

Bells and Bell-ringing.

More Bells for North Wingfield Church.

A MOVEMENT is on foot to raise subscriptions for the addition of two more bells for St. Lawrence's Church, North Wingfield. The family of the late Rector, the Rev. G. W. Darby, have promised 40%, and Mrs. Bright 50%. There is also afoot a movement for the establishment of an institute at Hephthorne Lane.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Devonshire Guild.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Putney, on November 25th, Hollis's Five-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Sidney H. Godfrey	1	John E. Baker	5
Ferris J. Shepherd (condr.)	2	William Shepherd	6
Frederick T. Gover	3	Ernest H. Oxenham	7
Lewis E. Wilson	4	Rev. G. F. Coleridge	8

This is the first peal ever rung in London by Devonshire men.

The Hertfordshire Association.

At the Church of St. Peter, St. Albans, Herts, on November 28th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins.

William Little	1	Joseph Earwicks*	8
Edward Hull	2	Harry John Fewell	7
George Dent	3	Arthur Hallett	8
Arthur Hull	4	Charles R. Liley	9
William H. Lawrence	5	George Wright*	10

Composed by John Cox and conducted by Charles R. Lilley.

Rung on the occasion of the opening of the St. Peter's Parochial Institute, likewise as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Debenham on the birth of their son, it being also Mr. Debenham's birthday. Dent hail from Harlow, Essex; Lawrence, from Little Munden; the rest are local ringers. Dent was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal. [* First peal of CATERS.]

The Middlesex County Association.

At Christchurch, Southwark, on November 28th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation of Thurstan's Four-part), 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min.

Bertram Prewett	1	William J. Nudds	5
William Hodgetts	2	Thomas Langdon	6
Hubert Eden	3	John R. Sharman (con.)	7
Frederick T. C. Nevett	4	Arthur T. King	8

Rung as a birthday peal to T. Langdon. This is the conductor's 150th peal.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At the Church of All Saints', High Wycombe, Bucks, on November 30th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 changes, in 3 hrs. 19 mins. Tenor, 23½ cwt. in E flat.

Thomas H. Taffender	1	John Evans	6
Frederick Richardson	2	Frank Boreham	7
Thomas Longley	3	Ralph H. Biggs	8
William H. Fussell	4	John C. Truss	9
Frank K. Biggs	5	Benjamin Page	10

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff and conducted by Thomas Henry Taffender. This composition has the 6th in 2nd's place throughout, and the 5th and 4th behind the 9th. It is the first peal of STEDMAN CATERS ever rung in the county of Buckinghamshire, and the first by all the band except the conductor, 4th and 9th ringers. It was rung in honour of the fifty-seventh birthday of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra.

Chester Diocesan Guild.

(STOCKPORT BRANCH)

At the church of St. Elizabeth, Reddish, Lancashire, on November 30th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins.

James Robinson	1	Tom Marshall	5
Rev. A. T. Beeston	2	Hiram Meakin	6
Fred Holt	3	James W. M. Bayley	7
Alfred Barnes	4	Edward Reader	8

Composed by Harry W. Whittle, of Loughborough, and conducted by Edward Reader, and is now rung for the first time. First peal in the method by all except the Rev. A. T. Beeston and the conductor, and was rung at the first attempt. Messrs. Bayley, Marshall, Meakin, and Reader are of the St. George's Company, Stockport; the Rev. A. T.

Beeston, and Messrs. Holt and Robinson are of the Parish Church company, New Mills, Derbyshire; and Mr. Barnes belongs to the local company.

Devonshire Guild of Ringers.

FOR some time change-ringing members of the Devonshire Guild born in Devonshire, but now resident in and around London, have been endeavouring to score a peal by themselves in the Metropolis. Success has been at last achieved, Hollis's five-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, having been rung at Putney Parish Church in 2 hrs. 57 mins. The ringers were as follows:—

H. Godfrey (Ottery)	1	E. Baker (Ottery)	6
F. J. Shepherd (conductor, Exeter)	2	W. Shepherd (Exeter)	8
F. T. Gover (Ottery)	3	H. Oxenham (Bampton)	7
A. Wilson (Ottery)	4	Rev. F. J. Coleridge (Cadbury)	8

A Long Peal at Clare.

A PARTY of eight bell-ringers met at the Parish Church, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. J. R. M. Vatcher), and succeeded in ringing a peal of BOB MAJOR, consisting of 5072 changes, in 3 hrs. 34 mins. Tenor, 28 cwt.

T. King (Lavenham)	1	H. E. Kinsey (Felsham)	8
Hugh Gladwell (Felsham)	2	W. Kinsey (Felsham)	9
C. Elliott (Haverhill)	3	A. Symonds (Lavenham)	7
S. Slater (Glemsford)	4	A. Ariss (Withersfield)	8

Composed by John Trollope, of Norwich, and conducted by Thomas King. The performance was a meritorious one, on account of the excellent striking which characterised it throughout, not a single clash being made, and it was the first peal in the method that had been rung upon the bells since their reopening.

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HOURLY AND QUARTER BELLS. SCHOOL BELLS AS SUPPLIED TO THE LONDON SCHOOL BOARDS

34 WHITECHAPEL ROAD, LONDON, E. Established 1850.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Ditchingham, Norfolk.

On October 26th the bells of this church were reopened, after being put in good ringing order by Messrs. Day & Son, of Eye. Two 720's of Bob MINOR were rung by W. Spalding, 1; W. Felgate, 2; F. Hembling, 3; C. Woods, 4; E. Lincoln, 5; R. Baker (conductor), 6. Also another 720, in which A. Williams and J. Folkard took part.

The following are the inscriptions on the bells:—

1st and 2nd. J. J. Beddingfield, Esq., William Stamford, Churchwardens, 1820. T. Mears of London, Fecit.

3rd. T. Lester made me, 1739.

4th. Aeternis annis resonet campana Johannis.

5th. Sum Rosa Pulsata Mundi Katerina Vocata.

6th. P. B. (and a shield). R. C. (and a shield). T. A. A. B. W.

Omnis sonus laudet Dominum, 1623.

The tenor bell is one of Brend's, of the Norwich foundry, and weighs 14 cwt. in G.

CHANGE-RINGING.

Change-ringing at Wraxall.

At All Saints' Church, Wraxall, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. George A. Gibbs with Miss Victoria Long, the Wraxall Society of Bell-ringers rang a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in just over 3 hrs.

Maurice Hedges ..	1	C. Winstone ..	5
J. Bishop (conductor) ..	2	W. Clark ..	6
F. Windsor ..	3	J. Windsor ..	7
W. Evered ..	4	Hugh Frappell ..	8

Afterwards the ringers adjourned to the 'Battle Axe,' where, through the kindness of Mr. Antony Gibbs, supper was provided for them, and they had a very pleasant evening.

ST. MARY'S, RICKMANSWORTH.—On Advent Sunday, December 1st, the bells were rung for evening service and in honour of Queen Alexandra's birthday; 71 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were completed by the local ringers in the following order: E. Nobbs, 1; J. H. Good, 2; J. G. Jones, 3; L. H. Chambers, 4; F. W. Webb, 5; J. R. Dollamore, 6; F. W. Haw, 7; A. A. Thompson, 8. Conducted by E. Nobbs. Tenor, 23 cwt., in E flat.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday evening, December 1st, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 41 mins. W. Jeavons, 1; A. Baker, 2; J. Roberts, 3; W. Bayliss (first peal), 4; A. Fletcher, 5; S. Baker, 6; W. Fisher (conductor), 7; E. Goodreds, 8.

INTERESTING TO BELL-RINGERS.—'A Member of the East Lincolnshire Change-ringers' Association' writes to the *Lincoln Echo*: 'I see in the issue of your paper of the 9th that the North Lincolnshire Guild of Change-ringers have been doing a remarkable feat, as it is reported there they have succeeded in obtaining a peal of BOB MAJOR (5024 changes) in 3 hrs. 10 mins. This must be an error. We are now learning BOB MAJOR, and we find it a far more serious job to ring a touch, leaving out a peal. We think the Sleaford peal must be a very light one, or they could not ring a touch of 5024 in so short a time. According to the recording tablet in our belfry, it took six men 3 hrs. 18 mins. to ring 5040 changes of BOB MINOR on a peal of which the tenor weighs a ton; so, instead of a peal being rung at Sleaford, we think they must have meant a touch of BOB MAJOR, which is one-eighth of a peal, as a peal of BOB MAJOR consists of 40,320 changes, which would take, on a very light peal, rather more than twenty-four hours. This no set of men have yet been able to accomplish, and it seems to me it is one of the things we must put down as impossible.'

PAINSWICK (GLOUCESTER) CHURCH BELLS.—These far-famed bells have been rung again, after having been rehung in a new iron frame with all the latest improvements. The Painswick brass band played to the church, where they headed the procession of the choir and clergy, and proceeded to the new lych gate erected over the west entrance to the churchyard and made from the old bell framework. The choir here sang psalms and hymns, after which the band, choir, and clergy proceeded to the church, and the twelve bells were rung, after which the handsome marble screen erected to the memory of the late Edwin Gyde and family at a cost of 700*l.* was dedicated.

OKHAMPTON PARISH CHURCH BELLS.—At Okhampton the peal of bells at the Parish Church, erected in 1750, have been restored and rehung on Messrs. W. Aggett & Son's new patented principle, and were used for the first time in honour of the Queen's birthday. The curfew bell at St. James's Chapel, which was placed there in the reign of Edward IV., has also been rehung, and was used last evening.

BISHOP'S WALTHAM.—The bells at the parish church have been hung, and were chimed on Sunday last. A dedication service by the Bishop of Southampton was held on Wednesday, and yesterday an American fair and sale of work took place in the Old National Schools, the proceeds to be devoted to the church and bell restoration fund.

DUNMOW CHURCH BELLS.—The Stebbing and Bardfield Company of Change-ringers visited Dunmow Church belfry on Saturday week, and rang a splendid peal of 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR and some GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

LYNTON AND LYNMOUTH BELLS.—Very satisfactory progress is being made towards the raising of the money for the new peal of bells for the Parish Church. Mrs. W. E. Cox, wife of the Rector, is working most indefatigably on behalf of the scheme, and has met with a ready response from the inhabitants. The estimated cost of the undertaking is between 300*l.* and 350*l.*, and towards this sum 230*l.* has now been subscribed. It is proposed to erect a peal of six bells as a thank-offering for the long and beneficent reign of Queen Victoria, and also as a memorial of the accession and Coronation of King Edward VII.

Some Bell Inscriptions.

GREAT KIMBLE, BUCKS (St. Nicholas).

THIS is an ancient embattled building in the Decorated style, with chancel, north aisle of two bays, nave of four bays, aisles, south porch, and a massive embattled tower, containing six bells. In the chancel is a handsome window, painted by Sir Robert Frankland-Russell, Bart., of Thirkleby, Yorkshire.

Inscriptions on the bells:—

Treble. C. & G. Mears, Founders, London, 1860.
John Ormond, Vicar.
William Reading } Churchwardens.
Abel Redrup }

2nd. Same as the Treble.

3rd. ✠ Gloria in excelsis [a deo I-K 1587.
(Old English lettering.)

4th. ✠ Ave o Maria, o gratia o plena I-K 1587 P W.
(Old English lettering.)

5th. Mears & Stainbank, Founders, London.
Haec Campana
Inscripta Olim
Honar God X635

Refusa - est - A.D. - MDCCCXCVIII.

Tenor. Mears & Stainbank, Founders, London, 1898.
Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam.

Framed account of change-ringing hanging on wall of belfry:—

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.

On Thursday, June 1st, 1899,
720

Kent Treble Bob Minor

was rung at Great Kimble Church on the occasion of the re-opening of the bells.

M. Smithers ..	Treble	G. Martin ..	4
Rev. H. C. Bell ..	2	J. Evans ..	5
J. J. Parker ..	3	J. C. Truss ..	6

Conducted by J. J. Parker.

This was the first touch on the bells.

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HOOR AND QUARTER BELLS. SCHOOL BELLS AS SUPPLIED TO THE LONDON SCHOOL BOARD

34 WHITECHAPEL ROAD, LONDON, E. Established 1570



Bells and Bell-ringing.

Exeter Cathedral Bells.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee appointed in connection with the scheme for rehanging the bells of Exeter Cathedral, at a total cost of about 1200*l.*, held at the Church House, Exeter, the Dean (the Lord Bishop of Marlborough) presided. Mr. C. B. Sanders, one of the joint hon. secretaries, reported that, since the last meeting, about 1000 circulars had been issued. There were seventy-five banks in the county, and each of these, as well as the principal hotels, would get a list. Mr. Clapp had communicated with the Devonian Societies of Bristol, Liverpool, and Manchester, asking for co-operation, but the replies seemed to show that the Committee would have to themselves invite subscriptions from the members. Canvassing the city for subscriptions was thought undesirable until after Christmas. The replies to the appeals sent out since the last meeting had been highly satisfactory, and the total receipts now stood at 962*l.* He submitted a form of a letter, which it was proposed to send, with cards inviting subscriptions from the ringers of peals of four bells and upwards in the county. There were 396 such peals, and, if each band would only give 1*l.*, the Committee would not want any more money to complete the scheme. The form of letter was approved, and a request for speedy response included. Mr. Sanders further reported that it was proposed to communicate with the Members of Parliament for the different boroughs and divisions in the county. The Rev. G. F. Molyneux (hon. secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers) had taken the scheme up very warmly, and communicated with the clergy of various deaneries. The Dean intimated that a suggestion had been made for making Peter (the present clock bell, and the finest specimen in England) the tenor bell of a peal of ten, and removing Grandisson, the present tenor of the peal, to the former's place for clock and curfew purposes. The feeling of the majority of the Committee appeared to be that it would be contrary to sentiment, and a doubtful experiment, to interfere in any way with the present peal, especially as Grandisson might be improved by a better clapper, and as Peter (a bell variously estimated to weigh from four tons to over six tons) would have to be tuned to the other bells and reduced in weight. It was stated that the transposition, if carried out, would not cost more than 200*l.* It was decided to leave the Dean to represent the feeling of the meeting to the Chapter, Dr. Earle giving the assurance that no alteration would be effected unless they were absolutely satisfied by expert evidence that it would be the right thing. He added that the Chapter were not very keen on the idea. It was incidentally mentioned that the contract of Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, for rehanging the bells, had been accepted.

CHANGE-RINGING.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.

EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.

At the Church of St. Mary, Beaconsfield, Bucks, on December 9th, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 21½ cwt., in E flat.

Joseph S. Hawkins .. 1	Frank Boreham 5
Maurice B. Smithers* .. 2	John Evans 6
Thomas H. Taffender .. 3	John C. Truss 7
Frank V. H. Sinkins* .. 4	William H. Fussell .. 8

Conducted by Thomas Henry Taffender. [* First peal in the method.]

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At the Church of St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, on December 10th, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 14½ cwt., in F.

William Weatherstone .. 1	W. H. L. Buckingham .. 5
Henry C. Alford 2	Edward J. Webb† .. 6
Albert Coles 3	Thomas Langdon 7
Thomas H. Taffender .. 4	Arthur Coles* 8

Conducted by Thomas H. Taffender. [* First peal. † First peal in the method with a bob bell.]

Some Bell Inscriptions.

CHENIES, BUCKS (St. Michael).

CHENIES is a quiet country village, which possesses a very interesting and historical church, which was thoroughly restored by the late Duke of Bedford, in 1861, at a cost of 1600*l.* The church consists of chancel, with north aisle or chapel of the Russell family, nave, south aisle, south

porch, and an embattled western tower with round turret. The Russell Chapel contains many handsome monuments, the earliest one is the tomb of Lady Anne, 1558, and of her husband, 1554, one of the finest of its kind in Europe, and in a beautiful state of preservation.

People come from all parts of the country and from abroad to visit this church.

The bells are inscribed as follows :—

Treble. T. Mears of London, fecit 1826.

2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Same as the Treble.

Tenor. T. Mears of London, fecit 1826.

Rev. John Wing,	Rector.
George Dodd	} Ch. Wardens
Joseph Randle Gurney	
William Beeson,	
	Clark.

	1826.	
Tenor.	10 cwt. approx.	A♭
V.	7½ "	B♭
IV.	6 "	C
III.	5½ "	D♭
II.	5 "	E♭
Treble.	4 "	F
	38 cwt.	

T. Mears of London, fecit.
Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS (St. Peter).

THIS is a plain building of red brick with stone dressing, erected in the reign of George I., and consists of chancel, nave, south chapel, and south porch, and a western tower containing six bells with inscriptions :—

Treble. Thomas Mears of London, fecit 1798.

2nd. Henry Bond & Son, Founders, Barford, Oxfordshire, 1884.

3rd, 4th, and 5th. John Hatch, senr., William Hunt, Church Wardens. Wm. Gurney, Josh. Hatch, Josh. Gurney, John Hatch, junr. (Lower line) Thos. Mears of London, fecit 1798.

In the ringing chamber is a framed account of the diameter, weights, and notes of the bells :—

CHALFONT.
St. Peter's Church.
Peal of Six Bells.
T. Mears, Fecit
1798.

Bells.	Diam.	Cwt.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Note.
	ins.				
Tenor	40	11	0	2	F sharp
V	36	8	2	22	G sharp
IV	33	6	3	25	A sharp
III	31	5	3	7	B
II	29	4	3	17	C sharp
Treble	27	4	0	19	D sharp
		41	2	8	

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34 WHITECHAPEL ROAD, LONDON, E. Established 1570.

Bells and Bell Tones.

(Continued from page 74.)

THE sound of a bell is a compound tone which presents prominently to the ear at least five notes. The harmonies of a bell differ from those of a string, the first third above the strike note always being a minor third. It is curious that it is so, and the lecturer said that up to the present no satisfactory reason had been found.

The terms 'strike note,' 'tap note,' or 'fundamental'—'hum note'—and 'nominal,' were lucidly explained in the following terms:—When a bell is properly struck, the first note which prominently attracts the attention of the ear is what is known as the 'strike note,' and is what is called the note of the bell. The low sound heard after the 'strike note' has lost its intensity is called the 'hum note.' The octave above the 'strike note' is called the 'nominal.' There are also present a minor third and a perfect fifth between the 'strike note' and the 'nominal.' The lecturer further explained by the aid of a diagram of the tones of the famous Erfurt bell. As specimens of what a good bell should be, the Erfurt bell, the tenor of Lavenham, and the tenor of Beverley Minster, were considered in detail, the excellent diagrams of the tones of each bell greatly assisting the audience in understanding the lecturer's remarks.

The conclusions arrived at by Mr. Starmer were these:—

1. That the 'hum note' should be a perfect octave below the 'strike note.'
2. That the 'nominal' should be a perfect octave above the 'strike note.'
3. That the third above the 'strike note' should be a minor third and the fifth perfect.
4. That all these notes should be in perfect tune with the 'strike note,' and of course with themselves.

The lecturer then produced diagrams of the tones of the following bells:—

The tenor of St. Saviour's, Southwark,
The tenor of Painswick,
The eleventh bell, Painswick,
The tenor of St. Andrew's, Wells Street,

an analysis of the tones of which showed them to be far from satisfactory, musically speaking. The lecturer maintained that a bell must be in tune with itself before it could possibly be in tune with others. The reason that these tones in the majority of English bells are so wide of the mark was, no doubt, due to several causes, but principally to the alteration of proportions that have been considered necessary that bells may be hung for change-ringing. The ordinary method of tuning bells discards all other notes but one, and this may be due to the fact that tuners do not know how to tune the other tones of the bell.

Mr. Starmer then spoke at length with reference to Continental bells, the best of which have their 'fundamental' and 'hum notes' in tune. This is one great difference between the tuning of English and foreign bells, the English in most instances only having their 'nominals' in tune with each other, and the 'strike notes' more or less so.

Much nonsense had been written about the superiority of Continental bells. True it is that there were famous makers in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, such as Van den Gheyn, Hemony and Du Mery, who tuned their bells on the lines Mr. Starmer had named. The secret of their tuning seems to have been lost for centuries, as in all modern Continental bells (in fact, those cast during the last two centuries) there is little difference between their tuning and our own.

In order to further accentuate what the lecturer had said with reference to the perfecting of the tone of bells, Messrs. Taylor kindly supplied a small bell weighing between two and three cwt, and another tuned according to the common method. Both bells were tuned to the same pitch, and were sounded alternately with a proper interval between each blow of the clapper, so as to give the audience ample opportunity of appreciating the difference between the two systems.

In conclusion, the lecturer thanked Mr. J. Stuart Archer for enlarging the diagrams used, and Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, for their kind assistance and the great pains they had taken in helping him to place before musicians not only his own experience, but the results of their work and experiments. He did not think there was a shadow of doubt as to which method was right and which was wrong, and had never heard any argument whatever that could in any way interfere with this better system of tuning, which he felt confident must eventually commend itself to all who have to do with bells, not only to bell-founders or musicians, but to the whole of the musical public.

A short discussion followed, in which Mr. Starmer's arguments found great favour. A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer concluded the proceedings.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

New Peal of Bells in Ballyshannon Church, Diocese of Raphoe.

A very beautiful and powerful peal of bells, replacing a light peal of Warner's bells, has been presented to the Parish Church, Ballyshannon, by Mr. Henry Stubbs, D.L., of Danby, and was rung for divine service for the first time on the third Sunday in Advent by Mr. Frank T. Rountree. The bells were cast by the firm of John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, Leicestershire. The harmonics are brought into accurate tone in relation to the fundamental tone of the bell. The late Prebendary A. E. Simpson, who was a great authority on bells, in two articles published by him in the *Pall Mall Magazine*, set forth this wonderful discovery made by him, and gave his theories openly to bell-founders to work them out. Comparatively few realise of how great importance is this system of tuning so successfully worked out, and how vastly the glorious and inspiring melody of bell music has been thereby increased. The bells are cast of pure copper and tin, as specified by Lord Grimthorpe, and are as follows:—

	Diameter.		Weight.
Treble	2 ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	E flat	3 cwt. 3 qrs. 23 lb.
No. 2	2 ft. 4 $\frac{1}{8}$ in.	D	4 cwt. 0 qrs. 23 lb.
No. 3	2 ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	C	5 cwt. 3 qrs. 1 lb.
No. 4	2 ft. 10 $\frac{5}{8}$ in.	B flat	7 cwt. 2 qrs. 12 lb.
No. 5	3 ft. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.	A flat	10 cwt. 0 qrs. 1 lb.
No. 6	3 ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	G	12 cwt. 0 qrs. 25 lb.
No. 7	3 ft. 9 in.	F	16 cwt. 0 qrs. 15 lb.
Tenor	4 ft. 3 in.	E flat	23 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

The inscription on the tenor bell is, 'Ring in the Love of Truth and Light.' This Peal of Eight Bells was presented to St. Anne's Church, Ballyshannon, Parish of Kilbarron, By Henry Stubbs, Esq., D.L., of Danby. A.D. 1901.'

The other seven bells bear the following inscriptions: 'Glory to God in the Highest.' 'On Earth Peace.' 'We Praise Thee.' 'We Bless Thee.' 'We Worship Thee.' 'We Glorify Thee.' 'We give Thanks to Thee.'

As the church stands upon a lofty eminence, overlooking the open and magnificent scene of the River Erne discharging itself over the falls into the bay, the bells will, doubtless, be heard for a long distance. The great, deep, rich tone of the tenor bell, when swinging alone, sends its solemn message wafting miles away.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH)

At the Parish Church of All Saints', Great Marlow, Bucks, on December 14th, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt., in F.

Joseph S. Hawkins	1	Thomas H. Taffender	5
Maurice B. Smithers	2	Charles Green†	6
Edward W. Coster*	3	John Evans	7
Frank Boreham	4	John C. Truss	8

Conducted by Thomas H. Taffender. [* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method with a bob bell.]

THE name of Mr. Henry S. Thomas, of the Royal Cumberland Youths, will be familiar to most of our readers. Mr. Thomas holds an important position in the well-known publishing firm of Ward, Lock, & Co., Limited. At the annual dinner, held at Anderton's Hotel on December 20th, it was Mr. Thomas's turn to preside, having completed thirty years' service. A very interesting programme was gone through, and the speeches all showed the marked esteem in which Mr. Thomas is held by those who are accustomed to work with him.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—A CORRECTION.—We gave last week, under the heading 'Some Bell Inscriptions,' an account of the bells of Chalfont St. Peter, which should have read '3rd, 4th, and 5th. Thomas Mears, of London, fecit 1798. Tenor, John Hatch, sen., &c.'

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Bells and Bell-ringing.

St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

THE bells will be rung on all Sundays throughout the year 1902 at 10 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. Also on the following days:—

Wednesday, January 1st (New-year's Day), 9 to 10 a.m.

Wednesday, January 22nd (King's Accession), 9 to 10 a.m., and 6 to 7 p.m.

Saturday, January 25th (Dedication Festival), 9 to 10 a.m., and 6 to 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 30th (Sons of the Clergy Festival), 2.30 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Thursday, May 8th (Ascension Day), 9.45 to 10.30 a.m., and 2.30 to 3.15 p.m.

Monday, October 6th (Harvest Thanksgiving), 6 to 7 p.m., and after the service.

Saturday, November 1st (All Saints' Day), 9 to 10 a.m., and 6 to 7 p.m.

(Lord Mayor's Day), 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Monday, December 1st (the Queen's Birthday), 9 to 10 a.m., and 6 to 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 24th (Christmas Eve), 9 to 10 p.m.

Thursday, December 25th (Christmas Day), 10 a.m.

Wednesday, December 31st (New-year's Eve), 9 to 10 p.m.

And on the following Tuesday evenings at 8 o'clock, for practice: January 7th, February 4th, April 1st and 29th, May 27th, June 24th, July 22nd, August 19th, September 16th, October 14th, and November 11th.

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, 1902:—

TWELVE BELLS.

St. Saviour's, Southwark: No practices—bells out of order.

St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside: No practices—bells out of order.

St. Michael's Cornhill: Tuesday, January 21st, and every four weeks.

St. Giles', Cripplegate: Tuesday, January 23rd, and every four weeks.

These and the St. Paul's practices are the official meetings of the Society, when, after ringing, business meetings are held at the 'Coffee Pot,' Warwick Lane, E.C.

TEN BELLS.

St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street: On Thursday, January 16th, and every fortnight.

All Hallows', Lombard Street: Occasional.

St. Dunstan's, Stepney: On Monday, January 13th, and every fortnight.

St. Mary's, Walthamstow: On Saturdays, at 7.30 p.m., and on Sundays for services.

EIGHT BELLS.

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

St. John's, Hackney: On the first and third Tuesdays in each month.

St. Paul's, Shadwell: Occasional.

St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton: On Thursday evenings.

St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel: On Tuesday, January 14th, and every fortnight.

St. Mary, Bow, E.: On Monday, January 6th, and every fortnight.

Christ Church, Spitalfields: On Wednesday, January 8th, and every fortnight.

St. John's, South Hackney: No practices—bells out of order.

St. Gabriel's, Pimlico: Occasional.

St. John's, Wilton Road, Pimlico: On Thursday evenings.

St. Stephen's, Westminster: On Fridays at 7.30 p.m., and on Sundays at 10 a.m.

All Saints', Edmonton: On Mondays at 8 p.m., and on Sundays for services.

Rededication of Gestingthorpe Church Bells.

THE rededication of these bells, which have undergone much-needed repairs, took place recently. The bells, six in number, had got into very bad condition, some being so worn as to have practically no tone, and others, with the bell-frame, being in such a state as rendered their ringing dangerous. The whole of the bells have been rehung by Messrs. Day & Son, of Eye, two of them, the fifth and the sixth, being recast by Messrs. Warner & Sons, the cost of the latter work being defrayed by Mrs. Oates, of Gestingthorpe Hall. The whole work has cost 200*l.*, and the bells are now in a safe and an excellent condition.

Rededication of Hitchin Parish Church Bells.

IT is more than two years since the bells of St. Mary's Church, Hitchin, stopped ringing, owing to the unsafe condition of the tower and of the beams upon which the bells were hung. The tower has now been restored and the bells rehung in a metal frame, one of them (the treble) having been recast. The bells were rededicated on St. Andrew's Day. After service the ringers rang a few rounds, and met again after tea at the church to ring a peal. It was found, however, that the tenor bell required easing before it could be rung properly, and it was therefore impossible to ring a long peal. The bells, nevertheless, were rung for upwards of half an hour, and every one seemed pleased to hear their welcome sound again. The total expenditure on the bells has been about 600*l.*, and the amount received now reaches 550*l.*, leaving a balance of 50*l.* to be raised.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

A 'THOMAS' PEAL.

AT the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr, Brentwood, Essex, on December 21st (St. Thomas's Day), the late Thomas Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins. Tenor, 19½ cwt., in E. flat.

Thomas H. Taffender ..	1	Thomas Longley ..	5
Thomas Maynard ..	2	Thomas Langdon ..	6
Thomas Faulkner ..	3	Thomas Groombridge ..	7
Thomas Taylor ..	4	Thomas G. Miller ..	8

Conducted by Thomas H. Taffender.

This is the first peal by a band of all Thomas's, who wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. Bernard Steinmetz) for granting them permission on this special day, and also the steeple-keeper, Mr. J. Burgess, for having everything in readiness.

The Hertford County Association.

AT Little Munden, Herts, on December 14th, six members of the Hertfordshire Association rang, at the Church of All Saints, a peal of MINOR, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 45 mins, being 720 of OXFORD and KENT TREBLE BOB, COLLEGE SINGLE, OXFORD BOB, CANTERBURY PLEASURE, and PLAIN BOB.

Charles Gale ..	1	Henry George Rowe ..	4
Albert Phillips ..	2	George Carter ..	5
Albert Laurence ..	3	William H. Laurence ..	6

Conducted by William H. Laurence. The above was specially arranged for H. G. Rowe, who came from Cheshunt, Herts. The rest belong to Little Munden.

BROUGHTON BELLS.—The ringers of St. James's, Barrow, paid a visit to Broughton Church, and started to ring half a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES on the new bells, but one of the ringers made a slip after ringing about 860 changes in half an hour. C. Littlewood, 1; A. F. Hardy, 2; F. Coates, 3; J. Williams, 4; H. Smith, 5; J. Leighton, 6; C. J. A. Cushing (conductor), 7; E. Beach, 8. After several short touches of TRIPLES, the following members of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers rang a 720 of BOB MINOR on the back six (18 singles and 3 bobs) in 26 mins.: J. Smith, 1; F. Coates, 2; J. Williams, 3; H. Smith, 4; A. F. Hardy, 5; C. J. A. Cushing (conductor), 6.

MARTOCK CHURCH BELLS.—A public meeting has been held to consider the question of a new iron cage and adding to the present peal of bells. The Vicar presided, and gave an account of the tower fund, inaugurated by the late Archdeacon Salmon, and which now stood at the total of 106*l.* A resolution was carried pledging the meeting to raise funds for a new cage and additional bells.

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the zoophyte to the more highly organized invertebrate, the invertebrate to the vertebrate, the lower forms of vertebrates to the higher, the most highly organized vertebrate to man, and, finally, man to God, in Whose image he was created.' It is in this truth, that every living thing is a type of something higher, that God has made all things in a regular progression from the lowest form of vegetable life to man, the image of Himself, Who is the LIFE, and from Whom all life flows, and not in the pernicious doctrine of evolution, that we must seek the explanation of the fact that man in some things so nearly resembles an ape.

'However like the skeleton of a man may be to that of an ape, the spirit which is in a man has no affinity with that which animates even the highest representative of the monkey tribe. It needs no revelation from God to teach this.'—(Seven, the Sacred Number, p. 396.)

NOTE.—THE HEPTADS, OR SETS OF SEVEN, WHICH FORM A SPECIAL FEATURE OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION.

1. The seven lamps, which are the theophany of the Holy Ghost (i. 4; iv. 5).
2. The seven stars, which are the angels or bishops of the Churches (i. 20).
3. The seven lampstands, which are the Churches (i. 20).
4. The seven letters to the Churches (ii. and iii.).
5. The seven choric songs (see iv. 8).
6. The sevenfold ascription (vii. 12).
7. The seven horns of the Lamb (v. 6).
8. The seven seals (v. 1).
9. The seven archangels (viii. 2).
10. The seven trumpets (viii. 2).
11. The seven thunders (x. 3, 4).
12. The seven megascopes (xii. to xiv.).
13. The seven utterances of the Holy Ghost (iv. 1; x. 4, 8; xi. 19; xiv. 13; xvi. 17; xx. 6).
14. The seven warnings (xiv. 6).
15. The seven vials, or bowls (xvi. 1).
16. The seven angelic comments (see xiii. 9, 10).
17. The seven references to the Book of Life (see iii. 5).
18. The seven mountains and heads of the scarlet beast (xvii. 3).
19. The seven kings (xvii. 10).
20. The seven final visions (xix. 11).
21. The seven amens (see note to xxii. 20).

Thus there are at least three times seven heptads, or sets of seven, in this unparalleled book. Canon Joseph Hammond remarks: 'Seven is the Covenant number. It is compounded of three, the signature of God, and four, the symbol of humanity. It points to God and man united, and that covenant number so prominent in Holy Writ is recognised in all admissions into the covenant.'

(To be continued.)

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Cheshire Bell-ringers' Record.

UNVEILING OF A MEMORIAL TO QUEEN VICTORIA.

At St. George's Church, Stockport, on Saturday week, there was a gathering of bell-ringers in the rural deaneries of Stockport, Bowdon, and Mottram in connection with the Chester Diocesan Guild's quarterly meeting, and the occasion was made eventful by the unveiling, by Mr. G. H. Norris, of a memorial tablet in the ringing chamber of St. George's, in honour of our late Queen Victoria the Beloved, and as a record of the feats performed on the bells of St. George's by the ringers. The tablet, which has been placed in the wall of the belfry, is of black marble, by Messrs. Caspard & Co., of King's Cross, London, and bears the following inscription:—

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—ST. GEORGE'S, STOCKPORT.

This is to record that on December 8th, 1900, a peal of Stedman triples was rung in 3 hours and 22 minutes (Brook's variation):

Thomas Jackson ..	1st.	Luke Meakin ..	5th.
Charles Barber ..	2nd.	Edwin Reader ..	6th.
James Booth ..	3rd.	Tom Marshall ..	7th.
Hiram Meakin ..	4th.	J. W. Bayley ..	8th.

Conducted by Tom Marshall. First peal in this method on the bells.

IN MEMORIAM.

February 2nd, 1901, being the occasion of the funeral of

QUEEN VICTORIA THE BELOVED.

A date touch of Stedman triples, composed by Tom Marshall, was rung with muffled bells in one hour and 14 minutes.

Thomas Jackson ..	1st.	Luke Meakin ..	5th.
Charles Barber ..	2nd.	J. N. Bayley ..	6th.
James Booth ..	3rd.	Edwin Reader ..	7th.
Hiram Meakin ..	4th.	George Marshall ..	8th.

Conducted by Edwin Reader.

Rev. J. H. Thorpe, B.D., Vicar.

Robert Green, J.P.,
George Fearn, J.P., Churchwardens.

CHANGE-RINGING.

Totnes Parish Church Bells.

In regard to the subject of change-ringing, it is interesting to recall the fact that the first peal of eight bells in Devon were founded by Mr. Rudhall in 1732 for the Parish Church of Totnes. They are a grand



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peal (tenor, 29 cwt.), and, although they had been a ring of eight for 169 years, it was on a recent Saturday that Holt's peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, was rung on them by a band of the Devon Guild of Ringers in 3 hrs. 10 mins. The ringers stood as follows:—

J. R. Lilley (conductor) .. 1	Thomas Mudge 5
Frank Davey 2	Edwin Shepherd 6
Ferris Shepherd 3	James Moss 7
W. Shepherd 4	James D. Manley 8

Mr. Manley afterwards entertained the band at the Commercial Hotel, and a tablet is to be erected to commemorate the event.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

At St. Martin's, Birmingham, on December 26th, 1901, a peal of STEDMAN CINQUES, 11,111 changes, in 8 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 36 cwt., in C.

William Short 1	Henry Middleton 7
George R. Pye 2	Ernest Pye 8
Thomas Reynolds 3	James E. Groves 9
Charles Dickens 4	William Pye 10
William H. Barber 5	Arthur E. Pegler 11
Gabriel Lindoff* 6	John Barber 12

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff and conducted by William Short. This is the longest peal yet rung on twelve bells, and was heard by a great number of ringers, including Messrs. Thompson from Derby, C. Hounslow (Oxford), J. Carter, S. Reeves, W. R. Small, and the local men, who congratulated the band on the excellent ringing throughout the peal. [* First peal of STEDMAN CINQUES.]

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.

At St. Michael and All Angels', Hughenden, Bucks, on December 28th, 1901, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in G.

William Truss 1	Frank K. Biggs 5
John C. Truss 2	Ralph H. Biggs 6
George Martin 3	Thomas H. Taffender 7
Frank Boreham 4	John Evans 8

Composed by James W. Washbrook and conducted by John Evans.

The Lancashire Association.

At St. Nicholas, Newchurch, Lancashire, on December 28th, 1901, Sholicar's Bob-and-Single peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 42 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

John H. Haydock 1	Ormerod Eastwood 5
George Lord 2	Walter Taylor (condr.) 6
Samuel Lord 3	John W. Ormerod* 7
Lawrence Taylor 4	James B. Taylor 8

[* First peal away from the tenor.]

BOREHAM, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, December 15th, 1901, Mr. Joseph Young, one of the ringers at St. Andrew's Church, Boreham, celebrated his eighty-first birthday, and on Monday evening, December 16th, the following peals were rung in honour of the event: 720 NEW LONDON PLEASURE, in 27 mins. James Rickell, 1; William Hawkes, 2; James Young, 3; William Allen, 4; Arthur Edwards (conductor), 5; Leonard W. Crow, 6. Also 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB, J. Rickell, 1; Joseph Young, 2; W. Hawkes, 3; W. Allen, 4; A. Edwards (conductor), 5; L. W. Crow, 6. Tenor, 18 cwt.

ST. PETER'S NOTTINGHAM: A BELL WITH A HISTORY.—The old custom of ringing out the old year and ringing in the new was observed at St. Peter's Church, Nottingham, but the music of the fine peal of bells was greatly marred by the seventh bell, which for some time has been cracked. It is to be hoped that the Rector and Churchwardens of St. Peter's may be able to see their way to have this bell recast before the coming coronation of King Edward VII., so that the notes of the bells may be heard in harmony on that auspicious occasion. The seventh bell has a little history of its own. It was originally given by Margery Doubleday, a washerwoman, in the year 1544, to be rung every week-day morning throughout the year to call the washerwomen to their daily work; but the practice of ringing has been discontinued for some years, although a close of land was left by the donor, the rent of which was to pay for the ringing of the bell for ever. Close upon 200 years recently expended in 'quartering' the bells of St. Peter's Church, in order that a fresh striking surface might be presented to the hammers and no flaw was then detected in the bell which has now cracked.

PRITTLEWELL BELLS, ESSEX.—The Rev. T. O. Reay, vicar, presided over a meeting to consider steps to be taken in reference to the bells of

St. Mary's Church, the framework and other parts being in a dilapidated and dangerous condition. The Chairman said that the bells were put up about the time of Henry VII., and had been rung at the Coronation of fifteen or sixteen Kings and Queens. Every effort ought to be used in order that the bells might be rung again on Coronation Day in June next. He had considered the matter too large an affair for Prittlewell to deal with, and so had consulted the Mayor of Southend, who had met him most cordially, and said it was a subject that should be taken up by the whole town. His Worship had sent a message that the meeting should appoint a committee of eight, who would act with eight to be appointed at Southend. The Mayor had intimated his willingness to become president. The committee was formed.

DEDICATION AT CAM, GLOUCESTER.—At a cost of 330*l.*, the old bells of Cam Parish Church have been thoroughly overhauled, quarter-turned, and rehung, together with an additional one, on iron frames, and the tower repaired. Recently, at the dedication by the Vicar (the Rev. E. T. Griffiths), Mr. R. T. Prout, Conley, with a selected band of ringers, at the kind invitation of the Vicar and Churchwardens, were present, and rang 720 BOB MINOR in 26 mins., also a number of six-scores in various methods.

Some Bell Inscriptions.

WATFORD, HERTS (St. Andrew).

This church was erected about the year 1858, and is built in the Early English style. It comprises a chancel, nave of six bays, aisles, south porch, and a tower with pinnacles, containing a clock and five hemispherical bells, inscribed as follows:—

Treble. Mears & Stainbank, founders, London, 1883.

2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Same as the Treble.

Tenor. These bells are presented by Joceline F. Watkin and George Wailes, 1883. Mears & Stainbank, founders, London.

CHESHAM BOIS, BUCKS (St. Leonard).

This is an ancient building in the Early English style, consisting of chancel, nave of five bays, south porch, aisle, and a tower containing a clock and three bells.

Below are the inscriptions on the bells:—

Treble. No inscription.

2nd. Chandler made me 1705.

Tenor. Sancte Andre ora pro nobis. (Old English lettering.)

NOTE.—A. H. Cocks considers bells bearing the shield to be connected with John Sturdy's foundry, but later in date. The shield is the arms of the family of Kebyll, or Keble. His name as a founder is only inferred from the coat of arms.

A John Kebyll, a member of the Wheelwrights' Guild, did some bell-hanging for the church of St. Stephen, Walbrook, in 1480. Possibly he may have cast this bell.

RAMSGATE, KENT (St. George, Parish Church).

This church was built in 1827. The tower contains one bell, with wheel, which the clock strikes on, and ten tubular bells, by Harrington, Latham, & Co.

1. T. Mears, of London. Fecit 1827.

Weight about 7 cwt., in the key of A.

BROADSTAIRS, KENT (Holy Trinity).

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Sussex County Association.

At the Church of St. Mary, Hailsham, Sussex, on December 21st, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

Robert J. Dame ..	1	George H. Howse ..	5
Frederick Harding ..	2	George Penfold ..	6
Sidney C. Laker ..	3	George Williams ..	7
Frank Bennett ..	4	R. Bignell ..	8

Conducted by George Williams. First peal in the method on the bells.

At the Church of St. Andrew's, Steyning, on December 28th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins.

George Williams (condr.) ..	1	John Smart ..	5
Joseph Waghorn, sen. ..	2	Arthur Arnell ..	6
Edwin Rapley ..	3	Edmund Lindup ..	7
Alfred W. Groves ..	4	George Phillips ..	8

At St. Peter's Church, Brighton, on December 31st, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins.

Jas. N. Frossell ..	1	George A. King ..	5
George Baker ..	2	Frank Bennett (condr.) ..	6
Robert J. Dame ..	3	George Williams ..	7
George Smart ..	4	Traiton Jeffries ..	8

The Lancashire Association.

At the Cathedral, Manchester, on January 6th, a peal of BOB ROYAL, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 17 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

Alfred Wilson ..	1	Robert Davies ..	6
Alfred Barnes* ..	2	John Eachus ..	7
William Pyle* ..	3	Herbert Dransfield ..	8
Rev. A. T. Beeston* ..	4	Ralph Ravenscroft* ..	9
Walter Brown ..	5	George F. Woodhouse ..	10

Composed by H. J. Tucker, and conducted by Geo. F. Woodhouse. [* First peal of ROYAL.]

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

At the Church of All Saints, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on January 6th, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 19 cwt.

Thomas T. Gofton ..	1	William Story ..	5
John W. Robinson* ..	2	Joseph E. R. Keen ..	6
Joseph W. Parker ..	3	Robert S. Story ..	7
John J. Leighton ..	4	Oswald Simm ..	8

Conducted by Thomas T. Gofton. [* First peal in the method.]

The Devonshire Guild.

At the Parish Church, Heavitree, Exeter, on January 7th, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 26 cwt.

Ferris Shepherd (condr.) ..	1	William Mogridge ..	5
John Ford† ..	2	Frank Murphy ..	6
William Burrough ..	3	John R. Sandover ..	7
Walter Miffin* ..	4	William Nethercott* ..	8

[* First peal. † First peal with a bob-bell.]

The Kent County Association of Change-ringers.

ASHFORD DISTRICT.—An extra District Meeting (no allowances will be held at Wye on Saturday afternoon, January 25th. Ringing from 3 to 7.

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Hythe, January 14th, 1902.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.—On November 17th, 1901, for evening service, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR (42 singles). T. Watson (conductor), 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6.—On November 24th, for evening service, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR (44 bobs and 4 singles). T. Watson (conductor), 1; J. Huddleston, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6.—On December 1st, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE (18 singles and 3 bobs). J. Burrows, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; T. Watson, 3; W. H. Dennison, 4; T. P. Jackson* (conductor), 5; T. Suart, 6.—On December 11th, at Broughton-in-Furness, on the new peal of eight bells, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR, on the middle six. E. Gartrell, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; T. Watson, 3; T. P. Jackson, 4; T. Suart, 5; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 6; J. Burrows, 7; A. Nicholas, 8. First in any method on the bells. Tenor, 11 cwt.—On December 22nd, at Dalton Parish Church, for morning service, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR (18 singles and 15 bobs). A. Nicholas, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart (conductor), 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. And for evening service, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE (8 bobs and 6 singles). E. Gartrell, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart (conductor), 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6.—On December 31st, for midnight service, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR (14 singles and 4 bobs). E. Gartrell, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6.—On January 1st, after the midnight service, about 2 a.m., volleys were fired on the bells, and 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR rung (38 bobs and 22 singles): W. Forshaw† 1, the rest as before; and 180 PLAIN BOB MINOR: A. Jackson 1, the rest as before.—On January 5th, for evening service, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR (22 singles). A. Nicholas, 8; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. [* First as conductor. † First in the method.]

HENFIELD (SUSSEX).—On Tuesday evening, December 17th, for practice, 534 STEDMAN TRIPLES. C. Tyler (conductor), 1; G. Burt, 2; J. Lish, 3; L. Payne, 4; A. E. Lish, 5; G. Payne, 6; A. Heasman, 7; A. Hodges, 8; and on Sunday evening, January 12th, for Divine service, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. W. Markwell, 1; S. Burt, 2; A. E. Lish, 3; G. Payne, 4; L. Payne (conductor), 5; W. J. Alliss, 6; A. Heasman, 7; A. Hodges, 8.

PRESTON.—On December 26th, six members of the Ely Diocesan Association rang upon the tower bells a date touch (1901) in the following methods in 1 hr. 6 mins.:—720 each of WOODBINE and NEW LONDON TREBLE BOB, 360 KENT TREBLE BOB, and 101 PLAIN BOB. T. Hollocks, 1; T. Levett, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; J. Fayers, 4; H. Poulson, 5; W. Hollocks (conductor), 6.

DITCHINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, December 29th, for Divine service in the afternoon, 720 BOB MINOR. F. Hembling, 1; I. Folkard, 2; G. Alexander (conductor), 3; E. Lincoln, 4; C. Woods, 5; A. Williams, 6.

COSELEY, STAFFS.—On December 31st, 1901, to ring out the old year, a quarter-peal of 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. Jeavons, 1; A. Baker, 2; J. Roberts, 3; W. Bayliss, 4; A. Fletcher, 5; S. Baker, 6; W. Flisher (conductor), 7; A. Law, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled; as soon as the clock struck twelve the muffles were removed and 377 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES rung. W. Jeavons, 1; A. Baker, 2; A. Fletcher, 3; W. Bayliss, 4; J. Roberts, 5; S. Baker, 6; W. Flisher (conductor), 7; A. Law, 8.

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First course of peal by bob at 2, single 5.

Second course of peal by single 2, bob 5.

Third course of peal by single at 1.

CHANGE RINGING.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

At Holy Trinity, Guildford, Surrey, on December 26th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 27 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

A. H. Pulling	1	Frank Blondell	5
Frank Bennett	2	James Hunt	6
George N. Price	3	William W. Gifford	7
Charles Willshire	4	George Williams	8

Composed by H. Whittle, and conducted by George Williams. First peal of SUPERLATIVE rung in the town of Guildford.

The Middlesex County Association.

At St. George's-in-the-East, on January 10th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 26 mins. Tenor, 30 cwt. 3 qrs. 15 lbs.

William Truss	1	William Keeble	5
B. Prewett (100th peal)	2	Ernest Pye	6
Isaac G. Shade	3	Alfred W. Brighton	7
John Moule	4	William Pye	8

Composed by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, and conducted by W. Pye.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Southover, Lewes, Sussex, on January 13th, a peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins.

Alfred J. Turner	1	George A. King	5
George Baker	2	George Williams	6
Robert J. Dame	3	Keith Hart	7
Frank Bennett	4	John S. Goldsmith	8

Composed by C. Middleton, conducted by J. S. Goldsmith. Rang as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

(CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

At St. Mary's, Cheltenham, on January 14th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 changes, in 3 hrs. 14 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

F. W. Wade	1	Francis E. Ward	6
George H. Phillott	2	William Townsend	7
Albert W. Humphries	3	Rev. J. F. Hastings	8
Frederick Musty	4	John F. Ballinger	9
William T. Pates	5	Thomas Pendry	10

Composed by W. Hudson, and conducted by Francis E. Ward.

The Ancient Society of College Youths and the Hertfordshire Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Pinner, Middlesex, on January 15th, Lates's One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

Hubert Eden	1	George N. Price	5
Frederick T. C. Nevett	2	Harry A. Horrex	6
C. F. Winney (condr.)	3	William T. Cockerill	7
Ernest E. Huntley	4	Francis A. Smith	8

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to Mr. James George, sen., one of the oldest inhabitants of Pinner.

The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. Peter's, St. Albans, Herts, on January 16th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 changes, in 3 hrs. 18 mins. Tenor, 21 cwt. in D.

Edward Hull	1	Herbert Marner*	6
Arthur Hull	2	Harry J. Full	7
Herbert Martin	3	Charles R. Lilley	8
Walter H. L. Buckingham	4	Edward Whitbread*	9
William G. Whitehead	5	George Wright	10

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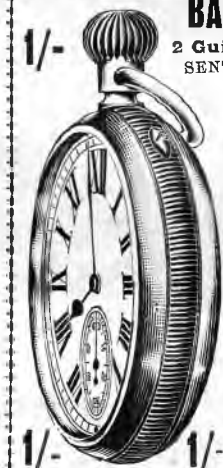
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At St. Peter's, Henfield, on January 11th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes in 3 hrs. 8 mins.

John Smart 1	Frank Bennett 5
Albert Stone 2	George Payne 6
Robert J. Dame 3	Edmund Lindup 7
Lazarus Payne 4	George Williams 8

Composed by H. Dains, and conducted by George Williams.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. George's, Camberwell, on January 20th, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

William Weatherstone .. 1	George N. Price 5
W. H. L. Buckingham .. 2	Herbert P. Harman .. 6
Hubert Eden 3	T. H. Taffender (condr.) .. 7
Frank W. Tubb* 4	Thomas Walker† 8

[* Late of Appleton, Berks. † First peal.]

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.—At St. Mary's Church, on New-year's Eve, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes. W. Spalding, 1; I. Folkard, 2; F. Hembling, 3; G. Alexander, 4; E. Lincoln, 5; C. Woods, 6; R. Baker (conductor), 7; W. Felgate, 8. And on handbells a course of GRANDSIRE CATERS. I. Folkard, 1-2; E. Lincoln, 3-4; W. Felgate, 5-6; G. Alexander, 7-8; R. Baker, 9-10.

SPELDHURST, KENT.—At the Parish Church, on January 2nd, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, to welcome home Sub-Lieutenant Lachlan Mackinnon, R.N., youngest son of the Rector, on his return from service on the China Station. P. Turley, J. Baker, J. Thorpe, G. Turley, A. Godley, G. Izzard, J. Maynard (conductor), F. Still.

WEST HAM.—On January 11th, a touch of 575 GRANDSIRE CATERS (half-muffled) was rung after the whole-pull-and-stand, to the memory of Mr. George Weights, one of the local ringers. C. Dempsey, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; G. Pearl, 3; J. Bradley, 4; J. Moule, 5; W. Keeble, 6; W. H. Doran, 7; J. Dale, 8; H. Torble, 9; G. Hayden, 10. Also on the following Tuesday, on the front six, Penning's 720 BOB MINOR, with forty-six calls. C. Dempsey, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), W. H. Doran, 3; J. Moule, 4; H. Botterill, 5; G. Hayden, 6.

HORNCHURCH.—On January 18th (being the sixty-second birthday of Mr. I. Dear), a quarter-peal of 1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. I. Dear, 1; A. J. Perkins (composer), 2; W. H. Doran, 3; H. Torble, 4; G. Hayden, 5 (first quarter-peal in this method); J. Dale, 6; W. H. Judd (conductor), 7; J. Moule, 8.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On January 18th the Coventry ringers visited this place and rang several six-stores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. G. Chatfield, 1; S. Hope, 2; R. Bosworth (conductor), 3; W. Maund, 4; J. H. White, 5; W. Gilbert, 6. Also two 360's in the same method. G. Chatfield, 1; W. Maund, 2; R. Bosworth, 3; S. Hope, 4; J. H. White (conductor), 5; T. Jones, 6. These are the first six-stores rung on the bells, which have lately been rehung and augmented to six by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough. The 'go' of the bells is all that can be desired, and reflects great credit on the founders.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on January 20th, for practice, 447 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. W. Little, 1; A. Hull, 2; E. Hull, 3; J. Earwicker, 4; H. J. Full, 5; W. Porter, 6; E. Whitbread, 7; C. R. Lilley (conductor), 8. Also on January 19th, three courses of CATERS. T. Colney, 1; W. Little, 2; E. Hull, 3; A. Hull, 4; W. Sharpe, 5; H. Marner, 6; C. R. Lilley, 7; H. J. Full, 8; E. P. Debenham (conductor), 9; W. Porter, 10.

NORTHAMPTON.—At All Saints' Church, lately, by members of the Central Northamptonshire Association, 408 STEDMAN TRIPLES. A. Stewart, 1; H. Rainbow, 2; A. Arnold, 3; W. Allen, 4; A. P. Hensman, 5; T. Harriess, 6; W. Farey (conductor), 7; A. G. Smith, 8. Also 288 STEDMAN TRIPLES. A. Arnold, 1; G. A. Hensman, 2; W. Allen, 3; A. P. Hensman, 4; A. Moore, 5; T. Harriess, 6; W. Farey (conductor), 7; H. Rainbow, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. E. J. Dennes, secretary of the above Association. The whole-pull-and-stand was also rung.

ST. MARTIN'S (BIRMINGHAM) BELLS.—St. Martin's bell-ringers can still claim the world's record in respect of their recent performance of ringing 11,111 changes in eight hours, in spite of the challenge which comes from the Debenham bell-ringers. The article which appeared in the newspapers giving an account of the Birmingham ringers' achievement on Boxing Day, has aroused widespread interest, and has reached the Suffolk town of Debenham, whose residents are anxious to record

the doings of their bell-ringers. It is said that the Suffolk men, with only eight bells, rang 16,608 changes of 'Treble Bob in the Oxford Method,' and look with contempt upon the mere 11,111 changes on St. Martin's twelve bells. But an experienced Birmingham change-ringer pointed out the fallacy of the comparison to a newspaper representative, and showed how the greater merit lay in the Birmingham men's performance. 'The St. Martin's ringers,' said he, 'rang STEDMAN CINQUES which is a much more intricate method than TREBLE BOB, the long length in the latter being merely a question of physical endurance. On the other hand, the mental strain involved in the successful issue of a long peal of STEDMAN CINQUES places the Birmingham performance in point of merit far above the peal on the Debenham bells. The peal achieved at St. Martin's constitutes a record in the method, and is far superior to the Debenham achievement.'

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.—Sir W. H. Wills has generously offered to bear the expense of providing a new peal of bells for the Parish Church, and also of having them hung and fitted with chiming apparatus. Five out of the six bells were found to be cracked; one, indeed, had nearly all the crown out. The tenor was inscribed 'Samuel Allen, George Dyer, churchwardens, 1817; T. Mears, of London, Fecit;' and the others 'T. Mears, of London, Fecit, 1817.' There are to be nine new bells, a peal of eight and an extra bell to sound a sharpened fourth in the scale, or, as the ringers would say, to give a half-tone below the fourth bell. This extra note will enable many extra tunes to be chimed.

THE WELSH MAYOR AND THE RINGERS.—It is recorded of the new mayor of a Welsh borough that on the day on which he assumed office he pompously ordered the bell-ringers of the Parish Church to ring the bells at his expense. Great was his surprise when the rope-pullers being experienced ringers, struck up with much energy the tune of 'Brief life is here our portion.'

THE SILENT BELLS OF CONGLETON.—In accordance with the decision of the bell-ringers of the old parish church of St. Peter, Congleton, not to ring again until the Corporation pay the half of their salary, which they have done for many years, up to last March—the churchwardens paying the other half—the fine peal of eight bells was silent the other Sunday with one exception. This bell—which has been used for the curfew and also for funeral tolling—was pulled by the vergier.

WATH PARISH CHURCH.—A new bell has been dedicated in the Parish Church at Wath, Yorkshire, as a Memorial to Queen Victoria. The Rector (the Rev. H. R. Hunter) conducted the service, and, in the presence of a large congregation, the Dean of Ripon performed the ceremony of dedication, and afterwards preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion. The choir rendered the anthem and musical parts of the service with good effect. At the conclusion of the service the six bells were rung for some time with great spirit by the Wath bell-ringers. Thanks are due to the members of the Wath Girls' Club as it is mainly through their efforts that 55*l.* (the amount required to purchase the new bell and renovate the other five) has been raised by concerts, social teas, and sale of work.

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL BELLS.—The Dean and Chapter of Peterborough hope to be able to grant permission for the Cathedral bells to be rung in honour of the King's Coronation. The bells have been silent for fifty years, fears being felt that the vibration would endanger the safety of the west front. The structure has now been made thoroughly secure, and the bells were rehung some years ago. An expert is to be called in before any risk is run.

BELL-RINGERS' PRIVILEGES.—The Yorkshire custom of supplying church bell-ringers with refreshments on their ringing in the New Year was discussed by the Huddersfield Bench last week, when W. Benson, landlord of the 'Beaumont Arms,' Kirkheaton, was charged with having kept open during prohibited hours on New-year's morning. A son of the defendant and another man were found with a quantity of ale, liquor which was intended for the ringers, who had refreshments in the church tower. As the drink was a free gift, the case was dismissed.

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The Ely Association of Ringers.

A DISTRICT meeting of the Sudbury Archidiaconal Branch of the above was held at Bury St. Edmunds on Saturday week, and was attended by forty members from the following parishes: Bury (St. Mary's and St. James's), Thetford, Horringer, Lavenham, Felsham, Hitcham, Sudbury (All Saints'), and Fordham. The bells of St. Mary's and St. James's were rung during the day, a touch of 576 changes of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR being rung at St. James's on the back eight by H. Sewell, Hitcham, 1; H. Gladwell, Felsham, 2; G. S. Brown, Sudbury, 3; H. Rolfe, Bury, 4; H. Turner, Bury, 5; A. Symonds, Lavenham, 6; W. Kinsey, Felsham, 7; C. Sillitoe, Sudbury (conductor), 8. Tenor, 30 cwt. in D flat. Some GRANDSIRE CATERS were also rung, and TRIPLES and MAJOR, at St. Mary's. At 3.30 the members sat down to a meat tea at the Fleece Hotel, under the presidency of Canon Hodges, of St. James's, supported by the Rev. E. Strange Fawcett (vicar of St. Mary's), the Rev. H. B. Woolley (district secretary), Messrs. C. Sillitoe, W. Moore, G. Farrants, A. Symonds, and W. Kinsey. A business meeting was held after tea, at which the minutes of the last meeting (held at Clare) were read and confirmed, and several new members were elected, including the Vicar of St. Mary's and the Rev. J. J. Jones, rector of St. Gregory's, Sudbury, as hon. members. It was unanimously decided to hold the next meeting at Sudbury on Saturday, May 3rd. A cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman and Secretary, and the clergy who had kindly thrown open their towers for the day, concluded the meeting, and some further ringing was indulged in.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Yorkshire Association, and the Ancient Society of College Youths.

At the Parish Church, Sheffield, Yorks, on January 18th, a peal of STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 changes, in 4 hrs. 9 mins. Tenor, 41 cwt., in C.

Thomas Hattersley ..	1	George Holmes ..	7
John H. Bower* ..	2	Arthur Brearley ..	8
William Lomas ..	3	Edward Woodward ..	9
William Bugar ..	4	Sam Seed* ..	10
John Mulligan ..	5	Thomas Silvester* ..	11
Charles Hy. Hattersley ..	6	John Holman ..	12

Composed and conducted by C. H. Hattersley. First peal by an entirely parish church company. [* First peal of STEDMAN CINQUES.]

The Chester Diocesan Guild.

STOCKPORT BRANCH.

At St. Elizabeth's, Reddish, Lancashire, on January 25th, a peal of BOB TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins.

George Astbury ..	1	Thomas Smithson ..	5
Tom Marshall ..	2	John William Bayley ..	6
Herbert Smithson ..	3	Edward Reader ..	7
Hiram Meakin ..	4	George Marshall ..	8

Composed by John Carter, and conducted by Edward Reader. First peal of BOB TRIPLES by all the band and on the bells; also first peal of BOB TRIPLES by the Stockport Branch of the Guild. It may be interesting to note that in this peal there is a double instance of father and son ringing a peal together. Messrs. Thomas and Herbert Smithson are father and son respectively, as also are Messrs. Tom and George Marshall. Messrs. Smithson are members of the local company, the remainder all being members of St. George's Company, Stockport.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On Saturday week the St. Gregory and St. Peter's company of ringers met at St. Gregory's Church, and rang (in memory of the late Canon T. L. Green) a touch of BOB MAJOR, 1056 changes, the bells being half-muffled. J. Campin, 1; W. Heard, 2; G. Tatum, 3; W. Lee, 4; H. Harper, 5; J. King, 6; A. Scott, jun., 7; A. Scott, sen. (conductor), 8. Touches were also rung at morning and evening service on Sunday.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on January 19th, for morning service, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR (34 bobs, 26 singles): T. R. Jackson (conductor), 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6; and for evening service, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR (14 singles, 6 bobs): A. Nicholas, 1; T. Suart, 2; E. Gartrell (first time with a bob-bell), 3; W. H. Dennison, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On January 22nd, to celebrate the King's Accession, and the anniversary of the Vicar's wedding, volleys were fired on the bells, and 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR was rung: W. Forshaw, 1; A. Nicholas, 2; E. Gartrell, 3; J. Huddleston, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On January 23rd, for practice, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR (14 singles, 4 bobs): A. Nicholas, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; A. F. Hardy, 3; J. Leighton,* 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6; also 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR (30 bobs, 30 singles): A. Nicholas, 1; J. Leighton,* 2; A. F. Hardy, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. A. F. Hardy belongs to the St. James's Society, Barrow-in-Furness; J. Leighton to the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. [* First in the method.]

ECCLESFIELD, YORKS.—On Tuesday week these bells were reopened, after being rehung by Messrs. Mallaby & Co., at a cost of over 700l. A date touch, 1902 changes, with 462 of OXFORD, 720 each of DUCK OF YORK and VIOLET, was rung in 1 hr. 12 mins. W. Whitham, 1; W. Kitson, 2; G. Shaw (conductor), 3; T. Kitson, 4; S. Hemingfield, 5; J. F. Mallaby, 6. The ringers then adjourned to the Black Bull Inn to partake of an excellent dinner, given by Mr. F. P. Smith, of Barnes Hall. The Rev. P. H. Girling presided, and various toasts were given. During the evening the ringers gave a selection on the handbells.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, DERBY.—During the past few weeks a large number of visitors have availed themselves of the opportunity of inspecting these ancient bells, and the sum of 37l. 16s. 7d. has been collected in the box in the church for the special fund. The bells will be hung in the tower by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, but it is not yet definitely arranged when they will first be pealed. The net profits of the recent bazaar in the Victoria Hall amounted to 223l. 15s. 11d., but upwards of 1300l. is still required to liquidate the debt on the restoration fund.

BELL-RINGING CONTEST AT BODMIN.—After a lapse of eleven years a ringing contest took place at Bodmin on Monday week, when fourteen teams entered for the eight prizes offered. The Vicar, Canon Southwell, conducted service in the Parish Church in the morning. Each team practised on the bells for some time before the judging began, and considerable skill was shown by many of the competing teams. The judges were: Mr. W. Rowe, Bodmin; Mr. C. Symons, St. Tudy; and Mr. J. Broad, Lanhydrock. Following is a list of the awards: 1st prize, Lanlivery Seniors; 2nd, Lanlivery Juniors; 3rd, St. Mabyn; 4th, St. Veep; 5th, Roche; 6th, Lanreath; 7th, Eglosayle; 8th, St. New. The other teams were Lanhydrock, St. Eval, St. Stephens, St. Ken. Lanivet, and Saltash. At the close the prizes were presented from the church steps by the Vicar.

BEVERLEY MINSTER.—Workmen have been busy hoisting the new great bell to its position in the south tower of Beverley Minster. It is the third largest church bell in Great Britain, and weighs 7 tons 15 cwt., with a diameter of 7 ft. 3 in. The donor is the Rev. Dr. Nolloth, the Vicar. A bell was placed in the Minster in 1900 which weighed between five and six tons, but being considered unsatisfactory was taken down last year and recast in the present bell. The original great bell stood nearly two centuries, and weighed 1 ton 15½ cwt.

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The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

THE Spring meeting was held on Saturday, the 1st instant, at Feliskirk, a pretty village amongst the Hambleton Hills, three miles from Thirsk. After a visit to Thirsk Tower, the ringers were conveyed by brake to Feliskirk, the company representing Middlesbrough, Stockton, Stokesley, Sharow, Thirsk, Thornaby, Knaresborough, and Wath. At five o'clock a substantial tea was provided. Amongst those present were the Rev. H. Claypath, Vicar of Feliskirk, and Mr. A. J. Walker, the donor of the new bells. The gathering was also graced by the presence of Mrs. Walker. The Royal toast having been duly honoured, a vote of thanks was proposed by the President (Mr. G. J. Clarkson), seconded by the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. W. P. Wright, and carried with acclamation, to the Vicars of Thirsk and Feliskirk for the use of the bells of their respective churches; also to Mr. and Mrs. Walker for their kind interest and assistance in affording a hearty welcome to the Association. The Vicar of Feliskirk responded. During the afternoon Mrs. Walker ascended the tower and inspected the bells with evident interest.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers.

THE annual meeting of the members of the southern branch of this Guild was held at Stamford on Saturday week, when representatives were present from most parts of the district. During the day ringing was carried on on the bells of St. Martin's, St. Mary's, St. Michael's, and All Saints'. Dinner was provided at Bailey's Restaurant, where some forty members attended. The Dean of Stamford (the Very Rev. W. W. Howard) presided, supported by the Rev. Canon Oldfield, and the Rev. T. V. Evans, and the vice-chair was filled by the Rev. F. Davenport. At the business meeting which followed, all the officers and committee were re-elected, and Mr. E. Gale, the secretary, presented the balance-sheet, which showed a balance in hand of 6*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.* New members were admitted from Market Deeping, Edenham, and Walpole St. Peter's. The annual meeting of the Guild is fixed for April, at Lincoln. The Rev. F. Davenport was appointed to represent the branch on the General Committee. The question of certificates was discussed, and the meeting decided that unless they were reserved for skilled change-ringers they would have nothing to do with them. The next meeting (in July) is to be held at Barkston-le-Willows.

Westminster Abbey Bells.

THE following appeared in a recent issue of the 'Standard':—
Sir,—One excellent effect the forthcoming Coronation is producing in many an ancient fane, in town and country alike, is that the authorities are bestirring themselves in many instances (and it is to be hoped that many more will follow) in putting dilapidated belfries into ringable order, and in having broken bells recast, so that the ancient steeple may, as on many a former auspicious occasion, add its tribute to swell the chorus of joy which will rise throughout the length and breadth of the land. But, if rumour be correct there is only a meagre ring of six at the Abbey, and they are not in good ringing order. There are many of the campanological fraternity who consider that this should not be overlooked, and that now would be the time, not only to repair the frame or bell cage, and reduce the circumference of the antiquated wheels, but also to complete the octave at least, if it is not possible to add four new bells to the existing ring.

That the Royal church should only possess six bells seems wrong, and I cannot help thinking that the public only need to know it, and there will be plenty of offers, from wealthy individuals or societies in London, to the Dean and Chapter, asking them to accept at least two more memorial bells—one to commemorate the Coronation of the late Queen, immortalised within these venerable walls, and whose Reign will ever be so dearly cherished by a grateful people, and the other to commemorate the coming event, so that the complete octave may ring forth as the Royal Procession approaches and departs from that hallowed shrine, and whenever any other historic events occur, which so often centre round that spot.

I may also add that the Western Metropolis of Bristol has in its Minster the fragments of a once fine ring of bells, as the empty cages testify, only four being occupied out of twelve spaces. Perhaps something might also be done there before next June. CAMPANOLOGIST.

Sutton-in-Ashfield, January 23rd.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Bedfordshire Association.

At Bedford, on January 23th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 40 mins. Tenor, 28 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs., in D.

John W. Barker ..	1	Bernard Jealous ..	6
Samuel J. Cullip ..	2	Isaac Hills ..	7
A. Nunneley-Wood*	3	Thomas R. Hensher ..	8
Joseph Church ..	4	Charles W. Clarke ..	9
Charles Chasty ..	5	Frank Webb ..	10

Composed by Arthur Knights and conducted by Charles W. Clarke. First peal of STEDMAN CATERS by the Association, in the county, and by all except Messrs. Barker, Chasty, and Clarke, also first as conductor. The composition contains the sixth in seconds place throughout, the fourth and fifth each twenty-three courses behind the ninth. It was rung to celebrate the Patron Festival of the Church. [* First peal.]

The Central Northamptonshire Association.

At St. Andrew's, Whilton, Northamptonshire, on February 1st, a peal of MINOR, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins., being two 720's of COLLEGE SINGLE, two 720's of OXFORD BOB, and three 720's of PLAIN BOB. Tenor, 12 cwt.

Sidney J. Lawrence*	1	Arthur Moore ..	4
Fred Hopper ..	2	Edgar H. Huxley ..	5
William Rogers ..	3	Fred Wilford (condr.) ..	6

First peal on the bells, which have lately been rehung by Webb & Bennett of Kidlington, and the go of them is excellent. [* First peal.]

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

LATELY the bells of Walton Parish Church were reopened, when members of the above Guild rang a variation of Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins.

S. Radford ..	1	F. Blondell ..	5
J. J. Jones ..	2	J. Hunt ..	6
C. Hazeldon ..	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson ..	7
A. Pulling ..	4	B. Wickens ..	8

The last-named is foreman of the Walton ringers. It is noteworthy that this made the 729th peal in which the Rev. F. E. Robinson, vicar of Drayton, Oxford, had taken part, the rev. gentleman, who is an enthusiastic ringer, being in his seventieth year. This is probably a record, at any rate for a clergyman.

THIRSK, YORKS.—On February 1st, 640 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. G. J. Clarkson, conductor (a), 1; T. Metcalfe (b), 2; A. W. Barrett (a), 3; J. Waller (a), 4; N. Kidd (c), 5; J. Metcalfe (d), 6; Rev. W. P. Wright (e), 7; T. Stephenson (a), 8. Tenor, 17 cwt.—(a) From Stockton; (b) from Middlesbrough; (c) from Thornaby; (d) from Wath; (e) from Stokesley; (f) from Sharow.

FELISKIRK, YORKS.—On February 1st, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; T. Metcalfe, 2; N. Kidd, 3; J. Waller, 4; A. W. Barrett, 5; T. Stephenson, 6. Also 720 of the same method. W. H. Stephenson,* 1; A. W. Barrett, 2; J. Metcalfe, 3; N. Kidd, 4; T. Stephenson (conductor), 5; T. Metcalfe, 6. Also 720 of the same method. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; W. Newton (a), 2; J. W. Whittle, 3; W. Pick (f), 4; Rev. W. P. Wright, 5; T. Stephenson, 6. Also 720 of OXFORD TREBLE BOB. G. J. Clarkson, 1; W. Newton, 2; N. Kidd, 3; J. Waller, 4; A. W. Barrett, 5; T. Stephenson (conductor), 6. Tenor, 8½ cwt. [* First 720 of TREBLE BOB.]

STOCKPORT.—At St. George's Church, on February 3rd, for practice by members of the Chester Diocesan Guild, 576 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. J. Mottershead, 1; G. Astbury, 2; J. Bradbury, 3; T. Jackson, 4; T. Smithson, 5; T. Marshall, 6; J. W. Bayley, 7; E. Reader (conductor), 8. Also 396 GRANDSIRE CATERS: J. Booth, 1; G. Astbury, 2; T. Jackson, 3; J. Bradbury (Macclesfield), 4; T. Smithson (Reddish), 5; J. Mottershead, 6; T. Marshall, 7; E. Reader (conductor), 8; J. W. Bayley, 9; G. Marshall, 10.

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The whole of the above calling to be once repeated.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Cleveland and North York Association.

At the Parish Church, Thornaby-on-Tees, on January 23rd, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

J. G. Hall* (a)	..	1	W. C. Hunt (c)	..	5
A. W. Barrett	..	2	N. Kidd	..	6
T. Metcalfe (a)	..	3	G. J. Clarkson	..	7
W. E. Walland† (b)	..	4	T. Stephenson	..	8

Composed by T. Day, and conducted by G. J. Clarkson.

(a) From Middlesbrough; (b) from Ilkley; (c) from North Shields.
 [* First 5000. † First 5000 of TREBLE BOB.]

ALSO at Sharrow, on January 31st, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 13 cwt.

J. Rumbold*	..	1	W. Gibson*	..	5
J. Baines (aged 81)	..	2	F. Sheppard*	..	6
W. Pick	..	3	C. Swieist..	..	7
T. Metcalfe	..	4	H. Rumbold	..	8

Composed by W. Harrison, and conducted by T. Metcalfe, of Middlesbrough. First 5000 on these bells by the Cleveland and North York Association, and the first since 1887. [* First 5000. † First 5000 on inside bell.]

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Botolph's, Heene, Worthing, on February 1st, Thurstan's One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 45 mins.

Albert D. Stone	..	1	Alfred J. Turner	..	5
Henry Meeters	..	2	George Williams (condr.)	..	6
Alfred W. Groves	..	3	Edmund Lindup	..	7
Frank Bennett	..	4	Frederick Lindup	..	8

The Lancashire Association.

(MANCHESTER AND ROCHDALE BRANCHES.)

At the Parish Church, Oldham, on February 1st, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAXIMS, 5040 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs. 45 mins. Tenor, 32½ cwt.

William Jakeman..	..	1	Isaac Schofield	..	7
Fred Jakeman	..	2	Sam Stott	..	8
Edwin B. Shaw	..	3	John Crabtree	..	9
Ben Gill	..	4	John Harrison	..	10
George Hoyle	..	5	Ben Thorpe	..	11
James Priestley	..	6	Albert Adams	..	12

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At St. Nicholas's, Newchurch, Lancashire, on February 1st, Sholicar's Five-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 46 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Robert Leach 1	Ormerod Eastwood 5
Jas. Ashworth 2	Walter Taylor (condr.) .. 6
John H. Haydock 3	John T. Wright 7
Samuel Lord 4	John W. Ormerod 8

The Kent County Association.

At SS. Peter and Paul's, Borden, Kent, on February 2nd, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 21 cwt., in E flat.

Challis F. Winney (condr.) 1	Henry Wood 5
Richard Staines 2	Charles Willshire 6
Charles Millway 3	William Tassell 7
Herbert P. Harman 4	George Wood 8

The Hertfordshire Association.

At the Cathedral, St. Albans, on February 4th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins. Tenor, 30 cwt.

Henry L. Waddington .. 1	Edward Whitbread .. 5
Harry Walker 2	George Wright 6
Joseph Earwicker 3	W. H. L. Buckingham .. 7
Arthur Hallett 4	James Payne* 8

Conducted by W. H. L. Buckingham. This is the first peal on the bells since the trebles have been recast. Rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur Hallett. [* First peal.]

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Magnus-the-Martyr's, Lower Thames Street, City, on February 5th, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

William Weatherstone .. 1	George N. Price 5
Herbert P. Harman 2	T. H. Taffender (condr.) .. 6
George J. Taylor 3	George R. Fardon 7
William Shepherd* 4	Edward J. Webb 8

Mr. Taylor formerly belonged to Shrewsbury. [* First peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES.]

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

At All Saints' Church, Edmonton, London, on February 8th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 8½ mins. Tenor, 17½ cwt.

William H. Fussell 1	William Ward 5
Henry Dains 2	William Keeble 6
Edwin Barnett 3	James Parker 7
Edgar Wightman 4	George Williams 8

Composed by H. Dains, and conducted by George Williams. This is the 100th tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On January 30th, by members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, 960 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; F. P. Howcroft, 2; W. C. Hunt, 3; A. W. Barrett, 4; R. G. Greenwood, 5; J. Waller, 6; W. E. Walland, 7; T. W. Waller, 8; T. Metcalfe, 9; T. Stephenson, 10.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On February 1st, a touch of 2176 BOB MAJOR. A. J. Perkins, 1; I. Dear, 2; W. H. Doran, 3; H. Torble, 4; J. Moule, 5; G. Haydon, 6; W. H. Judd, 7; J. Dale (conductor), 8.

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—On Monday week a muffled peal of OXFORD was rung as a mark of respect to Mercy Jarvis, aged fifty-three years, wife of Henry Jarvis, one of the Dronfield ringers. The following who took part in the peal are all related one to another: Joseph Platts (Sheffield), 1; Heber Allen (Dronfield), 2; Edward Platts (Dronfield), 3; Edward Allen (Dronfield), 4; Samuel Allen (Dronfield, conductor), 5; Chas. Platts (Dronfield), 6.

NEW BRENTFORD.—The Bishop of Kensington paid a visit to the Church of St. Lawrence, New Brentford, on Monday, to rededicate the bells. One of the chief glories of this church, around which cling many historical associations, is an old bell, said to be one of the first cast in this country. The whole peal of six has now been refitted, quarter-turned, and tuned. In connection with the old bell, Mr. H. B. Walters, of the British Museum, points out, however, that it is not quite accurate to say that the very interesting old bell at New Brentford Church is one of the first cast in this country. 'The founder,' says Mr. Walter, 'is one William Oulverden, of Aldgate, whose will exists,

dated 1520; he was the last of a long line of founders who worked in the parish of St. Botolph, Aldgate, from 1290 or earlier, continuously down to the reign of Henry VIII. Church bells undoubtedly hung in Saxon towers, and some that exist to this day may date from the thirteenth or even the twelfth century; while of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries many hundreds still remain to testify to the excellence of mediæval founders' work, to say nothing of their artistic capacity. The Brentford bell is well worth inspecting from the beautiful foundry stamp that it bears; the founder's name is given in a rebus, the first part of the surname being represented by a figure of a pigeon, for which "culver" is an old English word.'

MAPERTON, SOMERSET.—The Bishop of Bath and Wells has rededicated the beautiful peal of bells generously presented to the church by Colonel H. M. Ridley, to the glory of God, and in memory of his late mother, who had worshipped for the last time in the sacred edifice. The function of rededicating the bells having been performed, the Cheriton parish ringers and others rang out a merry peal while the Bishop and clergy returned to the chancel.

Some Bell Inscriptions.

WATFORD, HERTS (St. Mary, Parish Church).

THIS church is a stone building, dating from the Early English period, and consisting of chancel, nave of six bays, aisles, transepts, north and south porches, two chapels, vestries, and an embattled western tower, surmounted by a spire, containing a clock and eight bells.

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Treble. At proper times my voice ile raise
And sound to my subscribers praise.
T. Lester, Fecit 1750.

2nd. 1750. T. Lester, of London, fecit.

3rd. Thomas Lester, fecit 1750.

4th. Thos : Lester, of London, made me 1750.

5th. Thomas Lester, fecit 1750.

6th. Thomas Lester, of London, fecit 1750.

7th. John Shackell & John Dummer C.W.
John Briant, Hartford, fecit 1786.

Tenor. I to the church the living call,

And to the grave I summons all.

Thomas Lester, of London, made us all, 1750.

The following peal-boards are hanging on the north and south walls of the tower.

Artem Contemnunt.*

On Saturday, the 25th of May, 1751, was rung by the Society of Eastern Youths a Compleat Peal of 5040 Plain Bob Trebles in 3 hours & 30 minutes, being the first rung on these bells.

PERFORMERS.

Thos. Rudd Treble	Willm. Thorp 6th
Thos. Shepherd 2d	Stephen Green 7th
James Coxon 3d	John Green, Junr., } Tenor
Thomas Dobinson .. 4th	John Goodwin, }
Saml. Debant 5th	

* The top part of the peal-board is rounded, and some of the Latin wording round the edge has been knocked off, only the two words 'Artem Contemnunt' being left.

(To be continued.)

At the annual meeting of the City of London Truss Society, held on Wednesday last, at the Institution, 35 Finsbury Square, E.C., it was announced that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had graciously intimated that he would become vice-patron of the society, the King having been patron for many years.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths and the St. Stephen's Society, Westminster.

At St. Stephen's, Westminster, on February 8th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

John N. Oxborrow .. 1	Frederick Dench .. 5
Harry R. Pasmore .. 2	Henry R. Newton .. 6
Henry S. Ellis .. 3	James Willshire .. 7
Arthur G. Ellis .. 4	John W. Golding .. 8

Composed by Frederick Dench, and conducted by Henry R. Newton. This composition, which is now rung for the first time, is in three parts. It has the 6th nine course-ends home, and six wrong, also the 5th her extent home. It was the first peal published with these qualities and on the plan of 'in and 5ths.'

The Waterloo Society, London.

At St. Peter's, Walworth, on February 11th, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 37 mins.

William S. Langdon .. 1	William Shepherd .. 5
William Weatherstone .. 2	Ferris J. Shepherd .. 6
Arthur Hardy .. 3	Thomas Langdon (condr.) .. 7
Frederick G. Perrin .. 4	Ernest H. Oxenham .. 8

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The Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers.

At the Parish Church, Ecclesfield, recently, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 21 mins.

Geo. Shaw (conductor) .. 1	T. Kitson .. 5
W. Kitson .. 2	O. Cauwood .. 6
W. Whitham .. 3	W. Thornton .. 7
S. Hemmingsfield .. 4	J. F. Mallaby .. 8

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

At Yatton, Somerset, recently, Hollis's Five-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min.

M. Hedges .. 1	W. Clark .. 5
J. Youd .. 2	J. Bishop (conductor) .. 6
F. Winsor .. 3	J. Winsor .. 7
W. Evered .. 4	C. Winstone .. 8

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The renewed attack upon the Church and the speeches and votes of her opponents, including many ex-ministers of the Crown, in the recent Welsh Disestablishment debate are a significant reminder to Churchmen that their work of instruction and defence is yet far from accomplished and that it will remain of the first importance until ignorance about the Church and her work is fully dispelled, and all political parties realise that their attacks will recoil to their own disadvantage.

ADDITIONAL FUNDS to complete the organisation of the Church Committee, and to extend its historical lectures and the circulation of its literature are greatly needed, and will be thankfully received by the Treasurers, Sir Francis Powell, Bart., M.P., and Sir Charles Ryan, K.C.B., by the Bankers, Messrs. Hoare, 37 Fleet Street, or by the Secretary, T. MARTIN TILBY, Secretary.

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The Norwich Diocesan Association and the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.

At St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on February 8th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs. 35 mins. Tenor, 32 cwt.

Alfred W. Brighton .. 1	Albert Durrant .. 7
James Motts .. 2	William V. Newman .. 8
William L. Catchpole .. 3	Lewis W. Wiffen* .. 9
William Motts .. 4	Frederick R. Borrett .. 10
Isaac S. Alexander .. 5	Walter Last* .. 11
Henry C. Gillingham .. 6	Frederick Tillett .. 12

Composed by Arthur Knights, and conducted by Alfred W. Brighton. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. [* First peal on twelve bells.]

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At Waltham Abbey, Essex, on February 8th, Brooks' Variation peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs.

James Pettit .. 1	David Taring .. 5
George E. Peace .. 2	William A. Alps (condr.) .. 6
Frank Carter .. 3	Alfred W. Darlington .. 7
George Thurgood .. 4	George Cole .. 8

This is the first peal of STEDMAN rung on these bells since they were rehung, and the first since 1886.

At St. George-the-Martyr's, Southwark, on February 14th, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 47 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs.

William Weatherstone .. 1	George N. Price .. 5
William Shepherd .. 2	Walter Ingram .. 6
Albert Coles .. 3	George R. Fardon .. 7
Herbert P. Harman .. 4	T. H. Taffender (condr.) .. 8

Mr. Thomas Henry Taffender has now conducted the above composition from every bell, being the third person who has accomplished this feat. It is the quickest peal on the bells, and rung as a sixty-second birthday compliment to the steeple keeper, Mr. G. Woodage, and was Mr. G. N. Price's fiftieth peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES.

THURLASTON, LEICESTER.—A meeting of bell-ringers has been held at the National Schools, when members of the Midland Counties' Association of Change-ringers were present from the villages of Barwell, Earl Shilton, and Thurlaston. A capital tea was served, by the kindness of the Rector, the Rev. W. Townshend, after which short touches of change-ringing were given on the bells in the church tower, while in the evening selections were given on handbells in the school.

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At St. Michael and All Angels', Oxford, on February 15th, Lake's One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 44 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in G.

T. H. Taffender (condr.) ..	1	Joseph S. Hawkins ..	5
Edward Boreham ..	2	William H. Fussell ..	6
Frank Boreham ..	3	John C. Truss ..	7
Frank K. Biggs ..	4	Benjamin Page ..	8

This is the first time the above composition has been rung in the diocese of Oxford, or by the above Guild; it was rung on the second anniversary of the relief of Kimberley, South Africa, and was the conductor's twenty-fifth peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES.

STREET, SOMERSET.—The members of the Street Bell-ringers Society have held their annual meeting. There was a large attendance, presided over by the newly appointed Rector (the Rev. C. A. F. Campbell), who remarked that there were two bodies of men with whom the Rector had much to do, namely, his choir and the bell-ringers. The bell-ringers were, he believed, becoming increasingly important in the country. Years ago the way the bells were hung, or rather unhung, and the way they were rung, or rather unringed, amounted almost to a scandal; but he was glad to know that this was now all altered. Mr. Webb, the hon. secretary, produced satisfactory reports, general and financial, and they were adopted. The officers of the society were next elected, and the members sat down to an excellent supper.

MACHYNLETH, MONTGOMERY.—The Parish Church Guild of Bell-ringers had their annual meeting in the belfry, when there were present Mr. D. E. R. Griffith (churchwarden), the Rev. D. T. Hughes (secretary and treasurer), Messrs. W. E. Evans, Rd. Hughes, David Roberts, Lloyd Roberts, and Thos. Hughes. The Chairman referred to the gift of a chiming apparatus from Mr. Smail, and expressed the hope that the bell-ringers would take an active interest in the work of the Guild. The following appointments were unanimously made: President, Canon Trevor (rector); Vice-President, Mr. Griffith, Bank; Foreman of Belfry, Mr. W. Sadleir; Deputy Foreman, Mr. D. Williams; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. W. E. Evans. A vote of thanks to last year's officials was responded to by the Rev. D. T. Hughes, who stated that there was about 2l. in hand. It was resolved that the Secretary should communicate with the secretaries of other local guilds as to the best methods of bell-ringing and call another meeting.

DUNSTON, NORTHANTS.—The new ring of bells, which form the Dunston Parish Memorial of the life of Queen Victoria, were dedicated at a special service in Dunston Church by the Bishop of Peterborough. The scheme for new bells was adopted twelve months ago at a crowded public meeting when various suggestions were made, but that which found most support was the one which provided for the new ring, and this was eventually carried unanimously. A committee was appointed, with the Vicar (Rev. W. C. Richardson) as chairman, and Mr. A. R. Jones as secretary, and subscription lists were opened. The ring formerly consisted of three bells, dated 1619, 1656, and 1670 respectively. As two of these were cracked it was decided to recast them and add three others, bringing up the ring to six. The contract was given to the well-known firm of Taylor, of Loughborough, and the cost has been 270l., nearly all of which was raised before the dedication. Each of the new bells bears the inscription 'Queen Victoria Memorial, 1901.' A neat brass plate has been placed upon the pillar supporting the tower. Upon this plate the following inscription has been engraved: 'To the glory of God and in perpetual remembrance of national blessings received under the glorious reign of Queen Victoria—June 20th, 1837—January 22nd, 1901—the three old bells of this church were recast and three new bells were added by the inhabitants of this parish. W. C. Richardson, M.A., vicar. William Jones, George Wilcox, churchwardens. February 7th, 1902.' The new bells, which are of sweet tone, are a decided acquisition to the church. The new peal is free from debt.

DARLEY DALE BELLS.—At a public meeting held at the Whitworth Institute, Darley Dale, Canon Atkinson presiding, it was resolved to proceed with the scheme for rehangng the church bells and adding two new ones to complete the peal of eight as a memorial of the late Queen. The cost is estimated at 350l., and 166l. is in hand.

LEICESTER.—A fine ring of eight bells has been presented to St. John's Church, by a member of the congregation, at a cost of nearly 1000l., in memory of the reign of the late Queen. By the sanction of the King, the bells will be known as 'The Queen Victoria Memorial Bells.' It is hoped the bells may be ready to be rung on the Coronation Day.

Some Bell Inscriptions.

WATFORD, HERTS (St. Mary, Parish Church).

(Continued from p. 236.)

On Sunday, April ye 30th, 1780, was Rung by the Society of Watford Youths a compleat Peal of 5040 Bob Major in 3 Hours & 25 Minutes.

PERFORMERS.

Rd. Jee ..	Treble	Wm. Tyers ..	5th
Rd. Short ..	2nd	Jno. Heathcote ..	6th
Thos. Harris ..	3rd	Danl. Pope ..	7th
Wm. England ..	4th	Jos. Gilbert ..	Tenor

The peal was call'd by D. Pope.

Jno. Dummer, } Church Wardens.
Wm. Hassall, }
J: Burgiss.

1796.

Sunday, April 24th.

The Society of College Youths did ring in this Steeple a Complete Peal of 5280 Oxford Treble Bob, being the first in that Method on these Bells. It was perform'd in Three Hours Twenty-four Minutes

John Lyford ..	Treble	John Povey ..	Fifth
Daniel Jenkins ..	Second	Charles Barber ..	Sixth
William Wilfon ..	Third	Thomas Porter ..	Seventh
George Searsbrook ..	Fourth	Edward Bartell ..	Tenor

The Peal was call'd by J. Povey.

The first peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples on these bells was completed by the Watford Youths, Sunday, Mar. 18: 1798, in 3 Hours 12 Minutes.

Richard Jee ..	Treble	John Mann ..	fifth
John Tomkins ..	2nd	John Heathcote ..	6th
Joseph Gilbert ..	3rd	William Cartwright ..	7th
Thos. Bygrave ..	4th	Thos. Pagot ..	Tenor

The Peal Call'd by J. Tomkins.

1805.

On Wednesday, Dec. 11th, was rung by the Watford Youths a Complete Peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, consisting of 190 Bobs & 50 Singles in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

PERFORMERS.

Jos. Edmonds ..	Treble	Jno. Heathcote ..	5th
Jno. Tomkins ..	2nd	Danl. Pope, Senr. ..	6th
Danl. Pope, Junr. ..	3rd	Henry Sedgwick ..	7th
Thos. Bygrave ..	4th	Thos. Paget ..	Tenor

The Peal was Call'd by D. Pope, Senr.

On Wednesday, November the 16 — 1814.

The Watford Youths Completed a True Peal, 5040 Grandsire Triples, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

William Baldwin ..	Treble	William Cole ..	5th
John Clark ..	2nd	Thomas Pagott ..	6th
Thomas Bygrave ..	3rd	Daniel Pope, Junr. ..	7th
Richard Rush ..	4th	William Ashley ..	Tenor

Call'd by Daniel Pope.

On Sunday, 5th Decr, 1819, was rung by the Society of Watford Youths a true and Compleat Peal of 5040 Grandsire Tripples in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

PERFORMERS.

William Ashley, Junr. ..	Treble	George Pope ..	5th
John Clark ..	2nd	Richard Rush ..	6th
James Tomkins ..	3rd	Daniel Pope, Junr. ..	7th
William Cartwright ..	4th	William Ashley, Senr. ..	Tenor

The Peal was Call'd by D. Pope, Junr.

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6 7 4 5 2 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 7 4 3 5 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 3 4 7 2 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 3 4 5 7 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 3 4 2 5 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 2 4 3 7 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 2 4 5 3 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 2 4 7 5 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 5 4 6 7 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The last nine courses three times repeated. This will not apply to the Burton Variation. It is the longest peal yet published in any SURPRISE method and is the extent of CAMBRIDGE.

CHANGE-RINGING.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

At All Saints', Bristol, on February 20th, a peal of ORIGINAL MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

W. James Hinton..	.. 1	John Thomas ..	.. 5
Albert Stowell ..	.. 2	Fred G. May (composer) ..	.. 6
Raymond J. Wilkins ..	.. 3	William Stowell ..	.. 7
William Somerville ..	.. 4	George T. Daltrey (conductor) ..	.. 8

This is the first peal ever composed and rung in this method, and was performed in the single variation.

PLAIN COURSE, 16 CHANGES.

2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7	Home.
2 4 1 6 3 8 5 7	
4 2 6 1 8 3 7 5	
4 6 2 8 1 7 3 5	
6 4 8 2 7 1 5 3	In.
6 8 4 7 2 5 1 3	
8 6 7 4 5 2 3 1	Before.
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	
7 8 5 6 3 4 1 2	Out.
7 5 8 3 6 1 4 2	
5 7 3 8 1 6 2 4	Fifths.
5 3 7 1 8 2 6 4	
3 5 1 7 2 8 4 6	
3 1 5 2 7 4 8 6	
1 3 2 5 4 7 6 8	
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	

This is at once the shortest plain course of which peals can be composed, and the idea was discovered by Henry Dains of London A.D. 1893. All bells hunt until and unless calls are made. In the single form, bobs and singles are made on the three hindmost bells as in COURT BOB. In the reverse, these are made in on the three front bells; in the double form these are made in either place, as required.

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performance, and I am told by the gentlemen who took part in the above-mentioned performance, the ringing is very musical. The extent with tenors together in MAJOR is about 11,520, or considerably more than is obtainable in TREBLE BOB with its long courses.

HENRY DAINS.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

AT St. Martin's, Birmingham, on February 11th, a peal of STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 changes, in 3 hrs. 40 mins. Tenor, 36 cwt., in C.

Albert Walker	1	Henry Middleton	7
Fred G. May*	2	Edward H. Adams*	8
Charles Dickens	3	James E. Groves	9
William Short	4	Arthur E. Pegler	10
Thomas Reynolds	5	George T. Daltry	11
Samuel Reeves	6	William Painter	12

Composed by the late Henry Johnson, and conducted by William Short. [* First peal of STEDMAN CINQUES.]

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

AT St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on February 13th, a peal of SUPER-LATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 43 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

Alfred W. Brighton ..	1	Ernest Poppy	5
Egbert Borrett	2	Frederick Smith	6
Charles T. P. Brice ..	3	James Motts	7
Frederick Borrett	4	John Souter	8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by James Motts. The heaviest ring on which the method has yet been rung, and first peal in the method in the city for sixty-seven years.

The Kent County Association.

AT St. James's, Bermondsey, on February 14th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

Bertram Prewitt	1	John H. Cheesman	6
William Pye	2	John R. Sharman	7
George R. Pye	3	Ernest Pye	8
Charles Wilkins	4	Edgar Wightman	9
Isaac G. Shade	5	Lewis Silver	10

Composed by G. Lindoff, and conducted by John H. Cheesman.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On February 18th, 1003 STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung by W. Markwell, 1; S. Burt, 2; J. Lish, 3; L. Payne, 4; G. Payne (conductor), 5; A. E. Lish, 6; A. Hensman, 7; A. Hodges, 8.

GREAT HORKESLEY, ESSEX.—Major Chapman and his sisters are placing a sixth bell in the belfry, rehanging on an iron bell-frame the existing peal of bells, and supplying the belfry with a chiming apparatus. The work is being done as a memorial to Major Chapman's late father.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On a recent Saturday, members of the Yatton Bell-ringers' Association dined together, there being a large company present. The chairman was Mr. Charles Knowles. Mr. Crease proposed 'The Yatton Bell-ringers' Association,' and remarked upon the general pleasure the sound of the bells gave to the inhabitants. They had one of the finest peals in Somerset, and were glad the bells had been rehung and the tower made safe.

Some Bell Inscriptions.

WATFORD, HERTS (St. Mary, Parish Church).

(Continued from p. 256.)

1824.

On Tuesday, Jany. 6th, was rung by the Society of Watford Union Youths a true and complete peal of 5040 Changes of Grandsire Triples, and was Performed in 3 Hours by the following Persons:—

William Cartwright ..	Treble	Richard Rush	5th
James Tomkins	2nd	John Clark	6th
Robert Bygrave	3rd	George Pope	7th
William Cole	4th	Henry Rothwell	Tenor

The Peal was Call'd by James Tomkins.

CHESHAM, BUCKS (St. Mary).

CHESHAM is an ancient town, being mentioned in Domesday as 'Cestreham.' It derives its name from the river Chess, which flows through it. There were formerly two churches in the town, viz, the

present edifice of St. Mary and the church of Chesham Woburn, which occupied a site near the back of the infant school, where its foundations have been discovered. The last Vicar of Chesham Woburn was Adam Langley, appointed in 1623. In the year 1660 the two livings were united. St. Mary's is a cruciform building, consisting of chancel, clerestoried nave, aisles, south porch (with parvise), transepts, and a central embattled tower, surmounted by a spire. The bells are inscribed as under:—

Sanctus. I. S.

NOTE.—The initials 'I. S.' stand for John Sturdy, a London founder, who died in 1458. The date, 1790, is carved on the stock, at which time the bell was rehung.

Treble. Thomas Mears of London, fecit 1812.

2nd, 3rd, and 4th. T. Mears of London, fecit 1812.

5th. Thomas Mears of London, fecit 1812.

Tenor. Rev. Robert Holt Butcher, Vicar.

John Bailly & Thos. Creed } Church Wardens, July 1812.

T. Mears of London, fecit.

In the ringing-chamber are the diameters, notes, and weights of the bells in a small frame:—

CHESHAM.

(Peal of Six Bells.)

Thomas Mears, fecit 1812.

Inches.	Bell.	Cwt.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Note.
46	Tenor.	17	0	5	F.
41	V.	11	3	0	G.
38	IV.	9	1	9	A.
33	III.	8	2	9	B flat.
34	II.	7	2	19	C.
32	Treble.	6	3	24	D.
		61	1	19	

Cast at Whitechapel Bell Foundry, London.

MARGATE, KENT (St. John-the-Baptist).

THIS church is a very ancient edifice, and was until recent times known by the name of St. John-the-Baptist, Thanet. In early times it was a chapelry of Minster Parish Church.

Treble. T. Mears of London, fecit 1823.

2nd. Same as the Treble.

3rd. Wm. Mears of London, fecit 1785.

4th. Wm. Mears of London, fecit 1785.

Recast, 1900.

(There is an ornamented design round the bell between Wm. Mears's name and John Taylor & Co.'s trade mark. The latter firm recast the bell.)

5th, 6th, and 7th. Wm. Mears of London, fecit 1785.

Tenor. Wm. Mears of London, fecit 1785.

Jno. Dannddeleon }
Thos. Wood } Ch: Ws.
Jno. Brooman }

(To be continued.)

THE COLLECTORS' PUBLISHING Co., 101 Fleet Street, have published an interesting post-card with an illustration representing 'Feathered Postmen: Carrier Pigeons of the New Zealand and Great Barrier Island Pigeon Post.' The cards—which are published at 1d. each, or fifteen for 1s.—also bear the first 'Pigeongram stamp.'

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CHANGE-RINGING.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

At St. Matthew's, Walsall, on February 22nd, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

Walter R. Hughes* .. 1	H. Henry Somerville* .. 6
Benjamin R. Meeson* .. 2	John C. Adams .. 7
William Barton .. 3	Alfred Turley .. 8
William Griffin .. 4	Thomas J. Elton .. 9
Frank Hallsworth, sen. .. 5	Frank Hallsworth, jun. .. 10

Composed by James George, and conducted by Thomas J. Elton. Rung as a birthday compliment to Walter R. Hughes. [* First peal of CATERS.]

Also at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on February 22nd, a peal of STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 changes, in 3 hrs. 39 mins.

Thomas Miller .. 1	Alf. Paddon Smith .. 7
William Short .. 2	Ernest Allaway .. 8
Charles Dickens .. 3	Herbert Knight* .. 9
John Jaggar .. 4	James E. Groves .. 10
Thomas Reynolds .. 5	Henry Middleton .. 11
Samuel Reeves .. 6	William Painter .. 12

Composed by the late Henry Johnson, and conducted by Samuel Reeves. This is the first peal of STEDMAN CINQUES rung on the bells, and also the first by the Society, and was rung at the first attempt. [* First peal of STEDMAN CINQUES.]

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. David's Church, Bangor, North Wales, on February 24th, the Rev. E. Banks James' Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

Frank Hobbs .. 1	James H. Midwinter .. 5
Rev. T. Lewis Jones .. 2	Joseph Gayton .. 6
Ebenezer Taylor* .. 3	Richard Hughes (condr.) .. 7
Henry W. Kirton .. 4	William Crane .. 8

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late William Jones, for thirteen years verger at the above church. [* First peal.]

Some Bell Inscriptions.

MARGATE, KENT (St. John-the-Baptist).

(Continued from p. 276.)

In the ringing chamber are the following particulars:—

Towards the top of the north wall is a stone tablet, worded as under:—

In the year 1787
Matthias Mummery, Sexton
Raif'd this Tenor Bell
In Twelve Pulls
when he was 67 years of age.

MARGATE			
Peal of Eight Bells.			
approx.	Weight.	Dates.	Notes.
Tenor	23 cwt.	1785	E♭
VII th	17 "	"	F
VI th	13 "	"	G
V th	11 "	"	A♭
IV th	9 "	"	B♭
III rd	7½ "	"	C
II nd	7 "	added	D
Treble	6 "	1823	E♭

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On the north wall hangs a peal board, worded as follows:—

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Quex Institution
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quo

On Thursday, Jan. 29th, 1824, was rung in this steeple, the complete Peal of Grandsire Triples IIII, consisting of 5040 changes, containing

194 Bobs, 46 singles, which was Performed in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes by the following Persons, members of the above institution:—

Elijh. Emptage .. 1	John Beer .. 5
Jams. Carter .. 2	W. Shipway .. 8
G. Francis .. 3	Robt. Rioll (?) .. 7
W. Clark .. 4	S. Holman .. Tenor
	J. White ..

Conducted by Wm. Shipway.
R. Salter, Esq. } Ch. Wardens.
R. Jenkins, Esq. }

ST. ALBANS, HERTS (The Cathedral).

THIS noble Cathedral, formerly the Abbey church of St. Albans, is one of the finest buildings in the kingdom, and is built in the form of a Latin cross. Its nave is the longest of any cathedral in England, and if St. Peter's, at Rome, did not exist, it would be the longest in the world. The massive central tower is 144 feet high and contains a ring of eight bells and a sanctus bell. Below are the inscriptions.

Sanctus. No inscription. (This bell is a genuine piece of mediæval workmanship of the mid-fourteenth century.)

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Natu Minor Laude Prior.

Recast A.D. 1901.

W. J. Lawrance, M.A., Dean and Rector.

T. Kent

C. Woollam } Churchwardens.

W. Climance }

2. Mears & Stainbank, founders, London.

Gloria in Excelsis Deo.

Re-cast A.D. 1901.

W. J. Lawrance, M.A., Dean and Rector.

T. Kent,

C. Woollam, } Churchwardens.

W. Climance, }

3rd. Made by Philip Wightman, 1699.

4th. (Same as the third.)

5th. Richard Phelps made me, 1731.

6th. Lester & Pack of London, fecit.

Thos. Kinder, Wm. Hunt, and Chr. Domville.

Ch. Wardens, 1758 (2 Coins after the date).

7th. Made by Philip Wightman, 1699.

Tenor. Vivos ad Celum Mortuos ad Solum Pulsata Voco.

Made by Philip Wightman, 1699.

Jeremiah Carter, } Churchwardens.

John Cooke, }

(Weight of tenor, about 30 cwt.)

(To be continued.)

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—At the Parish Church, on February 9th, for evening service; 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR (15 bobs and 18 singles), in 25 mins. W. Forshaw, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On February 16th, for evening service, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR (40 bobs and 2 singles), in 24 mins. A. Nicholas, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart (conductor), 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On February 23rd, for morning service, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR (42 singles), in 25 mins. T. P. Jackson, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. And on March 2nd, for evening service, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR (18 bobs and 2 singles), in 24 mins. A. Nicholas, 1; J. Huddleston (first as conductor), 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6.

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Exeter Cathedral Bells.

THE Dean of Exeter, in a communication to the press, says: 'The Dean and Chapter, acting under the advice of trustworthy experts, who met the Dean on Wednesday last at Loughborough, and thoroughly examined and tested the bells one by one, and in peal, have finally decided to recast the tenor bell and the fifth bell. The tenor has been twice recast, for the second time in 1729; the fifth bell was recast at the same time; it has been grievously mutilated, the whole of the sound-spreading rim having been chipped off. The tenor bell is not in tune with itself, nor with the other bells in the peal, and is inferior in tone and tune to the three magnificent bells next to it in the peal. The Dean and Chapter are advised that they would not be justified in replacing these two imperfect bells in the tower, and that posterity would justly blame them for so doing. They have spared no trouble in their endeavours to obtain the best possible advice, and they feel assured, after very careful consideration, that their decision is the only reasonable decision to which they could come. The general outlay on the tower has proved larger than was at first estimated, and not less than 500% more will be required to complete the work, including the recasting of the two bells. The work at Loughborough in connection with the rehanging of the bells is well in hand, and Messrs. Taylor expect to complete their work in good time before the Coronation.'

CHANGE RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths and the St. Stephen's Society, Westminster.

At St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, on March 1st, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5038 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor about 16 cwt.

Henry R. Newton .. 1	James Willshire .. 5
William H. Pasmore .. 2	Thomas Lungley .. 6
Henry S. Ellis .. 3	John W. Golding .. 7
Arthur G. Ellis .. 4	John N. Oxborrow .. 8

Composed by James W. Washbrook, and conducted by John N. Oxborrow. First peal in the method on the bells.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

At All Saints', West Ham, Essex, on March 1st, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 changes, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. Tenor, 28 cwt.

William J. Nudds .. 1	William Keeble .. 6
Arthur N. Hardy .. 2	William Doran .. 7
Frederick G. Perrin .. 3	John H. Cheesman .. 8
Charles Wilkins .. 4	Arthur Jacob .. 9
Thomas Langdon .. 5	Edgar Wightman .. 10

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by John H. Cheesman. This composition is now rung for the first time; also the first peal on the bells since 1896.

The Surrey Association.

At St. Mary's, Beddington, on March 1st, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5115 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Tenor, 20½ cwt.

Henry Brooker .. 1	Charles Dean .. 6
William Smith .. 2	Alfred Trappitt .. 7
Alfred Clayton .. 3	Frank Holder .. 8
Arthur J. Plowman .. 4	Joseph Fayers .. 9
James Rumble .. 5	Thomas Talbot .. 10

Composed by E. Bennett, and conducted by H. Brooker.

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Botolph's, Heene, on March 3rd, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 51 mins.

Harry Evans .. 1	John Steddy .. 5
Albert D. Stone .. 2	Robert J. Dawe .. 6
Arthur A. Fuller .. 3	George Williams .. 7
Frank Bennett .. 4	Edmund Lindup .. 8

Composed by the Rev. H. Earle-Bulwer, and conducted by George Williams.

Also at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on March 6th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 540 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 hrs.

George Williams .. 1	Frank Medhurst* .. 5
George H. Howse .. 2	Francis A. Kennett* .. 6
George Penfold .. 3	Joseph Sharp .. 7
George Watson* .. 4	Thomas Price .. 8

Conducted by George Williams. [* First peal of STEDMAN.]

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

At the Parish Church, St. Mary's, Richmond, Yorkshire, on Tuesday, March 4th, a peal of 5040 changes (consisting of 720 CANTERBURY, and two 720's each of BOB MINOR, OXFORD, and KENT TREBLE BOB), was rung in 3 hrs.

John Hutchinson .. 1	Albert Morton .. 4
Frank Brand .. 2	John T. Frenchum .. 5
John G. Woddy .. 3	Richmond Briscoe (condr.) 6

This is the first 5000 changes ever rung in the tower, also the first 5000 by each of the ringers named, who are all members of the local company.

Great credit is due to the conductor, for the hard work he has done in improving the skill and ability of the ringers, and it was a real pleasure to bring off a successful peal on the anniversary of his birthday.

Messrs. Hutchinson, Brand, and Woddy, have each acquired their knowledge of the art within the last eighteen months or so.

J. T. Frenchum learned change-ringing under the tutorship of Arthur Gordon, of the Cumberland Youths, at St. Mary Magdalene's, Enfield, Middlesex, eighteen years ago, and the ringers are much indebted to him for his assistance, when learning the methods which have enabled them to accomplish this peal.

F. Brand has inherited his love of change-ringing from his ancestors. His father rang at the above-named church. His grandfather is still a regular ringer at the Parish Church, Stanstead, Suffolk, and he has other relatives well advanced in the art.

On the completion of the peal, the Rev. L. S. and Mrs. Robinson congratulated the ringers and invited them to partake of refreshments at the Rectory, this kindness being much appreciated.

There is a particularly interesting feature connected with the accomplishment of a peal of 5040 by Mr. A. Morton, who is the Postmaster of this ancient borough. It has transpired that in the year 1776 his great-grandfather, Godfrey Morton, rang in a peal of 5040, and in 1814, and again in 1816, his grandfather, Thomas Morton, rang in similar peals, all of which are recorded in the belfry of the Parish Church at Sibsey, near Boston, Lincolnshire. The methods rung in 1814 were:—CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE, CROWN BOB, COLLEGE TREBLE, COLLEGE PLEASURE, and OXFORD TREBLE, twice repeated. Mr. A. Morton has therefore still something to accomplish if he desires to equal his ancestors in variety of methods.

MACHYNLETH.—At an important meeting of the bell-ringers held in the belfry, Mr. Griffith, churchwarden, in the chair, new rules, &c., were adopted, and several communications from various guilds were read. The belfry is on a sound basis, and the ringing on Sundays is a striking feature in the town. Mr. Evans is a painstaking Secretary and deserves loyal support.

THE PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY'S report for the year 1901 is, as in former years, a very interesting one. Not only so, but it tells a story of steady, sound progress. We gather from it that in the ordinary branch the number of policies issued was 76,831, assuring the sum of £7,575,835, and producing a new annual premium income of £389,776. The premiums received during the year were £3,489,955, being an increase of £167,613 over the year 1900. The claims of the year amounted to £1,563,775. The number of policies in force at the end of the year was 651,558. In the industrial branch the premiums received were £5,529,461, being an increase of £81,764. The claims of the year amounted to £2,104,939. The number of deaths was 211,670. The number of free policies granted during the year to those policyholders of five years' standing who desired to discontinue their payments, was 74,798, the number in force being 771,279. The total number of policies in force at the end of the year was 14,334,820; and their average duration exceeded nine and a half years. The assets of the company, in both branches, as shown in the balance-sheet, are £43,292,026, being an increase of £3,396,698 over those of 1900.

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Bells and Bell-ringing.

The Worcestershire and Districts Change-ringing Association.

THE Annual Meeting of this Association will take place at Worcester, on Easter Monday, March 31st. The Rev. Canon Claughton has kindly arranged for a Special Service in St. Andrew's Church, at 1.30 o'clock. The address will be delivered by the Right Rev. Charles Gore, D.D., Lord Bishop of Worcester. All are earnestly requested to make an effort to attend this meeting to welcome the new Bishop.

The Very Rev. R. W. Forrest, D.D., dean of Worcester, has consented to preside over the business meeting in the Chapter House (Worcester Cathedral), at 2.30 p.m.

A meat tea will be provided free for all members sending in their names to me on or before Thursday, March 27th. The towers of All Saints (10 bells), St. Philip (Hallow), (8), St. John's, St. Swithin's, St. Martin's (6), will be open for ringing. The Annual Report, Balance-sheet, &c., will be ready for distribution at this meeting. All outstanding contributions should be paid at this meeting.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

36 Simm's Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Middlesex County Association.

At St. Peter's, Walworth, on March 8th, Thurstans' Four-part peal
STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.
William Pye (conductor) .. 1 John Moule .. 5
Bertram Prewett .. 2 William J. Nudds .. 6
Isaac G. Shade .. 3 Ernest Pye .. 7
William Hollier* .. 4 Arthur T. King .. 8

[* First peal in the method.]

At St. Michael's, Cornhill, on March 15th, a peal of STEDMAN
CINQUES, 5907 changes, in 3 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 41 cwt.
John R. Sharman .. 1 Bertram Prewett .. 7
George R. Pye .. 2 Harry Flanders .. 8
Charles Wilkins .. 3 Arthur R. Jacob .. 9
Thomas Groombridge .. 4 John H. Cheesman .. 10
William Pye .. 5 Ernest Pye .. 11
Isaac G. Shade .. 6 William J. Nudds .. 12
Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by William Pye.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on March 8th, a peal of STEDMAN
CATERS, 5014 changes, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. Tenor, 31 cwt.
Henry Springall .. 1 Samuel Hayes .. 6
Thomas Faulkner .. 2 York Green .. 7
William Truss .. 3 Emmanuel Hall† .. 8
Samuel Joyce .. 4 Henry Torble* .. 9
James Scholest .. 5 George Barrell* .. 10

Composed by J. P. Bradley, and conducted by Henry Springall.
Rung on the thirty-ninth birthday of the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. [* First peal of CATERS.
† First peal of STEDMAN CATERS.]

The Norwich Diocesan Association and the St. Mary-le-Tower Society.

At St. Margaret's, Ipswich, Suffolk, on March 8th, a peal of DOUBLE
NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

Albert Gillingham* .. 1 Walter Last* .. 5
William Motts .. 2 James Motts .. 6
Isaac S. Alexander .. 3 Lewis W. Wiffen* .. 7
Richard W. Stannard .. 4 Robert H. Brundle .. 8
Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow, and conducted by James Motts.
[* First peal in the method.]

The Midland Counties Association.

At the Bell Foundry Tower, Loughborough, Leicestershire, on
March 8th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in the Kent Variation, 5184
changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 6½ cwt.
F. Pervin .. 1 W. H. Inglesant .. 5
J. H. Grundy .. 2 H. W. Abbott .. 6
T. H. Colburn .. 3 H. W. Kirton .. 7
F. G. Burleigh .. 4 R. F. Lane .. 8
Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by R. F. Lane. First
peal of MAJOR on the bells.

NEW BELLS AT CRINDAU.—The new peal of eight bells presented to All Saints' Church, Crindau, by Mr. E. H. Watts, have been made by Messrs. Warner and Co., of Bristol. They are sweet and yet powerful in tone, and will be a great acquisition.

ST. MARTIN'S, BRADLEY.—On a recent Friday, the Bishop of Shrewsbury dedicated in the above church the bells, after being rehung and two new ones added. There was a good congregation, and deep interest was taken in the dedication ceremony. The Bishop delivered an interesting address on the use and significance of the church bells. The offertory collected by the people, and given in the church amounted to the handsome sum of 21l. 10s., thus providing all the money required for the discharge of the debt. The amount obtained is: Proceeds of sale of work, 25l.; Diocesan trustees, 40l.; Mr. John L. Gibbons, 10l.; Offertory collected by people, 21l. 10s.; total, 96l. 10s. The bells were rehung, and the two new ones added by Mr. Carr, bell-founder, Smethwick.

Some Bell Inscriptions.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS (The Cathedral).

(Continued from p. 296.)

UNTIL the year 1699 there were five ancient bells hanging in the tower, they were then broken up and with additional metal cast into a ring of six by Philip Wightman. Four of them still remain, namely the 3rd, 4th, 7th, and tenor; two having been recast, the 5th in 1731, and the 6th in 1758. In 1730 two new trebles were added by Richard Phelps, making a ring of eight. The first of these treble bells was soon afterwards recast by John Briant, and having become cracked during the ringing of the 7 o'clock peal on Sunday, December 13th, 1829, had to be recast again: this time the work was entrusted to the Whitechapel founders.

It will be noticed by the present inscriptions that these two treble bells have recently been recast again, the treble for the third time and the second for the first time.

The following are the inscriptions on the treble and 2nd bells, previous to their being recast in 1901.

Treble. C. & G. Mears, founders, London.

H. J. B. Nicholson, D.D., Rector.

R. Brooks

B. Agutter } Churchwardens, 1845.

T. W. Kent

Natu Minor Laude Prior.

2nd.

Thes 2 Least Bells were bought by free gifts of Sandry good people obtained by ye Rev^d Mr John Cole, vic: R: P: REC: 1730.

The following are the accounts of the peal-tablets, &c., in the ringing chamber:—

On Thursday, the 19th day of December, 1765, was rang here a peal of five thousand and forty Bob Major, in three hours and twenty-five minutes, by the following persons, being the first ever completed in this church:—

Mr. Thos. Parkes .. Treble	Mr. Thos. Kentish .. Fifth
Mr. John Kent .. Second	Mr. Wm. Kentish, sen. Sixth
Mr. R. Fisher (Beadle) Third	Mr. Wm. Kentish, jun. Seventh
Mr. Richard Mason Fourth	Mr. Nathaniel Turner Tenor

The bobs called by Mr. William Kentish, jun.

Another peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung about 1803, but the record was lost when the old ringing-chamber was destroyed in 1833.

(To be continued.)

A window in the tower of Haughton Church, Stafford, has been filled with stained glass in memory of the late Rev. C. T. Roysds, rector of Heysham, Lancashire, and the principal landowner in the parish. The window is the gift of his family.

His Majesty the King has intimated his intention of continuing his annual subscription of £10 10s. to the City of London Truss Society, 35 Finsbury Square, E.C.

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Bells and Bell-ringing.

The Hertfordshire Association.

THE annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, when the bells of the Cathedral, and St. Peter's and St. Michael's Churches, will be available during the afternoon divine service at the Cathedral at 5 p.m.; tea at the Town Hall at 5.45., followed by the business meeting. Members and visitors intending to be present, are requested to notify me by Wednesday, March 26th.

St. Albans.

E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

The Revival in Bell-ringing.

THE revival of interest in church bells and bell-ringing which has taken place during recent years—due in a measure to the efforts of societies of change-ringers—is being further stimulated by the approaching Coronation. In every parish where there is a good peal, the bells will ring out on June 26th, and in many country places where for years the belfries have been silent, visited only by the owls and the bats, steps are being taken to repair the ruin caused by neglect. An instance of this change for the better is afforded by the restoration of the bells of St. Mary's Church, Prittlewell, near Southend-on-Sea. The peal, one of the finest in Essex, had been allowed to suffer, but, through the liberality of Churchmen and Nonconformists, it has been restored in honour of the Coronation. The tenor bell was re-cast a few days ago, and, by the permission of King Edward, it bears his name in the form of an inscription, 'My name is Edward VII.' This is the first bell his Majesty has allowed to be named after him. The bells at Prittlewell date from the beginning of the 17th century, and there are very few surviving anywhere in England from an earlier period. The mediæval bells vanished when the religious houses were suppressed.

A Correction.

LAST week, by an inadvertence, we spoke of a new peal of bells as having been presented to All Saints' Church, Crindau, by Mr. E. H. Watts, and having been made by Messrs. Warner & Co., of Bristol. The statement really referred to All Saints' Church, Newport, Monmouth. The peal consists of 8 bells, with a tenor about 16 cwt., note F, which have been hung for ringing in one of our Independent Cast Iron Frames, and fitted with the most modern fittings, and tuned upon the latest principles. The bells were cast at the London foundry of the firm, and have just been hung and completed. Special chiming apparatus for tune playing has also been fixed.

CHANGE RINGING.

The Waterloo Society, London, and the St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.

AT St. Margaret's, Westminster, on March 15th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 changes in 3 hrs. 23 mins. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D.

Frederick G. Perrin .. 1	Herbert Langdon .. 6
William Weatherstone .. 2	Thomas Langdon .. 7
Arthur N. Hardy .. 3	Ernest H. Oxenham .. 8
James E. Davis .. 4	Thomas Langdon .. 9
Reuben Charge .. 5	Edward J. Webb .. 10

Composed by J. P. Bradley, and conducted by Thomas Langdon.

The Ancient Society of College Youths, and the St. Stephens Society, Westminster.

AT St. Peter's Walworth, on March 15th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 changes in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Henry R. Newton .. 1	James Willshire .. 5
Henry S. Ellis .. 2	Thomas Lurgley .. 6
Arthur G. Ellis .. 3	Frederick Dench .. 7
Herbert P. Harman .. 4	John W. Golding .. 8

Composed by Frederick Dench, and conducted by Henry R. Newton. First peal in the method on the bells.

The Middlesex County Association.

AT All Saints', Isleworth, on March 17th, Holts' Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins. Tenor, 18½ cwt.

Thomas Beadle .. 1	John Basden .. 5
George A. Ransom (condr.) 2	John H. B. Hesse .. 6
William Etherington .. 3	Henry Browning .. 7
Frederick G. Goddard .. 4	Albert Sheard .. 8

AT Emanuel Church, Streatham, on March 22nd, Thurstan's one-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins.

Frederick T. C. Nevett .. 1	William Hollier .. 5
Bertram Prewett .. 2	John R. Sharman .. 6
William Pye (conductor) .. 3	William J. Nudds .. 7
Isaac G. Shade .. 4	Arthur T. King .. 8

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—At the Parish Church, on March 5th, for the Lantern Lecture. 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR, (26 singles and 4 bobs), E. Gartrell, 1; A. Nicholas, 2; J. Huddleston, 3; W. H. Dennison, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On March 6th, for practice, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR (14 singles and 4 bobs). A. Jackson, 1; A. Nicholas, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; W. H. Dennison, 4; T. Stuart, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On March 9th, for evening service. 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR (16 bobs and 2 singles). W. Forshaw, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; E. Gartrell, 3; W. H. Dennison* (conductor), 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. [* First in any method as conductor.] On March 16th, for evening service, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR (26 singles). A. Nicholas, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; T. Stuart, 3; T. Gibbons, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On March 20th, for practice, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR (14 singles). A. Nicholas, 1; W. Forshaw, 2; T. Stuart, 3; J. Huddleston, 4; W. H. Dennison (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On March 23rd, for morning service, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR (14 singles and 4 bobs). This was a silent 720, and was rung without a sign or a call being given. The first on the bells and the first by all. In the afternoon for the confirmation service, by the Bishop of Barrow-in-Furness, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR (22 singles). J. Spencer, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; T. Watson, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6; rung as a farewell peal for J. Spencer an old member of the Dalton Society, who is leaving England for Australia. The ringers wish him every success in his new sphere of labour. Also for evening service, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR (34 bobs and 26 singles). T. P. Jackson, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), J. Burrows, 6.

Some Bell Inscriptions.

(Continued from p. 336.)

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Established 1637.

On Wednesday, April 4th, 1883, eight members of the above Society rang in this tower, Mr. John Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

Messrs.

Henry Lewis .. Treble	Herbert Baker .. 5th
Newman N. Hills .. 2nd	Matthew A. Wood .. 6th
Jasper G. Crawley .. 3rd	William A. Alps .. 7th
Ed. P. Debenham .. 4th	Henry Younger .. Tenor

Conducted by Matthew A. Wood.

Rev. Walter John Lawrence, M.A., Rector.

J. T. N. Lipscomb, M.D.

T. Kent

J. Chapple

} Churchwardens.

(To be continued.)

Messrs Allen & Hanburys have brought out a very valuable little brochure on Infant Feeding. While it primarily deals with the Allenburys System of Infant Feeding, and the particular and peculiar advantages of their foods, there is much useful matter included, which should be of great help to mothers. There are useful notes on simple ailments, and practical suggestions on clothing and the hygiene of the nursery. The foods themselves are scientifically arranged, and can be so adapted to suit the requirements of the most delicate infants, from birth to one year. The pamphlet may be obtained free from Allen & Hanburys, Ltd., Plough Court, Lombard Street, London.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Essex Association.

At St. Paul's, Hoddesdon, Herts, on March 20th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

Isaac Cavill 1	Captain H. Baker 5
George Dent 2	Stephen Knight 6
William Pye (conductor) .. 3	Henry G. Rowe 7
George Barker* 4	William Cavill* 8

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to N. P. Christie, Esq., one of the donors of the bells. The ringers were entertained at the Maidenhead Hotel after the peal. [* First peal in the method.]

The Kent County Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Erith, Kent, on March 20th, Lates' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

H. P. Harman (conductor) 1	Isaac G. Shade 5
Charles Wilkins 2	Lewis Silver 6
Harry R. Pasmore 3	John H. Cheesman .. 7
Walter Ingham 4	David Barnes 8

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At St. Lambert's, Stonham Aspal, Suffolk, on March 22nd, a peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs. 27 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

James Mott 1	Lewis Wiffen 6
William Rumsey 2	George Rowe, jun.* .. 7
Frederick Borrett 3	James Rumsey 8
William Groom 4	Alfred Grimes 9
Egbert Borrett* 5	William Grimes 10

Composed by H. Johnson, and conducted by James Motts. [* First peal of ROYAL.]

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 42 mins.:—W. Jeavons, 1; A. Baker, 2; W. Fisher, 3; J. Roberts, 4; A. Fletcher, 5; S. Baker, 6; E. Goodreds (conductor), 7; A. Law, 8. On Easter Day, March 30th, for the Early Celebration, 630 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES:—W. Jeavons, 1; A. Baker, 2; A. Fletcher, 3; J. Roberts, 4; S. Baker, 5; W. Fisher, 6; E. Goodreds (conductor), 7; A. Law, 8. Also for the 11 a.m. Celebration, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES:—W. Jeavons, 1; W. Fisher, 2; A. Baker, 3; E. Goodreds (conductor), 4; A. Fletcher, 5; S. Baker, 6; J. Roberts, 7; A. Law, 8. Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 42 mins.:—W. Jeavons, 1; A. Baker, 2; E. Goodreds, 3; A. Fletcher, 4; J. Roberts, 5; S. Baker, 6; W. Fisher, 7; A. Law, 8; composed by W. T. Elson, conducted by W. Fisher.

QUEEN CHARLTON, SOMERSET.—At a cost of 1987. 10s., towards which 1877. has been raised by subscriptions in the village and neighbourhood and a bazaar, the four bells of St. Margaret's Church have been repaired and rebung, and a fifth bell added to the peal bearing the inscription 'To the glory of God and in memory of Queen Victoria.' The work has been done by Messrs. Llewellyns & James, of Bristol. A dedication service was held at 3 p.m. on Easter Monday, at which the Ven. Archdeacon of Bath delivered an admirable address. Preceded by the churchwardens, the clergy present (the Archdeacon and the Vicars of Queen Charlton, Brislington, Whitchurch, and Stanton Drew) went in procession from the Manor House to the Church. There was a large congregation, and after the service the inhabitants of Queen Charlton and those visitors who cared to do so took tea in the Manor House and walked in the grounds. Assisted by four of the Keynsham Church ringers a number of merry peals were rung during the evening, and the sweet tone of the bells (old and new) was generally admired. The form of service was that published at CHURCH BELLS' Office.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.—On Easter Sunday, for early service two touches; 171 and 360 STEDMAN TRIPLES; most of the ringers afterwards received the Holy Communion at the same service. For Morning Service 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES; and for Evening Service 588 STEDMAN TRIPLES. Previous to ringing for Evening Service the ringers were met by the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Thorpe, B.D., who accompanied them to the belfry, where he addressed them with a few kindly words of sympathy and encouragement, and also offered up special prayers

previous to the commencement of the ringing. This proof of the Vicar's kindly interest was highly appreciated by the ringers. The ringers were Messrs. Tom and George Marshall (father and son), Meakin, Mottershead, Jackson, Bayley, Booth, Barber, and Astbury.

STOKE, COVENTRY.—On Sunday, March 16th, on the new ring of five bells recently hung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, the following rang three six-scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES:—G. Chatfield, 1; S. Hope, 2; R. Bosworth, 3; W. Maund, 4; J. H. White (conductor), 5. Also on Saturday, March 29th, several six-scores in the same method:—G. Chatfield, 1; J. H. White, 2; S. Hope, 3; W. Maund, 4; R. Bosworth (conductor), 5.

NEW BELLS AT BURNHAM, SOMERSET.—The Bishop of Bath and Wells has dedicated new bells erected to make an octave. The six bells which were erected in 1824 were found to be unsafe, so a new cage being necessary, the parish decided to increase the number. A special service was held, and the church was crowded. The Rev. Prebendary Dupuis received the bells at the hands of the Bishop. Of the new bells one is in memory of the late Queen Victoria, and has the names of the Rev. Prebendary Dupuis, vicar of Burnham, and Messrs. R. Brice and Alfred Whitaker inscribed thereon. The other bell is to commemorate the Coronation of King Edward VII., and has upon it the names of Mr. G. B. Sully, chairman, and Mr. Henry Marchent, vice-chairman of the Urban Council. When the six were erected, the names of twelve representatives of old Burnham families were inscribed on them.

THE 'FATHER' OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Mr. James Robert Haworth, who has been a generous contributor in the past, has given a donation of upwards of 160l. towards defraying the cost of re-fitting the offices of the Printers' Corporation, Gray's Inn Chambers, High Holborn.

THERE has passed away a few days ago a resident of Dorking, Mr. Henry Boxall, who had a unique record as a bell-ringer. Born in the same year as the late Queen Victoria, he rang on her accession, her coronation, her wedding, her two jubilees, on the occasion of her death, and on the accession of King Edward VII. He rang in three monarchies, commencing with William IV.

Some Bell Inscriptions.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS (The Cathedral).

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LOCAL RINGERS.

These two following peals are recorded on one board:—

S. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Saturday, October 11th, 1884, was rung here by Eight Members of the above Society, Holt's Original Peal of Grandsire Triples in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

Henry Lewis Treble	Newman N. Hills 5th
James Pettit 2nd	Jasper G. Crawley .. 6th
Herbert Baker 3rd	H. G. Fairbrass 7th
William Smith 4th	Thomas Gathard Tenor

Conducted by J. Pettit.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29th, 1885, was Rung here by Eight Members of the above Association, Holt's Original Peal of Grandsire Triples in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

Arthur Godman Treble	George W. Cortmel 5th
W. H. L. Buckingham .. 2nd	Arthur Godman, sen. .. 6th
Henry J. Tucker 3rd	Thomas Gathard 7th
Newman N. Hills 4th	Walter Battle Tenor

Conducted by H. J. Tucker.

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Norwich Diocesan Conference.

THE annual Diocesan Conference commenced its sittings yesterday week, the Bishop presiding. The Bishop, in opening the proceedings, said the machinery provided by the new Education Bill was, upon the whole, the best which could possibly have been devised, for what was really wanted was one powerful authority charged with the management of all education—primary, secondary, technical, and even higher, so that children should be able to rise through the different grades to the very highest points. This could not be done under the present School Board system, which was, to some extent, narrow, and had more or less to do with politics; but it would be possible under the new Bill. With regard to primary education, it was surely an excellent thing that the present denominational system, which was very wasteful, and which caused a good deal of friction, should be swept away, and that there should be one national system of education under which all schools should come, and that all schools should be upon the same basis, all should be required to show the same efficiency, and all should be supported from the national purse. This was provided by the Bill. The members of School Boards in towns would, no doubt, be put upon the Educational Committees formed by Town Councils, so that these bodies would be constituted very much as at present, with the addition of experts on education, among whom he hoped and trusted there would be members of the Universities. The provision of the Bill with reference to the finances of Voluntary schools also appeared to him to be politic and just. If the schools of the Church of England were giving an education as efficient as in other schools, and if they did not in any way infringe religious liberty, then they should be supported from the national purse.

The question was discussed at great length, and the Archdeacon of Norwich moved, and Sir S. Hoare, M.P., seconded, the following resolution:—"That this Conference welcomes the main provisions of the Education Bill now before Parliament, and earnestly hopes that his Majesty's Government will make every effort to pass it into law during the present session." The Archdeacon of Suffolk moved, as a rider, "That the permissive power given in Clause 3 of the Bill be struck out with a view to securing a uniform system in the future." He denounced the permissive system, as it would simply perpetuate what Mr. Balfour had very properly called a 'costly confusion.' The original motion was carried by 145 to 5.

The following day the Rev. J. R. Crawford moved a resolution to the effect that, in view of pressing need for a larger supply of clergy, the Conference was of opinion that a definite system of promotion, such as that obtaining in other professions, would greatly tend to attract men to the work of the ministry. The Rev. A. Black urged that a patron should not present to a benefice a priest who had served less than seven years from his ordination, and that when an opportunity was afforded by the avoidance of a benefice, advantage should be taken of it to effect a transfer among the beneficed clergy. The Bishop of Norwich expressed the opinion that, in the present day, the great majority of candidates for Holy Orders were not actuated by a desire to secure fat livings, but by a wish to do the work to which they felt themselves called by God. They had no expectation of temporal promotion; the care of souls came before everything else. On a division, an amendment, embodying Mr. Black's views, was carried by a large majority.

On the motion of the Rev. Canon Jessopp, the Conference expressed its opinion that the great increase of literature of all kinds brought with it dangers demanding much watchfulness on the part of Churchmen. The Bishop of Norwich, in putting a resolution to this effect, said that, as a recreation, he did not think that the reading of light literature, in certain circumstances, did any harm.

Sir H. Bullard, M.P., moved a vote of thanks to the Bishop of Norwich for his conduct in the chair, and stated that in conversation with Mr. Balfour a few days since, the Leader of the House of Commons assured him that the Government would do its utmost to carry the Education Bill.

Annual Meetings of Bell-ringing Associations.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF RINGERS.

THE annual meeting of this association has hitherto been held alternately at Cambridge and Bury St. Edmund's. But the splendid progress which change-ringing has made lately in Huntingdonshire now entitles that Archdeaconry to the annual meeting in turn with the others. The first Annual Meeting in this Archdeaconry was accordingly held at Huntingdon on Easter Monday last, and was in every way a success.

The St. Neots company was the first to arrive, and they at once raised the bells at St. Mary's, and started for a 720 Plain Bob Minor, which, however, failed in the last part. After a course of Grandsire Triples for service the party, now largely augmented, walked to Godmanchester. Here the longest touch during the day was brought round, viz., 504 Plain Bob Triples, the first part of John Holt's original ten-part peal: J. Jones (St. Neots) 1, H. Sharp (Wilburton) 2, W. Goss (Ramsey) 3, L. J. Flint (St. Neots) 4, G. D. Coleman (St.

Neots), conductor, 5, S. J. Coleman (St. Neots) 6, E. C. Chasty (St. Neots) 7, T. N. Smith (Stamford) 8.

The meeting of members was held in St. Mary's Parish Room. The Archdeacon of Huntingdon, who is a vice-president of the association, presided, and in welcoming the association to Huntingdon, said it was the first time anything like so large a meeting of ringers had been held in the archdeaconry. The county could not boast of many good rings, but those they had might be oftener rung. As regards Huntingdon, there was a good peal of eight bells at St. Mary's, but there were no ringers. The bells had not been rung since the 9th of November until the members of their association rang them that morning. He was very glad that scientific ringing was making such progress. It provided a pleasant and wholesome exercise for the ringers, and he was one of those who greatly enjoyed bell music. There was nothing more beautiful than the associations of the bells with the various events of a man's life. He could not help thinking of these when he heard the Godmanchester bells sounding so sweetly across the water.

The Rev. W. W. Crump, the general secretary, then read the annual report of the committee, and moved its adoption, after alluding briefly to the principal points. The Rector of Brington seconded the motion, and remarked that he thought his brethren the clergy were greatly to blame that they were not much more often seen in the ringing chambers. The report having been adopted, the Rev. K. H. Smith, the treasurer, read the balance-sheet, and said that the sight of so many faces around him was, to him, something like two feeds of corn to an old horse, and he thanked God and took courage. He was sorry to see a slightly diminished income from honorary members, but there was a large increase in the number of ringing members. The subscription of 2s. 6d. to the Central Council reminded him of the days when he was a young man in lodgings. When he fancied that he would like some pickles with his cold meat, his landlady would say, 'Young man, what'll your father say to me for givin' yer sich luckshries when he comes to pay the bill?' The subscription was, like the pickles, a luxury, a small one, but the association could not afford much in that direction. There was, he was glad to see, an increased balance in hand. He saw that Hunts had held two meetings during the last year out of the five in the diocese. 'Well done, gallant little Huntingdon. It's a good augury for the future. Go on, and before long the other side of the diocese won't be able to boast "it's all our side yet,"'

The officers of the association were then re-elected, the title of the association slightly abbreviated, and a large number of new members were admitted.

Next year, the annual meeting will be held at Bury St. Edmund's.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

ON Easter Monday, the annual meeting of this association was held in the city of Worcester. Early in the day short touches were rung upon the bells of All Saints' (10), which were available for two hours only, and the towers of St. Swithin's, St. John's, and St. Martin's (6) bells were open at intervals for ringing. By midday the largest number of ringers of this association had gathered in the city from Areley Kings, Brierley Hill, Bromsgrove, Coseley, Cookley, Dudley, Grimley, Great and Little Comberton, Hallow, Handsworth, Halesowen, Hartlebury, Kidderminster, Kings Norton, Leigh, Lichfield, Malvern, Madresfield, Martley, Netherton, Norton, Old Swinford, Oldbury, Old Hill, Pershore, Stourbridge, Sedgley, Tipton, Upton-on-Severn, Willenhall, Wolverley, Worcester, etc. At 1.30 the members assembled at St. Andrew's Church, where a special service, which was full choral, had been kindly arranged by the Rev. Canon Claughton, the middle aisles being reserved for the members. The church was filled to overflowing. Matins was said by the Rev. J. K. Floyer, minor canon, Worcester Cathedral. A most eloquent address was delivered by the Bishop of Worcester.

Following the service, the annual business meeting took place in the Chapter House. The Dean of Worcester (Dr. Forrest), president, was in the chair. It was resolved that Mr. W. C. Jones (Worcester) be appointed instructor to the Leigh company. Among the honorary members elected were Sir Charles Johnston, K.C.B., the Revs. Arthur Beal, M.A. (Upton-on-Severn), J. G. Owen, M.A. (Old Swinford), Messrs. W. L. Farr, and J. M. Turner (a life member). Upwards of 30 ringing members were added to the roll. On the motion of Mr. J. S. Pritchett, seconded by Mr. Harry Mason, it was unanimously decided to hold the next meeting at Upton-on-Severn. Mr. Smith, in proposing the re-election of the Dean of Worcester as president, said it gave him very great pleasure to do so, because the Dean was so kind and always willing to assist them. The election was unanimous. The Dean, in returning thanks, regretted that owing to several ailing and weak people residing under the tower he was unable to allow the use of the cathedral bells. The whole of the clerical and lay vice-presidents were re-elected. Mr. S. Spittle was unanimously re-elected master, and the Rev. W. C. Gibbs, rector of Hagley, and John Smith, hon. secretaries. Mr. James Lewis (Wollaston), who has held the office of hon. treasurer for years, resigned. On the motion of Mr. J. S. Pritchett, seconded by Mr. Salter, a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Lewis for his past services, and Mr. Harry Mason (Old Hill) was elected hon. treasurer. Votes of thanks were accorded the Dean for presiding, to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Chapter House, to the Rev. Canon Claughton and Minor Canon Floyer for arranging the service at St. Andrew's Church. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Bishop for his address.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Kent County Association.

At the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, Birchington, on March 29th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 changes, in 3 hrs. 30 mins. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

Herbert P. Harman .. 1	Isaac G. Shade .. 6
John R. Sharman .. 2	William Haigh .. 7
William Pye .. 3	Edgar Wightman .. 8
John H. Cheesman .. 4	Thomas Groombridge .. 9
Ernest Pye .. 5	George Willshire .. 10

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff and conducted by John H. Cheesman.

Also at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, on March 30th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins.

John H. Cheesman .. 1	George R. Pye .. 6
William Pye .. 2	Thomas Groombridge .. 7
John R. Sharman .. 3	William Haigh .. 8
Herbert P. Harman .. 4	Edgar Wightman .. 9
Isaac G. Shade .. 5	Ernest Pye .. 10

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., and conducted by William Pye.

And at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, on March 30th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 19 mins.

Edgar Wightman .. 1	John R. Sharman .. 6
George R. Pye .. 2	William Pye .. 7
John H. Cheesman .. 3	William Haigh .. 8
Isaac G. Shade .. 4	Ernest Pye .. 9
Herbert P. Harman .. 5	Thomas Groombridge .. 10

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by John H. Cheesman.

At St. Peter's Church, Thanet, on March 31st, a peal of SUPER-LATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

John H. Cheesman .. 1	Isaac G. Shade .. 5
John R. Sharman .. 2	Herbert P. Harman .. 6
Edgar Wightman .. 3	Thomas Groombridge .. 7
George R. Pye .. 4	William Pye .. 8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by William Pye. First peal in the method on the bells.

At St. Lawrence Church, Thanet, on March 31st, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 18 cwt.

Hugh T. Scarlett .. 1	George R. Pye .. 5
Herbert P. Harman .. 2	Ernest Pye .. 6
George E. Wilson .. 3	William Pye (conductor) .. 7
John H. Cheesman .. 4	John R. Sharman .. 8

Also at the Church of St. Marie of Charitie, Faversham, on April 1st, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation of Thurstan's Four-part), 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 48 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Charles F. Turner .. 1	William Pye .. 5
Herbert P. Harman .. 2	John H. Cheesman .. 6
George R. Pye .. 3	John R. Sharman (condr.) .. 7
Rev. F. J. O. Helmore .. 4	Ernest Pye .. 8

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Andrew's, Steyning, on March 29th, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins.

George Phillips .. 1	Edwin Rapley .. 5
Edwin Bristow .. 2	John Smart .. 6
George Williams (condr.) .. 3	George Smart .. 7
George Gatland .. 4	Robert Bartlett .. 8

At St. Mary's, Pulborough, Sussex, on March 31st, a peal of SUPER-LATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min. Tenor, 13 cwt. 2 qrs.

Alfred J. Turner .. 1	Frank Bennett .. 5
George Williams .. 2	Robert J. Dawe .. 6
Charles Giles .. 3	William Keeble .. 7
John Rice .. 4	George Paice .. 8

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by George Williams.

Also at St. Mary's, Billingham, on March 31st, a peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 13 cwt. 6 lbs.

Alfred J. Turner .. 1	Charles Giles .. 5
Frank Bennett .. 2	Robert J. Dawe .. 6
John Rice .. 3	James Hunt .. 7
William Keeble .. 4	George Williams .. 8

Composed by C. Middleton, and conducted by George Williams. First peal of MAJOR on the bells.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on March 31st, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5052 changes, in 3 hrs. 23 mins. Tenor, 37½ cwt.

William Holmes .. 1	Asa Holmes* .. 6
Alfred F. Hillier .. 2	Joseph E. R. Keen .. 7
John Foreman .. 3	Hugh D. Dall .. 8
Sengent Power .. 4	Robert Richard .. 9
Edwin Wheeler* .. 5	S. Octavius Ferry { .. 10
	Robert Simm, jun. }

Composed and conducted by William Holmes. This peal was arranged as a birthday compliment to R. Richard. This was E. Wheeler's first attempt to ring a peal of STEDMAN CATERS. [* First peal in the method.]

The Yorkshire Association.

At Christ Church, Liversedge, Yorks, on April 1st, Pritchard's Bob-and-single peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

William Joyce* .. 1	Albert Scott (conductor) .. 5
James Moorhouse .. 2	John T. Eason .. 6
Thomas B. Kendall .. 3	Willie Walker .. 7
Joseph Broadley .. 4	Harry Brame .. 8

W. Walker was proposed a member of the Association previous to starting. [* First peal in the method.]

The Essex Association.

At St. Edward's, Romford, on April 1st, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 17 cwt.

George W. Piper .. 1	William H. Doran .. 5
Harry Bottrill .. 2	Wesley Watson .. 6
Harry F. Dawkins* .. 3	John Moule .. 7
William Miller .. 4	William Keeble .. 8

Composed by Henry Dains and conducted by William Keeble. rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Watson on the occasion of his wedding, and also to celebrate the conductor's twenty-fourth birthday. [* First peal of TREBLE BOB away from the treble.]

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—Upon the six bells of this church, on Easter Monday, six members of the Ely Diocesan Association of Change-ringers rang a peal of BOB MINOR, 5040 changes. F. Hunt, 1; S. Roper, 2; C. Lomax, 3; P. Roper, 4; J. Cobb, 5; J. Chinery, 6. The peal was conducted by C. Lomax, of Bury St. Edmunds.

WATTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On March 22nd, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, a quarter-peal was rung by the following members of the Ancient Society of College Youths:—J. Pettit, G. E. Peace, E. Carter, E. Wallage, E. Hall, H. Baker, W. T. Cockerill (conductor), G. Cole.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT DERBY.—Last week the new ring of bells which has been placed in the new tower of St. Peter's Church, Derby, were dedicated. There are eight bells, one being the gift of Sir Henry Benrose, another of Messrs. E. T. Ann and R. B. Chambers (churchwardens), and a third of Sir Thomas Roe. Two have been recast at the cost of Sir Alfred Haslam, M.P., and Mr. H. M. Holmes. The new clock, with chimes in the tower, was presented by Mr. J. H. Whitaker, in memory of his mother. The makers are John Smith and Sons, Derby. The service commenced with the Lord's Prayer, followed by Psalms, a lesson, and an anthem, after which the Bishop of Southwell preached, and subsequently the bells were dedicated by his lordship. At the conclusion of the service the first peal was rung on the bells, which have a very musical tone. The offertory taken at the service amounted to 32l. 12s. 3d. In addition to this sum, two notes of 5l. each were received from Mrs. Shaw, of Normanton, and Mrs. Blews Robotham, of Alvaston. The Vicar received a communication from Sir Arthur Heywood, who has taken a great interest in the recasting of the bells, expressing his regret at being unable to attend the service.

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The Worcestershire and Districts Change-Ringing Association.

THE Seventeenth Annual Report of this Association has just been forwarded to us. In it the secretaries refer to the steady progress which has been achieved. Numbers will vary slightly from time to time, but a good balance in the list of members has been maintained. 'In coming to details it is gratifying to notice the progress which has been made by members, in acquiring proficiency in ringing the higher and more intricate methods. The number of methods in which peals have been rung will bear favourable comparison with that of any other Association. In proof of which we may point out that during the twenty years of its existence 446 peals have been rung, many of which have been accomplished during the last few years, showing that vitality and energy has increased with age. A list of peals rung, and the methods, will be found in another part of this Annual Report. . . . The Annual Meeting, held in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, the Dean of Worcester presiding, was in point of numbers a record one. The Service kindly arranged for the members by Canon Claughton, in his Church of St. Andrew's, Worcester, was most hearty and well-attended, the church being practically filled, and, in speaking of it at the Annual Meeting, Canon Claughton expressed the great pleasure it gave him to see so large a body of male church-workers together at this service, a sight which he had not seen in his church before. We were the more pleased to hear these words of encouragement from Canon Claughton, as on a former occasion, eleven years ago, the attendance in the same church was miserably small. . . . We trust the coming year may be marked by the same friendly feeling towards each other as has been characteristic of the past; that a friendly rivalry may be conducive to healthy progress in the art of bell-ringing; and that the religious tone and character of our Association may be deepened each year.'

The Bells of St. Stephen's, Canterbury.

A LARGE congregation assembled at St. Stephen's Church, Canterbury, on Monday week, when the church bells were re-dedicated.

A short address was given by Canon Holland from Zechariah xiv. 20: 'In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, Holiness unto the Lord.' Some short touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung after the service by members of the Kent County Association, including Messrs. E. E. Foreman (District Secretary), M. W. Pierce, G. Sharby, F. G. Brett, P. H. Pierce, J. Balaam, P. Paine, G. G. Jenkins, and Rev. F. J. O. Helmore. In the evening a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, was rung with the bells half-muffled, in memory of

Colonel Cantis, in 3 hrs. 14 mins., by the following:—Martin W. Pierce, 1; Charles Brett, 2; Frederick G. Brett, 3; George G. Jenkins, 4; Charles Luery, 5; Edward E. Foreman, 6; Philip H. Pierce, 7; John Balaam, 8; conducted by Philip H. Pierce. This was the first peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES by all the band. The ring at St. Stephen's originally consisted of six bells, cast by Richard Catlin in 1746, to which, in 1844, two trebles were added by C. & G. Mears, of the Whitechapel Foundry. For some time past the bell frame has been in a bad condition. The oak beams were in many cases almost changed to powder, and one bell had lately fallen, while another (the 5th) had for many years been cracked. It was therefore decided to re-hang the bells, and at the same time to re-cast the 5th bell, which was cracked, and the work was placed in the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The old inscription on the re-cast bell has been retained, 'Prosperity to all our benefactors.—R. C., 1746,' with the addition of the names of the present rector and churchwardens, 'F. H. Hitchens, M.A., Rector; Wm. Cantis and G. F. Whiteman, Churchwardens, 1902.' The cost was 255l. The liberal offertory at the service, which amounted to nearly 17l., together with a donation of 40l. from one of the churchwardens, completed the whole sum required. The late Colonel Cantis, whose name appears on the re-cast bell, took great interest in the restoration, and the new bell arrived in Canterbury just two days before his death.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Lancashire Association.

ROSSENDALE AND BLACKBURN BRANCHES.

At St. Nicholas', Newchurch, Lancashire, on April 5th, Thurstan's Bob-and-Single peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 39 mins.

James Taylor	1	Ormerod Eastwood	5
Sam Lord	2	Walter Taylor (conductor)	6
George Lord	3	J. B. Taylor	7
Lawrence Taylor	4	John Wm. Ormerod	8

The Middlesex County Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Erith, Kent, on April 7th, Thurstan's One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

Edgar Wightman	1	George Wilson	5
Betram Prewett	2	Isaac G. Shade	6
Frederick T. C. Nevett	3	Charles Wilkins	7
William Pye (condr.)	4	Arthur T. King	8

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The Ancient Society of College Youths, and the St. Mary Abbots' Guild, Kensington.

At St. Mary Abbots', Kensington, on April 8th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 changes, in 3 hrs. 28 mins. Tenor, 32 cwt.

William E. Judd 1	Archibald F. Harris 6
Henry G. Miles 2	Ernest G. Stibbons* 7
Albert V. Selby 3	William Fox 8
John T. Kentish 4	William E. Garrard 9
Arthur E. Bradley 5	Charles H. Phipps 10

Composed by Arthur Knights, and conducted by W. E. Garrard. First peal of STEDMAN CATERS by the local band. This composition, which is now rung for the first time, has the 4th and 5th each twenty-three courses behind the 9th, with the 6th in 2nd's place throughout. [* First peal on ten bells, and in the method.]

The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. Matthew's, Oxhey, Herts, on April 8th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

Joseph J. Allen 1	William Hodgetts* 5
Hubert Eden 2	Francis A. Smith 6
Harry A. Horrex 3	Frederick T. C. Nevett* 7
Ernest E. Huntley 4	George N. Price 8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by George N. Price. [* First peal of DOUBLE NORWICH]

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At St. Mary's, Redenhall, on April 10th, a peal of OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 34 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt. in E flat.

F. R. Borrett 1	E. Poppy 5
E. Lincoln 2	F. Smith 6
P. Sadler 3	W. L. Duffield* 7
A. E. Fuller* 4	F. Knights 8

Composed by A. Knights of Chesterfield, and conducted by F. R. Borrett. [* First al in the method.]

The Essex Association.

At Dagenham, Essex, on April 12th, seven Surprise Methods were rung, in 2 hrs. 57 mins., viz.: LONDON, WELLS, WORCESTER, CHICHESTER, SUPERLATIVE, CAMBRIDGE, and VICTORIA. Tenor, 13 cwt. in G.

Ackland J. Perkins 1	William Miller 4
William Keeble (condr.) 2	John Moule 5
William H. Doran 3	John Dale 6

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.

At the Parish Church, Hartlebury, Worcestershire, on April 12th, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Harry Holdnall 1	Thomas J. Salter (condr.) 5
Edwin Mapp 2	Rev. James F. Hastings 6
John Smith 3	Charles Beaman 7
Thomas Griffiths 4	Albert Thomason 8

The Chester Diocesan Guild (Stockport Branch) and The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. George's, New Mills, Derbyshire, on Saturday, April 12th, Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation of Thurstans' peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins.

Thomas Jackson 1	Hiram Meakin 5
Alfred Barnes 2	John William Bayley 6
James Booth 3	Edward Reader (condr.) 7
Rev. A. T. Beeston 4	Tom Marshall 8

First peal in the method on the bells. Messrs. Bayley, Booth, Jackson, and Meakin were proposed members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, previous to starting for the peal. Messrs. Bayley, Booth, Jackson, Marshall, Meakin, and Reader belong to St. George's Company, Stockport; Barnes, to St. Elizabeth's, Reddish.

ST. SEPULCHRE'S, HOLBORN VIADUCT, LONDON. — On Sunday, April 13th, after evening service (by permission of the Vicar), the bells were muffled and rung as a token of respect to the late A. Vincent, one of the ringers at the above church, who died after a short illness; also in memory of John W. Mansfield, of the Cumberland Youths. R. Matthews, 1; J. R. Haworth, 2; C. Clarkson, 3; T. Bonser, 4; W. Chidzey, 5; G. Watkin, 6; A. Linstead, 7; D. Lovett (conductor), 8; W. D. Matthews, 9; T. Lewis, 10.

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GLoucester.—On Saturday, the 29th ult., eight members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and St. Michael's Juniors Society of Change-ringers rang at the Church of St. Michael a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (1260 changes), with the bells muffled, as a token of respect for the late Mr. Hubert J. Boughton. The peal was conducted by the Rev. E. Banks James.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION OF BELL-RINGERS.—The annual meeting of the above Association was held in West Retford Schoolroom on Saturday. The Rev. Canon Gray presided. The Secretary, the Rev. B. Darley, rector of Harthill, in his report, stated that five full peals had been rung during the year, besides very many touches. Auston had distinguished themselves by ringing nine new methods. During the day touches were rung at all the churches in Retford.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Palm Sunday evening a large congregation assembled in the parish church in order to take part in the dedication service of a new treble bell which has lately been hung in the tower. The bell is in memory of the late Mr. Edwin Wathan, formerly of Green Court, Kingstone, and is placed there by his daughter, Miss Annie Wathan, who has collected the money to defray the cost. The preacher was the Rev. Prebendary Ashley (rector of Stretton Sugwas), who afterwards dedicated the bell. He based his address on 1 Kings, viii. 63, and gave an interesting account of the history of bells used in churches. The dedication service followed. While Psalm cl. was sung, the Vicar and Prebendary Ashley proceeded to the tower, where the latter dedicated the bell to the sacred use of the church. During the singing of Hymn 308, A. and M., a collection was made towards the small debt remaining on the bell, and amounted to 17. 8s. 3d. The total cost of the bell was about 44l. It was supplied and hung by Mr. W. Greenleaf, of Hereford, who has lately put in order the other five bells in Kingstone church, and also those in Thruxton church, at a cost of over 90l. The inscription on the new bell is 'Te Deum Laudamus,' and it bears the names of the Vicar and Churchwarden (the Rev. R. H. Bird and Mr. James Farr), and the date 1902. After the service, the ringers rang a peal on the bells.

Some Bell Inscriptions.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS (The Cathedral).

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MARBLE TABLET.

Ancient Society of College Youths, Estab. 1837.

On Tuesday, January 12th, 1886, eight Local Members rang Holt's Ten-part Peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 Changes, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

Messrs.			
T. Grant	Treble	G. W. Cartmel	5th
H. Lewis	2nd	A. Godman, Senr.	6th
A. Godman, Junr.	3rd	N. N. Hills	7th
W. H. L. Buckingham	4th	W. Battle	Tenor

Conducted by N. N. Hills.

BRASS TABLET.

The Cathedral Society Established January 1st, 1854.

On Tuesday, September 21st, 1886, Eight Members of the above Society rang Holt's original Peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, in 3 hours and 15 minutes, being the first peal accomplished by this Society.

Messrs.			
T. Grant	Treble	W. Battle	5
J. C. Mitchell	2	E. A. Hulks	6
W. H. L. Buckingham	3	N. N. Hills	7
G. W. Cartmel	4	H. L. Waddington	Tenor

Conducted by N. N. Hills.

The Ven. Archdeacon Lawrence, Rector.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Swithun's, East Grinstead, on Saturday, April 5th, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 28 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

Joseph Lock 1	George Williams (condr.) .. 5
John Rice 2	Albert Longhurst 6
Thomas Stroud 3	Arthur Huggett 7
Joseph Wren 4	George Paice 8

At Holy Trinity, Cuckfield, Sussex, on April 8th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

William Stenning .. 1	Frank Bennett (condr.) .. 5
Raymond Hounsell .. 2	Robert J. Dame 6
Basil Burtenshaw .. 3	George Williams 7
Frederick Hounsell, sen. 4	Albert Mitchell 8

At St. Mary's, Rye, on April 12th, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

E. Curd* 1	C. Price* 5
F. Vincett* 2	E. S. Reed* 6
A. Vincett* 3	W. Billenness (conductor) 7
G. Billenness* 4	W. Tomsett 8

This is the first recorded peal on the bells by the Rye Branch and an entirely local band. [* First peal.]

AND at St. Botolph's, Heene-Worthing, Sussex, on April 16th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 46 mins.

Charles Hills 1	Aifred Groves 5
George Williams 2	Albert Stone 6
Henry Evans 3	Robert Dame 7
George Norris 4	Edmund Lindup 8

Composed by Henry Dains and conducted by George Williams.

The Middlesex County Association.

At St. Mary Magdalene's, Woolwich, on April 10th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

William Keeble 1	George R. Pye 5
Herbert P. Harman .. 2	Ernest Pye 6
Edgar Wightman 3	Charles Wilkins 7
Isaac G. Shade 4	William Pye 8

Composed by J. W. Washbrook, and conducted by William Pye. [First peal in the method by the Association.]

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Michael's, Cornhill, London, on April 12th, a peal of STEDMAN CINQUES, 5009 changes, in 3 hrs. 50 mins. Tenor, 41 cwt.

Herbert P. Harman .. 1	John N. Oxborrow 7
Challis F. Winney 2	Frederick Dench 8
Henry R. Newton 3	Nathan J. Pitstow 9
Herbert Langdon 4	James Willshire 10
Thomas Lungley 5	William T. Cockerill .. 11
Henry S. Ellis 6	John W. Golding 12

Composed by Frederick Dench, and conducted by Henry R. Newton. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Rosa Macalpine Leny, of Speldhurst, Kent.

The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. Mary's, Knebworth, Herts, on April 19th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR (in the Kent Variation), 5280 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

George H. Carter 1	Albert Lawrence 5
John W. Kentesh 2	Matthew Ellsmore 6
George H. Barker 3	William H. Lawrence .. 7
Albert Phillips 4	Herbert Baker 8

Composed by the late J. Reeve, and conducted by Herbert Baker. This is the first peal in the method on the bells. Mr. J. W. Kentesh, who came from Kensington, was elected a member previous to starting.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

At St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Speldhurst, Kent, on April 12th, J. J. Parker's Six-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs.

Percy Turley 1	Arthur T. Godley 5
James Baker 2	George Izzard 6
Charles Chapman 3	James Maynard (conductor) 7
George Turley 4	Frederick Still 8

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

At the Parish Church, Stockton-on-Tees, on April 15th, a peal of KENT TREBLE ROYAL, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 23 mins. Tenor, 27½ cwt., in D flat.

G. J. Clarkson 1	J. Waller 6
F. P. Howcroft 2	W. Newton 7
W. J. Newton 3	T. W. Waller 8
A. W. Barrett 4	T. Metcalfe 9
R. G. Greenwood 5	T. Stephenson 10

Composed by J. Riley, and conducted by G. J. Clarkson. This is the first 5000 of ROYAL on the bells and therefore the first in the county of Durham; also the first by the above Association, and by all the company, excepting Messrs Howcroft and Metcalfe, who came from Middlesbrough; the rest belong to the local company.

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET.—The Ringers' Guild of the Parish Church, through the Rev. W. E. Newling, Dr. Waugh and others have presented a peal of handbells on a stand to Mr. T. T. Hayward, who has been promoted to the management of Messrs. Stuckey's Bank at Wells. During his connection with Midsomer Norton, Mr. Hayward did much to promote change-ringing. He was also instrumental in obtaining the rehanging of the church bells, and the establishment of a Ringers' Guild, which has proved a very successful institution.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—In the tower of St. Peter's Church, a peal-board was recently erected, recording the first peal rung on the bells. The inscription is as follows:—The Winchester Diocesan Guild: St. Peter's, Hershham.—These bells the gift of Mr. F. L. Vaux were dedicated on St. Peter's Day, June 29th, 1901, by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Guildford. After which Holt's original Peal of Grandsire Triples (5040 changes) was rung in 2 hours and 44 minutes by the following ringers: Charles Willshire, treble; Frank Blondell, 2; Thomas W. Radford, 3; John J. Jones, 4; James Hunt, 5; George Woodis, 6; Septimus Radford, 7; Benjamin B. Wickens, tenor; conducted by Charles Willshire. W. F. Fagan, Vicar; F. L. Vaux and T. S. Payne, Churchwardens.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, NEWPORT, has been provided with a fine peal of eight bells by the generosity of Mr. E. H. Watts, of London and Newport. The tenor bell weighs 15 cwt.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Middlesex County Association.

At St. Mary's, Islington, on April 15th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 14 mins. Tenor, 16½ cwt.

William J. Nudds ..	1	Isaac G. Shade ..	5
Frederick T. C. Nevett ..	2	William Keeble ..	6
John R. Sharman ..	3	Ernest Pye ..	7
Bertram Prewett ..	4	William Pye ..	8

Composed by York Green, and conducted by William Pye. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringer of the 2nd is only 16½ years of age, and is believed to be the youngest person who has rung a SURPRISE peal.

The All Saints' Society, Fulham.

At All Saints', Fulham, on April 19th, a peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs. 18 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

William Weatherstone ..	1	William Pickworth ..	6
William S. Smith ..	2	William J. Jeffries ..	7
William T. Elson ..	3	William Berry ..	8
William E. Judd ..	4	William J. Nudds ..	9
William H. Hollier ..	5	William Pye ..	10

Composed by William H. Barber, and conducted by William Pye.

The Kent County Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Erith, Kent, on April 21st, Taurstans Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

Edwin Barnett, jun.* ..	1	Isaac G. Shade ..	5
George E. Wilson ..	2	Lewis Silver ..	6
John J. Lamb ..	3	Edgar Wightman (condr.) ..	7
John Lowry* ..	4	John Garard ..	8

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. [* First peal of STEDMAN.]

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Peter's, Brighton, on April 24th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 11 mins.

William Palmer ..	1	Frank Bennett ..	5
Albert D. Stone ..	2	Henry Dains ..	6
Robert J. Dawe ..	3	James N. Frossell ..	7
Arthur A. Fuller ..	4	George Williams ..	8

Composed by H. Dains, conducted by Frank Bennett.

At Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, on April 26th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor, 20½ cwt.

George Williams (condr.) ..	1	William Thomas ..	5
Sydney F. C. Saker ..	2	William Billenness* ..	6
Albert Edward-Barrow ..	3	Walter Franks ..	7
Sydney Saker ..	4	William H. Swain† ..	8

First peal of STEDMAN in the Borough of Hastings. Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. Sydney Saker, Hon. Sec., to the Eastern Division of the Association. [† First peal. * First peal of STEDMAN].

Also at St. John-the-Baptist's, Southover, Lewes, on April 28th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins.

Alfred Langridge ..	1	George A. King ..	5
William Pelling ..	2	Robert J. Dawe ..	6
Keith Hart ..	3	George Williams ..	7
Frank Bennett ..	4	John S. Goldsmith ..	8

Composed and conducted by Frank Bennett. This was the conductor's 300th peal.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On April 3rd, for practice, 720 PLAIN BOB, (18 bobs and 18 singles), in 25 mins. A. Nicholas, 1; W. Forshaw, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On April 13th, for evening, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE (44 bobs and 10 singles), in 25 mins. J. Huddleston, 1; A. Nicholas, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On April 17th, for practice, 720 PLAIN BOB (18 bobs and 2 singles), in 25 mins. T. R. Jackson (conductor), 1; W. Forshaw, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Stuart, 4; A. Nicholas, 5; J. Burrows, 6; and 720 OXFORD SINGLE BOB (18 bobs and 2 singles), in 25 mins. T. R. Jackson (conductor), 1; J. Huddleston, 2; T. Stuart, 3; W. H.

Dennison, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On April 19th, for practice, 720 PLAIN BOB (18 bobs and 2 singles), in 26 mins. J. S. Balderstone, 1; A. Nicholas, 2; J. Huddleston, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in any method for J. S. Balderstone, who comes from Broughton-in-Furness. On April 20th, for morning service, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE (26 bobs and 10 singles), in 25 mins. E. Gartrell, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; T. Stuart, 3; W. H. Dennison, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On April 27th, for evening service, 720 PLAIN BOB (26 bobs and 2 singles), in 25 mins. A. Nicholas, 1; W. H. Dennison, 2; E. Gartrell, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6.

THE BELLS OF STOKE, WARWICKSHIRE.—For the first time for forty-three years the parishioners of Stoke on a recent Sunday wended their way churchwards in response to the call of the church bells. All these years the grey, weather-beaten tower has stood, but the three bells within have hung silent. Now, however, the old bells have been overhauled, and two fine mellow bells added at the expense of a parishioner. The dedication of these took place on this Sunday morning, when, at the end of the second lesson, the Vicar (Canon Blyth, D.D.) and Canon Flory (of Leamington) left the Communion table and proceeded to the belfry, where the latter formally dedicated the bells to God's service, ringing two of them in accordance with the custom. Canon Flory afterwards delivered an impressive discourse. He said that right in the earliest ages bells were employed in the service of the Church. They had their voices for us; solemn at times was the sound they produced, moving our feelings and exciting within us sober reflection and serious sensations. What could be more solemn than to hear the beautiful tenor bell like they had there calling the mourners to rest and peace and content, as they followed their loved ones to their last resting-place? Bright and cheerful they sounded on festive occasions, when they pealed forth their joyous tones. And, again, how important they were as a call to Christian worship. They were to be congratulated upon the peal they now had. The hand of good fortune had rendered excellent service, and devoted interest had conferred upon the parish a great blessing in the restoration of the bell fittings, and the placing of new bells in the tower.

BOVEY TRACEY, DEVONSHIRE.—The former peal of six bells in Bovey Tracey Church was removed by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and recast with an addition of five hundred-weight of metal. This firm has also supplied two new bells, the gift of Mrs. Croker. The complete peal of eight bells has been returned to Bovey, and hung in the new iron cage. On May 27th they are to be dedicated by the Bishop of the Diocese (Dr. Ryle).

EXETER CATHEDRAL BELLS.—These bells, which are undergoing restoration, will be reopened on June 24th. Members of the Three Towns band of ringers connected with the Devonshire Guild, are to be asked to send a team to take part in the opening.

CHANGE-RINGING IN SHEFFIELD.—Last week a 720 BOB MINOR was successfully rung at St. Mary's Church, Walkley, by the following: Leonard Beresford, 1; John Thorpe, 2; Frank Bugar, 3; Sidney F. Palmer, 4; George W. Thorpe, 5; William Bugar (conductor), 6. This is the first complete 720 by these ringers, who are members of the Walkley company, and have been under the tuition of W. Bugar. The performance was a test piece, qualifying them for membership of the Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers.

A new edition of Mr. G. T. Congreve's book on 'Consumption and other Diseases of the Lungs,' edited by Mr. J. Alexander Brown, has just been issued. The latest theories are dealt with in the book somewhat exhaustively, and pains have been taken to give the results of recent investigations. The recommendation of the specific treatment is accompanied by the statement that it is expensive. It may be added that a great deal of valuable information may be derived from the book, even by those who, for one reason or another, do not feel disposed to avail themselves of the particular treatment before alluded to. The book will be sent, post free, for 6d., from Coombe Lodge, Peckham, S.E., or by Mr. Elliot Stock, 62 Paternoster Row, S.E.

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Sussex County Bell-ringers.

THE annual meeting of the Sussex County Association of Change-ringers was held on Saturday at Brighton. In their annual Report the Committee, after thanking the honorary members for increased support, said the Association of Change-ringers was a Church Society, its objects being: (1) The recognition of the true position of ringers as church officials; (2) The due care and use of church bells and belfries; (3) The cultivation of the art of change-ringing throughout the county; and (4) Belfry reform.

It was much to be desired that the clergy should be represented on the Committee; and accordingly it would be proposed at the annual meeting that three clergymen (one from each division) be added to the Committee. At present their affairs were managed entirely by laymen. Congratulations were tendered to the Very Rev. J. J. Hannah, who had been so good a friend to the Association on his appointment as Dean of Chichester. The Committee regretted that East Hoathly and Upper Beeding had left the Association, but welcomed the five new towers—St. Paul's, Brighton; Brightling; All Saints', Eastbourne; Pevensey; and Waldron. There were in Sussex 114 peals of bells, but only 44 towers affiliated to the Association, and it might be supposed that in most of the non-affiliated towers change-ringing was not studied. In every parish where there were bells there should be qualified change-ringers, even if there were only five bells, and this could only be accomplished by the personal interest of the clergy. Choirs had been organized, and an organ or harmonium provided in nearly every church by the efforts of the clergy, and, if they would only take the same interest in bells (which are also valuable instruments of music), and in bell-ringers, an efficient band of change-ringers would soon be established in every parish. The Committee were prepared to assist those who desired to learn change-ringing, or those who wish to learn a new method, on the following terms: The Association to pay the Instructor 2s. 6d. per lesson and third class railway fare; applications to be made to the Hon Sec., Mr. A. B. Bennett.

This year the Association held the third place for the year's peals, with 70 peals, 1340 points, Middlesex being first with 79 peals, 1447 points, Oxford second with also 79 peals, but only 1380 points. The Sussex Association only lost the second place by 40 points. It was mentioned that St. Peter's Branch had scored the highest number of points, but, having held the Challenge Bell for the past year, Heene, who were second, secured the trophy. The balance-sheet showed receipts amounting to 85l. 10s. 11d., and an expenditure of 58l. 10s. 8d., leaving a balance in hand of 27l. 0s. 3d.

CHANGE RINGING.

The Kent County Association.

AT St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on April 25th, a peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 changes, in the Oxford Variation, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

Edgar Wightman ..	1	William Foreman ..	6
Herbert P. Harman ..	2	Harry Hoskins ..	7
George Robert Pye ..	3	Ernest Pye ..	8
John James Lamb ..	4	Frederick W. Thornton ..	9
Isaac George Shade ..	5	William Pye ..	10

Composed by George Hayward, of Bromsgrove, and conducted by William Pye.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

AT St. Margaret's, Queen Charlton, Somerset, on May 31st, a peal of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 changes (being 42 six-scores), in 2 hrs. 46 mins.

Alfred Brookes ..	1	Charles Beer ..	4
Henry T. Howell ..	2	William Stowell ..	5
W. Sommerville (condr.) ..	3		

First peal on these bells, which have lately been re-hung and a new treble added. The ringers were welcomed at the Manor House by Mrs. Haines, who kindly provided tea before starting, and after the peal was over, gave the ringers an excellent supper. The ringers thanked her for her kind hospitality, and also thanked the Charlton ringers for having everything in readiness.

AT St. Stephen's, Bristol, upon handbells, on May 1st, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins.

F. Leaker ..	1-2	F. Price ..	7-8
J. Thomas ..	3-4	V. O'Brien ..	9-10
W. J. Hinton ..	5-6		

This is the first peal ever rung upon handbells in the city, and was conducted by W. J. Hinton.

The Waterloo Society, London.

AT St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Putney, on April 26th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 47 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Reuben Charge ..	1	Thomas Langdon (condr.) ..	5
William Charge ..	2	William Shepherd ..	6
Ernest Brett ..	3	Ferris J. Shepherd ..	7
Ernest H. Oxenham ..	4	Herbert Langdon ..	8

The Middlesex County Association.

AT St. Giles's, Camberwell, on April 26th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

Bertram Prewett ..	1	Harry F. Dawkins ..	6
Isaac G. Shade ..	2	William Pye ..	7
George R. Pye ..	3	Charles Wilkins ..	8
George R. Fardon ..	4	James George ..	9
Cornelius Charge ..	5	Ernest Pye ..	10

Composed by Cornelius Charge, and conducted by William Pye.

Hertford, Herts.

AT St. Andrew's, on May 3rd, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Matthew Ellsmore ..	1	Charles Vale* ..	5
George E. Smith* ..	2	Herbert Baker* (condr.) ..	6
Henry J. Tucker ..	3	William H. Lawrence ..	7
George H. Barker ..	4	Edward Edwards ..	8

[* First peal.]

IN Celebration of the Coronation, the fine peal of eight bells in Wooburn Parish Church, Bucks, is to be restored at a cost of 300l. The bells are of very ancient date, and tradition connects one of them with a John Godwin, who in 1498 left 20s. for 'ye making of a bell,' and 5l. towards the repair of the 'stepult of Oboarne, Denncourt.'

BERRIEW, MONTGOMERY.—Mr. C. Howell is presenting a new bell to the church, which will make the peal up to six. He is also bearing the cost of having the whole of the bells rehung on the newest principles, namely, on iron girders. The five old bells were sent down lately to Messrs. John Taylor, bell founders, Loughborough, to be retuned. They are to be finished in time for the Coronation.

ST. MARY'S, ISLINGTON.—At St. Mary's, Islington, a funeral peal with muffled bells has been rung as a last mark of respect and esteem for the late Mr. W. A. Spicer, for upwards of fifty years connected with the church as ringer and steeple-keeper. The ringers were: J. Barry, 1; A. Potheary, 2; G. Gains, 3; H. May, 4; H. Starks, 5; W. Creek, 6; H. Franks, 7; J. Lewis, 8. The ringing was conducted by J. Barry. At the conclusion a touch of 240 changes of GRANDSIRE was rung with the help of other ringers.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN RINGERS' GUILD.—The annual meeting of this Guild took place at Salisbury lately, when ringers were present from Warminster, Westbury, Longbridge Deverill, Berwick, Ebbesbourne, Wake, Horningsham, &c. A service was held in the Cathedral, when an address was given by the Dean (Bishop Webb). Earl Nelson presided at the annual meeting at the Church House. Mr. H. H. Palairat was re-elected Master of the Guild, while the treasurer and secretary were re-elected. Dinner was provided, and afterwards peals were rung in various towers.

A CORONATION PEAL.—Mr. Frank Bertram, the expert bell-ringer and originator of solo bell-ringing, who has had the honour of performing before Queen Alexandra (at that time Princess of Wales) and other members of the Royal Family recently paid (says a contemporary) a friendly visit to the steeple-ringers of Wandsworth. The ringers gave Mr. Bertram a hearty welcome, and, in return, he suggested they might like to use a 'change' he called 'Coronation.' An invitation was given and accepted, and on Monday at handbell practice 'Coronation' was rung by Mr. Bertram, trebles; Mr. George Anderson, 3 and 4; Mr. William G. Anderson, 5 and 6; and Mr. Richard Woolridge, steeple-keeper, 7 and tenor. Another meeting was arranged to see the effect on a special peal by Mr. John Taylor, of Loughborough, the property of Mr. Bertram.

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Bells and Bell-ringing.

The Kent County Association of Change-ringers.

ASHFORD DISTRICT.—A District Meeting (no allowances) will be held at Brabourne on Saturday afternoon, May 24th, at four o'clock.
C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, Hon. Dist. Sec.

Death of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer.

WE regret to announce the death of the Rev. Henry Earle Bulwer, hon. secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers, and the Central Council of Church Bell-ringers.

Mr. Bulwer was known throughout the country as an ardent supporter of change-ringing, and had devoted much labour to the organization of the Diocesan Association. His connection with the science and practice of change-ringing began in 1879, when he was residing at Needham, near Harleston, and where he was constantly in the society of such enthusiastic ringers as the Rev. N. Bolingbroke, the late Captain Moore, and Mr. Gervas Holmes.

The Redenhall Bell Foundry was started about the same time, and being a mechanic of no mean order, Mr. Bulwer took the greatest interest, and often lent a hand, in the work carried out there. He joined the talented company of ringers who had the beautiful tower of Redenhall as their headquarters, and rang his first peal there on May 3rd, 1881. This peal was also composed by him—a double honour and a very rare occurrence. In 1882 Mr. Bulwer went as senior curate to Hunstanton; and unfortunately lost all further opportunity for belfry practice. Nevertheless he was firmly wedded to the science, and pursued it with increased zeal on paper. In conjunction with Sir Arthur Heywood he carried out researches into the science upon mathematical lines—the old plan of composing peals by rule of thumb was shown by them to be extremely faulty, and in a series of brilliant papers in the 'Ringers' Record' they thoroughly established themselves as masters of the higher branches of change-ringing.

Mr. Bulwer, at the time of his death, was the acknowledged head of the scientific members of the exercise in the country, and his services were always in request as a referee in intricate technical matters. In February, 1890, after the death of the Rev. N. Bolingbroke, Mr. Bulwer was elected secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers, and at once rearranged the whole body, divided the diocese into districts, each with a secretary, and in a short time made the Norwich Association a power in the ringing world. In 1891 Mr. Bulwer was asked by the leading ringers of England to undertake the organization of the Central Council of Church Bell-ringers, which under his careful guidance soon justified its existence, and became to the ringing world what the M.C.C. is to the world of cricket.

Henfield (Sussex) Bell-ringers' Outing.

THE members of the Henfield Bell-ringers' Society, and a few friends, making a party of nineteen, visited London on Tuesday, May 6th. Mr. W. Markwell, the Secretary, had prepared an interesting programme, and the party was also accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Wakeford), and by the Captain (Mr. C. Tyler). On arriving at London Bridge, a visit was made to St. Saviour's, Southwark, the Church shortly to be used as a Cathedral for the new diocese of Southwark. Naturally a visit was paid to the bells and bell chamber. The tenor bell of this peal is over 51 cwt. The party then proceeded to the Tower, and viewed the specimens of old armour and weapons there displayed. Among many objects of interest was a Chinese bell, the inscription on which was left untranslated! On leaving the Tower the party proceeded to St. Paul's Cathedral, and by special permission of Canon Scott Holland, were shown everything, including the bells, mechanism of the clock, &c. Some of the party even had the privilege of helping to raise the great bell weighing nearly 17 tons, to toll for the 1.15 p.m. service. Luncheon was partaken of at Evans' Restaurant close by, and thus refreshed some of the members proceeded to Trafalgar Square, and visited the National Gallery, and all met again at 4.30 at the Houses of Parliament. Sir Henry Fletcher later on met them and gave them a hearty greeting, and procured passes for about ten of them to the Strangers' Gallery, while the discussion on the Education Bill was in progress. At 7.20 the party started for home from Victoria after a most pleasant and interesting day.

Ilkeston Victorian Memorial.

LAST week the Bishop of Southwell attended the parish church to dedicate new bells, constituting Ilkeston's Victorian Memorial. The estimated cost has been from 500l. or 600l. About 450l. has already

been promised. One bell has been given by the Vicar of Ilkeston, and bears the following inscription: 'Victoria Memorial, 1902. Magnificat anima mea Dominum. The gift of the Rev. E. Muirhead Evans, M.A., vicar.' A second bell is inscribed: 'Victoria Memorial, 1902. Te Deum Laudamus. The gift of Charles Maltby, J.P., churchwarden.' A third bell bears the following: 'Victoria Memorial, 1902. Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritum Sancto. This bell was given by John Ralph Melland Thompson, of Harefields, Ilkeston, and Alice his wife. (Cast by Carr & Co., Smethwick, 1902).' A fourth bell is inscribed: 'All glory be to God on high, 1630. Recast at the expense of John Ball, J.P., and Elizabeth A. Wood, the surviving children of Wm. Ball, Dodson House, in this parish, 1902.' The weight of the tenor bell, given by Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, is 16 cwt. Westminster chimes for the church clock will be ready in about six weeks' time, and brass tablets are to be affixed to the tower, stating that the bells have been restored and added to as a Victorian memorial, the names of the vicar, the Mayor, and the two churchwardens being inscribed on the plates. The Mayor and Mayoress, and representatives of the Corporation attended the dedication service.

RINGERS' MEETING AT BARWELL.—The quarterly meeting of the Nuneaton District of the Midland Counties Association of Change-ringers was held at Barwell recently, representatives being present from the parish and from Hinckley, Earl Shilton, and Stoney Stanton. Occasion was taken of the gathering to unveil a tablet which had been erected in the belfry of the parish church to commemorate the ringing of the first long peal on the augmented peal of eight bells. The ceremony was performed by the Rector, the Rev. R. Titley, M.A., in the presence of a large company.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At the Church of St. Mary, Bow, on May 3rd, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins., in the Kent Variation. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Samuel Hayes	1	Samuel Joyce	5
James Scholes	2	William Dallimore	6
York Green	3	Henry Springall	7
William Truss	4	Henry Torble	8

Composed by York Green, and conducted by Henry Springall.

The Essex Association.

THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING.

At the Church of St. Margaret, Barking, on May 3rd, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 48 mins. Tenor, 22½ cwt., in E flat.

George Cottis*	1	Alfred J. T. Carter	5
James Cottis*	2	Rowland Fenn	6
Geo. W. Faulkner	3	Caleb Fenn	7
Thomas Faulkner (condr.)	4	Edward A. Davies	8

[* First peal.]

The Middlesex County Association.

At Christ Church, Southgate, on May 5th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt., in D.

Arthur T. King	1	William Tegg	5
Alfred R. Glasscock	2	John E. Miller	6
Frank A. Milne	3	Frank C. Newman	7
Harry Miller	4	Sidney Wade	8

Composed by Arthur T. King, and conducted by Sidney Wade.

The Devonshire Guild.

At St. David's, Exeter, on May 3rd, members of St. David's and St. Sidwell's Societies of Change-ringers met under the auspices of the above Guild and rang Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins.

E. Searle	1	T. Mudge	5
A. W. Searle (conductor)	2	W. Richardson	6
C. Carter	3	J. Moss	7
E. Shepherd	4	J. Richards	8

For service at St. David's the same party, with the substitution of Mr. W. Drake for Mr. Richardson, rang a touch of STEDMAN TRIPLES; also 1056 BOB MAJOR, in 40 mins., both conducted by Mr. E. Shepherd. Recently for practice at the same church a plain course of KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. A. W. Searle, 1; C. Carter, 2; W. Drake, 3; W. Richardson, 4; J. Moss, 5; E. Shepherd, 6.

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Thirty Years Ago.

From CHURCH BELLS of May 18th, 1872.

IN connection with the correspondence on the observance of Ascension Day which is being carried on in our columns, the following extract from an article on 'Tydes,' which appeared in CHURCH BELLS thirty years ago will be read with interest.

'Surely it ought to be proclaimed where, when, and how, England comes by those "tydes" and "seasons"? And ought they not to be well made use of, in Church and out of Church, by services within, and by making them days of celebration of our guilds, temperance societies, and similar confraternities?

'In reference to Ascension-tide a different method seems desirable. We learn that at St. Matthew's, Leicester, a kind of Parochial Retreat was carried on during the Rogation Days as an apt prelude to Ascension Day, when Canon W. Walsham How, Canon Youd, and finally the Rev. George Venables himself, conducted the services. These were sparsely attended in the morning and afternoon, but largely attended at night, and it is said that on all occasions a spirit of earnest devotion seemed to prevail. Certainly the idea is well worthy of thought for another year. Many efforts have been successfully made to resuscitate the observance of Ascension Day, but this appears a solitary instance of observing the Rogation Days as a prelude to it. Unfortunately the Church has done little for her children herein. She pronounces the Sunday to be Rogation Sunday, and the three days after as Rogation Days. She has provided a Homily for the occasion, consisting of four parts; the three first inculcating the truth that all good things come from God, and the fourth being an exhortation to be spoken to such parishes where they use their perambulation in Rogation week for the oversight of the bounds and limits of their town. But she has authorised no collects, or prayers, or psalms, or lessons, for the season, although all these are greatly necessary. Evidently the Church requires offices for Rogation Days, with especial reference to the crops, manufactures, shipping, and merchandise of Great Britain. These, with special psalms, lessons, and hymns would be extremely useful. They will doubtless be forthcoming soon, and it is a matter of congratulation that even in one church the observance of Rogation Days has begun, for it is too good an effort not to spread.'

The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge has, on the application of the Missions to Seamen Society, granted nearly 3000 books of Common Prayer for distribution amongst British merchant seamen with a view to promoting Divine worship at sea.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Towcester and District Bell-ringers' Association.

THE tenth annual festival in connection with this Association took place, by kind invitation of the Rev. W. S. Andrews, M.A., at Wicken on Wednesday week, and was attended with much success. A goodly number of ringers assembled from the places included in the district, ringers being present from Eydon, Milton, Gayton, Greensnorton, Couteenhall, Bradden, Pattishall, Blakesley, Blisworth, Tiffeld, Towcester, Easton Neston, Paulerspury, Leckhampstead, Whittlebury, and Wicken. The proceedings commenced in the morning with the festival service at the picturesque Parish Church of St. John the Evangelist, there being a good congregation. The Rector (the Rev. W. S. Andrews) conducted the service, and the preacher was the Rev. E. G. King, D.D. (rector of Gayton).

The annual business meeting took place at noon, and was followed by the annual dinner, which took place at the Schools. The President, the Rev. R. A. Kennaway, Greensnorton, presided over a company numbering about 120. The Rev. R. F. Bevan proposed the health of those responsible for making the arrangements for that gathering. In doing so he expressed his pleasure at noticing that nearly all bellfries of the district were represented. It was a great pleasure to the clergy to meet in a social way their ringers and those of other bellfries, and he thought it was well for the ringers from different parishes to meet one another. He was glad to be able to express appreciation of the work the bell-ringers were doing; in the past the ringers did not always get the thanks they deserved. The Rev. W. S. Andrews returned thanks in appropriate terms. He proposed the health of Dr. King, the preacher at the morning service. The Rev. Canon Hulbert gave 'Success to the Towcester and District Bell-ringers' Association,' and pointed out the various factors in the success of the Association, which included the cultivation of the science of bell-ringing, plenty of members, and raising the tone of the bell-ringers by making them realise their responsibility. The toast was coupled with the names of the Rev. R. A. Kennaway and Mr. Johnson, the latter representing the oldest bell-ringer of the Association. The Rev. A. Wake (secretary) read the report, and said they had a steadily increasing balance in hand, now amounting to £16 0s. 6d., while the membership had also largely increased. The speaker regretted that five bellfries were unrepresented at that gathering, and also stated that he hoped to obtain more honorary subscribers. Mr. R. T. Gudgeon read the satisfactory balance-sheet. On the motion of the Rev. A. W. Gross, the officers were re-elected, with the addition of the Rev. W. H. Chapman (Eydon), to the list of vice-presidents.

THE FROGS

desiring a king. The Frogs petitioned Jupiter to let them have a King. Jupiter, throwing a large Log into the pool, cried, 'There is a King for you.' The sudden splash which this made at first terrified them exceedingly. In a little time, seeing it lay still without moving, they ventured to approach it; at last finding their was no danger, they leaped upon it. Not contented with so harmless a King, they petitioned again for another ruler. Jupiter next sent them a Stork, who began to eat them up as fast as he could. Then they begged Jupiter that he would bless them again with another King, or restore to them their former Sovereign. 'No,' says he; 'since it is their own choice, they must suffer the punishment.' Be wiser than the Frogs, and if you suffer from Indigestion, Wind on the Stomach, Costiveness, Liver Complaints, Sick Headache, Nervous Debility, Palpitation of the Heart, Biliousness, &c., take at once Page Woodcock's Wind Pills.

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St. Sidwell's (Exeter) Society of Change-ringers.

THE annual meeting of this Society took place last week at St. Sidwell's Rectory, instead of, as usual, in the venerable and historic old belfry, the still incomplete state of the general renovation of the church tower rendering even temporary accommodation there undesirable. The chair was taken by the Rector (the Rev. S. W. E. Bird, M.A.), for the fifteenth successive time. In reading the annual report, the Secretary (Mr. W. Acreman) regretted that the weary length—more than two years—the tower's restoration had dragged, had prevented them during that period from using the bells they loved so well, but the Society looked forward to next month, when they hoped to be once more re-instated in their old chamber. The President (the rector) was re-elected, as also were the Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. Acreman) and Hon. Treasurer (Mr. W. Drake). Mr. Moss, who has been the Ringing Master for the past five years, resigned the ringing leadership, and Mr. Edwin Shepherd was unanimously elected in his stead. The Treasurer reported that for the first time in the history of the Society there was a balance due to the bankers. Mr. Harry Hems (Vice-President), on this announcement, at once made up the deficiency, so that the ringers start their new ringing year out of debt. The information was received with great satisfaction, that the Dean and Chapter, realising the premier position of St. Sidwell's Society in the county, had notified their wish that the opening peal on the restored Cathedral bells upon the 24th prox. should be rung by them. The invitation was accepted.

CHANGE-RINGING.**The Norwich Diocesan Association.**

AT St. Mary's, Debenham, Suffolk, on May 10th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

George Rumsey ..	1	Charles F. Bailey*	5
James G. Rumsey ..	2	William J. Groom ..	6
William C. Rumsey ..	3	Charles Brunning ..	7
William Grimes ..	4	Alfred W. Grimes ..	8

Composed by Arthur Knights, and conducted by William Grimes. This composition is now rung for the first time. The bells were half-muffled, in memory of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer. [* First peal in the method and first attempt.]

The Norwich Diocesan Association, and the St. Peter Mancroft Society.

AT the Church of St. Michael at Coslany, Norwich, on May 10th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in the Oxford Variation, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Albert G. Warnes ..	1	Edward Francis ..	5
Percy C. Artis ..	2	Horace Howlet ..	6
Herbert W. Stanley ..	3	Samuel Smith ..	7
Albert Rought ..	4	Frederick Knights ..	8

Composed by Arthur Knights, and conducted by Albert G. Warnes. The bells were half-muffled in memory of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer.

The Norwich Diocesan Association, and the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.

AT St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, Suffolk, on May 10th, Holt's Ten-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 31 mins. Tenor, 32 cwt.

Isaac S. Alexander ..	1	James Motts (conductor)	5
Walter Last ..	2	Lewis W. Wiffen ..	6
William Motts ..	3	William L. Catchpole ..	7
Henry C. Gillingham ..	4	Albert Gillingham ..	8

The bells were half-muffled, in memory of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

AT St. Michael's, Highworth, Wilts, on May 10th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 17½ cwt.

Thomas Ricketts ..	1	James H. Shepherd ..	5
Charles J. Gardiner ..	2	Ernest Bishop (conductor)	6
Alfred Lawrence ..	3	Henry Roberts ..	7
Thomas Robinson ..	4	James L. Wells ..	8

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

AT the Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, Erdington, Warwickshire, on May 10th, Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Thomas Ward ..	1	Francis Fay ..	5
Joseph Jennings*	2	George F. Swann ..	6
William Ward ..	3	Bernard Wittchell (condr.)	7
Howard Stringer* ..	4	Patrick Finity ..	8

[* First peal.]

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—At the Parish Church, on May 4th, for Divine service, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES:—W. Markwell, 1; S. Burt, 2; J. Lish, 3; L. Payne (conductor), 4; G. Payne, 5; A. E. Lish, 6; A. Heasman, 7; A. Hodges, 8. And on May 13th, 1260 STEDMAN TRIPLES:—W. Markwell, 1; S. Burt, 2; J. Lish, 3; C. Tyler (conductor), 4; L. Payne, 5; G. Payne, 6; A. Heasman, 7; A. Hodges, 8.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.—As a memorial to the late Queen, the Church Council have made voluntary appeals for funds, and as a result two new bells have been placed in this parish church, making five bells altogether. A dedication service has been held, the special preacher being the Rev. E. E. Morris, vicar of Ashbourne, and late vicar of Blackwell. There was a large congregation.

BOW BELLS, CITY.—Repairs are going on in the famous belfry of Bow Church, Cheapside. In a month's time the historic Bow bells will be ready to ring out their clearest peals in a manner worthy of the traditions of the belfry and of the Coronation. All the bells have been taken down with the exception of one, which remains for service. The peal consists of twelve, from the treble weighing 8 cwt. 21 lb. to the great tenor of 55 cwt. 22 lb., which is one of the grandest-toned bells in the kingdom. In all the peal weighs eleven tons. On June 4th, 1763, the birthday of George III., Londoners first heard the peal of the present Bow bells—at that time only ten, the two smallest being added a few years ago.

NEW BELLS AT WALPOLE.—At Walpole St. Andrew, near King's Lynn, the fine peal of six bells in the parish church has been formally dedicated, after restoration. Last year it was found unsafe to ring the bells, the beams supporting them having decayed. A new frame was found necessary, and the fittings, which were worn out, needed replacing. The bells were also worn by the clappers, and needed turning. The work of restoration has been carried out at a cost of about 180£., towards which amount the Vicar (the Rev. R. Smith) has already raised a considerable sum. The dedicatory service was attended by a large congregation. After the service the Rev. Dr. Chase proceeded to the belfry, where dedicatory prayers were said, and a peal was rung. An impressive sermon followed, and in the evening a parochial tea took place.

Some Bell Inscriptions.

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ST. ALBANS, HERTS (The Cathedral).**THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.**

On Tuesday, Jan. 11th, 1887, Hol's Original Peal of Grandsire Triples was rung here in 3 hours and 17 minutes.

By Messrs.

T. Grant ..	Treble	W. Battle ..	5th
J. C. Mitchell ..	2nd	E. A. Hulks ..	6th
W. H. Buckingham ..	3rd	N. N. Hills ..	7th
G. W. Cartmel ..	4th	H. L. Waddington ..	Tenor

Conducted by N. N. Hills.

THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Easter Monday, April 11th, 1887, Eight Members of the above Society rang Hubbard's ten part peal of Plain Bob Triples, 5040 changes, in 3 hours and 12 minutes.

T. Grant ..	Treble	W. Battle ..	5
A. Barnes ..	2	G. W. Cartmel ..	6
J. C. Mitchell ..	3	N. N. Hills ..	7
W. H. L. Buckingham ..	4	H. L. Waddington ..	Tenor

Conducted by N. N. Hills.

ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL SOCIETY AND ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 5th, 1896, was rung in this Tower a Peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 Changes, Thurstan's Composition, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute, in commemoration of Archdeacon and Mrs. Lawrence's Silver Wedding by the following Members.

E. J. Mitchell ..	Treble	W. H. L. Buckingham ..	5
J. C. Mitchell ..	2	C. F. Winney ..	6
E. P. Debenham ..	3	W. Battle ..	7
J. E. Randall ..	4	H. L. Waddington ..	Tenor

Conducted by Challis F. Winney.

(To be continued.)

We have received a sample of St. Ivel cheese, made by Messrs. Aplin and Barrett, at the Western Counties Creameries, Yeovil, Somerset. 'St. Ivel' is an excellent double cream cheese, and can be thoroughly recommended for its fine Cheddar flavour.

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Magazines.

LONGMAN'S MAGAZINE.—For this number Mrs. W. E. H. Lecky has written an interesting article on the 'Sports and Games of Ancient France'; Alice Fleming tells an exciting story, 'Her Brother's Keeper'; and St. John Lucas is responsible for a pretty 'Cradle Song.' The two serials, 'The Disentanglers' and 'A Friend of Nelson,' are excellent, and Andrew Lang is in his best form 'At the Sign of the Ship.'

THE GIRL'S OWN PAPER.—This is a Coronation number, and King Edward VII. and his beautiful Consort are represented, standing hand in hand, on the cover. The frontispiece, 'Glorious June' (from the painting by Mary Harding) is very good. The pictorial biography of Queen Alexandra is interesting, and the general contents are well up to the admirably maintained standard of the 'G.O.P.'

THE BOY'S OWN PAPER.—We are reminded, by this magazine—as also by many others—of the approaching Coronation; a small portrait of King Edward VII. appears on the cover, and his Majesty is, in addition, the subject of the elaborately coloured frontispiece. The exciting serials are by Gordon Stables, M.D., R.N., and W. E. Cule, respectively, and there are a number of excellent short stories. The musical contributions are praiseworthy.

THE LEISURE HOUR.—The June 'Leisure Hour' is a Coronation number, with articles of great variety. The Bishop of Ripon writes on 'The Coronation and Some of its Lessons.' A poem, 'The Crowning of the King,' is contributed by Mr. G. F. Savage-Armstrong, the Poet of Wicklow, author of 'Ballads of Down,' etc. Archdeacon Sinclair writes on 'The Patriotism of Shakespeare,' and among other articles are 'The Passing of the Sceptre'; 'The Lions of England,' with many illustrations; 'Reminiscences of Westminster,' also illustrated; 'The Royal Irish Constabulary'; 'Coronations of Yesterday and the Day Before,' by Mary E. Palgrave; and 'A Journalist's Autobiography.'

THE CORNHILL MAGAZINE.—Here we find a short poem by Mr. Henry Newbolt, 'The Grenadier's Good-bye.' Mr. Anthony Hope continues 'The Intrusions of Peggy,' and Mr. A. E. W. Mason 'The Four Feathers,' while the 'Londoner's Log-book' winds up with an apposite conclusion. Miss Elizabeth Lee writes on 'German Drama of To-day,' while in 'Alaric Watts and Wordsworth,' Professor Beeching discloses the ingenuous criticisms privately passed on the former Laureate by a popular luminary of early nineteenth century literature. Professor Walter Raleigh contributes 'Stans Puer ad Mensam, a Poem of Table Manners.'

Bells and Bell-ringing.

The Kent County Association of Change-ringers.

THE twenty-third annual general meeting of this Association was held at Maidstone on Whitsun Monday, May 19th. In spite of the unpropitious weather the attendance was considerably above the average of the last few years, over 180 being present. The proceedings were much the same as usual, committee meeting at 11.15 a.m., service at 12, dinner at 1 p.m. The Vicar of Maidstone gave the address at the service, and presided at the dinner, the Rev. T. W. Carr, vicar of Barming, being also present.

The Secretary's Report showed that there were about 800 members, and sixty-nine towers in union, and the Association had a balance of 50*l.* The 'Belfry Repairs Fund' (not including the offertory at the service, amounting to 16*s.*), at the end of last year amounted to 45*l.* 5*s.* 5*d.* Seventy-seven peals were rung in 1901.

The bells at All Saints' (10), and St. Michael's (6), were kept going at intervals during the day. Permission had also been obtained to ring at Leeds (10), Aylesford (8), West Malling (8), Bearsted (6), Barming (6), Boxley (6), and East Farleigh (6). Some of these were visited; but the state of the weather led the majority of members to remain in the neighbourhood of the central tower. The thanks of the Association are due to the incumbents of the various churches for the use of their bells, and especially to Canon Joy for his valuable address and presence at the dinner, as well as his kindness in so freely placing his church and schools at the disposal of the Association.

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Bell-ringers.

THE annual meeting of this Association was held for the first time at Northallerton, last week, when nearly forty members attended. They began to arrive at nine o'clock from Stockton, Middlesbrough, Stokesley, Thornaby, Guisborough, East Witton, Richmond, and Ripon, and commenced to ring with as little delay as possible the bells of All Saints' Church, ringing KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, different members taking part in the peal. At noon a special service was held in the church, which was well attended, the Vicar, the Rev. S. M. Thompson, reading the prayers. The Rector of Guisborough, the Rev. A. N. Thomas, preached an appropriate Whitsuntide sermon. Afterwards the ringers adjourned for dinner. After the repast, Mr. G. J. Clarkson, President of the Association, submitted 'The Bishops and Clergy.' Never, he said, was their Church held in higher esteem by the nation than at the present time. It was recognised that their

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magnificent Parish Churches were the common heritage of the people in the villages and towns in which they were situated, and a like feeling was attached to the church bells. Their Association was formed in order to bring about some improvement in bell-ringing, and especially to encourage change ringing, and therefore they welcomed the clergy, who were immediately interested, to their meetings, and thanked the Vicar of Northallerton for his presence and support. The toast having been responded to, the Rev. A. N. Thomas proposed 'The Cleveland Association of Bell-ringers.' He wished he knew more about them. He heard the bells ringing as he rode into Northallerton on his bicycle, and he thought what an excellent thing it was to have an association of bell-ringers. He noticed that the association consisted of small groups of ringers who were interested in trying to improve local bell-ringing.

Mr. J. H. Blakeston, of Middlesbrough, whose name was associated with the toast, said each member of the association ought to encourage members to become more proficient in change-ringing.

The business meeting of the association was then held. The fourth annual report was read by the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Stokesley. After referring to the eight bells which Mr. A. J. Dorman has so generously presented to Saltburn Church, they could only say that they were deeply grateful to Mr. Dorman for placing within their district such a splendid peal. He learned the other day that two more bells were going into Skelton tower, the gift of Mr. Wharton, Skelton Castle, and Mr. Hamilton, of Skelton. He hoped this would be an incentive to the Skelton ringers to make progress in the art of change-ringing. He regretted the fire at Easter at Marske Church, but was pleased that the bells had escaped. He heard they were to be recast. In conclusion the report said that wherever the association had been it had always had a most cordial reception from the clergy. The report was adopted, after which it was resolved in future to hold the annual meetings of the association alternately at Thirsk, Middlesbrough or Thornaby, Ripon, and Northallerton. The gathering fixed their September meeting to be held at Middleham and East Witton, while the February meeting is to be held at Guisborough.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Bedfordshire Association.

At the Old Priory Church of St. Mary, Dunstable, on May 17th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 16 mins. Tenor, 23½ cwt.

Harry Sear* 1	George R. Pye 5
Hubert Eden 2	Ernest Pye 6
Bertram Prewett 3	Charles W. Clarke 7
Isaac G. Shade 4	William Pye 8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow and conducted by William Pye. First peal of SUPERLATIVE ever rung in Dunstable.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

At the Parish Church, Hartlebury, Worcestershire, on May 18th, a Variation of Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Thomas J. Salter 1	William Page 5
George Williams (condr.) .. 2	William H. Barber 6
Henry Dains 3	John Crane 7
Edwin Barnett, sen. 4	Charles Beaman 8

First peal of STEDMAN on the bells.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At St. Mary's, Framden, Suffolk, on May 19th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Walter Whiting* 1	Edgar Hicks 5
George Whiting 2	William Wightman 6
Edgar Wightman 3	Alfred S. Wightman 7
David G. Wightman 4	George Wightman 8

Composed and conducted by Edgar Wightman. [* First peal in the method.]

At the Church of SS. Philip and James, Hallow, Worcester, on May 20th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 22½ cwt.

Abraham Winterton 1	James Motts 5
Henry Dains 2	Joseph Waghorn, sen. 6
Charles Mee 3	William L. Catchpole 7
George Williams 4	William Page 8

Composed by Henry Dains, conducted by George Williams. This was rung half-muffled as a mark of deep respect to the late Rev. H.

Earle Bulwer, late Secretary of this Association and of the Central Council. It was rung in the early morning, before the Council meeting, and was the first peal of MAJOR on the bells.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

At Christ Church, Bristol, on May 19th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

George T. Daltry 1	John Burford 6
W. James Hinton 2	Chas. E. D. Boutflower 7
William Knight 3	Charles Gordon 8
George Jayne 4	Robert H. Brundle 9
Charles Tomkins 5	Henry T. Howell 10

Composed by John Carter and conducted by George T. Daltry. Arranged for Mr. R. H. Brundle, of Ipswich.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and the St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester.

At St. Mary's, Painswick, Gloucestershire, on May 19th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 6081 changes, in 3 hrs. 35 mins. Tenor, 26 cwt.

Richard Brunsdon* 1	Henry Lovell* 7
Ernest E. Davis 2	William Hale 8
Richard A. Judd 3	William Pegler 9
John Austin 4	H. Law James 10
Thomas Newman 5	Arthur E. Pegler 11
Jesse Gillett 6	Albert Hanks 12

Composed by Arthur Knights and conducted by John Austin. [* First peal of CINQUES.]

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

(CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

At St. Mary's, Cheltenham, on May 19th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 changes, in 3 hrs. 18 mins. Tenor, 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

J. W. Wade 1	C. H. Hattersley 6
G. H. Phillott 2	F. Musty 7
Rev. C. D. P. Davies 3	Rev. J. Hastings 8
W. T. Pates 4	H. Roberts 9
W. Dyer 5	H. W. Humphris 10

Composed and conducted by C. H. Hattersley. Rung with the bells muffled in memory of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer.

The Sussex County Association.

At the Parish Church of St. Peter, Bexhill-on-Sea, on May 19th, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins. Tenor, 11 cwt., in F sharp.

John W. Burgess* 1	Frederick Lock 5
Sydney F. C. Saker 2	James Livermore 6
Leonard J. Stapeley 3	Thomas Hunnisett 7
William Billenness (condr.) .. 4	William Burt* 8

[* First peal.]

At St. John-the-Evangelist's, Redhill, Surrey, on May 24th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

George Williams (condr.) 1	Francis T. Hoad, jun. 5
Frederick W. Rice 2	George Paice 6
Frank Bennett 3	James Hunt 7
John Rice 4	Arthur Moseley 8

This was the first peal of STEDMAN on the bells.

IN connection with the forthcoming Coronation festivities, the Mazawattee Tea Co. are issuing a special series of artistically decorated tins, which are fine examples of this kind of art work, and mark a great advance in such productions. Some of the best artists have been employed in making the designs, and all the effects of the originals have been faithfully rendered, the reproductions in most instances being in twenty colours.

Mr. V. C. MALLAN, surgeon dentist, of 106 Edgware Road, W., has offered to present sixty-one complete sets of artificial teeth to sixty-one poor and deserving men over sixty years of age, in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Edward VII. This gift will be carried out in precisely the same manner as Mr. Mallan's Jubilee gift of 1897 to sixty poor women, which gave great satisfaction. His Majesty has signified his gracious approval of the gift.

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Bells and Bell-ringing.

The Devonshire Guild of Ringers.

THE annual meeting was held at Totnes, when nearly a hundred members were in attendance. Besides the fine peal of eight bells at Totnes (tenor, 30 cwt.), bands of ringers visited Newton Abbot, St. Marychurch, Torquay, Kingsteignton, Berry Pomeroy, and Dartington, and rang touches during the day. In all these places the bells were in excellent order, the belfries well cared for, and permission to ring readily granted by the vicars.

Tea was provided in the Drill Hall; the Rev. M. Kelly, president of the Guild, in the chair. There were also present the Rev. F. Molineaux, hon. secretary; the Rev. T. J. Ponting, Vicar of Heavitree; and the Rev. W. Mallett, Vicar of Harberton.

In opening the meeting the President referred in feeling terms to the loss the ringing world had sustained through the recent death of Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, secretary to the Central Council of Bell-ringers, of which he was the mainspring. As a composer he had considerable claims to fame, but his thoroughness and devotion to duty were the chief characteristics of the man. The report of the Committee showed a record of considerable progress from all points of view. Thirteen peals had been scored by members during the year, two of which were deserving of special notice—the one a peal of CATERS, 5021 changes, by the Plymouth band at Charles Church, the other a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, by the local band at Heavitree. Other complex methods have been diligently practised, such as STEDMAN, BOB MINOR, and KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, besides the more simple GRANDSIRE. The following bands were admitted into the Guild during the year: Kelly, East Teignmouth, Honiton, and Cullompton, which brought up the total of bands in union to twenty-two. No less than sixty-eight new members had been elected, which augured well for the future prosperity of the Guild. The Committee expressed their gratification that the important work of rehanging the Cathedral bells had been taken in hand by the Dean and Chapter; and that in response to an appeal for funds, substantial support has been afforded, both by individual members and bands. The Dean and Chapter have invited a limited number of the members of the Guild to ring the Cathedral bells at the reopening, on June 24th, and to this end the leading bands have been invited to select their ringers, who will thus be representative of the whole diocese. It is anticipated that in honour of the Coronation a record number of peals will be rung, and that it will be the ambition of all ringers to accomplish some feat which shall be identified with that great event in years to come.

Divine service in the parish church, with an address by the Rev. C. Wells, was held at six o'clock. During the rest of the evening some touches in the GRANDSIRE and MAJOR methods were rung in excellent style on the bells.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.

AT All Saints, Newport, Mon., on May 19th, J. J. Parker's Twelve-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt., in F.

James Carwell-Cooke*	.. 1	Evan Davies	.. .. 5
John W. Jones	.. 2	W. Coombes (conductor)	.. 6
Francis S. Wilson	.. 3	Allen Rowley	.. .. 7
William B. Biss	.. 4	John Cox	.. .. 8

This is the first peal on the bells. The bells are the gift of E. H. Watts, Esq., of London, and were rung for the first time on Easter Sunday last. Messrs. Biss, Coombes and Rowley, came from Cardiff; Mr. Wilson from Abergavenny; Mr. Cooke from Penarth; Mr. Cox from Bridgend; and Mr. Davies from Caerleon. Mr. Jones was the only local ringer. [* First peal.]

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

AT Christ Church, West Bromwich, on May 24th, a variation of Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins.

Samuel Reeves (conductor)	.. 1	Herbert Knight	.. .. 5
Thomas Horton	.. 2	Sidney Hodges	.. .. 6
William H. Godden	.. 3	James E. Groves	.. .. 7
Robert Pickering	.. 4	Thomas Adkins	.. .. 8

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

The Kent County Association.

AT St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on May 23rd, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 changes, in 3 hrs. 22 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

Harry Hoskins	.. 1	William Foreman	.. .. 6
Herbert P. Harman	.. 2	I. George Shade	.. .. 7
Edward N. Price*	.. 3	William Berry	.. .. 8
John J. Lamb	.. 4	Edgar Wightman	.. .. 9
William Weatherstone	.. 5	Frederick H. Gooch	.. 10

Composed by Sir Arthur Heywood, and conducted by I. George Shade. This peal has forty-two courses only, and has the 6th twenty-three courses behind the 8th and twenty-three behind the 9th. [*First peal of Stedman Caters.]

AT St. Stephen's, Hackington, Canterbury, on May 24th, Brooks' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 46 mins.

Harry G. Fairbrass	.. 1	Charles Luery	.. .. 5
Charles W. Brett	.. 2	Rev. F. J. O. Helmore	.. 6
Arthur A. Andrews*	.. 3	Philip H. Pierce (condr.)	.. 7
Frederick G. Brett	.. 4	John Balaam	.. .. 8

[* First peal, and rung in honour of his birthday.]

The Norwich Diocesan Association, and the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.

AT the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, Suffolk, on May 24th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs. 42 mins. Tenor, 32 cwt.

James Motts	.. 1	Herbert Baker	.. .. 7
Edgar Pemberton	.. 2	Lewis W. Wiffen	.. .. 8
Henry C. Gillingham	.. 3	William L. Catchpole	.. 9
William P. Garrett	.. 4	William Wood	.. 10
Isaac S. Alexander	.. 5	Walter Last	.. 11
Edward Sherwood*	.. 6	William Motts	.. 12

Composed by Jeremiah Miller, and conducted by James Motts. Herbert Baker, for whom this peal was arranged, came from Hertford. [*First peal of Maximus.]

The Hertfordshire Association.

AT St. Mary's, Rickmansworth, on May 31st, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Tenor, 23 cwt. in E flat.

Bertram Prewett	.. 1	Issac G. Shade	.. .. 5
George R. Pye	.. 2	Ernest Pye	.. .. 6
W. H. L. Buckingham	.. 3	Ernest E. Huntley	.. 7
George N. Price	.. 4	William Pye	.. .. 8

Composed by C. H. Hattersley and conducted by William Pye. This is the first peal of SUPERLATIVE ever rung on these bells.

STOCKPORT.—On June 2nd, at St. George's Church, a date touch of STEDMAN CATERS 1902 changes, was rung in 1 hr. 20 mins., to celebrate the proclamation of Peace:—J. Booth, 1; G. Astbury, 2; T. Jackson, 3; C. Barber, 4; H. Meakin, 5; J. Mottershead, 6; T. Marshall, 7; J. W. Bayley, 8; E. Reader (conductor), 9; G. Marshall, 10. Tenor, 30 cwt. The above date touch is the composition of Mr. J. Aldridge, of South Africa; late of Fulham, London. The bells were 'fired' both before and after ringing the date-touch. All the above are members of St. George's Company of Ringers.

BATH.—On Tuesday week, at the Abbey tower, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS was rung by the Bath Abbey Company of Change-ringers, 1259 changes in 48 mins. W. Eames, 1; G. Temple, 2; C. Bell, 3; C. Goodenough, 4; J. Fussell, 5; F. Skuse, 6; H. Wotton, 7; T. King, 8; H. Brown (conductor), 9; W. Lanham and J. N. Wake, 10.

SHIPLAKE (OXON).—To celebrate the long reign of Queen Victoria it was decided to add two new bells to the peal of six in Shiplake Church tower. On being tested two of the old bells were found to be flat, and it was deemed advisable to have them recast in order to make a harmonious octave. The work of hanging these bells has just been completed.

LYNTON, DEVON.—The new bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Exeter on Monday. The opening peal was rung by the Lynton Parish Church-ringers.

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The Church in Parliament.

IN the House of Commons, last week, Mr. Knowles said, in reply to a question:—The Ecclesiastical Commissioners have no knowledge of the annual value, gross or net, of the rectory of St. Luke's, Chelsea, either at the date of the death of the late Incumbent or at the present time. The income of the rectory is derived from ancient endowments, and was not settled by the Commissioners. There have been no communications on the subject between the Commissioners and the patron (Earl Cadogan), but the Commissioners have expressed their readiness to consider any proposal which may be made to them, with the necessary consents, for effecting an apportionment of the income of the rectory.

Further replying to his questioner, Mr. Humphreys-Owen, Mr. Knowles said Addington Park was sold for £45,000. With the interest on the sums from time to time remaining in the Commissioners' hands and the addition of the amount paid over by the Archbishop of Canterbury in respect of dilapidations accrued at the time of the sale, and, after deducting the amount of a mortgage upon the property which had to be discharged, the amount available for the provision of a new Archbishopial residence has been about £49,000. On the acquisition of the site at Canterbury and the erection of the new residence, there has been expended nearly £27,000, and the outstanding accounts amount to some £3000. The sum expended out of the proceeds of the sale of Danbury Palace upon the provision of the present House of Residence at Kennington for the See of Rochester, was £17,718.

On Tuesday week Mr. Brand put a question on the notice paper of the House of Commons asking Mr. Balfour whether he was aware that the services at St. Saviour's Church, Poplar, in connection with the death of the Rev. R. Dolling, included vespers for the dead, the celebration of a requiem mass, the censuring and aspersing of the coffin, and the pronouncement of absolution: and that at subsequent funeral services the Bishop of London and the Bishop of Stepney wore copes; and whether, in view of the prevalence among a section of the clergy of such practices, the Government would take steps for facilitating the enforcement of the Ecclesiastical law. Yesterday week Mr. Balfour gave the following reply:—'I am informed that the hon. member is incorrect in stating that the Bishops mentioned were present at the services described in the question. On the contrary, the only service at which they were present was in strict conformity with the Prayer-book, and was of the simplest possible kind. I understand that in wearing a cope on this occasion, the Bishops were acting legally. I have no information as to the character of any other services in this church, of which the hon. member complains.'

THE LION IN

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Waterloo Society, London.

At St. John's, Waterloo Road, on May 31st, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 51 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

John Thomas ..	1	Ferris J. Shepherd ..	5
Charles S. Burden ..	2	Herbert Langdon (condr.)	6
William Shepherd ..	3	Ernest H. Oxenham ..	7
Edward J. Webb ..	4	Thomas Langdon ..	8

The conductor has now called this peal from every bell.

The Middlesex County Association.

At St. James's, Bermondsey, on May 27th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5101 changes, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

William J. Nudds ..	1	Herbert P. Harman ..	6
Isaac G. Shade ..	2	William Pye ..	7
George R. Pye ..	3	William Keeble ..	8
Frederick G. Perrin ..	4	Ernest Pye ..	9
William Featherstone ..	5	Edgar Wightman ..	10

Composed by Arthur Knights and conducted by William Pye.

The Kent County Association.

At St. Mary's, Lewisham, on May 31st, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 22½ cwt.

George E. Wilson ..	1	Edwin Barnett, sen. ..	5
William J. Jeffries ..	2	Harry Warnett ..	6
John J. Lamb ..	3	Herbert P. Harman ..	7
John H. Cheesman ..	4	Edgar Wightman ..	8

Composed and conducted by Edgar Wightman.

The Sussex County Association.

At Christ Church, St. Leonards-on-Sea, on May 29th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 17 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

George Williams (condr.)	1	Frank Bennett ..	5
Clement Hill* ..	2	Frederick A. Kennett ..	6
Frank Medhurst ..	3	George Watson ..	7
Henry C. Harvey ..	4	Harry Denman* ..	8

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ALSO at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on June 2nd, Parker's Twelve-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins.

Albert E. Thomas*	.. 1	Joseph Sharp	.. .. 5
Arthur Miles	.. 2	George H. Howse	.. 6
Arthur Gower	.. 3	John S. Goldsmith (condr.)	7
Robert C. Mayo	.. 4	Charles Crunden	.. 8

[* First peal and first attempt.]

The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. Mary's, Rickmansworth, on May 31st, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Tenor, 23 cwt.

Bertram Prewett	.. 1	Isaac G. Shade	.. .. 5
George R. Pye	.. 2	Ernest Pye	.. 6
W. H. L. Buckingham	.. 3	Ernest E. Huntley	.. 7
George N. Price	.. 4	William Pye	.. 8

Composed by Charles Henry Hattersley and conducted by William Pye. First peal in the method on the bells.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

At the Parish Church, Coseley, Staffordshire, on June 2nd, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins.

William A. Jeavons	.. 1	Edward Goodreds	.. 5
Arthur Baker*	.. 2	Samuel Baker	.. 6
Alfred Fletcher*	.. 3	William Fisher (condr.)†	7
Joseph Roberts*	.. 4	Albert E. Law	.. 8

Rung to commemorate the proclamation of peace with the Boers it is also the first peal on the bells by an entirely local band. [* First peal. † First peal as conductor.]

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on May 4th, for morning service, 720 PLAIN BOB (26 singles, 8 bobs). A. Jackson, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; E. Gartrell, 3; T. Suart (conductor), 4; W. H. Dennison, 5; J. Burrows, 6.—On May 11th, for morning service, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE (26 bobs, 10 singles). W. Forshaw, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison (conductor), 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6.—On May 18th, for morning service, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE (14 singles, 4 bobs). E. Gartrell, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 720 PLAIN BOB (25 bobs, 10 singles). A. Jackson, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; E. Gartrell, 3; T. Suart (conductor), 4; W. H. Dennison, 5; J. Burrows, 6.—On June 1st, for evening service, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE (30 bobs, 30 singles). E. Gartrell, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. P. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6.—On June 2nd, to celebrate the proclamation of Peace, touches of PLAIN BOB and CANTERBURY PLEASURE were rung, and volleys were fired on the bells, and 720 PLAIN BOB (14 singles, 4 bobs) was rung. E. Gartrell, 1; A. Nicholas, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; J. Huddleston, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. A. Jackson, W. Forshaw, W. H. Dennison, and T. Suart took part in the touches and firing volleys.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 2nd, to celebrate the proclamation of peace, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. A. E. Lish, 1; S. Burt, 2; J. Lish, 3; C. Tyler (conductor), 4; L. Payne, 5; G. Payne, 6; A. Heasman, 7; W. Markwell, 8. And on June 8th, 504 STEDMAN. W. Markwell, 1; S. Burt, 2; J. Lish, 3; C. Tyler, 4; A. E. Lish, 5; L. Payne (conductor), 6; A. Heasman, 7; G. Payne, 8.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On June 2nd, on the terms of Peace in South Africa becoming known, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung by the Essex Association. B. Cousins, 1; W. Nash, 2; H. Holbrook, 3; H. Dawkins, 4; A. J. Perkins (composer), 5; G. Pye, 6; W. Watson (conductor), 7; H. Cattermole, 8.

NEW BELLS AT BRIDLINGTON.—On Saturday the Archbishop of York dedicated the new peal of bells which Mr. W. B. Jameson, of The Avenue, Bridlington, has presented to the Priory Church, at a cost of about 1000l. The following are the somewhat peculiar inscriptions on the bells:—Tenor: 'J. Alfred Jameson, J.P., pro memoria.' No. 7: 'J. Allen Pride, M.A., LL.B., D.C.L., rector, corrector, director.' No. 6: 'R. Medforth J.P., churchwarden 32 years, inspector, reflector, detector.' No. 5: W. B. Jameson, donor.

EXETER CATHEDRAL BELLS.—The famous Grandisson, the last of the Exeter Cathedral peal of bells, arrived at Exeter last week from Loughborough, where it had been recast, and was hoisted into the belfry

from the interior in the presence of a large gathering, which included the Bishop of the diocese, the Dean, and other members of the Cathedral body, Mr. Harbottle (cathedral architect) and Mr. Charles Pearson (the bell-ringing expert). The bell scaled 72 cwt., exclusive of clapper, having increased 10 cwt. in the process of recasting, and is stated to be the heaviest bell in a ringing peal in the world, and can give half a ton to the tenor of St. Paul's. Its original inscription has been reproduced.

Some Bell Inscriptions.

(Continued from p. 528.)

ST. ALBANS, HERTS (The Cathedral).

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Sept. 4th, 1900, the following Members of the above Association rang in this Tower a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, Holt's Ten-part Peal, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

H. L. Waddington	.. Treble	R. E. Hammond	.. 5th
J. Earwicker	.. 2nd	A. Hallett	.. 6th
W. H. L. Buckingham	3rd	T. Waller	.. 7th
E. Whitbread	.. 4th	G. Wright	.. Tenor

Conducted by J. Earwicker.

The Peal rung as a Birthday Compliment to H. L. Waddington Hon. Sec. to the Cathedral Society.

These two following peals are recorded on one board:—

THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Monday, Nov. 19th, 1900, the Members of the above Society rang in this Tower a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, Holt's Original, in 3 hours and 5 minutes.

W. H. L. Buckingham	Treble
A. Hallett	.. 2
H. Parkins	.. 3
J. Earwicker	.. 4
R. E. Hammond	.. 5
G. Wright	.. 6
E. Whithead	.. 7
H. Arnold	.. Tenor

Conducted by W. H. L. Buckingham.

THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, Dec. 4th, 1900, the Members of the above Society rang on the Bells of this Tower, a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, Holt's Original, in 3 hours and 5 minutes.

H. L. Waddington	Treble
H. Walker	.. 2
H. Parkins	.. 3
J. Earwicker	.. 4
W. H. L. Buckingham	.. 5
A. Hallett	.. 6
E. Whithead	.. 7
G. Wright	.. Tenor

Conducted by W. H. L. Buckingham.

The following is a list of the framed portraits &c. hanging in the ringing chamber:—

'The Right Rev. Thomas Legh Claughton, 1st Bp. of St. Albans.
" " " John Wogan Festing, 2nd do. do. do.
" " " Alfred Blomfield, 1st Suff. do Colchester.'

(NOTE.—The Right Rev. Alfred Blomfield was the first Suffragan Bishop of Colchester since the creation of the Bishopric of St. Albans, but there was a Suffragan Bishop of Colchester towards the end of the 16th century, John Sterne, who was Vicar of Rickmansworth from 1584 till 1587, was consecrated Suffragan Bishop of Colchester on Nov. 12th, 1592.)

'The Right Rev. Henry Frank Johnson, 2nd Suffragan Bp. of Colchester.'

'The Ven. Walter John Lawrance, Archdeacon and Rector of St Albans, now Dean of the Cathedral.'

'Eight Members of the Cathedral Society who rang the 1st Society Peal in the Tower.'

'The Bells of St. Mary's, Walthamstow, standing in the churchyard previous to their being placed in the tower of that church. This picture was given to Archdeacon Lawrance by the Walthamstow ringers, and by him presented to the Cathedral Ringers to be placed in the belfry.

AN art booklet of a very attractive character reaches us from the Mazawattee Tea Co. It bears the title of 'God Save the King,' and forms a history of the National Anthem and its many interesting associations.

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Norwich Bells.

THE following interesting letter appeared in a recent issue of the 'Eastern Daily Press,' published at Norwich:—

SIR,—You commented so kindly in your leaderette this morning, upon a remark I made at the opening of our churchyard yesterday, that I am emboldened to ask you to allow me to follow it up by a letter.

And just with reference to your concluding sentence—'Ber Street will have a great deal to be thankful for if the commemoration stops short at the conversion of a disused churchyard into a refreshing haven of rest.' Ber Street is thankful!—I can assure you, Mr. Editor. We hear on all hands from our people expressions of the liveliest satisfaction at the transformation that has been effected, and it would gladden Mr. Hansell's heart if he could hear one half of them. The poorest and humblest of our people took part in the thanksgiving service yesterday, and one of them was telling me this morning that she put her penny into the offertory for the Open Spaces Society, a practical sign of gratitude, which in that case means a good deal.

But what I want to say is that the opening of the now beautiful churchyard, though it synchronises most happily with the proclamation of Peace, is not a commemoration of the peace, for it was determined upon and carried out quite apart from that. My idea was that, as our forefathers commemorated the Peace of Utrecht by repairing the old tower and putting up our 'Peace' weathercock, so their descendants might do worse than celebrate the Peace of Pretoria by completing the furnishing of the tower. One bell calls us to worship, but four bells, and one a noteworthy and remarkable bell, lie idle on the lofty floor. Our friends, the ringers of St. Peter Mancroft, tells us that we lack in Norwich a good peal of eight, and they have generously subscribed £5 5s. towards our peal. They think the situation of the church will permit the sound to travel to a great distance, and the great height will cause the sound to be mellow and subdued. We have already raised some £50, and only £200 more is needed to complete this work, and the churchwardens and myself, speaking on behalf of our people, would be gratified if friends would complete this work as a commemoration of the Peace now happily concluded.—Faithfully yours,

GEORGE N. HERBERT.

St. John de Sepulchre Vicarage, June 6th, 1902.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

AT St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, Suffolk, on June 5th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 changes, in 3 hrs. 37 mins. Tenor, 32 cwt.

James Motts ..	1	Charles Sillitoe ..	6
William P. Garrett ..	2	William Motts ..	7
Henry C. Gillingham ..	3	Frederick Borrett ..	8
Edward Sherwood ..	4	John Souter ..	9
Edgar Pemberton ..	5	Albert Gillingham ..	10

Composed by the late Henry Haley and conducted by James Motts.

The Surrey Association.

AT St. Mary Magdalene's, Reigate, on June 7th, a peal of GRAND-SIRE CATERS, 5094 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Pelham E. J. Knight ..	1	William H. Card ..	6
Henry F. Ewins ..	2	William Argent ..	7
George Thompson ..	3	Francis T. Hoad, jun. ..	8
Hugh R. Thorpe ..	4	Henry Reeves ..	9
William Burkin ..	5	Arthur Moseley ..	10

Composed by Arthur Knights and conducted by Henry Reeves.

The St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.

AT St. Martin's, Birmingham, on June 9th, a peal of STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 changes, in 3 hrs. 43 mins.

William Short ..	1	Ernest Allaway ..	7
Thomas Miller ..	2	Albert Walker ..	8
Thomas Russam ..	3	William Kent ..	9
Charles Dickens ..	4	Arthur E. Pegler ..	10
Thomas Reynolds ..	5	William H. Barber ..	11
Samuel Reeves ..	6	William Painter ..	12

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff and conducted by William Short. The bells were half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. John Day.

The Ancient Society of College youths, and St. Stephen's Society, Westminster.

AT St. Stephen's, Westminster, on June 7th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins.

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

Composed by Frederick Dench and conducted by Henry R. Newton.

The Middlesex County Association.

AT St. John's, Waterloo Road, on June 7th, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

George R. Fardon ..	1	William Pye (condr.) ..	5
Bertram Prewett ..	2	William J. Nudds ..	6
George R. Pye ..	3	Ernest Pye ..	7
Isaac G. Shade ..	4	Arthur T. King ..	8

The Waterloo Society, London.

AT St. Margaret's, Westminster, on June 7th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 28 cwt.

Charles W. Ward ..	1	Frederick G. Perrin ..	6
Arthur N. Hardy ..	2	James E. Davies ..	7
John Thomas ..	3	Herbert Langdon ..	8
Charles S. Burden ..	4	Thomas Langdon ..	9
Ferris J. Shepherd ..	5	Arthur Jacob ..	10

Composed by John Rogers and conducted by Herbert Langdon.

The Essex Association.

AT the Parish Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula, Coggeshall, on June 14th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins.

Richard Potter ..	1	John Sadler ..	5
Andrew Shufflebotham ..	2	Frederick Rudkin ..	6
Henry Evers ..	3	Ernest W. Beckwith ..	7
James Newman ..	4	David Elliott ..	8

Composed by J. A. Trollope, conducted by D. Elliott. A birthday peal for E. Beckwith. Messrs Rudkin and Shufflebotham come from Braintree.

RICKMANSWORTH.—An interesting presentation took place in the belfry on May 31st. Mr. E. Nobbs, the late foreman, was the recipient of a handsome oak tray, subscribed for by the members on the occasion of his recent marriage. Mr. A. A. Thompson made the presentation on behalf of the ringers, and Mr. Nobbs suitably replied. An illuminated address accompanied the present, which had been engrossed by one of the members of the guild. Mr. Nobbs has been an active member of the guild for over ten years, and his services will be greatly missed on his leaving the town.

LLANFYLIN CHURCH BELLS.—The restoration of the bells, which has been carried out by Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd., Birmingham, under the superintendence of Mr. W. H. Spaul, F.R.I.B.A., Oswestry, having been completed, the Oswestry ringers gave a trial ring on them. The mellow tone of the bells was much admired by the inhabitants, and the striking was very even. The ringers pronounced the 'go' of the bells to be excellent.

BRONZE BELLS FROM HUTTON CRANSWICK.—Two bronze bells were recently found at Hutton Cranswick, and presented to the Hull Museum by Mr. G. Raynor. The curator of the Museum has submitted drawings of the bells to the British Archaeological Association of London. These were exhibited at their last meeting, and the general opinion of the members was that the bells were formerly used at the altar, and were sacring bells.

SALTBURN PARISH CHURCH BELLS.—The long-looked-for ringing of the new peal of bells erected in the tower of this church took place last week. A company of ringers belonging to the North Yorkshire and Cleveland Bell-ringers' Association visited Saltburn for the purpose of ringing the opening changes, and there were ringers present from Guisbrough, Stokesley, Middlesbrough, Stockton, Darlington, Richmond, and Thirsk. The newly-formed contingent for Saltburn also took turns at the ropes. During the day the peal was rung at intervals, the Guisbrough party giving a display in the minor methods of ringing. The Middlesbrough contingent rang a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, and another company rang KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. Mr. G. J. Clarkson of Stockton, president of the Association, was present. The company was entertained to luncheon by the parish, the Rev. B. Irvin, Vicar of Saltburn, presiding.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Bedfordshire Association.

At St. Paul's, Bedford, on June 3rd, a peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL, in the Kent Variation, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 38 mins. Tenor, 28 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs., in D.

A. Nunneley-Wood*	1	Bernard Jealous*	6
Charles Chasty	2	Isaac Hills	7
Frank Webb	3	John W. Barker	8
Joseph Church*	4	Charles R. Lilley	9
Alfred Bowell	5	Charles W. Clarke	10

Composed by S. Wood and conducted by C. W. Clarke. Rung to celebrate the restoration of peace in South Africa. [* First peal of ROYAL].

The Middlesex County Association.

At St. George's Church, Camberwell, on June 14th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5003 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

George R. Pye	1	William J. Nudds*	5
Ernest Pye	2	Isaac G. Shade	6
Bertram Prewett	3	James George	7
George R. Fardon*	4	William T. Cockerill	8

Composed by William Willson and conducted by William Pye. The above is the conductor's 50th peal of DOUBLE NORWICH. [* First peal in the method.]

At St. Mary's, Acton, on June 17th, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 44 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

Bertram Prewett	1	Isaac G. Shade	5
George R. Fardon	2	William Pye (conductor)	6
William H. Hollier	3	Ernest Pye	7
James George	4	Arthur T. King	8

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

At the Parish Church, Bloxwich, Staffordshire, on June 14th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Robert Pickering†	1	Adolphus Roberts	5
John Perry*	2	John C. Adams	6
Joseph Birch	3	Josiah Elton	7
Arthur Painter	4	Herbert Knight	8

Composed by Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., and conducted by Robert Pickering. [* First peal of MAJOR. † First peal of MAJOR as conductor.]

The Ancient Society of College Youths, and St. Stephen's Society, Westminster.

At St. Nicholas' Church, Chiswick, on June 14th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

Henry R. Newton	1	Harry R. Pasmore	5
William Gerrard	2	Thomas Lungley	6
Henry S. Ellis	3	Frederick Dench	7
George N. Price	4	William T. Cockerill	8

Composed by J. W. Washbrook and conducted by Harry R. Pasmore. First peal in the method on the bells.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

At St. Stephen-the-Martyr, on June 16th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min. Tenor, 21 cwt.

Fred G. May	1	Herbert Tucker	6
William A. Cave	2	Algernon Lewton	7
Alfred W. Brighton	3	James George	8
Albert Stowell	4	George T. Daltry	9
Charles H. Tomkins	5	Frederick J. Cooper	10

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff and conducted by H. Tucker.

HULL.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on May 15th, an attempt was made, by the Yorkshire Association, for Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition of the late T. Thurstans' Four-part peal, which came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 19 mins. A. N. Wood, 1; W. Southwick, 2; T. Clarke, 3; G. T. Marshall, 4; T. Stockdale, 5; D. W. Brown, 6; C. Jackson (conductor), 7; T. W. Dale, 8. Afterwards a short touch of STEDMAN TRIPLES. A. N. Wood (conductor), 1; the rest as above. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, and T. Neill of York.

BEVERLEY.—At the Minster, on May 19th, 420 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. F. Ogerby, 1; G. H. Wilson, 2; T. Taylor, 3; C. Bradley, 4; W. A. Thompson, 5; W. Gibson (conductor), 6; A. N. Wood 7; C. Constable, 8. Tenor, 41 cwt., in C.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On June 17th, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR were rung on the first six, 7 and 8 following. C. Seymour, 1; H. Day, 2; T. Groom, 3; W. Chalkley, 4; G. Gates, 5; T. Pateman (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 by the local band.

HIS FIFTIETH PEAL.—Mr. M. Ellsmore, of Lynn Villa, Hertford, Herts, has very kindly sent us a list of his fifty peals. We hope he will long live to devote himself to an art in which he is so proficient:—GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 22; GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 1 (6384 changes, in

THE LION AND

the Mouse. A Lion faint with heat was lying down to take repose. While he slept, a company of mice ran over his nose, and waked him; upon which he clapped his paw upon one of them, and was just about to put it to death, when the little suppliant implored his mercy. The Lion thought proper to do as he was desired, and immediately released his trembling prisoner. Not long after, traversing the forest in pursuit of his prey, he chanced to run into the toils of the hunters; from whence, not able to disengage himself, he set up a most hideous roar. The Mouse, hearing the voice, immediately repaired to the place, and bade him fear nothing. Then straight he fell to work, and with his little sharp teeth gnawing asunder the knots and fastenings of the toils, set the royal brute at liberty. Like the Mouse, Page Woodcock's Wind Pills are small, but can bring about great results in curing those distressing maladies, Indigestion, Liver Complaints, Wind on the Stomach, Nervous Debility, Costiveness, Palpitation of the Heart, Biliousness, &c.

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4 hrs. 12 mins.); GRANDSIRE CATERS, 3; STEDMAN TRIPLES, 8; STEDMAN CATERS, 2; BOB MAJOR, 6; KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 4; DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 1; in 7 methods on 6 bells, 2; in 1 method on 6 bells, 1: total, 50. Mr. Ellsmore has also conducted 'Holt's Original.'

MILTON ABBOT, DEVON.—The formal reopening of the bells of the parish church at Milton Abbot, near Tavistock, took place on Wednesday, June 11th. The bells—a musical set of six, all cast by J. Pennington, of Cornwall, in 1769, with a tenor weighing 13 cwt.—have been quarter-turned, provided with fresh fittings, and placed in a new oak frame. Messrs. Stokes & Son, of Woodbury, carried out the work. The cost of the undertaking amounts to about £130. An endeavour is being made to raise the whole sum in the parish, and, up to the reopening, about £38 had been received or promised. The Rev. Maitland Kelly, of Kelly, who is President of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, gave £20, and the Vicar and Mrs. Petty subscribed £10 10s. For the purposes of opening, a team was supplied from the Three Towns band (Plymouth, Stonehouse, and Devonport), on behalf of the Devonshire Guild, and were joined by the President and Messrs. A. W. Searle and E. Shepherd, of Exeter. The ringing included numerous six-scores of GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN DOUBLES, and 720 BOB MINOR. Mr. Taylor conducted the latter. Subsequently the bells were handled by the Kelly, Bradstone, Sydenham Damerel, Lamerton, and Milton Abbot sets. All expressed themselves as pleased with the easy swing and accurate adjustment of the bells. A public tea was held at the Vicarage, and largely attended. During this part of the proceedings the Rev. Maitland Kelly and his daughters contributed some clever performances on handbells. In the evening there was a special service, at which the preacher was the Rev. Maitland Kelly, who dwelt on the importance and high character of the ringer's office, and urged all to do the very best they could upon the bells.

Some Bell Inscriptions.

(Continued from p. 588.)

ST. ALBANS, HERTS (St. Peter's).

THIS building was founded in the 10th century by Ulsinus, sixth Abbot of St. Albans. It was originally a cruciform church of considerable size, but the transepts, central tower, and chancel were entirely destroyed in 1803, when a new tower was built. A further restoration was effected in 1893 at the expense of Lord Grimthorpe. The tower contains a fine ring of 10 bells. Inscriptions:—

Treble. Raised by voluntary subscription in the XXIII year of the church wardenship of Cornelius Nicholls. J. Briant, Hartford, fecit, 1787.

2nd. Cornelius Nicholls, CW. J. Briant, Hartford, fecit, 1787.

3rd. Purchased by subscription obtained by the Rev^d Robt Rumney, D:D: vicar. R. Phelps made me 1729.

4th. Recast by subscription. L: Batten, F: Gough & J. Whitney, C: W: 1812. J. Briant, Hertford, fecit.

5th. Intactum sileo percute cano, R. Phelps, Londini, me fecit, 1729.

NOTE.—This bell was recast by John Warner & Sons, of London, in 1887, with the old inscription reproduced.

6th. R: Phelps fecit, 1729.

7th. ✠ The tower rebuilt anno 1805. Rev^d Alfred W: Roberts, vicar. J. Read. J. Sanders. J. Barnet, C: W: J. Briant, Hertford, fecit.

8th. J: Taylor and Co: Bellfounders, Loughborough, 1883.

9th. J: Taylor and Co: Bellfounders, Loughborough, Leicestershire, 1883.

Tenor. The Rev^d: Robt: Rumney, D:D: vicar. Wm: Kentish, Geo: Canfield, Wm: Ensom, Church Wardens. R: Phelps made me, 17

(Lower Rim) P^{oe}: Griffith, Esq^r: Wm: Willis, Saml Dagnall, trustees and assistants to the s^d vic and CH: Wardens for casting these six bells.

NOTE.—In the year 1628 the parish bells, which, up to that date, had been four in number, were recast into five bells at a cost of £26 13s. 4d

One had to be recast three years later, and soon afterwards a sixth bell was added.

On the fourth of June, 1728, at a general vestry of the parishioners, it was ordered that the six bells in the steeple being all, except one, broken or cracked, shall, for the honour and ornament of God's house, be now cast into eight bells.

During the vicariate of Dr. Rumney the bells were augmented to eight, for, on December 27th, 1729, a peal of 5040 Bob Major was rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths.

In 1787, two more bells were added, and were cast by John Briant of Hertford. Those two are the present treble and second.

In May 1868, two more were added and supplied by John Warner and Sons. The donor of these bells was Mr. John Lewis. There is a marble tablet in the ringing-chamber recording the event, worded thus:—

John Lewis, of this parish, Nonconformist, added two bells to complete the peal of twelve, and rang them on Tuesday, May 19th, 1868. He died on Wednesday, May 27th, 1868.

'That I may win Christ, and be found in Him.

'Let us, therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded' (Philippians, iii, 8, 9, and 15.)

Of the eight recast or added in 1729 by Richard Phelps, three are in the same state as they were then, namely, the 3rd, 6th, and 10th.

In the year 1883, the two bells given by Mr. Lewis, and two of the 1729 bells were removed by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who, in exchange for them, erected two new bells which are now in use and number 8 and 9, thus reducing the number from 12 to 10, as they now remain.

There are several peal tablets hanging in the ringing-chamber.

On Tuesday, May 26th, 1767, 5040 Holt's Grandsire Triples were completed in 3 hours 10 minutes.

On Sunday, March 4th, 1810, by St. Alban's College Youths, 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hours 16 minutes.

On Monday, August 21st, 1865, ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang here a true peal of Stedman Caters comprising 5079 changes in 3 hours and 26 minutes.

The Ancient Society of College Youths held their 230th anniversary in this town on July 1st, 1867, when ten members rang in this steeple a true peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, comprising 5000 changes in 3 hours and 27 minutes, being the first peal in that method on these bells.

On Saturday, April 2nd, 1870, the Ancient Society of College Youths rung, in this steeple, on the large 8 bells, Holt's original peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5040 changes, in 3 hours and 6 minutes.

The full account of these five completed peals appeared in CHURCH BELLS of November 29th, 1873.

The other tablets of recent years are worded as follows:—

JUBILEE PEAL.

ON Wednesday, Dec. 14th, 1887, to commemorate the completion of the 50th year of the reign of her Majesty Queen Victoria, Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, was rung in this church in 3 Hrs. 17 M^{rs} by the undermentioned local members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Essex Association of Change-ringers.

E. J. Mitchell	..	Treble	W. Battle	..	5th
E. P. Debenham	..	2nd	G. W. Cartmel	..	6th
H. Lewis	..	3rd	T. Waller	..	7th
W. H. L. Buckingham	4th		S. Preston	..	Tenor

Conducted by E. P. Debenham.

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S. L. Harding } Church Wardens.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ON Saturday, Jan. 14th, 1888, was rung in this tower a peal of Stedman Triples, Hayley's Variation, in 2 hours and 58 minutes.

H. Lewis	..	Treble	Challis F. Winney	..	5
G. W. Cartmel	..	2	G. T. McLaughlin	..	6
F. G. Newman	..	3	R. T. Woodley	..	7
W. H. L. Buckingham	4		T. Waller	..	Tenor

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Exeter Cathedral Bells.

ON Tuesday, June 24th, the peal of bells in Exeter Cathedral was dedicated by the Bishop of Exeter, after restoration and rehanging. The bells are now hung on a completely new iron cage, by which means the great physical strain of ringing experienced under the old method of hanging is minimised, and the easy swing of the bells marked by more regular and musical striking. 'Grandisson,' the famous tenor, and the fifth bell, have been recast. The bell chamber is 30 ft. by 27 ft. 9 in., and bearing the whole peal are three big girders, each weighing from 27 cwt. to 28 cwt. On the top of these, and crossing them at right angles, are other and smaller girders, the whole being tied by bolts and braced together by steel straps; and standing on these top girders are the short standards or columns carrying the bells, a pair to each bell, the pair which support 'Grandisson' being from 25 cwt. to 30 cwt. All the girders are of steel, while the standards are of cast iron. The ends of the stocks to which the bells are directly attached rest upon gun-metal bearings let into the cast-iron standards, and are made of a special kind of mild steel, capable of carrying an enormous strain. Each bell is now bolted direct to the stock, the bolts passing through the crown of the former, and the cannons by which some of them used to be hung have all been cut off the crowns of the bells. Until now four or five bells hung in a row, all on one side of the tower, and all swinging one way; in future they will sway at cross-purposes, and the vibration of the tower will be lessened accordingly. The work has been done by Taylor and Son, of Loughborough. Experts believe that Exeter now possesses the heaviest ringing peal of ten in the world. Appended is a list of the bells and their weights at the completion of restoration, the one marked 4½ being the extra bell used in the minor eight peal:—

No.			Cwt.	qr.	lb.
1	Recast in 1729	.. .. .	7	0	22
2	1616	.. .. .	8	3	10
3	New cast 1658	.. .. .	8	2	0
4	1676	.. .. .	10	1	2
4½	New cast 1630 (Pontagmouthe)	.. .. .	11	1	8
5	Recast 1729 (Fox)	.. .. .	18	0	4
6	Recast 1693 (Doom Bell)	.. .. .	19	0	19
7	Recast 1676 (Cobthorne)	.. .. .	28	0	4
8	Recast 1729 (Old 9 o'clock)	.. .. .	33	2	11
9	Recast 1676 (Stafford)	.. .. .	40	3	19
10	Recast 1729 (Grandisson)	.. .. .	72	2	2
			258	1	17

Quaint Bell Inscriptions.

On the old bells of the Priory Church, Bridlington, recently removed to make room for the new peal of eight bells, are the following inscriptions:—

First bell.	To songs of Praise To wake ye village round For light restor'd Is heard my silver sound.	Barrow, J. H., 1763.
Second bell.	Nor joy, nor grief Employs my peaceful voice, Mine 'tis in consort Only to rejoice.	Robert Brown } Richd. Hopper } Churchwardens. Edwd. Reaston }
Tenor bell (weight 10½ cwt.).	To speak a parting soul Is given to me, Be trimm'd thy lamp As if I toll'd for thee.	Barrow, J. H., 1782.
	Corr. Kickaby, Minister. Henry Booth } Wm. Simpson } C'wardens. Robt. Hardy }	Barrow, J. H., 1763.

The New Bells at Blagdon, Somerset.

ON Monday week the new peal of bell given to the Parish Church by Sir W. H. Wills, Bart., were formally dedicated. The service was conducted in the belfry by the Rev. G. Lyon, the rector, assisted by the Rev. J. B. Panes. It consisted of appropriate Psalms, hymns, and prayers. The hymns, 'Light's abode, celestial Salem,' and 'Rejoice, ye pure in heart,' were sung. The old bells, of which there were six, were taken down early in the year, and the work of recasting and adding additional three was entrusted to the firm of Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel. The work has been successfully done, and the village may be congratulated on having one of the most perfect peals of bells in the country. The tenor weighs a little over a ton, and gives the note E. The extra ninth bell, which cannot be used except for chiming, is a half-tone below the fourth bell, and in this respect the peal is almost, if not quite, unique. Many tunes can thus be chimed which would otherwise be impossible. The tone of the bells is sweet and mellow, and their sound can be well heard from the fine position in

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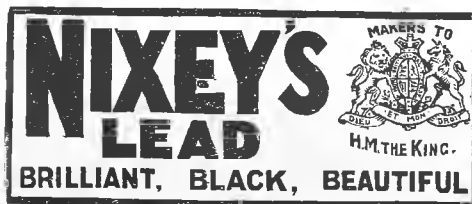
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which the church is placed. Sir W. H. Wills, by way of doing the thing thoroughly, had the whole of the old bell-chamber taken away and an entirely new set of beams put in, and insisted on the most perfect system of hanging. A chiming apparatus has just been adjusted which will enable the bells to be chimed without interfering with the ringing ropes. The ringing-chamber has been encased with a dado of pitch pine, varnished, and seats have been fixed round the walls. The handsome old tower, which the same donor restored a few years ago in memory of the late Lady Wills, is now complete, and will remain for many years a witness to the generosity of Sir W. H. Wills.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and the St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol.

At All Saints', Wraxall, Somersetshire, on June 21st, H. Johnson's Variation of Middleton's peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 16 mins. Tenor, 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

Algernon L-wton ..	1	Charles H. Tomkins ..	5
Herbert H. Tucker ..	2	Charles H. Gordon ..	6
Henry Pring ..	3	John A. Burford ..	7
John Thomas ..	4	William A. Cave (condr.)	8

This was the first peal of MAJOR on the bells, and first SURPRISE peal rung in the county of Somerset.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.

At the Parish Church, New Mills, Derbyshire, on June 21st, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5038 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min., Tenor, 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ cwt.

Alfred Barnes ..	1	Rev. A. T. Beeston ..	5
Tom Marshall ..	2	Fred Holt ..	6
Hiram Meakin ..	3	James W. Bayley ..	7
William Lowery* ..	4	Edward Reader ..	8

Composed by Sir Arthur Heywood, and conducted by Edward Reader. [* First peal in the method.]

The Waterloo Society, London.

At the Parish Church, Kingston-on-Thames, on June 21st, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 33 cwt.

James Strutt ..	1	Ernest H. Oxenham ..	6
Harry Last ..	2	James E. Davis ..	7
Herbert Langdon ..	3	John H. B. Hesse ..	8
William E. Garrard ..	4	Arthur N. Hardy ..	9
Frederick G. Perrin ..	5	Thomas Langdon ..	10

Composed by H. G. Miles and conducted by Wm. E. Garrard.

The Sussex County Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Southover, Lewes, Sussex, on June 21st, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs. 14 mins. Tenor, 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

Alfred S. Langridge ..	1	Alfred J. Turner ..	5
Robert J. Dawe ..	2	John S. Goldsmith ..	6
William Pelling ..	3	Keith Hart ..	7
Frank Bennett ..	4	George Williams ..	8

Composed by Arthur Knights and conducted by John S. Goldsmith. The first peal rung in the new ringing-chamber, the bells having been rung previously from the ground floor.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

At All Saints', Newcastle-on-Tyne, on June 21st, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs. 18 mins. Tenor, 19 cwt.

Ernest E. Ferry† ..	1	S. Octavius Ferry ..	5
William Holmes ..	2	Joseph E. R. Keen ..	6
Alfred F. Hillier ..	3	Oswald Simm† ..	7
Thomas Murray* ..	4	Hugh D. Dall ..	8

Composed by T. Day and conducted by E. E. Ferry. Mr. T. Murray came from Rothbury; Mr. Simm, Cramlington; the rest from the Cathedral. [* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal in the method as conductor.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on June 8th, for Special Thanksgiving Service in the afternoon, 720 PLAIN BOB (16 Bobs 2 Singles): T. Shuttleworth (first 720) 1; A. Nicholas 2; W. H. Dennison 3; T. Stuart 4; T. R. Jackson 5; J. Burrows (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE (42 Bobs 14 Singles): A. Nicholas 1; J. Huddleston 2; W. H. Dennison 3; T. Stuart (conductor) 4; T. R. Jackson 5; J. Burrows 6. On June 12th, for practice, 720 PLAIN BOB (26 Singles 8 Bobs): E. Gartrell 1; A. Nicholas 2; W. H. Dennison (conductor) 3; T. Stuart 4; J. Huddleston 5; J. Burrows 6. Also 720 PLAIN BOB (22 Singles 2 Bobs): A. Jackson 1; the rest as before; conducted by T. Stuart. Another 720 PLAIN BOB (14 Singles 4 Bobs): W. Forshaw 1; the rest as before; conducted by J. Burrows. On June 15th, for evening service, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR (38 Bobs 22 Singles): E. Gartrell 1; T. P. Jackson 2; W. H. Dennison 3; T. Stuart 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor) 5; J. Burrows 6. On June 22nd, for morning service, 720 PLAIN BOB (18 Singles 3 Bobs): T. R. Jackson (conductor) 1; A. Nicholas 2; W. H. Dennison 3; J. Huddleston 4; T. R. Jackson 5; J. Burrows 6; and for evening service 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE, 22 Singles: W. Forshaw 1; T. P. Jackson 2; W. H. Dennison 3; T. Stuart 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor) 5; J. Burrows 6.

EYNSFORD, KENT.—A movement is on foot amongst the bell-ringers and others to complete a peal of eight bells in Eynsford Church, by adding two treble bells to its hoary Norman tower. About £100 will be required, of which sum it is hoped to obtain three-fourths outside this small rural parish. Two of the present bells were cast in 1651, two in 1674, one in 1746, and one in 1778, Lady Dyke, of Lullingstone, presenting the last-named. The ringers of Eynsford are hopeful of raising the required sum.

SOUTH NORMANTON, DERBYSHIRE.—Through the kindness and generosity of Miss Wright, a new bell has been added to the already fine peal of bells at the Parish Church, South Normanton, making six in all. The Bishop of Derby dedicated this bell recently. The family of Wrights have lived in the parish for upwards of 200 years, and the members of the family have identified themselves with everything which has been for the welfare of the parish. Miss Wright has given the bell in memory of her brother, the late Mr. John Wright, who died on December 6th, 1882, leaving a widow and two daughters to survive him. The late Mr. Wright filled the office of churchwarden for twenty years with conspicuous ability, being elected on the resignation of the late Mr. Wilson in 1863. It was during his term of office that the church was restored, in which work he took an active part, as well as being a very liberal subscriber. The bell bears the inscription, 'Given by Catherine Wright, in memory of her brother, John Wright, both of Hill Top Farm.'

MARTOCK, SOMERSETSHIRE.—In the absence of the Bishop of the Diocese (Dr. Kennion), who was detained in London, Bishop Stirling visited Martock recently, and dedicated the restored and completed peal of eight bells. The five old bells have been thoroughly restored, and three new bells have been added, completing the octave, and erected in a new iron frame in honour of the coronation of King Edward VII. The total cost of the restoration is estimated at 425*l.*, and towards this sum about 350*l.* has been received or promised. There was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and the dedication service was held at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The Bishop, who was accompanied by the clergy and choir and churchwardens, offered the usual dedicatory prayers at the tower, and while the procession was returning to the chancel, a short peal was rung on the bells. Bishop Stirling delivered a suitable sermon, and the musical portions of the service were ably rendered by the choir. After the service there was a public tea in the schoolroom, and during the day merry peals were rung on the bells by a band of ringers selected by the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change-ringers.

KIMBERWORTH, YORKS.—On the 20th ult. a peal of tubular bells, erected at the Kimberworth Parish Church, were dedicated at a special service in the church by the Bishop of Sheffield. The bells had been placed in the tower in commemoration of the Coronation. The movement met with the liberal support of the parishioners. The bells in the church are now supplemented by an octave of Harrington's patent tubular bells of large size, the cost being about 220*l.* The Bishop received the ropes and 'solemnly set apart and separated from all profane and unhallowed uses these bells.' He then delivered the ropes to the Vicar. After the first part of the service the bells were chimed, and the Bishop, clergy, and choir proceeded to the chancel, where the remainder of the office of dedication was gone through.

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34 WHITECHAPEL ROAD, LONDON, E. Established 1570.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Change-ringing at Edinburgh Cathedral.

On Saturday, June 28th, an excellently rung peal was accomplished by members of the Durham and Newcastle Association of Change-ringers. Some time prior to the date fixed for the Coronation of the King and Queen, application had been made to the Dean of Edinburgh for permission to attempt a peal of STEDMAN CATERS on the ring of ten bells at St. Mary's Cathedral, and, as the date proposed seemed most appropriate, sanction was readily given. When the sudden and unexpected news of His Majesty's illness came to hand, it was thought that the peal, like all other functions, would have to be postponed; but as every day brought forth favourable bulletins regarding the condition of His Majesty, and as the Newcastle ringers had been looking forward to their visit, it was agreed that the attempt for the peal should take place as originally arranged. A good start was made shortly after twelve o'clock, and the quality of the ringing throughout the peal was equal to what one might expect from a band of ringers so well qualified in this art. (This peal is given under 'Change-ringing.') In the evening a visit was paid to St. Cuthbert's Church, and some of the Newcastle ringers, assisted by several of the Edinburgh Cathedral ringers, rang touches of STEDMAN and GRANDSIRE TRIPLES on the new ring of eight bells recently erected in that tower.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. Matthew's, Oxhey, Herts, on June 23rd, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 min. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

Joseph J. Allen	1	William Hodgetts	5
Hubert Eden	2	Frederick T. C. Nevett ..	6
Henry Hodgetts	3	Harry A. Horrex	7
Francis A. Smith	4	George N. Price	8

Composed by Arthur Knights, and conducted by George N. Price. This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Mr. Charles Evans Pritchett, the patriarch of the parish, who died on June 22nd, in his 94th year.

The Norwich Diocesan Association, and the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.

At St. Peter's, Henley, Suffolk, on June 28th, Thurstans' peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 47 mins. Tenor, 8 cwt. 3 lbs.

Frederick Borrett	1	Henry C. Gillingham* ..	5
William P. Garrett	2	Lewis W. Wiffen	6
William L. Catchpole ..	3	James Motts (condr.) ..	7
Egbert Borrett	4	Albert Gillingham	8

* First peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES.]

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, Edinburgh, on June 28th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5052 changes, in 3 hrs. 40 mins. Tenor, 42 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

William Holmes	1	S. Octavius Ferry	6
Alfred F. Hillier	2	Robert S. Story	7
Joseph E. R. Keen	3	Hugh D. Dall	8
Thomas T. Gofton	4	Robert Richards	9
Asa Holmes	5	Ernest E. Ferry	10

Composed and conducted by William Holmes. The first peal of STEDMAN ever rung in Scotland.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—One of the finest peals of bells in Cornwall is in Kenwyn Church, which, surrounded by ancient trees, occupies a commanding position on a hill on the outskirts of Truro. The oldest bell, bearing the date 1747, weighs 5 cwt., and has a diameter at the mouth of 28½ inches. 1788 is the date given on another, measuring 33½ inches at the mouth. There are three dated 1825; one measures 40½ inches, and weighs 14 cwt., and the other two measure 27½ inches and 34½ inches respectively. In 1851 a bell measuring 30½ inches was added, and in the following year the number was increased to eight by the hanging of two whose mouth diameters are given as 31 inches and 38 inches. The last-mentioned bears the name of Edward Harold Browne, who was vicar at the time; he was appointed Bishop of Ely in 1864, and was translated to Winchester in 1873.

LENTON PARISH CHURCH, NOTTS.—On Saturday week, the two new treble bells which have been secured through the exertions of Messrs. A. & F. Ball, were dedicated. The peal is now a complete octave, and fairly satisfactory. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Alan H. Watts, and the following touches were rung on the bells after the service:—350 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES: H. Needham, 1; E. Robinson, 2; J. Hickman, 3; H. R. Cobbin, 4; J. Woolley, 5; T. Horton, 6; S. Wesley (conductor), 7; G. Blagdon, 8; and 252 STEDMAN TRIPLES, the band as before, substituting A. R. Coppock (7) for S. Wesley. The old six still require rehanging, but the bell-hangers hope shortly to complete the work.

BARMING, KENT.—The bells of Barming Church rang out merrily after the service on a recent Sunday evening to celebrate the Rector's seventy-second birthday. It was in the year 1865 that the Rev. T. W. Carr was collated to the Rectory of Barming, and it is interesting to record that, when the bells were rung at the recent joyful tidings of peace, he took his stand in the belfry and manipulated his bell in a vigorous manner such as would have shamed many a man half his years. The ringers of Barming are proud that their Rector not only knows how to ring a bell, but is capable of joining in a peal, even at his advanced age: they believe his performance is a record for a clergyman.

RAMSEY, HUNTINGDON.—The church bells here have been put into repair by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. The cost will be defrayed by the Urban District Council. A grant from the rates of £25 was made as a permanent memorial.

SHIPLAKE, BERKS.—To celebrate the enlargement of the peal at Shiplake Church by the addition of two bells, the Vicar, the Rev. J. Climenson, invited the choirmen and ringers to a dinner at the Plough Inn and the choirboys to a tea at the Vicarage.

Some Bell Inscriptions.

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ST. ALBANS, HERTS (St. Peter's).

ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Thursday, Feb. 9th, 1888, was rung in this tower a peal of Stedman Caters, 5025 changes, in three hours and 12 minutes.

Henry Lewis	Treble	Matthew Ellsmore	5
Edward F. Debenham ..	2	Rev. C. D. P. Davies ..	7
Stephen Knight	3	Herbert Baker	8
W. H. L. Buckingham ..	4	J. W. Washbrook	9
Rev. F. E. Robinson ..	5	Thomas Waller	Tenor

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.

On Saturday, Mar. 17th, 1888, was rung at this church, Holt's original peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, in 3 hours and 6 minutes.

Edward Hull	Treble	G. W. Cartmel	5
E. P. Debenham	2	W. H. L. Buckingham ..	6
John C. Mitchell	3	Thomas Waller	7
Henry Lewis	4	Arthur Hill	Tenor

Conducted by E. P. Debenham.

Rev. H. N. Dudding, M.A., President.

THE HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.

On Monday, Aug. 6th, 1888, was rung in this tower a peal of Grandsire Caters, 5021 changes, in 3 hours and 10 minutes.

E. Hull	Treble	E. P. Debenham	6
A. Barnes	2	W. Battle	7
H. Lewis	3	W. H. L. Buckingham ..	8
G. W. Cartmel	4	T. Waller	9
J. C. Mitchell	5	G. Cornell	Tenor

Composed by J. Cox, and conducted by W. H. L. Buckingham.

Rev. H. N. Dudding, M.A., Vicar.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Sept. 29th, 1888, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes, was rung in this steeple a peal of Grandsire Caters, 5003 changes.

H. Lewis	Treble	J. C. Mitchell	6
A. Barnes	2	W. H. L. Buckingham ..	7
E. Holland	3	W. Battle	8
G. W. Cartmel	4	T. Waller	9
H. Baker	5	A. Hull	Tenor

Mr. E. P. Debenham assisted on the tenor.

Conducted by George W. Cartmel.

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Bells and Bell-ringing.

Saffron Walden, Essex.

THE 279th anniversary of the Saffron Walden Society of Change-ringers was held recently. It was a day later than usual, in consequence of arrangements having been made for celebrating the Coronation on the 27th, the day appointed for the ringers' festival to take place. Several touches were rung upon the bells of the Parish Church at intervals during the day, and at 12.30 the usual service took place in the church conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. T. Steele). The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. B. Andrewes, Vicar of Matching, who took for his text, 'Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not unto men' (Colossians, iii. 23). The preacher said that everything that was worth doing at all was worth doing well; and there were very few things which were worth doing at all that were not attended more or less with difficulty. This was eminently the case with change-ringing. Those of his brethren who were thoroughly efficient in the art would endorse what he said—that it was necessary to take great pains in order to achieve good results. He thought they would admit that they also derived much pleasure in practising the art. If there were difficulties to be met with in bell-ringing, there were also great delights to be found in it.

After the service the ringers adjourned to the 'King's Arms' for dinner. The Master (Mr. Edward Taylor) presided.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Central Northamptonshire Association.

At St. Peter's, Irthlingborough, on July 5th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins.

William Pettit 1	Walter Perkins 5
James Houghton, jun. .. 2	John J. Mawby 6
William V. Newman .. 3	John B. Martin 7
Thomas R. Hensher .. 4	James Garratt 8

Composed by T. T. Gofton and conducted by James Garratt. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Perkins. First peal in the method and first attempt by W. Pettit.

The Middlesex County Association.

At St. Mary's, Lewisham, on July 5th, Thurstan's One-part peal of STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins. Tenor, 22½ cwt.

James George 1	Isaac G. Shade 5
Bertram Prewett 2	Ernest Pye 6
Thomas Taylor 3	Harry Warnett 7
George R. Pye 4	William Pye (condr.) .. 8

A birthday compliment to Mr. F. A. Milne, Treasurer of the Association.

The Sussex County Association.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

At St. Peter's, Brighton, on July 7th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 16 mins. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

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

Composed by J. W. Washbrook and conducted by George Williams. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar of Brighton, the Rev. Canon Hoskyns.

DEATH OF A ROYAL SERVANT.—The funeral took place at Windsor lately of James Beauchamp, who for forty-three years was employed in the Royal gardens in Windsor, and for forty years was one of the ringers in the Curfew Tower. He was seventy-four years of age.

LIVERPOOL BELLS.—The following note appears in the 'Liverpool Parish Magazine':—'There are ten bells at St. Peter's and twelve at St. Nicholas's. We believe they are in a lamentable condition. No doubt the bells of St. Peter's will find a home in the tower of the new Cathedral, and their sweet music will once more dominate the city. We should be delighted to hear of a movement to rehange the bells of St. Nicholas's. It is long since their tones were heard across the river.'

Some Bell Inscriptions.

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ST. ALBANS, HERTS (St. Peter's).

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.

ON Saturday, Oct. 27th, 1888, was rung in this tower a peal of Bob Triples, Holt's six-part, 5040 changes, in 2 hours and 55 minutes.

A. Hull Treble	W. H. L. Buckingham .. 5
E. P. Debenham 2	G. W. Cartmel 6
A. Barnes 3	T. Waller 7
J. C. Mitchell 4	H. Baker Tenor

Conducted by W. H. L. Buckingham.

This peal was rung in honor of T. Waller's 42nd birthday.

Rev. H. N. Dudding, M.A., President.

ON Saturday, Dec. 8th, 1888, was rung at this church Holt's original peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, in 2 hours and 58 minutes.

H. Brewer Treble	E. P. Debenham 5
J. W. Brewer 2	W. H. L. Buckingham .. 6
E. Hull 3	T. Waller 7
J. C. Mitchell 4	A. Hull Tenor

Conducted by E. P. Debenham.

Rev. H. N. Dudding, M.A., President.

ON Saturday, April 6th, 1889, in 3 hours and 3 minutes, was rung in this church a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, Taylor's Bob and Single Variation.

W. Little Treble	E. P. Debenham 5
H. Brewer 2	W. H. L. Buckingham .. 6
T. Waller 3	G. W. Cartmel 7
J. W. Brewer 4	A. Hull Tenor

Conducted by E. P. Debenham.

Rev. H. N. Dudding, M.A., President.

ON Saturday, Sept. 21st, 1889, was rung in this steeple a peal of Grandsire Caters, 5021 changes, in 3 hours and 17 minutes.

Arthur Hull Treble	Henry Brewer 6
Alfred Barnes 2	Thomas Waller 7
W. H. L. Buckingham .. 3	Walter Battle 8
Jesse W. Brewer 4	G. W. Cartmel 9
Edward Hull 5	E. P. Debenham Tenor

Conducted by W. H. L. Buckingham.

Rev. H. N. Dudding, M.A., President.

This peal was rung on the vicar's birthday and is the first Peal of Caters rung in this city by all Local men.

ON Wednesday, Dec. 4th, 1889, in two hours and fifty-nine minutes, was rung in this steeple a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, Holt's Original.

T. Conley Treble	E. P. Debenham 5
A. Hull 2	T. Waller 6
A. Barnes 3	G. W. Cartmel 7
H. Brewer 4	D. Gibbons Tenor

Conducted by E. P. Debenham.

Rev. H. N. Dudding, M.A., President.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ON Monday, Oct. 27th, 1890, in three hours and three minutes, was rung in this steeple a peal of Bob Major, 5040 changes. Tenor, 21 cwt.

A. Hull Treble	W. H. L. Buckingham .. 5
E. Hull 2	E. P. Debenham 6
E. R. Mitchell 3	W. Battle 7
H. Brewer 4	T. Waller Tenor

Composed and conducted by W. H. L. Buckingham.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.

ON Saturday, Feb. 14th, 1891, in three hours and thirteen minutes, was rung at this church a peal of Bob Royal, 5000 changes.

*A. Hull Treble	W. H. L. Buckingham .. 6
*E. Hull 2	*H. Brewer 7
G. W. Cartmel 3	E. P. Debenham 8
*J. W. Brewer 4	*W. Battle 9
*E. R. Mitchell 5	T. Waller Tenor

Composed and conducted by W. H. L. Buckingham.

Rev. H. N. Dudding, M.A., President.

* First peal of Royal and also first peal of Royal rung in this city by an entirely local band.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

At the Parish Church, Ashted, Surrey, on July 12th, Lates's One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 49 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Alfred H. Pulling ..	1	Ernest Allen ..	5
Charles F. Winney (condr.)	2	John Hoyle ..	6
Charles Hazelden ..	3	James Hunt ..	7
John J. Jones ..	4	Alfred Winch* ..	8

Rung as a welcome home to Lord Kitchener. [* First peal.]

The Middlesex County Association.

At St. Anne's, Highgate, on July 12th, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Ernest Pye ..	1	Thomas Titchener ..	5
Alfred W. Brighton ..	2	William Pye (condr.) ..	6
Bertram Prewett ..	3	William J. Nudds ..	7
Isaac G. Shade ..	4	Arthur T. King ..	8

Rung as a welcome to Lord Kitchener and other British Generals on their return from South Africa.

The Midland Counties' Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Whitwick, Leicestershire, on July 12th, the Rev. E. B. James' Five-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor, 12 cwt.

Jesse B. Tyler ..	1	Harry Whittle ..	5
Frank G. Burleigh (condr.)	2	James L. Wells ..	6
Walter Fern ..	3	Albert Moulton ..	7
Thomas H. Colburn ..	4	John Rawson ..	8

BATH ABBEY COMPANY OF CHANGE-RINGERS.—The Ninth Annual Outing of this Company was held a week or two ago. The ringers left Bath for Portsmouth at 6 a.m. per S. & D. Railway. Portsmouth was reached about 10.30, and a start was at once made to St. Mary's Church, Portsea, where, by the kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. B. R. Wilson, some courses of TRIPLES were rung. Dinner was provided at the Speedwell Temperance Restaurant, after which the ringers proceeded to Southsea, where a sailing-boat was chartered for a trip on the Solent. On their return they proceeded per steamer to Ryde, where tea was laid for them at Whittington's Hotel, High Street. The sea trips were thoroughly enjoyed, and the return journey from Portsmouth commenced at 8.30 p.m., Bath being reached about 2.5 a.m. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, the Rev. S. A. Boyd, Messrs. G. F. Powell, W. M. Stoffell (churchwardens), the sidesmen, assistant sidesmen, and all the other friends who kindly assisted towards defraying the expenses of the outing.

ROYSTON CHURCH BELLS.—The church bells at Royston are about to be rehung and two of them recast. The new framework will be made to carry eight bells. To add the extra two bells and so make a peal of eight will cost 200*l*. The estimated cost of the present work is 300*l*.

BELL-RINGERS VISIT THE ISLE OF WIGHT.—The St. Mary's (Bridport) Guild of Bell-ringers recently paid a visit to the Isle of Wight for their annual outing. The Rector (Rev. H. R. W. Farrer) and the Mayor of Bridport, Mr. W. B. Northover (who is Secretary to the Guild) accompanied the party. The holiday-makers were driven by brake to Dorchester, where they entrained for Lympington. The trip over the water to the Garden of England was not the least enjoyable feature of the day. After spending some time in Yarmouth, Freshwater was visited, and here the party partook of the midday meal. The excursion was one of the most enjoyable the Guild have participated in.

ROCKLAND ST. PETER, NORFOLK.—The church bell here, which dates from the fourteenth century, has recently been recast and rehung, an entirely new floor and frame being provided. The work has been carried out by the family of the late Mr. Thomas Hovell Colman, who was for many years churchwarden, having succeeded his father in that office at the age of twenty-one. He was also chairman of the Wayland Board of Guardians, chairman of the Rockland U.D. School Board, and an Alderman of the County Council. A special service of dedication was held and was largely attended. The Rector presided at the new organ, which has been provided by voluntary contributions, and was then used for the first time. The prayers were intoned by the Rev. W. R. D. Elwell, rector of Stow Bedon, and the special lessons were read by the Rev. H. H. Thorns, rector of Rockland All Saints with St.

Andrew. The service used was Bunnett in F, and was admirably rendered by both choir and congregation. After the third Collect the clergy proceeded to the tower, where the ceremony of dedication was performed by the Rev. A. W. Dewick, vicar of New Basford, Notts, a personal friend of the late Mr. Colman, who also preached the sermon. The bell was recast, with an addition of 2 cwt., by Messrs. Warner & Sons of London, and rehung by Mr. Day of Eye.

CASTLE-CHURCH, STAFFORDSHIRE.—An important meeting of the Committee of the Castle-Church Coronation Fund was held the other day at The Hollies. The Vicar (the Rev. M. Scott) was in the chair, and there were also present the Rev. N. H. Theodosius, Messrs. J. R. Robinson, J. C. Holme (churchwardens), J. H. Ketley, W. Mason, E. A. Gibbs, A. Featherstone, E. Bostock, and E. Taylor. Subscriptions amounting to seventy guineas were announced. It was resolved, on the proposition of the Vicar, supported by the wardens, and carried unanimously, that the work should be proceeded with, and that Mr. J. H. Ketley should be entrusted with the business arrangements. The specification of Messrs. Charles Carr, of Smethwick, has now been formally accepted. The cost of the work, including a patent ringer, will be 100*l*. The work will comprise the complete restoration of the wood and iron work of the belfry, the rehanging of the present two bells, now in very unsafe condition, and the provision of a new bell, inscribed in celebration of the Coronation of King Edward VII. Particular mention was made of the desirability of at once completing the sum required, and it was stated by the Vicar that he was ready to acknowledge all subscriptions sent either to him or to Lloyds' Bank.

Some Bell Inscriptions.

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ST. ALBANS, HERTS (St. Stephen's).

THIS is another church founded by Abbot Ulsinus in the tenth century. It is of quaint appearance, and consists of chancel with chapel on the south side, clerestoried nave of 5 bays, south aisle, south porch, and a wooden belfry containing 6 bells. Inscriptions:—

- Treble. Thomas Mears of London, fecit 1803.
- 2nd. Same as the Treble.
- 3rd. Recast MDCCCXCI. John Taylor and Co., founders, Loughborough.
- 4th. Thomas Mears of London, fecit 1803.
- 5th. Mr. John Crockford and Mr. John Lovett, Church Wardens. Thomas Mears of London, fecit 1803.
- Tenor. John Taylor and Co., founders, Loughborough, MDCCCXCI.

NOTE.—The original ring of 6 were cast by Thomas Mears of London in 1803. Weight of the tenor being 10 cwt.

When entering the church by the western door, immediately to the left on the wall is a tablet worded as under:—

Ut Deus laetiore cultu celebretur in hujusce ecclesiae turrim campanas canoras tollendas curavit, fratri Reginald Caleb Lomax haud immemor, soror Mary Anne Ione Elizabeth Lomax. A.D. 1892.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS (Christ Church).

THIS is an ecclesiastical parish formed in 1859 out of the parishes of St. Alban and St. Michael. The church was partly built in 1847 by the late Alexander Raphael, Esq., M.P. for St. Albans, for a Roman Catholic Church, and was left in an unfinished state, as he died before its completion. It was then sold to Mrs. Isabella Worley at a cost of 8600*l*., who endowed it, and presented it to the city as a Protestant Church.

The building is of Bath stone in the Lombardic style, consisting of chancel, nave of six bays, aisles, and a tower containing one bell with the following inscription:—

G. Mears, founder, London.

Mrs. I. C. Worley, founder of this church, 1858.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS (The Clock Tower).

THIS building stands in a prominent position in the centre of the city, and is supposed to have been erected about 1400 for holding the town bells and clock. It is said that the curfew bell was cast in 1335 by Abbot de Mentmore. It hangs in this tower, weighs about a ton, and is known by the name of Great Gabriel. The inscription on it is as under:

'Missi dececlis, habeo nomen Gabrielis.'

There is also another bell in the tower used for market purposes. inscribed: "Thos. Robins, Mayor of St. Albans, 1729."

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Bells and Bell-ringing.

Royston Church Bells.

WRITING to the Editor of the 'Herts. and Cambs. Reporter,' Mr. A. Wilkerson, Captain of the ringers, says:—'As several inquiries have been made to me respecting the above, I should be much obliged if you will allow me space to make a few remarks on the subject. Of the rehanging I need say very little, it being common knowledge that the bells were in a very bad condition. Hitherto the bells were, I believe, tuned to the key of G with the tenor as the key note and ascending up the scale to E, this being the treble. As there appears to be a possibility at some future date of adding two extra bells, one larger and one smaller, and so make a peal of eight, the order has been given for a frame to carry that number. Now, it will readily occur to all musical people that a bell with a note higher and one with a note lower than the present six would upset the harmony as a whole, hence the necessity for recasting the 4th bell from B natural to B flat. The bells will then be rehung in the key of F without a key note, and the music will be as is generally the case with six bell peals, viz., in a minor key. I need hardly mention that the music the two extra bells would give would be very considerable, besides increasing the changes that could be rung from 720 to 40,320. I know there is a desire in the town to have the extra two bells put in now, and so save expense at some future time, and amongst several objects suggested to commemorate is one from a lady which, I think, should appeal to all townspeople, viz., as a thank-offering for the recovery of His Majesty the King.'

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Norwich Diocesan Association and the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.

AT St. Peter's, Henley, Suffolk, on July 19th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 changes, in the Oxford Variation, in 2 hrs. 50½ mins. Tenor, 8 cwt. 3 lbs.

James Motts ..	1	William Tillett ..	5
William Motts ..	2	William L. Catchpole ..	6
Albert E. Durrant ..	3	Lewis W. Wiffen ..	7
William P. Garrett ..	4	Robert H. Brundle ..	8

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by James Motts.

LATELY, the following members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang at the following churches:—

CLARE, SUFFOLK.—On a Saturday, 336 BOB MAJOR:—G. Dawson, C. T. Hopkins, H. Bottrill, W. Miller, J. Moule, W. Doran, G. Hayden, W. Keeble (conductor); and a touch of GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN TRIPLES.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.—On a Saturday, 720 CAMBRIDGE:—G. Dawson, H. Bottrill, W. Keeble, J. Moule, W. Miller (conductor), G. Hayden.

LAYENHAM.—On a Saturday, 704 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR:—H. Bottrill, W. Doran, W. Miller, C. T. Hopkins, J. Mardell, J. Moule, G. Hayden, W. Keeble (conductor).

GREAT WALDINGFIELD.—On a Saturday, 720 LONDON SURPRISE:—E. Withers, W. Miller, W. Doran, J. Moule, J. Mardell, W. Keeble (conductor).

SUDBURY.—On a Sunday, for morning service at St. Peter's Church, 518 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES:—G. Dawson, J. Mardell, H. Bottrill, W. Miller, W. Keeble (conductor), J. Moule, G. Hayden, F. Withers; also 704 KENT TREBLE BOB:—H. Bottrill, C. T. Hopkins, J. Mardell, W. Miller, W. Doran, J. Moule, G. Hayden, W. Keeble (conductor). At All Saints' Church, 240 BOB MAJOR:—G. Dawson, H. Bottrill, J. Moule, W. Miller, J. Mardell, G. Hayden, W. Doran, W. Keeble (conductor).

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.—On a Sunday, 720 WORCESTER SURPRISE:—H. Bottrill, W. Miller, J. Moule, W. Keeble (conductor), J. Mardell, G. Hayden. Also 360 KENT:—F. Withers, C. T. Hopkins, J. Mardell, W. Miller, W. Doran, W. Keeble (conductor).

FOXEARH, ESSEX.—On a Sunday, 168 STEDMAN TRIPLES, 240 BOB MAJOR and 224 KENT:—W. Keeble (conductor), W. Miller, W. Doran, J. Moule, J. Mardell, G. Hayden, G. Dawson, H. Bottrill, F. Withers, S. Evans, J. Mingay.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL-RINGERS.—The annual festival of this Guild was held at All Saints', Boyn Hill, Maidenhead. The day opened with service in the church at 11 a.m.,

when there was a fair congregation. The Rev. Canon Bourke (arch-deacon of Buckingham) preached from Eph. iv. 25. The business meeting was held in the Boyn Hill schoolroom. The Rev. F. E. Robinson (of West Drayton) was re-elected Master of the Guild; the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis (of Dunsden) was re-appointed secretary; and Mr. J. Egginton was chosen auditor. In the change-ringing members Messrs. G. Bartlett, of Shipton, and T. Hortin, of Henstone, were appointed to take the places of Messrs. Hucking and Gibbs. For next year's festival Witney was chosen. A grant of 5l. 5s. to Wootton for rehanging their bells was confirmed. The election of new members was also confirmed, and the following delegates were re-elected to represent the Council at the Central Council meeting:—Rev. F. E. Robinson, Rev. G. F. Coleridge, and Mr. Hopgood; while Mr. W. P. Routh (Tilehurst) was appointed as the fourth representative. The annual dinner was held in the Town Hall, Maidenhead. The Mayor (Mr. W. F. Good) took the chair, supported by the Master of the Guild and the Rev. Canon Drummond, the latter of whom proposed 'The Oxford Diocesan Guild.' He referred to the honour of being asked to receive the Guild that day and to provide as far as he could for the service and their annual meeting. Unfortunately, the change of scene upon which they had been called upon to meet had, he supposed, caused reduced attendances, and those who would have been present had they received longer notice, had lost an opportunity of visiting one of the most beautiful places in the diocese. They had also missed an opportunity of coming to see the spire of Boyn Hill Church, which recently made itself prominent in a thunderstorm. However, they might take it for granted that those present were the cream of the Guild. They were the men who knew what was good for them. It could be easily understood what a strong support the Guild was to the churches of the diocese when he said that the membership was between 1800 and 2000. It showed what enormous strides had been made since the Guild started some twenty-one years ago. They existed as bell-ringers at Boyn Hill before the Guild was started. The prosperity of the Guild was to be obtained by every member doing his best to carry out its purposes, which were to improve bell-ringing and the tone of the belfries, and to uphold the character of the Church, and the Guild could not exist in full vigour unless the bell-ringers were good representatives of what Churchmen ought to be. The Guild, however, was doing excellent work, and its idea was to improve church bell-ringing and to teach the people the value of ringing on scientific principles and show what trustworthy workers the Church possessed in the Oxford diocese.—Mr. A. H. Cocks (Festival Secretary) briefly responded and thanked Canon Drummond for the work he had done in making arrangements for the festival.

BELLS AT NEATH.—A contemporary says:—'There are some people at Neath who venture to think that musical chimes in the Vaughan Tower of St. David's Church would be a better memorial of the Coronation than even a lofty flag-staff in the Victoria Gardens. The suggestion that Neath should have chimes has been made in all seriousness, and no doubt it will receive careful consideration.'

Some Bell Inscriptions.

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ST. ALBANS, HERTS (St. Michael).

TABLETS IN THE RINGING CHAMBER.

Ringers at St. Michael's, St. Alban's, Herts.

Saml. Pike, 1819	Thos. Birchmore, 1822	Jno. Monk, 1837
Jas. Tomlin, 1820	Jas. Currant, 1837	Js. Scrivener, 1844

Mind, the rules of this Belfry must not be forgot
On carelessly pulling a bell off, it's a fine of a pot,
Now this is a thing we likewise must say,
Kindly bring forth a shilling if you break a stay.
John Moule, Clerk, Oct. 1st, 1837.

In an oak frame.

S. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.

THESE six Bells having been rehung in this New Tower were first rung on Sunday, Oct. 10th, 1897, by

1. .. J. Payne	4. .. W. Groom
2. .. C. Giddings	5. .. T. Payne
3. .. H. Groom	6. .. P. Smith.

J. Kine, Verger.

The 5th and Tenor have been re-cast, the other four ~~cast~~ and quarter turned.

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sin, and that money acquired by means of a business connected with the wine or beer trade was necessarily contaminated and ill-gotten, I should decline knowingly to receive it, however good the object to which the donor desires to allocate it. But as such is not my opinion I see no reason why men whose incomes are in part derived from such business should not join with others in contributing to the funds raised for promoting moral and religious work in England. The fact that the excessive use of alcoholic liquor is a gigantic curse in this country, and that strenuous efforts are demanded for representing the evil, does not, in my judgment, lead to the conclusion you appear to deduce from it.—I am, yours truly (Signed), Randall Winton.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

CHANGE-RINGING.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

AT St. John's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on July 23rd, Thurstans' peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 51 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

Robert S. Story ..	1	William Story ..	5
William Holmes (condr.)	2	Alfred F. Hillier ..	6
S. Octavius Ferry ..	3	Robert Richards ..	7
Hugh D. Dall ..	4	Joseph E. R. Keen ..	8

The Surrey Association.

AT St. Mary Magdalene's, Reigate, Surrey, on July 24th, Brook's Variation peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Francis T. Hoad sen. (condr.)	1	William Burkin ..	5
George Thompson ..	2	William Argent ..	6
Hugh R. Thorpe ..	3	Francis T. Hoad, jun.	7
Henry Reeves ..	4	William H. Card ..	8

The Kent County Association.

AT St. Mary's, Lewisham, on July 26th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs. 1 min. Tenor, 22½ cwt.

George Wilson ..	1	Edward Price ..	5
William J. Jeffries ..	2	Walter Ingham ..	6
John J. Lamb ..	3	Harry Warnett ..	7
Thomas Taylor ..	4	Edgar Wightman ..	8

Composed by Arthur Knights, and conducted by Harry Warnett.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, July 20th, for Divine service, 1008 STEDMAN TRIPLES:—G. Payne, 1; S. Burt, 2; J. Lish, 3; C. Tyler, 4; L. Payne (conductor), 5; A. E. Lish, 6; A. Heasman, 7; W. Markwell, 8. And on Sunday evening, July 27th, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES:—W. Markwell, 1; S. Burt, 2; L. Payne, 3; C. Tyler (conductor), 4; A. W. Groves, 5; G. Payne, 6; A. Heasman, 7; A. Hodges, 8.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE-RINGERS.—The annual meeting of this Association was held at Taunton. After having dined together, the members attended service at St. Mary's Church, where the Vicar (the Rev. Preb. Askwith, R.D.) gave an address. The annual meeting was subsequently held in St. Mary's School, under the presidency of Prebendary Askwith. The report of the committee stated that four new honorary and thirty-nine new performing members had been elected during the year. The financial statement was, on the whole, of a satisfactory character. The Rev. J. de Y. Aldridge, of Milverton, was elected Master of the Association. Mr. A. E. Coles, of Bridgwater, was elected hon. secretary. Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower presented Mr. H. W. Tomkins, of Williton, with a cheque for a sum of money collected from the various towers in the diocese in recognition of the services which he had rendered for seven years as hon. secretary and treasurer.

ST. ANDREW'S BELLS, PLYMOUTH.—The bells of St. Andrew's Parish Church, which will ring merry peals on Coronation Day, have a long history. The peal now consists of ten, two being presented by a late senior M.P. for Plymouth, Sir Edward Bates, while Mr. Norrington gave the beautiful carillon and Westminster quarter chimes as a memorial of his son, Mr. Charles Norrington. All the bells, except the tenor and Mr. Bates's bells, were cast in 1749 by one Thomas Bilbie, of Cullumpton, and they bear inscription: 'Thomas Bilbie cast us all.' As long ago as 1549, five bells were cast for the church at a cost of £293 12s. 4d., Drake and Hawkins giving 'broken ordinance.' In 1631 the peal was recast, and in 1709 Colonel Jory presented a peal of six new bells, costing £500. This was a very heavy peal, and in 1752 the

seventh and tenor bells fell while in full swing, falling through all the floors of the tower and doing much damage. The tenor bell at that time weighed 4032 pounds and bore this inscription: 'Ego sum vox clamantis parte.' This bell cracked in 1839, and was recast in 1844, and 1874 was the last date at which the peal was repaired. There are many interesting records in the belfry relating to various payments to ringers of this famous peal on joyous occasions. One for 1641 runs: 'For the ringing at the rejoicing for the pacification between England and Scotland, vjs., 6s.!' (An old echo of the bells of peace!) For 1685 another is: 'Paid the ringers at the news of King Charles II. recovering, xvs., 15s.!' For Queen Elizabeth's accession the ringers pealed for a remuneration of 5s., while at the arrival of King William they were paid £2! Affixed to the belfry wall is a quaint set of ringers' rhymes of the date of 1700, the last verse running:

'Now, lett goe with pleasure to the ear,
And peirce with echo through the yielding air,
And when the bells are ceas'd, then let us sing,
God bless our Holy Church, God save the King.'

THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S, PENZANCE.—The tower of this Church contains eight bells, placed there in 1865 at a cost of £950. Mr. Dunkin in his 'Church Bells of Cornwall,' states that one which did duty before 1865 'has been removed to the public buildings, and is used as a fire-bell.' It bears the inscription: 'Peace and good neighbourhood, 1713.' Of the eight now in use one is inscribed with the same words. The weights of the bells are: 6 cwt. 3 qrs., 7 cwt., 8 cwt., 8½ cwt., 10 cwt., 11 cwt., 14½ cwt., and 20½ cwt. The sizes of the diameters at the mouth range from thirty inches to fifty inches. The largest bears the name of Bolitho; and the next in size was given by the Corporation, Francis Boase being Mayor. The 8 cwt. bell was 'the gift of the Philip Hedgesland, M.A.,' and 'Caroline and Elizabeth Catherine Thomas Carne' provided the 10 cwt. bell.

ACCIDENT IN A BELFRY.—An extraordinary mishap befell John Allen, a woodman, of Hemsworth Norton, Sheffield, in the belfry of St. Mary's Church, Scarborough. He accompanied a choir trip, and he and other members of a group of bell-ringers were given permission to practise with the bells. Whilst this was in progress Allen was pulled up by the rope and fell head foremost to the floor. He was severely injured, and was conveyed to the local hospital.

Some Bell Inscriptions.

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ST. ALBANS, HERTS (St. Michael).

St. Michael's Church is a very ancient building, partly Saxon, also founded by Abbot Ulsinus in the 10th century, and is believed to occupy the site of a heathen temple. The tower has recently been rebuilt by Lord Grimthorpe. The two chief objects of interest in the church are the famous old carved Jacobean pulpit and the statue of Sir Francis Bacon, Baron Verulam and Viscount St. Albans. The tower contains a clock and 6 bells, inscribed as under:—

Treble. S. K. 1739.

NOTE.—The letters S.K. are the initials of Samuel Knight (1684-1739), a bell-founder who started in business at Reading in 1709; he afterwards removed to the parish of St. Andrew, Holborn, London, and it is thought his foundry was in Shoe Lane.

2nd and 3rd. Same as the Treble.

4th. Robert Catlin hung us all, 1739.

NOTE.—Robert Catlin who hung these bells was Samuel Knight's successor, he died in 1751.

5th. Recast by John Taylor & Co., founders, Loughborough 1891.

NOTE.—This bell was originally dated 1739, and was evidently the Tenor of the ring supplied by Samuel Knight.

Tenor. Recast by John Taylor & Co., founders, Loughborough, 1891.

The inscription on the tenor bell at the church previous to its being recast by the Loughborough firm was as follows:—

The Rt Hon. & Rev^d Lord Frederick Beauclerk.
Joseph Biddle } Churchwardens.
Thomas Oakley }
John Monk, Parish Clerk.
C. & G. Mears, Founders, London, 1845.

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Bells and Bell-ringing.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Hertfordshire Association.

(THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.)

At the Church of St. Mary, Aldermaston, Berks, on July 31st, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes in 2 hrs. 54 mins. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

Joseph J. Allen ..	1	Bertram Prewett ..	5
George R. Pye ..	2	Harry A. Horrex ..	6
Frederick T. C. Nevett ..	3	Ernest E. Huntley ..	7
W. H. L. Buckingham ..	4	William Pye ..	8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by William Pye.

[* First peal of SUPERLATIVE; also on the bells].

The Middlesex and Hertfordshire Associations.

At the Church of St. John the Baptist, Aldenham, Herts, on August 2nd, Latest's One-part peal of STEPMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Hubert Eden ..	1	W. H. L. Buckingham ..	5
Joseph J. Allen ..	2	Ernest E. Huntley (condr.)	6
Bertram Prewett ..	3	Harry A. Horrex ..	7
Frederick T. C. Nevett ..	4	Arthur T. King ..	8

The Norwich Diocesan Association and the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.

At the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, Suffolk, on August 2nd, a peal of STEPMAN CINQUES, 5014 changes, in 3 hrs. 46 mins. Tenor, 32 cwt.

James Mott ..	1	Egbert Borrett* ..	7
Robert H. Brundle ..	2	Frederick R. Borrett* ..	8
William Motts ..	3	William L. Catchpole ..	9
William P. Garrett ..	4	William Wood* ..	10
Edgar Pemberton ..	5	Arthur R. Aldham ..	11
Henry C. Gillingham* ..	6	Arthur Gillingham* ..	12

Composed by Charles Middleton, and conducted by James Motts.

[* First peal of STEPMAN CINQUES. This peal was specially arranged for Mr. Arthur R. Aldham, who is a member of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, and is paying a visit to his native town].

The Sussex County Association.

At the Church of St. Margaret, Warnham, Sussex, on August 4th, a peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs.

George Williams ..	1	Robert J. Dawe ..	5
William Pye ..	2	Alfred W. Brighton ..	6
Frank Bennett ..	3	Herbert P. Harman ..	7
George N. Price* ..	4	Edgar Wightman ..	8

Composed by C. Middleton, and conducted by George Williams.

[* First peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE; also on the bells].

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At the Church of St. Mary, Redenhall, Norfolk, on August 4th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt. in E.

Charles E. Borrett ..	1	Ernest F. Pofpy ..	5
George R. Pye ..	2	William Pye ..	6
Frederick R. Borrett ..	3	Ernest Pye ..	7
James Tann ..	4	Charles T. P. Brice ..	8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by William Pye.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At the Imperial Institute, South Kensington, on August 9th, a peal of STEPMAN CATERS, 5079 changes, in 3 hrs. 50 mins. Tenor, 38 cwt. 12 qrs. 15 lbs.

Challis F. Winney ..	1	Samuel E. Joyce ..	6
Alfred W. Brighton ..	2	Thomas H. Taffender ..	7
Henry R. Newton ..	3	John N. Oxborrow ..	8
William E. Moss ..	4	Alfred Palmer ..	9
George N. Price ..	5	Walter Prime ..	10

Composed by H. W. Haley, and conducted by Challis F. Winney.

The ringing of this peal commenced immediately after the Sacring and Crowning of the King and Queen in Westminster Abbey.

Coronation Peal at Christleton, Chester.

At St. James's Church, Christleton, near Chester, on August 9th, in honour of the Coronation of King Edward VII., a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes in 2 hrs. 53 mins.

J. Roberts ..	1	J. V. Wright ..	5
R. Lunt ..	2	W. Mayers (conductor) ..	6
J. Mayers ..	3	T. Weaver ..	7
T. Mayers ..	4	H. Mayers ..	8

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on July 10th, for practice, 720 PLAIN BOB (8 Bobs and 6 Singles): A. Nicholas, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; J. Leighton (conductor), 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On July 13th, for evening service, 720 PLAIN BOB (14 Singles 10 Bobs): J. Huddleston, 1; W. H. Dennison, 2; E. Gartrell, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. On July 20th, for evening service, 720 PLAIN BOB (25 Bobs 10 Singles): W. Forshaw, 1; W. H. Dennison, 2; E. Gartrell, 3; T. Stuart, (conductor), 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On July 22nd, for practice, 720 PLAIN BOB (16 Bobs 2 Singles): E. Gartrell, 1; A. Nicholas, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; H. Haigh (conductor), 4; T. Stuart, 5; J. Dennison, 6. H. Haigh belongs to Retford, Notts. On July 24th, for practice, 720 PLAIN BOB (26 Singles 4 Bobs): J. Huddleston, 1; A. Nicholas, 2; J. Williams, 3; T. Stuart, 4; J. Leighton, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On July 27th, for morning service, 720 PLAIN BOB (26 Singles 8 Bobs): W. Forshaw, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison (conductor), 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. On August 3rd, for morning service, 720 PLAIN BOB (26 Singles): T. Shuttleworth, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6.

August 9th, at 7 o'clock in the morning to celebrate the Coronation, 360 OXFORD SINGLE BOB, T. P. Jackson, 1; T. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. Also 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE (14 Singles 4 Bobs): W. Forshaw 1; J. Huddleston 2; W. H. Dennison 3; T. Stuart 4; T. P. Jackson 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. Also 360 GRANDSIRE MINOR. A. Nicholas 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. For the Coronation service 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR (38 Bobs and 22 Singles): A. Nicholas, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. After the service, volleys were fired on the bells, and touches of PLAIN BOB, OXFORD SINGLE BOB, CANTERBURY PLEASURE, GRANDSIRE MINOR, and GRANDSIRE DOUBLES were rung. In the afternoon 720 PLAIN BOB (26 Singles 4 Bobs): J. Huddleston, 1; A. Nicholas, 2; the rest as before, conducted by T. Stuart. In the evening 720 OXFORD SINGLE BOB (18 Bobs 2 Singles): A. Nicholas, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; the rest as before, conducted by T. R. Jackson. Also a few volleys were fired to finish up the ringing for the Coronation.

August 10th, for morning service 720 PLAIN BOB (16 Bobs and 2 Singles): T. Watson (conductor), 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; E. Gartrell, 3; T. Stuart, 4; J. Watson, 5; J. Burrows, 6. J. Leighton and J. Williams hail from Barrow-in-Furness, and J. Watson from Blackburn.

GRIDDINGTON, NORTHAMPTON.—The dedicatory service in connection with the re-hanging of the bells at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, was held on Friday week. The bells have recently been rehung and the clappers quarter-turned at a cost of £200, the work having been carried out by Messrs. Taylor & Sons, of Loughborough. About £150 has been secured, and it is hoped to raise the remaining £50 by local charity. There was a large congregation, the clergy including the Vicar (Rev. B. Turton), the Rev. P. M. Smythe (Rector of Kettering), Rev. H. H. N. Howard, R.D. (Weekley), Rev. A. S. Lindsay (Cranford), and the Rev. P. Dalby (curate of Corby). An appropriate sermon on the subject of the church bells, messages to the people, was preached by the Rector of Kettering (Rev. P. M. Smythe), and a collection was taken on behalf of the bells fund.

The World's Biggest Bell.

It is generally believed that Moscow possesses the largest bell in the world, but in reality Burmah has a better claim to this distinction. It is called the Memgoon Bell and weighs over ninety tons—twice the weight of the biggest bell in St. Paul's Cathedral. The Memgoon Bell is now used in connection with the religious services, but in former times it was used as a warning signal in times of great danger. The sonorous peals quickly summoning the men of the surrounding country to arms.

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HOURLY AND QUARTER BELLS. SCHOOL BELLS AS SUPPLIED TO THE LONDON SCHOOL BOARD.

34 WHITECHAPEL ROAD, LONDON, E. Established 1570.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

St. Mary's Church Bells, Bury St. Edmunds.

At a recent meeting of St. Mary's Church Council, Bury St. Edmunds, the Vicar (the Rev. F. L'Estrange Fawcett) presiding, the question of putting the fine ring of eight bells in the tower into thorough repair and ringing order was brought before the notice of the meeting. The churchwardens examined the bells as best they could, and called in Messrs. Day & Son, bell-hangers, of Eye, Suffolk, from whom they received an estimate and specification for the work. The details showed that the sixth bell (the Curfew bell) must be rehung with new wheel, &c., a new crown-staple fixed, the clapper rounding ball reforged, and the bell half-quartered upon a new stock for the clapper to strike the bell in a fresh place, the sound-bow being much worn. The 4th, 3rd, 2nd, and treble bells to be rehung, with new wheels, &c., and numerous refittings and repairs. The 4th bell to be quarter-turned on new stock, as this bell also was much worn upon the sound-bow. The tenor, 7th, and 5th bells to be cleaned and the fittings repaired. Messrs. Day agreed to carry out all the above work in accordance with the detailed specification, to the satisfaction of the Vicar and churchwardens or those whom they might appoint to examine the work, for the sum of £48 15s. The estimate was considered a very reasonable one, and they felt justified in having the work carried out at once. The treble, 2nd, 5th, 6th, and tenor bells were cast in 1734 by Rd. Phelps; the 3rd by Mears & Stainbank in 1869; the 4th in 1627 (no founder mentioned); and the 7th in 1776, by Pack & Chapman.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

At St. Martin's, Birmingham, on August 4th, a peal of SUPER-LATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 24 mins. Tenor, 35 cwt.

William Short 1	William T. Pegler 5
John Austin 2	James E. Groves* 6
Thomas J. Salter 3	William H. Barber 7
John Jaggard 4	Arthur E. Pegler 8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow and conducted by William Short. This is believed to be the first peal of MAJOR rung on the bells. [* First peal in the method.]

The Bedfordshire Association.

At Bedford, on August 9th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 changes, in 3 hrs. 35 mins. Tenor, 28 cwt., 3 qrs. 6 lbs., in D.

John W. Barker 1	Bernard Jealous 6
Charles Chasty 2	Isaac Hills 7
John R. Sharman* 3	Charles R. Lilley 8
Joseph Church 4	Charles W. Clarke 9
Maurice Smith* 5	A Nunneley Wood* 10

Composed by Bernard Jealous and conducted by Charles W. Clarke. This musical composition, which was rung for the first time, contains the sixth 48 courses in fifth's place with 778 and 879 course ends. Rung in honour of the Coronation of King Edward VII. [* First peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS and first attempt for a ten-bell peal by the fifth man, and was rung by the past and present members of the St. Paul's Society.]

The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. James's, Bushey, Herts, on August 11th, Lates's One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

William G. Whitehead .. 1	Bertram Prewett 5
Hubert Eden 2	Joseph J. Allen 6
Frederick T. C. Nevett .. 3	Harry A. Horrex 7
Ernest E. Huntley (condr.) 4	Frederick Edwards 8

Rung as a birthday-compliment to the conductor.

(THE OXHEY SOCIETY.)

At St. Matthew's, Oxhey, Herts, on August 9th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 46 mins. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

Frederick Hodgetts* .. 1	George N. Price 5
William Norris 2	Walter Norris 6
Frederick T. C. Nevett .. 3	Hubert Eden (conductor) 7
William Hodgetts 4	Reginald Searle 8

Coronation peal. [* First peal.]

The Middlesex County Association.

At St. George's, Gravesend, Kent, on August 9th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

Fredk. T. C. Nevett .. 1	William Pye (conductor) .. 5
Bertram Prewett 2	Ernest Pye 6
George R. Pye 3	Lewis Silver 7
Harry F. Dawkins 4	Arthur T. King 8

Rung as a Coronation peal; also as a birthday compliment to E. E. Huntley. It is G. R. Pye's 201st peal.

The Kent County Association.

At St. Mary Magdalene's, Woolwich, on August 7th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

George E. Wilson 1	Isaac G. Shade 5
George Conyard 2	William Berry* 6
John J. Lamb 3	Harry Warnett 7
Edward N. Price 4	Edgar Wightman 8

Composed by George R. Newton and conducted by Edgar Wightman.

[* First peal of DOUBLE NORWICH.]

Cardiff: A Bell-ringing Record.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Cardiff, on August 9th, a Variation of J. J. Parker's Twelve-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, was rung in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 27 cwt., in D.

Henry Day 1	Allen Rowley 5
Llewellyn Brooks 2	John Clutterbuck 6
William Biss 3	William Coombes 7
William Miller 4	Charles Oram 8

This is the quickest peal rung on the bells, the previous record being three hours.

A Long Peal at Henley, Suffolk.

On a recent Saturday, eight members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society of Church Bell-ringers, Ipswich, and the Ancient Society of College Youths (London) and Norwich Diocesan Association, rang at St. Peter's Church, Henley, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 10,030 changes, in 5 hrs. 50 mins. Tenor, 8 cwt., 0 qrs. 3 lbs.

James Motts 1	William L. Catchpole .. 5
William Motts 2	Edgar Pemberton 6
Henry C. Gillingham .. 3	Lewis W. Wiffen 7
William P. Garrett 4	Robert H. Brundle 8

The peal was composed by the late Mr. Henry Johnson, of Birmingham, and was conducted by Mr. James Motts, of Ipswich: it is the longest peal in the method ever rung in the county, as that renowned long peal which was rung at Debenham on June 6th, 1892, was in the OXFORD variation, and was rung in 10 hrs. 32 mins.

STEBBING, ESSEX.—A fund having been raised to put the old peal of five bells at Stebbing Church in ringing order and add a new treble to make a peal of six, the work has now been completed. Two of the old bells had to be re-cast, and new fittings have been put to the whole. On Coronation Day the peal was opened by the local ringers, who are all members of the Essex Association of Change-ringers. The 'go' of the bells is most satisfactory. The inscription, 'Fear God and honour the King,' appears on the new treble. The work has been executed by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, of London.

A QUAIN INSCRIPTION.—The following inscription is carved on a massive slab in the belfry of the Parish Church of St. Lawrence, Church Stretton, Salop. The inscription is followed by some names:—

'1773.

'If that to ring you do com here
You must ring well with hand and ear
And if a bell you overthrow
4d to pay before you go.
And if you ring with pier or flat
6d you must pay for that
Or in this place you sware or curse
12 Pence to pay pull out your purse.'

RESTORATION OF HAXEY (Lincs.) CHURCH BELLS.—In aid of the fund for the restoration of the Haxey Church bells and the re-erecting of the church, a garden fete and sale of work were held in the vicarage grounds. The proceedings were opened by the Bishop of Lincoln (Dr. King), in the presence of a very large company. The bells, which are pre-Reformation, and probably date back to the fifteenth century, have historic inscriptions.

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HOOR AND QUARTER BELLS. SCHOOL BELLS AS SUPPLIED TO THE LONDON SCHOOL BOARD.

34 WHITECHAPEL ROAD, LONDON, E. Established 1570.

Bells and Bell-ringing.

Wath, near Ripon.

THE parish church of St. Mary, Wath, near Ripon, has until recently contained a ring of five bells only. A few months ago a treble was added as a memorial of the late Queen, and was supplied by Messrs. Shaw & Sons, of Bradford. The bells have been overhauled by Mr. T. Metcalfe, of North Ormesby, and tuned on the system of the late Canon Simpson under the superintendence of Mr. G. J. Clarkson, the President of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. The peal tenor—8½ cwt., in B—is a very musical one. On Saturday afternoon, August 2nd, a party of ringers attended by invitation to formally inaugurate the peal. The company included several from Sharrow, amongst them Mr. J. Baines, as keen and ardent for a pull at eighty-one years of age as any one present, and Mr. W. Pick, Mr. C. Bucklin, who, after an eight-mile walk from East Witton, had entrained at Masham, Mr. G. J. Clarkson from Stockton, and Mr. J. Pinkney from Thornaby. The bells were kept going through the afternoon, and three 720's of MINOR were brought home. At five o'clock an adjournment was made to the rectory coach-house where ample provision was made by the Rector, who gave a hearty welcome to his guests. He trusted his own ringers would join the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, and become proficient in the art. A vote of thanks to the Rector was proposed by Mr. G. J. Clarkson and carried by acclamation. The party were then invited to take a stroll through the grounds of this thoroughly typical old English Rectory. The meeting, although a small one, was in every way enjoyable and likely to lead to good results. On the Sunday morning the Rector preached an eloquent sermon on the subject of bells.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Middlesex County Association.

AT St. Peter's Hersham, Surrey, on August 16th, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 43 mins. Tenor, 8½ cwt.

William Pye (conductor) ..	1	Fredk. T. C. Nevett ..	5
Alfred W. Brighton ..	2	Bertram Prewett ..	6
Ernest Pye ..	3	Harry A. Horrex ..	7
Isaac G. Shade ..	4	Arthur T. King ..	8

The Midland Counties Association.

AT St. Thomas's, South Wigston, Leicestershire, on August 16th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

John H. Swinfield ..	1	James George ..	5
Harry Briggs ..	2	Joseph B. Fenton ..	6
George Cleal ..	3	William Willson ..	7
Josiah Morris ..	4	Charles H. Fowler ..	8

Composed by Henry Johnson, and conducted by Charles H. Fowler. The ringers desire to thank the Vicar, the Rev. David Dewar, M.A., for the use of the bells.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

AT the Cathedral, Durham, on August 16th, Thurstans' peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 11 mins. Tenor, 30 cwt.

William Holmes (conductor) ..	1	Joseph E. R. Keen ..	5
Alfred F. Hillier ..	2	Hugh D. Dall ..	6
Asa Holmes ..	3	Robert Richards ..	7
S. Octavius Ferry ..	4	Ernest E. Ferry ..	8

First peal of STEDMAN on the bells, and the first since the fourth bell was recast and the bells rehung in 1896.

The Sussex County Association.

RYE BRANCH.

AT Mary's, Rye, on August 18th, J. J. Parker's Twelve-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins. Tenor, 19 cwt.

Edward Curd ..	1	Charles Price ..	5
George Billenness ..	2	Ernest S. Reed ..	6
Francis A. Vincett ..	3	William Billenness (conductor) ..	7
Thomas A. Vincett ..	4	Walter Tomsett ..	8

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, August 24th, for Divine service, 1260 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 42 mins. A. E. Lish, 1; S. Burt, 2; J. Lish, 3; C. Tyler (conductor), 4; L. Payne, 5; G. Payne, 6; A. Heasman, 7; W. Markwell, 8.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on August 23rd, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs.

Challis F. Winney (conductor) ..	1	Thomas Langdon ..	5
Edward P. O'Meara ..	2	Herbert P. Harman ..	6
Miss Margaret H. Nichols ..	3	Thomas H. Taffender ..	7
Samuel E. Joyce ..	4	Herbert Langdon ..	8

WATH, NEAR RIPON.—On August 2nd, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB. E. Burnett, 1; J. Baines, 2; J. Metcalfe, 3; W. Pick, 4; G. J. Clarkson, 5; C. Bucklin (conductor), 6. Also 720 BOB MINOR. F. Greenwood, 1; C. Howroyd, 2; J. Baines, 3; E. Burnett (conductor), 4; W. Pick, 5; W. Gibson, 6. Also 720 of KENT TREBLE BOB. E. Burnett, 1; J. Baines, 2; J. Metcalfe, 3; J. H. Pinkney, 4; W. Gibson, 5; C. J. Clarkson (conductor), 6. [* First 720.]

MR. S. B. GOSLIN, of the Bishopsgate Foundry and Art Metal Works, London, has lately been recasting an ancient bell for St. Paul's Church, Canterbury. It bore a pre-Reformation inscription which was reproduced by an improved method. The date of the bell is about the same as the bell in St. Martin's, Canterbury. The recast bell was chimed on Coronation Day and was, in fact, intended as a memorial of the event.

MILTON ABBOT, DEVONSHIRE.—The six bells of Milton Abbot Parish Church, cast by J. Pennington in 1769, have been quarter-turned, provided with fresh fittings, and placed in a new oak frame at a cost of about £130.

Some Bell Inscriptions.

(Continued from p. 764.)

WENDOVER, BUCKS (St. Mary).

WENDOVER church is a stone building, principally in the Decorated style, with chancel, clerestoried nave, aisles, north and south porches, and a western embattled tower containing six bells and a clock. In the south aisle is a curious brass to the memory of W. Bradshaw, gent., 1537, and his wife, nine children and twenty-three grand-children. Inscriptions on bells:

Sanctus. R. Wells: Aldbourne, Fecit.
Diameter, 14½ inches.

NOTE.—R. Wells had a business at Aldbourne, Wilts, which was subsequently acquired by the well-known Whitechapel firm.

Treble. Feare God, 1633.
Diameter, 30¾ inches.

2nd. Chandler made me, 1722.
Diameter, 33¼ inches.

3rd. Love God, 1631.
Diameter, 35½ inches.

4th. Nickolas Humpferi and Mickell Christmas, Church-wardens.
1632.
Diameter, 38¾ inches.

NOTE.—The Rev. Roland Jones was Vicar of Wendover, when this bell was cast. He was presented on the 23rd January, 1663, by King Charles II., but only held the living for two years.

Tenor. Let your hope be in the Lord, 1623.
E (coat of arms) K.
Diameter, 42¾ inches.

NOTE.—The initials E. K. on the tenor bell are those of the founder, Ellis Knight. He undoubtedly cast the remainder of the ring except the 2nd, and probably the earlier 2nd was by him also.

(To be continued.)

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Henry Hodgetts* ..	2	Frederick Edwards ..	6
Hubert Eden* ..	3	Joseph J. Allen* ..	7
Bertram Prewett ..	4	Harry A. Horrex* ..	8

Composed by Henry W. Haley, and conducted by Bertram Prewett.
[* First peal in the method.]

The Kent County Association.

At St. Mary's, Chatham, Kent, on August 23rd, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs. 23 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

Charles F. Turner ..	1	James Tullett ..	5
George Conyard ..	2	John H. Cheesman ..	6
Alfred W. Tawney ..	3	William Haigh ..	7
William Easter ..	4	Lewis Silver ..	8

Composed by Arthur Knights, and conducted by John H. Cheesman.
First peal in the method on the bells.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, Kent, on August 26th, Lates' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5440 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

George N. Price ..	1	William Shepherd ..	5
William Weatherstone ..	2	Thomas Harford* ..	6
Herbert P. Harman (condr.) ..	3	Thomas Groombridge ..	7
Isaac G. Shade ..	4	Walter Ingram ..	8

[* First peal in the method.]

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

At St. Luke's, Blakenhall, Wolverhampton, on August 30th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins.

Henry Dawkes ..	1	Richard Burrow ..	5
Robert Pickering ..	2	Herbert Knight ..	6
John Perry ..	3	Thomas J. Salter ..	7
William Fisher ..	4	Adolphus Roberts ..	8

Composed by Frank Bennett of Brighton, conducted by Thomas J. Salter.

The Norwich Diocesan Association and the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.

At St. Margaret's, Ipswich, Suffolk, on August 26th, a peal of BOB TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

William Motts ..	1	Henry C. Gillingham ..	5
William P. Garrett ..	2	Lewis W. Wiffen ..	6
William L. Catchpole ..	3	James Motts ..	7
Edgar Pemberton ..	4	Albert Gillingham ..	8

Composed by Henry Hubbard, and conducted by James Motts. The twenty-first birthday of Lewis W. Wiffen. Supposed to be first peal rung in Ipswich in this method.

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On September 1st, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes, was rung at the Church of St. Andrew in 50 mins. A. Coleman, 1; R. Watson, 2; A. Dubber, 3; J. Coales, 4; F. Sear, 5; J. George (conductor), 6; J. B. Fenton, 7; A. Bramall, 8. Tenor, 25 cwt., in D. This composition is taken from Holt's Original. Rung to celebrate the seventy-second birthday of Mr. John Coales, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

STOKE, COVENTRY.—On August 31st, for morning service, five six-scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, each called differently. G. Chatfield, 1; S. Hope, 2; W. Maund, 3; H. Horwood, 4; J. H. White (conductor), 5; E. Johnson, 6. Also 330 in the same method, with A. Flowers, tenor. Also, after service, 600 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. G. Chatfield, 1; W. Maund, 2; H. Horwood, 3; T. Hope, 4; J. H. White (conductor), 5; E. Johnson, 6. These are the first six-scores on the bells since being augmented to six by Messrs. Taylor.

A UNIQUE BELL TOWER.—St. Peter's Church, in Tacoma, Washington, boasts of a strange bell tower. It really consists of the trunk of a fir-tree, which once grew beside the building. Some little time ago the tree was sawn off at a distance of forty-eight feet from the ground, and a bell erected upon the stump, which regularly calls the worshippers to service. The tree is said to be 300 years old. The strange tower is now most picturesquely covered with English ivy, and this leafy garment gives it a wonderfully unique appearance. The ivy has also crept through crevices into the church itself, thus forming a natural and evergreen decoration.

FOUR bells in the steeple of Oldswinford Parish Church, Stourbridge, have been in uninterrupted use since 1687.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—The total amount received for the chiming apparatus at the parish church was £18 2s., leaving a balance in hand of £2 2s. This will provide a brass plate and inscription if it is decided to attach one to the frame.

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Some Bell Inscriptions.

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AMERSHAM, BUCKS (St. Mary).

AMERSHAM is a quiet country town situated in the south-eastern part of Buckinghamshire. In former times it was called Agmondesham. The church is a handsome building about 125 feet in length, consisting of chancel with north aisle or Drake Chapel, nave of four bays, with clerestory, aisle, south porch, and an embattled western tower with pinnacles surmounted by a small spire and containing a clock and six bells. The mortuary chapel of the Drake family on the north side of the chancel contains many very handsome tombs; there are also memorials to the same family in the chancel. The exterior of the church was restored in 1890 at a cost of over £2000. The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble. Our voices shall with joyful sound
Make hills and valleys echo round, 1771.
John Lawrence and John Towne, Ch. Wardens.
Pack and Chapman of London, fecit.
Diameter, 34 inches.

2nd. Blank.
Diameter, 36 inches.

NOTE.—Although this bell is devoid of inscription there is an ornamented design around the top part of it, quite similar to that often used by Richard Phelps. On looking closely at the bell underneath the design a letter R can be traced, this in all probability stands for Phelps' Christian name. A. H. Cocks, in 'Church Bells of Bucks,' considers this one of Phelps' bells, and he says the inscription has been cut off and filed away.

3rd. The gift of Thomas Tyrwhitt Drake, Esqr.
T. Mears of London, Fecit, 1818.
Diameter, 39 inches.

4th. This Bell was given to the Parish of Amersham, by
Wm. Drake, Esqr. of Shardeloes, 1754.
Thomas Lester and Thomas Pack, Fecit.
Diameter, 41 inches.

NOTE.—The donor of this bell died on the 8th of August, 1796, and there is a monument to his memory in the chancel of this church.

5th. Pack and Chapman of London, Fecit, 1776.
Diameter, 45 inches.

Tenor. Unto the Church I doe you call
Death to the grave will summons all.
Robert Shippen, D.D., Rector, Ralph Adams,
John Town, Church Wardens R & C, 1745.
Diameter, 49 inches.

NOTE.—The Rev. Robert Shippen, D.D., whose name occurs on the Tenor bell was instituted to this living on April 20th, 1744, and was only Rector for two years. The initials R.C., also on the tenor bell, immediately before the date 1745 are those of the founder, Robert Catlin. He succeeded to Samuel Knight's business in the year 1739, and died in 1751.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS (St. John the Baptist).

This church is a small building in the Norman style of architecture, comprising a chancel, nave, aisles, transept, and a western tower containing five bells. The steps leading to the belfry are very much worn. Inscriptions:—

Treble. Cast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1881.
Donor, James Henry Bird of Hammersmith.
William Ffolliott, B.A., Vicar.
William Olliff, } Churchwardens.
John Sibbly, }
1881.
Diameter, 28½ inches.

NOTE.—The Rev. William Ffolliott, B.A., was instituted Vicar of Little Missenden in 1879, and held the living till his death in the early part of this year.

Mr. James Henry Bird, above mentioned, died August 31st, 1884, in the 70th year of his age. He was a great benefactor to this parish. He also gave the stained east window as a memorial to his wife, as well as two others in the transept.

2nd. Ave : Maria.
Diameter, 30 inches.

NOTE.—A. H. Cocks says this bell was probably cast by John Rofford in the fourteenth century.

3rd. Sancta Margareta Ora Pro Nobis.
Diameter, 34 inches.

NOTE.—A. H. Cocks considers this to be the work of John Danyell, a London founder of the fifteenth century.

4th. This bell was cast 1603. (Coat of arms.)
Diameter, 36½ inches.

NOTE.—The initials I C are probably those of Joseph Carter who carried on a bell-founding business at Reading until the year 1606, when he purchased the well-known Whitechapel foundry from Robert Mot.

There is also a design immediately underneath the cannon of the fourth bell, on the top part of which is a crown and underneath the initials I. R. which undoubtedly stand for James I. King.

Tenor. Robert (?) Feeld, Church Warden.
H (coat of arms) K. 1663.
Diameter, 41 inches.

NOTE.—The initials H K are those of the founder, 'Henry Knight II,' who carried on business at Reading. Will Fyrth was Vicar of Little Missenden at the time this bell was cast. He was instituted on the 7th of March, 1663, and held the living until the year 1680.

GREAT MISSENDEN, BUCKS (St. Mary).

THE Abbey Church of St. Mary is an ancient cruciform building in the Early English style, comprising a chancel, clerestoried nave of four bays, aisles, north and south porches, transepts, and an embattled western tower containing six bells and a Sanctus bell.

Sanctus. 1782.

Treble. 1692.

Diameter, 33½ inches.

There is no inscription on this bell, but it was probably cast by Richard Keene, an Oxfordshire founder.

2nd. This (a design of the arms of the See of Winchester)
Bell (design repeated) made 1603. (Design) B (Design)
C (Design) T (?) (Design) F (?) (Design thrice repeated).
I (Coat of arms). C.
Diameter, 37 inches.

NOTE.—The initials B, C, T, F, are probably those of churchwardens. The letters I, C, on each side of the shields are those of Joseph Carter mentioned above.

3rd. Love God, 1640.
Diameter, 41 inches.

4th. T. Mears of London, Fecit, 1824.
Diameter, 44 inches.

5th. Let your hope be in the Lord. 1623.
G. W. H (?) I. K (?)
(Lower line). E (coat of arms) K.
Diameter, 48½ inches.

NOTE.—The initials E K are those of Ellis Knight of Reading bell foundry. The letters he made use of are of a most peculiar shape.

Tenor. Thomas Mears, Founders, London, 1810.
Rev. Richard Marks, Vicar.
Robert Douglas } Church Wardens.
James Potter }
Diameter, 53 inches.

NOTE.—The Rev. Richard Marks was inducted to the living on the 23rd May, 1820. One of the ringers as this church informed me that the tenor bell here is the largest in the county of Bucks, and weighs upwards of 28 cwt. The correct weight, however is 27 cwt. according to Mears and Stainbank's book, 'Church Bells.'

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Bells and Bell-ringing.

An American Lady Church-bell Change-ringer.

MISS NICHOLS, who was on a visit to London with her father, Dr. Arthur H. Nichols, of Boston, U.S.A., rang her first 'touch' of STEDMAN at a special meeting arranged by Mr. E. P. O'Meara at St. Augustine's Church, Kilburn, by the kind consent of the Vicar, the Rev. R. C. Kirkpatrick, on July 30th. Her next practice was 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES on the following evening at the fortnightly meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths, at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, London Bridge, conducted by Mr. T. Langdon. After this meeting Miss Nichols rang the 7th and 8th in 504 in the same method at the Society's meeting-house, Mr. M. A. Wood taking part. An attempt for a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES was arranged on August 7th at 13 Harbledown Road, the Society's meeting-room not being available, which came to a successful issue, the band being stationed as follows:—C. F. Winney (conductor), 1-2; H. P. Harman, 3-4; G. N. Price, 5-6; Miss Margaret H. Nichols, 7-8. After this a peal was attempted on August 12th at the headquarters of the Ancient Society of College Youths, which failed after ringing over a quarter-peal. In another attempt, which was made on the same evening, nearly 2000 changes were rung. The next meeting was on Friday, August 15th. Miss Nichols in the meantime attempted a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES at St. Matthew's Church, Upper Clapton, conducted by Mr. A. W. Brighton; after ringing twenty-four courses this attempt failed. Further, on August 17th, at 3.30 (this being the only date available) a first-class peal was rung in 2 hrs. 26 mins. with very little effort on the part of the band, the previous peal-attempts being excellent practice for this end. It was rung with such ease that, after the interval of about an hour, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 2 hrs. 30 mins., the bells coming round at 9.40 p.m. Miss Nichols was heartily congratulated by the band at the conclusion of both peals. It is worthy of note that Miss Nichols is the first lady ringer to score a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES double-handed. All the foregoing ringing was witnessed by Dr. Nichols. During her visit to London Miss Nichols has been a regular attendant at the meetings of the ringers at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington.

The band wish, through the medium of this paper, to return thanks to Mr. Hughes for kindly lending his handbells, and to Mr. J. Barry, of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths, and Mr. W. E. Mos, of the Ancient Society of College Youths, for acting as umpires to both peals.

Ipswich Ringers' Outing.

ON Saturday week the St. Mary-le-Tower (Ipswich) Society of Church Bell-ringers had their annual outing. Travelling by way of Debenham, they rang upon the bells of St. Mary's Church. Proceeding on their journey to Horham and Stradbroke, the ringers rang upon the fine ring of eight bells of St. Mary's Church; then going on to Pressingfield, they were met by Dr. G. G. Raven (vicar), who compiled that very interesting book, 'The Church Bells of Suffolk,' the collection of inscriptions upon each bell extending over forty years. They also met the oldest ringer in Suffolk (Mr. Edmund Chandler), who has rung for three Coronations, and is in his ninety-first year; he rang a course of PLAIN BOB MAJOR with the visitors, who were surprised to see the neat way in which he rang his bell. The Bell-ringers adjourned to the 'Fox and Goose,' where they were served with a substantial dinner. The return journey was by way of Wilby and Worlingworth, where they met Mr. David Collins, who rang in the long peal at Debenham. Then they proceeded to Monk Soham, &c., arriving at Ipswich after spending a most enjoyable day.

Two Aged Ringers.

MR. JOSEPH DEVENPORT, of 9 Dean Street, Sedgley, Staffs., has a remarkable record. He is upwards of eighty years old, and has been a bell-ringer since boyhood. He rang in the same belfry at Sedgley at the funeral of King William IV., at the Accession, Coronation, marriage, death, and funeral of Queen Victoria. He also similarly officiated in the celebration of the birth of all her late Majesty's children, and at the death of the Prince Consort. At the Accession of King Edward VII. he rang, and also at the recent Coronation. The virility of the old gentleman was displayed about three months ago, when he participated in a peal. He is well and strong, and joins in the ringing of the church bells every Sunday.

There is at Burnley a bell-ringer who for the past sixty-eight years without intermission has taken his place in the belfry of the parish church on all necessary occasions. John Pollard is nearly eighty-four

years of age, having been born in the same year as Queen Victoria, and he is particularly proud of the fact that he rang the bell in Burnley Church on her late Majesty's Accession. Further, he rang at the Coronation of Queen Victoria, and, as the duty of ringing at the King's Coronation fell to him, he holds a unique record, having rung the same bell on all the great historic occasions between and including the last two Coronations. Again, he has rung out the old and rung in the new year on the same bell without a break for the last sixty-eight years. Mr. Pollard's father was bell-ringer at Burnley Parish Church before him, so that the two together have covered about a century with their work.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Norwich Diocesan Association and the St. Peter Mancroft Society, Norwich.

At the Church of St. Michael-at-Coslany, Norwich, on August 27th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Egbert Borrett 1	Edward Francis 5
Percy C. Artis 2	Herbert W. Stanley* .. 6
Denison Hayward 3	Samuel Smith 7
George Smith 4	Arthur Jacob 8

Composed by Henry Dains and conducted by Arthur Jacob. This peal was arranged for Messrs. Hayward and Jacob, who came from Yarmouth and London respectively. D. Hayward is a member of the Great Yarmouth company. [* First peal of KENT.]

The Kent County Association.

At St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on August 29th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERERS, 5007 changes, in 3 hrs. 17 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

Edgar Wightman 1	William Foreman 6
Harry Hoskins 2	George H. Daynes* .. 7
Edward N. Price 3	Herbert P. Harman .. 8
Bertram Prewett 4	William J. Jeffries .. 9
John J. Lamb 5	William Berry 10

Composed by Sir Arthur P. Heywood, Bart., and conducted by Edgar Wightman. [* First peal of STEDMAN CATERERS.]

At St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, on September 1st, J. J. Parker's Variation of Washbrook's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 17½ cwt.

Herbert P. Harman 1	George R. Newton 5
Richard Hims* 2	Walter Ingham 6
Isaac G. Shade 3	Thomas Groombridge .. 7
William Weatherstone .. 4	Walter C. Farr† 8

Conducted by Thomas Groombridge. [* First peal in the method. † First peal.]

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

At All Saints', Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on August 30th, Thurstan's peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 22½ cwt.

Hugh D. Dall 1	Asa Holmes 5
William Holmes 2	Ernest E. Ferry 6
Alfred F. Hillier 3	Joseph E. R. Keen (condr.) 7
Sengent Power 4	S. Octavius Ferry 8

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The Central Northamptonshire Association of Church Bell-ringers.

THE quarterly meeting of this Association, by the kind invitation of the Rev. R. Doke, was held at Great Addington. There was a large attendance, eighty-two members of the Association being present. The bells of All Saints' Church were rung all the afternoon, and at five o'clock the company sat down to tea in the schoolroom, the repast being provided by the kindness of Mr. S. L. Lane and Mr. J. Rennie Wilkinson. The business meeting was held in the parish room, the Rev. E. C. Channer (of Ravensthorpe) presiding. Nine new members were elected—seven from Great Addington and two from Thrapston. The sum of £1 ls. was granted out of the funds of the Association to the Bell Restoration Fund at Isham, and £1 ls. to the Bell Fund at Desborough. Mr. Hensher, the Hon. Secretary, referred to a scheme to embrace the districts lately covered by the Higham Ferrers Second Diocesan Association (now extinct) with a view to extending the ground of the Association. A vote of thanks to the Rev. R. Doke for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and to the donors of the tea, concluded the meeting. The bells were again rung during the evening.

Ringers' Outing.

ON Saturday, September 13th, the Dalton Parish Church Bell-ringers had an outing to Morecambe. Arriving there about 5.15, they made their way to the parish church, having previously obtained permission from the Vicar to ring, and were met by Mr. Grisedale and another of the local ringers. The bells were raised, and 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR were rung (26 singles). A. Nicholas, 1; T. P. Jackson, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Barrows, 6. During the ringing, Mr. A. Wilson, a brother 'string' from Manchester, found his way to the church, and was invited to have a pull. A start was made for GRANDSIRE MINOR, and 720 (38 bobs and 22 singles) were rung, A. Wilson ringing the treble, the rest standing as before, conducted by T. R. Jackson. After this, 360 PLAIN BOB were rung. A. Jackson, 1; W. Forshaw, 2; J. Huddleston, 3; W. H. Dennison (conductor), 4; T. Stuart, 5; A. Nicholas, 6. Another start was made, and 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR were rung (16 bobs and 2 singles). T. Shuttleworth, 1; W. Forshaw, 2; J. Huddleston, 3; T. Stuart, 4;

T. R. Jackson, 5; T. P. Jackson (conductor), 6. The bells are a handy ring (tenor, 9½ cwt.) by Messrs. Carr & Co. The ringers return their sincere thanks to the Vicar for his kindness in allowing the use of the bells, and to Mr. Grisedale for having all in readiness. The ringers then adjourned, some to the Winter Gardens and other places of amusement, until 10.45, when a start was made for home, the party arriving about 12.30, all having thoroughly enjoyed their outing.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At the residence of Mr. C. F. Winney, 13 Harbledown Road, Fulham, S.W., on August 17th, on handbells retained in hand, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEPMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 26 mins.

G. N. Price 1, 2 | C. F. Winney (conductor) 5, 6
H. P. Harman 3, 4 | Miss Margaret H. Nichols 7, 8

Umpires, J. Barry and W. E. Moss. Witness, Dr. A. H. Nichols. Every six-end was ticked off from manuscript by the umpires in this peal.

ALSO at the same place on the above day, on handbells retained in hand, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 30 mins.

G. N. Price (conductor) 1, 2 | C. F. Winney 5, 6
H. P. Harman 3, 4 | Miss Margaret H. Nichols 7, 8

Umpires as before; witness, Dr. Arthur H. Nichols. The conductor has now called this peal from each pair of bells, being only the third person to attain this end.

The Kent County Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Erith, on September 4th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

William Berry 1 | Harry Hoskins 5
John J. Lamb 2 | Isaac G. Shade 6
Edward N. Price 3 | Charles Wilkins 7
William Foreman* 4 | Edgar Wightman 8

Composed and conducted by Edgar Wighman. This composition is now rung for the first time. [* First peal of DOUBLE NORWICH and first attempt.]

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The Sussex County Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Southover, Lewes, on September 6th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR 5083 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor, 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

William Pelling 1	Robert J. Dawe 5
Frank Bennett 2	Alfred J. Turner 6
Edmund H. Lindup .. 3	George A. King 7
Keith Hart 4	John S. Goldsmith .. 8

Composed and conducted by Frank Bennett.

At the Parish Church of St. Mary, Rye, on September 12th, Hollis' Five-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

James Livermore,* junr. . . 1	Ernest S. Reed 5
George Billenness† (condr.) 2	William Billenness .. 6
Francis A. Vincett 3	Thomas A. Vincett .. 7
Charles Price 4	Edward Card 8

Rung as a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. A. J. W. Crosse, upon his return from Durban, South Africa, where he has been doing duty. [* First peal, aged 14. † First peal as conductor.]

The Essex Association of Change-ringers.

At St. Nicholas', Harwich, on September 6th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5008 changes, in 2 hrs. 47 mins.

Walter Honeywood .. 1	Arthur Morris 5
James Cottis* 2	George Thompson .. 6
Ernest Fenn 3	Thomas Steward .. 7
Roland Fenn 4	Caleb Fenn 8

Composed by Albert Hardy, of Barking, and conducted by Caleb Fenn. The peal is the quickest ever rung on the bells. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, and tenor came from Barking; the ringers of the treble and 7th from Mistle, and the rest from Harwich. [* First peal in the method.]

The Middlesex County Association.

At St. Paul's, Huddesdon, Herts, on September 6th, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs 52 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

Bertram Prewett 1	George B. Lucas 5
Henry S. Reeves 2	William Pye (condr.) .. 6
Ernest Pye 3	Henry G. Rowe 7
Isaac G. Shade 4	Arthur T. King 8

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. G. Rowe.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

At Bishopwearmouth Parish Church, Sunderland, on September 8th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins. Tenor, 11½ cwt.

Frank Naisby 1	Thomas T. Goffton .. 5
Joseph W. Parker .. 2	Thomas Richardson* .. 6
John J. Leighton .. 3	Robert W. Lovie* .. 7
Robert C. Hudson .. 4	William T. Robson .. 8

Composed by Thomas T. Goffton and conducted by William T. Robson. [* First peal of DOUBLE NORWICH.]

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, September 14th, for evening service, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR (14 singles and 4 bobs). T. Shuttleworth, 1; A. Nicholas, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Stuart, 4; J. Huddleston, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6.

NEWARK, NOTTS.—At the Parish Church, on September 7th, for Divine service, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. Tenor, 33 cwt. H. Kelly, 1; C. Chapman, 2; F. Foster, 3; J. Miller, 4; E. C. Thrane, 5; G. L. English, 6; C. H. Newbald (conductor), 7; J. Bugg, 8.

WEDDING BELLS.—A date touch of STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung at St. George's Church, Stockport, on Wednesday week, in honour of the wedding of Mr. Thomas Jackson, a much-respected member of the Company and Treasurer of the same. The date touch was conducted by Mr. T. Marshall and consisted of 1902 changes, composed by Mr. J. P. Bradley, of West Ham, and was rung in 78 mins. The positions of the ringers were as follow: J. Booth, 1; G. Astbury, 2; H. Meakin, 3; J. Mottershead, 4; J. W. Bayley, 5; E. Reader, 6; T. Marshall, 7; G. Marshall, 8.

WOKINGHAM PARISH CHURCH BELLS.—Messrs. Webb & Bennett, church bell-hangers, have been consulted about the belfry, and proposed addition of two bells to the peal in the tower of All Saints'. Their report corresponds closely with the opinion given three years ago by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Diocesan Guild of Bell-ringers. Messrs. Webb & Bennett report as follows: 'Having thoroughly inspected and examined your church bells we find them all sound, but

much worn where the clappers now strike. They should be quarter-turned for the clappers to strike on a new place. The 2nd and 3rd bells are not good; they should be recast. If two new trebles are added a new frame will be required to get them on one level. We strongly advise a wrought-iron frame fixed to steel girders securely built into the tower walls. The girders would strengthen the tower, as they would be ties to the walls. The new frame would be lower than the present one. We enclose estimate for two new trebles to complete octave, new wrought-iron X frame with steel girders to carry it, recasting the 2nd and 3rd bells, rehanging the six old bells, for the sum of £328 17s.' The estimate has been supplied in detail. The remark of Messrs. Webb & Bennett that the new frame 'would strengthen the tower,' might seem to indicate that the tower needed strengthening. The remark is not so intended. The tower was restored in 1832, at a cost of £1500, Mr. Morris being the architect, and Mr. Wheeler, of Reading, the contractor, and is strong and sound as any church tower could be.

Some Bell Inscriptions.

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ST. LEONARDS, BUCKS (St. Leonard).

ST. LEONARD'S is an ancient chapelry and was formed into an ecclesiastical parish 28th August, 1860, from part of the parish of Aston Clinton. The ancient chapel, formerly a chantry chapel to the Abbey of Missenden, is an edifice of rubble stone, consisting of chancel and nave of even dimensions, south porch, north-eastern entrance, and a western belfry containing one bell. There is a handsome tablet with a marble bust to the memory of General Cornelius Wood, a noted officer during Queen Anne's reign; he died in 1712. The inscription on the bell is as follows:—

Chandler made me, 1702.

Diameter, 22½ inches.

NOTE.—The Chandlers were a Buckinghamshire family, who carried on business at Drayton Parslow. Their foundry was situated at the back of the 'Three Horse Shoes' inn. Richard Chandler, son of Anthonie Chandler, a blacksmith, was the first of the family to cast bells there. He was born in 1602, married in 1622, and died in 1638. His only son Anthony, born in 1622, succeeded to the business, and seems to have had an extensive trade. Several of his bells are hanging in Hertfordshire towers, at Great Gaddesden, Bovingdon, Flamstead, St. Paul's, Walden, Datchworth, and Tewin. He died in the year 1681, and was succeeded by his two elder sons, Richard, born in 1650, and George, born in 1654. It was one of these two brothers who cast the bells in this tower, probably George, for Richard died in December 1704, while George survived until 1725. After his death the business declined and eventually the foundry passed into the hands of Edward Hall, who seems to have been unsuccessful at his trade. He died in 1755 and is described in the parish registers of Drayton Parslow as 'a poor bell-founder.'

CHOLESBURY, BUCKS (St. Lawrence).

CHOLESBURY is a village situated about four miles from Chesham. The church of St. Lawrence, formerly a chapel of ease to Drayton Beauchamp, is an edifice of flint in the Early English and Decorated style consisting of chancel, nave, south porch, and a western turret containing one bell. The south porch has an Early English doorway; the old font of the same period is now placed at the entrance to the churchyard under the yew arch. The inscription on the bell is as under:—

Com and Praye.

Diameter, 19½ inches.

NOTE.—A local tradition asserts that this bell was cast in the adjoining parish of Aston Clinton, at a place called 'Cindery Bottom.' As several charred embers have been dug up there, it is quite probable there is some truth in the story.

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Bells and Bell-ringing.

The Devonshire Guild of Ringers.

THE autumnal District Meeting of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, held at Exeter on September 13th, was attended by about a hundred members, and proved very interesting. The bells of the Cathedral, St. Sidwell's, St. Petrock, St. Edmund, and Heavitree were placed at the disposal of various bands. The opportunity of ringing on the restored bells of the Cathedral was much appreciated, and pleasure was expressed at the comparative ease with which the bells could be manipulated, and at the improvement effected in lessening the sound of the bells in the belfry. A feature of the day's programme was the participation in the ringing of four ladies from Tiverton—Misses Sharland, Todd, Scott, and Kennaway. Tea was provided at St. Sidwell's Institute, where it was announced that a band of ringers would be visiting the county the second week in October, and attempt peals on the Cathedral, Thorverton Tiverton, Bovey Tracey, Newton Abbot, Ashburton, Totnes, Upton, and possibly, Axminster.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths and the St. Mary-le-Tower Society.

At St. Margaret's, Westminster, on September 13th, Holt's Original One-part peal of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

Albert Gillingham ..	1	Robert H. Brundle ..	5
James Motts (condr.) ..	2	Henry C. Gillingham ..	6
Edgar Pemberton ..	3	William Motts ..	7
William L. Catchpole ..	4	Lewis W. Wiffen ..	8

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At St. Mary's, Witney, on September 15th, Taylor's peal of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 18¼ cwt.

Frederick Pounds ..	1	Thomas Bull ..	5
Harry Brooks ..	2	John Monk ..	6
Mark Woodcock ..	3	Frank Smith* (condr.) ..	7
Walter Large ..	4	Tom Jones ..	8

[* First peal as conductor.]

The St. James's Society, London.

At St. Mary's, Islington, on September 15th, Lates' One-part peal of **STEDMAN TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Arthur R. Jacob ..	1	Herbert Langdon ..	5
George N. Price (condr.) ..	2	Thomas Langdon ..	6
Henry Hodgetts ..	3	William E. Garrard ..	7
Herbert P. Harman ..	4	Joseph Barry ..	8

The Norwich Diocesan Association and the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.

At St. Margaret's, Ipswich, Suffolk, on September 13th, Holt's Original peal of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

Albert Gillingham ..	1	Robert H. Brundle ..	5
James Motts (condr.) ..	2	Henry C. Gillingham ..	6
Edgar Pemberton ..	3	William Motts ..	7
William L. Catchpole ..	4	Lewis W. Wiffen ..	8

The Norwich Diocesan Association and the St. Peter Maneroft Society.

At St. Michael's, Aylsham, Norfolk, on September 15th, a peal of **TREBLE BOB ROYAL**, 5000 changes, in the Oxford Variation, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Albert G. Warnes ..	1	Thomas Faulkner ..	6
George Howchin ..	2	Edward Francis ..	7
Albert Rought* ..	3	Egbert Borrett ..	8
Herbert W. Stanley* ..	4	George Moy ..	9
John Moy ..	5	Frederick Knights ..	10

Composed by A. Knights and conducted by A. G. Warnes. This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6, the 2nd and 3rd being never there, and is now rung for the first time. [* First peal of ROYAL.]

HARWICH, ESSEX.—At St. Nicholas', on September 7th, by members of the Essex Association, a quarter-peal of **BOB MAJOR** in 45 mins. Caleb Fenn (conductor), 1; James Cottis, 2; George Moss, 3; George Thompson, 4; Arthur Morris, 5; Arthur Ramsey, 6; Ernest Fenn, 7; Roland Fenn, 8.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.

At St. Michael and All Angels', Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire, on September 15th, a peal of **TREBLE BOB ROYAL**, 5000 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs. 32 mins. Tenor, 27¼ cwt.

Fred Jakeman ..	1	Isaac Schofield ..	6
Thomas Jakeman ..	2	John Crabtree ..	7
E. B. Shaw ..	3	John Leigh ..	8
Samuel Stott ..	4	Samuel Booth ..	9
William Jakeman ..	5	Albert Adams ..	10

Composed by John Thorp and conducted by William Jakeman. Rung as a farewell peal to the conductor, who is leaving Ashton for America.

DEATH OF A FAMOUS BELL-RINGER.—Mr. Frederick Moulton, who had for over twenty-five years been bell-ringer at Wren's famous church, St. Bride, Fleet Street, died on Sunday. He rang on the occasion of the thanksgiving service at St. Paul's for the recovery of the King, then the Prince of Wales. Mr. Moulton was one of the best-known bell-ringers in the City, and had won many prizes.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—Messrs. Mears, of Whitechapel Road, are making two bells for Stansted Church to complete the octave, and are recasting the old fourth bell, which dates from the thirteenth century.

Some Bell Inscriptions.

(Continued from p. 884.)

LEE, BUCKS (St. John-the-Baptist).

THIS parish is situated three miles south-east of Wendover. The present church was erected over twenty years ago in place of the old church which is still standing and is now used as a Sunday school. Both churches are in the same churchyard; the new one being erected to the east of the older building. It is built in the Early English style, and consists of chancel, nave, vestry, south porch, and a western bell gable which holds one bell of great antiquity, which is considered to have been cast at the latter end of the thirteenth century. The churchyard contains a very large and ancient yew-tree. The bell is inscribed as follows:

✠ Michael : de : Wimbjs : me : fecit.
(Old English lettering).
19¼ inches in diameter.

NOTE.—This founder also cast the 2nd and 3rd bells at Bradenham, Bucks. He is said to have lived in Essex. There was a London bell-founder during the early part of the fourteenth century, named Richard Wymbish, he was very probably a relative of this Michael.

The Church Missionary Society has issued a statement in reference to the progress of Christianity in Japan. The Christian community has, it seems, already given to Japan one Cabinet Minister, two Judges of the Court of Cassation, two Speakers of the House of Commons (one elected twice), two or three Assistant Cabinet Ministers, besides a number of chairmen of legislative committees, Judges of the Appellate Courts, etc. In the present Parliament the Speaker and thirteen members are Christians; one of them was elected by a majority of five to one to represent a strongly Buddhist district. In the Navy the captains of the two largest men-of-war are Christians. Three of the great daily papers in Tokio are in the hands of Christians, and in several others Christians are at the head of the various editorial departments. The best charitable institutions are under Christian directors. The present majority of religious persons among the middle classes of Japan are admittedly Christians, but the lower classes still cling to Buddhism, more through superstitious ignorance than actual belief in it.

PERHAPS the 'Drugs Won't Do' announcement, distributed broadcast by the Vi-Cocoa people, has done more to make the public aware of the many thousands of pounds absolutely thrown away from year to year in so-called curatives than anything that has yet been published. Anyway, it is becoming recognized more and more that good health is more a question of food than anything else. Hence the success of Dr. Tibbles' Vi-Cocoa, which has become to a great extent, the Food-Beverage of the People.

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CHANGE RINGING.

The Hertfordshire Association.

At Ware, Herts., on September 23rd, Sir Arthur Heywood's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5940 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 22 cwt.

Matthew Ellsmore .. 1	Herbert Baker .. 5
Rev. W. S. Willett .. 2	William Pye (conductor) 6
George H. Barker .. 3	William H. Lawrence .. 7
Henry S. Reeves .. 4	Edward Edwards .. 8

The first peal of STEDMAN on these bells. The bells have been rehung and quarter-turned by Mr. John Gray of Hertford, through the munificence of Mrs. R. B. Croft, of Fanhams Hall, Ware, and Mr. Gray has made a most admirable job of them. This is the first peal on them for twenty years, the other having been rung on June 17th, 1882; previous to that, there had not been a peal rung on them since 1781.

Beverley Bells and Meeting of the Yorkshire Association.

BEVERLEY has been honoured by a visit of the Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers, nearly 300 Yorkshire change-ringers accepting the invitation. The chief cities and towns represented, besides Beverley, were Bradford, Bramley, Drighlington, Huddersfield, Hull, Leeds, Oxenhope, Pontefract, Grimsby, Shipley, Skipton, Wakefield, York, and Selby. The North-Eastern Railway Company also contributed to the success of the gathering by running a special train from Leeds to Beverley, and by granting reduced ordinary return fares. The official headquarters were at the Minster Vicarage. By the kind permission of the Rev. Canon Nolloth, D.D., the Minster ring of ten bells was available from 9 in the morning to 8.30 in the evening, and the St. Mary's ring of ten bells, through the kindness of the Rev. R. Fisher, M.A., from 11.30 to 12.30, and from 3.30 to 4.30.

The visitors were loud in admiration of the two peals, and this must have been gratifying to Mr. Taylor of the Loughborough firm of bell-founders, who was present, and whose firm cast the bells. It should also be equally gratifying to Beverley itself. The bells possess all the modern developments of tuning—that is to say, each bell is tuned so as to be harmonious in itself as well as harmonious with its brothers in the same scale. At one time the peal of the Minster was ringing with the Bourdon bell sounding the accompaniment, this bell being tuned in harmony with the peal. This is a unique performance, and it is questionable whether any other town in England can lay on the same amount of bell music. The St. Mary's peal, though somewhat lighter in weight of metal, is equal in tuning to that of the Minster, which is no faint praise. It is the earlier of the two.

Subsequently the Official Committee held their usual meeting. The president, Mr. W. Snowdon (Leeds), occupied the chair, and spoke gratifyingly of the work done on the Central Council of Church Bell-ringers. He moved a vote of condolence with the family of the late secretary to the Council, the Rev. H. E. Bulwer, Stanhoe, in their bereavement. This was carried in silence. Halifax having invited the Association to hold the annual meeting in their town in January, 1903, this invitation was cordially accepted. Messrs. J. Broadley (Bradford), and J. Hollis (Normanton), were elected auditors for the meeting.

Norwich Association of Bell-ringers.

THE annual meeting was held yesterday week in Norwich, and was attended by members from all parts of the diocese. The bells of most of the churches in the city were placed at the disposal of the association, and they were freely used until half-past twelve, when ringing ceased, and the visitors made their way to St. Peter Mancroft Church, where Divine service was conducted by the Rev. F. J. Meyrick and a sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Riven. The service was designed as a memorial service of the former secretary of the association, the late Rev. H. E. Bulwer of Stanhoe, and reference was made in the sermon to the loss the association had sustained by the death of that gentleman. Later in the day the members heard from Mr. Borrett the twenty-fourth annual report of the association. In this a large and sympathetic reference was made to the late secretary, and to the death of two hon. members, the Rev. J. Fowler, of Grimston, and Mr. C. F. Parker, of Beccles, and of two performing members, William Leggatt, of East Dereham, and Frank Cooper, of Aldeburgh. The membership of the Association bids fair to equal, if not exceed, that of preceding years, and the finances were in a satisfactory condition. The number of bells and belfries restored during the year was larger than usual, and the peals rung were

by far the best, both for number and variety of method, ever reported since the association was founded. There had been 111 peals rung since the last annual meeting, an advance of thirty-three over 1896, until now the record year. They were accomplished on all numbers of bells, from five to twelve, and in twenty-five varieties. The tour undertaken by resident and non-resident members in parts of Suffolk and South-west Norfolk in October last was very successful, and resulted in nine peals out of twelve attempts. The methods rung and the fresh ground chosen in West Norfolk for some of the attempts made the tour a noteworthy one. Mr. Sanicroft Holmes was re-elected president on the motion of the Rev. C. Blyth, seconded by the Rev. Dr. Raven; and the Rev. C. L. Kennaway, of Garboldisham, was elected hon. secretary on the motion of Dr. Raven, seconded by the Rev. R. W. Pitt.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On September 25th, for the harvest thanksgiving service, 1008 of STEDMAN TRIPLES. W. Markwell, 1; S. Burt, 2; J. Lish, 3; L. Payne (conductor), 4; A. E. Lish, 5; G. Payne, 6; A. Heasman, 7; A. Hodges, 8; and on Sunday evening, September 28th, for Divine service a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES in 45 min. G. Payne (conductor), 1; S. Burt, 2; J. Lish, 3; C. Tyler, 4; A. E. Lish, 5; L. Payne, 6; A. Heasman, 7; A. Hodges, 8.

WOOBURN (BUCKS).—The rehang of the ancient bells of the Parish Church, Wooburn, Bucks, and the provision of a new bell (making a peal of eight) has been completed, as a memorial of the recent Coronation of the King and Queen; and on Sunday the Bishop of Oxford performed the dedicatory ceremony, the preacher in the evening being the Rev. E. D. Shaw (Rural Dean). At the neighbouring parish of High Wycombe four new peal-boards are being presented to the tower, which possesses the only peal of ten bells in Bucks. It is interesting that the oldest peal-board in the belfry was placed there considerably more than a century ago, while another was presented during the Mayoralty of Mr. Philip J. Rutland, J.P.

HEANOR (NOTTS) AND THE CORONATION.—Last week a town meeting was held, when Councillor Andrews, who presided, said the object of the gathering was to consider a proposal for increasing the number of the parish church bells from five to eight. As they all knew, the bells had been sent away for repairs. It had been suggested that as Church people would have control over the bells they ought to purchase them, but he would point out while Church people might ring the bells when they liked they could not prevent the Nonconformists from hearing them. On that ground the Nonconformists would have pleasure in assisting to pay for the full complement of bells. Mr. Holbrook (churchwarden) said there was no doubt a full peal of eight bells would be a grand acquisition to the town. They had ordered a new frame for eight bells. If they proceeded with the scheme for the full complement of bells they would be landed into a debt of about 500£. Nonconformists had expressed their desire to help them. The project was agreed to, and a committee appointed to carry it out.

RINGERS' FESTIVAL AT REDRUTH.—A ringers' festival at Redruth Parish Church on Tuesday week was attended by sets of ringers from Gwennap, St. Mary's, Penzance, Veryan, Crowan, and Redruth, and peals were well rung throughout the afternoon. At the service prayers were said by Rev. W. R. Finch, curate-in-charge, Redruth, and an excellent address was given by Rev. W. Davis, vicar of St. Stythians, from the words 'Let all things be done decently and in order,' in which he spoke of the dignity of the ringers' work in calling the people far and near to worship, and impressed on the ringers their duty after calling others to themselves remain to worship also.

As so many of the working class suffer from indigestion, a letter received from Mrs. Bake, of 49 Rupert Street, Reading, cannot be too widely published. This lady writes: 'I think it is only fair that every one should know what a splendid thing Vi-Cocoa is as an appetiser and refresher. It has no equal. I have been using it for the last three years, and have found it a splendid thing for indigestion, and I think if a few more of the working class would give Vi-Cocoa a trial they would greatly benefit by it and never use any other. Also to young mothers it is invaluable. I always recommend it wherever I go.'

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ASHFORD DISTRICT.

THE Annual District Meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday afternoon, October 18th. Tower open at 3; Committee Meeting at 5.30; tea at 6. Members intending to be present must send their names to me 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.

C. WILFRID BLAXLAND,
District Hon. Sec.

Hythe, Kent, October 1st, 1902.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

THIS Association, which was formed mainly for promoting change-ringing and belfry reform in the North Riding, has an extensive and most difficult area to work, in which towers furnished with a ring of bells are mostly too far apart for one band of ringers to afford much assistance to another; yet all the meetings hitherto held have been in every case a success, to which the autumn meeting, held on Saturday, September 27th, at Middleham and East Witton, was no exception. Apart from the object of the journey, it would be impossible not to enjoy a visit to lovely, historic, and interesting Wensleydale. The muster was accordingly a large one, running well on to fifty all told, and representing, in addition to the ringers of East Witton and Middleham, visitors from Guisbrough, Harrogate, Middlesbrough, Otley, Richmond, Saltburn, Sharow, Stockton, and Thirsk.

Evensong was held in Middleham Church at 4.30, which was well attended, and an address delivered by the Rector, the Rev. W. Kerr Smith, at the conclusion of which a course of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung on handbells in the presence of the congregation—an incident probably unique in the annals of change-ringing. After service tea was provided in the schools, at which the Rector presided, supported by Mrs. Kerr Smith and other leading parishioners, including Dr. Pauli and several ladies, some of whom are assiduously endeavouring to become exponents of the art. At the conclusion of the tea the chairman proposed 'The King,' after which Mr. G. J. Clarkson, President of the Association, proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of Middleham and the Vicar of East Witton for the use of the bells of their respective churches, and remarked that the kind attention of the ladies to the visitors had added an unexpected charm to a successful and representative gathering. The vote of thanks was carried by acclamation, after which 29 new members were elected, including 5 lady, 1 life, and 4 honorary members. The President then referred to the absence of the Honorary Secretary, the Rev. W. P. Wright, as being due to the serious illness of his father, Canon Wright, and proposed a vote of sympathy, which was seconded by Mr. J. H. Blakiston, Vice-President, and carried unanimously. A course of GRANDSIRE CATERS on handbells was then rung by four of the Middlesbrough band, assisted by Mr. G. J. Clarkson.

The Midland Counties Association of Change-ringers.

ON Saturday, September 27th, about seventy members of this Association met for their quarterly general meeting at the National Schools, Long Eaton. Tea was provided, at which the Vicar and Churchwardens of Long Eaton were guests, and at the subsequent meeting Sir Arthur Heywood, Duffield, President of the Association, occupied the chair.—Mr. W. A. White, Hon. Secretary (Cotgrave), read the list of nominations for Membership, and these, about thirty, from Nottingham, Ilkeston, Long Eaton, and other places, were elected. Fifteen peals had been rung and recorded during the quarter, besides three which could not come under the category of association peals, owing to some of the ringers not being enrolled members within the month prescribed by rule.

Sir A. Heywood referred to the expense of registering peals in the fashion now prevailing, and thought a simpler form would have to be adopted. Mr. Taylor (Loughborough) thought it would be a pity for the future members if the old style could not be kept up, and although he could not promise at that meeting to provide a new peal-book, he thought it could be arranged. The Chairman moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his presence and for the use of the bells that afternoon, and the Rev. R. W. Whittington, in reply, paid a high tribute to the ability and trustworthiness of his own band of ringers.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers.

ON Saturday, September 27th, the annual meeting of this Guild was held at Southport, members being present from Christ Church, Southport; Christ Church, Bootle; and Christ Church, Aughton, Crossens,

Croston, Crosby, Hindley, Ormskirk, Sephton, and Wigan. A visit was paid to the belfry of Emmanuel Church, where some 'touches' were rung. Dinner was then partaken of at the Albion Restaurant, and afterwards a business meeting was held. The Rev. W. T. Bulpit presided. Mr. Martin, the treasurer, presented the balance-sheet, which showed a balance brought forward of £9 9s., and a present balance of £6 18s. 9d. The Rev. H. E. H. Probyn asked the members to become skilled in their art, to be proud of it, and to dedicate it to God's glory.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

AT the Church of the Holy Trinity, Sunderland, Durham, on September 23rd, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

William Robson ..	1	Thomas Naisby* ..	5
Robert Miller* ..	2	Thomas T. Gofton ..	6
John J. Leighton ..	3	Frank Naisby (conductor)†	7
T. Ditchburn* ..	4	J. Furniss† ..	8

First peal of STEDMAN on the bells. [*First peal in the method. † First peal in any method. ‡ First peal as conductor.]

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

AT St. John-the-Baptist's, Hagley, Worcestershire, on September 27th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 45 mins. Tenor, 9 cwt.

Harry Withers ..	1	Thomas J. Salter ..	5
Thomas Pigott ..	2	Joseph Pigott ..	6
James George ..	3	William Short (conductor)	7
Horace F. Street ..	4	William Painter ..	8

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of W. H. Barber to Miss E. Hancox.

The Sussex County Association.

AT St. Botolph's, Heene, Worthing, on September 27th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 49 mins. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

John Smart ..	1	John Paice ..	5
Benjamin Bassett ..	2	William Hillman ..	6
Harry Evans ..	3	Edmund Lindup (condr.) ..	7
Alfred W. Groves ..	4	Arthur Arnell ..	8

The sixtieth birthdays of Messrs. Evans and Smart, and the forty-first of Mr. Bassett.

AT St. Peter's, Brighton, on September 29th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

Robert J. Dawe ..	1	Frank Bennett (condr.) ..	5
Herbert Rann ..	2	Charles W. Goodenough ..	6
John Smart ..	3	Edmund Lindup ..	7
Albert D. Stone ..	4	James M. Frossell ..	8

C. W. Goodenough, for whom this peal was arranged, came from Bournemouth, and was elected a member previous to starting. It was also his first peal of STEDMAN.

AT the Parish Church, Hennyed, Sussex, on September 29th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

William Markwell* ..	1	Albert E. Lish ..	5
Samuel Burt ..	2	Lazarus Payne (condr.) ..	6
James Lish† ..	3	George Payne ..	7
Charles Tyler ..	4	Arthur Hodges ..	8

Rung on the anniversary of the conductor's wedding-day, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns. [* First peal from the tenor. † First peal.]

PEOPLE who through drinking hot and scalding tea are brought to a state of weakness and loss of nerve power should follow the experience of Mr. Stockwell Knight, of 28 Stockmore Street, Cowley Road, Oxford. This gentleman says that after taking tea he felt quite unable to summon any energy, and was totally unfitted for work of any kind. He determined to give up tea altogether, and use Dr. Tibbles' Vi-Cocoa instead. He did so, and in a remarkably short space of time he felt greatly benefited. He no longer experienced loss of energy after breakfast or tea, but found its sustaining properties marvellous, for it is undoubtedly a food as well as a beverage, a cup of Vi-Cocoa alone being more sustaining than solid food with tea or ordinary cocoa. This gentleman's business takes him out at all hours of the day and night, making sleep and meal times very irregular. To all those living under such and similar conditions, Dr. Tibbles' Vi-Cocoa is undoubtedly beneficial.

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Meetings for Practice.

The Waterloo Society: at St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, on Monday, October 20th; and at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Friday, the 24th.

The St. Luke's Society: at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on Thursday, the 23rd.

The St. James's Society: at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Monday, the 27th.

The Ancient Society of College Youths: at St. Mary Matfelon, White-chapel, and St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, on Tuesday, the 21st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, the 23rd; and at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on Friday, the 24th.—All about 8 p.m.

Exeter Cathedral Bells.

THE Bishop of Marlborough (dean) presided over a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Exeter Cathedral Bells Committee yesterday week. The financial statement showed a total expenditure on the restoration and rehanging of £1875; subscriptions, £1901, including £19 from the ringers of thirty-one parishes, £70 from twenty-two Devonians, £98 from past Sheriffs, £118 anonymous, £141 from clergy, £204 Dean and Chapter, £316 collected, £305 county, £606 city.—The Treasurer said £50 had been received from an anonymous gentleman, but whether he would allow it to stand to the bell account he did not know. If he did they would have a balance of nearly £40, otherwise they would be £13 in debt. Mr. E. A. Sanders felt certain, from what he knew, that the £50 would be allowed to remain. The Dean said that the bells were now nearly, if not quite, the finest peal in England. He heard a visitor say it was a perfect dream to listen to them; that he had never heard before a peal so sweet. It was necessary that a flooring should be erected above the bells, the voice of them being too strong. A fresh ceiling should also be constructed between the present ceiling and the floor; also a cork flooring, as the fall of the bell-rope was too loud. However, they must look forward to some future date to make these additions. He moved the adoption of the accounts, which was seconded by Mr. E. A. Sanders, and carried. It was stated that models one-twelfth the actual size of Grandisson were obtainable.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At St. Paul's, Wooburn, Bucks, on October 2nd, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins. Tenor, 19 cwt.

John Coleman	1	Richard Buckland	5
John Evans (conductor) ..	2	William H. Fussell	6
John West	3	Frederick J. Healey	7
John C. Truss	4	Ernest Yates	8

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

(SPOUGHTON BRANCH.)

At St. Peter's, Henley, Suffolk, on October 4th, a peal of NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins. Tenor, 8 cwt, 3 lbs.

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

Composed by G. Lindoff, and conducted by Charles Mee. First peal in the method on the bells.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

At All Saints', Newcastle-on-Tyne, on October 4th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor, 19 cwt.

James E. Gofton*	1	William Story	5
R. Alder Gofton*	2	John J. Leighton	6
Robert S. Story	3	William T. Robson	7
Joseph W. Parker	4	Thomas T. Gofton	8

Composed by G. Lindoff and conducted by Thomas T. Gofton. [* First peal in the method.]

The Hertfordshire Association and the Hertford College Youths.

At St. Andrew's, Hertford, on October 7th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

George E. Smith	1	George H. Barker	5
Matthew Ellsmore	2	Herbert Baker (conductor) ..	6
Arthur Wright*	3	Joseph Ladley†	7
Albert Phillips†	4	Edward Edwards	8

[* First peal. † First peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. † First peal with a bob-bell.]

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

At St. Margaret's, Ipswich, on October 7th, a Variation of Thurstan's peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

Walter C. Hunt	1	James Motts	5
Henry C. Gillingham	2	Edgar Pemberton	6
William Motts	3	Lewis W. Wiffen	7
Walter Last	4	Albert Gillingham	8

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

At St. Andrew's, Blagdon, on October 4th, a peal of BOB TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins.

Charles Downing	1	Stephen Thomas	5
William Lansdown	2	Henry F. Howell	6
Charles H. Gordon	3	Fred G. May	7
William Somerville	4	Gilbert Wiltshire	8

Composed by H. Johnson, and conducted by F. G. May. This was the first peal on the bells, which were given by Sir W. H. Wills, Bart.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

At East Witton, on September 27th, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, W. Walland, H. Brown, J. T. Frenchum, J. Nelson, R. Haswell, T. Metcalfe (conductor). At Middleham, 720 BOB MINOR: J. Kinchin, 1; Brand, 2; R. Haswell, 3; W. Pick, 4; J. T. Frenchum, 5; W. Walland (conductor), 6. Also 720 BOB MINOR: J. Wrightson, 1; W. Rudd, 2; J. W. Neasham, 3; W. J. Titchener, 4; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 5; A. McFarlane, 6.

On September 29th, at the residence of Dr. Pauli, 180 changes of BOB MINOR on handbells. G. J. Clarkson, 1-2; Miss Annie Croft, 3; Miss Mary Auton, 4; Miss Hilda Auton, 5; Dr. Pauli, 6. This was followed by a creditable attempt at a course of BOB MAJOR by Mrs. Pauli, 1; Miss A. Croft, 2; G. J. Clarkson, 4-3; Miss M. Auton, 5; Miss D. Dawson, 6; Miss H. Auton, 7; Dr. Pauli, 8.

DALTON-IN-FURNACE.—At the Parish Church, on September 14th, for evening service, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE (14 Singles and 4 Bobs): T. Shuttleworth, A. Nicholas, W. H. Dennison, T. Stuart, J. Huddleston, J. Burrows (conductor). On September 21st, for evening service, 720 PLAIN BOB (14 Singles and 10 Bobs): J. Huddleston, A. Nicholas, E. Garrell, W. H. Dennison, T. R. Jackson (conductor), J. Burrows. On October 5th, for the Harvest Festival, in the afternoon, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE (30 Singles and 3 Bobs): T. Shuttleworth, J. Huddleston, W. H. Dennison, T. Stuart, T. R. Jackson, J. Burrows (conductor). And for the evening service, 720 PLAIN BOB (9 Bobs and 6 Singles): A. Nicholas, J. Huddleston, W. H. Dennison, T. Stuart, T. R. Jackson (conductor), J. Burrows. On October 11th, to welcome the arrival of Mr. Victor Cavendish, M.P., Lay Rector of Dalton, Lady Evelyn Cavendish, Mr. Richard Cavendish, M.P., Lady Moyra Cavendish, and company, volleys were fired on the bells, and 720 of PLAIN BOB (26 Singles) was rung. A. Jackson, W. Forshaw, J. Huddleston, W. H. Dennison, T. R. Jackson (conductor), J. Burrows. Also 360 CANTERBURY PLEASURE: J. Huddleston, A. Nicholas, T. P. Jackson, W. H. Dennison, T. R. Jackson, J. Burrows (conductor). Rung previous to the foundation-laying of the St. Margaret's new church, which was gracefully performed by Lady Evelyn Cavendish.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Devonshire Guild of Ringers.

At the Cathedral, Exeter, on October 6th, a peal of **GRANDSIRE CATERPS**, 5021 changes, in 3 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 72 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs.

George Williams ..	1	Charles R. Lilley ..	6
Henry White ..	2	Rev. H. A. Cockey ..	7
Rev. W. S. Willett ..	3	William W. Gifford ..	8
Alfred W. Brighton ..	4	Richard T. Hibbert ..	9
Rev. F. E. Robinson ..	5	Rev. G. F. Coleridge ..	10
		Ferris Shepherd ..	

Composed by John Cox and conducted by George Williams. First peal on the bells.

Also at Thorverton, on the same day, the band of ringers visiting the county followed up their success at the Cathedral by a well-struck peal of **STEDMAN TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, accomplished in 2 hrs. 56 mins. The band has attempted a peal on these bells on more than one occasion, but hitherto their efforts had not met with success, partly through the fixture being made at the end of the tour, and so a change in the arrangements was made; and this tower was now taken at the commencement of it. This proved to be wise, as better ringing through the whole of the peal has rarely been heard.

G. Williams (conductor) ..	1	Rev. H. A. Cockey ..	5
J. W. Taylor ..	2	C. R. Lilley ..	6
Rev. W. S. Willett ..	3	R. T. Hibbert ..	7
H. White ..	4	Rev. G. F. Coleridge ..	8

At the conclusion of the ringing, the party were hospitably entertained by the Vicar, churchwardens, and others. On the evening of the same day another peal of **STEDMAN TRIPLES** was rung in 3 hrs. 13 mins. at St. Peter's, Tiverton. It had been arranged to attempt a peal of **SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR** in this tower, but the 'go' of the bells did not justify the attempt, and so the Stedman method was selected in its place.

Rev. W. S. Willett ..	1	E. H. Oxenham ..	5
Rev. M. Kelly ..	2	Rev. H. A. Cockey ..	6
C. R. Lilley ..	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson ..	7
H. White ..	4	R. T. Hibbert ..	8

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

The Middlesex County Association.

At St. Peter's, Berkhamstead, Herts, on October 11th, a peal of **SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**, 5036 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

George R. Fardon ..	1	W. H. L. Buckingham ..	5
William G. Whitehead ..	2	Isaac G. Shade ..	6
Frederick T. C. Nevett ..	3	Ernest Pye ..	7
Bertram Prewett ..	4	William Pye ..	8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff and conducted by William Pye. First peal in the method on the bells. A birthday compliment to B. Prewett.

The Ancient Society of College Youths and the St. Stephen's Society, Westminster.

At St. Stephen's, Westminster, on October 11th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of **STEDMAN TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

Alfred B. Peck ..	1	Thomas Lungley ..	5
Harry R. Pasmore ..	2	Henry R. Newton ..	6
William H. Pasmore ..	3	John W. Golding (condr.) ..	7
Henry S. Ellis ..	4	Frederick Dench ..	8

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Botolph's, Heene, Worthing, on October 13th, a peal of **BOB MAJOR**, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 52½ mins.

Benjamin Bassett ..	1	Frank Bennett ..	5
George Baker ..	2	Edward A. Ridgway* ..	6
Harry Evans ..	3	Alfred W. Groves ..	7
George Norris ..	4	Edmund H. Lindup ..	8

Composed by F. Hopgood and conducted by F. Bennett. [* First peal in the method, and rung at the first attempt.]

STREET CHURCH BELLS.—The condition of the Parish Church bells has for some time given anxiety, and on Tuesday week a special Committee meeting was held to consider the matter. It was decided that their restoration was the most urgent church work at Street at the present moment, and the Committee resolved to call for guarantors, and put the work in hand at once. The estimated cost is about £300.

SALTASH CHURCH BELLS.—The bells of the church were erected by subscription in 1760. The fifth and tenor of the peal has been cracked over eighty years. These two bells have been recast and the old ones rehung on a new principle, invented and patented by Messrs. Aggett, bell-hangers, Chagford. The four old ones were much indented by the clappers striking for years, and have been reversed one quarter, and the new and old bells tuned to harmonise. These bells pealed out on Sunday last, and all were pleased to hear their silvery chimes. The two new ones bear the following inscription:—'Coronation of King Edward VII., 1902. T. Meadows, Mayor. Aggett & Sons, bell-hangers, Chagford.'

CUCKFIELD (SUSSEX) BELLS.—It is the experience of ringers in some of our ancient churches that the tower sways to and fro, however substantial the masonry may seem. The ancient tower of Cuckfield Church is one of these, and the spire on the steeple perceptibly moves when the bells are being rung. Just now the Cuckfield bells require a new frame and to be rehung, a work that will cost at least 300l. The present timbers are very ancient. There are eight bells, ranging from a 15 cwt. tenor to a 5 cwt. treble. The history of the bells is succinctly given on the tenor bell: 'The six bells recast and two new ones added, the whole by subscription. Rev. J. F. Fearon, Vicar, William Clutter, Esq., Sam. Waller, Esq., C.W.' The bells were cast at the ancient foundry of Mears, Whitechapel. It is curious that at the present interesting juncture a record book should come to hand, giving the peals that were rung in those days. The book shows beautiful penmanship, and the initial entry is of great interest to ringers. 'The Society of College Youths on the opening of the new peal of eight bells hung in the Cuckfield tower on Monday, 4th day of September, 1815, rung a true and complete peal of 5088 changes of OXFORD TREBLE BOB, which was performed by them in three hours and three minutes, and allowed to be the most complete peal ever witnessed to have been heard by gentlemen professors of the art in general.' The Society of College Youths is a very ancient ringing Society. The Cuckfield Society of Bell-ringers rang their first peal about twelve months afterwards, 5040 changes of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**, performed in three hours, five minutes. The ringers afterwards changed their title to the 'Society of Sussex Youths,' but it is now known as the Cuckfield Branch of the Sussex Association of Change-ringers.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.—One of the bells in the renovated belfry of the parish church of Woburn was badly cracked and had to be recast, as noticed in our issue of the 3rd inst. The Vicar, the Rev. J. B. Kirby, has had inscribed upon it the following verse, composed by himself:—

'The King was ill,
And I was still
The day his crowning fell;
My wound was healed,
And I was pealed
To tell the King was well.'

EYNSFORD CHURCH BELLS.—Efforts are still being made, in association with the appeal recently issued, to obtain the necessary funds for the purpose of providing two treble bells for Eynsford Church, in order to complete a peal of eight bells. Writing with respect to the Eynsford bells, Mr. E. D. Till, of the Priory, Eynsford, says:—'The probability is that our original bells were melted into ordnance for either Cavaliers or Roundheads, and soon after Charles' beheading the Bosviles or other Royalist family at Eynsford renewed them or some of them by hanging the two Cromwellian bells, then later two Stuart bells, and lastly two Hanoverians, one of the latter, the last in fact, given by a Dyke of Lullingstone. No addition has been made to the peal for 124 years.' The Eynsford bell-ringers, by the way, have formed a new society with new rules, and it is intended to affiliate with the County Change-ringers' Association. A sum of 20l. towards the cost of providing the necessary new bells has been received, and about 40l. is expected from collecting cards and promises. Contributions may be sent to the Rev. A. S. Hutchinson, The Vicarage, Eynsford, who is acting as Hon. Treasurer of the fund, or to Mr. Till, of the Priory.

The bells of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, were re-dedicated on the 9th inst., when the Bishop of Islington preached the sermon. The Rector, Prebendary Covington, R.D., raised the amount required for the restoration and rehanging.

DR. T. H. SMITH, Royal Colonial Institute, Northumberland Avenue, W.C., writes:—'I have much pleasure in testifying to the superior qualities of Vi-Cocoa over any similar preparation in the market. I do this willingly and unsolicited, as I consider it a great boon to the public. Its wonderful recuperative power after exhaustion from fatigue is marvellous.'

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

At St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, on October 18th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes in 2 hrs. 59 mins. Tenor, 23 cwt., in E flat.

Robert Pickering*	1	Thomas Reynolds..	5
John Perry ..	2	Herbert Knight ..	6
Alfred Paddon Smith ..	3	James E. Groves (condr.)..	7
Ernest Allaway ..	4	Sidney Jessop ..	8

[* Fiftieth peal.]

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Nicholas', Brighton, on October 18th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt. 3 qrs.

William Palmer ..	1	Robert J. Dawe ..	6
George Baker*	2	George A. King ..	7
George Williams ..	3	Alfred J. Turner*	8
Frank Bennett ..	4	James N. Frossell..	9
John S. Goldsmith ..	5	Keith Hart ..	10

Composed by Frank Bennett, and conducted by John S. Goldsmith. This is the first peal of DOUBLE NORWICH ROYAL by all the band, the first in the county and by the Association. The composition, which has the 6th twenty-four times at home, is now rung for the first time. [* First peal of ROYAL.]

The Ancient Society of College Youths and the St. Mary Abbots Guild, Kensington.

At St. Paul's, Hammersmith, on October 20th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs. 6 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Arthur Cutmore ..	1	Ernest G. Stibbins ..	5
John T. Kentish ..	2	Archibald F. Harris ..	6
Albert V. Selby ..	3	William Fox ..	7
William E. Judd ..	4	William E. Garrard ..	8

Composed by Frederick Dench, and conducted by W. E. Garrard.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

At St. Martin's, Birmingham, on October 20th, a peal of STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 changes, in 3 hrs. 45 mins. Tenor, 36 cwt. in C.

William Short ..	1	Ernest T. Allaway ..	7
James E. Groves ..	2	Alfred Paddon Smith ..	8
Thomas Russam ..	3	Albert Walker ..	9
Thomas Miller ..	4	William H. Barber ..	10
Thomas Reynolds ..	5	Arthur E. Peglar ..	11
Samuel Reeves ..	6	William Painter ..	12

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by William Short. This composition, now rung for the first time, was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Job Joynes, for nine years tower-keeper at the above church.

The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. Mary's, Knebworth, Herts, on October 18th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins.

William H. Lawrence ..	1	Albert Phillips ..	5
Matthew Ellsmore ..	2	George H. Barker ..	6
George Smith ..	3	Albert Lawrence ..	7
Arthur Wright ..	5	Herbert Baker ..	8

Composed by the late H. Hubbard, and conducted by Herbert Baker. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, also Mr. Dennis for having everything in readiness.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On October 18th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, the following quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung in 46 mins. W. Markwell, 1; S. Burt, 2; L. Payne, 3; G. Gatland, 4; J. Smart, 5; G. Payne (conductor), 6; A. Heasman, 7; A. Hodges, 8.

The Positive Organ offered by the makers to the church receiving the largest number of votes of clergy visiting the Church Congress, has been awarded by a large majority to St. Gabriel's, Northampton. The organ has been erected in this church, and is much admired by the congregation.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.

At the Parish Church, Hartlebury, Worcestershire, on October 25th, a peal of CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 24 mins. Tenor, 22 cwt.

Harry Oldnall*	1	Thomas J. Salter..	5
Edwin Mapp*	2	Rev. James F. Hastings*	6
Noah Davis ..	3	Charles Beaman*..	7
William Page*	4	Albert Thomason ..	8

Composed by H. Burstow, and conducted by Thomas J. Salter. [* First peal in the method.]

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At St. Mary's, Pulham, on October 20th, a peal of OXFORD TREBLE BOB, 5248 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt., in F.

F. R. Borrett ..	1	J. Boughton ..	5
C. T. P. Brice ..	2	H. Adcock ..	6
E. Poppy ..	3	F. G. Warnes ..	7
E. Borrett ..	4	F. Knights ..	8

Composed by R. Reeve, and conducted by F. R. Borrett.

AN UNFORTUNATE PEAL.—At Loughboro', recently, ten members of the Midland Counties Association of Change-ringers (Loughboro' branch) made an attempt for a long peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 7001 changes, but, unfortunately, after ringing upwards of 400, the clapper of the eighth bell broke, which brought the attempt to grief. The performers were:—A. Millis (Leicester), 1; R. F. Lane (Loughboro'), 2; T. H. Colburn (Loughboro'), 3; J. Morris (Leicester), 4; W. H. Inglesant (Loughboro'), 5; F. G. Burleigh (Loughboro'), 6; C. H. Fowler (Leicester), 7; H. W. Abbott (Loughboro') 8; W. Wilson (Leicester), 9; A. Thompson (Derby), 10. Composed and conducted by Mr. W. Wilson. Weight of tenor, 30½ cwt., in D.

ST. PETER'S, EATON SQUARE, SOCIETY OF BELL-RINGERS.—At St. John-the-Evangelist's, Wilton Road, S.W., on October 26th, being the occasion of the Harvest Festival, for evening service, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, taken from Holts One-part peal, 1260 changes, in 46 mins. George Channer (1st quarter-peal), 1; Thomas W. Channer (1st quarter-peal inside), 2; Oswald Weaver (1st quarter-peal), 3; Edward Jones, 4; Jasper Thimblethorpe, 5; Ernest O. Phillips, 6; Frederick T. Gover (conductor), 7; Charles Teasdale, 8.

MONKS KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On October 4th, a band of ringers from Coventry attempted a peal on the fine-toned bells at the above place, but owing to the bad go of the bells only a few plain courses of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES could be rung. W. H. Rees, 1; S. Hope, 2; W. Maund, 3; H. Horwood, 4; J. H. White, 5; E. Johnson, 6. Tenor, 24 cwt. Also several touches with A. Flowers and G. Burton. It is a pity that so fine a ring of bells should be in such a bad condition, it being impossible to ring them for any length of time.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On October 25th, 500 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES. H. A. Harris, 1; W. H. Rees, 2; S. Hope, 3; W. Maund, 4; J. H. White (conductor), 5; E. Johnson, 6.

HEANOR (NOTTS) AND ITS PEAL OF BELLS.—A second public meeting in furtherance of the scheme for a peal of eight bells has been held. Mr. J. Holbrook presided. After referring to the satisfactory progress made towards the Church Bells Fund, the chairman called upon Mr. Windle, who said no doubt all the money would be forthcoming. The total amount promised was £122 17s. 6d. The Chairman remarked that the churchwardens were seriously considering whether they could manage, along with the eight bells, a set of chimes. If they did not secure these now it might be left over to another generation. The total amount required for the bells and the masonry work would be over £500.

FLITTON (BEDFORD) BELLS.—The bells, five in number, have been recast and rehung, and two special services were held to commemorate the return of the bells to the tower. There were crowded congregations at both these services, at one of which the preacher was the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Hon. Secretary of the Bedfordshire Association of Change-ringers.

THIS is worth reading. Mr. F. H. Demper, 94 Hornsey Road, London, N., writes:—"I am a busy journalist, and at times have suffered severely from 'brain fog' and general lassitude. I have tried many remedies, and have found the after effects worse than the original weakness. Thanks to the advice of a friend, I was induced to experiment with Dr. Tibbles' Vi-Cocoa some months ago, and am very glad I did so. After a day of the hardest work, I find a cup of it will banish the fiend insomnia. Since I have taken it habitually, I find that I sleep soundly, and on waking the next morning I am as fresh as a lark. I wish I had heard of Dr. Tibbles' Vi-Cocoa years ago."

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.

THE 265th annual dinner will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, to-morrow (Saturday) at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. 6d. each) may be obtained of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, E. A. Davies, F. E. Dawe, W. E. Garrard, E. Horrex, H. P. Harman, A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, E. H. Oxenham, W. H. Pasmore, J. Pettit, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, or WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec. 'Frodingham,' Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

There will be ringing at St. Saviour's, Southwark, from 4 to 5 o'clock: and at St. Magnus, London Bridge, from 4 to 6 o'clock on the dinner day.

On Tuesday, the 11th inst., after ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral, a meeting will be held at the 'Coffee Pot,' Warwick Lane, when officers will be elected for the coming year.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths and the Essex Association.

(THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING.)

AT St. Margaret's, Barking, on October 21st, Brooks' Variation peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 22½ cwt.

James Cottis* 1	Alfred J. T. Carter* 5
Ernest G. Fenn* 2	Thomas Faulkner 6
George W. Faulkner* .. 3	Caleb Fenn (conductor) .. 7
Rowland Fenn 4	Edward A. Davies 1

This is the first peal in the method rung by a purely resident band on these bells, and was rung in honour of the marriage of Canon H. Hensley Henson, a former Vicar of the parish, which was celebrated at Westminster Abbey on the previous day. It was also rung on Trafalgar Day, and was R. Fenn's fiftieth peal. [* First peal in the method.]

The Ancient Society of College Youths and the St. Stephen's Society, Westminster.

AT St. Barnabas's, Pimlico, on October 25th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5038 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

Henry R. Newton 1	Henry S. Ellis 6
Arthur G. Ellis 2	James Willshire 7
Harry R. Pasmore 3	Frederick Dench 8
Alfred B. Peck 4	John W. Golding 9
William H. Pasmore 5	John N. Oxborough .. 10

Composed by Frederick Dench, and conducted by Harry R. Pasmore. This is the conductor's fiftieth peal.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

AT St. Margaret's, Westminster, on October 25th, a peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs. 32 mins. Tenor, 28 cwt.

Benjamin Foskett 1	Frederick Perrin 6
Henry Dains 2	James Davis 7
John Cheesman 3	Arthur Hardy 8
Thomas Titchener 4	Thomas Langdon 9
Albert Pittam 5	Arthur Jacob 10

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by Arthur Jacob.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

AT St. Martin's, Salisbury, on October 25th, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Arthur T. King 1	James Elcombe 5
Robert P. Knight 2	Sidney Macey 6
Albert E. Paskins* 3	W. W. Clifford (conductor) 7
Frederick H. Paskins* .. 4	George F. Doel 8

[* First peal.]

The Middlesex County Association.

AT St. Mary's, Ealing, on October 28th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 19 cwt.

Allen H. Taber 1	Edward Harris 5
Evered J. Walsom 2	Frederick Goddard 6
William Weatherstone .. 3	Henry Browning 7
John Basden (conductor) .. 4	Arthur Harding 8

The Sussex County Association.

AT the Parish Church, Henfield, Sussex, on October 28th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

William Markham 1	George Gatland 5
John Smart 2	Charles Tyler (conductor) 6
George Payne 3	Albert Heasman 7
Lazarus Payne 4	Arthur Hodges 8

AT SS. Peter and Paul's, Appledore, Kent, on November 1st, J. J. Parker's Twelve-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5.40 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in F sharp.

William Billenness (conductor) 1	Francis A. Vincett 5
Ewart G. Johnson* 2	James Livermore 6
William E. Pitman 3	Thomas A. Vincett 7
George Billenness 4	George Johnson 8

Rung on the second anniversary of the augmentation to eight and rehanging of the bells. [* First peal: this ringer is the youngest member of the Association, aged fourteen.]

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.

AT St. Mary and All Saints', Kidderminster, on November 1st, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins.

Noah Davis 1	Thomas J. Salter 5
Joseph Pigott 2	James E. Groves 6
William Wakeman 3	John Crane 7
Horace F. Street* 4	Arthur E. Pegler 8

Composed by F. Bennett, of Brighton, and conducted by Thomas J. Salter. [* First peal of MAJOR.]

The Ely Diocesan Association and the Bedfordshire Association.

AT St. Mary's, Potton, Beds, on November 1st (All Saints' Day), a peal of MINOR, 5040 changes, being 720 each of WOODBINE, COLLEGE SINGLES, OXFORD BOB, OXFORD and KENT TREBLE BOB, GRANDSIRE, and PLAIN BOB, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 7½ cwt.

G. D. Coleman 1	L. J. Flint* 4
C. R. Lilley (conductor) .. 2	H. Fieldst* 5
S. J. Coleman 3	W. Finedon 6

This is the first peal on the bells. [* First peal. * First peal with bob-bell.]

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On October 16th, for practice, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR (18 bobs and 2 singles): A. Jackson, J. Huddleston, E. Gartrell (first 720 with a bob-bell), T. Suart, A. Nicholas, J. Burrows (conductor). On October 19th, for morning service, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR (18 bobs and 2 singles): W. Forshaw, J. Huddleston, E. Gartrell, T. Suart, W. H. Dennison, J. Burrows (conductor). On October 23rd, for practice, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR (21 bobs and 6 singles): T. Shuttleworth, W. Forshaw, E. Gartrell, T. Suart (conductor), J. Huddleston, W. H. Dennison. On October 25th, for practice, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR (14 singles and 4 bobs): J. Balderson, W. Forshaw, A. Nicholas, T. Suart, T. R. Jackson (conductor), T. Burrows. Also 360 PLAIN BOB MINOR: T. Shuttleworth, W. Forshaw, A. Nicholas, T. Suart, T. R. Jackson (conductor), J. Balderson. J. Balderson came from Broughton-in-Furness and it is the first 360 in any method on an inside bell. On November 2nd, for morning service, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR (26 bobs and 10 singles): T. R. Jackson (conductor), J. Huddleston, E. Gartrell, W. H. Dennison, T. P. Jackson, J. Burrows.

ST. MARY'S BELLS, GATESHEAD.—For upwards of a hundred years the eight bells in St. Mary's Parish Church, Gateshead, have done duty. They were, in fact, erected in the belfry in the old sanctuary as far back as 1788, and they have had the honour ever since of being the only peal in the town. During the last few weeks, however, the bells have been silent. They have been rehung and a chiming apparatus has been fixed, and they were re-dedicated on Saturday afternoon.

A letter just to hand from Bermuda says that the writer is a torpedoman, and his duties were taken up with guarding the Boer prisoners, of which there were several thousands there. Every night he kept a watch, burning a search-light all round the islands. For the first two or three months he used to feel anyhow the next day, but one of his chums recommended Vi-Cocoa. For a time he used it, and after a week or so found that the fatigued feeling had entirely disappeared, and he now says that it is Vi-Cocoa that sustained him and his mates through the cold nights of last winter. Mr. T. J. Brown, H.M.S. 'Maiden,' Bermuda, West Indies, who writes this letter, rightly adds, 'This is not a light task for ten months at a stretch.'

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

At the Parish Church, Barnham, Somerset, on November 1st, Holt's Six-part peal of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 22½ cwt. in E flat.

Ernest Maddock ..	1	Joseph Maddock ..	5
Henry J. Poole (conductor) ..	2	Alexander Evans ..	6
Thomas Doble ..	3	Edgar E. Burgess ..	7
Frank Millard ..	4	Henry Bosley ..	8

First peal on the bells.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

At St. Mary's, Chiddingstone, Kent, on November 1st, a peal of **TREBLE BOB MAJOR**, 5056 changes, in the Kent variation, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

George A. Card ..	1	George Turley ..	5
James Maynard ..	2	Fredk. J. Harrington ..	6
Edward Mankelow ..	3	Charles Chapman ..	7
William Spice ..	4	Thomas Card ..	8

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by Thomas Card.

The Yorkshire Association.

At the Cathedral, Wakefield, Yorks, on November 3rd, a peal of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 11 cwt.

William England ..	1	John W. Barker ..	5
Thos. L. Moorhouse ..	2	Albert Scott ..	6
John T. Eason ..	3	Fred Moorhouse ..	7
James Moorhouse ..	4	David Whiting ..	8

Composed by J. W. Moorhouse, and conducted by Albert Scott. Rung on the first eight.

The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. Etheldredra's, Hatfield, on November 4th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of **STEDMAN TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 19 mins. Tenor, 26 cwt.

William J. Rumney* ..	1	John Kentish* ..	5
William Pye (conductor) ..	2	Ralph Shepherd* ..	6
John Shepherd* ..	3	Herbert Baker ..	7
Joseph J. Powers* ..	4	Edward Edwards ..	8

[* First peal in the method and first attempt.]

At the Cathedral, St. Albans, on November 4th, a peal of **BOB MAJOR**, 5008 changes, in 3 hrs. 18 mins.

Arthur Hallett ..	1	Robert Wells ..	5
Herbert Baker ..	2	George Wright* ..	6
Joseph Earwicker ..	3	Edward Whitbread ..	7
Harry Walker ..	4	W. H. L. Buckingham ..	8

Composed and conducted by W. H. L. Buckingham. [*First peal of MAJOR.]

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Nov 8th the Coventry ringers paid a visit and rang 720 **GRANDSIRE DOUBLES** being six Six-scores, each called differently. H. A. Harris, 1; W. H. Rees, 2; S. Hope, 3; W. Maund, 4; J. H. White (conductor), 5; E. Johnson, 6. This is the first 720 on the bells and also the first by the ringers of the treble and tenor. Also 360 in the same method, standing as before.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—On November 1st, there was rung on the back eight of the Norman Tower bells, by eight members of the Ely Diocesan Association, a quarter-peal of **BOB MAJOR** 1280 changes, in 56 mins. A. E. Moore (conductor), 1; N. F. Moore, 2; F. Eaton, 3; F. Stannard, 4; H. Smith, 5; J. Chinery, 6; H. Moore, 7; G. Lilley, 8. Weight of tenor, 30 cwt., in D. [*First quarter-peal.]

BARNSTABLE.—According to annual custom on Barnstaple Fair Friday, several sets of church bell-ringers visited Barnstaple Parish Church by permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Dr. Newton, for the purpose of ringing the beautiful peal of bells. The bells have only just undergone a thorough overhauling and improved hanging by

Messrs. Blackbourn, of Salisbury. The first peal was rung by members of the St. Andrew's Guild, Plymouth, who were succeeded by the Pitton ringers.—The Barnstaple Guild of Ringers visited Egg Buckland tower recently, and executed some good change-ringing on the bells, just rehung by Messrs. Aggett & Sons, of Chagford, on their new system of ball-bearings. This was found to be a great improvement on the old system.

NEWINGTON, KENT.—A meeting has been held at the National Schoolroom, when the Vicar made a statement as to the present position of the Tower and Bells Restoration Fund. The amount paid or promised at present is 270%, out of 420% required. The Vicar moved, 'That the present financial position of the Tower and Bells Restoration Fund justifies the work being put in hand without further delay, and that this meeting of the congregation and friends pledges itself to do all it can to raise the balance of the sum required before midsummer, 1903.' This was seconded, and carried unanimously. The work is to be commenced at once, and will be carried out by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank.

LYMPSTONE, DEVON.—The rededication of the bells of Lymptone Parish Church, after restoration and augmentation, took place a few days ago. The work, which has been carried out by parochial subscription, constitutes a commemoration of the Coronation of King Edward VII. and the establishment of peace in South Africa. The peal has hitherto consisted of five bells, dating from 1746. The whole of these bells, with the exception of the present fourth, have been quarter-turned, so that the clappers strike on fresh parts of the inner surfaces. An addition has now been made in the form of a new treble, weighing 4½ cwt., and cast by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, London. It bears the following Latin inscription:—'Coronato Rege Edwardo. Redintegrata Imperii Pace. Deo Gratias Ago. MDCCCCLII. Carolo Gordon Browne, Rector. S. G. Sheppard, G. S. Quick, Custodibus.' Rendered in English the inscription reads:—'King Edward VII. crowned. Peace restored to the Empire. I give thanks to God. 1902.'

LYNG, NORFOLK.—The bells of the Parish Church, which have been recast and restored by the Rector, were opened by the Weston bell-ringers, who rang 720 changes in the **GRANDSIRE** method in a very creditable manner. Amongst the ringers is a young lad of fourteen, who has only been in training eleven months. The remainder of the ringers have been in training only one year and nine months under Mr. Edward Weston. It is the first time the bells of Lyng Church have been heard in change-ringing by the oldest inhabitant, and the ringing was greatly enjoyed by all.

WHITLEY, NORTHUMBERLAND.—In the current issue of the magazine for St. Paul's Parish, Whitley, there is a letter from the Vicar (the Rev. E. Smith), calling attention to the desire on the part of the ringers of Whitley that St. Paul's Church should possess a complete peal of bells—that is, eight instead of six as at present. The scheme proposed is to recast the present peal into eight, as it is only by this method that eight bells of the same tone and tune could be obtained. The change would result in a great improvement, and the clock chimes could be properly arranged, so that the Cambridge chimes could be struck on the lighter bells, and the hour on the tenor. The peal being the gift of Sir C. M. Palmer, M.P., his approval would first be asked. The estimate for recasting amounts to two guineas per hundredweight, say, £141 15s., and fittings &c., would bring the cost up to £232 5s. About £40 would be needed in addition for a new frame. To forward the scheme the ringers are willing to contribute their salaries for three years, which equals £54. and a member of the belfry to subscribe £5 5s.

FUNERAL OF A PULBOROUGH (SUSSEX) BELL-RINGER.—The funeral of Mr. H. Doick took place on the 6th inst. at Pulborough. He was one of the oldest of the bell-ringers, and in addition to the immediate relatives and friends, a large number of people were present. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. the Hon. G. W. Bourke, assisted by the Rev. A. Dry. Four of the bell-ringers acted as bearers, and a muffled peal was rung. There were many choice floral tributes, among them being one from the ringers in the shape of a bell.

Nurse Raymond, 33 Dalton Street, Hulme, Manchester, writes—'I have tested Dr. Tibbles' Vi-Cocoa, and may say that I have never tasted anything to equal it. I shall have much pleasure in recommending it to any patients that I nurse.' Dr. Tibbles' Vi-Cocoa, Ltd., has published hundreds of testimonials from nurses, but truly nothing could be stronger than this.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Kent County Association.

At St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on November 7th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 26 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

I. George Shade ..	1	Harry Warnett ..	5
Edward Price ..	2	Harry Hoskins ..	6
John J. Lamb ..	3	William Berry ..	7
William Foreman ..	4	Charles Wilkins ..	8

Composed by Arthur Craven, and conducted by I. George Shade. First peal of DOUBLE NORWICH on the bells.

At St. Dunstan's, Cranbrook, Kent, on November 8th, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 23 mins. Tenor, 23 cwt.

William H. Lambert ..	1	Ernest C. Lambert ..	5
Robert Edwards (condr.) ..	2	Frederick G. Lambert ..	6
Charles Tribe ..	3	George Neve ..	7
Alfred Hinds ..	4	Henry Holdstock ..	8

This is the first peal on the bells since they have been rehung.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

At St. Anne's, Highgate, on November 8th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in the Kent variation, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

Mark Woodcock* ..	1	William Steggall† ..	5
William J. Nudds ..	2	James Durrant ..	6
Frank Smith ..	3	Richard Bevan ..	7
Thomas Titchener ..	4	Charles H. Martin ..	8

[* First peal of MAJOR. † First peal.]

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

At the Parish Church, Middlesbrough, Yorks, on November 10th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 49 mins. Tenor, 12 cwt.

William Walland ..	1	Charles Hall ..	5
John Hall ..	2	Alexander McFarlane ..	6
John H. Jones ..	3	John H. Blakiston ..	7
William Rudd ..	4	Thomas Metcalfe ..	8

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., and conducted by J. H. Blakiston. Rung as a compliment to Dr. John Hedley, who was elected fiftieth Mayor of Middlesbrough this day.

The Essex Association.

At the Parish Church, Prattlewell, on November 11th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 18½ cwt.

John Perry ..	1	Henry T. Wilson ..	5
William Bedwell ..	2	George Wilson ..	6
William Dowsett ..	3	Joseph Smith ..	7
William Dudley ..	4	William H. Judd ..	8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff and conducted by W. H. Judd.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On November 9th, for morning service, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE (8 bobs and 6 singles): T. Shuttleworth, A. Nicholas, W. H. Dennison, T. Stuart (conductor), J. Huddleston, J. Burrows. In the afternoon, in honour of the King's birthday, volleys were fired on the bells and touches of PLAIN BOB MINOR were rung. First touch: T. Shuttleworth, A. Nicholas, J. Huddleston, T. Stuart, T. R. Jackson (conductor), J. Burrows. Second touch: W. Forshaw, A. Jackson, J. Huddleston, T. Stuart (conductor), A. Nicholas, J. Burrows.—On November 15th several volleys were fired, and 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR (14 singles and 4 bobs) were rung to commemorate the twenty-first anniversary of the first 120 of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES rung by the Society: T. R. Jackson, W. Forshaw, J. Huddleston, T. Stuart, A. Nicholas, J. Burrows (conductor). T. R. Jackson and J. Burrows are the only two ringers who have continued members since the Society was founded in April, 1881.—On November 16th, for morning service, 720 PLAIN BOB (18 bobs and 2 singles): A. Jackson, J. Huddleston, W. H. Dennison, T. Stuart, E. Gartrell, J. Burrows (conductor). For afternoon service, for the commencement of the men's Bible Class, 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE (24 singles): T. Shuttleworth, J. Huddleston, E. Gartrell, T. Stuart (conductor), T. R. Jackson, J. Burrows. And for evening service, 720 PLAIN BOB (18 bobs and 2 singles): J. Huddleston, W. Forshaw, W. H. Denison, J. Leighton (conductor), T. R. Jackson, J. Burrows.

In the House of Commons, on Monday, Colonel Tufnell asked the President of the Local Government Board whether he would explain why the Local Government Board auditor had disallowed the amount paid hitherto for the ringing of the bells of the Parish Church, Islington, on the King's birthday, which prevented the bells being rung on Sunday, the 9th instant; and whether he was aware that the ringing of the bells on this occasion had been done for many generations.—Mr. Long: The question which the auditor had to determine was whether this expenditure could legally be defrayed by the Borough Council out of the rates. In his opinion it could not, and hence it was his duty to disallow the charge. He had stated his reason for the disallowance in the book of account, and it is competent for any person aggrieved by his decision to address an appeal to me against it. The validity of these reasons would then be carefully considered, and, if it was found that the disallowance had been lawfully made, it would be competent for me to remit it on equitable grounds. I should be quite ready to give favourable consideration to any such appeal.

HEANOR, NOTTINGHAM.—On Tuesday week a public meeting was held in the Mundy Street Schools, when Mr. John Holbrook (churchwarden) was voted to the chair, and stated that the meeting was called to finally decide whether it was desirable to have a set of chimies in connection with the new peal of bells. They would entail an extra cost of £190, but they did not want the public, who had so handsomely subscribed, to think they wished to overstep the mark. Mr. Windle said the total amount of subscriptions received, including £24 16s. that evening, was £549 4s.—Mr. Jos. Briggs said they could easily get the £190. The Rev. D. F. Wright said that, considering the generosity of the public in so nobly helping to obtain new bells, it would be a great strain to ask them to contribute again, and the Rector told him to state that he was of the same opinion. Several other members having spoken in similar terms, Mr. C. Marshall moved that the question of the chimies be deferred, but that the churchwardens get the peal of eight bells as quickly as possible. Mr. Arthur Briggs seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

A VETERAN BELL-RINGER.—An interesting gathering of bell-ringers from various parts was held in the Colne Parish Church belfry, the other afternoon, to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. William Heaton, an old and respected ringer, who has seen nearly fifty years' service in Colne Parish Church. An unsuccessful attempt was made to ring a 'date peal,' after which the company, along with a few friends, were entertained to tea by Mr. Heaton. During the evening peals of 720 in KENT and PLAIN BOB, also various touches, were accomplished. The most pleasing feature of the event was—it being Mr. Heaton's birthday—during practice, when, in a few well-chosen words, Mr. Robert Foulds, sen., on behalf of the Colne Parish Church ringers, presented Mr. Heaton with a silver-mounted walking-stick as a token of the esteem in which he is held. Mr. Heaton suitably responded, thanking the ringers for the present and the expressions of goodwill.

COBHAM, SURREY.—During the last month the bells in Cobham Church have been the subject of a careful examination by Mr. J. W. Taylor, of Loughborough. He reports that, owing to the clappers having always been allowed to strike on the same part of the interior of the bells, the first and third bells are already cracked and must be recast, and that the clappers of the other three should as soon as possible be altered, so as to strike on a different part of the bell. By hanging the two smallest bells above the others, there will be plenty of room to insert a sixth (tenor) bell, and this can be done at half the expense if it is carried out when the rest of the bells are down; the cost of the whole work, including the new bell, will be £198 3s. 9d. In the 'Parish Magazine' the Vicar appeals for the money, pointing out that the longer the work is delayed, the greater the cost will be.

CHERITON, KENT.—The fund towards the rehanging of St. Martin's Church bells is, we are pleased to state, progressing satisfactorily, about £120 having already been collected. Some time ago the bells refused to ring, and it was ascertained that they required rehanging and repairing, at a total cost of £150. The work has been placed in the hands of Messrs. Stainbank, of Whitechapel Road, London, who anticipate to complete the work by Christmas. The scheme to have two extra bells has, unfortunately, fallen through.

The Rev. F. F. Taylor, Suddenham, via Manchester, writes:—I like Dr. Tibbles' Vi-Cocoa very much, and have used it every day. I believe it is all you represent it to be. It is far away to be preferred to tea, coffee, and other cocoas. The proprietors of Vi-Cocoa are still sending out thousands of dainty sample tins of Vi-Cocoa, daily, from 60 Bunhill Row, London, E.C., and we should, on the strength of this letter alone, advise our readers to drop a postcard to their address.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Sussex County Association.

At Christ Church, St. Leonards-on-Sea, on November 6th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 18 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

George Williams (condr.)	1	George Penfold	..	5	
Clement Hill	..	2	Francis A. Kennett	..	6
George H. Howse	..	3	George Watson	..	7
Sydney Saker	..	4	Harry Denman	..	8

The Kent County Association.

At St. Mary Magdalene's, Woolwich, on November 13th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 51 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

Isaac G. Shade	..	1	Joseph E. Sykes*	..	5
John J. Lamb	..	2	Alfred W. Grimes*	..	6
William E. Pitman*	..	3	Ernest Pye	..	7
William Pye (condr.)	..	4	Edward N. Price	..	8

[* First peal in the method.]

The Midland Counties Association.

At All Saints', Loughborough, Leicestershire, on November 15th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 7001 changes, in 5 hrs. Tenor, 31 cwt.

Alfred Millis	..	1	John Hickman	..	6
Frank G. Burleigh	..	2	Charles H. Fowler	..	7
Thomas H. Colbourn	..	3	Horace W. Abbott	..	8
Josiah Morris	..	4	William Willson	..	9
William H. Inglesant	..	5	Albert E. Thompson	..	10

Composed and conducted by William Willson. The longest peal on ten bells by the association. The composition, in 73 courses, is part of an 18,053. It is the conductor's 100th peal.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At All Saints', Great Marlow, Bucks, on November 12th, Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 48 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Joseph Stephen Hawkins	..	1	Charles Green	..	5
T. H. Taffender (condr.)	..	2	John C. Truss	..	6
William E. Coster	..	3	John Evans	..	7
Frank H. Biggs	..	4	Walter E. Yates	..	8

The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells. Rung on the birthday of Miss Mary Freegard.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association and the St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.

At All Saints', Sedgley, Staffordshire, on November 15th, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins.

John Goodman	..	1	W. Micklewright (condr.)	5
Jesse Screen†	..	2	John Goodman	6
Eber Screen*	..	3	Alfred Rowley	7
John Bass*	..	4	John Ray*	8

[* First peal. † First peal with a bob-bell.]

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

At the Parish Church, Middlesbrough, on November 17th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 12 cwt.

John Hall	..	1	Edward Astley	..	5
Alexander McFarland	..	2	William Newton	..	6
James Carter	..	3	John H. Blakiston	..	7
Norman Kidd	..	4	Thomas Metcalf	..	8

Composed by Arthur Knights, and conducted by T. Metcalf.

The Ely Diocesan Association and the Bedfordshire Association.

At St. Lawrence's, Willington, Beds., a peal of MINOR, 5040 changes, being 720 each of DUKE OF YORK, WOODBINE, OXFORD and KENT TREBLE BOB, OXFORD BOB, GRANDSIRE, and PLAIN BOB, in 2 hrs. 35 mins. Tenor, 9 cwt.

Samuel W. Hawkesford*	1	George D. Coleman	..	4
Walter Finedon ..	2	Charles R. Lilley (condr.)		5
Sydney J. Coleman ..	3	Edmund Chas. Chasty	..	6

[* First peal.]

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, BOLTON.—Two bells (to make a peal of six given by the parishioners in memory of the Revs. Richard and Thomas Loxham, were dedicated on Saturday afternoon, November 22nd. Among the congregation were many ringers from neighbouring parishes. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. Myers. The Rev. H. J. Shee, Vicar of St. George's, Bolton, and President of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers, gave a suitable address based on 1 Cor. x. 10. The service published by the CHURCH BELLS office was used. In the middle of the service the Vicar, Rev. H. J. Shee, and the Churchwardens and St. Bartholomew's bell-ringers proceeded to the belfry, when the bells were formally handed over to the Vicar for the use of the church by the Churchwardens, and prayers offered, after which a short peal was rung by the ringers attached to the church. After the service a peal of BOB MINOR, 720 changes, in 28 mins. was rung by the following experienced ringers:—H. W. Jackson, 1; Henry Bentley, 2; Rev. H. J. Elsee, 3; E. E. Wreaks, 4; Titus Barlow, 5; W. Hamer, 6. About forty ringers were afterwards entertained by the Vicar and Wardens to tea. The dedication services were continued on the following Sunday, when peals were rung after each service by ringers from neighbouring churches.

Some Bell Inscriptions.

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BUSHEY, HERTS (St. James).

BUSHEY is a village situated about one mile from Watford; it is a very ancient parish, and was formerly called 'Bissei.' The church is situated near the high road from London to Watford, and was rebuilt in 1871. It consists of chancel, nave of eight bays, aisles, north porch, and an embattled western tower containing eight bells. Thomas Hearne, F.S.A., artist and antiquary, who died in 1817, and Henry Edridge, A.R.A., landscape and miniature painter, who died April 23rd, 1821, are both buried in this churchyard. The inscriptions on the bells are as under:—

Treble. Cast by John Warner & Sons, London 1889.

Gloriam Dei Semper Sonabo

C. E. K.

Diameter, 28 inches.

2. Cast by John Warner & Sons, London 1889.

Laus Deo Semper.

Diameter, 31 inches.

3. Cast by John Warner & Sons, London 1887.

Charles Edward Keyser—Churchwarden Presented Me 1887.

Diameter, 30 inches.

4. Cast by John Warner & Sons, London 1887.

Mary Dorothy Burchell-Herne Gave Me, Jubilee 1887.

Tewkesbury Henry Kynaston—Rector.

Diameter 31½ inches.

5. William ✠ Eldridge Made Mee ✠ 1664.

✠ H ✠ K [two crosses] W ✠ B CH: WARDENS.

Diameter, 33½ inches.

6. William ✠ Eldridge ✠ Made ✠ Mee ✠ 1664.

[two crosses] H ✠ K [two crosses] W ✠ B CH: WARDENS.

Diameter, 36 inches.

7. ✠ [A crowned cross] Sancta Trinitas Unus Deus Miserere Nobis [figure of a Lion's Head] R L [shield with bell also a rounded design—Old English lettering].

Diameter, 38½ inches.

NOTE.—The founder of this bell is thought to be a person by the name of Landon, and it is said to have been cast at Reading.

Tenor. Cast by John Warner & Sons, London 1887.

Jubilee 1887.

Tewkesbury Henry Kynaston—Rector.

Diameter, 42 inches.

In the year 1552 there were three bells in the tower; these continued to be the number till the year 1887, when two new trebles and one tenor were added, bringing the ring up to six: two additional trebles were added in 1889, thus completing the octave. There is an energetic society of change-ringers connected with the church, who have rung many complete peals of changes on these bells.

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