1; W. E. Garrard, 2; W. S. Pennefather, 3; W. Lawrence (conductor), 4; A. E. Bradley, 5; A. F. Harris (conductor), 6; W. Fox, 7; J. Judd, 8.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—By the generosity of Mr. C. E. Keyser, two new bells have just been added to the church. The peal originally consisted of five bells. In 1895 Mr. Keyser presented a new treble bell, and by his recent gift the octave is now completed. The larger of the two new bells weighs 10½ cwt., and bears the inscription 'Gloria in excelsis Deo,' with the date 1900. The smaller is 4 cwt., and the words on it are 'Mærorem mœstis, lætis sic læta, sonabo.' The old bells have all been quarter-turned and tuned, and the whole are now hung with new fittings on an independent cast-iron frame, thus reducing the strain on the tower to a minimum. The work of casting the new bells and hanging has been carried out by Messrs. Warner, Cripplegate, London. A short service was held on Sunday, June 17th, for the purpose of dedicating the new bells. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. B. Burne, rector of Wasing and Rural Dean, who afterwards preached from Numb. x. 3, 10.

WINGRAVE, BUCKS.—In the Parish Church at Wingrave is a fine old bell, which the Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society is seeking to have preserved. It was cast in the middle of the fifteenth century by John Danyell, of London, and the stamps and lettering on it are of exceeding rarity and beauty. Some time ago it was cracked, but the Vicar has consented to spare it if a sufficient sum can be raised to buy a new bell in its place. To preserve the bell and substitute a new one will cost 79l.

MEMBURY, DEVON.—The restoration of the tower, at a cost of 550l., and of the peal of five bells, at a cost of 220l., at Membury Parish Church, has been celebrated by a thanksgiving service, public tea, and other festivities. The tower, being cracked, had to be recast; the new bell is considered to be one of the finest reproductions in the county. Altogether, since 1893, 2000l. has been expended on restoration work in connexion with this church.

A SUPPLEMENT to the *Ringer's Guide to the Church Bells of Devon*, containing a revised list of the church bells of Devon corrected up to date, has just been issued by Mr. Charles Pearson, M.A., member of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. It is published by Messrs. Geo. Bell & Sons, London and by Henry S. Eland and W. Pollard & Co., Exeter.

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The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

THIS Association, which was founded in 1890 for the promotion of belfry reform and the cultivation of change-ringing, held its annual gathering in Bath on June 30th, no less than eighty members from all parts of the diocese being present. The towers of the Abbey, St. Mary's, Christ Church, St. James's, St. Mark's, St. Andrew's, Twerton-on-Avon, and St. Michael's were placed at the disposal of the visitors, who afterwards dined together at the Alliance dining-rooms, Westgate Street. The respected Master, the Rev. H. C. Courtney, occupied the chair. After dinner the toast of 'The Queen' was honoured, and the annual business transacted.

The Hon. Secretary read the annual report, which stated that twelve months ago the Association numbered 50 honorary and 350 performing members. Now their total strength was 54 honorary and 353 performing members. Scientifically the Association's progress had been satisfactory, for although they had only scored 11 peals, as against 13 in 1898, the quality of those peals equalled in value of points the 13 scored in 1898, and their position in analysis had been raised from 25th position in 1898 to 20th in 1899. Five peals of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** had been rung (one in the Chew Deanery, three in the Taunton, and one in the Bath Deanery, one peal of **TREBLE BOB MINOR** in four different methods, and one peal of **TREBLE BOB MINOR** in seven different methods, both rung by the Norton Fitzwarren band. Four peals of **STEDMAN TRIPLES** had to be recorded, two in the Taunton Deanery, being the first peals in the method by the Association rung by an entirely local band. Financially the Association continued in a most satisfactory condition, between 25% and 30% being in hand. Three successful meetings had been held during the year at Long Ashton, Taunton (the annual), and Midsomer Norton, which were well attended. Local branches had also been doing good work. The diocesan calendar this year for the first time contained information as to the number of bells in the various towers in the diocese.

The report was adopted, and the Hon. Secretary, in stating that the Bishop of Bath and Wells was *ex-officio* President, read a letter from the Bishop, regretting that his engagements prevented his being present. He wished the Association well with all their undertakings, and he hoped they would not fail to remind themselves, when they assembled for their annual service, that their work was done for the glory of God, and therefore should be conducted in a reverential spirit. The Vice-Presidents, who include the Archdeacon of Bath, Prebendary Stokes-Shaw, and Colonel Wyndham Murray, M.P., were re-elected, and the Rev. H. E. T. Bassett proposed the re-election of the Rev. H. C. Courtney as Master: Mr. J. Maddock (Taunton) seconded, and the resolution was carried with enthusiasm. Mr. Tomkins was re-elected as Hon. Secretary, on the proposal of the Master, seconded by Mr. E. E. Burgess (Taunton). Canon Quirk and the Rev. T. J. Muller are among several new hon. and ringing members elected. Yeovil was agreed upon as the next place of meeting. The President, the Hon. Secretary, and Mr. F. N. Quantock-Shulldham (Stoke-under-Ham) were appointed delegates to the Central Council, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the President and to those gentlemen who had given permission for the use of their towers. Later in the afternoon the visitors attended service in the Abbey, and heard an address from Canon Quirk.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Kent County Association.

At St. Mary's, Westerham, on July 5th, a peal of **KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR**, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins. Tenor, 23½ cwt.
 Sidney A. Wright .. 1 | John Heath .. 5
 Henry J. Selby .. 2 | Thomas Groombridge .. 6
 David Wright .. 3 | John Hack .. 7
 Morgan Whatby* .. 4 | Charles R. Lilley .. 8
 Composed by G. Lindoff and conducted by C. R. Lilley. * First peal of MAJOR.]

The Middlesex County Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Erith, Kent, on July 9th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of **STEDMAN TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.
 Charles Wilkins .. 1 | William Foreman .. 5
 John R. Sharman (condr.) .. 2 | Charles R. Lilley .. 6
 Isaac G. Shade .. 3 | Edgar Wightman .. 7
 Edwin Barnett .. 4 | Arthur T. King .. 8

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's, on July 15th, for evening service, 1344 **STEDMAN TRIPLES** in 49 mins. W. T. Elson, 1; W. E. Judd, 2; H. G. Miles, 3; S. H. Godfrey, 4; A. E. Bradley, 5; W. Fox, 6; W. E. Garrard (conductor), 7; J. Judd, 8.

The John Murray Hayes Fund.

THE members of the Committee very sincerely thank the subscribers to this fund, and have much pleasure in issuing the following list of subscriptions received up to July 10th, 1900.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Kent County Association.

AT St. Nicholas', Leeds, Kent, on July 15th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERERS, 5006 changes, in 3 hrs. 22 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

John H. Cheesman	1	Alfred W. Tawney	6
William Pye	2	Herbert J. Ford	7
Walter Mannering	3	Ernest Pye	8
George R. Pye	4	Alfred Palmer	9
John W. Steddy	5	Thomas Groombridge	10

Composed by the late George Newson, conducted by J. H. Cheesman.

The Lancashire Association.

AT St. Paul's, Walkden, on July 16th, Taylor's Bob-and-Single Variation peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

James Gratrix	1	John Potter	
John Worthington	2	William Denner	6
John Denner	3	Joseph Potter (conductor)	7
Alfred Potter	4	William Green	8

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On July 8th, 720 BOB MINOR (8 bobs, 6 singles). W. Halls, 1; W. Nash, 2; R. Fenn, 3; I. Dear, 4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5; J. Dale, 6. Also Penning's 720, with 46 calls. W. Nash, 1; R. Fenn, 2; A. J. T. Carter, 3; I. Dear, 4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5; J. Dale, 6. And 120 GRANDSIRE, with one of the local ringers on the treble.

REDDISH, LANCs.—On July 10th, at St. Elizabeth's Church, a date touch, 1900 changes, of PLAIN BOB MINOR was rung on these bells (back six) for practice, in 1 hr. 4 mins. Walter Lees, 1; Rev. A. T. Beeston (New Mills), 2; T. Smithson, 3; H. Smith, 4; H. Smithson, 5; A. Barnes (conductor), 6.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 22nd, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1260 changes, by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. G. N. Price, 1; H. P. Harman (conductor), 2; S. H. Godfrey, 3; W. T. Cockerill, 4; A. W. Brighton, 5; A. H. Taber, 6; G. R. Fardon, 7; J. Basden, 8. Also 576 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

EALING.—At St. Mary's Church, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. A. W. Brighton, 1; H. P. Harman, 2; S. H. Godfrey, 3; G. N. Price, 4; G. R. Fardon, 5; J. Basden, 6; C. F. Winney (conductor), 7; W. T. Cockerill, 8.

BLACKBURN.—There is a beautiful peal of ten bells in Blackburn Parish Church—six by the famous Rudhall, of Gloucester, and four by Mears, of London, and it is a pity the inhabitants seldom or never hear the full effect of their 'changes.' On a recent Sunday evening five were rung. Occasionally eight are used—but only very occasionally. Surely there ought to be sufficient love for the bell-ringing art in a populous and Church-loyal centre like Blackburn to get together a full complement of ringers, and, if invited, no doubt the members of other bellries at a distance would visit the place. The *Blackburn Standard* says: 'There is something very fascinating about bell-ringing, and it has been observed that, once a young man takes it up, he very seldom lets his ardour wane.'

It is a healthy exercise. Cannot some influence be brought to bear—Of football and cricket, cycling and billiards, the claims are far from being disregarded. We wish we could say the same of the art of ringing. There is every reason for believing that at the Norman Conquest the art of bell-founding and ringing was well understood, as the grand old towers in our churches clearly point to the large and heavy bells they were built to contain.'

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LIST of subscriptions continued from CHURCH BELLS of July 20th:—
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Total, 36l. 8s. 6d.

THE fifty-seventh annual report of that excellent organization, the Church of England Sunday School Institute, proclaims the fact that we live in a time of great educational activity. Great progress has been made, and the whole system of national education raised to high efficiency. The new Code indicates a further advance in the same direction. Though the work in Sunday schools has not grown so rapidly, it has much increased in importance. The Bishop of Liverpool has consented to become a Vice-President. The income from subscriptions during the year has been 1587l., but that includes money specially raised. The twelve months' sales of publications amounted to 9331l. There has been no lack of appreciation on the part of the supporters of the Institute, but the report expresses the opinion that it could hardly be said that the Church as a whole has recognised its duty towards it.

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The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on August 8th.

The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on August 9th.

The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on August 9th.

The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on August 10th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The St. Margaret's Society, Barking, Essex.

THROUGH the kindly forethought of Mr. E. A. Davies, the vice-president, the members of this Society were enabled to spend a most enjoyable day at Westerham, Kent, on Saturday, July 14th. The party left Barking at 10.22 a.m., and were joined at Cannon Street by Messrs. A. Wight, S. Hayes, and W. T. Cockerill. After arrival at Westerham, refreshments were partaken of, and a move was made to the church, whose bells had been kindly placed at the visitors' disposal by the Rev. C. A. Stubbs, curate-in-charge. Touches in various methods were rung on the fine peal of bells (tenor, 23 cwt.), some of the local ringers meeting and kindly taking part with the visitors. After this a start was made for Squerryes Park, under the guidance of Mr. Davies, who, it may be said, resided in Westerham for several years in his younger days. In order to reach the Park a tremendous hill had to be climbed, and the return to Westerham was made along the high road. On reaching the village the company sat down to a capital meat tea at the Fountain Coffee Tavern, Mr. Davies being in the chair, and the Vicar being in the vice-chair.

After tea Mr. Davies expressed the pleasure it gave him and the ringers to have the Vicar's company. It was the first time within his recollection that a Vicar of Barking had come with them on their annual excursion; they were delighted to have him with them, and he hoped he would carry back with him such pleasant recollections of Westerham as to induce him to come out with them next year.—The Vicar, in reply, said he had enjoyed the day immensely, and he thanked Mr. Davies for giving him an opportunity of seeing that beautiful country, which he had never seen before, but which he hoped to often see again.

Some more touches on the bells having been enjoyed, several other places of interest were visited, among them being the old cottage in which Mr. Davies' parents resided when he was quite a youth. The party also had the pleasure of being invited to Squerryes Lodge, the residence of the Misses Warde, sisters of Colonel Warde, the lord of the manor. From an archaeological point of view, this is said to be one of the most interesting mansions in the neighbourhood. At the request of the Misses Warde several touches were rung on the handbells. Afterwards the Vicarage, where General Wolfe was born, was visited, and the company were shown around the grounds by Mr. Stubbs. After more ringing the excursionists left Westerham by the 9.35 train. During the journey up to town Mr. Cockerill proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Davies for the excellent arrangements he had made for their enjoyment that day. Mr. Davies, in reply, assured them that it was a pleasure for him to come out with them once more, and he was glad to find that they had enjoyed themselves.

The Cheltenham and District Guild of Ringers.

ON July 14th, the members of the Cheltenham Guild had their annual outing to Stow-on-the-Wold. About twenty members and friends left the town at nine o'clock in a 'unicorn' brake, and, the day being fine and clear, the ride over the hills was greatly enjoyed. Stow was reached about one o'clock, and the ringers proceeded at once to the belfry and rang a touch of STEDMAN TRIPLES on the splendid octave of bells, the tenor weighing 30 cwt. An adjournment was next made to the 'Unicorn Hotel' for dinner. The Rev. F. Parkinson, curate of

Charlton Kings, who was initiated as a member of the Guild during the day, presided at the meal. The toast of the Queen was loyally honoured; and afterwards Mr. Musty, 'father of the Guild,' proposed 'Success' to it. Responses were made by the Chairman and by Mr. Phillott, mention being made of the fact that the Guild now numbers about sixty members, and that its finances are in a prosperous condition. The Guild Book (a present from the Rev. H. Urling Smith, of Prestbury), was produced and handed round, and was found to contain records of fifteen long peals rung since the establishment of the Guild in 1892. Selections were given on the handbells, and subsequently the church bells were again set ringing, while some of the party either went to Bourton-on-the-Water or explored the places of interest in Stow and the vicinity. The party reassembled for tea, and at eight o'clock the homeward journey was commenced. At Naunton the horses were rested, and meanwhile the villagers were entertained with the music of the handbells, time not allowing of acceptance of the Rector's (Rev. Brooke Bradley) proffered hospitality. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from the Rector of Cheltenham (Rev. Canon Roxby), the Rev. C. Aston and the churchwardens of Leckhampton, Rev. H. Urling Smith and the churchwardens of Prestbury, Rev. T. Hodson and the churchwardens of Charlton Kings, and from the ringing members of Tewkesbury.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At the Parish Church, Hawley, Hants, on July 21st, a Variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins.

Alfred E. Reeves	1	James Hunt	5
Rev. H. C. Bell	2	Arthur W. Pike	6
Rev. Evans	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.)	7
Albert E. Reeves	4	Maurice Steer	8

The Royal Cumberland Youths.

At St. Margaret's, Westminster, on July 21st, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. Tenor, 28 cwt.

Arthur Hardy	1	Frederick Richardson	5
John H. Cheesman	2	Harry Barton	6
William H. Fussell	3	Arthur Jacob	7
Edwin Barnett	4	Edgar Wightman	8

Composed and conducted by Edwin Barnett.

The Essex Association.

At All Saints', Feering, Essex, on July 21st, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 18 cwt.

David Elliott	1	John Sadler	5
William Hanwick	2	Ernest W. Backwich	6
George Humm	3	Charles Rogers	7
William Elliott	4	James Newman	8

Composed by J. Armiger Trollope, conducted by David Elliott. This is the first peal on the bells, which were augmented to eight last December.

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PREVIOUSLY acknowledged, 36l. 5s. 6d.: D. Lovett, 2s.; J. C. Truss, 2s.; T. Mash, 1s.; H. C. Cook, 6d.; E. M. Oliver, 1s.; T. W. C., 6d.; W. Mash, 6d.; A. Roper, 6d.; A. Marsh, 2s. 6d.; L. Rayfield, 6d.; W. H. F., 6d.; L. Relton, 1s.; T. A. Ellis, 6d.; J. Edwards, 6d.; H. Eager, 6d.; J. Eager, 6d.; F. Eager, 6d.; G. H. H., 1s.; G. Mash, 6d.; W. Walden, 6d.; T. Walker, 6d.; A. Bilbe, 6d.; C. L. Hedger, 6d. Total, 37l. 7s. The name which appeared in a former list as W. Barber should have been W. Baron, 2s.

On receiving this sum from Messrs. E. P. O'Meara and W. T. Cockerill on July 24th, Mrs. Hayes desired them to express her sincere thanks to all who have kindly subscribed to this fund on her behalf.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Peter's, Brighton, on July 28th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins.

William Palmer ..	1	Keith Hart ..	5
Charles R. Lilley ..	2	John S. Goldsmith ..	6
Frank Bennett ..	3	James Hunt* ..	7
Robert J. Dawe ..	4	George Williams ..	8

Composed by James W. Washbrook, conducted by Frank Bennett.
* First peal of SUPERLATIVE. This is G. Williams' 450th peal.

The St. James's Society.

At the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, on July 28th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 changes, in 3 hrs. 23 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

Challis F. Winney ..	1	Archibald F. Harris ..	6
William E. Garrard ..	2	Harry Sear ..	7
Robert A. Daniell ..	3	James George ..	8
Sidney H. Godfrey ..	4	Herbert P. Harman ..	9
George N. Price ..	5	Samuel How ..	10

Composed by James George, conducted by William E. Garrard.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

In the tower of St. Mary-Matfelon, Whitechapel, on August 1st, Thurston's One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 37½ mins., on handbells retained in hand.

Herbert P. Harman ..	1-2	C. F. Winney (condr.) ..	5-6
George N. Price ..	3-4	Walter S. Wise ..	7-8

Umpires: Harry R. Pasmore, Thomas H. Taffender.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

At St. Mary's, Twyford, Hants, on July 31st, Holt's original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

Thomas Spratt ..	1	William J. Sevier ..	5
Harry Barton (condr.) ..	2	John Ashford ..	6
William H. Fussell ..	3	William H. George ..	7
William T. Tucker ..	4	George Brown ..	8

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary's Abbot's, on July 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes. J. D. Mauley (Toines, first quarter peal), 1; A. V. Selby, 2; R. A. Daniell, 3; A. F. Harris (condr.), 4; A. E. Bradley, 5; W. E. Garrard, 6; C. F. Winney, 7; J. Judd, 8.

LOUGHBOROUGH BELL-FOUNDRY TOWER.—On Friday, July 13th, eight members of the Midland Counties' Association of Change Ringers, in an attempt for a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, a composition by Sir A. P. Heywood, M.A., Bart, of Duffield, Derbyshire, rang upwards of 3500 in 1 hr. 45 mins. J. W. Taylor, jun., 1; W. H. Inglesant, 2; J. W. Taylor, sen., 3; J. Grundy, 4; T. R. Hensher, 5; J. O. Lancashire, 6; S. H. Colburn, 7; T. Grundy, 8. Conductor, Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun. Mr. T. R. Hensher belongs to Wellingborough, and J. O. Lancashire to Leicester.

WYKEHAM.—The new peal of bells presented to this parish by the late Viscountess Downe was dedicated on Tuesday, July 24th, by the

Archbishop of York. At six o'clock the choir, preceded by the churchwarden and sidesmen, followed by the Archbishop and clergy, walked in procession to the steeple, which was gaily decorated with flags, singing the hymn, 'We love the place, O God.' The form of dedication was the one used in the diocese of York, and the wording of the collects was very impressive. A short touch was rung and the procession entered the church, followed by a large congregation, who took their places during the singing of the hymn, 'When morning gilds the skies.' The service was full choral evensong, and the music was heartily and very effectively rendered by the choir, Mr. Charles Gray being at the organ. His Grace (who was attended by the Rev. W. H. Savile, vicar of Wykeham, as his chaplain), took as his text Rev. xxii. 17, and in the course of a sympathetic address, reminded his hearers that the church bells of a parish were as the voice of Christ, a far-off echo of His 'Come unto Me and I will give you rest'—a loving invitation which was too often disregarded, and which therefore needed to be continually borne in mind. It should be a gladness to come to church, because it brings us nearer to Him, and to follow Him is the one thing needful. Towards the close of the address his Grace made a touching reference to 'her who was your chief parishioner, long dwelling among you and much loved, who passed away—*felix opportunitate mortis*—on Easter Eve to the land where they rest from pain and sorrow and care in the society of Christ Himself, for ever learning to know Him better and to love Him more.' The offertory was in aid of the Church Expenses Fund. The service was brought to a close with the Benediction.

SPALDING.—Owing to the kindness and generosity of Councillor G. F. Birch, J.P., the ringers of the parish church spent a most enjoyable evening at Mr. G. R. Barker's Rooms on the evening of July 17th. After supper, the Rev. F. A. Aldridge, in a few well-chosen words, proposed the health of Mr. Birch, the toast being received with musical honours. Mr. Birch replied in a kind and humorous speech.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Thursday, July 12th, at the Flower Show, efforts were made through means of a bazaar to raise funds for rehanging the famous peal of bells at Painswick Church, for which about 500*l.* will be required. In declaring the bazaar open, Lady Marling gracefully alluded to these bells, and observed that all over the world church bells are identified with the most important periods of life. She expressed a hope that very soon the beautiful peal at Painswick might again be heard by the residents of the district.

CHURCH BELL-RINGING.—Campanologists have hanging over them an awful threat of extinction. They have followed their craft enthusiastically and devotedly, and now it is suggested that, just as labour is displaced by machinery, and even artists have to give way to processes, the bell-ringer must succumb before the advent of the electrical appliance. An Essex clergyman, it appears, found some difficulty in obtaining bell-ringers, and in consequence was compelled to ring the bells for three months by himself. How many ropes the rector managed himself to manipulate, or what gymnastic feats were involved we are not told; but the exertions necessary must have been great, for within three months the clerical bell-ringer was meditating in what manner he could give his benighted and (from the campanologist's point of view) unenterprising parishioners the inestimable benefit of the accustomed chimes without the exercise of human labour. He therefore invented a machine which, on connexion with the electric current already in use for lighting the church and rectory, rings the bells with perfect order and precision. Such an example may possibly lead to imitation in a few quarters: yet bell-ringers need not fear the universal adoption of any device of the kind. 'Automatic ringers' have been in use for centuries without interfering with the craft: it has survived a hundred inventions, and will, doubtless, be able to survive one more. A musician might almost as well suppose that the steam organ will supersede the orchestra as the bell-ringer assume his ancient and interesting occupation is to be lost through the substitution of mechanical power for human agency.—*Sussex Daily News.*

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The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on August 22nd.
The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on August 23rd.
The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on August 23rd.
The St. Alfeg's Society: at St. Alfeg's, Greenwich, on August 24th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Bells of Wingrave, Bucks.

THE ring of six bells of the church of SS. Peter and Paul, Wingrave, includes one of the fifteenth century which has stamps and lettering of special beauty and rarity. This bell is, unfortunately, cracked, and it has recently been proposed to break it up for re-casting. The Buckinghamshire Archæological Society has stepped in to avert this mischief, and the Vicar has consented to retain the bell provided the cost of its successor (79l.) can be provided. This the Society is now endeavouring to do.

The stamps show that this bell was the work of John Danyell, bell-founder and vintner of the city of London, who flourished about 1460. He was of sufficient repute to be chosen to supply some of the bells for the chapel of King's College, Cambridge. The tower for these bells was never built. A temporary bell-house was erected to the west of the chapel, which stood for nearly three centuries, when it was pulled down and the bells placed in the ante-chapel. Thence, alas! they were sent to Whitechapel in 1754 by the College authorities to be melted down. As the bell-founder for this Royal chapel, Danyell assumed, or had granted to him, the use of the Royal arms on his subsequent bells. Until something of Danyell's history had been worked out, these 'Royal arms bells,' as they were termed, were somewhat of a puzzle to campanologists.

The following is a list of surviving bells that may be safely assigned to Danyell (and it could probably be extended): Chellington, Bedfordshire; St. Botolph's, Cambridge; Cranham, Essex; Little Munden (2) and Wadesmill, Herts; Burmarsh, Fairfield, St. Mary-in-the-Marsh, and Stone-in-Oxney, Kent; Bildeston, Brockley (3), Lakenheath (2), Mildenhall, and Stowmarket, Suffolk; and Merton and Burston, Surrey. There is also a fine example in the tenor bell of Crowland Abbey. Several of Danyell's bells, which are for the most part remarkable for the clearness of their lettering (minuscules) and the distinctness of their stamps, have been broken up during the last half-century, including two in Suffolk and one in Derbyshire.

It seems at first sight strange, the *Athenæum* remarks, that a southern founder's bell should have got so far north as Derbyshire; but the church of Sawley lies near the Trent, so that water carriage down the Thames and up the Humber and the Trent would be simple. The late Mr. Stahlschmidt searched at the Guildhall for references to this Danyell, and he seems to have established that his father, John Danyell, senior, resided at Edmonton, where he had landed property, and that his mother, Alice, was buried in the church of St. Margaret Moses in 1481.

East Bergholt, Suffolk.

THE fittings of the five bells of East Bergholt have, through long use, become badly worn, and the Rector and churchwardens are inviting subscriptions that the necessary repairs may be at once proceeded with according to the estimate of Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, which amounts to 100l. The bells are unique, as the ringing is effected by manipulating the headstocks, and said to be 'rolled,' and 'it would be a great pity if any of them were to become cracked.' The framework, or cage, appears to be fairly rigid, and we do not anticipate any repairs to same, other than to make the timbers good where the new bearings will be fitted.

It may be of interest to state that the tenor bell bears the inscription 'John Stephens fecit (made it), 1727.' But we know that it has been at least twice recast; for in the year 1621 there is a long entry of the

bargain that was made for recasting with 'Andrew Gerne, of Berre Seynt Edmundes.' 'It wayed in the churchyard before it went to Berre 26 hundred and 56 lbs.' 'The bell-founders were to be allowed for wag 40l.' 'They are to have for setting the bell, taking it at Barfould (i.e. Bergholt) and delivering it there agayne, and so to kep hur one whole year, nine pounds ten shillings.'

One bell has inscribed upon it, 'His sonat Gabraelis campana fidelis: ('Here Gabriel rings a faithful bell.')

Another bell is named 'Mary,' and has the following inscription 'Richardus Bowler me fecit, 1601.' ('Richard Bowler made me, 1601.') and

'Sum rosa pulsata

Mundi Maria vocata.'

('I am the Rose of the world when struck: my name is Mary.') It appears, however, that Richard Bowler did not originally make, but recast the 'Mary' and 'Treble' bells. The treble bell was again cracked about 1870, and recast in Jubilee year 1887, and is now the only bell with proper fittings.

The fourth bell has the inscription 'Christopher Hodson made me, 1688,' but this is evidently the date when the bell was recast.

From the fact that the marks of 'Henry Jordan' still remain upon the second bell, there is good reason to infer that all were originally made by him about the middle of the fifteenth century.

According to village tradition, the bell-cage was originally erected in the north-east corner of the churchyard, but at a later period the sound of the bells so greatly annoyed the owner of the Old Hall that he had it removed to its present position, at his own expense, that the church intervening might deaden the sound. This is partly borne out by the fact that the timbers which compose the frame show that they have been reversed. The date on the frame gives the removal 1697; and such splendid work was done by the craftsmen of those days, that, although the bells, weighing about five tons, have been rolled upon this frame for two centuries, it is still sound and rigid.

The fact must now be faced that, after all the years during which the bells have done such good work, certain repairs are absolutely necessary, and the Rector and churchwardens confidently appeal to the parishioners to help them raise about 100l. to restore and preserve these ancient, beautiful, and valuable bells, which are not only so dear to the village, but are renowned in English Church history as the only rolling bells in existence. To avoid an accident, it has been deemed necessary to stop the tenor bell, pending repairs.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At St. Mary's, Debenham, Suffolk, on August 6th, a peal of NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Charles Parker	1	Frank Rofie	5
George W. Mee	2	Alfred G. Rivers	6
Edgar Rivers	3	Charles Mee	7
Harry J. Mee	4	Frederick Mee	8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, conducted by Charles Mee.

ALSO at the Parish Church, Framsdon, on August 6th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Edgar Hicks	1	David G. Wightman	5
Stephen Wightman, jun. ..	2	George Wightman	6
George Perry	3	Edgar Wightman	7
William Wightman	4	Alfred S. Wightman	8

Composed and conducted by Edgar Wightman.

AND at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, on August 6th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 42 mins. Tenor, 30 cwt.

James Motts	1	Alfred W. Brighton	6
Charles E. Borrett	2	Frederick R. Borrett	7
Isaac G. Shade	3	Ernest Pye	8
George R. Pye	4	Frederick Day	9
George Howchin	5	William Pye	10

Composed by Arthur Knights, conducted by James Motts.

CORRECTION.—The Handbell peal at Whitechapel, announced last week, was rung on Thursday, August 2nd.

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of the special service for 'Gunpowder Plot' in 1859. A curious indication of the existence of a milder temper with regard to these belfry rejoicings occurs in the following inscription on a bell at Witham-on-the-Hill, Lincolnshire, cast in the year 1831:—

'Twas not to prosper pride or hate
William Augustus Johnson gave me;
But peace and joy to celebrate,
And call to prayer to Heav'n to save ye.
Then keep the terms, and e'er remember,
May 29th ye must not ring;
Nor yet the 5th of each November,
Nor on the crowning of a king.'

January 30th, 1649, was the day when Charles I. was executed, and the church books of Colne show that the day was duly kept there: '1710. Paid for ringing on ye martyrdome of King Charles, 00l. 01s. 00d.' The bells had a prominent part in national rejoicings, especially when victory attended our arms and peace succeeded war.

Turning from gay to grave, one of the earliest references to the Manchester bells occurs in connexion with the funeral of William Trafford, of Garret Hall, Manchester, gentleman, in 1545. He directed by will that

'immediately after his death the great bell should be rung; that so soon as his body sets forward towards the church the great bell should begin to ring, and continue ringing until evening; and that no other bell should be rung for him on the day of his burial but the great bell.'—(*Chetham Soc.*, vol. cvii. p. 8, note.)

These specific directions seem to contain an allusion to prevalent irregularities at the period. On the one hand, old superstitions continued to attach to the use of bells at a death, and, on the other hand, there were abuses connected with the fees charged for death peals or 'obits.' Oftentimes the clerks for private gain presumed upon the ignorance of the poor or on the opulence of the wealthier classes. The 'Advertisements for due order,' &c., of VII. Elizabeth set forth the following use:—

'That where anye Christian bodie is in passing, that the bell be tolled, and that the Curate be specially called for to comforte the sicke person; and after the time of his passing to ringe no more but one shorte peale, and one before the burial, and another short peale after the burial.'

It will be observed that William Trafford's directions tended to the simplicity and economy which most befit Christian burial.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

The Royal Cumberland Society: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on September 7th.

The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on August 27th; at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on August 28th; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on August 29th; at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, and St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, on August 30th; at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on August 31st; at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on September 1st, at 7.30 p.m.

The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on August 29th.

The Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, on August 27th, and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on August 29th.

The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on August 30th.

The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on August 31st.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Yorkshire Association.

At Holy Trinity, Hull, on August 18th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERERS, 5003 changes, in 3 hrs. 30 mins. Tenor, 26 cwt.

Tom Stockdale 1	James Stickney 6
Thomas Haigh 2	Charles Jackson 7
Thomas Neill 3	Robert Miller 8
Robert Chaffer 4	William T. Cockerill .. 9
George Marshall 5	John W. Dale 10

Composed by Arthur Knights, conducted by Charles Jackson.

The Devonshire Guild.

At St. John-the-Evangelist's, Withycombe Raleigh, Exmouth, on August 7th, Holt's Five-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

Ernest H. Oxenham .. 1	Thomas Mudge 5
Charles Carter 2	Ferris Shepherd (conductor) 6
Ferris J. Shepherd .. 3	James Moss 7
William Shepherd .. 4	Adolphus H. Snow .. 8

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At the residence of Mr. W. H. Pasmore, Southwark, S.E., on August 14th, on handbells retained in hand, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 25 mins.

John W. Golding .. 1-2	William H. Pasmore .. 5-6
Harry R. Pasmore .. 3-4	Thomas H. Taffender .. 7-8

Composed by Frank Bennett, conducted by Harry R. Pasmore. Umpire, Herbert Langdon.

ALSO in the belfry of St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on August 15th, on handbells retained in hand, Thurstan's One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 24½ mins.

George N. Price .. 1-2	Herbert P. Harman .. 5-6
Challis F. Winney .. 3-4	Walter S. Wise .. 7-8

Conducted by Challis F. Winney. Umpire, Thomas H. Taffender.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—At the Parish Church, on July 22nd, for Divine service, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. H. Markwell, 1; W. A. J. Ives, 2; W. J. Allison, 3; C. Tyler, 4; L. Payne (conductor), 5; G. Payne, 6; A. Heasman, 7; A. Hodges, 8. And on August 5th, with the bells half-muffled in memory of the Duke of Edinburgh, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. H. Markwell, 1; W. A. J. Ives, 2; A. E. Lish, 3; C. Tyler, 4; W. J. Allison, 5; G. Payne (conductor), 6; A. Heasman, 7; W. Markwell, 8.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.—On August 12th, at St. Nicholas' Church, for Divine service in the morning, 270 GRANDSIRE CATERERS. W. Godfrey, 1; H. W. Needham (Netherfield), 2; R. Christian, 3; W. Blythe, 4; W. Sacred, 5; H. S. Scarlett (Walthamstow), 6; J. George (Rugby, conductor), 7; G. Read, 8; J. Matthews, 9; H. Wright, 10. Also for Divine service in the evening, an attempt was made for a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, which unfortunately came to grief eleven changes from the end, owing to the second rope breaking. W. Godfrey, 1; W. Blythe, 2; R. Christian, 3; H. S. Scarlett, 4; H. W. Needham (composer and conductor), 5; G. Read, 6; J. George, 7; J. Matthews, 8. Number of changes rung, 1249 in 49 mins. Tenor, 30 cwt.

LONDON.—On August 13th, on handbells in the belfry of St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. W. S. Wise, 1-2; C. F. Winney (conductor), 3-4; S. H. Taffender, 5-6; J. George, 7-8. Also 288 STEDMAN TRIPLES. S. H. Taffender, 1-2; C. F. Winney, 3-4; W. S. Wise, 5-6; J. George (conductor), 7-8.

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and though he was not expected to be an angel, it was required of him that he should not be exactly the reverse. He was particularly interested in the fate of the clergyman who was not a good bowler. Personally he preferred bowling to batting. He always could bowl a bit; and in the old days, when on the Opposition side, there was rather more fun than at the present time, when they were standing on the defensive. Having for the last fifteen years been engaged in batting against a very varied series of bowlers, he should not personally, in the slightest degree, mind a turn round in the position, so that he might be allowed to assume the attack, and leave the defence to others.

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The Canadian Churchman says: 'It is not very often that Roman Catholics will admit that our services are tolerable. Yet sometimes we get remarkable testimonies from them, and the one of which we are now thinking is of a double interest to us as referring to Canada. We wonder where the town is. The witness is a correspondent in the *Tablet*, who, writing of a cathedral town in Canada, says that "the screeching and scrambling in the Roman Cathedral is too horrible to be endured. What a contrast between the Anglican Cathedral and its surpliced choir and the Roman Catholic with its mixed abominations in a wretched little loft on the bottom of the church." He then protests against "Yankee Doodle" being played in quick time during the offertory, and against "The Harp that once through Tara's halls" after the Elevation of the Host!'

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The Essex Association.

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John Newman .. 1	John Sadler .. 5
David Elliott (condr.) .. 2	Sidney Clark .. 6
George Humm .. 3	Charles Rogers .. 7
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The Lancashire Association.

At Christ Church, Barlow Moor, Didsbury, on August 18th, Thursdays' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs 6 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

Thomas Marshall .. 1	Peter Brickell .. 5
J. W. Bailey .. 2	John Potter .. 6
John R. Pritchard .. 3	Joseph Potter (condr.) .. 7
Henry Moss .. 4	Alfred Cross .. 8

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At St. Lawrence's, Appleton, Berks, on August 18th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 changes, in 3 hrs, 17 mins.

Philbert W. Wilkins .. 1	Thomas Short .. 6
Frederick White .. 2	James W. Wilkins .. 7
Frank Tubb .. 3	George Holifield .. 8
Frank Barrett .. 4	Richard White .. 9
Henry Holifield .. 5	Richard Bennett .. 10

Composed and conducted by George Holifield.

The St. James's Society.

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, on August 25th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5004 changes, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

Herbert P. Harman .. 1	James George .. 6
Bertram Prewett .. 2	George R. Fardon .. 7
Thomas J. Salter .. 3	Challis F. Winney .. 8
William Weatherstone .. 4	Alfred W. Brighton .. 9
George N. Price .. 5	Frank Hull .. 10

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, conducted by A. W. Brighton.

LITTLE GLEMHAM, SUFFOLK.—Following on the consecration of the additional burial-ground, and the dedication of the new bells at Little Glemham, by the Bishop of Norwich, the opening peal was rung on Tuesday, August 14th. The parishioners have to thank the North family for the two bells, which brings the number up to five. Mr. R. Eden Dickson, of The Hall, presented one in memory of Elizabeth Holmes, for fifty-two years the faithful friend and servant of his mother, Lady North; whilst the other is presented in memory of the late Miss Eden, of Glemham Hall, by relatives and friends. The new bells were cast by Mears & Stainbank, of London. Glemham has now a peal of bells, with a tenor of 14 cwt., second to none in the county. The opening peal, 480 BOB DOUBLES, was rung by the Marlesford band. H. Messenger, 1; J. T. Lee, 2; E. P. Buckingham, 3; G. Stacey, 4; R. H. Hayward (conductor), 5. During the day several touches of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES were rung, in which the Rev. J. H. Pilkington, district secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association, took part.

BROADWOODWIDGER, DEVON.—There was much rejoicing at Broadwoodwidge on Wednesday, August 8th, in connexion with the rededication of chancel and side-chapel and the peal of five bells. The bells have been rehung and provided with new fittings, while the beams carrying the cage have been renewed, and a new floor constructed underneath. Mr. F. Bradshaw and Mr. J. Hargrave gave timber for the beams. The cost of the remainder of the work amounts to over 80% and the liability for this rests on the parish. The dedicatory service was attended by a crowded congregation. The clergy present were the Vicar (the Rev. T. G. Blackwood-Price), the Rev. C. E. Frigg (Treneglos), T. J. Nunn, Canon Townsend (Lezant, who conducted the dedication service), H. G. O. Kendall (Launceston), M. R. Butter (Virginslowe), and Fuller Maitland Kelly. The Rev. Maitland Kelly (of Kelly), president of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers, preached, and reminded the ringers that their office was as sacred as that of choirs. The bells were rung merrily by the Broadwoodwidge, Brallon, Clovelly, and Ashwater bands, while a party from the Three Towns branch of the Devonshire Guild, comprising Messrs. E. Taylor, W. Marsh, H. Myers, C. Legg, and T. Hopley, gave an exhibition of scientific ringing. Over 60% had been received or promised towards the debt, and it was hoped the day's receipts would clear off the balance and enable the Vicar to add a sixth bell.

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Bells and Bell-ringing.

Meetings for Practice.

The Royal Cumberland Society: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields (to-day), September 7th.

The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on September 10th; at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on September 11th; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on September 12th; at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on September 13th; at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on September 14th; at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on September 15th, at 7.30 p.m.

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The Lancashire Association of Bell-ringers.

ON Saturday, August 25th, the members of the Manchester branch of the above Association held their monthly meeting at St. Elisabeth's Church, Reddish. There was a fairly representative assembly of members from Pendleton, Gorton, Worsley, Oldham, Stockport, Rusholme, and Nurbury, together with members of the local company. Touches of STEDMAN and GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, also KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, were successfully brought round on these musical bells. At the business meeting, which took place in the belfry, the resignation of the Branch Secretary, Mr. Walter Brown, was accepted with regret, not only on account of the cause, but the feeling that the branch was losing a useful and genial officer who had fulfilled his duties for eleven years to the satisfaction of the branch. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for the services he had rendered, and a hope expressed that he would continue to lend his presence and assistance in the future. Mr. Smith, of the Pendleton company, was appointed Secretary, and it is hoped members will render him as much assistance as possible. Worsley was chosen as the next place of meeting, subject to permission of the bells being available on October 15th, and an urgent appeal for a good attendance at the annual meeting, which takes place at Oldham, was made, the preacher for the occasion being the Rev. F. E. Robinson, master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. E. Oldfield for the use of the bells, also the local ringers for having everything in readiness, and thus ended a very successful meeting.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Hertfordshire Association.

AT St. John-the-Baptist's, Aldenham, on August 27th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 17 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Joseph J. Allen ..	1	Thomas J. Salter ..	5
Bertram Prewett ..	2	Walter H. L. Buckingham ..	6
Francis A. Smith ..	3	Ernest Holloway ..	7
William G. Whitehead ..	4	Ernest E. Huntley ..	8

Composed by Arthur Craven, conducted by Walter H. L. Buckingham.

The Sussex County Association.

AT St. Botolph's, Heene, Worthing, on August 28th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

Edmund Lindup ..	1	George A. King ..	5
George Baker ..	2	Thomas J. Salter ..	6
John Steddy ..	3	Keith Hart ..	7
Frank Bennett ..	4	George Williams ..	8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, conducted by George Williams.

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AT St. Peter's, Brighton, on August 31st, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 11 mins.

Albert Stone ..	1	George A. King ..	5
Frank Bennett ..	2	Thomas J. Salter ..	6
Edward C. Merritt ..	3	George Williams ..	7
John Steddy ..	4	Keith Hart ..	8

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by Keith Hart.

ALSO at St. Margaret's, Warnham, on September 1st, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 4½ mins. Tenor, 14 cwt., in F.

Walter Charman ..	1	Thomas J. Salter ..	5
Isaac G. Shade ..	2	John Hack* ..	6
Frank Bennett ..	3	Charles R. Lilly ..	7
John Steddy ..	4	George Williams ..	8

Composed by Henry Dains, conducted by George Williams. [* First peal of DOUBLE NORWICH, also the first peal of DOUBLE NORWICH on these new bells.]

AND at the same church, on September 2nd, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5038 changes, in 3 hrs. 18 mins.

John Steddy ..	1	Thomas J. Salter ..	5
John S. Goldsmith ..	2	Charles R. Lilly ..	6
Isaac G. Shade ..	3	Keith Hart ..	7
Frank Bennett ..	4	George Williams ..	8

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by George Williams.

The Yorkshire Association.

AT the Parish Church, Knaresborough, on September 1st, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor, 19 cwt.

T. Haigh ..	1	F. T. Earnshaw ..	5
G. Worth ..	2	T. Hodgson ..	6
L. Woodcock ..	3	A. Haigh ..	7
T. Neill ..	4	G. Breed ..	8

Composed by C. H. Hattersley, conducted by T. Haigh. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Howard, of York, who attained the age of seventy-nine on the above date.

WOOLWICH, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday morning, September 2nd, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 45 mins. R. Sandiford, 1; A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor), 2; H. Hill, 3; E. Wells, 4; R. Carter, 5; A. Phillips, 6; W. Aldridge, 7; H. Beckford, 8. Also for evening service, 503 in the same method.

LYDNEY, GLOS.—A special service was held in St. Mary's Parish Church, Lydney, on the 23rd ult., to dedicate two new bells just placed in the tower at a cost of 103l. The Dean of Hereford said the dedicatory prayers and delivered an address. The special lesson was read by the Rev. H. Bathurst, and the other clergy present were the Revs. C. Trollope, E. F. Eales, J. L. Leslie, Dr. Reyndell, A. D. Pringle, and the Vicar (the Rev. J. C. E. Besant), who intoned the prayers, at the conclusion of which the Dean tolled each of the new bells and said dedicatory prayers. In the evening the Chepstow Guild of Ringers rang two quarter-scores. One bell was given by Mr. J. H. Barnard in memory of his late brother, Mr. Samuel Barnard; and the other was subscribed for.

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The Church in America.

THE *New York Churchman* mentions that an investigation of the careers of negro graduates from the colleges shows that, since 1826, when the first negro graduated in the United States, out of 2414 such graduates, of whom 235 were women, few graduated from Harvard, and a good many from colleges by courtesy. But taking them altogether, without attempting an invidious distinction, it was found that considerably more than half of those from whom information could be got became teachers, one in every five a clergyman or Christian worker; one in every sixteen a doctor; the remaining fifth of the whole were lawyers, merchants, farmers, artisans, civil servants, editors, and not one of them is a pauper or supported at the public charge, so far as was able to be ascertained. The figures are decidedly encouraging.

THOSE who sought a temporary escape from the intense heat of last July in St. Paul's Cathedral will appreciate the following remarks of the *New York Churchman* on the use of the churches of that city for a similar purpose: 'The great down-town churches, with their hospitably open doors, are boons and blessings, these hot days, to many weary persons. They come in to rest as well as to pray, to escape the heat as well as to seek the opportunity of devotion, and they get what they come for, and more, too. One of the officers of a working girls' club was speaking of the matter recently. "The cool retreat which Trinity and St. Paul's Churches afford the working girl at the noon hour is not the least good they do," she said. "It is hard to estimate the amount of rest and refreshment these girls derive from thirty minutes or an hour spent in one of the old sacred edifices during these hot days. The vast number spend the greater part of the day in their offices hard at work—in most instances at a nervous tension. Battery Park is not only inconvenient by comparison, but its benches are always crowded with men, and there is little comfort to be had in walking these torrid middays, even though the sea breeze strikes the place. But there are the great stone churches, as cool as the catacombs, while the thermometer registers ninety-four outside." It is said that hundreds of these girls seek these retreats. Then the sun comes in through storied windows, and the cross shines on the altar, and all the surroundings speak of faith and devotion. The church itself preaches a silent sermon. It is an illustration not only of the ministry of the open church, but of the value of all those furnishings of the church building which suggest and interpret the messages of religion.'

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The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on September 19th.
The St. Margaret's Society: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on September 20th.
The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on September 20th.
The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on September 21st, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

At St. Andrew's, Farnham, Surrey, on September 1st, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 21 cwt. The band wish to thank the Vicar for his kind per-

mission, and Mr. Leclercq for his attention to ropes and fittings. This is Mr. C. F. Winney's 334th peal and his 100th as conductor.

Challis F. Winney (condr.)	1	William W. Thorne	5
Herbert P. Harman	2	Charles Willshire	6
George R. Farden	3	Frank Blendell	7
George N. Price	4	James George	8

First peal of STEDMAN on the bells.

At St. Nicholas's, Guildford, on September 8th, a Variation of Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 23 cwt.

Septimus Radford	1	Frank Bennett	5
Charles W. Lilley	2	James Hunt	6
John J. Jones	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.)	7
Thomas W. Radford	4	William W. Thorne	8

It was intended to start for STEDMAN CATERS, but one of the band arrived too late, owing to bad connexion of train service at Woking.

The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. Albans Cathedral, on September 4th, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 30 cwt.

H. L. Waddington	1	R. Hammond	5
J. Earwicker (condr.)	2	A. Hallett	6
W. H. L. Buckingham	3	T. Waller	7
E. Whitbread	4	G. Wright	8

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. L. Waddington.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At the Parish Church, Drayton, Berks, on September 5th, a Variation of Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 40 mins. Tenor, 9 cwt.

Thomas Short	1	William Bennett	5
Harry Holifield	2	George Holifield	6
William H. Adkins	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.)	7
Harry Judge	4	Richard White	8

Rung to celebrate the wedding of the conductor's third daughter.

The Sussex County Association.

At Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield, on September 8th, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

James Freist*	1	John Hack	5
Louis Attwater	2	William Gibson	6
Henry Statham	3	George Williams (condr.)	7
Herbert Tomsett	4	Frederick W. Cripps	8

* First peal and first attempt.]

The Essex Association.

At St. Nicholas's, Harwich, on September 8th, a peal of B. MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt., in F.

Charles J. Ellis	1	George Moss	5
Arthur T. Morris	2	George Thompson	6
Charles Ramplin	3	Rowland Fenn	7
George Knock	4	Caleb Fenn	8

Composed by H. J. Tucker, conducted by Caleb Fenn. First peal by the ringers of 1 and 6; first in the method by the ringers of 2, 3, 4, and 5; and first as conductor.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At the 'Gloucester Arms,' Rochester Row, Westminster, on September 5th, upon handbells retained in hand, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins.

Challis F. Winney	1-2	Herbert P. Harman	5-6
Henry R. Newton	3-4	George N. Price	7-8
John N. Oxborrow			9-10

Composed by H. W. Haley, conducted by C. F. Winney. Umpires: Messrs. H. R. Pasmore and C. T. P. Brice. The bells were kindly lent by Mr. Judd, of Kensington, and formerly belonged to Miss E. B. Kendall, and were well used by a company of lady handbell-ringers, who were very clever in ringing GRANDSIRE double-handed, Miss Sharland being one of the band, a lady who has done much to forward the art.

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The Kent County Association of Change-ringers.

ASHFORD DISTRICT.—The Annual District Meeting will be held at Folkestone on Saturday afternoon, September 29th. Tower open at 3; Committee meeting at 5.30: tea at 6. Members intending to be present must send their names to Mr. C. Wilfrid Blaxland, District Hon. Sec., through the Secretaries of their Bands before the previous Thursday. Half railway fares, but not exceeding 2s., will be allowed to all members present at 5 o'clock.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The St. James's Society.

At St. Giles's, Camberwell, on September 15th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 23 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

Herbert Langdon ..	1	Charles Willshire ..	6
Challis F. Winney ..	2	William E. Garrard ..	7
Arthur Hardy ..	3	Frank Blondell ..	8
George N. Price ..	4	William T. Cockerill ..	9
Walter S. Wise ..	5	Herbert P. Harman ..	10

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, conducted by Challis F. Winney.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

At St. Mary's, Handsworth, on September 6th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins.

William R. Small ..	1	William H. Godden ..	5
Alfred Paddon Smith ..	2	Thomas Reynolds ..	6
William Ellis ..	3	Samuel Reeves (condr.) ..	7
Thomas Horton ..	4	William Verry ..	8

This is a one-course peal, composed by the late T. J. B. Lates, and has a single in each of the first two courses, and is now rung for the second time, and on the tenth anniversary of the opening of the Handsworth bells.

ALSO at All Saints', West Bromwich, on September 8th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 51 mins.

William H. Godden ..	1	John Jagger ..	5
Samuel Reeves (condr.) ..	2	Herbert Knight ..	6
Thos. Horton (13th peal) ..	3	Thomas J. Elton ..	7
James E. Groves ..	4	James Hall ..	8

This peal is 'F. Thurstan's' Five-part, with ten singles and 240 hobs, and was rung on the fifty-fourth birthday of Mr. Thomas Horton, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

At Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, on September 11th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 25½ cwt.

Henry Head ..	1	George Foster ..	5
Charles Willshire (condr.) ..	2	Alfred J. Pulling ..	6
Ralph Wood ..	3	Frank Blondell ..	7
William T. Lightfoot ..	4	Thomas Maynard ..	8

The Oxford and Winchester Diocesan Guilds.

At St. James's, Weybridge, on September 12th, a Variation of Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

Charles R. Lilley ..	1	James Hunt ..	5
John J. Jones ..	2	Frank Hopgood ..	6
Ambrose Osborne ..	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (con.) ..	7
Alfred E. Reeves ..	4	Septimus Radford ..	8

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Botolph's, Heene, Worthing, on September 12th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 47 mins. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

George Williams (condr.) ..	1	Edmund Lindup ..	5
John Paice ..	2	John Hack ..	6
Albert D. Stone ..	3	Alfred W. Groves ..	7
George Norris ..	4	Frederick Lindup ..	8

The Lancashire Association.

At Walkden Parish Church, on September 13th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

John R. Pritchard (Eccles) ..	1	Titus Barlow (Deane) ..	5
Thomas Peers (Deane) ..	2	John Potter ..	6
Alfred Potter ..	3	Joseph Potter (condr.) ..	7
Henry Moss (Bolton) ..	4	Samuel Oakes ..	8

The Ely Diocesan Association.

At SS. Peter and Paul's, Lavenham, on September 15th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 30 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt., in D flat.

William Boby ..	1	Joseph Favers ..	5
Hugh Gladwell ..	2	William Kinsey ..	6
Ernest Lincoln ..	3	Arthur Symonds ..	7
Harry Smith ..	4	Thomas King ..	8

Composed by John Carter, conducted by Thomas King. This peal was kindly arranged for E. Lincoln, who belongs to the Bungay Society, and who was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

RUGBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on September 11th, 672 BOB MAJOR in 33 mins., being the first touch in the method on the bells by the local band. J. Coates, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. Dubber, 3; J. B. Fenton, 4; A. J. Gillings, 5; G. Patrie, 6; T. Holmes, 7; J. George (conductor), 8.

SLEDMERE, EAST YORKS.—The Rev. J. L. Davies, B.A., precentor of Holy Trinity Church, Hull, and head master of the Choir School, has been offered the living of Sledmere, near Driffield, Yorks, by Sir Tatton Sykes, Bart., which he has accepted. The rev. gentleman is able to handle a bell, and is the brother of Mr. P. W. Davies, a well-known ringer, now of Lichfield. On the Sledmere estate there are many village churches, which have been, through the munificence of Sir Tatton Sykes, thoroughly restored, and in some cases, as at Sledmere, rebuilt. Fonts, pulpits, and other fittings are of most elaborate designs and excellent workmanship. There is, however, in none of these churches a ring of bells, three being the usual number. At Weaverthorpe the oldest is dated 1637. At Kirby Grindalys is a handsome edifice of stone, consisting of chancel, nave, north aisle, south porch, and an embattled western tower, with octagonal spire, containing three fourteenth-century bells. On one of the two bells in the tower of Wetwang Church is the pre-Reformation inscription, 'Sancte Nichola, ora pro nobis.' At Kirkburn are three large bells dated respectively 1611, 1678, 1781. Two of the Sledmere bells are dated 1601, the other 1638.

THE late Miss Ellen Freeth, Standard Hill, Nottingham, left 200l. to the Vicar and Churchwarden of Harby, Notts, for the repair of the bells and belfry there and the payment of the ringers.

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The Waterloo Society: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on October 3rd.

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The Northamptonshire Association at Irthlingborough.

A QUARTERLY meeting of the Central Northamptonshire Association was held at Irthlingborough (by kind consent of the Rev. J. K. Taylor) on Saturday afternoon, September 1st, about forty members being present from Thrapston, Irthlingborough, Higham Ferrers, Wellingborough, Kettering, Rushden, Raunds, Bedford, Earls Barton, Northampton, Finedon, Peterborough, and Ravensthorpe. Tea was provided at the Bull Hotel, the local Oddfellows allowing the ringers the use of their club-room. The Rev. E. C. Channer mentioned that he had completed the work of inscribing the preface in the Peal-book, and was asked to furnish a design for a Membership Card. Desborough was chosen as the place of meeting for October, there now being several belfries belonging to the Association in that district. Mr. Matthews, of Bath, was admitted as an out-of-county member.

Irthlingborough may be looked upon as the ringing centre of the Central Northamptonshire Association of Church Bell-ringers. Many years ago it was noted for its expert ringers. Then came a period of inaction, when the ancient tower was deemed unsafe and eventually had to be pulled down, the bells being safely housed in the churchyard. Most of the old ringers had died ere it was rebuilt, Mr. J. Houghton, sen., being the only remaining member of the old company. Since the re-dedication of the tower and increase of the bells to eight in 1893, about seventy peals have been rung in the rebuilt structure in almost every variety of method, in several of these Mr. Houghton has taken part. The particular position of the church of St. Peter, the lightness of the bells, and the great liberty allowed by the Rector and Churchwardens, past and present, have all contributed to this result. Cattell, the noted Birmingham ringer, was a native of Irthlingborough.

Irthlingborough bells are quite a modern ring. In the year 1829 the five old bells were exchanged for six new ones (tenor, 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.) from the foundry of Thomas Mears, of London. Previous to being replaced in the new tower in 1893, they were sent to the Loughborough foundry to be tuned and refitted, and two trebles added, the late Mr. William Woolston, of Wellingborough, being the donor. They now make a handy octave of moderate weight. The last meeting of the Association at Irthlingborough was held on Whit Monday, 1894.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Midland Counties Association.

At St. John's, Hugglescote, Leicestershire, on September 15th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 17 cwt.

William Willson ..	1	Josiah Morris ..	5
Charles H. Fowler ..	2	George Cleal ..	6
John H. Swinfield ..	3	John W. Moorhouse ..	7
William H. Inglesant ..	4	Arthur R. Aldham ..	8

Composed by Arthur Knights, conducted by William Willson. This is the first peal on the bells, which were cast by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

At St. Michael's Minehead, Somerset, on September 17th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 21 cwt.

James Reed (first peal) ..	1	Alfred W. Brighton (condr.) ..	5
George Atkins ..	2	Sidney Mason ..	6
John Lyddon ..	3	Henry Moore ..	7
John Pugsley ..	4	Samuel Mason ..	8

The St. Martin's Guild.

At St. Martin's, Birmingham, on September 18th, a peal of STEADMAN CINQUES, 5019 changes, in 3 hrs. 34 mins. Tenor, 36 cwt.

William Short ..	1	Thomas J. Salter ..	7
William G. Ellis ..	2	John Buffery ..	8
Philip W. Davies ..	3	Henry Middleton ..	9
Thomas Reynolds ..	4	Arthur E. Pegler ..	10
Thomas Miller ..	5	William H. Barber ..	11
Albert Walker ..	6	William Painter ..	12

Composed by John Carter, conducted by William Short.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on September 22nd, a peal of STEADMAN CINQUES, 5021 changes, in 3 hrs. 31 mins. Tenor, 31 cwt.

Challis F. Winney ..	1	James W. Hinton ..	7
John R. Sharman ..	2	Thomas H. Taffender ..	8
William H. Barber ..	3	Richard T. Hibbert ..	9
Philip W. Davies ..	4	James George ..	10
Herbert P. Harman ..	5	Edward P. O'Meara ..	11
Albert Walker ..	6	Arthur E. Pegler ..	12

Composed by Charles H. Hattersley, conducted by Challis F. Winney

Method of Ringing Funeral Peals in London, 1734.

AFTER the balls of the clappers are clothed with pieces of leather called muffers, which is the properest thing for that purpose, ring ten or a dozen rounds to hear whether they strike equal or no; if they do not, they must be altered by putting some tow under the cloathings of such as strike too hard, and putting on thinner muffers to such as strike too soft, till they are made to sound equal. Then, about half an hour before the corpse is brought to be buried, proceed in the following manner: ring one pull Rounds and stand, all but the Tenor, but let her be rung out a pull by herself, then ring two pulls Rounds and the Tenor two pulls by herself, then three pulls and the Tenor three, then four and the Tenor four, then five and the Tenor five; then six pulls Rounds and the Tenor to be rung as many strokes by herself as the person is years old that is to be buried. When that is ended, ring the numbers backwards as you began withal; that is, six, five, four, three, two, and one, but the Tenor must be rung the same number of pulls by herself between each number of Rounds. After the last Round is ended ring the Tenor again by herself as many strokes as the deceased is years old; this is performing the exercise backwards and forwards; then ring a Grandsire with the Tenor behind, or a course of plain Bob or anything else that you please, though not to exceed six score changes in length. After that, till the corpse is brought into the church, or to the grave, ring only one pull Rounds and the Tenor one pull by herself; if the corpse is brought into the church first then ring it out again in the same manner. While it is burying, cut off the muffers and ring the company out of the churchyard with one pull Rounds and the Tenor one pull by herself. Continue that for 30 or 40 times and stand; then finish with a 720 of any peal that you can cleverly manage, and cease the bells without standing.

In this manner, the Dead-peal was rung at St. Mary's, Islington, on Friday, the 7th of June, 1734, when Mr. Wm. Ibbotson was buried in that churchyard; he was a wheelwright, and 36 years of age.

N.B.—Let the number of bells be what they will from 3 to 6, the exercise is to be performed after this manner, but if a Dead-peal is rung on 8, 10, or 12 bells, then ring as many pulls as there is number of bells.

[From a MS. by Wm. Loughton, of Leather Lane, London, dated March 10th, 1734-5, with remarks on the famous exploits in the Art of Ringing by a 'Rambling Club,' in the Guildhall Library, London. The MS. belonged to James Wakefield, of Romford.]

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Reviews.

DAYS IN GALILEE AND SCENES IN JUDÆA. By the Rev. Alexander A. Boddy. (Gay & Bird. 7s. 6d.)—A few months ago we had pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to Mr. Boddy's interesting work, *From the Egyptian Ramleh*. In the volume before us the author takes us with him, in his bright, descriptive story, on a tour through the Holy Land. Landing near Mount Carmel, he visited the various spots in Galilee which are hallowed by the sacred memories of Christ's earthly ministry—Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, Nain; then turned southwards through Samaria into Judæa, and came to Jerusalem and Bethlehem. His vivid realisation of all the details of the Gospel narrative gives an attractiveness to the account of his journeyings, which is enhanced by the numerous illustrations, reproduced from photographs taken by the author, and by members of the American colony. To follow him as he went from place to place on his bicycle, and brought all his knowledge of the Bible to bear in his endeavour to identify the scenes familiar to us in Jewish history, and still more in the record of the life of Christ, the reader must study the volume for himself. 'The human element,' he writes, 'perhaps predominates somewhat there. The writer finds it very difficult to keep the natural man in his place for long, even when in that Holy Land. He trusts, however, that there will be found a reverent handling of reverend subjects.' Of this, in spite of Mr. Boddy's originality, there can be no doubt in the minds of any who peruse the work under review.

A RETROSPECT OF PROGRESS IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND DURING THE NINETEENTH CENTURY, by Professor Ince (Jas. Parker & Co. 6d.), is the title of a powerful sermon preached before the University of Oxford, on June 17th, 1900, the concluding words of which may be quoted: 'We, whose span of life must soon come to an end, though our minds are sometimes filled with gloomy forebodings that the liberty with which we believe that Christ hath made this beloved Church of England free, may be renounced by a coming generation for bondage, in a vain effort after unity which would put peace before truth, will not surrender ourselves to despair. We will fondly hope and pray that the next century may have great things in store for our Church, greater than any which our fathers or we have known.'

OUR NATIONAL CHURCH TROUBLE. By Andrew Simon Lamb. (Nisbet & Co. 1s.)—Mr. Lamb brings a legal mind to bear on the question of the Disestablishment of the Church. He writes for the benefit of those who consider Disestablishment to be 'absolutely necessary for the preservation of our National Protestantism,' in order 'to prove that it is no reasonable remedy for the present lamentable disorders in our State Church.' The chapters are headed as follows: 'Plans of diagnosis,' 'Symptoms of disease,' 'Normal constitution,' 'Present condition,' 'Avocation,' 'Circumstances,' 'Reasonable remedy.' The object of the book is to appeal to the electors to enforce a rigid Protestantism in the Church, which would be acceptable to the Protestant Nonconformist bodies. We imagine that the people of England will not be converted by Mr. Lamb's arguments, nor will they be persuaded by him to alter the fundamental constitution and character of the Anglican Church, because he tells them he wishes them to do so.

FROM A. R. Mowbray & Co., Oxford, we have received a parcel of small booklets and pamphlets, including **MISSIONARY LESSONS IN INDIA**, Part I. (1s. net), edited by the Rev. G. Longridge; **HELPS TO A PRAYERFUL LIFE** (9d. net), by the Rev. G. Longridge, a useful manual of prayers for working men; a packet of fourteen **Reward Cards** (6d.), printed in green, or pink, and gold, with pictures of the Apostles and Evangelists; a packet of twelve **Reward Cards** (6d.), depicting events in the life of our Blessed Lord; **THE ORDER FOR THE VISITATION OF THE SICK**, with notes by H. R. Scott (4d.); **THE CHURCH OF THE NEW TESTAMENT**, a helpful little treatise by the Bishop of Fond du Lac (3d. net); **DAILY PRAYERS** (2d.); **THE STRENGTH OF PRAYER**, a vision, by A. M. (2d.); **WATCH-PRAYERS OF THE CROSS** (2d.) and **SOME THOUGHTS DURING RECOVERY FROM SICKNESS** (1d.), both by H. R. Scott; **THE VOICE OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY CONCERNING THE ATHANASIAN CREED** (1d.); **AS UNTO CHRIST, AND MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD**, both by Christian Grace Douglas (1d. each); and **CHURCH EMBROIDERY SOCIETIES**, by Canon E. E. Holmes (1d.).

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The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on October 10th.

The Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, on October 8th, and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on October 10th.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.

THE 263rd Annual Dinner will be held at the 'Bridge House Hotel,' London Bridge, on Saturday, November 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be had of the following Dinner Committee: Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, Cockerill, E. A. Davies, Dawe, Garrard, Horrex, Hughes, Newton, O'Meara, W. H. Pasmore, Pettit, Prime, Rowbotham, Sharman, W. D. Smith, Springall, Taffender, and Winney. The bells of St. Michael's, Cornhill, will be available for ringing from 4 to 6 p.m.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on September 20th, a peal of **GRANDSIRE CATERS**, 5003 changes, in 3 hrs. 38 mins. Tenor, 43 cwt.

Harry J. Borrett ..	1	Charles E. Borrett ..	6
Albert G. Warnes ..	2	Charles Jackson ..	7
William Bales ..	3	Frederick H. Knights ..	8
Frederick J. Howchin ..	4	Frederick Knights ..	9
George Howchin ..	5	Samuel Smith ..	10

Composed by Arthur Knights, conducted by Charles Jackson.

Also at St. Mary's, Tunstead, Norfolk, on September 23rd, for Harvest Thanksgiving service, a peal of **BOB MAJOR**, 5038 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

Charles E. Borrett ..	1	George Howchin ..	5
Herbert W. Stanley ..	2	Joseph Gower ..	6
Harry J. Borrett ..	3	Frederick J. Howchin ..	7
Albert G. Warnes ..	4	Frederick H. Knights ..	8

Composed by J. Armiger Trollope, conducted by Charles E. Borrett.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At St. Giles's, Reading, on September 25th, a peal of **DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Frank Hopgood ..	1	Ambrose Osborne ..	5
Henry Tucker ..	2	John Tucker ..	6
Albert E. Reeves ..	3	Charles Giles ..	7
Arthur Evans ..	4	Alfred E. Reeves ..	8

Composed by A. Craven, conducted by A. E. Reeves.

WALKLEY, SUFFOLK.—Five years ago the late Mr. William Lewis Littlewood, of Sheffield, gave to St. Mary's Church a peal of six bells, which cost 600l. His widow, Mrs. Mary Littlewood, has now expressed her desire to supplement that munificent gift by providing an endowment (at least 500l.) for the payment for ever of the cost incurred in ringing the bells.

NEWBOLD (NEAR RUGBY), WARWICKSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, on Wednesday, September 19th, 720 **BOB MINOR** in 26 mins. J. B. Fenton, 1; A. J. Gillings, 2; A. Dubber, 3; A. Bramall, 4; T. Holmes, 5; J. George (conductor), 6.

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THE Ancient Society of College Youths will also hold a meeting for business at 'The Coffee Pot,' Warwick Lane, on Tuesday, October 16th, at 9 p.m., and a meeting for ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral on Thursday, October 18th, at 7.45 p.m.

Bell Inscriptions.

SIR,—I have often thought it would be of great interest to many of your readers, especially to those who practise the art of bell-ringing, if some space in CHURCH BELLS could be afforded for a record of the inscriptions, or properly circumscriptions, on our bells, particularly those of earlier or pre-Reformation date. And I believe in this way attention would be more likely to be drawn to the study of church bells in our several localities, for much has yet to be learned with respect to those in our church towers. Those of an earlier date, mostly dedications to one or other of the saints, are connected with a very important portion of English history, and very few parish records of the fifteenth century remain to assist the investigation.

A careful examination of the shapes, inscriptions, forms of letters, ornaments, stops, and other devices of bells, especially shields, that sometimes occur, will help much to elucidate their history. In the Rev. W. C. Lukis' *Account of Church Bells*, and some others, lists of inscriptions in several counties are given, but there still remain a vast number not yet brought to light or record, and I venture to hope that members of 'Bell-ringers' Guilds' and such Societies will, besides their delight in change-ringing, visit the bell-chambers of their several churches, and, after carefully examining the tenor and others of the peal, contribute a record of their inscriptions, and any other notes of their history, to the space kindly, I trust, to be granted by you for this special object.

As a beginning I send the inscriptions on the five bells of St. Mary's, Eardisland:—

- I. 'Prosperity To The Church Of England. A. R. 1728.'
- II. 'Peace And Good Neighbourhood. A. R. 1728.'
- III. 'Prosperity To This Parish. A. R. 1722.'
- IV. 'Geo. Kinersley, Gt., And Ion Davis, Churchwardens. A. R. 1728.'
- V. 'I To The Church The Living Call, and To The Grave Do Summon All. 1723.'

The initials 'A. R.' stand for Abraham or Abel Rudhall, of Gloucester, a family famous as bell-founders from 1684 to 1828. J. BARKER.

St. Mary, Eardisland, Herefordshire, September, 1900.

[We have much pleasure in printing this letter from an old and valued subscriber. We hope his excellent example will be followed by many others interested in bells, so that we may be able to add to the numerous bell inscriptions which have from time to time appeared in our columns. —ED. CHURCH BELLS.]

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

THE annual meeting of this Association was held at Norwich on September 27th, about 150 members attending from various parts of Norfolk and Suffolk. A special service was held at St. Peter Mancroft Church at 12.45, and was well attended by ringers. The Ven. Arch-

deacon Crosse delivered a suitable address on the importance of the ringer's office. Dinner was served at the Conservative Club at 1.45, the chair being occupied by the Rev. Canon Pelham Burn in the regretted absence of the Rev. Dr. Raven, who had been obliged by illness to resign the presidency of the Society. The loyal toasts having been duly honoured, and a verse of the 'National Anthem' sung, Mr. C. Candler proposed the Bishop and clergy, with thanks to Archdeacon Crosse for his address and to the clergy of Norwich for the use of their bells.

In replying, Archdeacon Crosse said he had also to propose 'Prosperity to the Association' which had called them together. Some people always sighed for the good old time, but he should not like to see them back. His idea with regard to old things was that if they were any good they should be retained and made as useful as possible. If they were no good, then they should be got rid of, or amended so that they should be useful. He understood that was exactly what the Association was formed for, and the work it had done. With regard to the bells, he would keep them and treasure them with the tenderest care and love because they were one of the good old things and connected with the good old days. He would not have any desecration occur to them, or that they should want anything for lack of care. Bells were a grand inheritance from our forefathers, and therefore should be especially treasured. He could not say as much for the good old ringers. If there was one set of people that wanted reformation and improvement it was the old bell-ringers. Therefore, with regard to bell-ringers, he did not sigh for the good old times. He rejoiced in the formation of a society like theirs, and if the Association was to prosper, the prosperity was very much in their own hands. He concluded his speech by proposing 'Prosperity to the Association.'

The Hon. Secretary (the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer) thanked the Archdeacon for his remarks, and proceeded to address the meeting on three subjects. First, for the prosperity of the Association; he urged for better organization in the different local companies. Secondly, he wished the Norwich Association to assist in the sale of the *Glossary of Technical Terms*; and the third matter was the restoration of the ancient peal-boards in the tower of St. Peter Mancroft.

The Annual Report, which was adopted, stated that seventy-eight members had been elected, and about one hundred had left the Association in the past year. Mr. J. Sanicroft Holmes was elected President, and the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer re-elected Hon. Secretary. One honorary member, twenty-three performing members, and eighteen probationers were then admitted to the Society. The choice of place for the next quarterly meeting was left in the hands of the Hon. Secretary, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the reverend chairman.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT St. Mary's, Putney, on October 3rd, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

John N. Oxborrow .. 1	Henry S. Ellis .. 5
William E. Garrard .. 2	Herbert P. Harman .. 6
Arthur G. Ellis .. 3	William T. Cockerill .. 7
Henry R. Newton (condr.) 4	Samuel How .. 8

The Lancashire Association.

AT St. George's, Bolton, on October 1st, a Variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min. Tenor, 19 cwt.

Thomas Peers .. 1	Joseph Potter .. 5
Albert E. Wreaks .. 2	Henry Moss .. 6
Rev. H. J. Elsee .. 3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (con.) 7
Titus Barlow .. 4	John Makin .. 8

ALSO at the Parish Church, Walkden, on October 2nd, a Variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

George E. Turner .. 1	Samuel Greenhalgh .. 5
Alfred Potter .. 2	John Potter .. 6
Joseph Potter .. 3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (con.) 7
Harry Chapman .. 4	Samuel Oakes .. 8

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Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

THE next meeting of this Guild will be held at St. James's Church, Poolstock, Wigan, on Saturday, October 27th. Bells ready 3 p.m.; business meeting, 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM, }

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

THE 263rd Annual Dinner will be held at the 'Bridge House Hotel,' London Bridge, on Saturday, November 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be had of the following Dinner Committee: Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, Cockerill, E. A. Davies, Dawe, Garrard, Horrex, Hughes, Newton, O'Meara, W. H. Pasmore, Pettit, Prime, Rowbotham, Sharman, W. D. Smith, Springall, Taffender, and Winney. The bells of St. Michael's, Cornhill, will be available for ringing from 4 to 6 p.m.

The New Bell at Beverley Minster.

THE new great bell, which has been given to Beverley Minster by the Vicar 'as a thank-offering for twenty happy years of work in the Minster parishes,' is 6 feet 10½ inches in diameter, and 6½ inches thick at the sound-bow, and weighs 5 tons 13 cwt., which is a quarter of a ton more than 'Tom of Lincoln,' and half a ton more than the famous old 'Great Bell of St. Paul's.' But whereas these remain rigid, and are only struck by hammers, the Beverley great bell has been suspended (like the new 'Great Paul') by an arch of steel, so fixed as to avoid all side-thrusts against the tower walls, and enable the bell to be swung with ease by two men, bringing out its full tone, without causing the slightest vibration in the tower. The bell is of singularly tall and beautiful shape, its curves being the result of long and careful study of the great bells of the Continent. It has been tuned on the principles propounded by the late Canon Simpson, of Fittleworth, Sussex, so that all the harmonics are in tune with the nominal (A flat). The founders are Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, who have erected in their works a large machine capable of tuning bells of the largest size in this method.

Owing to the weight of the bell, its arrival in the station, its removal to the Minster, and its elevation to the south-west tower of the Minster, have aroused much interest in the town, and the interest was re-awakened on Sunday by the dedication service.

At a quarter past ten the Mayor (Mr. Councillor Willis) and ex-Mayor (Mr. Alderman Hobson), in their official robes, and attended by the members of the Corporation and several of the county and borough magistrates, as well as the Trustees of the Minster Old and New Funds, left the vicarage, where they had assembled, and entered the Minster by the north transept to the strains of the National Anthem. This was followed by the processional, 'O worship the King,' while the choir and clergy, the rear being brought up by the Archbishop of York, attended by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Nolloth, D.D.) as his chaplain, proceeded to the west end. Here a dais had been erected for his Grace, who had on his right the civic dignitaries, the clergy and choristers in

front, and a guard of honour from the 15th Regimental Depot on his left. The scene was very striking, the vast congregation stretching up the whole length of the nave to the choir-screen.

The form of dedication was then gone through, the senior churchwarden (Colonel Cussons) presenting a rope attached to the bell-ropes above to the Archbishop, and requesting his Grace to dedicate the bell. This the Archbishop did, and delivered the rope to the Vicar. After a few collects and responses had been said, the deep notes of the new 'Bourdon' were heard, fulfilling for the first time its function of summoning the people to morning service. The Archbishop preached an impressive sermon from the Epistle for the day, Eph. iv. 1.

A large number of cyclists attended the service from Hull and the district, storing their machines in the parish room adjoining the vicarage, which is always set apart for this purpose on Sundays. After service, the Mayor, Corporation, magistrates, and officials were presented to his Grace at the vicarage, and in the evening there was an equally large congregation, the preacher being the Rev. A. H. Simpson, son of the late Canon Simpson.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Hertfordshire Association.

AT St. Matthew's, Oxhey, on October 5th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

Hubert Eden	1	Herbert Martin	5
Charles George (composer)	2	Herbert P. Harman	6
Frank A. Smith	3	Ernest E. Huntley	7
W. H. L. Buckingham	4	George N. Price (condr.)	8

* First peal in the method, also first peal in the method on the bells.]

The Surrey Association.

AT SS. Peter and Paul's, Mitcham, on October 10th, Thurstan's' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Joseph A. Lambert	1	Thomas Gwynne	5
James D. Drewett	2	Albert Calver	6
Harry A. Horrex	3	William S. Smith (condr.)	7
John Hoyle	4	Joseph Fayers	8

The Midland Counties' Association.

AT the 'King and Crown,' Townhall Lane, Leicester, on October 8th, on handbells retained in hand, a non-conducted peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5010 changes, in 2 hrs. 49 mins.

John O. Lancashire	1-2	Samuel Cotton	5-6
George Cleal	3-4	William Willson	7-8

John Buttery 9-10

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart. Umpires, C. H. Fowler, who called 'go,' J. W. Moorhouse, and J. Morris. This is the first non-conducted peal ever rung on ten bells.

TASBURGH, NORFOLK.—The peal of five bells recently placed in the tower of St. Mary's Parish Church, Tasburgh, were dedicated on Thursday, September 29th, by the Dean of Norwich, the Harvest Festival being held at the same time. The Rev. W. R. Hurd (rector) sang the prayers, and the lessons were read by the Rev. J. E. Cooper (rector of Fornsett) and the Rev. T. D. Chute (rector of Moulton). The other clergy present were the Rev. R. W. Pitt (rector of Saxlingham), who preached in the evening, the Rev. Isaac Easton (rector of Flordon), and the Rev. Ernest K. Long (rector of Newton Flotman). The service of dedication was performed by the Dean, who also preached an eloquent sermon. The church was tastefully decorated with corn and flowers. The work of recasting the bells was entrusted to the firm of Messrs. J. W. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, and the bells are so sweet and musical that they will undoubtedly sustain the reputation of this world-famed firm. The fittings, which are of oak, were executed by Mr. A. E. Fuller, of Tasburgh. The frame is designed and prepared for the addition of a sixth bell at some future time.

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- The Waterloo Society*: at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on October 31st.
- The St. Margaret's Society*: at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on November 1st.
- The St. John's Society*: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on November 1st.
- The St. Alfege's Society*: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on November 2nd, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

Legend on a Bell at Tintern.

SIR,—There seems to be some mistake either in the circumscription on the tenor bell at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Tintern, or in your account of it. It is plainly a Leonine hexameter: 'Virginis egregie vocor campana Mariæ:.' 'I am called the bell of the illustrious Virgin Mary.'

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Chester Cathedral Bells.

THERE are eight bells in the key of C and one old bell, which is rung for the daily services. The old tenor bell (commonly called the Curfew bell) was cracked, and recast in 1867, as also the treble bell and Nos. 2, 3, 4, and 7.

1st (treble), 'Fusum 1867, Warner & Son.'

2nd, 3rd, and 4th, the same inscription.

5th, 'Refusum A.D. 1604, Denuo Refusum A.D. 1827. Operante L. Rudhall. 'I sweetly tolling men do call, To taste on meats that feeds the soole.'

6th, 'Nos sumus Constructe ad Lawdem Domini, 1606. Decanus et capitulum Cestrie me Fecerunt, Anno Dni. 1606.'

7th, 'Fusum 1867, Warner & Son.'

8th (tenor). 'Refusum A.D. 1867. Opera J. Warner & Fil, London. Benevolentia Decan. Anson.'

9th, 'Gloria in Excelsio Deo, 1626.'

Weight of tenor bell, 35 cwt.; diameter, 4 ft. 10½ in.; height to crown, 3 ft. 6 in.

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1 4 6 5 3 2 - -
6 4 1 2 3 5 - -
1 2 5 3 4 6 - -

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Surrey Association.

At Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, on October 10th, Thurstan's' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

Challis F. Winney (condr.)	1	Alfred H. Pulling	..	5
Ben Chorley 2	Frank Blondell	..	6
George Foster 3	Charles Willshire	..	7
George Gunner 4	Ralph Wood	..	8

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The Sussex County Association.

At the Parish Church, Henfield, on October 16th, Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation of Thurstan's' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Albert E. Lish*	1	Herbert Markwell	..	5
William A. J. Ives*	2	Lazarus Payne (condr.)	..	6
Samuel Burt	3	George Payne	..	7
Charles Tyler	4	William Markwell*	..	8

[* First peal.]

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Putney, on October 17th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

John N. Oxborrow	..	1	Arthur G. Ellis	..	5
William E. Garrard	..	2	Henry R. Newton	..	6
Henry S. Ellis	..	3	Charles T. P. Brice	..	7
Herbert P. Harman	..	4	William T. Cockerill	..	8

Composed by James W. Washbrook; conducted by Charles T. P. Brice

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—Recently on handbells in the tower of St. Edward's, 503 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. L. Copsey, 1-2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; W. Watson, 5-6; W. Nash, 7-8. Also 223 in the same method.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—Recently, 720 BOB MINOR. W. Dear, 1; I. Dear, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3-4; J. Dale, 5-6.

CLOVELLY, DEVONSHIRE.—A new bell placed in Clovelly Parish Church tower was dedicated on recently by the Bishop of Crediton. The cost of the bell was raised by the Rev. F. G. A. Phillips, the late rector. It is a tenor bell, and weighs 10 cwt. On it are inscribed Tennyson's lines: 'Ring out the old, ring in the new; ring out the false, ring in the true.—1900.' There are now five bells, and space has been made for a sixth, which it is hoped will be added as soon as funds permit. The dedication was very impressive, and there was a large congregation. The Rev. T. L. V. Simken (rector) met the Bishop at the chancel, and proceeded to the belfry, followed by the churchwardens and ringers, the choir singing hymn 303, *Hymns A. & M.* The dedicatory prayers were read by the Bishop, after which the new bell was rung, and the whole chimed for a brief interval. Bishop Trefusis delivered an impressive address from Exod. xxviii. 35, 'His sound shall be heard when he goeth in unto the Holy Place before the Lord, and when he cometh out, that he die not.' Israelites of old, he said, worshipped and adored God in the midst of a column of fragrance, being called together by the sound of the golden bell. The new bell, given by themselves, was now dedicated to the service of Almighty God for ever. The sound of the bells warned all that the hours of worship were definite, and that all should assemble and worship God. Bells enter into the affairs of our social life. They are always in accord with us, help us at times to rejoice, and are with us in sorrow. They ring merrily on newly married pairs, and are tolled when the spirit is called to rest. They seem to belong to us. Their sounds travel over the water, and mariners toiling in storm and calm may have recalled to them thoughts of worship. Bells speak of the power and presence of God. They should praise God for what He is in Himself—His mercy, justice, uprightness, truthfulness, holiness, purity. The sound of bells brings fruitfulness of holy living. None could hear them without being conscious they were being called to higher things. Only consecrated hands should ring consecrated bells, for God impressed reverence in all things. He hoped they would make it a peal of six, and so have the best of music.

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The Hertfordshire Association.

DISTRICT MEETING at Hatfield on Saturday, November 17th. Further particulars next week. E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

The Recasting of Church Bells.—A Protest.

NORWICH CONSISTORY COURT.

THE Registrar (Dr. Bensly) read a letter he had received from Mr. Walter Rye, the eminent antiquary, drawing attention to the fact that an old peal of bells in a church in the diocese had been recast (as he understood) without a faculty. The peal was a very interesting one, the bells being braziers' bells, while one of them had a private armorial shield, which was a very rare thing with bells. Mr. Rye thought the matter should be brought to the attention of the Court.

The Chancellor: The armorial bearings of the donor of hundreds of years ago?

Dr. Bensly: 1611. Mr. Rye refers to the fact that the mischief is now done, and thinks it is sufficient to point out the irregularity, so that other clergymen may be warned not to be guilty of a similar irregularity.

The Chancellor said he knew nothing about bells. He supposed they could be put right without recasting, unless they were cracked.

Dr. Bensly said he had observed from the newspapers that Canon Smith had recently had his bells put in order and rehung. They had not been recast, but repaired and re-turned.

The Chancellor: If ancient church bells, 200 or 300 years old, are out of order, is it necessary to recast them, or can they be repaired?

The Rev. Canon Smith said that depended upon the nature of the flaw. If the crack was right through the metal, the bell would have to be recast; but in many cases what appeared to be a crack was only on the surface. Sometimes, again, there was a little hole which looked like a crack, but which was an original fault in the casting, and made no difference in the tone of the bell. The bell-founders were very anxious to recast when they could.

The Chancellor: And antiquarians were very anxious that they should not.

Canon Smith: If there is a crack through, there is nothing else for it.

The Chancellor: I presume the recasting of bells would require a faculty?

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Dr. Bensly: Yes.

The Chancellor: I hope it will go forth that ancient bells, like braziers' bells with armorial bearings on them, should not be recast without the authority of the Court.

Mr. Overbury: You would send an expert to inquire, I suppose?

The Chancellor: Yes, certainly.

(From the *Eastern Daily Press* of October 22nd.)

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Cheltenham and District Guild.

At St. Mary's, Cheltenham, on October 18th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERERS, 5187 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 22½ cwt.

F. W. Wade	1	F. Townsend	6
G. H. Phillott	2	W. Townsend	7
A. W. Humphries	3	W. T. Pates	8
F. Musty	4	T. Pendry	9
W. Brinkworth	5	J. Ballinger	10

Composed and conducted by W. T. Pates. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Musty.

The Hertfordshire Association.

(THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.)

At St. James's, Bushey, on October 27th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

Joseph J. Allen	1	W. H. L. Buckingham	5
William E. Oakley	2	William G. Whitehead	6
Bertram Prewett	3	Ernest Holloway	7
Francis A. Smith	4	Ernest E. Huntley	8

Composed by W. H. L. Buckingham, and conducted by Ernest E. Huntley. First peal of DOUBLE NORWICH on the bells, and rung by an entirely resident band.

The Sussex Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Southover, Lewes, on October 27th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min.

Alfred Langridge	1	Alfred J. Turner	5
Robert J. Dawe	2	Keith Hart	6
Frank Bennett	3	John S. Goldsmith (condr.)	7
George Williams	4	John Steadman	8

Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the opening of these bells.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's, on October 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN CATERERS, 1260 changes, in 5½ mins. C. F. Winner, 1; W. E. Garrard, 2; H. P. Harman, 3; C. George, 4; W. E. Judd, 5; W. Pickworth, 6; T. Faulkner, 7; S. Hayes, 8; W. T. Cockerill, 9; A. F. Harris, 10. Composed by J. P. Bradley; conducted by W. T. Cockerill.

STOKE-BY-CLARE, SUFFOLK.—On Saturday, September 29th, through the kindness of the Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Denman), a party of ringers visited this church under the conductorship of Mr. D. Gridley, of Clare, and Mr. F. Day, of Eye, whose firm is rehanging the peal of bells in Clare Church. The first ringing consisted of 720 BOB MINOR, in which the following took part:—A. Richardson (Poslingford), 1; C. Elliott (Haverhill), 2; H. Cooper (Great Yeldham), 3; N. Hawkins (Haverhill), 4; F. Day (Eye, conductor), 5; A. Aviss (Withersfield), 6. Then followed another 720 BOB MINOR:—A. Love (Tilbury), 1; D. Gridley (Clare, conductor), 2; N. Hawkins (Haverhill), 3; H. Cooper (Great Yeldham), 4; A. Richardson (Poslingford), 5; W. Atkinson (Poslingford), 6. Then a touch of OXFORD TREBLE BOB was rung and six-score of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, in which Mr. Crisswell, of Withersfield, took part, and which completed the evening's performance. Total time of ringing, 1 hr. 45 mins. Mr. F. Day stated that the bells were the best peal of six he had ever heard, the nearest approach being a sister peal at Wiverton, in Norfolk. The ringers, who thoroughly enjoyed themselves, greatly appreciated the Vicar's kindness in allowing the visit, and hoped it would lead to many more. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. F. Day, and seconded by Mr. D. Gridley, to the Vicar and Churchwardens.

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The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on November 16th, at 7.45.—All the others about 8 p.m.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

A MEETING will be held at the Society's meeting-room at 9 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13th, to elect officers for the ensuing year.

The Ely Diocesan Association.

A MEETING of members of this Association for the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon was held at St. Neots on Saturday, October 27th. Proceedings commenced by the members of the St. Neots and Eynesbury Society raising their bells in peal to welcome the visitors. At 3.30 the business meeting was held in the Boys' School, when twenty-two members were present, the heavy rain preventing several from attending. The Rev. R. C. Meade, D.D., vicar of St. Neots, presided, and was supported by the Rev. T. Hodgson, M.A., rector of Eynesbury.

The Chairman, in opening the proceedings, offered the visitors a very hearty welcome—the first time their Association had met at St. Neots—and hoped they would spend a very profitable and happy afternoon. He was very pleased that a branch of the Association had been formed in his parish, and thought great praise was due to the members and officers for the work they had done and the progress they had made.

The District Secretary (Mr. O. G. Howe, Ramsey) then read letters from those unable to attend the meeting. He also reported that since last Easter, when there was only one change-ringing tower in the county, change-ringing societies had been started in five parishes, and two honorary members and twenty-five performing members had joined the Association. The District Committee, he said, were delighted with the work of the St. Neots Society.

One honorary member (the Rev. K. E. Brown, of Yaxley) and fourteen performing members were admitted. It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Ramsey in the spring. A vote of thanks to the Rev. Dr. Meade for presiding and for the use of the rooms for the meeting and tea, and to the local clergy for the use of their church bells, was carried with acclamation.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

THE October Meeting of this Association, which was due to be held in Bedale on the first Saturday in October, was postponed, on account of the polling in the Richmond division, until the 13th ult., when a large gathering of ringers were present from Darlington, East Witton, Middlesbrough, Richmond, Ripon, Sharrow, Stockton, Stokesley, and Thornaby. Many ringers called at Northallerton in the morning, reaching Bedale at two o'clock. Bedale bells (tenor about 21 cwt.), which had been going badly, were overhauled previous to the meeting by Mr. T. Metcalfe, of Middlesbrough, and guides provided. The result was several excellent touches, mostly of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. The tea was attended by the Rector, the Rev. W. Beresford Pierse, and his two curates, the Rev. Messrs. Benham and Murray. After electing some new members, it was decided to hold a special meeting at Swainby, as soon as that musical little ring of six has been put in order by Mr. Metcalfe.

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Cannington, near Bridgwater.

THE Bishop of Bath and Wells dedicated the church bells in the Parish Church on October 23rd, in the presence of a crowded congregation. Two of the bells have been recast, and the peal tuned. The estimated cost of the work has been about 340l., towards which 230l. has been subscribed.

The following are the inscriptions on the bells:—

1st, C sharp.—'E. Bristow, vicar; W. J. R. Poole, hon. sec.; J. Chappell, W. H. White, churchwardens; A.D. 1893. C. D. E. Malet, vicar; H. H. P. Bouverie, J. Shepherd, churchwardens; A.D. 1900.' Diameter, 2 ft. 8 ins.; weight, 7 cwt. 0 qrs. 1 lb.

2nd, B.—'GP: AN: NO: DO: MI: NI: 1619. FB: TB.' Diameter, 2 ft. 11 ins.; weight, 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.

3rd, A.—'Recast 1893. E. Bristow, vicar; W. J. R. Poole, hon. sec.; J. Chappell, W. H. White, churchwardens. Llewellyns & James, Bristol.' Diameter, 3 ft.; weight, 7 cwt. 0 qrs. 18 lbs.

4th, G sharp.—'1619. Magnificat anima mea Dominum. Recast 1900. C. D. E. Malet, vicar; H. H. P. Bouverie, J. Shepherd, churchwardens. A.D. 1900.' Diameter, 3 ft. 4½ ins.; weight, 13 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lbs.

5th, F sharp.—'Recast 1893. E. Bristow, vicar; W. J. R. Poole, hon. sec.; J. Chappell, W. H. White, churchwardens. Llewellyns & James, Bristol.' Diameter, 3 ft. 8 ins.; weight, 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

6th, E.—'Birth, Death, and Pleasure cause Me to Sound. Jonas Coles, senr., and William Silk, churchwardens; 1766. Cast by Tho. Bayley, Bridgwater.' Diameter, 4 ft.; weight, 18 cwt. 3 qrs. 18 lbs.

The treble and 4th bells were recast and the peal tuned by Messrs. John Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, and the interior of the tower, from the ringing chamber upward, renovated, the cost being defrayed by public subscription, A.D. 1900. At the same time the bells were hung in a new oak cage with new fittings by Mr. John Sally, of Stogumber, the gift of Mr. Henry H. P. Bouverie, of Brymore.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Bedfordshire Association.

AT St. Paul's, Bedford, on October 23rd, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 changes, in 3 hrs. 32 mins. Tenor, 29 cwt.

Samuel J. Cullip ..	1	Bernard Jealous ..	6
William J. Barker ..	2	Isaac Hills ..	7
Charles Chasty ..	3	Charles W. Clarke ..	8
Joseph Church ..	4	George Valentine ..	9
James A. Smith ..	5	Frank Webb ..	10

Composed by B. Jealous, conducted by C. W. Clarke.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

AT the Parish Church, Thornaby-on-Tees, on October 27th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 18 mins. Tenor, 10½ cwt., in F sharp.

R. Alcock ..	1	J. W. Newton† ..	5
Rev. W. P. Wright ..	2	A. W. Barrett* ..	6
W. Newton ..	3	T. Metcalfe ..	7
N. Kidd ..	4	T. Stephenson ..	8

Composed by A. Knights, and conducted by T. Metcalfe. Messrs. Alcock and Metcalfe came from Middlesbrough, the Rev. W. P. Wright from Stokesley, N. Kidd from Thornaby, and the rest from Stockton. [* First 5000 of TREBLE BOB. † First 5000.]

The Middlesex County Association.

AT St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on November 3rd, Taylor's Bob and Single peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 7040 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

W. W. Wrigley, jun.* ..	1	A. Hughes ..	5
W. B. Manning (condr.) ..	2	W. Masters ..	6
F. Perrin ..	3	F. Hull ..	7
Albert Coles ..	4	R. D. Swift* ..	8

[* First peal.]

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- The Ancient Society of College Youths*: at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on November 19th; at St. Paul's Cathedral and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on November 20th; at St. Mary Matfelon, White-chapel, on November 21st; at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, and St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, on November 22nd; at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on November 23rd; at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on November 24th, at 7.30 p.m.
- The St. Luke's Society*: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on November 21st.
- The Waterloo Society*: at St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, on November 19th, and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on November 21st.
- The St. John's Society*: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on November 22nd.
- The St. Alfege's Society*: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on November 23rd, at 7.45. All the others about 8 p.m.

The Royal Cumberland Society.

PRESENTATION TO MR. HENRY A. HOPKINS.

On Wednesday evening, November 7th, a very interesting meeting was held at the house of Mr. Henry S. Thomas, 34 Altenburg Gardens, Clapham Common, S.W., consisting of a few personal friends, the object of which was to present Mr. Hopkins with a gold watch. After dinner, the chairman, Mr. Henry S. Thomas, spoke in very high terms of his twenty-eight years' acquaintance with Mr. Hopkins, and of the true friendship which had existed continuously between them during that long period. He said he was greatly indebted to Mr. Hopkins for the interest he had taken in the belfry of St. Mary's, Battersea, where, through Mr. Hopkins' kind services and instrumentality, the bells are rung on Sunday mornings for Divine service. In appreciation of this good work, and as a token of their long-standing friendship, Mr. Thomas then handed to Mr. Hopkins, as a personal gift, a beautiful gold watch (inscribed 'H. A. H. from H. S. T., November, 1900'), trusting that he would long be spared to use it.

In reply, Mr. Hopkins thanked Mr. Thomas very sincerely for the handsome and useful present. He did not think he had done so very much to merit this present, but Mr. Thomas's liberality was well known throughout the exercise, and this was not the first presentation by many that had been received at his hands by other ringers. It was truly gratifying to be spoken of in such terms as Mr. Thomas had been pleased to use, and he heartily reciprocated the good wish of Mr. Thomas that they might long be spared to continue that genial friendship which had bound them together for the past twenty-eight years.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Middlesex County Association.

At All Saints', Poplar, on November 3rd, a peal of **STEDMAN CATERS**, 5058 changes, in 3 hrs. 21 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

John H. Cheesman ..	1	William Pye ..	6
John R. Sharman ..	2	Charles Wilkins ..	7
Bertram Prewett ..	3	Edgar Wightman ..	8
George R. Pye ..	4	Frederick W. Thornton ..	9
Isaac G. Shade ..	5	Arthur S. King ..	10

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by William Pye.

Also at the Parish Church, Erith, Kent, on November 5th, a peal of **SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Walter J. Smith ..	1	Charles Wilkins ..	5
John H. Cheesman ..	2	Isaac G. Shade ..	6
Edwin Barnett ..	3	John R. Sharman ..	7
Bertram Prewett ..	4	Edgar Wightman ..	8

Composed by James S. Wilde, and conducted by John R. Sharman.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on November 6th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of **STEDMAN TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins. Tenor, 31 cwt.

William E. Judd ..	1	Archibald F. Harris ..	5
Henry G. Miles ..	2	William Fox ..	6
John S. Kentish ..	3	William E. Garrard (cond.)	7
Arthur E. Bradley ..	4	John Judd ..	8

First peal in the method by the local Society.

At 13F Peabody Buildings, Southwark Street, on November 1st, on handbells retained in hand, Thurstan's Four-part peal of **STEDMAN TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 21 mins.

Herbert P. Harman ..	1-2	William H. Pasmore ..	5-6
H. R. Pasmore (condr.)	3-4	John W. Golding ..	7-8

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

At Holy Trinity, Guildford, on November 6th, a peal of **DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

John H. Grundy ..	1	Herbert P. Harman ..	5
Rev. G. F. Coleridge ..	2	Charles Willshire ..	6
Henry White ..	3	Frank Blondell ..	7
James Hunt ..	4	William Pye ..	8

Composed by Edgar Wightman, conducted by William Pye.

RAMSBOTTOM, LANCs.—The rededication of the peal of bells which have just been rehung in the tower of St. Paul's Church took place on October 20th, in the presence of a fairly large congregation. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. J. Lewis), who was assisted by the Rev. Mr. Peel (curate), and an address was delivered by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A. (vicar of St. George's, Bolton, and president of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers), on Ps. civ. 33—'I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.'

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.—Since Coronation Day, 1899, the peal of bells hanging in the Parish Church tower have not been rung owing to the bad condition of the bell-frame and bearings. In June of this year a generous donor, who desired to remain anonymous until the completion of the work, offered to defray the cost of thoroughly renovating the peal. The offer was gratefully accepted, and estimates procured, that of Messrs. Taylor & Co. of Loughborough being accepted. The bells were sent to the foundry at Loughborough to have the old wood headstocks exchanged for iron, to remove the cannons, and to be tuned. They have since been returned, and now hang in a massive cast-iron H-shaped framework, standing upon and bolted to heavy rolled steel girders, and are fitted with steel gudgeons, fitted in bored iron bed-plates and gun-metal bearings in iron pedestals, with new ropes, rollers, stays, clappers, and sally guides. A chiming apparatus has also been inserted on Ellacombe's principle for use when the bells are not rung up. The work has been carried out in a very satisfactory manner, and the ease with which the bells can be pulled will serve as a welcome contrast to the old method. On Sunday, October 14th, in announcing the reopening for Thursday, the Vicar stated that Mrs. Day of Dalston House was the generous donor, she having restored the bells in memory of the late Mr. Herbert William Day, her husband. A memorial brass has been fixed under the 'Day' memorial window in the north transept of the church, bearing the following inscription:—'That they may be rung for the praise of God, the bells of Swaffham Church have been set in order by Julia Day in memory of her husband, Herbert William Day. October, MDCCCC.'

During Autumn most things organic either die, or experience some great loss of vitality. Human beings are not exceptions, for at this time the human body and its functions are apt to become deranged. The consequence is that the greatest care has to be exercised, to the end that the system shall be kept in constant health. Suitable clothing, diet, and proper exercise are essential, while the use of some well-tested tonic restorative is desirable. From the testimony of thousands who have tried it, a few drops of the Royal Remedy—Phosferine, taken daily in a wine-glassful of water will thoroughly meet the case.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.

THE two hundred and sixty-third anniversary dinner of this Society took place on Saturday, November 10th, at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. The Master of the Society, Mr. Edward P. O'Meara, presided, Mr. W. D. Smith being in the vice-chair. There was a large gathering of members and friends, the company numbering 128. Among those present were the Ven. the Archdeacon of London, the Rev. Dr. Wace (rector of St. Michael, Cornhill), the Rev. P. M. Wathen (rector of Barking, Essex), Miss Rosa Macalpine-Leny, Colonel Mackinnon (Commandant of the C.I.V.), Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart. (President of the Central Council of Change-ringers), and Mr. R. A. Daniell (Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and Hon. Secretary of the London St. James's Society), who was accompanied by the Rev. H. G. Daniell-Bainbridge (precentor of Westminster Abbey). Many provincial brethren were also present, and among others the following London veterans: J. R. Haworth, M. A. Wood, T. Powell, J. Pettit, &c. The banqueting hall was decorated with national emblems and the colours of the C.I.V., three members of the battalion, in addition to the gallant Colonel, being present.

'The Church, Queen, and Royal Family' was proposed by the Chairman. Those present, as loyal sons of the Church, would, he was sure, justly honour the first portion of the toast. As to Her Majesty, she was beloved by all. It was to be hoped that she might live another seven years, so that ringers could ring for another jubilee.

The Archdeacon of London, in replying to the first portion of the toast, said he desired to thank the Master for his kind remarks respecting the Church. During the past twelvemonth there had been occasions on which the bells had to ring for the nation's joy and for its sorrow. He could assure Colonel Mackinnon that never did the bells of St. Paul's ring out with greater enthusiasm than they did on that Monday when those who had so gallantly served under him returned to their homes. He trusted the Society would continue to grow in numbers and influence.

Mr. Dawe gave 'The Imperial Forces.'

Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., considered it an honour to be invited on behalf of the Ancient Society of College Youths, to present to Colonel Mackinnon a small present from the Society, which was more than two and a half centuries old. The presentation was to one who had made for himself a great name in South Africa. It was that of a bell, fitted on an oak stand as a table gong, the stand being made by Mr. Edwin Horrex, the well-known change-ringer. The inscription was: 'Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637. This bell was presented to Colonel W. H. Mackinnon by the above Society, at the 263rd Anniversary Dinner, 10th November, 1900, as a memento of the splendid services rendered by the City Imperial Volunteers under his command in South Africa.' He trusted that the Colonel would ever look on the bell as a token of the Society's respect and esteem in its corporate capacity. While they rejoiced at the return of the C.I.V. and others from South Africa, they could not but think of those who had sacrificed their lives for their country, while they as citizens remained in peace at home. He sometimes thought of the great anxiety

endured by those who had relatives in South Africa. He knew something of this anxiety, having himself a son there who had been wounded. There were many who believed that we were fighting for justice and freedom; above all, let them thank God that the British nation could turn out such men to fight its battles.

Colonel Mackinnon, who on rising was greeted with outbursts of applause, said he could not express in words his thankfulness for the hearty manner in which his name had been received. He had much pleasure in accepting the beautiful bell, and appreciated the kind words which had been used in making the presentation. He could assure those present that the bell would go down to his family as an heirloom. Referring to the work of the Army and Navy, the gallant Colonel paid a tribute to those who had fallen in battle, or, stricken by fever, had sacrificed their lives for their country, and spoke in terms of gratitude of the Colonial forces. With regard to the C.I.V., it was a matter of regret to him that, as an institution, in a few weeks' time it would no longer exist.

The Chairman then gave 'Success to the Ancient Society of College Youths.' During the past year the Society had to mourn the loss of two able ringers, well known and respected. As a heavy-bell ringer Murray Hayes had no superior. He would couple with the toast the name of their energetic Secretary, to whom the Society was very much indebted for its present position.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill, in replying, said that letters of regret at their inability to be present had been received from the Rectors of St. Mary-le-Bow, St. Giles's, Cripplegate, and St. Magnus-the-Martyr, Mr. G. H. Phillott, Mr. Davies (Barking), and several others. He was pleased, however, that they had that evening two of the twelve-bell towers of London represented in the persons of the Archdeacon of London and Rev. Dr. Wace. As this was the first opportunity he had of thanking many of his friends for the handsome present they made him last April, he desired to do so now. The Master had referred to the loss of two old members of the Society by death; there was another name which should be mentioned—Henry Langdon. J. M. Hayes had been a ringer at St. Paul's since the opening of the bells. Through the generous offer of an anonymous donor and the kindness of the Cathedral authorities, a tablet had been erected to his memory in St. Paul's belfry. The Society had maintained its high position during the past year, for, although there had been a falling off in the number of new members made, peals to the number of fifty had been rung. These included two of MINOR, two of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, two of GRANDSIRE CATERS (one of which was on handbells), three of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, two of TREBLE BOB ROYAL, two of DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR, one of DOUBLE NORWICH ROYAL, four of BOB MAJOR (three of which were on handbells), thirteen of STEDMAN TRIPLES (four on handbells), four of STEDMAN CATERS (one on handbells), two of STEDMAN CINQUES, one of WESTMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR, one of ST. STEPHEN'S SURPRISE MAJOR, three of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, one of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, and seven of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR. There were two peals in the current number of CHURCH BELLS worthy of special mention. He referred to STEDMAN TRIPLES by a local band at Kensington, and a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES conducted by Mr. H. R. Pasmora. Mr. W. E. Garrard was to be congratulated on the good work he has done in creating a band at St. Mary Abbot's, and so also was the youthful Harry Pasmora for his progress as a conductor on handbells. The best thanks of the Society were due to Dr. Nichols, of Boston, U.S.A., who, though being far away, takes a deep interest in the welfare of the Society, and recently presented it with a new peal-book, which will form Vol. V. of the Society's collection. On behalf of the Society, he desired to thank one and all for the hearty manner in which the toast had been received.

The Vice-Chairman humorously gave 'London and Provincial Ringing Societies,' to which Mr. R. A. Daniell and Sir A. Percival Heywood replied.

A course of STEDMAN CATERS was rung during the evening by H. P. Harman, T. Powell, C. F. Winney, M. A. Wood, and A. W. Barkus. A musical programme, consisting of quartettes, songs, violin solo, and recitations, was concluded with 'Auld lang syne.' Mr. C. Sillitoe very ably presided at the pianoforte.

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Meetings for Practice.

The Royal Cumberland Society: at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on December 14th, and the Chapel-of-Ease, Holloway, on December 12th.
The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on December 3rd; at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on December 4th; at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on December 5th; at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, and St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, on December 6th; at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on December 7th; at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on December 8th, at 7.30 p.m.
The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on December 5th.
The Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, on December 3rd, and St. John's, Waterloo Road, on December 5th.
The St. John's Society: at St. John's, Wilton Road, on December 6th.
The St. Alfege's Society: at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on December 7th, at 7.45. All the others about 8 p.m.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At a meeting held at the Society's headquarters on Tuesday, November 13th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Master: Mr. Edward P. O'Meara. Treasurer: Mr. James Pettit. Senior Steward: Mr. William H. Pasmore. Junior Steward: Mr. Herbert Langdon. Trustees: Mr. Challis F. Winney and Mr. Walter Prime. Hon. Secretary: Mr. William T. Cockerill.

The Ancient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers, Bristol.

On November 11th the members of the Ancient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers paid their annual official visit to St. Stephen's Church. At the morning service the visitors, who were met at the door by the churchwardens, were as usual preceded to their seats in the nave by the choir and clergy. The representatives of the Society present included Messrs. Gerald Lysaght (master), J. B. Dester (senior warden), Vincent Barnard (junior warden), E. Harvey (warden elect), John Nichols, G. Langford, W. S. Paul, Goodenough Taylor, R. C. James, J. T. Board, E. E. Hobbs, W. Henderson, E. Baker, Alan McArthur, and J. Fuller Eberle, whilst the High Sheriff (Mr. E. B. James) was also amongst the congregation. The Rector (the Rev. E. J. Houghton) conducted the service, and the lessons were read by the Revs. George Hood and C. Courteney Courteney. The sermon was preached by the Rev. F. J. Robberds (vicar of St. Mary Redcliffe), who took for his text the words, 'Thou shalt rear up a tabernacle according to the fashion thereof which was showed thee in the mount' (Exod. xvi. 30). God was the speaker, remarked the preacher, and He spoke to His servant Moses: it was the command of God to man to build for Him a house in which He might meet His people, and in which His people might meet and speak and commune with Him. Every one of the people might take his share in the work, and no gift should be refused which represented an unselfish offering of a generous heart, but all must be done and all must be carried out in the simplest manner possible, according to the pattern Moses had been shown in the Mount. He believed the Society he was that morning speaking to was particularly interested in restoring and beautifying that House of God in which they were assembled. He dared say there were some people to whom a society like that appeared as something of an anachronism. He could not agree with them. By means of a society such as that a man was often led to take an interest in the Church and Church work, which might otherwise not appeal to him.—The offertory was devoted to the fund for the restoration of the bells.

The Bells of St. Peter's, Ipswich.

A VESTRY meeting for the parish of St. Peter's, Ipswich, was held recently for the purpose chiefly of considering the question of disposing of the unused Church bells by sale. The Vicar (Rev. J. L. Shepherd) presided, and amongst those present were the Churchwardens, Messrs. S. O. Eades and E. Curtis, and others.

The Vicar explained that there were six bells in the tower; one bell

was chimed for the church services, and the remaining five had been in disuse for some twenty years. One of this number was quite useless, owing to being cracked. It had been suggested whether it would not be possible to dispose of these five bells and use the money derived in connexion with some other church object, such as the heating of the building, apparatus in this direction being badly needed. The bells, however, could not be disposed of without a faculty, and the authorisation for applying for that must come from the vestry.

Considerable discussion ensued, in the course of which it was stated that the bells, which weighed about 30 cwt., would fetch 120*l.* to 140*l.* for old metal purposes. One reason why the bells had never been rehung was because it was generally considered, at the time when the tower was rebuilt, that the crack in the tower was caused by the vibration of the bells.—Mr. Curtis remarked that, beyond the question of the expense of rehanging the bells at the present time, there was a decided objection existing among the residents near the church to the ringing of the bells. Accordingly, it was felt it would be of more advantage to the parish if the bells, which were now lying useless, were sold, and the funds accruing devoted to some parish object which needed attention.—On the other hand, Mr. Singleton deprecated the sale of the bells, on the ground of their sentimental attachment to the church. It was possible that the bells had been given to the church in bygone years, and in that case it would scarcely be proper and right to part with the bells. It might be a matter of sentiment, but he did not like the idea of selling the bells.

Several of those present expressed similar opinions, and eventually Mr. Turner proposed that unless there was an inscription on the bells rendering it obligatory upon the parish to retain them, a faculty be applied for in order to obtain powers to sell the bells, and Mr. Eades seconded.—Mr. Westgate moved as an amendment that the bells should remain where they were for the present, until some information might be obtained as to their history, and the probable cost of rehanging.—Mr. Everard seconded the amendment, which was carried by six to three.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Mary's, Acton, on November 19th, Thurstan's One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins.

George N. Price 1	William E. Garrard .. 5
Herbert P. Harman (cond.) 2	Alan H. Faber .. 6
Ferris J. Shepherd* .. 3	George R. Fardon .. 7
John Basden 4	Charles T. P. Brice .. 8

* First peal of STEDMAN.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

At St. George's, Dunster, Somerset, on November 13th, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Five-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min. Tenor, 21 cwt.

James Hole 1	Thomas A. Elliott .. 5
George Stacey 2	Henry Moore .. 6
Robert Hole 3	James Grabham (condr.) .. 7
Arthur Long 4	James R. Jones .. 8

Also, on November 20th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins.

James Hole 1	Thomas A. Elliott .. 5
George Stacey 2	James R. Jones .. 6
Robert Hole 3	James Grabham (condr.) .. 7
Arthur Long 4	Henry Moore .. 8

LAUNCESTON.—Two new additional bells are shortly to be hung in the tower of St. Mary Magdalene, bringing the peal up to eight bells.

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