

## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

## 5040 Bob Royal.

2	3	4	5	6	W.	M.	H.
4	2	6	3	5	-	-	-
5	6	2	3	4	-	-	-
2	5	4	6	3	-	-	-
4	6	2	5	3	-	-	-
3	2	4	6	5	-	-	-
3	4	2	6	5	-	-	8
2	3	4	6	5	-	-	-

Three times repeated with Bobs at 'H' instead of Single in 2nd and 4th parts. W. H. INGLESANT.

## CHANGE-RINGING.

## The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At the Abbey Church of St. Lawrence, Waltham Abbey, Essex, on November 21st, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 19 cwt.

Challis F. Winney ..	1	Charles Matthews ..	5
George E. Peace ..	2	William A. Alps ..	6
Frank Carter ..	3	Herbert Baker (condr.) ..	7
George Thurgood ..	4	Thomas Colverd ..	8

## The Ancient Society of College Youths and the Hertfordshire Association.

At St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on November 21st, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 9 cwt. 10 lbs.

Edward P. O'Meara ..	1	Frederick T. C. Nevett ..	5
Herbert P. Harman ..	2	W. H. L. Buckingham ..	6
Hubert Eden ..	3	Harry A. Horrex ..	7
Henry Hodgetts ..	4	George N. Price ..	8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by George N. Price. This is the first peal of MAJOR on the bells, which are the lightest ring of bells in London, the weight of the treble being only 1½ cwt. The band desire to thank the Vicar, the Rev. R. C. Kirkpatrick, M.A., for permitting this peal to be attempted.

## The Lincoln Diocesan Guild and the Yorkshire Association.

At St. James's, Great Grimsby, on November 21st, J. J. Parker's Twelve-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

A. W. Long ..	1	C. Taylor† ..	5
F. S. W. Butler ..	2	J. W. Seamer (conductor) ..	6
E. Abbott* ..	3	W. H. Heyhoe ..	7
P. O. Bixby ..	4	A. B. Shepherd ..	8

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Shepherd and Fuller. [\* First peal. † First peal with a bob-bell.]

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

At St. Mary's, Prestbury, Gloucestershire, on November 21st, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 48 mins. Tenor 14 cwt.

Jesse Gillett ..	1	George Condict, sen. ..	5
Thomas Baldwyn ..	2	John Austin ..	6
Alfred T. Brunson ..	3	George Condict, jun. ..	7
William C. Jones ..	4	Ernest E. Davis ..	8

Conducted by Alfred T. Brunson. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Austin, whose birthday occurred on the Thursday previous.

## The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.

At St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West, Middlesex, on November 21st, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

Rev. H. G. Bird ..	1	Edgar Hancock* ..	5
John J. Pratt ..	2	Henry H. Chandler ..	6
Henry Waiter† ..	3	William H. Joiner† ..	7
John Basden ..	4	William Foster ..	8

Conducted by John Basden. [\* First peal with a bob-bell. † First peal in the method.]

## The North Wales Association.

## THE ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY, BANGOR.

At St. David's, Bangor, on November 21st, a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 13½ cwt., in F.

William Crane, sen. ..	1	William T. Pegler ..	5
James H. Midwinter ..	2	Albert J. Hughes ..	6
Ebenezer Taylor ..	3	John H. Grundy ..	7
Rev. T. Lewis Jones ..	4	William Crane, jun ..	8

Composed by John Carter, and conducted by William T. Pegler.

## The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

At the Parish Church, Skelton-in-Cleveland, on November 26th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs, 20 mins. Tenor, 23 cwt., in E flat.

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

Composed by A. Knight, and conducted by T. Stephenson. The first 5000 on the bells and the 25th 5000 by G. J. Clarkson.

## Chester Diocesan Guild.

## STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH.

At St. Elizabeth's, Reddish, on November 28th, N. J. Pitstow's Variation of Thurstans' peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 44 mins. Tenor, 12 cwt.

Thomas Jackson ..	1	Thomas Smithson ..	5
George Astbury* ..	2	Allen Samson Gordon ..	6
Alfred Barnes ..	3	Edward Reader ..	7
Tom Marshall ..	4	Herbert Smithson ..	8

Messrs. Thomas and Herbert Smithson (father and son) are members of the local company, and it is their first peal in this method. Mr. Barnes is unattached. Mr. Gordon is from St. Mary's, Stockport; and the remainder from St. George's, Stockport. [\* First peal in the method.]

A MEETING at Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, is always looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure by the members of this district, and that held there lately was no exception. The threatening weather no doubt prevented a larger attendance, but about twenty-five members put in an appearance. Ringing commenced soon after four o'clock. Shortly before six an adjournment was made to the George and Dragon Inn, where the members were entertained to an excellent meat tea by Miss R. Macalpine Leny. There were also present the Rector and Mrs. Mackinnon, and Miss Kitchener, sister of Lord Kitchener. During the tea the Rector gave a very interesting account of the battle of Agincourt, where the Duke of Orleans was taken prisoner and brought to Groombridge, and who used the money sent for his ransom in restoring and building churches, Speldhurst being one of the churches that he built. At the conclusion of the business meeting, in replying to a hearty vote of thanks for the use of the bells, etc., the Rector said it always gave him great pleasure to meet the members of the Association, who were welcome to the use of the bells at any convenient time. Miss Leny also expressed the great pleasure it gave her to meet and entertain members, and she hoped they would all be spared to come again. The Rector thanked the members on behalf of Mrs. Mackinnon and Miss Kitchener for their kind expression of appreciation at the attendance of those ladies. This concluded a very pleasant gathering, and the tower was again visited and the bells kept going until nine o'clock.

CHANGE RINGING AT BATH.—Last week, at the Church of St. Michael, Bath, a true and complete quarter peal of grandsire triples, consisting of 1260 changes, was rung by the following ringers:—Treble, W. Simmonds; 2, C. W. Goodenough; 3, H. Wooten; 4, W. Eames; 5, C. Densley; 6, H. E. Holder; 7, C. Bell; tenor, C. Cambridge, conducted by C. W. Bell, and rung in forty-five minutes.—At the Church of St. Michael, Twerton, last evening a quarter peal of grandsire triples, 1260 changes, was rung in sixty-two minutes by the following:—Treble, J. Holman; 2, G. Temple; 3, W. Davis; 4, A. Meluish; 5, W. J. Prescott; 6, H. W. Brown; 7, T. F. King; tenor, F. A. Skuse, conducted by T. F. King. The bells were rung half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late J. Hudd, his son being a member of the above company.

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## CHANGE-RINGING.

*The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.*

At St. Paul's, Hammersmith, on November 26th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Bertram Prewett ..	1	John E. Baker ..	5
Walter H. Godfrey*	2	Isaac G. Shade ..	6
Sidney H. Godfrey ..	3	George R. Fardon ..	7
John Basden ..	4	William Pye (conductor) ..	8

[\* First peal in the method.]

At St. Magnus-the-Martyr's, Thames Street, City, on November 27th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Isaac G. Shade ..	1	John E. Baker ..	6
Ernest Pye ..	2	William S. Smith ..	7
Bertram Prewett ..	3	William Pye ..	8
William J. Nudds ..	4	James George ..	9
Walter H. Godfrey ..	5	John R. Sharman ..	10

Composed by G. Lindoff, and conducted by John R. Sharman.

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

At St. Margaret's, Westminster, on November 28th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 changes, in 3 hrs. 14 mins.

Fredk. G. Perrin ..	1	Ernest Brett ..	6
Mark Woodcock ..	2	Herbert Langdon ..	7
James E. Davis ..	3	John H. B. Hesse ..	8
James George ..	4	Thomas Langdon ..	9
William R. Crockford ..	5	Frank Smith ..	10

Composed by James George, and conducted by Herbert Langdon.

*The All Saints' Society, Fulham.*

At All Saints', Fulham, on November 23th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor, 21 cwt.

Allen H. Taber* ..	1	Joseph Fayers ..	6
Arthur Jones ..	2	Alfred Jones ..	7
William S. Smith* ..	3	William T. Elson* ..	8
John W. Kelley ..	4	Cornelius Charge* ..	9
William H. Hollier ..	5	Samuel How* ..	10

Composed and conducted by Cornelius Charge. This peal was rung on the tenth anniversary of the first peal of STEDMAN CATERS by the Society, five of the original band (marked \*) standing in.

*The Ancient Society of College Youths.*

At St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on November 28th, a peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL, in the Kent Variation, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 31 cwt.

Challis F. Winney ..	1	Hon. A. P. F. Erskine ..	6
John T. Kentish ..	2	Frederick Dench ..	7
Sidney A. Wright ..	3	Edward P. O'Meara ..	8
Alfred B. Peck ..	4	William E. Garrard ..	9
Ernest G. Stibbons ..	5	Walter T. Cockerill ..	10

Composed by Yorke Green, and conducted by William T. Cockerill.

*The Hertfordshire Association.*

At St. Mary's, Knebworth, Herts, on December 5th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

Challis F. Winney ..	1	Albert Phillips ..	5
William H. Lawrence ..	2	Albert Lawrence ..	6
Matthew Ellsmore ..	3	Herbert Baker (conductor) ..	7
George H. Barker ..	4	Thomas Pateman ..	8

*The Sussex County Association.*

At the Parish Church, Steyning, on November 28th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins.

A. D. Stone ..	1	W. Hillman ..	5
H. Evans ..	2	J. E. Baker (first peal) ..	6
J. Smart ..	3	A. J. Turner ..	7
G. Gatland ..	4	G. Williams ..	8

Composed by H. Davis (London), and conducted by George Williams.

*The Essex Association.*

At St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Stansted, Essex, on November 28th, a peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 Tenor, 13 cwt.

William T. Prior ..	1	John Luckey ..	5
Frederick Pitstow ..	2	Thomas J. Watts ..	6
George Jordan ..	3	Thomas Jordan ..	7
Walter Prior ..	4	William Watts ..	8

Composed by C. Middleton, and conducted by Fredk. Pitstow. First peal in the method by all except the conductor. First peal in the method on the bells, and rung at the first attempt; also as a welcome to the Bishop of St. Albans on his visit to hold a Confirmation.

*The Midland Counties Association.*

At All Saints', Loughborough, on November 28th, a peal of PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 30 mins.

James Goodwin ..	1	F. Pervin ..	6
T. H. Colburn ..	2	L. F. Taylor ..	7
J. W. Taylor, jun. ..	3	J. L. Wells ..	8
W. Pervin ..	4	H. W. Abbott ..	9
A. E. Thompson ..	5	F. G. Burleigh ..	10

Composed by W. H. Inglesant, and conducted by T. H. Colburn. Rung for the first time. Mr. A. E. Thompson came from Derby, the remainder belonging to Loughborough.

WINTERBORNE STICKLAND.—A meeting was held in the school-room on Thursday week to consider what steps should be taken with regard to the unsatisfactory condition of the church bells. It was decided to adopt a scheme by which three of the bells should be put in proper condition at an estimated cost of about £71. A Committee was appointed to carry out the project.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—The quarterly meeting was held at North Wingfield on Saturday, and representatives were present from North Wingfield, Tibshelf, Ashover, Blackwell, and ringing friends from South Wingfield and Alfreton. Through the generosity of the rector, the Rev. C. J. Boden, tea was provided in the rectory school. Afterwards a meeting was held, and then the ringers returned to the tower and rang many touches in various methods, the longest being 780 of BOB MAJOR. The bells were kept going till after 9 p.m.

BELL-RINGING AT KILLAMARSH AND ECKINGTON.—On Saturday, at Killamarsh Parish Church, six members of the Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers rang a peal of 5040 changes in seven Surprise methods, viz.:—CARLISLE, LONDON, WELLS, WORCESTER, CHICHESTER, COVENTRY, and CAMBRIDGE. F. Hancock, 1; T. Bettison, 2; J. Empson, 3; G. Burnham, 4; W. H. Turton, 5; C. Severn, 6. Conducted by Mr. Severn. Time, 2 hrs. and 55 mins. Weight of tenor, 11 cwt. At Eckington Parish Church, on Saturday, Mr. Arthur Knight, of Chesterfield, brought a team of eight members from Chesterfield and Bolsover to ring a peal of 5324 changes of TREBLE BOB, composed by himself. A start was made rather late in the afternoon, and after ringing 2 hrs. and 45 mins. the peal was left unfinished by about 600 changes.

AN OLD STORRINGTON CUSTOM.—The good people of Storrington are much concerned over the ringing of one particular bell, which, for upwards of a century, throughout each winter, has been tolled regularly at the hour of eight o'clock in the evening, but has suddenly been stopped, so it is understood, by the Rector. The origin of this custom brings to mind an interesting story. More than a hundred years ago a lady lost her way on the South Downs, but hearing the bells of the Storrington Church, she found her way in safety to the village. Thankful for her safety she is said to have provided a piece of land, known as the Bell Acre, which should be allotted to the use of the person who should be appointed to ring the bell throughout the dark nights of winter at the hour appointed. Thus the custom has gone on even in spite of the fact that the site of the Bell Acre has several times been changed, and though the name is still well-known locally, yet the actual whereabouts of the present Bell Acre is somewhat uncertain. The Rector has made some reference to the matter in church, and has expressed his willingness to allow of the continuation of the custom if the parishioners wish it. From the interest aroused by the stopping of the bell it seems quite certain that the parishioners are very desirous that the old custom should continue, and it can only be hoped that this matter will be quickly settled. It is understood that the old documents concerning the matter cannot be found, and the people of Storrington seem very anxious to know what has become of the documents as well as what has become of the Bell Acre.

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### A Date Touch of 1904 Stedman Caters.

By G. ASTBURY, Stockport.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 5 6 16  
2 6 3 4 5 1 9 7 8  
3 6 2 1 5 4  
3 6 4 2 5 1  
4 6 3 1 5 2  
4 6 2 3 5 1  
4 6 1 2 5 3  
1 6 4 3 5 2  
1 6 2 3 5 4  
1 6 4 2 5 3  
4 6 1 3 5 2  
4 6 2 1 5 3  
4 6 3 2 5 1  
3 6 4 1 5 2  
3 6 2 4 5 1  
3 6 1 2 5 4  
1 6 3 4 5 2  
1 6 2 7 4 5 3 6 9 \*

\* This course-end is produced by Single at 6, and Bobs at 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18; from the same course-end it comes round at the second change of the twelfth six by Bobs at 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9; start with a full slow six, making a Bob first change. The above is, to a great extent, a variation of a date touch for 1903, published by Tom Marshall, October 23rd. This variation has the 5th and 6th each together with the 9th behind in every course throughout.

### CHANGE-RINGING.

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

At St. Peter's, Walworth, on November 21st, a peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Henry R. Newton ..	1	William H. Pasmore ..	5
Arthur G. Ellis ..	2	Harry R. Pasmore ..	6
Alfred B. Peck ..	3	Frederick Dench ..	7
Henry S. Ellis ..	4	John W. Golding ..	8

Composed by Henry Johnson, and conducted by Henry R. Newton.

#### The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. John's, Waterloo Road, on December 2nd, a peal of LONDON ROYAL, in the Kent Variation, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

William Sommerville ..	1	Frederick Dench ..	5
William E. Garrard ..	2	Herbert P. Harman ..	6
George N. Price ..	3	Henry R. Newton ..	7
Arthur G. Ellis ..	4	John W. Golding ..	8

Composed by Fredk. Dench, and conducted by John W. Golding. Rung in honour of the coming of age of Sub-Lieutenant Lachlan Mackinnon, R.N., of H.M.S. 'Russell.' Mrs. Mackinnon and Miss Macalpine Leny heard the whole of the peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

At St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on December 8th, a peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL, in the Kent Variation, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. Tenor, 31 cwt.

Henry Springall ..	1	Thomas Langdon ..	6
William Truss ..	2	Samuel Hayes ..	7
York Green ..	3	William Cockerill ..	8
Thomas Faulkner ..	4	Henry Torble ..	9
James Scholes ..	5	Emanuel Hall ..	10

Composed by York Green, and conducted by Henry Springall. Rung on the occasion of the 44th birthday of E. Hall.

#### The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.

At All Saints', Poplar, on December 5th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

John D. Matthews ..	1	Sidney A. Wright* ..	6
William Pye ..	2	Reuben Charge ..	7
Bertram Prewett ..	3	Harry Flanders ..	8
Alfred W. Brighton ..	4	Ernest Pye ..	9
Isaac G. Shade ..	5	Frederick H. Gooch ..	10

Composed by Arthur Knights, and conducted by William Pye. [\* First peal of STEDMAN CATERS.]

### The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths

At St. Mary-the-Virgin, Speldhurst, Kent, on December 1st, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5038 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 10 cwt.

Percival Turley ..	1	George Turley ..	5
James Baker ..	2	George A. Card ..	6
James Maynard ..	3	Charles Chapman ..	7
Richard Pelling ..	4	Thomas Card ..	8

Composed by A. T. King, and conducted by Thomas Card. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Lieut. L. D. I. Mackinnon, of H.M. navy, youngest son of the Rev. D. D. Mackinnon, M.A., Rector of the parish. It is worthy of note that Mr. Baker is the only one remaining of the band that rang to celebrate his birth.

### The Oxford and Winchester Diocesan Guilds.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

At SS. Peter and Paul's, Godalming, Surrey, on December 5th, a Variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

Robert Roffey ..	1	Thomas Attwell ..	5
Septimus Radford ..	2	Alfred H. Pulling ..	6
Ernest Allen ..	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (cond.)	7
John J. Jones ..	4	James Hunt ..	8

### The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

At the Parish Church, Thoraaby-on-Tees, on December 5th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in the Kent variation, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

J. W. Newton ..	1	J. Waller ..	5
W. H. Stephenson ..	2	A. M. C. Field* ..	6
W. Newton ..	3	R. Greenwood† ..	7
A. W. Barrett ..	4	T. Stephenson ..	8

Composed by J. Barker, and conducted by R. Greenwood. [\* First peal of MAJOR in the method. † First peal as conductor.]

### The Gloucester and Bristol Association of Change-ringers.

At St. James's, Winscombe, Somerset, on December 5th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins.

R. J. Wilkins ..	1	J. Burford ..	5
A. Sowell ..	2	J. H. B. Hesse ..	6
C. H. Gordon ..	3	F. G. May ..	7
G. T. Daltry ..	4	H. T. Howell ..	8

Composed by J. W. Washbrook, and conducted by F. G. May. This is the first time a complete peal of 5040 changes has ever been rung on Winscombe bells.

### The Yorkshire Association.

At St. Michael and All Angels', Haworth, Yorkshire, lately, a peal of TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins, being 720 each of COLLEGE PLEASURE, CRAVEN DELIGHT, KENT, VIOLET, OXFORD DELIGHT, DUKE OF YORK, and OXFORD TREBLE BOB. Tenor, 11½ cwt.

Fred Pickard ..	1	Charles A. Pawson ..	4
Wm. B. Smith (condr.) ..	2	A. Pickles ..	5
J. Riley* ..	3	Willie Boocock ..	6

First peal on the bells since 1853, and first Association peal on the bells. [\* First peal]

WYMONDHAM BELLS.—At the invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. the Hon. A. Parker, eight members of the Diocesan Association of Ringers met at Wyomndham Church recently to try the restored ring of bells, and, if possible, score the first peal upon them. On the dedication day (September 30th) the bells did not run freely enough to allow of this. The ringers were: C. E. Borrett (conductor), 1; F. Day, 2; F. R. Borrett, 3; A. G. Warnes, 4; G. Howchin, 5; F. J. Howchin, 6; S. Smith, 7; F. Knights, 8. The peal, consisting of 5088 changes of OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, was rung in 3 hrs. 33 mins. The peal had not been previously rung, and was the composition of the late Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, hon. secretary of the Association, and it is curious that the conductor on this occasion should be his successor in that office.

CASTLE CARY.—The re-dedication of the peal of six bells at the Parish Church, which have just been re-hung, one of the peal having been re-cast, took place lately. The ceremony of dedication was performed by the Archdeacon of Wells (the Ven. F. A. Brymer).

THE Duke of Bedford has presented a peal of bells to the parish church of Woburn, Bedfordshire. One of the bells weighs 21 cwt. and is the largest in the county.

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## CHANGE-RINGING.

*The London County Association.*

(LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.)

At St. Peter's, Walworth, on December 10th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 34 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Arthur N. Hardy ..	1	William S. Langdon ..	5
Frederick G. Perrin ..	2	Ernest Brett ..	6
James E. Davis ..	3	Thomas Langdon ..	7
Thomas Langdon (condr.)	4	Walter Longley ..	8

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At St. Paul's, Hammersmith, on December 10th, a peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

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Samuel Hayes ..	2	Henry R. Newton ..	6
Herbert P. Harman ..	3	John W. Golding ..	7
Arthur G. Ellis ..	4	John N. Oxborrow ..	8

Composed by Henry Johnson, and conducted by John N. Oxborrow. First peal in the method on the bells.

At St. Paul's, Woodburn, Bucks, on December 12th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 19 cwt.

Arthur Martin ..	1	Alfred B. Peck ..	5
George N. Price ..	2	Henry R. Newton ..	6
George Martin ..	3	John Evans ..	7
Harry R. Pasmore ..	4	John W. Golding ..	8

Composed by F. Dench, and conducted by Harry R. Pasmore. First peal in the method on the bells. This is G. N. Price's 200th peal.

*The Sussex County Association.*

At St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Sussex, on December 10th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

George Penfold ..	1	Francis A. Kennett ..	5
Arthur Gower* ..	2	George Watson ..	6
Frank Bennett (condr.)	3	Alfred W. Brighton ..	7
Frank Medhurst ..	4	George Bray* ..	8

[\* First peal in the method.]

*The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.*

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, on December 12th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 changes, in 3 hrs. 22 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

Bertram Prewett ..	1	William Pye ..	6
Albert Coles ..	2	Ernest Pye ..	7
John D. Matthews ..	3	James Hunt ..	8
Isaac G. Shade ..	4	Harry Flanders ..	9
John Basden ..	5	William J. Nudds ..	10

Composed by Arthur Knights, and conducted by William Pye.

## CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY, SOUTHGATE.

At Christ Church, Southgate, on December 10th, Annable's Six-part peal of BOB TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 11 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt. in D.

George Bester ..	1	William Tegg ..	5
John Armstrong ..	2	Mark Fensom ..	6
John E. Miller ..	3	Sidney Wade (cond.)	7
William Pickworth ..	4	Alfred Dodson ..	8

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Bester and Wade.

*The Chester Diocesan Guild.*

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH.)

At St. George's Church, Stockport, on December 19th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5010 changes, in 3 hrs. 21 mins.

Tom Marshall ..	1	John Wm. Bayley ..	6
George Astbury ..	2	Allen Samson Gordon ..	7
Thos. Jackson ..	3	Richard Ridyard ..	8
George D. Warburton ..	4	Edward Reader ..	9
Rev. A. T. Beeston ..	5	George Marshall ..	10

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., and conducted by Edward Reader. First peal of CATERS in the method by Messrs. Gordon and Warburton. Rev. A. T. Beeston came from New Mills, Mr. Ridyard from Worsley, Mr. Warburton from Norbury, Mr. Gordon from St. Mary's, Stockport; the remainder are local.

*The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.*

At St. John's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on December 11th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5033 changes, in 2 hrs. 47 mins. Tenor, 12 cwt.

Joseph Rowell ..	1	Charles L. Routledge ..	5
Joseph E. R. Keen ..	2	Alfred F. Hillier ..	6
John W. Taylor, jun. ..	3	Ernest E. Ferry* ..	7
James E. Gofton ..	4	Thomas T. Gofton ..	8

Composed by G. Lindoff, and conducted by Thomas T. Gofton. [\* First peal in the method.]

*The Ely Diocesan Association.*

At St. Neots, Hunts (at the residence of Mr. G. D. Coleman, Avenue Road), on December 14th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 1 hr. 54 mins.

Lewis Watson ..	1-2	George D. Coleman ..	5-6
Sidney J. Coleman ..	3-4	Charles R. Lilley ..	7-8

Composed by John Carter, of Birmingham, conducted by Charles R. Lilley. Umpire, Mr. F. Harlow.

At St. Neot's (at the residence of Mr. Coleman), on December 18th, J. Hollis's five-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (No. 1 composition), 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 12 mins.

Lewis J. Flint ..	1-2	George D. Coleman ..	5-6
Sidney J. Coleman ..	3-4	Charles R. Lilley ..	7-8

Conducted by Charles R. Lilley. Umpires, Lewis Watson and F. Harlow. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. R. Lilley, who has conducted 52 peals this year (1903), and rung in 62 peals, made up as follows, in 30 different towers and 7 counties:—

	Tower.	Handbell.	Conducted.
STEDMAN CATERS ..	1	..	..
" TRIPLES ..	4	..	..
GRANDSIRE CATERS ..	4	3	4
" TRIPLES ..	10	3	13
SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ..	3	..	..
DOUBLE NORWICH C. B. MAJOR ..	2	..	1
KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL ..	1	..	..
BOB ROYAL ..	1	2	3
KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR ..	3	2	5
BOB MAJOR ..	3	13	16
MINOR, in 7 Methods ..	10	..	10
	39	23	52

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On December 15th, for practice, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES: W. Markwell, 1; S. Burt, 2; J. Lish, 3; A. Goddard, 4; C. Tyler, 5; A. E. Baker, 6; G. Payne (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8. And on December 20th, for Divine service, 1260 STEDMAN TRIPLES, in 47 mins.: W. Markwell, 1; C. Tyler, 2; J. Lish, 3; G. Payne, 4; A. E. Lish, 5; A. Heasman, 6; A. W. Groves (conductor), 7; A. E. Baker, 8.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE-RINGERS.—At Llangollen Parish Church, a half-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, consisting of 2520 changes, was rung by the following members of N.W.A.C.R.: Edward Rowlands (Wrexham), 1; John Rogers (Llangollen), 2; James Davies (Llangollen), 3; Alfred Lee (Wrexham), 4; Thos. Davies (Llangollen), 5; S. Meadows (Wrexham), 6; J. W. Davies (Llangollen), 7; and D. R. White (Llangollen), 8. Mr. J. W. Davies, the captain, conducted. Lately the same members rang 3612 changes of STEDMAN TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 11 mins.; the time and striking on both occasions being excellent.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.—To commemorate the ringing of a true and complete peal of BOB TRIPLES, consisting of 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 18 mins., on the bells of St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds, a board has been affixed to the wall of the north aisle. The inscription, which has been executed by Mr. R. J. Lofts, of College Street, states that on Whit-Monday, June 1st, 1903, eight members of St. Mary's Company (members of the Ely Diocesan Association) achieved the performance, to celebrate the recasting of the fourth bell. The names of the ringers have also been inserted, as follows: C. H. Packer, treble; J. Chinery, 2; C. Lomax, 3; A. Hammond, 4; F. W. Froude, 5; R. S. Long, 6; F. Hunt, 7; R. Gooch, tenor.—H. Lomax, H. Frost, H. Lomax, sen., secretary, the latter three being also members. As facts of interest, it is also recorded that this particular peal was the first one in this method ever rung in Bury St. Edmunds, and was composed by Mr. H. Hubbard, and was conducted by Mr. F. Hunt, and also that this was the only peal recorded by a Bury St. Edmunds company since April 16th, 1799.

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## St. Paul's Cathedral.

THE bells will be rung on all Sundays throughout the year 1904 at 10 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. (except on the Bishop of London's Ordinations, February 28th, May 29th, October 2nd, and December 18th, when the morning ringing will commence at 9.30). Also on the following days:—

Friday, January 1st (New Year's Day), 9 to 10 a.m.

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

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

Monday, May 2nd (Sons of the Clergy Festival), 2.30 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Thursday, May 12th (Ascension Day) 9.45 to 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 to 3.15 p.m.

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

Wednesday, November 9th (Lord Mayor's Day), 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

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

Saturday, December 24th (Christmas Eve), 9 to 10.

Saturday, December 31st (New Year's Eve), 9 to 10 p.m.

And on the following Tuesday evenings at 8 o'clock for practice:—

January 5th, February 2nd, April 26th, May 24th, June 21st, July 19th,

August 16th, September 13th, October 11th, November 8th.

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, 1904:—

## TWELVE BELLS.

St. Michael's, Cornhill: Wednesday, January 20th, and every four weeks.

St. Giles', Cripplegate: No practice—tower to be restored.

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

St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside: Occasionally, as announced at Society's meetings.

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 14th, at 7.30 p.m., and every fortnight.

All Hallows, Lombard Street: Occasional.

St. Dunstan's, Stepney: On Monday, January 11th, and every fortnight.

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

St. Mary Abbots, Kensington: On Tuesdays at 8 p.m. for practice, and on Sundays for services.

## EIGHT BELLS.

St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green: Saturday evenings for practice, and on Sundays for services.

St. John's, Hackney: First and third Tuesdays in each month.

St. Paul's, Shadwell: Occasional.

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

St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel: Tuesday, January 12th, and every fortnight.

St. Mary, Bow, E.: Monday, January 4th, and every fortnight.

Christ Church, Spitalfields: Occasional.

St. John's, South Hackney: Bells out of order.

St. John's, Wilton Road, Pimlico: Thursdays at 8 p.m.

St. Stephen's, Westminster: On Friday evenings for practice, and on Sundays at 10 a.m.

St. Augustine's, Kilburn: Occasional.

## CHANGE-RINGING.

## The Midland Counties' Association.

At the Bell Foundry Tower, Loughborough, on December 18th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins.

Richard F. Lane ..	1	Frank Pervin ..	5
Thomas H. Colburn ..	2	Horace W. Abbott ..	6
William H. Inglesant ..	3	James L. Wells ..	7
Frank G. Burleigh ..	4	John W. Taylor, jun. ..	8

The peal, composed by the late Mr. Henry Johnson, of Birmingham,

was conducted by Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., and is the first in the intricate method ever accomplished at the Bell Foundry.

## The Sussex County Association.

(MIDHURST BRANCH.)

At the Parish Church, Midhurst, recently, a peal of TREBLE BOW MINOR, in 3 hrs., viz., 720 each of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE, LONDON SCHOLARS' PLEASURE, COLLEGE EXERCISE, DUKE OF YORK, WOODPECK, OXFORD, and KENT.

E. Boxall ..	1	W. Madgwick ..	5
E. Pressling ..	2	T. Stroud (conductor) ..	6
H. Churchill ..	3	J. Lee ..	7

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Thomas Edger, who had for 28 years been a member of the band and also for some years captain and steeple-keeper.

## The All Saints', Fulham, Society of Change-ringers.

At St. Mary's, Putney, on Wednesday week, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins.

Miss C. A. Neville ..	1	Sedley J. Collins ..	5
John H. B. Hesse ..	2	Horace Adams ..	6
William E. Judd (condr.) ..	3	John W. Kelly ..	7
Frederick G. Goddard ..	4	Frederick J. Jess ..	8

Miss Neville is a Putney lady, this being her first visit to St. Mary's belfry, and also her first peal.

## The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. James's, Bushey, Herts, on December 17th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor 13 cwt.

Bertram Prewett (condr.) ..	1	Frederick W. Brinklow ..	5
Frank A. Smith ..	2	Hubert Eden ..	6
Ernest E. Huntley ..	3	William G. Whitehead ..	7
Henry Hodgetts ..	4	Maurice F. R. Hibbert* ..	8

\* First attempt for a peal, aged 15.]

## The Ancient Society of College Youths, and the St. Peter's Society, Caversham.

At St. Peter's, Caversham, Oxon, on December 19th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins.

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

Composed by G. Lindoff, and conducted by Thomas Newman. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. J. Menday.

## The Waterloo Society, London.

At St. John-the-Evangelist's, Waterloo Road, on December 19th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJORA, 5024 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

Joseph W. Cattle ..	1	Mark Woodcock ..	5
Arthur N. Hardy ..	2	Frank Smith ..	6
Frederick G. Perrin ..	3	Herbert Langdon ..	7
James E. Davis ..	4	Edgar Wightman ..	8

Composed and conducted by Edgar Wightman.

CHANGE-RINGERS AT STEYNING.—The Western Division of the Sussex County Association of Change-ringers held their monthly meeting at Steyning on Saturday week, when several of the towers in the district were represented. Among others present were Mr. Gatland (Steyning), Mr. Evans (Secretary of the division), Mr. R. J. Dawe, Mr. Butler (Brighton), Mr. H. Ebrall (Southover, Lewes), Mr. Smart, and Mr. Markwell (Henfield). Ringing commenced at 4.30, and tea was served at 5.30. The Vicar, the Rev. Arthur Pridgeon, took the chair, and Mr. Gatland the vice-chair. After tea, the business meeting was held, and it is interesting to note that the Vicar's son, Master Congreve Pridgeon, was elected a member. The quarterly peal was proposed and carried for Warnham, the method to be GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, the date and the conductor to be arranged by the Secretary.—The Vicar expressed his warm satisfaction at seeing so many ringers present, and said that the Steyning belfry always extended a most hearty welcome to the ringers. He was pleased to say that at the Steyning tower matters were in full accord, and that he considered their belfry was one of the best in the country.—Mr. Markwell proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, which was carried with acclamation.

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

## CHANGE-RINGING.

*The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.*

At St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on December 19th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Herbert F. Hull ..	1	William Ward ..	5
John Armstrong ..	2	Sidney A. Wright ..	6
George B. Lucas* ..	3	James Parker ..	7
James W. Chapman ..	4	George Paice ..	8

Composed by C. H. Hattersley, and conducted by James Parker. Rung in honour of the visit of the Bishops of Colchester and Barking to Walthamstow to consecrate the new church of St. James. [\* First peal in the method.]

At St. Michael's, Cornhill, on December 19th, a peal of STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 changes, in 3 hrs. 56 mins. Tenor, 41 cwt.

Herbert P. Harman ..	1	William S. Smith* ..	7
Charles Wilkins ..	2	Harry Flanders ..	8
John R. Sharman ..	3	John D. Matthews ..	9
Alfred W. Brighton ..	4	William J. Nudds ..	10
Bertram Prewett ..	5	Ernest Pye ..	11
Isaac G. Shade ..	6	William Pye ..	12

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by William Pye. [\* First peal on twelve bells.]

At St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, Middlesex, on December 19th, A Variation of Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

Rev. H. G. Bird ..	1	Henry Waite ..	5
John Basden ..	2	William H. Joiner ..	6
Joseph J. Pratt ..	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.)	7
William Pickworth ..	4	William Foster ..	8

The conductor was elected a member of the above Association previous to commencing the peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. Ginns, an old ringer at this church.

At St. Peter's, Staines, Middlesex, on December 26th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

William S. Smith ..	1	John D. Matthews ..	5
Isaac G. Shade ..	2	Ernest Pye ..	6
Bertram Prewett ..	3	Frederick Holden ..	7
George R. Pye ..	4	William Pye ..	8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by William Pye. First peal of MAJOR on the bells. The band wish to thank Sir Edward Clarke, the donor of the church and bells, for his kind hospitality after the peal.

At St. Mary's, Staines, Middlesex, on December 26th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 18½ cwt.

Bertram Prewett ..	1	George R. Pye ..	5
Frederick Holden ..	2	Ernest Pye ..	6
Isaac G. Shade ..	3	William S. Smith ..	7
John D. Matthews ..	4	William Pye ..	8

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

*The Midland Counties' Association.*

## (LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

At All Saints', Loughborough, Leicestershire, on December 22nd, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERPILLERS, 5021 changes, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. Tenor, 30½ cwt.

James Goodwins ..	1	Frank Pervin ..	6
Richard F. Lane ..	2	Frank G. Burleigh ..	7
William H. Inglesant ..	3	Leonard F. Taylor ..	8
William Pervin ..	4	James L. Wells ..	9
Thomas H. Colburn ..	5	Thomas Grundy ..	10

Composed by A. Knights, and conducted by Frank G. Burleigh.

*The Norwich Diocesan Association.*

## (THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, SPROUGHTON.)

At St. James's (The Norman Tower), on December 26th, a peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL, in the Kent Variation, 5080 changes, in 3 hrs. 27 mins. Tenor, 30 cwt., in C sharp.

Daniel Prentice ..	1	Charles Mee ..	6
Arthur E. Moore* ..	2	Edward E. Diaper ..	7
George W. Mee ..	3	Alfred G. Rivers ..	8
Rev. William C. Pearson ..	4	Frank Rolfe ..	9
Charles W. Parker* ..	5	Frederick Mee ..	10

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by Frederick Mee. [\* First peal of ROYAL.]

*The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.*

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on December 26th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in G.

Joseph Rowell ..	1	William T. Robson ..	5
Charles L. Routledge ..	2	Alfred F. Hillier ..	6
Joseph E. R. Keen ..	3	Hugh D. Dall ..	7
Joseph W. Parker ..	4	Robert Richards ..	8

Composed by W. Sottanstell, and conducted by Chas. L. Routledge.

At All Saints', Newcastle-on-Tyne, by members of the Whitley Branch, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Tenor, 19 cwt.

John J. Leighton ..	1	James E. Gofton ..	5
George R. Holmes ..	2	R. Alder Gofton ..	6
Thomas T. Gofton ..	3	William Story ..	7
Joseph A. Gofton ..	4	Robert S. Story ..	8

Composed by J. W. Washbrook, and conducted by Thomas T. Gofton. First peal in the method by all the above and first by the Association.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Christmas Eve 1260 of STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung by W. Markwell, 1; S. Burt, 2; J. Lish, 3; G. Payne, 4; L. Payne (conductor), 5; A. E. Baker (first quarter-peal inside), 6; A. Heasman, 7; A. Hodges, 8. Also on New Year's Eve, 1260: W. Markwell, 1; S. Burt, 2; A. E. Lish, 3; J. Lish, 4; L. Payne, 5; A. Heasman, 6; G. Payne (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8. And for the Midnight Service 504 of STEDMAN TRIPLES: L. Payne, 1; S. Burt, 2; A. E. Lish, 3; G. Payne, 4; W. Markwell, 5; C. Tyler (conductor), 6; A. Heasman, 7; A. Hodges, 8. And another 504 to usher in the New Year: L. Payne (conductor), 1; S. Burt, 2; G. Payne, 3; A. E. Lish, 4; W. Markwell, 5; A. Heasman, 6; C. Tyler, 7; A. Hodges, 8.

WHAT is probably a record in church bell-ringing has just been achieved at Staplehurst, Kent, where a peal has been rung by Mr. H. Pope and his seven sons.

DOLGELLY has lost its oldest inhabitant, Robert Lewis, a tailor by trade, who took part in the ringing of the bells of the church on the occasion of the coronation of three monarchs—William IV., Victoria, and Edward VII.

THE death has occurred at Sevenoaks of Elisha Russell, who for sixty-six years sang in the Brasted (Kent) Parish Church choir, and was for sixty-two years a bell-ringer at the same church. Mr. Russell was born in the same year as Queen Victoria.

PRESENTATION TO A BELL-RINGER.—Mr. H. S. Thomas, who for a great number of years has been in charge of the advertisement department of Messrs. Ward, Lock and Co., Ltd., has been presented by the Directors with a massive solid silver tea-service, as a token of their appreciation of thirty-two years' faithful and successful service. Mr. Thomas has always been an enthusiastic bell-ringer, and his services in this connection were marked so long ago as November, 1884, by the presentation from the St. Mary's Society of Old Battersea of a clock and ornaments, with accompanying vellum. Then, again, to mark the completion of twenty-five years' membership, he was presented at Whitsuntide, 1898, with a set of entrée dishes, candelabra, with vellum. He has also received other testimonials from members of the Royal Cumberland Society.

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

## CHANGE-RINGING.

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

At St. Mary's, Woodbridge, Suffolk, on December 26th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 28 cwt.

Robert H. Brundle ..	1	Edward Sherwood ..	5
Edgar Pemberton ..	2	William P. Garrett ..	6
William Tillett ..	3	James Motts (conductor) ..	7
William L. Catchpole ..	4	Charles Cutting ..	8

*The North Wales Association.*

## (WREXHAM BRANCH.)

At the Parish Church, Llangollen, Denbighshire, on December 26th, Thurstans' peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 17½ cwt.

Edward Rowland ..	1	Thos. Davies ..	5
Jno. Rogers* ..	2	S. Meadows ..	6
Jas. Davies ..	3	J. Wm. Davies (condr.) ..	7
Alf. Lee ..	4	D. R. White* ..	8

First peal in the method by all. [\* First peal.]

*The Sussex County Association.*

At St. Botolph's, Heane, Worthing, Sussex, on December 28th, Brooks' Variation peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 42 mins.

William Hillman ..	1	George Norris ..	5
John Paice ..	2	Arthur Arnell ..	6
Henry Meeten ..	3	Alfred W. Groves (condr.) ..	7
Edmund H. Lindup ..	4	Frederick Lindup ..	8

At the Parish Church, Upper Beeding, Sussex, on December 29th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 44 mins.

Alfred Tulett ..	1	George Gatland ..	5
John Smart ..	2	Edmund H. Lindup (condr.) ..	6
Henry Evans ..	3	Alfred W. Groves ..	7
George Norris ..	4	Reuben Standing ..	8

*The Devonshire Guild, and the Ancient Society of College Youths.*

At St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on December 28th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 14 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

Challis F. Winney ..	1	Ernest V. Cox ..	5
Edwin Shepherd ..	2	William Richardson* ..	6
Arthur W. Searle ..	3	Ferris J. Shepherd ..	7
John E. Baker ..	4	Ferris Shepherd ..	8

Conducted by Challis F. Winney. [\* First peal of STEDMAN.]

*The Winchester Diocesan Guild.*

At Holy Trinity Cathedral, Winchester, on December 28th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 35 mins. Tenor, 30 cwt.

George Williams ..	1	Conor O'Brien ..	6
John R. Sharman ..	2	George Woodiss ..	7
Albert D. Stone ..	3	William W. Gifford ..	8
Frank Bennett ..	4	James Hunt ..	9
Septimus Radford ..	5	James George ..	10

Composed by J. Reeves, and conducted by George Williams. This is the first peal of ROYAL in the county.

*The Midland Counties' Association.*

## (LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

At St. Bartholomew's, Quorn, on January 2nd, a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 14 mins.

Thomas Herbert ..	1	William Pervin ..	5
Thomas H. Colburn ..	2	Richard F. Lane ..	6
Ernest W. Abbott ..	3	Horace W. Abbott ..	7
William H. Inglesant ..	4	Ernest Ouse ..	8

Composed by J. F. Penning, and conducted by T. H. Colburn. Messrs. Herbert and Ouse belong to Quorn, the remainder to Loughborough.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—At St. Edward's Church, on Sunday, January 10th, a quarter-peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, being the first in the method at this tower. W. Watson, 1; W. Keeble, 2; A. Brighton, 3; A. J. Perkins, 4; H. Dawkins, 5; G. R. Pye (conductor), 6; E. Pye, 7. W. Pye, 8.

HENLEY-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.—There are at the Parish Church six bells. Two are dated 1707, a third has the inscription 'John Weaver, chapel warden 1707,' a fourth the letters 'I. H. S.,' a fifth the words 'Thomas Baker, Robert Morrell, churchwardens, 1727,' and the last 'Gloria in excelsis Deo, 1727.'

BROXBOURNE, HERTS.—The Bishop of Colchester has dedicated three new bells at Broxbourne, Herts, which now possesses a full octave. The ancient bells of Broxbourne, five in number (one of them dating from 1615), had often sent forth their music to the surrounding country, but the parishioners desired to add the three upper bells wanting, and now that desire has been gratified.

LONDON'S OLDEST BELL-RINGER.—Amongst the bell-ringers who rang out the old year at St. Paul's Cathedral was the oldest bell-ringer in London, Mr. Robert Haworth, who is in his eighty-third year, and is affectionately known by his friends as 'Grandfather Bob Major.' Mr. Haworth will be eighty-three in April, and has been a bell-ringer for over seventy years. He is an esteemed contributor to 'Church Bells.'

ST. JOHN'S, DEPTFORD.—An interesting event took place recently in the belfry of St. John's Church, Lewisham High Road, when the tower-warden had the pleasing duty of presenting to the captain of the band (Mr. W. Jeffries) a handsome present on behalf of the probationers in recognition of his kindness and patience in teaching them the art of ringing.

BELLS DEDICATED AT HASTINGS.—The Archdeacon of Lewes (the Ven. Robert Sutton) has dedicated new bells at All Saints' Church, Hastings. Hitherto there have been only five bells, but a new treble has now been added, and the old treble recast. All the other bells have been tuned, the hangings strengthened, and the framework has been so arranged that it will be possible to complete the peal of eight as soon as the necessary funds—about £100—are forthcoming. When the church was restored in 1870 the bells were overhauled, since when no material alterations have been made. The date of some of the bells goes back to 1652. All Saints' possesses a fine belfry, some twenty-three feet square. The present work has cost about £180 and of this there remains a debt of about £20. Archdeacon Sutton gave an appropriate address on the ministry of bells.

WEST RUDHAM, NORFOLK.—The three bells in the tower of the parish church are now in excellent working order. They have been receiving attention from a bell-founder, and were recently re-dedicated. Two of them were very old, one bearing the name of Henry Brazier, a founder of bells in the reign of Henry VIII., and another being dated 1720. In recasting, the old marks have been reproduced, in addition to the names of the present vicar and churchwardens.

IN the parish of Kegworth, Leicestershire, the church spire, bells, and clock have been renovated at a cost of about £400, and it is stated that the whole of the work has been satisfactorily completed and paid for by subscription.

CHANGE-RINGING AT EXETER, BRIDPORT, AND CHARD.—Under the auspices of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, visits have been paid by bands of campanologists to the parish churches of Bridport, Chard, and St. Sidwell Exeter, and peals of STEDMAN TRIPLES (5040 changes) attempted. At Bridport the party comprised Messrs. C. Winney (London), F. Shepherd, F. Shepherd, senior and junior, W. Shepherd, and A. W. Searle (Exeter), E. V. Cox (Stockland), and W. E. Pitfield Chapple (Axminster). Two attempts were made, but, after ringing 2000 changes each proved unsuccessful. At Chard, success was achieved by the following: Messrs. C. Winney, 1; L. A. Wilson (Ottery), 2; F. Shepherd, sen., 3; E. V. Cox, 4; J. E. Baker (Ottery), 5; F. Shepherd, jun., 6; A. Pike (Ottery), 7; W. E. Pitfield Chapple, 8. The time occupied was 3 hrs. 15 mins. At St. Sidwell's another peal was scored in 3 hrs. 14 mins. The ringers in the latter instance were stationed as follows: Messrs. C. Winney, 1; E. Shepherd, 2; A. W. Searle, 3; E. J. Baker, 4; E. V. Cox, 5; W. Richardson (Exeter), 6; F. Shepherd, jun., 7; F. Shepherd, sen., 8. It was the first peal of Triples for Mr. Richardson. The striking in both peals was excellent. Mr. Winney ably conducted in each case, and the composition used was Thurstans' Four-part. Mr. Chapple arranged the Bridport and Chard parties, this being the first occasion on which this particular method has been rung at Chard. Mr. Chapple informs us that it was a great treat to ring on such a musical peal of bells.

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

## CHANGE-RINGING.

## Little Munden, Herts.

At All Saints', on Jan. 2nd, a peal of MINOR by the local Society, 7200 changes, in 3 hrs. 50 mins., being 720 each of DOUBLE OXFORD, DOUBLE COURT, OXFORD and KENT TREBLE BOB, COLLEGE SINGLE, COURT BOB, GRANDSIRE OXFORD BOB, CANTERBURY PLEASURE, and PLAIN BOB.

H. Carter ..	1	A. Phillips..	4
C. Gale ..	2	G. Carter ..	5
A. Lawrence ..	3	W. H. Lawrence (condr.)..	6

This was claimed to be the longest peal of MINOR yet rung in the county, also the greatest number of methods, and was performed by an entirely local band.

## The Middlesex County Association, and London Diocesan Guild.

At St. Mary the Virgin, Putney, on January 6th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Joseph J. Pratt ..	1	John W. Kelley ..	5
John Basden (condr.) ..	2	William H. Hollier ..	6
James W. Driver ..	3	Henry Browning ..	7
William E. Judd ..	4	Frederick J. Jee ..	8

At St. Dunstan, Stepney, on January 9th, a peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL, in the Kent Variation, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 27 mins. Tenor 31 cwt.

Reuben Charge ..	1	Ernest E. Huntley ..	6
Alfred W. Brighton ..	2	John R. Sharman..	7
Bertram Prewett ..	3	William J. Nudds..	8
Hubert Edent ..	4	Ernest Pye..	9
Isaac G. Shade ..	5	William Pye ..	10

Composed by Cornelius Charge, and Conducted by William Pye.  
+ First peal of Royal.

## The London County Association (late the St. James's Society).

At St. George the Martyr, Southwark, on January 7th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (Rev. E. Banks James's Odd-Bob Composition), 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs.

William S. Langdon ..	1	Arthur Hardy ..	5
Mark Woodcock ..	2	James E. Davis ..	6
Frederick G. Perrin ..	3	Thomas Langdon (condr.) ..	7
Frank Smith ..	4	Thomas Walker ..	8

## The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At St. Peter's Church, Old Windsor, Berks, on January 9th, a Variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 11 cwt.

Hon. A. Erskine ..	1	F. V. H. Sinkins ..	5
Alfred Andrews ..	2	John Evans ..	6
T. E. Harwood ..	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.) ..	7
J. J. Pratt ..	4	E. G. Hooper ..	8

First peal in the method by Mr. Harwood, son of the Vicar of Old Windsor, who entertained the ringers to tea after the peal.

## The Essex Association.

## (SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.)

At St. Edward's, Romford, Essex, on January 12th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 17 cwt.

Wesley Watson ..	1	Harry Dawkins* ..	5
William Keeble ..	2	George R. Pye ..	6
Alfred W. Brighton ..	3	Ernest Pye ..	7
Ackland J. Perkins* ..	4	William Pye ..	8

Composed by J. W. Washbrook, and conducted by W. Pye. This was the first attempt for a peal in this method on these bells, and the first peal of LONDON SURPRISE in this division of the County. [\* First peal in this method.]

## The Ancient Society of College Youths

At St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, on January 9th, Johnson's Variation peal of Middleton's CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs.

Matthew A. Wood ..	1	Henry S. Ellis ..	5
Harry R. Pasmore (condr.) ..	2	William H. Pasmore ..	6
Frederick W. Brinklow* ..	3	Frederick Dench ..	7
George N. Price ..	4	John W. Golding ..	8

First peal in the method on the bells. [\* First peal in the method.]

## The Waterloo Society, London.

At St. Peter's, Walworth, on January 9th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 42 mins. Tenor 16 cwt.

Edgar Wightman (condr.) ..	1	Mark Woodcock ..	5
Arthur N. Hardy ..	2	Frank Smith ..	6
James E. Davis ..	3	Herbert Langdon ..	7
Frederick G. Perrin ..	4	Horatio E. Gummer* ..	8

Rung after meeting short for DOUBLE NORWICH. [\* First peal.]

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—At St. Edward's, on January 10th, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes. R. Vyse, 1; B. Cousenss 2; G. Jay, 3; G. Roughton, 4; H. Catterwell, 5; A. J. Perkin, (composer), 6; W. Watson (conductor), 7; J. Sorrell, 8.

EXETER CATHEDRAL BELLS.—The Bishop of Crediton has unveiled in the belfry of the Cathedral, a tablet commemorating the first peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS rung upon these famous bells since their restoration. On the memorial, which is the gift of the Rev. Maitland Kelly, M.A., President of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers, and has been made by Messrs. Harry Hems and Sons of Exeter, is the following inscription:—

'The Devonshire Guild.—A peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, consisting of 5021 changes, was rung on the bells of this Cathedral Church by the undermentioned members of the Guild, on the 6th of October, 1902, in three hours and fifty-two minutes; tenor, 72cwt. 2qrs. 21lbs.—George Williams, treble; Henry White, 2; The Rev. W. S. Willett, 3; Alfred W. Brighton, 4; The Rev. F. E. Robinson, 5; Charles R. Lilley, 6; The Rev. H. A. Cockey, 7; William W. Gifford, 8; Richard T. Hibbert, 9; The Rev. G. F. Coleridge and Ferris Shepherd, tenor, Composed by John Cox, conducted by George Williams. First peal on the bells.'

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.—The new bells, opened on Christmas Eve, were not allowed to be long idle. Early on Christmas morning their merry tones rang out for matins. Boxing Day was advertised as 'a ringers' field-day,' and from early morning till late at night lively touches of KENT and OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, DOUBLE NORWICH COURT TREBLE, BOB MAJOR, STEDMAN TRIPLES, SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE, and other methods of ringing, pealed out from the tower. Much delight was expressed, not only by the parishioners, but by all the expert ringers present, at the beautiful musical tone of the bells, and with the way they worked. The opinion was general that the result was very creditable to the contractors, Messrs. John Warner & Sons, London, and to their manager, Mr. George Dunne, under whose supervision the work was carried out. The tenor of the peal is in F, and its weight is 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

DISS, NORFOLK.—The anniversary of the rehanging of the church bells, which took place in the year 1832, was celebrated recently, ringers attending from other parishes, and with the local men, ringing several touches and peals in various methods.

WICKHAMBREAU, KENT.—Some six months ago it became unsafe to ring the parish church bells, the clappers having struck the six bells in the same spot for some 200 years, and naturally left their mark. A tender from Messrs. Mears & Stainbank was accepted, and a committee formed to collect funds. The object was well supported throughout the parish, and the total amount (£100) required has nearly been obtained.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN CHANGE-RINGING ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Chew Magna Deanery Branch was held lately at Long Ashton. There were about thirty members present from Abbot's Leigh, Barrow Gurney, Clapton, Long Ashton, Nailsea, Portishead, and Wraxall. The Rev. H. Vaughan (rector of Wraxall) kindly provided tea for the members at the Angel Inn, and there were present the Vicar (the Rev. S. H. Deering), and the Rev. T. B. Davis. A meeting followed, Mr. John Bishop presiding, and he was unanimously re-elected chairman for the ensuing year, and Mr. George Yeo was again appointed Hon. Secretary. The bells were rung at intervals during the afternoon and evening.

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

## Peals of Bob Major.

Composed by P. O. BIXBY, Gainsborough.

5040	5040	5040
2 3 4 5 6 W M H	2 3 4 5 6 W M H	2 3 4 5 6 W M H
6 4 2 3 5	6 4 2 3 5	6 4 2 3 5
2 6 4 3 5	2 6 4 3 5	2 6 4 3 5
2 4 6 3 5	4 2 6 3 5	2 4 6 3 5
6 2 4 3 5	3 4 6 2 5	6 2 4 3 5
4 6 2 3 5	6 2 3 4 5	4 6 2 3 5
4 2 6 3 5	3 6 2 4 5	4 2 6 3 5
6 3 4 2 5	3 2 6 4 5	6 3 4 2 5
4 6 3 2 5	6 3 2 4 5	4 6 3 2 5
3 4 6 2 5	2 6 3 4 5	3 4 6 2 5
6 2 3 4 5	5 3 2 6 4	6 4 3 2 5
3 6 2 4 5	2 5 3 6 4	3 6 4 2 5
3 2 6 4 5	2 3 5 6 4	3 4 6 2 5
6 3 2 4 5	5 2 3 6 4	6 2 3 4 5
2 6 3 4 5	3 5 2 6 4	3 6 2 4 5
2 3 6 4 5	3 2 5 6 4	3 2 6 4 5
Twice repeated.	6 3 5 2 4	6 3 2 4 5
5040	5 2 6 3 4	2 6 3 4 5
2 3 4 5 6 W M H	6 5 2 3 4	2 3 6 4 5
6 4 2 3 5	6 2 5 3 4	5 6 2 3 4
2 6 4 3 5	5 6 2 3 4	2 5 6 3 4
4 2 6 3 5	2 5 6 3 4	6 2 5 3 4
6 3 4 2 6	The last 12 courses	5 3 6 2 4
4 6 3 2 5	3 times repeated.	6 5 3 2 4
4 3 6 2 5		3 6 5 2 4
6 4 3 2 5		5 2 6 4
3 6 4 2 5		2 3 5 6 4
3 4 6 2 5		
Four times repeated		Repeat the calling
This peal contains only 60 calls.		of the first part.

## A Peal of 5015 Grandsire Cinques.

By JOHN ROGERS, London.

With shortest coming-home course from Tittum position ever was, or will be 'for ever.'

2 5 S	6 5 3 2 4	10 11	6 5 4 3 2
2 S 5	4 5 3 2 6	1 2 3 4	4 6 5 3 2
7 S	6 5 3 2 4	1 2 3 4	5 4 6 3 2
1 2 3 4	3 6 5 2 4	2 3 4 5	4 3 6 5 2
2 3 4 S	6 2 5 3 4	2 3 4 5	3 5 6 4 2
1 2 3 4	5 6 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	6 3 5 4 2
1 2 3 4	2 5 6 3 4	1 2 3 4	5 6 3 4 2

Repeat 2nd column 3 times. Produces 4 2 5 6 3. Round in 5 leads, by 1 2 S, 3 4 S.

## Avening Church, Gloucestershire.

THE ancient church of this parish has been, and still is, under very necessary repair and restoration. In connection with this the opportunity has been taken to rehang and enlarge the small peal of bells. The old tenor, which was cracked, has been recast, and a new treble bell given by Mrs. Pollock of Avening Court, so there are now six. The dedication service was held on January 14th, with great satisfaction to all concerned. The Rev. E. W. Evans, hon. member of the Mission Staff for the diocese, kindly came. He read very impressively the dedicatory prayers on the special form, and gave an admirable address on giving to God, and the uses of bells, and the proper use of a belfry. This was much appreciated, as was his sermon on the following Sunday morning. Immediately after the Rector had pronounced the Benediction the bells rang forth a merry peal, and many were thankful for the completion of a long-wished-for work. All the old bells were by Rudhall of Gloucester, and the new work now done has been most excellently carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank of Whitechapel. In the evening the ringers were most kindly entertained by Erskine Pollock Esq., K.C.

## CHANGE-RINGING.

The London County Association (late the St. James's Society).

At St. John's, Waterloo Road, on January 16th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor 18 cwt.

William Woodhead	1	Frank Smith	5
Thomas Titchener	2	Thomas C. Langdon	6
Mark Woodcock	3	Herbert Langdon	7
Frederick Perrin	4	Arthur Jacob	8

Composed by Henry Dains and conducted by Arthur Jacob.

## The Middlesex County Association, and London Diocesan Guild.

At St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on January 16th, a peal of GRAND-SIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 18 mins. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

Fred Clifton Maynard*	1	Ernest S. Pollt	5
Robert W. T. Maynard†	2	John H. Wilkins	6
Henry J. Maynard*	3	William B. Manning	7
Frederick Rumens	4	Frank E. G. French*	8

Composed by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies and conducted by R. W. T. Maynard. [\* First peal. † First peal as conductor. ‡ First peal with a bob-bell.]

At St. Magnus-the-Martyr's, Thames Street, on January 16th, a peal of STEPMAN CATERERS, 5031 changes, in 3 hrs. 11 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

John D. Matthews	1	Bertram Prewett	6
John R. Sharman	2	Alfred W. Brighton	7
William Pye	3	Reuben Charge	8
Henry Hodgetts	4	William J. Nudds	9
Isaac G. Shade	5	Harry Flanders	10

Composed by Cornelius Charge and conducted by William Pye.

## The Kent County Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Erith, Kent, on January 16th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

Charles Wilkins	1	James E. Jarvies	5
Thomas Groombridge	2	Lewis Silver	6
Edgar Wightman	3	William Shimmans	7
John H. Cheesman	4	Fred Wilford	8

Composed and conducted by Edgar Wightman.

## The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Martin's, Ruislip, Middlesex, on January 16th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

Frederick T. C. Nevett	1	George N. Price	5
Hubert Eden	2	Harry A. Horrex	6
Alfred B. Peck	3	Frederick Dench	7
Harry R. Pasmore	4	John W. Golding	8

Composed by Frederick Dench, and conducted by George N. Price, H. Eden's 100th peal. First SURPRISE peal on the bells.

At St. Mary's, Battersea, on January 23rd, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

J. T. Kentish	1	James Willshire	5
J. N. Oxborrow	2	W. E. Garrard	6
H. S. Ellis	3	F. Dench	7
A. G. Ellis	4	H. R. Newton (condr.)	8

## The Yorkshire and Midland Counties Associations, and the Sheffield District Society.

At the Parish Church, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, on January 16th a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs 19 mins. Tenor, 24½ cwt.

Benjamin A. Knights	1	David Brearley*	5
Rev. A. T. Beeston	2	Arthur Knights	6
Thomas Bettison	3	Arthur Craven	7
John Flint	4	Sam Thomas	8

Composed and conducted by Arthur Craven. First peal in the method on the bells, and the conductor's 100th peal. [\* First peal in the method.]

LYMINGE, KENT.—The Rev. R. D. Eves, rector, supported by his parishioners, is raising money for the restoration of the six bells, together with two new trebles, to make a fine ring of eight, to hang in the old church tower.

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

## CHANGE-RINGING.

*The Ancient Society of College Youths.*

AT St. Peter's, Walworth, on January 21st, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 2 hrs. 48 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Henry R. Newton	.. 1	Henry S. Ellis	.. 5
Harry R. Pasmore	.. 2	James Willshire	.. 6
George N. Price	.. 3	John W. Golding	.. 7
Herbert P. Harman	.. 4	William H. Pasmore	.. 8

Composed by Frederick Dench, and conducted by Harry R. Pasmore.

AT St. Matthew's, Clapton, on January 23rd, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

William D. Smith	.. 1	Conor O'Brien	.. 5
George N. Price	.. 2	Alfred B. Peck	.. 6
William H. Pasmore	.. 3	Harry R. Pasmore	.. 7
Herbert P. Harman	.. 4	John W. Golding	.. 8

Composed by Frederick Dench, and conducted by John W. Golding.

AT St. Mary's, Battersea, on January 23rd, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

John T. Kentish	.. 1	James Willshire	.. 5
John N. Oxborough	.. 2	William E. Garrard	.. 6
Henry S. Ellis	.. 3	Frederick Dench	.. 7
Arthur G. Ellis	.. 4	Henry R. Newton	.. 8

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

*The Surrey Association.*

AT St. Mary's, Ewell, Surrey, on January 23rd, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins.

Joseph Fayers	.. 1	Charles Dean	.. 5
Dr. Arthur B. Carpenter	.. 2	Albert Calver	.. 6
Douglass W. Drewett	.. 3	Lewis C. Ferrige	.. 7
John C. Jackson	.. 4	William S. Smith	.. 8

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., and conducted by William S. Smith. First peal in the method on the bells.

*The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, and the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.*

AT the Minster, Ripon, Yorkshire, on January 23rd, a peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

W. E. Waland*	.. 1	F. C. Howcroft	.. 6
Walter Pick	.. 2	A. W. Barrett	.. 7
John G. Hall	.. 3	Wm. Newton	.. 8
James Baxter*	.. 4	Thos. Haigh	.. 9
A. M. C. Field	.. 5	Thos. Metcalfe	.. 10

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by Thos. Metcalfe. \* First peal on ten bells.]

*The Hertfordshire Association.*

AT St. Andrew's, Hertford, on January 23rd, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

George H. Barber	.. 1	James Saxby	.. 5
Henry S. Reeves	.. 2	Isaac Cavill	.. 6
William Ward	.. 3	James Parker	.. 7
George Paice	.. 4	Herbert Baker	.. 8

Composed and conducted by James Parker.

*The London County Association (late the St. James's Society).*

AT St. Magnus-the-Martyr's, Thames Street, on January 27th, a peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL, in the Kent Variation, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Arthur N. Hardy	.. 1	Mark Woodcock	.. 6
Frederick G. Perrin	.. 2	Albert Coles	.. 7
George R. Fardon	.. 3	William Woodhead	.. 8
Herbert Langdon	.. 4	Frank Smith	.. 9
William Truss	.. 5	James E. Davis	.. 10

Composed by Harold N. Davis, and conducted by Herbert Langdon.

*Ross, Herefordshire.*

AT St. Mary's, Ross, on January 23rd, a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, in 3 hrs. 9 mins.

H. S. Cooper	.. 1	C. Kings	.. 5
F. Vale	.. 2	G. Bushnell	.. 6
H. Kemp	.. 3	G. Clark	.. 7
W. Short	.. 4	G. Evans	.. 8

The peal was conducted by J. Clark, this being his first peal as conductor.

ON January 25th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins.

W. Short (conductor)	.. 1	C. Kings	.. 5
F. Vale	.. 2	G. Bushnell	.. 6
H. Kemp	.. 3	G. Clark	.. 7
W. Colwell	.. 4	G. Evans	.. 8

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On January 28th, for practice, 560 BOB MAJOR: A. Heasman, 1; S. Burt, 2; J. Lish, 3; A. E. Lish, 4; W. Markwell, 5; A. Goddard, 6; G. Payne, 7; L. Payne (conductor), 8. First 560 in the method by all except the Payne brothers.

ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, SOUTHWARK.—On Sunday, January 31st, after evening service, eight members of the St. George's Society rang the bells half muffled, whole-pull and stand, as a last mark of respect to the late Rev. E. T. Hanel, many years curate to the above church, who died on the 24th ult., at the age of fifty-four years. The performers were: E. Owen, 1; H. Green, 2; W. H. Smith, 3; W. T. Walden, 4; E. E. Clements (conductor), 5; W. Green, 6; C. Deer, 7; W. H. Cobbett, 8.

LYMINGTON, HANTS.—A company of ringers, comprising Messrs. G. Preston (Christchurch), C. Goodenough, E. Waters, H. Stanley, F. Phillips, M. Stewart, C. Herefield (Bournemouth), with the Rev. F. E. Robinson (Vicar of Drayton, near Oxford), recently obtained the permission of the Vicar of Lymington, and were successful in their attempt to ring a peal of STEDMAN'S GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, on the bells of Lymington Parish Church. The rhythm in the ringing, which commenced about 3 p.m., was splendidly maintained, and without a break, at the rate of about 29 changes per minute, and the peal was finished in the capital time of 2 hrs. 53 mins. It had been thrice previously attempted at the Lymington belfry, and this was the first occasion on which the ringers achieved their ambition.

CAMBERLEY.—Bell-ringers at Yorktown.—At the second annual social gathering of the St. Michael's Church Bell-ringers (affiliated to the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers), the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Vicar of Thorpe (Hon. Sec. and Treasurer of the Diocesan Guild), presided, and said that a great deal had happened in reference to the Winchester Guild. Twelve months ago they were looking forward to a reorganization of the Guild, and that he was happy to say had been brought about, and he hoped that would make the Guild even more useful than in the past, and give it a new lease of life. Taking the diocese through, there was no town which for its size had so many supporters of the Guild as had Yorktown. Last year they spent £9 on the instruction of ringers, and they looked to amounts spent like that to bring in something in the future to be spent in other parts of the diocese.

DEATH OF BENJAMIN SPILLING.—On Monday, January 25th, muffled touches were rung on St. Mary's bells, Bungay, as a last mark of respect to the memory of this old and much-respected ringer, who had been a member of the Bungay Society for over fifty years, and whose death took place on the 20th ult., aged eighty-five years. He was of a kind disposition, always ready to help the 'colts' along, and had taken part in several peals, the most notable being 7360 OXFORD TREBLE BOB in 1860 at Bungay, and mentioned by Dr. Raven in the 'Church Bells of Suffolk.'

THE bells of the church at Meare, Somerset, have, after rehanging, and after the restoration of the tower, been re-dedicated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells. The bells, which form a fine peal, for which this church is well known, are said to have been cast from the old bells of Glastonbury Abbey. The tenor bell bears the following inscription engraved when recast: 'I to the living call and to the grave summons all. A.D. 1731.'

WHILE ringing one of the bells at Silchester (Hants) parish church. Mr. John Goddard was caught by the rope, lifted up, and dropped among the seats in the building. Fortunately, though much bruised, no bones were broken.

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

## Peals of Bob Major and Royal.

Composed by P. O. BIXBY, Gainsborough.

## 6048 BOB MAJOR.

2	3	4	5	6	W.	M.	H.
4	6	3	2	5	-	-	S
2	4	6	3	5	-	-	-
6	3	2	4	5	-	-	-
2	6	3	4	5	-	-	-
3	4	2	6	5	-	-	-
2	3	4	6	5	-	-	-
4	2	3	6	5	-	-	-
6	4	3	2	5	-	-	-
3	2	6	4	5	-	-	-

Five times repeated.

By omitting the three home bobs bracketed in any four of the parts, the peal may be reduced to 5152 changes.

## 5040 BOB ROYAL.

2	3	4	5	6	W.	M.	H.
6	4	2	3	5	-	-	-
3	6	2	4	5	-	-	-
4	3	2	6	5	-	-	-
2	6	4	3	5	-	-	-
3	2	4	6	5	-	-	-
4	6	3	2	5	-	-	-
2	4	3	6	5	-	-	-

Three times repeated with Single at half-way and end.

## 6048 BOB MAJOR.

2	3	4	5	6	W.	M.	H.
6	4	2	3	5	-	-	-
2	6	4	3	5	-	-	-
2	4	6	3	5	-	-	S
6	2	4	3	5	-	-	-
4	6	2	3	5	-	-	-
4	2	6	3	5	-	-	S
6	3	4	2	5	-	-	-
4	6	3	2	5	-	-	S
4	3	6	2	5	-	-	S
6	4	3	2	5	-	-	-
3	6	4	2	5	-	-	-
3	4	6	2	5	-	-	S
6	2	3	4	5	-	-	-
3	6	2	4	5	-	-	-
3	2	6	4	5	-	-	S
6	3	2	4	5	-	-	-
2	6	3	4	5	-	-	-
2	3	6	4	5	-	-	S

Twice repeated.

## 7056 BOB MAJOR.

2	3	4	5	6	W.	M.	H.
6	4	2	3	5	-	-	-
2	6	4	3	5	-	-	-
2	4	6	3	5	-	-	S
6	2	4	3	5	-	-	-
4	6	2	3	5	-	-	S
4	2	6	3	5	-	-	-
6	3	4	2	5	-	-	-
4	6	3	2	5	-	-	S
4	3	6	2	5	-	-	-
6	4	3	2	5	-	-	-
3	6	4	2	5	-	-	S
3	4	6	2	5	-	-	-
6	2	3	4	5	-	-	-
3	6	2	4	5	-	-	S
3	2	6	4	5	-	-	-
6	3	2	4	5	-	-	-
2	6	3	4	5	-	-	-

Three times repeated, omitting the calls bracketed in any one of the parts.

## Presentation at St. George's, Stockport.

ON Tuesday evening, January 26th, the ringers of St. George's, Stockport, met to have a farewell ring with Mr. Edward Reader, their esteemed conductor, who is leaving Stockport to reside at Mellor, Derbyshire. A date touch of STEDMAN CATERS, 1904 changes, composed by Tom Marshall, the ringer of the fifth bell, and conducted by Mr. Reader, was brought round in 1 hr. 16 mins., the ringers (all members of St. George's Company) being: J. Booth, 1; G. Astbury, 2; T. Jackson, 3; G. D. Warburton, 4; T. Marshall, 5; J. Mottershead, 6; H. Meakin, 7; J. W. Bayley, 8; E. Reader, 9; G. Marshall, 10.

After the ringing a very pleasing duty was undertaken by Mr. J. W. Bayley (in the unavoidable absence of the Rev. J. H. Thorpe, B.D., Vicar) who presented Mr. Reader with a handsome pipe and case and a silver-mounted walking-stick, given by the ringers. Mr. Bayley in a short speech alluded to the loss sustained by St. George's Company by the retirement of Mr. Reader, and wished him long life, good health, and prosperity in his new sphere of labour. Mr. Tom Marshall said that in losing Mr. Reader they had lost a most excellent conductor, but trusted that one or more members would try hard to reach his standard. Mr. Barnes, of Reddish, also spoke as to Mr. Reader's excellence both as ringer and conductor. Mr. Reader in a few words thanked the company for the beautiful presents, which had come as a surprise to him, and promised whenever it was convenient he would pay his friends in St. George's belfry a visit.

## CHANGE-RINGING.

## The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At Christ Church, Spitalfields, on January 27th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 23 mins. Tenor, 33 cwt. 2 qrs. 7 lbs.

John N. Oxborrow ..	1	George N. Price ..	5
Arthur G. Ellis ..	2	Harry R. Pasmore ..	6
Alfred B. Peck ..	3	John W. Golding ..	7
Herbert P. Harman ..	4	Henry R. Newton ..	8

Composed by Fredk. Dench, and conducted by Henry R. Newton.

## The Kent County Association.

At St. Mary's, Woolwich, Kent, on January 28th, Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

Thomas Groombridge ..	1	William J. Aldridge ..	5
Henry G. Hill ..	2	Highwood S. Humphrey* ..	6
Gr.-Master-Sergt A. Pye ..	3	Charles Wilkins ..	7
Richard Hims ..	4	Albert N. Bangay† ..	8

Conducted by Thomas Groombridge. [\* First peal in the method. † First peal.]

## The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

At St. John the Baptist's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on January 30th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in G.

Joseph Rowell ..	1	William T. Robson ..	5
Charles L. Routledge ..	2	Alfred F. Hillier ..	6
Joseph E. R. Keen ..	3	Hugh D. Dall ..	7
Joseph W. Parker ..	4	Joseph A. Gofton ..	8

Composed by J. Washbrook, and conducted by C. L. Routledge.

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

At St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, Suffolk, on January 30th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5400 changes, in 3 hrs. 45 mins. Tenor, 32 cwt.

James Motts ..	1	William Motts ..	6
Edgar Pemberton ..	2	Edward Evans ..	7
Alfred W. Brighton ..	3	Walter Last ..	8
Henry C. Gillingham ..	4	Lewis W. Wiffen ..	9
Edward Sherwood ..	5	Robert H. Brundle ..	10

Composed by Henry Hubbard, and conducted by James Motts.

## The Middlesex County Association, and the London Diocesan Guild.

At St. Barnabas', Ranmoor Common, Surrey, on January 30th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5156 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

William Pye ..	1	Conor O'Brien* ..	5
John D. Matthews ..	2	Septimus Radford ..	6
Bertram Prewett ..	3	James Hunt ..	7
Isaac G. Shade ..	4	John R. Sharman ..	8

Composed by C. H. Hattersley, and conducted by Bertram Prewett. The conductor's fiftieth peal of SUPERLATIVE. [\* First peal in the method.]

## The Yorkshire Association.

At the Parish Church, Pontefract, on February 1st. BROOK'S Variation of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Thomas Watkinson† ..	1	Thomas Barker ..	5
Arthur Walker ..	2	James Jackson ..	6
John Carter ..	3	Fredk. W. Moody (condr.) ..	7
Samuel Brook ..	4	William Pearson ..	8

First peal in the method by all. [\* First peal.]

## The Midland Counties Association.

At St. Thomas's, South Wigston, lately, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 changes, in 3 hrs. 14 mins.

Josiah Morris ..	1	John W. Taylor, jun. ..	5
William Wilson, jun. ..	2	Charles H. Fowler ..	6
William H. Inglesant ..	3	Horace W. Abbott ..	7
Thomas R. Hensher ..	4	William Wilson, sen. ..	8

Composed and conducted by W. Wilson, sen., and is now rung for the first time. Messrs. Inglesant, Taylor, and Abbott are from Loughborough, Mr. Hensher is from Wellingborough, and the remainder belong to Leicester. [\* First peal in the method.]

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

### *The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society of Change-ringers.*

#### BRAMLEY MEETING.

THE monthly meeting was held on January 2nd, at St. Peter's, Bramley. Tower ringing took place during the latter part of the afternoon, touches from the following methods being rung: KENT and OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, PLAIN BOB MINOR, GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, &c. The business meeting took place at 7.30, Mr. Geo. Barraclough in the chair; Mr. F. Maude, Vice-Chairman. Upwards of forty members were present from Burley, Bradford, Holbeck, Headingley, (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Long Pudsey, Huddersfield, Leeds, and the local company.

The Secretary having read the minutes of the previous meeting, they were passed as read, on the proposal of Mr. Geo. Backhouse, seconded by Mr. P. Johnstone. Other business having been discussed, the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for use of the bells was proposed by Mr. T. Maude, seconded by Mr. J. Guy, and carried. A special vote of thanks to the local company for the excellent luncheon provided, and the kind way in which all present had been received, was proposed by Mr. H. Lockwood, seconded by Mr. Geo. Bolland and unanimously carried, Mr. J. W. T. Holgate replying on behalf of the local company. Selections on the handbells by the St. Chad's (Headingley), tower ringers were much appreciated. One new member was elected. Touches of the following methods on the handbells were rung during the evening: GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, GRANDSIRE CATERS, BOB MAJOR, KENT TREBLE BOB, &c. The meeting terminated at a late hour, being a most successful meeting for the New Year.

#### PUDSEY MEETING.

THE monthly meeting was held on January 30th, at Pudsey. The proceedings commenced with an attempt for a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, which was unsuccessful after about an hour's ringing. Other ringing on tower bells also took place during the afternoon. An adjournment was afterwards made to the meeting-house, the Royal Hotel, where a good company of ringers were present. After dinner, the business meeting was held, Mr. Geo. Barraclough (President) in the chair, supported by Mr. T. Maude (Vice-President), Mr. Farrar and Mr. S. Whitham (Churchwardens). The minutes of previous meeting were passed as read (proposed by Mr. Geo. Bolland, seconded by Mr. M. Broadbent).

There being no other business, a vote of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for use of the bells was proposed by Mr. Geo. Bolland, seconded by Mr. Wm. Child, and carried. Mr. Farrar, the Vicar's Warden, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to see so many ringers present. They were only too pleased to grant the use of the bells, and to hear them so well rung. A vote of thanks to the local company for the dinner and the kind way in which all present had been received was proposed by Mr. J. W. T. Holgate, seconded by Mr. J. Len Stokoe, and replied to by Mr. Birks. On the motion of Mr. Geo. Bolland, seconded by Mr. Wilson, a vote of thanks was also given to the caterer, Mr. W. Stansfield, who briefly replied. Three new members were elected.

The following places were represented: Armley, Bramley, Bradford, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Huddersfield, Leeds, Long Calverley, Wakefield, Liversedge, and the local company. Selections on the handbells by the St. Chad's (Headingley), company, were rung during the evening and were heartily enjoyed. Touches of the following methods on handbells were also rung: GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, GRANDSIRE CATERS, TREBLE BOB ROYAL, OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, PLAIN BOB MAJOR, this bringing a well-attended and representative meeting to a successful conclusion.

#### CHANGE-RINGING.

##### *The Ancient Society of College Youths.*

At St. Paul's Cathedral, London, on February 6th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 4 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 68 cwt.

John N. Oxborrow ..	1	James Willshire ..	7
Harry R. Pasmore ..	2	Challis F. Winney ..	8
William E. Garrard ..	3	Frederick Dench ..	9
Herbert Langdon ..	4	John W. Golding ..	10
Henry S. Ellis ..	5	William T. Cockerill ..	11
William H. Pasmore ..	6	Henry R. Newton ..	12

Composed by Fredk. Dench, and conducted by H. R. Newton. Rung to commemorate the 85th birthday of Dean Gregory.

### *The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.*

At All Saints', Bristol, Gloucestershire, on February 4th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

Alfred Pearce ..	1	John Thomas ..	5
Fred G. May ..	2	John Burford ..	6
Albert Stowell ..	3	William Stowell ..	7
Raymond J. Wilkins ..	4	George T. Daltry ..	8

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by George T. Daltry.

### *The Hertfordshire Association.*

At the Cathedral, St. Albans, Herts, on February 6th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 80 cwt.

Frederick T. C. Nevett ..	1	George N. Price (condr.) ..	5
Herbert Martin ..	2	Harry A. Horrex ..	6
Herbert Baker ..	3	Edward Whitbread ..	7
Hubert Eden ..	4	Frederick W. Brinklow ..	8

At St. Mary's, Hitchin, on February 13th, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins. Tenor, 28 cwt.

George D. Coleman ..	1	Sidney J. Coleman ..	5
William Allen ..	2	John F. Foster ..	6
Frank Furr ..	3	Charles R. Lilley (condr.) ..	7
Francis R. Bacon ..	4	William Ebbs (first peal) ..	8

### *The Yorkshire Association.*

At the Parish Church, Shipley, on February 13th, Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition of Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Alfred Windsor ..	1	George Barraclough ..	5
Thomas B. Kendal* ..	2	Charles Jackson ..	6
Francis Woodhead ..	3	Frederick W. Dixon* ..	7
Joseph Broadley ..	4	Harry Brame ..	8

Conducted by Charles Jackson. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Brame. First peal in the method on the bells. [\* First peal of STEDMAN.]

### *The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.*

At St. Mary's, Selly Oak, Worcestershire, on February 8th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 46 mins. Tenor, 12 cwt. 13 lbs.

John Smith ..	1	George Swann ..	5
Arthur E. Pegler ..	2	Harry Withers (condr.) ..	6
John Neal ..	3	James Dowler ..	7
Ernest T. Allaway ..	4	Albert Ford ..	8

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—On January 28th, at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, in 49 mins.: A. Stokoe, 1; J. Moxon, 2; D. Swift, 3; J. Bennett, 4; L. Stokoe, 5; J. C. Walker, 6; W. Child (conductor), 7; Geo. Barraclough, 8.—Also on Sunday, January 31st, for evening service, at St. Chad's, a date touch, 1904 changes, of PLAIN BOB MAJOR, in 1 hr. 12 mins.: Fred Barraclough, 1; A. Stokoe, 2; D. Swift, 3; J. Bennett, 4; L. Stokoe, 5; J. C. Walker, 6; G. Barraclough, 7; Wm. Child (conductor), 8.

BELL-RINGERS' MEETING, RAMSEY, HUNTS.—The Ely Diocesan Association of Change-ringers held one of their periodical meetings at Ramsey, the bad weather causing rather a small attendance. The Rev. T. Normandale presided over the meeting and referred to the fact that he was shortly leaving the town, and thanks to the Ramsey Society, was going away a better ringer than when he came. He strongly advised the members to always obey the conductor, and to aim at striking true. Mr. Goss (Captain of the Ramsey Society) said he was pleased to know that, as far as the Ramsey ringers were concerned, the men did not ring for the mere love of ringing, for they were regular worshippers at church, and they rang as a pleasant duty. The Ramsey Society had made excellent progress during the past year, which was due in a great measure to the encouragement and the facilities given by the Vicar, the Curate, and the Churchwardens, who were always ready to extend their hearty support the ringers.

THE bells of Burgess Hill Parish Church, Sussex, are being increased from five to eight, one of the new bells being inscribed: 'St. John's Church, Burgess Hill. This peal of eight bells was completed in 1904. Arthur Stevens, Vicar. Alfred Fuller Hardwick, Nathan George Beck, Churchwardens.' Three of the ring were hung in 1897 to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, and two others at the close of the nineteenth century.

At Dronfield, near Sheffield, on Saturday, a large church clock, with four illuminated dials, was formally started by Mr. F. Lucas. The clock has been erected by Messrs. Smith & Sons, Derby.

Several important reports—including a full account of the Annual Meeting of the London County Association—are unavoidably held over.

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

### *The London County Association.*

THE above Association will hold a meeting for united practice and instruction at the Church of St. Luke, Sydney Street, Chelsea, on Saturday, February 27th. Ringing from 5 till 9 p.m. All ringers will be made welcome.

T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec.

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THE annual meeting of the L.C.A. was held on January 23rd, at St. Clement Danes, Strand. The tower was open from 4 to 6 p.m., when touches in various methods were rung. The special service was held at six o'clock and was well attended, considering what a foggy, disagreeable night it was in London. Owing to the way in which men make their engagements in advance, it will probably be well to give a more extended notice in regard to future meetings; but, taking all things into consideration, the service, for a first attempt of its kind at St. Clement's, was a distinct success, and it is a great pleasure to say that this was the view of the Rector of St. Clement's, the Rev. J. J. H. Septimus Pennington, M.A., who has kindly consented to be the Honorary Chaplain of the Association, and of whose ready sympathy and cordial help no words can express too high an appreciation. With him we must also thank the Rev. W. Earle, B.D., his assistant curate, and Mr. Marchmont, the organist, and the members of the choir, who gave ungrudging and sympathetic assistance.

The order of service was the special form adopted by the Association, with the approval of the hon. chaplain, as lessons Eccles. xlv. to verse 15, and Romans xii. and the Te Deum. The Rev. J. J. H. Septimus Pennington addressed the congregation, impressing upon them that everything that stood the test of continuous progress and development must be of a kind to receive the blessing of God, or else it could not continue. He felt sure that change-ringing had the approval of the Almighty. He spoke of his warm sympathy with ringing, dating from the time of his boyhood, and congratulated the Association on having decided on a special order of worship on the outset of their work.

The hon. chaplain's words were listened to with the greatest attention and respect.

The members then went to the Parish House, Clare Market, for the business meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and signed as correct, the election took place of Miss Amy Jacob as an hon. member, and Mr. C. Carew Cox as a ringing member. It was proposed and carried that the peals rung up to date should be entered in the grand peal-book. The meeting then proceeded with the election of officers and committee for the ensuing year, and it was proposed and passed that Mr. Arthur Jacob be the Master, Mr. Challis F. Winney Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Thomas H. Taffender Hon. Secretary, Mr. Thomas Langdon (P.) Senior Steward, Mr. Frank Smith Junior Steward, Mr. R. A. Daniell and Mr. Mark Woodcock Trustees, and the following gentlemen form the Committee: Mr. J. Pryer, of Chelsea; Mr. C. Carew Cox, of Hammersmith; Mr. Richard Bevan, of the North; Mr. Wallage, of Whitechapel; Mr. A. B. Peck, of Bow; Mr. H. Stubbs, of Stoke Newington; Mr. F. G. Perrin, of Newington; and Mr. T. Langdon, of Walworth.

The Secretary reported that during the past year an extraordinary amount of business had been disposed of. They had reconstituted the Association for the purpose of teaching young and local ringers, and they had held a grand concert, which had been an immense success. Excellent united practices had been regularly held on alternate Mondays at St. Clement Danes, though he should like to see more present to ring on the first Sunday in the month for morning service. Bands had been arranged for Sunday service ringing at different churches, including St. Michael's, Cornhill (where STEDMAN CINQUES was rung), St. James', Bermondsey (where STEDMAN CATERS and TREBLE TEN had been rung), St. Magnus', London Bridge, St. Luke's, Chelsea, and several others. Ten peals had been rung, being three of STEDMAN CATERS, five of STEDMAN TRIPLES, one peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, and one peal of DOUBLE NORWICH. Forty-six ringers took part in these peals—some had rung their first peal—and they were called by seven different conductors. They had elected forty-three new members, which was a record. The balance-sheet could not be finished in time for the meeting, but it showed a balance in hand of £9 2s. 3d., which was the largest sum ever held by the Association, so that they had had a year of complete success—one that they could congratulate themselves on.

The members then adjourned to their Association meeting-room, at

the 'Cheshire Cheese,' Milford Lane, Strand, where a social evening was spent. Mr. H. Dean presided at the piano; Mr. Pryer sang some excellent songs in his usual manner, Mr. Tom Walker manipulated the gramophone, Mr. W. Truss sang Tom Tolliday's 12,000, which was at that time (1873) the longest length rung on ten bells, and was performed by members of this Society. The hour of midnight drawing near, members began to depart, which brought to a close one of the most successful annual meetings that have taken place under this Association.

### *The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.*

ANOTHER enjoyable and successful Meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, the 6th instant, at Wath and West Tanfield, when the attendance amounted to twenty-five ringers from East Witten Middleham, Thirsk, Sharrow, Stockton, Middlesbrough, and Wath, which was the headquarters for the Meeting. Several 720's were brought home at Wath, and one at West Tanfield by the East Witten Ringers, on their way home.

These Parishes are on the outskirts of Wensleydale, and their churches are of the very interesting character usually found in that beautiful district, West Tanfield Church being the mausoleum of the redoubtable Marmions, whose tombs of several generations extend the full length of the North Aisle, and by one of whom the Church was built in 1343, whilst Wath Church, which is still older, is associated with the Grahams of Norton Conyers, who proved themselves so staunchly loyal to the unfortunate Charles I. Each tower contains a sweet ring of six bells, that at West Tanfield having been presented by the late Rector and his brother, whilst the five bells at Wath were increased to six by the addition of a treble, which constitutes the parochial memorial of the late Queen, the formal opening of which was duly reported in 'Church Bells' at the time.

Tea was provided in the schoolroom at Wath, and presided over by the Rector, the Rev. H. R. Hunter, supported by Mr. Clarkson, the President of the Association, Vice-President Wrightson of Thirsk being also present. After the toast of the King had been duly honoured, the President proposed the 'Bishops and Clergy,' including with it a vote of thanks to the Rector of Wath and the Vicar of West Tanfield, for the use of the bells of their respective churches, and taking the opportunity of reading a letter from the Archbishop of York expressing appreciation of the work of the Association. He also referred to the progress now being made at Wath in the way of establishing a Company of Change-ringers, the members of which had recently accomplished 720 BOB MINOR. In reply, the Rev. Chairman gave a hearty welcome to his visitors, and held out the prospect of another meeting at Wath at a future date, at which their entertainment would be free. Several new members were elected, including most of the Wath band.

EAST WITTON.—At midnight, December 31st, 1903, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR. R. Peacock, 1; G. J. Clarkson, 2; J. Croft, 3; J. Jaques, 4; W. Peacock, 5; C. Bucktin (conductor), 6.

WATH.—On February 6th, 1904, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB. T. Metcalfe (conductor), 1; J. Wrightson, 2; J. H. Burton, 3; J. Metcalfe, 4; J. Neasham, 5; J. W. Neasham, 6. Also 720 BOB MINOR. G. Langshaw, 1; F. Greenwood, 2; H. Taylor, 3; E. Burnett (conductor), 4; J. W. Neasham, 5; W. Pick, 6. Also 720 KENT TREBLE BOB. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; W. Pick, 2; T. Metcalfe, 3; J. Metcalfe, 4; J. H. Burton, 5; J. W. Neasham, 6. Also 720 KENT TREBLE BOB. W. Pick, 1; J. Wrightson, 2; J. Langshaw, 3; E. Burnett, 4; T. Metcalfe, 5; J. W. Neasham (conductor), 6. Also 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB. R. Peacock, 1; J. Shields, 2; J. Croft, 3; J. Jaques, 4; W. Peacock, 5; C. Bucktin (conductor), 6.

ON Sunday, February 7th, for evening service at Wath, by the Wath Company, 720 BOB MINOR. F. Jaques, 1; J. H. Taylor, 2; E. J. Hammond, 3; H. Metcalfe, 4; J. W. Taylor, 5; J. Metcalfe (conductor), 6.

WEST TANFIELD.—On February 6th, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB by the same band standing in same order: also 360 PLAIN BOB with Dr. Pauli, 3rd.

EDINBURGH CATHEDRAL.—In memory of the late Mr. G. Godfrey Cunninghame a half-muffled peal was rung on the Cathedral bells on Wednesday evening, 10th inst., as a tribute of appreciation of the work he accomplished in connection with the formation of the Cathedral Society of Change-ringers, twenty-five years ago, and of his continued services from year to year ever since.

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

## 5088 Bob Major.

By P. O. BIXBY, Gainsborough.

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Twice repeated.

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

THE Annual Dinner of this Society took place in the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday evening, February 3rd. The Rev. Hugh A. Studdert-Kennedy, Hon. Chaplain of the Society, presided. In the unavoidable absence of the Rector and President, Mr. George E. Over, Rector's Churchwarden, occupied the vice-chair. Thirty-five members and friends were present, including the Rev. Alan Dalby, M.A., Messrs. S. F. Spencer (Churchwarden), R. Over, W. Brooke Lane, and several ringing friends from the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, viz., Mr. W. H. Godden (Hon. Secretary), Mr. Hancock, Mr. Walker, Mr. Withers, and Mr. Watts, and also the following officers of the St. Andrew's Society, viz., Mr. J. George, Ringing Master, Mr. Arthur Coleman, Hon. Secretary, and Messrs. Dubber-Fenton and Watson, members of the Committee. Letters regretting inability to attend were announced from Mr. A. J. Lawrence, Mr. F. Thompson, of Rugby, and Mr. J. Carter, of Birmingham.

An excellent dinner was provided by Messrs. French Bros, and after the removal of the cloth, a long list of toasts was submitted. The chairman proposed the usual loyal toast, 'The Church, the King and Royal Family,' which was enthusiastically pledged and suitably acknowledged by Mr. G. E. Over. The toast of the evening, 'The St. Andrew's Society,' was proposed by the Rev. Alan Dalby, who paid a flattering tribute to the efficiency of the members of the Society; he spoke in praise of the good feeling existing amongst the ringers, and their readiness to obey the call of duty. The toast was well received and Mr. George suitably acknowledged the compliment, mentioning the great improvement and progress made by the Society since their last annual meeting. Mr. A. Coleman, Hon. Secretary, submitted the toast 'Our Guests,' and said the St. Andrew's Society regarded the visit paid by the gentlemen from St. Martin's Guild as a very great compliment, for the visitors were recognised as the most efficient and experienced campanologists in Great Britain. Mr. W. H. Godden, Hon. Secretary of the St. Martin's Guild, responded, and said the visitors took it as a great compliment to join their Rugby friends at dinner and thanked them for their kind hospitality. Mr. S. F. Spencer submitted the toast 'Our Musicians,' and was responded to by Mr. A. White. During the evening vocal selections were rendered by the Excelsior Glee Quartette, (viz. Messrs. G. A. Woods, W. White, A. White, and F. Barrett) who contributed three very pleasing part-songs, Mr. Frank Gegg's sang humorous ditties and was encored each time, and songs were also given by Messrs. W. White, A. White, and G. A. Woods, and the St. Martin's Guild performed selections upon the handbells with great ability and were encored for each item, their time and ringing being regarded as the essence of perfection and very greatly appreciated by all those present. A most enjoyable evening terminated shortly after eleven, the health of the Chairman was proposed by Mr. W. Brooke, it being drunk amidst much enthusiasm with musical honours. After singing 'Auld Lang Syne' the company dispersed, the gathering being regarded by all as the most successful in the history of the Society.

## CHANGE-RINGING.

## The Waterloo Society, London.

At Christ Church, Blackfriars, on January 20th. Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

Frederick G. Perrin	1	James E. Davis	5
William R. Crockford	2	William Woodhead	6
Herbert Langdon (condr.)	3	Mark Woodcock	7
Frank Smith	4	Arthur N. Hardy	8

## The Midland Counties' and the Yorkshire Associations.

At St. Mary and All Saints, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, on February 20th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 27 mins. Tenor, 24½ cwt.

George Hollis	1	Benjamin A. Knights	6
George W. Bemrose*	2	William Lambert	7
John Flint	3	Arthur Knights	8
Thomas Bettison	4	Sam Thomas	9

Composed by Arthur Knights, and conducted by Sam Thomas.  
[\*First peal in the method.]

## The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild and Hertfordshire Association.

At St. James's, Bushey, Herts, on February 20th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

Bertram Prewett	1	Isaac G. Shade	5
William G. Whitehead	2	Ernest E. Huntley	6
Francis A. Smith	3	William Pye	7
Alfred W. Brighton	4	John R. Sharman	8

Composed by Arthur Knights, and conducted by William Pye.

## The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Matthew's, Oxhey, Herts, on February 20th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

Hubert Eden	1	Conor O'Brien	5
Henry R. Newton	2	Alfred B. Peck	6
John W. Golding	3	Frederick Dench	7
George N. Price	4	Harry R. Pasmore	8

Composed by Fredk. Dench, and conducted by Harry R. Pasmore.

## The Yorkshire Association.

At Lindley, on February 27th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB, 5083 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins.

J. Barraclough	1	W. Frith*	5
J. Cotterill	2	B. Shaw	6
A. Pearson	3	W. Pollitt	7
A. Crosland	4	B. Lamb	8

Composed by Fredk. Dench, and conducted by B. Lamb. \*First peal.]

On Monday, February 8th, 1904, the members of the St. Chad's (Far Headingley) company were the guests of the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. and Mrs. Stables. An excellent dinner was first served, to which ample justice was done. Various games were next indulged in, after which the handbells were brought out and courses of PLAIN BOB MAJOR and GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung. A smoke and a chat with the Vicar, followed, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Stables for the kind way in which all had been received was proposed by Mr. George Barraclough, to which the Vicar responded.

THE Annual General Meeting of the 'Sanitas' Company, Limited, was held on Wednesday, February 24th, at their Limehouse works, under the presidency of Mr. C. T. Kingzett, F.I.C., F.C.S. The Chairman congratulated the shareholders upon the continued prosperity of the business. In particular, he directed attention to the 'Pine-Oxygen' Treatment of Consumption and Lung and Throat Affections which had been elaborated by the Company, and he anticipated a growing trade in the sale of 'Sanitas' Oil and 'Sanitas' Fumigators and Inhalers, which appliances are associated with that treatment. Turning to the accounts of the Company, we find that a final dividend and bonus of 5 per cent. was declared, making a total distribution of 7½ per cent. for the year.

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

## CHANGE-RINGING.

*The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.*

At St. Margaret's, Westminster, on February 27th, a peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. Tenor, 28 cwt.

Albert Pittam .. ..	1	Arthur Jacob .. ..	6
Henry Dains .. ..	2	Arthur N. Hardy .. ..	7
Joseph W. Cattle ..	3	Frederick Holden .. ..	8
Frederick G. Perrin ..	4	Herry Stubbs .. ..	9
John H. Cheesman ..	5	Thomas Langdon .. ..	10

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

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

At St. Saviour's, Southwark, on February 27th, a peal of SUPER-LATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 43 mins. Tenor, 52 cwt.

Arthur G. Ellis .. ..	1	Harry R. Pasmore .. ..	5
Henry S. Ellis .. ..	2	William H. Pasmore .. ..	6
Frederick Dench .. ..	3	John W. Golding .. ..	7
Alfred B. Peck .. ..	4	Henry R. Newton .. ..	8

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., and conducted by Henry R. Newton. This is the heaviest peal of MAJOR ever rung.

*The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.*

At St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West, on February 29th, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

John Peddle .. ..	1	Joseph J. Pratt .. ..	5
Rev. H. G. Bird* (condr.)	2	William H. Joiner .. ..	6
Henry Waite .. ..	3	Henry H. Chandler .. ..	7
Edgar Hancock .. ..	4	William Foster .. ..	8

[\* First peal as conductor.]

*The Kent County Association.*

At St. Michael's, Hernhill, Kent, on February 27th, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 39 mins. Tenor, 10 cwt.

Frederick G. Brett ..	1	Henry G. Fairbrass ..	5
Edward E. Foreman ..	2	Charles Luery .. ..	6
Edwin G. Buesden ..	3	Philip H. Pierce (condr.)	7
George G. Jenkins ..	4	George Wood .. ..	8

First peal of STEDMAN on the bells, and rung in honour of F. G. Brett's birthday.

*The Essex Association.*

At St. Mary's, Stansted, Essex, on February 27th, a peal of SUPER-LATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

George Gray * .. ..	1	John Luckey .. ..	5
Thomas J. Watts .. ..	2	Thomas J. Jordan .. ..	6
George Jordan .. ..	3	William T. Prior † ..	7
Walter Prior .. ..	4	William Watts .. ..	8

Composed by F. Pitstow, and conducted by William Watts. This is the first peal in the method by an entirely local band. [\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method with a bob-bell.]

LLANFAIR CHURCH, LLANDOVERY, possesses only two bells: one bears the inscription, 'Roland Gwynne, Esq., and John Long, churchwardens, 1684. Vim vi repellere licet, Honi soit qui male pense;' and the other, 'Thomas Gwynn Esq., and Henry Griffiths, churchwardens, 1684. Vim Vi repellere licet. Recast 1902, Charles Carr.'

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Tuesday evening, March 1st, for practice, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES: L. Payne, 1; W. Markwell, 2; S. Burt, 3; A. Goddard, 4; G. Payne, 5; A. Heasman, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8. Also 672 BOB MAJOR: A. Heasman, 1; S. Burt, 2; J. Lish, 3; G. Payne, 4; W. Markwell, 5; A. Goddard, 6; L. Payne, 7; C. Tyler (conductor), 8. [\* First 672 in the method]

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.—On February 29th, at St. Mary's Church, a date touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1904 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. E. Lincoln, 1; C. Parnell, 2; F. Hembling, 3; W. Felgate, 4; H. Hopson, 5; G. E. Symonds (conductor), 6, E. Poppy, 7; R. Freestone, 8.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. J. R. Haworth's address is now 31 Dean's Court, Old Bailey, City of London, E.C.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BRECON.—The bell-ringers here have lately been practising most assiduously. On a recent date they succeeded in ringing their first quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes, conducted by W. Short, instructor for the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Bell-ringers.

At Llandingat Church, Llandovery, there are six beautiful-toned bells, and the inscriptions read as follows:—(1) 'Treble, recast 1878, Warner & Son, London. When you me ring, I'll sweetly sing.' (2) 'Peace, good neighbour, A.R. 1720.' (3) 'Peace, good neighbour.' (4) 'John Jones, Vicar, A.R. 1720.' (5) 'Prosperity to the Parish, 1720.' (6) 'Rowd. Williams, Rees Beynon, Thomas Williams, Lewis Lewis, George Williams, ch. wardens 1720.'

The bells at St. Michael's Church, Helston, Cornwall, have long been in an unsatisfactory condition, and are now considered by experts to be in an unsafe condition for ringing. It is estimated that the expense incurred in having the six bells recast and put in perfect condition will be about £300. It has been decided to make a united effort to raise the amount necessary for the purpose. An appeal is, therefore, being made to the inhabitants of the borough, and to all sympathisers with the object, to give hearty and kind assistance to this end.

## SOME BELL INSCRIPTIONS.

(Continued from page 996.)

## HALTON, BUCKS (St. Michael).

HALTON Church anciently consisted of a nave and south aisle covered with lead, a chancel and north aisle tiled, and at the west end a square tower which contained four bells. It was entirely rebuilt in 1813, at the expense of Sir John Dashwood King, Bart., the then Patron and Lord of the Manor. In 1886-7 it was restored throughout at a cost of £511. There is a brass with effigy, in the north wall of the chancel, to Henry Bradshaw, Chief Baron of the Exchequer, ob. 27 July, 1553. The tower contains four bells which were supplied soon after the church was rebuilt and may have been cast out of the old ones. The inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble. ✠ J : Briant, Hertford, Fecit 1815. ✠  
Diam., 29½ inches.

2.—J : Briant, Hertford, Fecit 1814. ✠ \*  
Diam., 30 inches.

3.—J Briant, Hertford, Fecit 1814. ✠  
Diam. 31¾ inches.

Tenor.—J : Briant, Hertford, Fecit 1814. ✠  
Sir John Dashwood King, Benefactor.  
Diam., 35¾ inches.

NOTE.—John Briant, who cast this ring, was one of the most noted bell-founders this country has ever produced. He was born at Exning, in Suffolk, about the year 1749, and when quite young was sent to a school at Newmarket; his father eventually intended him to go up to one of the Universities with a view to taking Holy Orders. However, his career in life was to be otherwise: he evinced a great liking for mechanics, clock-making occupied a great deal of his time. He commenced business as a bell-founder at Hertford, one of the first things he did being to cast the ring of eight bells for St. Andrew's, Hertford. His trade soon grew and his fame as a good bell-founder soon brought him into prominence. He cast several entire peals for Hertfordshire, Oxfordshire, and Essex, and recast and added a great number of bells to old rings in several counties. He supplied two bells for the county of Devon, the 5th at Braunston, and the 3rd at Tavistock, and one for Tuam Cathedral, Ireland, which weighed 18 cwt.

He died on Friday, 27th February, 1829, aged 80 years. His body was brought from St. Albans and buried in All Saints' Churchyard, Hertford, when a muffled peal was rung upon the ten bells (the two smallest of which he cast) by the Hertford College Youths. Those bells are now no more, being destroyed with the church in the disastrous fire which befell that building in 1891.

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shattered that she only survived her husband a few months. By his father's will, in the event of his mother's death, Mansell inherited the money when he was twenty-one. There were no further instructions whatever, and the mother had left her child's future to the chief partner in a well-known firm of solicitors.

Dr. Webb, the head master, thereupon undertook Dick's art education. He reasoned that there was no need to press him with classics or mathematics to any great extent. For the next two years the boy went to the studio of an R.A. who lived in Bedford. He was then sent to Paris and Rome, and, at eighteen, he began to contribute to some of the minor papers. By this time his £2500 were slightly lessened. At his majority, Mansell came into about £1800, but when he first made Jessop's acquaintance the greater part of it had vanished. Poor Mansell had reasoned that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. He had worked harder than most of the young fellows with whom he associated or whom he met, and so for a brief nine months he burned the candle at both ends. But his good training saved him. If a man can do his work thoroughly well; if, in fact, he does it so well as to excite admiration even from the uninitiated, it is not often that he need starve. Competition is very great, and the only way to rise out of the crowd is to achieve better results than Tom, Dick, and Harry. There are exceptions, of course, as there are to every rule, but mediocrity is the demon that kills individuality and that crushes out enthusiasm, and produces a hopeless stagnation that is fatal to the growth of perfection.

Mansell was an enthusiast in his art. He had begun with black-and-white, and he stuck to it manfully, although one or two brother-artists had suggested his taking to oils as likely to prove more remunerative; but Mansell considered that there was room for a good deal of improvement in his own particular branch of art, and he meant to show his metal. There was a very strong vein of obstinacy in his nature, and, as is usual with such characters, the surest way to arouse it was by opposition. He was gathering together a collection of his best sketches, and, by-and-by, he intended to have an exhibition of them in Bond Street or Piccadilly. There were several portraits that he had not as yet shown to the world, and he meant to add to them from time to time until they formed a conspicuous part of the collection. Needless to say, Mrs. Bouverie was destined to adorn it if Mansell could manage to gain her permission. He had several unfinished sketches of her head, executed from memory. As he sat and looked in the fire and smoked, Mansell thought over his life as it had been up to the present epoch. He was seven-and-twenty, and it was no conceit that told him he had ten times the experience of many men double his years; that he could give information of some kind or other to every one with whom he chose to talk, and who cared to listen—information that was worth having. He had a memory as keen as a razor, and he often amused himself by sketching the faces of people he had noticed, or merely passed by in the street.

The point that Mansell was never sure about was whether—in Mrs. Bouverie's case—the feeling of friendship was strong enough to turn into love. But whether she loved him or not, he determined that it should go hardly with a man who tried to come between them.

He said this to himself, clenching his strong, white teeth while he did so. He meant to stand no nonsense, and, if Frank Heath came in his way, he would have to look out for squalls.

(To be continued.)

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

### CHANGE-RINGING.

#### The London County Association.

#### (LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.)

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, on March 4th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5035 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

Thomas Langdon ..	1	Edward Wallage ..	6
Thomas H. Taffender ..	2	Frank Smith ..	7
Frederick G. Perrin ..	3	Arthur Jacob ..	8
Alfred B. Peck ..	4	Thomas Langdon (P.) ..	9
Mark Woodcock ..	5	Henry Stubbs ..	10

Composed by G. Lindoff, and conducted by T. H. Taffender. The above band consists entirely of the officers and committee of the Association. They were congratulated by the Hon. Chaplain on the excellent striking.

#### The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

At St. Peter's, Walworth, on March 5th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Ernest Pye ..	1	Harry F. Dawkins ..	5
John J. Lamb ..	2	John D. Matthews ..	6
Bertram Prewett ..	3	Reuben Charge* ..	7
Isaac G. Shade ..	4	William Pye ..	8

Composed by Arthur Knights, and conducted by William Pye. Conductor's 500th peal. [\* First peal in the method away from the treble.]

#### The Waterloo Society, London.

At St. John-the-Evangelist, Waterloo Road, on March 5th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Arthur N. Hardy ..	1	Richard Bevan ..	5
Arthur R. Jacob ..	2	James E. Davis ..	6
Mark Woodcock ..	3	William Shimmans ..	7
Frederick J. Perrin ..	4	Edgar Wightman ..	8

Composed and conducted by Edgar Wightman.

#### The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At St. Mary's, Framden, Suffolk, on March 5th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

William Balls ..	1	George Wightman ..	5
Ernest E. Lanham* ..	2	Alfred S. Wightman ..	6
George Whiting* ..	3	William Rumsey ..	7
Edgar Hicks ..	4	William Wightman ..	8

Comp sed by C. H. Hattersley, and conducted by George Wightman. [\* First peal in the method.]

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*The Hertfordshire Association.*

AT St. Mary's, Hemel Hempstead, on March 5th, a peal of SUPER-LATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

George Warner ..	1	George N. Price ..	5
Alfred B. Peck ..	2	Frederick Dench ..	6
Frederick W. Brinklow ..	3	Herbert Lingdon*	7
Harry R. Pasmore ..	4	Harry A. Horrex ..	8

Composed by Charles H. Hattersley, and conducted by George N. Price. First peal of MAJOR on the bells. [\* First peal in the method.]

*The Sussex County Association.*

AT the Parish Church, Burgess Hill, on March 7th, a peal of SUPER-LATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5083 changes, in 3 hrs. 11 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Keith Hart ..	1	Frank Bennett ..	5
Albert D. Stone ..	2	John W. Taylor, jun. ..	6
George Smart ..	3	George A. King ..	7
George F. Attree ..	4	George Williams ..	8

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by George Williams. This is the first peal on these bells, which have just been augmented from 5 to 8, and was rung after the Dedication service conducted by the Bishop of Chichester.

*The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society of Change-ringers.*

THE monthly meeting was held on February 27th, at Armley. Tower-ringing took place during the afternoon, touches of the following methods being rung: VIOLET, DUKE OF YORK, ARNOLD'S VICTORY, &c. The business meeting was held at the White Horse Hotel, members being present from the following towers: Bramley, Leeds, Headingley (St. Chad's), Huddersfield, Kirkheaton, Pudsey, and local company. Mr. Geo. Barraclough was in the chair, Mr. T. Maude, vice-chair. The minutes of previous meeting (Pudsey) were passed as read (proposed by Mr. Guy, seconded by Mr. J. Thackeray). This being the nomination meeting, the following were nominated for office for the coming year: President, Mr. T. Maude; Vice-President, Mr. C. Jackson; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. Thackeray; Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. Barraclough; Hon. Auditors, Mr. J. T. Holgate, Mr. J. E. Carter. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for use of the bells, and to the local company for kind arrangements, was proposed by Mr. J. Carter, seconded by Mr. A. Stokoe, and carried. Mr. J. Thackeray briefly replied. Further tower-ringing and a few courses on handbells brought the meeting to a close. The annual meeting will be held on March 26th, 1904, at Leeds, when the balance-sheet and yearly report will be read.

**SOME BELL INSCRIPTIONS.**

(Continued from page 316.)

**STOKE MANDEVILLE, BUCKS (St. Mary).**

THE present church of Stoke Mandeville is quite a modern building, erected in 1886 near the centre of the village, and is partly obscured by trees. The old church is still standing, and is situated in a low watery meadow about three furlongs distant from the new one. The new church is a small building of flint and brick in the Early English style, and has a chancel, nave, south porch, and an embattled western tower containing five bells with inscriptions as under.

Treble.—Honar God 1633

Diam., 27½ inches.

2.—Prayes The Lord. 1633.

Diam., 29½ inches.

3.—Edward Hall made me 1780.

Wi Ford. Jo Smith. cw.

Diam., 32 inches.

NOTE.—The incumbent at the time this bell was cast, was John Clayton, A.M., Vicar of Berton, to which parish Stoke Mandeville was until of recent years united. He was instituted Jan. 29th, 1728, and held the living till 1752.

4.—1659.

Diam., 34 inches.

NOTE.—A. H. Cocks considers this bell was cast by Henry Knight II. with Ellis Knight probably the II. He also says it is one of Henry Knights II.'s earliest bells. This Henry died in 1672. The Vicar at this time was probably Thomas Breanor, who held this living in 1650, with the Rectory of Cublington, and no successor is mentioned till 1662, when Robert King, B.D. was appointed. This bell is cracked.

Tenor.—Prayes The Lord, 1636.

Diam., 37 inches.

NOTE.—Ellis Knight I. cast this bell as well as the treble and second, and made use of the peculiarly shaped letters which are to be found in several other towers, in this and other counties, bearing his initials.

Joseph Bind was Vicar when this bell, as well as the treble and 2nd, were cast. He was instituted in 1623, and continued Vicar till 1641.

**BUCKLAND, BUCKS (All Saints).**

BUCKLAND was known by the name of Bochelund in olden times. Portions of the present church were erected in 1294; it comprises a chancel, nave, north aisle, south porch, and a low embattled tower containing a clock and three bells. Buckland was, until of late years, ecclesiastically appendant to Berton, and the Vicars of the latter place conducted the services here. The bells have inscriptions as below:—

Treble.—Ellis and Henry Knight made mee.

(Round waist). 1675.

Diam., 26 inches.

NOTE.—Robert King, B.D., was the minister when this bell was erected; he held Berton and this living from 1662 till 1683, and was also Rector of Padworth, Berks. The two Knights mentioned above, were Ellis Knight II. and Henry Knight II., the former died in the year 1694.

2.—Chandler made me. 1693.

Diam., 30 inches.

NOTE.—This bell was either the work of Richard Chandler, or that of his brother George who cast the tenor bell here. They both succeeded their father Anthony Chandler in the business some years before his death, which took place about 1681.

Tenor.—George Chandler made me 1708.

Diam., 33 inches.

NOTE.—All these bells have cannons. The Chandler family cast a great number of bells for Herts and Bucks. The founder of this bell died in 1725.

John Sambee, A.M., was minister when the 2nd and tenor bells were supplied; he succeeded Robert King, B.D., mentioned above, in 1583, and continued Vicar till 1724. He was also minister of Soulbury in this county where he died and was buried.

**DRAYTON BEAUCHAMP, BUCKS (St. Mary-the-Virgin).**

This parish is situated six miles from Aylesbury, and two from Tring, Herts. The old Roman Ikeneld Way runs through here. The church, which is a very ancient building, was erected during the early part of the 13th century, and consists of a nave, two aisles, chancel, north porch, and an embattled tower at the west end. On the north side of the chancel, is a large and elegant monument to the memory of William Lord Cheyne, Viscount Newhaven, the last of that ancient and noble family. Richard Hooker, D.D., the celebrated author of 'Ecclesiastical Polity,' was Rector here 1584-1585. A beautiful carved oak pulpit has been erected to his memory. In 1887 an oak reredos was placed in the chancel in memory of the Rev. Henry Harpur Crewe, Rector 1860-1884.

There are only three bells in this tower; the inscriptions are as under:—

Treble.—Come and Pray 1621.

Diam., 33 inches.

NOTE.—The founder of this bell does not appear to be known. Edw. Field, A.M., who succeeded Richard Hooker in this living in 1585, was Rector in 1621, he was buried here Oct 8th, 1625.

2.—Pack & Chapman of London, Fecl; 1773.

Diam., 37 inches.

NOTE.—John Lockman, D.D., was Rector in 1773; he was presented to this living April 2nd, 1745, and held it till his death, which took place at Windsor Dec. 24th 1807.

Tenor.—Chandler Made Me 1704.

Diam., 40½ inches.

NOTE.—John Porter, A.M. was Incumbent at this time; he was instituted on the 20th April, 1689, on the presentation of William Lord Cheyne; and was buried here in April 1703, aged 65. There is a black mural tablet, to his memory, in the north aisle.

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1st Course										1st Course									
Bob	4	2	5	3	4	6				Bob	15	5	3	2	4	6			
2nd	1	16	6	5	2	4	3	4	16	2nd	1	16	6	3	5	4	2	15	16
			6	4	5	2	3	4					4	3	6	5	2	15	
			5	2	6	4	3	4	15				6	5	4	3	2	4	15
			5	4	2	6	3	4					3	5	6	4	2	15	
			2	6	5	4	3	4	15				4	5	3	6	2	15	
			2	4	6	5	3	4					4	6	5	3	2	4	
			2	5	4	6	3	4					5	3	4	6	2	4	15
			4	6	2	5	3	4	15				5	6	3	4	2	4	
			4	5	6	2	3	4					3	4	5	6	2	4	15

Repeat last 9 courses of each peal four times, adding bob last six, 46 course-end, rounds one course, bobs at 1 18.

## The Hertfordshire Association.

THE Annual Meeting of the Association will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 4th, when the towers of the Cathedral and St. Peter's Church will be open from 2 o'clock. Service at the Cathedral at 5, with address by the Very Rev. the Dean. Tea at the Town Hall at 5.45, followed by the business meeting. A motion will be made for the alteration of the county districts from 5 to 2, and that in every year four District meetings will be held in both divisions. Members and visitors intending to be present are requested to communicate with me by Wednesday, March 30th. E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

St. Albans.

## The St. Andrew's Society, Rugby.

At the Annual Dinner of this Society, held in the Masonic Hall, the Rev. Hugh A. Studdert-Kennedy, Hon. Chaplain of the Society, presided, in the unavoidable absence of the Rector and President, who sent a letter of apology regretting his inability to join his ringers at their annual meeting. Mr. George E. Over, Rector's Warden, occupied the vice-chair. Thirty-five members and friends were present. After dinner a long list of toasts was submitted. The chairman proposed the usual loyal toast—'the Church, the King and Royal Family,' which was enthusiastically pledged and suitably acknowledged by Mr. G. E. Over. The toast of the evening—'the St. Andrew's Society of Change-ringers,' was proposed by the Rev. Alan Dalby, who paid a flattering tribute to the efficiency of the members of the society. He spoke in praise of the good feeling existing amongst the ringers, and their readiness at all times to obey the call of duty. The toast was well received, and Mr. George suitably acknowledged the compliment, mentioning the great improvements and progress made by the society since their last meeting. Mr. A. Coleman (Hon. Secretary) submitted the toast—'Our Guests,' and said the St. Andrew's Society regarded the visit paid by the gentlemen from St. Martin's Guild as a very great compliment, for the visitors were recognised as the most efficient and experienced ringers in Great Britain. Mr. W. H. Godden (Hon. Secretary of the St. Martin's Guild) responded, and said the visitors took it as a great compliment to join their Rugby friends at dinner, and thanked them for their kind hospitality.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—In the Sixth Annual Report of this Association, Mr. Arthur T. King, Hon. Sec., says: 'It is unfortunate that so few Scottish enthusiasts have turned their attention to bells, though we have one such in the person of Mr. F. C. Eeles, who in his work on the "Bells of Kincardineshire," has given us a comprehensive survey of all the bells in that county, and, if we are correctly informed, a vast amount of information of surpassing interest about the bells of Scotland has been accumulated by that accomplished campanologist—the late Godfrey Cunninghame, Esq., of Edinburgh. In England, we are happily more familiar with writers who, during the last quarter of a century, have thrown so much light upon the *que sint quæ fuerint* of the contents of our belfries nearer home. Though much has been written, there is yet room for a great deal more, and we need not fear that as our Art becomes better understood, there will be wanting enthusiasts, both in Scotland and England, who will fill up any gaps that may remain in our county histories of bells and bell-founders.'

## CHANGE-RINGING.

## The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Pinner, Middlesex, on March 12th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

Henry R. Newton	1	Henry S. Ellis	5
George N. Price	2	William E. Garrard	6
Arthur G. Ellis	3	Harry R. Pasmore	7
Alfred B. Peck	4	John W. Golding	8

Composed by Fredk. Dench, and conducted by H. R. Pasmore. The first SURPRISE peal on the bells. A birthday compliment to A. G. Ellis.

## The Midland Counties' and the Yorkshire Associations.

At St. Mary and All Saints', Chesterfield, Derbyshire, on March 12th, a peal of YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 19 mins. Tenor, 24½ cwt.

George Hollis	1	David Brearley	5
John Flint	2	Arthur Knights	6
Thomas Bettison	3	Benjamin A. Knights	7
William Lambert	4	Sam Thomas	8

Composed by Arthur Craven, and conducted by Sam Thomas. First peal in the method on the bells. A. Knights' 100th peal.

## Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

At All Saints', Bristol, on March 12th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5038 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

George T. Daltry	1	John Thomas	5
Albert Stowell	2	John Burford	6
Fred G. May	3	William Stowell	7
Raymond J. Wilkins	4	Harry Withers	8

Composed by H. Dains, and conducted by Fred G. May. This peal was arranged for H. Withers, of Birmingham; his first peal in the method.

## The Yorkshire Association.

At St. Mary's, Mirfield, on March 12th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 changes, in 3 hrs. 17 mins. Tenor, 30 cwt.

Joseph Broadley	1	John T. Eason	6
Albert Scott	2	Charles Jackson	7
George Barraclough	3	Thomas H. Ormond	8
James Cotterell	4	Francis Woodhead	9
Benjamin F. Lamb	5	Francis Barker	10

Composed by Arthur Knights, and conducted by C. Jackson. First peal in the method on the bells, and first peal by the Association on the bells.

## The Waterloo Society, London.

At St. Peter's, Walworth, on March 12th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 2 hrs. 45 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Edgar Wightman	1	Mark Woodcock	5
Frederick J. Perrin	2	Arthur R. Jacob	6
James E. Davis	3	William Shimmins	7
Frank Smith	4	Thomas Langdon	8

Composed and conducted by Edgar Wightman.

EXETER RINGERS' CYCLING CLUB.—A visit was paid on Saturday afternoon by members of this club to Newton St. Cyres parish church, the bells of which were kindly placed at their disposal by the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Welsh Collins). The ringers, who had a hearty welcome from the local band, succeeded in ringing what were probably the first six scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES ever struck on the bells, but the performance was somewhat arduous owing to the exertion required in manipulating most of the bells, and especially the fifth and fourth. The peal, a musical one of five, would be much improved by the addition of another bell and thorough restoration.

'Bell Harry Tower,' the great central tower of Canterbury Cathedral is, according to expert advice given to the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury, in urgent need of repair. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners have granted £1000 in order to erect scaffolding round the tower to enable the architect to make a thorough investigation.

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

## CHANGE-RINGING.

## Worcestershire and Districts Association.

At the Parish Church, Brierley Hill, Staffordshire, on March 12th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs. 4 mins.

J. G. Orford .. .. .	1	F. Plant .. .. .	5
J. Smith .. .. .	2	Rev. C. A. Clements ..	6
J. Bass .. .. .	3	A. J. Skelding .. ..	7
F. Brace .. .. .	4	R. Mathews .. .. .	8

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

## The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At Christ Church, Spitalfields, on March 15th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 34 cwt.

William Truss .. .. .	1	Herbert Langdon .. ..	5
Alfred B. Peck .. .. .	2	James E. Davis .. ..	6
George N. Price .. .. .	3	Thomas Groombridge ..	7
Harry R. Pasmore .. ..	4	John W. Golding .. ..	8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow, and conducted by Harry R. Pasmore. First peal in the method on the bells. This is J. W. Golding's 100th peal.

At the Church of St. Mary, Matfelon, Whitechapel, on March 22nd, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 20 cwt.

George N. Price (condr.) ..	1	James Scholes .. .. .	5
Samuel E. Joyce .. .. .	2	Alfred B. Peck .. .. .	6
Edward Wallage .. .. .	3	Emanuel Hall .. .. .	7
William Truss .. .. .	4	William T. Cockerill ..	8

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the Duke of Cambridge.

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

At the Church of St. Margaret, Westminster, on March 19th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 28 cwt.

Mark Woodcock .. .. .	1	Arthur N. Hardy .. ..	5
Frederick J. Perrin .. ..	2	Herbert Langdon (condr.)	6
Arthur Jacob .. .. .	3	Thomas Langdon .. ..	7
Frank Smith .. .. .	4	Thomas Langdon .. ..	8

Rung on the back eight (having met short), with bells half-muffled for the Duke of Cambridge.

## The Kent County Association.

At the Victoria Tower, Chatham, Kent, on March 19th, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 19 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

John H. Cheesman (condr.)	1	William Haigh .. .. .	5
George Conyard .. .. .	2	Lewis Silver .. .. .	6
William Easter .. .. .	3	Frederick French .. ..	7
James Tulett .. .. .	4	William J. Walker .. ..	8

## The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At the Church of St. Peter, Colchester, Essex, on March 19th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

James Motts .. .. .	1	— Bumstead* .. .. .	5
Edward Sherwood .. ..	2	Edward Evans* .. .. .	6
Richard W. Stannard .. ..	3	Lewis W. Wiffen .. ..	7
William Billenness* .. ..	4	Robert H. Brundle .. ..	8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow, and conducted by James Motts. This was L. W. Wiffen's fiftieth peal. [\* First peal of DOUBLE NORWICH.]

## The Chester Diocesan Guild.

## (CHESTER BRANCH.)

At the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls, Chester, on March 22nd, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in the Kent Variation, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 11 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Robert Sperring .. .. .	1	Henry Dew .. .. .	5
Ernest Smith .. .. .	2	James Morgan .. .. .	6
V. Cain .. .. .	3	William Sconce .. .. .	7
H. W. Wilde .. .. .	4	James Moulton .. .. .	8

Composed by F. Robinson, and conducted by Robert Sperring.

ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK.—On March 22nd, eight members of the St. George's Society rang a funeral peal, with the bells half muffled, whole-pull-and-stand, as a last mark of respect to the late Duke of Cambridge. W. H. Smith (conductor), 1; H. Flowers, 2; A. T. Gardiner, 3; W. Green, 4; E. M. Oliver, 5; G. Woodage, 6; A. J. Wilson, 7; E. E. Clements, 8. The large bell was tolled on the day of the Duke's death and on the day of the funeral.

DITCHINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, March 27th, for evening service, 720 BOB MINOR.—R. Baker (conductor), 1; A. Baldry, 2; C. Woods, 3; Rev. J. Scudamore, 4; E. Lincoln, 5; A. Williams, 6. And after service another 720 with C. Woods, 2; H. Sparkes, 3; L. Folkard, 4; W. Felgate, 6; the rest as before.

## OBITUARY.

THE death of Mr. Henry Daniels took place at Streatham, in his seventy-eighth year. He had been a ringer between fifty and sixty years, and had rung the Immanuel Church (Streatham) bells since they were first hung, thirty-nine years ago. Born in Streatham, he lived there all his life, and was closely identified with Immanuel Church, both as a chorister and a ringer, and was also steeple-keeper and controller of the ringing there. Amid many evidences of the esteem in which he was held, and regret at his death, a memorial service was held at Immanuel Church on the day of the funeral, previous to the burial which took place at Norwood Cemetery the same afternoon. A half-muffled peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung on Immanuel bells to his memory by the Mitcham Company.

MR. WILLIAM MILLER, of Wolstanton, who died aged 55, had been a bell-ringer for about forty years, and had for thirty years of that time been conductor. He had taken part in a number of peals, chiefly GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR. He was a careful striker and safe conductor. On the following Sunday evening 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung with the bells deeply muffled. Just before the funeral a touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung, conducted by W. Fitchford; and at night, with the bells muffled, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung. The ringers representing the Stoke Archidiaconal Association at the funeral were S. Churton and W. Rigby.

MR. WILLIAM CHARGE died on his twenty-third birthday from consumption. He was buried in his native village, Little Hadham, Herts, on March 12th. He was a working member of the All Saints (Fulham) Society, and also belonged to the Essex and Middlesex Associations, the St. Margaret's Society, Westminster, and the Waterloo Society. Although his active ringing career had lasted only about eighteen months, he had rung thirteen peals, viz., KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 1; STEDMAN CATERS, 4; STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1; GRANDSIRE CATERS, 3; GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 2; BOB MAJOR, 1; OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 1. His last ringing effort was to arrange the 'William peal' of TREBLE TEN at Fulham in April, 1902, which illness prevented him from ringing in. Since that time his health had gradually failed, and his death cut short a ringing career which had been full of promise.

## INTIMATIONS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the members of the North and East District of this Association will be held at the Parish Church, Barnet, on Easter Monday, by kind permission of the Rector. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited. The bells will be available from 2.30 in the afternoon.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Albans on Easter Monday, 4th April, when the towers of the Cathedral and St. Peter's Church will be open from 2. Service at the Cathedral at 5, address by the Very Rev. the Dean. Tea at the Town Hall at 5.45, followed by business meeting. A motion will be made for the alteration of the County Districts from five to two, and that in every year four district meetings be held in both divisions.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ewell, Surrey, on Easter Monday. Bells will be available from 3 o'clock, by kind permission of the Vicar—the Rev. R. Hunt. Tea at the Church Room, opposite the Church, at 6 o'clock, followed by the usual meeting. Visitors and non-members wishing to partake of tea (1s. 6d. per head) must advise Mr. C. E. Read, Flint Cottage, London Road, Ewell, not later than the 31st inst.

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

## Wickhambreaux, Dover.

THE reopening of the church bells of Wickhambreaux took place on Monday, April 4th, after they had been rehung, quarter-turned, and thoroughly restored by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, at a cost of £100. A new chamber has also been built for the ringers, much to their delight and comfort. After a short dedication service, a selection of sacred music was given by the choir, the solos being taken by Mrs. Stanley Stubbs, Mrs. Hallows, Mr. Jack Robertson, and Master Kenneth Stubbs. A large congregation attended the service, including all the County families of East Kent, and the offertory amounted to £7. The whole of the money has been subscribed, thanks to the energy of Harrison Smith, the head ringer, and the Rector of the parish. Forty members of the Kent County Association of Change-ringers were supplied with an excellent tea by the Rector, the Rev. G. Hyde Smith.

720 BOB MINOR were rung during the day by the following members of the Kent County Association, in 24 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt.: S. Walter, 1; H. W. Denne, 2; J. Henley, 3; H. Barton, 4; A. Court, 5; H. C. Castle (conductor), 6.

## CHANGE-RINGING.

## The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.

AT St Edward's, Romford, Essex, on March 24th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 17 cwt.

Wesley Watson .. ..	1	Harry F. Dawkins .. ..	5
Henry Hodgetts .. ..	2	Ernest Pye .. ..	6
Hubert Eden* .. ..	3	William Keeble .. ..	7
George R. Pye .. ..	4	William Pye .. ..	8

Composed by Chas. Middleton, and conducted by William Pye. [\* First peal in the method.]

## The Essex Association.

## (NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.)

AT All Saints', Feering, Essex, on March 25th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

James Motts .. ..	1	John Sadler .. ..	5
Lewis W. Wiffen .. ..	2	Edward Evans .. ..	6
William J. Nevard .. ..	3	Ernest W. Beckwith .. ..	7
David Elliot .. ..	4	James Newman .. ..	8

Composed by John Carter, and conducted by James Motts.

## The Ancient Society of College Youths.

AT Christ Church, Spitalfields, on March 26th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 23 mins. Tenor, 33 cwt.

John H. B. Hesse .. ..	1	Hon. A. P. Erskine .. ..	5
John T. Kentish .. ..	2	Ernest G. Stibbons .. ..	6
John C. Jackson .. ..	3	Challis F. Winney (condr.)	7
Harry T. Last .. ..	4	Spencer M. Dodington .. ..	8

AT St. Andrew's, Enfield, on March 26th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

Herbert Langdon .. ..	1	W. H. L. Buckingham .. ..	5
Rev. A. H. F. Boughey .. ..	2	William E. Garrard .. ..	6
Hubert Eden .. ..	3	William T. Cockerill .. ..	7
George N. Price (condr.) .. ..	4	Alfred B. Peck .. ..	8

## The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

AT St. Barnabas', Erdington, Warwickshire, on March 26, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 15 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs., in F.

Thomas Russam .. ..	1	Thomas Reynolds .. ..	5
Arthur E. Pegler .. ..	2	Alfred Paddon Smith .. ..	6
Samuel Reeves .. ..	3	Harry Withers (condr.)	7
Walter C. Hunt .. ..	4	Sidney J. Jessop .. ..	8

The first peal on the bells, which are a new ring by Messrs. Taylor & Co. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Alfred Paddon Smith.

BARKING, ESSEX.—At St. Margaret's Abbey, on Palm Sunday, a quarter-peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 1280 changes: R. Fenn, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; D. S. Simons,\* 3; C. Fenn, 4; A. J. Carter, 5; G. W. Faulkener, 6; E. G. Fenn, 7; D. Carrier, 8. This quarter-peal has the 6th and 5th two courses each respectively in 5th's place, with the full complement of bobs 'at home.' [\* Longest touch in this method.]

ST. GEORGE'S, STOCKPORT.—On Easter Monday, for 7 o'clock Holy Communion Service, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES: T. Jackson, 1; H. Jackson, 2; J. Booth, 3; J. Mottershead, 4; G. D. Warburton, 5; G. Astbury, 6; J. W. Bayley (conductor), 7; T. Marshall, 8. Rung on the back eight. The majority of the ringers afterwards partook of the Holy Communion. For 10.30 Service, 557 GRANDSIRE CATERS: H. Jackson, 1; T. Jackson, 2; J. Booth, 3; C. Barber, 4; H. Meakin, 5; G. Astbury, 6; G. D. Warburton, 7; J. W. Bayley, 8; T. Marshall (conductor), 9; G. Marshall, 10. For evening service, 399 STEDMAN CATERS: J. Booth, 1; G. Astbury, 2; T. Jackson, 3; C. Barber, 4; G. D. Warburton, 5; J. Mottershead, 6; H. Meakin, 7; J. W. Bayley, 8; T. Marshall (conductor), 9; G. Marshall, 10. Afterwards a plain course of STEDMAN CATERS, with H. Jackson ringing 3rd in place of T. Jackson, the remainder standing as before. First touch of STEDMAN CATERS by H. Jackson.

COLNE, LANCASHIRE.—On Easter Sunday morning, for Divine service, a date touch of BOB MAJOR, in 1 hr. 14 mins.: R. Foulds, sen., 1; R. Bims, 2; R. Foulds, jun. (conductor), 3; W. Malinson, 4; J. Goth, 5; W. Harrison, 6; J. P. Fould, 7; W. Heaton, 8.

GREAT interest was manifested in the dedication of a new clock and bells by the Bishop of St. Davids in the fine old parish church of St. Peter, at Carmarthen, the tower of which has also been thoroughly renovated. Two of the new bells, one of which was given by Mrs. Reid of Carmarthen, bear respectively the inscriptions 'May God bless whom we do call,' and 'Day by day we magnify Thee.' The work already done has cost some £900, of which £750 has already been contributed. Several other improvements are anticipated, which will cost another £400 or £500, towards which the Vicar, the Ven. Archdeacon Evans, will be glad to receive contributions.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM MORRELL OF YORK.—The death of this ringer took place on March 20th, at the age of forty-seven. He had been a member of the York Minster Branch of the Yorkshire Association for thirty-one years, also of St. Michael's, Spurriergate; he was also a member of the College Youths. He was a member who could always be relied on in any method he rang; a careful striker, and ready always to coach a young hand through his first touch. His first peal was rung at Sharow, Ripon, on December 26th, 1873, and nine peals by the Association, including a peal of STEDMAN CATERS containing the sixty course-ends by Mr. C. H. Hattersley. He also took part in the three double-handed first peals recorded by the Yorkshire Association, viz., a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, and 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS. The first portion of the funeral service was taken in the Cathedral, the clergy and choir meeting the corpse at the south entrance singing the opening sentences to the choir, where the coffin was placed on a bier covered with a violet pall. After the 90th Psalm had been sung by the choir, the Dean read the lesson in a very feeling manner, and the hymn, 'Now the labourer's task is o'er,' was sung with great effect. The Dean then pronounced the blessing, and the body was carried by six of his brother-ringers, the choir singing the *Nunc Dimittis*, at leaving for interment at the cemetery, where the service was read by the Rector of St. Michael's, Spurriergate. A course of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung at the graveside before the blessing. A muffled peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR was rung in the evening on the ring of six at St. Michael's, Spurriergate, the Minster bells not being available owing to restoration.

## INTIMATIONS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD (East Dorset Branch).—The annual meeting of this branch will take place at Christchurch Priory, Hants (ten bells), on Saturday, April 9th. Committee meeting, 2.45 p.m.; short service and address, 3 p.m.; general meeting, 3.30 p.m.; tea at the Red House, 4 p.m.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Eastern Division).—The next quarterly meeting of this division will take place at Rye on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available 3 to 9 p.m. Tea at 5.30.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Rochdale Branch).—The next meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells ready at 3, meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers invited.

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

*East Derbyshire Association.*

THE annual meeting of members of this Association was held at Ashover on Easter Monday, when members were present from Ashover, Bakewell, Clay Cross, Tibshelf, Pentrick, Swanwick, South Normanton, South Wingfield and North Wingfield. The annual service was held in church at 4.30 p.m., at which thirty-nine ringers attended, together with several parishioners. The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, of New Mills, and he made special reference to the necessity for punctual attendance at ringing, especially for the services of the Church.

The business meeting was held in the school. The President (Rev. C. J. Boden) was supported by the Rev. J. B. Nodder (Rector of Ashover), and the Rev. A. T. Beeston. The minutes were duly read and confirmed, also the balance-sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £12 4s., and was considered very satisfactory. The Secretary proposed and the Rev. J. B. Nodder seconded, that Mr. R. Lloyd, of Clay Cross, be President for the ensuing year, which was carried unanimously. Mr. J. Smith, of Clay Cross, was re-elected as Treasurer; and Mr. T. Allibone, of North Wingfield, was re-elected Secretary. It was decided by a large majority that the next annual meeting be held at Tibshelf. After the meeting the members verded their way to the tower, where various touches in 8, 6 and 5 bell methods were rung, the tone and 'go' of the bells being greatly admired by all who heard them. The bells were kept going till nearly 10 p.m., one and all having spent an enjoyable day.

## CHANGE-RINGING.

*The Essex Association.*

At St. Mary's, Harlow, Essex, on April 4th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 21 cwt.

Frederick C. Perrin .. 1	Henry J. Tucker .. 5
George Jordan .. 2	Thomas Jordan .. 6
Walter Hobbs .. 3	William Watts (condr.) .. 7
Isaac Cavill .. 4	Alfred Bass* .. 8

Rung on the twenty-first anniversary of the opening of the bells.  
[\* First peal in the method.]

*The Winchester Diocesan Guild.*

At the Parish Church, East Meon, Hants, on April 4th, a Variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins.

Septimus Radford .. 1	Conor O'Brien .. 5
Thomas Attwell .. 2	W. H. George .. 6
Ernest Allen .. 3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.) .. 7
William T. Tucker* .. 4	George W. Brion .. 8

[\* First peal of STEDMAN.]

*The Chester Diocesan Guild.*

At St. Saviour's, Oxtou, Cheshire, on April 4th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 20½ cwt., in E.

John Owens .. 1	Sidney Barnes .. 5
Harry S. Brocklebank .. 2	Joseph Hughes .. 6
Robert Birchall .. 3	William Hughes .. 7
George R. Newton (condr.) .. 4	Charles W. Owens .. 8

*The Ancient Society of College Youths.*

At St. Mary's, Westerham, Kent, on April 4th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Tenor, 23½ cwt., in E flat.

Henry J. Selby .. 1	Sidney A. Wright .. 5
George B. Selby .. 2	Ernest G. Stibbons .. 6
Herbert Langdon .. 3	David Wright .. 7
Albert V. Selby .. 4	William E. Garrard .. 8

Composed by F. Dench and conducted by W. E. Garrard.

*The Surrey Association.*

At All Saints', Carshalton, Surrey, on April 4th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 47 mins.

Joseph Fayers .. 1	Ernest C. Lambert .. 5
James D. Drewett .. 2	Lewin C. Ferrige .. 6
Douglas W. Drewett .. 3	William S. Smith (condr.) .. 7
Charles Dean .. 4	William Gray .. 8

*The St. Peter's Society, Caversham, and the Ancient Society of College Youths.*

At St. Mary's, Reading, Berks, on April 4th, a peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 21 mins. Tenor, 28 cwt.

H. Simmonds .. 1	J. Hands .. 5
E. J. Menday .. 2	T. Newman .. 6
E. W. Menday .. 3	H. W. Smith .. 7
G. Essex .. 4	R. T. Hibbert .. 8

Composed by C. Middleton and conducted by R. T. Hibbert.

NEW BELLS OF BOCKING, ESSEX.—Mrs. Carrington, wife of the Dean and Rector of Bocking, Essex, has given an order for two additional bells, to complete the octave, for the parish church, to commemorate the sixtieth year of the Dean's rectorship.

THE CUMBERLAND COMPETITION.—The competition for the shield presented by the President (Canon Rawnsley) of the Cumberland Association of Change-ringers took place at Egremont Parish Church. The Cleator Moor St. John's were the holders of the trophy last year, and again entered, the other contestants being Carlisle St. Stephen's and Workington St. Michael's. The teams competed in the following order, the competition touch being 720 VIOLET MINOR. Workington rang 23 minutes, 60 faults; Carlisle, 26 minutes, 265 faults; Cleator Moor, 25 minutes, 113 faults. The adjudicator was Mr. Chapman, of Salford, and at the adjournment to the Parish Room, Workington were declared by the Secretary of the Association (Mr. J. D. Baxter, Cleator Moor) to be the winners.

DEATH OF AN AGED RINGER.—Mr. Charles Goodyear, one of the oldest inhabitants of Belbroughton, Worcestershire, died on Passion Sunday, March 20th, in his 81st year. He had been a life-long ringer, and as an instance of his vigour rang the treble in two successive 720's of BOB MINOR in June last. He was a most excellent treble ringer, and an enthusiast in the art. He was born in the house in which he died, and it was his father's home before him. In the first half of the last century, viz., April 9th, 1849, he was appointed beadle and parish clerk, and in 1899, when fifty years had passed, he was still holding the same appointment. In that year he was presented with a handsome clock and testimonial at a meeting of his fellow-parishioners, chief among whom were the Rector and Mr. C. W. Noel, as a mark of their appreciation of his long service. After the funeral service a muffled 720 of BOB MINOR was rung in memory of their departed colleague by the following: G. Hubbard, E. Baylis, E. Hatton, G. Parton, J. Parton, H. Martin. In the evening 720 KENT TREBLE BOB was rung: E. Baylis, W. Boughton, W. Shilcock, J. Parton, G. Parton, H. Martin.

*The Central Council.*

THE Hon. Secretary of this Council has intimated that the Second Session of the Fifth Council will be held at York on Whitsun Tuesday, May 24th, 1904. Hon. Secretaries of Guilds and Associations are reminded that subscriptions became due on January 1st. At present not many more than half the number have been paid. The remainder should be forwarded without delay. Members of Committees and others will kindly bear in mind that the latest day, Saturday, April 23rd, for sending in reports and notices of motion is rapidly drawing near.

## INTIMATIONS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on April 21st; at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on April 12th, and at St. Paul's Cathedral on April 26th. Business meetings at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, afterwards on the 12th and 26th.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Blackburn Branch).—The next branch meeting will be held on Saturday, April 16th. Bells ready at 3, meeting at 6.30.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Central Division).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hartfield on Saturday, April 23rd. Tower peal from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Members intending to be present will oblige by sending a card to G. Williams, Hon. Sec., by April 20th.

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

## CHANGE-RINGING.

*The Kent County Association.*

At St. Mary's, Chilham, Kent, on April 9th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 18½ cwt.

Edward E. Foreman .. 1	Edwin G. Buesden .. 5
Philip H. Pierce .. 2	Alfred A. Andrews .. 6
Rev. F. J. O. Helmore .. 3	Henry G. Fairbrass (condr.) 7
Frederick G. Brett .. 4	Arthur T. Castle .. 8

First peal of STEDMAN on the bells.

At St. Stephen's, Canterbury, on April 16th, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 41 mins. Tenor, 11 cwt.

C. Brett .. 1	H. G. Fairbrass .. 5
F. G. Brett .. 2	W. H. B. Wilkins .. 6
A. A. Andrews .. 3	P. H. Pierce (condr) .. 7
C. Smith .. 4	E. E. Foreman .. 8

*The St. Peter's Society, Caversham, and the Ancient Society of College Youths.*

At St. Andrew's, Hagbourne, Berks, on April 9th, a peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Tenor, 23½ cwt.

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

Composed by C. Middleton, and conducted by Richard T. Hibbert.

*The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.*

At St. Barnabas', Erdington, Warwickshire, on April 9th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 18 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs., in F.

Harold J. Wittchell .. 1	Charles Dickens .. 5
Frank Fay .. 2	George F. Swann .. 6
William Short .. 3	Bernard W. Wittchell .. 7
Ernest T. Allaway .. 4	Arthur E. Pegler .. 8

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by B. W. Wittchell. First peal of MAJOR on the bells.

*The All Saints', Fulham, Society.*

At All Saints', Fulham, on April 9th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Arthur Jones .. 1	James Strutt .. 6
William E. Judd .. 2	Alfred Jones .. 7
Harry T. Last .. 3	William T. Elson .. 8
John W. Kelly .. 4	James W. Driver .. 9
George Condick .. 5	Reuben Charge .. 10

Composed and conducted by William T. Elson.

*The Midland Counties' Association.*

At St. Michael's, Melbourne, Derby, on Saturday week, a peal of OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins.

W. Tomlin .. 1	W. Earle .. 5
G. Tomlin .. 2	H. Hollingworth .. 6
J. York .. 3	F. Hollingworth .. 7
L. Hollingworth .. 4	G. York .. 8

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Warren. Mr. Warren took part in the formation of this Society in 1882, since which time he has not ceased to be an active member. The ringers were afterwards entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Warren to a meat-tea at the Blue Bell Inn, Host and Hostess Burton providing a sumptuous repast. After the removal of the cloth, Mr. T. Hollingworth, in very felicitous terms, proposed 'The Health of Mr. and Mrs. Warren,' and expressed a hope that they may live to celebrate their golden wedding. The toast was enthusiastically honoured. In acknowledging the toast, Mr. Warren expressed his thanks for the peal rung in his honour.

*The Oxford Diocesan Guild.*

At the Parish Church, Baconfield, Bucks, on April 9th, a Variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 21½ cwt.

C. H. Gutteridge .. 1	William H. Fussell .. 5
James W. Wilkins .. 2	John C. Truss .. 6
Richard Buckland .. 3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.) 7
John Evans .. 4	William Phipps .. 8

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On April 12th, for practice, 1250 STEDMAN TRIPLES in 45 mins.: W. Markwell, 1; S. Burt, 2; A. Goddard, 3; G. Payne (conductor), 4; J. Lish, 5; A. E. Lish, 6; L. Payne, 7; A. E. Baker, 8.

YORKSHIRE RINGERS AT WHITBY.—A company of over thirty members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association of Ringers visited Whitby the other day, when the bells of St. Mary's Parish Church, which latter is reached by ascending 199 steps, on the antiquated east side of the river Esk, were available to them. There is a ring of eight, the tenor being 17 cwt. The members who attended included representatives from Scarborough, Saltburn, Middlesbrough, Thornaby, Stokesley, Whitby, and Stockton. Touches of TREBLE BOB MAJOR and other methods were rung, and the peals were heartily appreciated by the inhabitants and visitors. After dinner, Mr. G. J. Clarkson, the president of the Association, presiding over the proceedings, the toast of 'The Bishops and Clergy' was submitted by the Chairman, who expressed regret that the Rector of Whitby (Rev. Canon Austen) had been unable to attend their meeting that day. He wished to thank the Rector for his kindness in allowing them the use of the Parish Church bells. The Rev. W. P. Wright, secretary, responded, and alluded to the valuable set of helpers they had in their bell-ringers. It was a pleasure to do what he could for the Association, and though he was going out of the district he would continue to do whatever he could in the interest of the Association.

BATH.—At a meeting of St. Saviour's Church Council, the Rector (Rev. J. A. Jacob) moved the following resolution, which was unanimously carried, with the greatest satisfaction:—'That the Church Council appreciates the efforts of the Bells Restoration Committee, and now that the Church is free from debt commends the object that Committee has in view to the hearty support of the parish.' The Rector promised a subscription of £5 5s. as his personal contribution to the Bells Fund. The Council has reached a stage at which it was possible to pay off all outstanding liabilities both to Rector and churchwardens, and as the fund progresses, the various repairs, foreshadowed in the appeal recently issued, will be undertaken in rotation. There is now every prospect that the parish will work unitedly to raise all the money which is required.

At Totnes County Court, the other day, an interesting case was heard before Judge Wilson relative to some handbells. The action was brought by the Rev. H. J. Cochafer, M.A., Rector of North Huish, and J. Luscombe and E. French, churchwardens of the parish church of North Huish, against Geo. Trust for the delivery of six pairs of handbells, belonging to the parish church of North Huish, claimed by defendant, and valued at £4 15s., also 5s. damages for detention. It appeared, from the statement of Counsel, and from evidence adduced, that the Rector was approached eighteen months ago by the bell-ringers of his church for leave to raise a fund for the purpose of purchasing the handbells. The Rector assented to the fund being raised, with the stipulation that the bells were to be regarded as church property. Defendant was chief of the ringers and treasurer of the fund. He was, however, dismissed as a ringer, and a demand was made upon him to hand over the bells. He refused to do so, and, consequently, the action was taken in the names of the Rector and churchwardens as the legal custodians of church property. It was contended for the defendant that nothing had been said about raising a fund, or about the bells being church property. The Rector had nothing to do with raising the money. The bells were the property of those who had managed the dances and done all the work. The Judge said he had not the smallest doubt that the general meaning was that the hand bells were to be purchased and used not by the public generally, nor by the parish, but by the bell-ringers as ringers for the church, not that they should become the property of a body of persons who were not all present at the meeting. That being so, defendant, having ceased to be a bell-ringer, could not claim any right to the possession of the bells. There was really no defence to the action. He gave judgment for plaintiffs, with costs, and ordered that the bells or their value should be returned within a week.

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

## Two Grandsire Compositions.

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5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS.	GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.	DATE OF
	YEAR 1904.	
6 3 4 2 5 6	7 5 2 6 3 4 1	
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2 3 2 3 5 6 4	4 5 6 3 7 2 5	
1 4 5 2 3 6 4	3 5 4 2 6 7 5	
2 6 3 5 4 2 3 4	2 5 3 7 4 6 5	
6 5 3 2 4 2 3 4	5 3 2 7 4 6 4	
3 6 5 2 4 1 2 3	7 3 5 6 2 4 5	
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2 5 6 3 4 2 3 4		
6 2 5 3 4 1 2 3		
5 6 2 3 4 1 2 3		
6 3 2 5 4 2 3 4		

Repeat three times produces rounds.

Repeat last ten courses four times produces 4 2 5 6 3, round as usual.

## CHANGE-RINGING.

## The Bedfordshire Association.

At St. Paul's, Bedford, on April 12th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 35 mins. Tenor, 28 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs., in D.

Harry Tysoe .. .. 1	Isaac Hills .. .. 5
Joseph Church .. .. 2	Charles Chasty .. .. 6
Walter Finedon .. .. 3	G. Nunneley Wood .. .. 7
Charles W. Clarke .. .. 4	John W. Barker .. .. 8

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow and conducted by Charles W. Clarke. First peal of SUPERLATIVE on the bells by all except Messrs. Clarke, Chastey, and Barker.

## The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

At St. Magnus-the-Martyr's, City, on April 13th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 11 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

William Pickworth .. 1	Herbert P. Harman .. 5
Bertram Prewett* .. 2	Ernest Pye .. .. 6
William Keeble .. .. 3	John R. Sharman .. 7
Isaac G. Shade .. .. 4	William Pye .. .. 8

Composed by the Rev. H. Law James and conducted by Wm. Pye. First peal in the method rung in the city from which it took its name in which any one residing in the metropolitan district has taken part. [\* First peal in the method.]

At Christ Church, Southgate, on April 18th, Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation of Thurstan's peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

John E. Miller* .. .. 1	William Pye .. .. 5
John Armstrong .. .. 2	John R. Sharman (condr.) 6
Herbert P. Harman .. 3	Ernest Pye .. .. 7
Sidney Wade .. .. 4	William Tegg† .. .. 8

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

## The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Margaret's, Westminster, on April 16th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 14 mins. Tenor, 28 cwt.

Alfred B. Peck .. .. 1	Henry S. Ellis .. .. 6
Henry R. Pasmore .. .. 2	James Willshire .. .. 7
William E. Garrard .. 3	Frederick Dench .. .. 8
George N. Price .. .. 4	John W. Golding .. .. 9
Herbert P. Harman .. 5	Henry R. Newton .. 10

Composed by F. Dench and conducted by Henry R. Newton.

BRADFIELD.—Miss M. Chillingworth has rung through a touch of 720 BOB MINOR at St. Andrew's Church. She is the first of the band of Lady Bell-ringers to accomplish this in the PLAIN BOB method.

## The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

At St. Peter's, Walworth, on April 16th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Arthur R. Jacob .. .. 1	Mark Woodcock .. .. 5
Henry Dains .. .. 2	Thomas Titchener .. 6
Arthur N. Hardy .. .. 3	Thomas Langdon .. .. 7
Frederick G. Perrin .. 4	Edgar Wightman .. .. 8

Composed by H. Dains and conducted by Edgar Wightman.

## The Kent County Association.

At St. Stephen's, Hackington, Canterbury, on April 22nd, Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 35 mins. Tenor, 11 cwt.

Frederick G. Brett .. 1	Henry G. Fairbrass .. 5
George G. Jenkins .. 2	Philip H. Pierce .. .. 6
Alfred A. Andrews .. 3	Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (condr.) 7
Edward G. Buesden .. 4	Hyder Jenkins .. .. 8

Rung as a birthday compliment to Rev. Canon Hichens, Rector of St. Stephen's.

LANDKEY CHURCH, BARNSTAPLE.—Much interest has been evinced in the great improvements which have recently been carried out in connection with St. Paul's Church, Landkey, near Barnstaple. The building has been made thoroughly watertight, the interior cleaned and tastefully coloured, and attention paid to the fine old oak roof. The greatest improvement, however, has been the rehanging of the ring of six bells in a most satisfactory manner by Mr. Stokes of Woodbury. All the expenses have been cleared off by the collection of over £115. Beautiful weather prevailed when the bells were reopened, and the Lord Bishop of (Exeter Dr. Robertson) preached at the service in the church. At frequent intervals during the day there was ringing on the bells.

DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL BELLS AT SWINDON.—A peal of six bells, as a permanent memorial to Canon Ponsonby, who was vicar of the parish from 1879 to 1903, was dedicated at St. Mark's Church, Swindon, on the 16th inst., by the Bishop of Bristol, in the presence of a large congregation. In the course of an interesting address the Bishop referred in eulogistic terms to the loss the diocese and St. Mark's Church had sustained by the departure of Canon Ponsonby. Subsequently a tea-meeting, attended by about 800, was held in the Drill Hall, the Vicar (the Rev. A. G. G. Ross) presiding. The Bishop, who was cordially greeted on rising, said he was very pleased to see so much friendly intercourse between such a large number of people who worshipped in the same church. He thought the friendly intercourse which the worship of God occasioned among them should be extended into their daily life. Proceeding, he said they should do what they could to forward the interest of the dear old Church of England. As he had said before, with perfect friendliness to all other denominations, they intended to do their duty, so that they would leave the dear old Church no weaker, and possibly a little stronger, than they had found it. They need not fear because they were attacked, and somewhat vilely attacked. It was a good sign because when they were sleepy no one troubled to attack them. The Church was never so strong in the affection of the people as it was at present. A great deal of the opposition tended to show that they were only doing their duty, and they should not forget that, but set their teeth and clench their hands, and show that they were in earnest.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting in connection with this Association was held at Hartfield on Saturday week. There were representatives from towers at Brighton, Lewes, Speldhurst, Crawley, East Grinstead, Hartfield, and Withyham. The was partaken of at the Dorset Arms, and a little formal business was subsequently transacted, Mr. George Joad (Withyham), who was elected a member of the Association, occupying the chair in the absence of the Rector (the Rev. R. Formby). It was decided to attempt the next quarterly peal at East Grinstead on a date to be arranged. During the afternoon and evening there were touches of TREBLE BOB MINOR and GRANDSIRE DOUBLES on the bells at Hartfield and Withyham churches.

Messrs. Oetzmann & Co., the well-known furnishing firm, have again had to extend their premises at 62-79 Hampstead Road. The new addition consists of two large show-rooms specially devoted to bedsteads, bedding, and bedroom furniture generally, including an attractive display of the fashionable art wooden bedsteads, in which they are offering exceptional value. There are other designs, which can be seen in the illustrated price list which Messrs. Oetzmann will send free to any applicant. The numerous other departments of this establishment contain large stocks of attractive goods at low prices.

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

### *The Ancient Society of College Youths.*

At a meeting of this Society, held at the Headquarters in Warwick Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, April 25th, a very interesting event, in the form of a presentation, took place.

In the month of January, 1899, a framed engraving of Her Most Gracious Majesty the late Queen Victoria was sent by her Majesty to Mr. James Robert Haworth, the senior member of this Society, in recognition of the many times that he had rung on Royal occasions and anniversaries. A short time ago Mr. Haworth presented this engraving to Miss Macalpine Leny (through whose kind instrumentality Mr. Haworth's ringing career had been brought before her late Majesty's notice in 1898), and at the above meeting expressed the sincere gratitude which he felt on receiving such a great honour from Good Queen Victoria, taking it that it was not only an honour to himself but to all members of the exercise, and he then called the attention of his hearers to a proposal which Miss Leny was about to make. This was, that the College Youths should accept the engraving, and Miss Leny, in an excellent speech, gave an account of the way in which her late Majesty had been approached, and how that when Mr. Haworth's long service as a church bell-ringer had been made known by H.H. Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, her Majesty at once had the engraving taken from the wall of the room where the conversation had been held, and had it forwarded to Mr. Haworth.

In presenting the engraving to the Society, Miss Leny said what a pleasure it was to her to be able to give it to the Society, and hoped that when all members present at that meeting had passed from this world, it would still be a valued possession of the College Youths.

The Master, Mr. W. D. Smith, on behalf of the Society, thanked Miss Leny for her great kindness and valuable gift, and assured her that the engraving would be looked upon as a priceless treasure of the Society.

Mr. Haworth, who completed his eighty-third year on April 21st, was the recipient of all good wishes from his brother-members, and before the meeting broke up he took part in a plain course of STEDMAN TRIPLES on the handbells.

### CHANGE-RINGING.

#### *The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.*

At St. Anne's, Highgate, on April 21st, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 3 lbs.

Frank Smith ..	1	Edward Chapman ..	5
James Hannington ..	2	Henry Stubbs ..	6
Richard Bevan ..	3	Thomas Titchener ..	7
Mark Woodcock ..	4	Edgar Whiteman ..	8

Composed and conducted by Edgar Wightman. Rung in honour of the 90th birthday of the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who presented the bells to the above church in 1854. It was also a birthday peal for the conductor.

#### *The Kent County Association.*

At St. Stephen's, Hackington, Canterbury, on April 22nd, Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 35 mins. Tenor, 11 cwt.

Frederick G. Brett ..	1	Henry G. Fairbrass ..	5
George G. Jenkins ..	2	Philip H. Pierce ..	6
Arthur A. Andrews ..	3	Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (endr.) ..	7
Edwin G. Buesden ..	4	R. Hyder Jenkins ..	8

Rung in honour of the Rector's (Rev. Canon Hitchens') birthday.

At St. Stephen's, Hackington, Canterbury, on April 27th, Thurstan's One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs.

Chas. W. Brett ..	1	Richard H. Jenkins ..	5
Frederick G. Brett ..	2	George G. Jenkins ..	6
James Fox ..	3	Philip H. Pierce ..	7
Henry G. Fairbrass ..	4	Frederick Davidson ..	8

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. E. Fairbrass, for many years sexton of St. Alphege Church, Canterbury, who was interred in St. Stephen's Churchyard the same day. All the above band, except No. 4, belong to the St. Alphege Company of Change-ringers.

### *The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.*

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Chipping Barnet, Herts, on April 21st, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 14 mins. Tenor, 23½ cwt.

William Pickworth ..	1	John Armstrong ..	5
Isaac G. Shade ..	2	Sidney Wade ..	6
Herbert P. Harman ..	3	John R. Sherman ..	7
Bertram Prewett ..	4	William Pye ..	8

Composed by G. Lindoff and conducted by W. Pye. First peal in the method on the bells.

At St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, on April 23rd, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 changes, in 3 hrs. 29 mins. Tenor, 31 cwt.

Bertram Prewett ..	1	Ernest Pye ..	6
George R. Pye ..	2	William J. Nudds ..	7
Hubert Eden ..	3	Reuben Charge ..	8
Isaac G. Shade ..	4	William Pye ..	9
John D. Matthews ..	5	Harry Flanders ..	10

Composed by A. Knights and conducted by William Pye.

### *The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.*

At St. Matthew's, Walsall, Staffordshire, on April 23rd, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

Walter R. Hughes ..	1	John C. Adams ..	6
Frederick J. Steele ..	2	Josiah Elton ..	7
George Hughes ..	3	H. Henry Somerville ..	8
William Griffin ..	4	Thomas J. Elton ..	9
Joseph Birch ..	5	Frank Hallsworth, jun. ..	10

Composed by A. Knights and conducted by Thomas J. Elton.

### *The Oxford Diocesan Guild.*

At St. Magnus-the-Martyr, City of London, on April 30th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

William Truss ..	1	Frank Smith ..	6
Thomas H. Taffender ..	2	Mark Woodcock ..	7
Thomas Faulkner ..	3	Arthur K. Jacob ..	8
George Condick, jun. ..	4	Albert Coles ..	9
William H. Fussell ..	5	James E. Davis ..	10

Composed by Frederick Dench, and conducted by Thomas H. Taffender. The above are all 'unattached' members.

### *The Waterloo Society, London.*

At St. Mary's, Slough, Bucks, on April 23rd, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 9 cwt.

Alfred C. Fussell ..	1	William H. Fussell ..	5
John W. Golding ..	2	Henry R. Pasmore ..	6
George N. Price ..	3	Herbert L. Harman ..	7
John C. Truss ..	4	Alfred B. Peck ..	8

Composed by F. Dench, and conducted by H. R. Pasmore. This is the first peal in the method upon these bells, Mr. A. C. Fussell kindly making up the team at very short notice in the place of an absentee. Mr. W. H. Fussell's 200th peal. He learnt to ring in this tower and has now scored peals in 22 different counties for 20 various Societies. Permission was gladly given by the Rector, the Rev. P. F. Elliott, M.A., and the churchwardens, to make the attempt. Mr. W. Wilder acted as steeple-keeper.

### *Northallerton, Yorks.*

On April 23rd, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5010 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 17 cwt.

James Baxter ..	1	Maurice Dalby ..	5
J. Barnett ..	2	A. Barker ..	6
J. Hall ..	3	T. Metcalfe ..	7
A. M. C. Field ..	4	R. Greenwood ..	8

Composed by J. Armiger Trollope, and conducted by R. Greenwood. First peal in the method for every one except Messrs. Baxter and Metcalfe. Also first on the bells in the method.

Messrs. Baxter and Dalby came from Darlington; Metcalfe and Hall from Middlesbrough; Greenwood and Field from Stockton; Barnett and Barker from Northallerton.

In the account given in this column, last week, about the fine ring of bells erected at St. Mark's Church, Swindon, as a permanent memorial to the Rev. Canon Possonby, we omitted to state that they were supplied from the bell foundry of Messrs. Llewellyns & James, Castle Green, Bristol.

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

### CHANGE-RINGING.

#### The Yorkshire Association.

At St. Leonard's, Malton, Yorks., on April 30th, J. J. Parker's One-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

F. R. Barraclough* .. 1	E. Wheeler† (50th peal) .. 5
C. Jackson (conductor) .. 2	T. Hodgson† .. 6
A. C. Fearnley† .. 3	A. Haigh .. 7
J. Thompson† .. 4	G. Barraclough† .. 8

Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Haigh. It is 156 years since the last peal on the bells. [\* First peal. † First peal in the method.]

#### The London County Association.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.)

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, on April 23rd, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 changes, in 3 hrs. 23 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

Challis F. Winney .. 1	Albert E. Coles .. 6
William Truss .. 2	Dennis Carrier .. 7
Thomas Groombridge .. 3	Frederick A. Holden .. 8
Harry Stubbs .. 4	George R. Fardon .. 9
William Weatherstone .. 5	Alfred H. Winch .. 10

Composed by H. W. Haley, and conducted by C. F. Winney. Rung in honour of the festival of St. George.

#### The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on April 23rd, a peal of SUPER-LATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Herbert F. Hull .. 1	James Saxby .. 5
George Radley* .. 2	George Paice .. 6
George H. Barker .. 3	James Parker .. 7
William Ward .. 4	Frederick Dench .. 8

Composed by F. Dench, and conducted by James Parker. [\* First peal in the method with a bob-bell.]

#### The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Mary's, Lambeth, on April 30th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 19 cwt.

John N. Oxborrow .. 1	Henry S. Ellis .. 5
John W. Golding .. 2	Alfred B. Peck .. 6
William H. Pasmore .. 3	Frederick Dench .. 7
George N. Price .. 4	Henry R. Newton .. 8

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

#### The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.

At St. Giles', Camberwell, on April 30th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Isaac G. Shade .. 1	George R. Pye .. 6
Reuben Charge .. 2	John D. Matthews .. 7
John J. Lamb .. 3	William J. Nudds .. 8
Bertram Prewett .. 4	Ernest Pye .. 9
William Pye .. 5	Arthur T. King .. 10

Composed by Cornelius Charge, and conducted by William Pye. This was I. G. Shade's 503rd peal.

#### St. Giles's, Reading.

On the occasion of the dedication of the new chancel of St. Agnes by the Bishop of Reading, recently, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, was rung in 3 hrs. 25 mins.

Frank Griffin .. 1	Frank Hopgood .. 5
Rev. H. C. Bell (conductor) .. 2	John Swain .. 6
Edward Haynes .. 3	Ambrose Osborne .. 7
Ernest Hughes .. 4	Walter Francis .. 8

NORTH NOTTS CHANGE-RINGERS.—The annual meeting of the North Notts Association of Change-ringers, of which Lord Bishop of Southwell (Dr. Ridding) is the president, was held on Saturday at West Retford. The Rector (the Rev. Canon Gray) presided. The report showed there were 119 performing members, and the association fully

maintained its numerical and financial position, there being a balance in the bank of £9 17s. 6d. Mr. Haigh presented a report as delegate at the annual meeting in London of the Central Council of Bell-ringers. A service was afterwards held in the church, when the Rev. A. E. Meredith preached an interesting sermon.

THE members of the North Notts Bell-ringers' Association have presented the Rev. B. Darley, rector of Harthill, Sheffield, with a marble timepiece as a mark of appreciation of his services as hon. secretary during the past ten years.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of members of the guild was held in the Co-operative Hall, Lincoln. The Rev. H. Law-James (Surfleet), master of the Guild, presided, and delegates were present from all the branches. The Secretary (Rev. J. F. Flowers) presented the balance-sheet, which indicated that the finances were in a satisfactory condition, the balance in hand amounting to about £7. The report showed that steady, useful work had been done during the past year, and that a good number of peals had been rung. The Bishop (Dr. King) was re-elected patron, and Dean Wickham was re-elected president. The following towers were open for ringing:—The Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Arches, St. Peters-at-Gowts, and St. Botolph's. In the evening a short service was held in the Morning Chapel of the Cathedral, at which the Dean of Lincoln gave an address.

TATTENHALL, CHESHIRE.—The dedication of the new bells took place in the parish church on Sunday week. Previous to the commencement of the service, the Ven. Archdeacon Barber, with the Rector (the Rev. R. W. Colston) and the Churchwardens proceeded to the belfry tower, where the dedication service was read.

HOLT, WILTSHIRE.—The Vicar (Rev. G. A. S. Metford) presided at a meeting held in the National School, to consider the question of the proposed recasting of the Parish Church bells, in memory of the long vicariate of the late Rev. H. H. Moseley. An influential committee was appointed to collect the money required and carry out the work. The scheme is estimated to cost £300, and towards this about £140 has been promised. Of the five bells, only one is not cracked.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—At his decease Mr. Hatfield Back, of Dedham, Essex, left by will the sum of £50 to be laid out upon the parish church of St. Remigius, Hethersett, at the discretion of the rector and churchwardens. There were several directions in which the money might well have been spent, but all doubt as to the right one was set at rest by a generous offer on the part of other members of the family—Mrs. Hatfield Back, Mrs. Henry Back, and Mrs. W. H. Back—to find another £50 if two more bells were added to the six already in the church tower. The work has been carried out by Messrs. George Day and Son, of Eye. Before this the most recent addition to the tower was the tenor, the opening of which took place on October 1st, 1900, by the late Archdeacon Nevill, when 5040 changes were rung in 2 hrs. 28 mins. Barring the treble, which was hung a little less than half a century ago, the remaining four bells date back some considerable time. No dates can be given, the bells bearing no inscriptions whatever. The only inscription on the two new bells is:—'Cast by Warner and Sons, London; hung by Day and Sons, Eye, 1904.'

HALSTEAD (ESSEX) CHURCH BELLS.—Two new bells have been added to the peal at St. Andrew's Church, Halstead, and the six old ones have been quarter-turned, so as to make them strike in a fresh place. The old ones have also been turned, so as to produce a musical effect. Tunes can now be played by the chiming apparatus, one person being able to chime all the eight bells, or to play a great variety of tunes. Messrs. Warner and Sons have carried out the work. The Bishop of Colchester (who was making his annual archidiaconal visitation) performed the dedication.

HELSTON (CORNWALL) CHURCH BELLS.—At a meeting of Helston Town Council, Mr. G. E. Cunnack said, although the matter was not strictly within their province, yet as citizens he felt it was their duty to do all they could to enhance the attraction of the town, and therefore he proposed the appointment of a small committee to join with the Church Committee to obtain as quickly as possible a beautiful peal of bells for St. Michael's tower.—Mr. F. W. Jeffery seconded.—Mr. H. Toy said that many Nonconformists had liberally subscribed towards the bells, but to bring the matter before the Council was out of order. Mr. A. R. Thomas also objected, not for want of sympathy, but because the motion was entirely out of order with the duties of their office. After others had spoken to the same effect, the Mayor ruled the motion out of order.

THE bell of the old iron church of All Saints, Blackpool, just pulled down, has been stolen. It weighed 2½ cwt., had been made from metal taken from a vessel wrecked at Blackpool twelve years ago, and is said to have been worth £12.

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The author, who had looked for a more enthusiastic comment, bowed his gratitude; and the editor, who wanted a good serial cheap, rubbed his hands in approval of his own philanthropy.

'I am happy to tell you I have been able to do our young friend a service,' he wrote in a little note to Mrs. Bouverie the same day; and Constance, in thanking him, begged him to dine in Curzon Street the following week.

Frank interviewed his publisher at the first opportunity, and was relieved to find him agreeable to the proposal.

'That's all right, my boy,' he said—'that's all right! How is it we haven't seen anything of you at the Square of late? Mrs. Benson was immensely taken with your voice that night—done nothing but talk about it ever since. And how is the book going?'

'I expect to have it done by September,' replied Frank, 'or, perhaps, the middle of August. If they print fairly long instalments in the "Hyde Park," it could be out in volume form by the beginning of the year.'

'Ah! you young authors,' said Mr. Benson, facetiously; 'you young authors, always so eager for the fray! By the way, have you anything to do on Saturday? Mrs. Benson has taken a place up the river for the next few months. If you have no engagement—'

Frank responded cordially: 'I should be awfully pleased, indeed!'

'Awfully pleased, indeed,' from a literary man! Degenerate days, Mr. Heath—degenerate days! Well, then we may hope to see you? Come early. But "Awfully pleased, indeed!" Can you for a moment imagine Dr. Johnson's feelings if he had been answered so? Suppose when the great lexicographer had said "Sir, let us take a walk down Fleet Street," Boswell had replied, "Awfully pleased indeed, Doctor!" what would Johnson have thought, what would that great mind have endured?

Mr. Benson held up his hands in mock horror at this audacity, and Frank gaily bade him adieu. Well, he could accept Mr. Brocklebank's offer now. Things were going well with him!

He had not gone so much to Curzon Street as Mrs. Bouverie had expected him to do after their understanding. She was a little hurt at the fact, but attributed it to a feeling of embarrassment, not perhaps surprising under the circumstances, and when the note from Mr. Brocklebank reached her, she dispatched a line to Hampstead congratulating the author, and asking him cordially to come round, and 'tell her all about it.'

He found it on the breakfast-table the morning after his visit to Mr. Benson.

'From Mrs. Bouverie, isn't it?' asked Christabel. He threw it across to her.

'Yes,' he said, 'I'll call this afternoon when I leave the office, so you will know where I am if I'm late.'

'But you mustn't be late,' said his sister; 'we're dining with Marion and Jack this evening.'

'Oh, so we are; I'd forgotten all about it. Well, I'll just look in at Curzon Street on my way back, and be home in time to dress.'

Christie noted what the speaker was unconscious of, the composure with which he had renounced the prospect of an hour or two spent in Mrs. Bouverie's company; and she drew deductions. Awhile ago, she remembered, it would have taken many dinner-parties, rare as they were then, to make him forego the pleasure he waived so easily to-day.

Mrs. Bouverie could not but vaguely perceive something of the kind herself next afternoon. Not that the young man showed no gratitude now for all that she had done for him, or that he had ceased to feel it.

She inquired about his plans, his movements, and was aware of a restraint in his replies. The spontaneity, the eagerness of delight in answering her, was gone.

'It is a very good thing for you, this offer from your editor, isn't it?' she asked.

'Oh, yes,' he said, 'it is excellent.'

But he did not burst into a torrent of particulars, as he would have done once. He struck her as older, more formal.

'I am very glad of it indeed,' he continued, as if he felt the baldness of his response himself; 'it is first-rate to have the story through a paper like the "Hyde Park." It is another thing I owe to you, Mrs. Bouverie; but for your introducing me to Mr. Brocklebank's notice it would never have happened.'

'Oh,' she murmured, 'that is nothing!' Lacking their old enthusiasm, his thanks hurt her more than she chose to admit.

'Well,' he said, 'I must run away; I've got to dine at Marion's to-night.'

(To be continued.)

The fourth part of the 'Oxyrhynchus Papyri,' which will be issued by the Græco-Roman Branch of the Egypt Exploration Fund early in June, is likely to surpass in interest all the previous publications of Drs. Grenfell and Hunt. The place of honour is naturally assigned to the new 'Sayings of Jesus' and a fragment of a lost Gospel, a few details with regard to which were announced last autumn. A cheap popular edition of the new 'Sayings and the Gospel fragment,' together with the 'Logia,' discovered in 1897, will be issued by Mr. Henry Frowde, on behalf of the Egypt Exploration Fund as a separate pamphlet. One of the most striking features of the new Sayings is the introduction connecting them with St. Thomas. It is very probable that the original 'Logia' papyrus was part of another manuscript of the same collection of Sayings.

## THE CHURCH SOCIETIES.

The Lady Mary Lygon has accepted the post of Honorary Treasurer to the Church Emigration Society in succession to the late Sir Thomas Salt, Bart. Donations and subscriptions may be addressed to her at the Society's Offices, Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster.

The London Diocesan C.E.T.S. demonstration was splendidly attended at Exeter Hall, on Tuesday, the Bishop of the Diocese presiding. It being the occasion of the annual meeting, the reports of adult and juvenile work were presented and adopted. The Chairman, in his address, first expressed his pleasure at facing such a representative Temperance army, and then passed on to speak of the Licensing Bill now before Parliament, in which he noted with satisfaction (1) the inclusion of the principle for which reformers had been contending, viz., that if compensation is to be granted, it must come from the trade itself; (2) a real attempt to diminish the number of licensed houses; (3) bringing under legislation the large number of ante 1869 beer-houses. He doubted if the amount of proposed compensation would suffice to shut up many houses in a year; he had never yet heard a case made out for interfering with the discretionary power of the magistrates; that, as it stands, it does seem to give a freehold value to public-houses, which does not exist; it makes impossible such experiments as the Grey Trust, etc., and finally, a time limit must be held essential to the welfare of the Bill. Other speakers included Mrs. Creighton, the Rev. R. Catterall, C. W. Wilson, and Mr. J. Harris.

A meeting of the Executive of the Church Defence and Instruction Committee was held in the offices, at the Church House, Westminster, on May 17th. The Chairman, Lord Ashcombe, presided, and there were also present: Mrs. Benson, Mr. A. G. Boscawen, M.P., the Hon. Victoria Grosvenor, Sir Francis S. Powell, Bart., M.P., Sir Charles L. Ryan, K.C.B., the Right Hon. J. G. Talbot, M.P., Sir William E. M. Tomlinson, Bart., M.P., and the Secretary, Mr. Martin Tilby.

## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

### CHANGE-RINGING.

#### *The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.*

At St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on May 7th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS. 5043 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 31 cwt.

George R. Pye .. ..	1	Bertram Prewett .. ..	6
John D. Matthews .. ..	2	Reuben Charge .. ..	7
John J. Lamb .. ..	3	William Pye .. ..	8
Isaac G. Shade .. ..	4	Harry Flanders .. ..	9
William J. Nudds .. ..	5	Ernest Pre .. ..	10

Composed by Cornelius Charge, and conducted by William Pye.

#### *The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.*

At All Saints', Edmonton, on May 7th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor 17 cwt.

Arthur Jacob .. ..	1	Wm. Ward .. ..	5
Henry Dains .. ..	2	James Saxby .. ..	6
Edgar Wightman .. ..	3	James Parker .. ..	7
George Paice .. ..	4	James Langdon* .. ..	8

Composed by H. Dains, and conducted by J. Parker. Rung on the 116th anniversary of the opening of the bells by the above society. [\*First peal in the method.]

#### *The Surrey Association.*

At St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey, on May 7th, Dr. A. B. Carpenter's Variation of Thurstans' peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 20½ cwt. in E flat.

Henry Brooker (conductor) ..	1	Charles Gordon .. ..	5
James Rumble .. ..	2	Arthur J. Plowman .. ..	6
Frank Holder (50th peal) ..	3	William Hill* .. ..	7
Thomas Talbot* .. ..	4	Edwin J. Hollands .. ..	8

A birthday compliment to A. J. Plowman. [\*First peal in the method.]

#### *The Ely Diocesan Association.*

At All Saints', Clifton, Beds, on May 7th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 11 cwt. in G.

Edmund C. Chasty .. ..	1	George D. Coleman .. ..	5
Charles R. Lilley (conductor) ..	2	Herbert Fields .. ..	6
John Hare .. ..	3	Louis J. Flint .. ..	7
Sydney J. Coleman .. ..	4	Sidney Peck .. ..	8

#### *Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.*

(CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

At St. Mary's, Prestbury, Gloucestershire, on May 7th, Thurstans' peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

W. T. Pates .. ..	1	W. Brinkworth .. ..	5
G. H. Phillott .. ..	2	W. Dyer .. ..	6
F. Musty .. ..	3	T. Pendry .. ..	7
J. Ricketts .. ..	4	R. Hemming .. ..	8

Conducted by W. Dyer, the newly-elected Master of the above Guild.

### The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Bartholomew's, Crewkerne, Somersetshire, on April 4th, Thursdays' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 19 mins. Tenor, 22 cwt.

Challis F. Winney (condr.)	1	William E. Moss	5
H. S. T. Richardson	2	John E. Baker	6
Lewis A. Wilson	3	William J. Cockerill	7
J. C. Jackson	4	W. S. Pitfield Chapple	8

First peal on the bells.

### The Kent County Association.

(ASHFORD DISTRICT.)

A DISTRICT MEETING (without allowances) will be held at Willesborough on Saturday afternoon, the 28th May, at four o'clock. Hythe, May 18th, 1904. WILFRED BLANLAND, Dist. Hon. Sec.

### Sussex Change-ringers at Brighton.

A large number of church bell-ringers from all parts of Sussex visited Brighton the other Saturday for the annual gatherings in connection with the County Association of Change-ringers. The objects of the Association are the recognition of the true position of bell-ringers as church officials, the care of bells and belfries, and the cultivation of the art of change-ringing; and the total membership is at present over 600.

The Bishop of Chichester was re-elected President, and the vice-presidents were re-elected with the addition of the Archdeacon of Chichester.—The Chairman, in moving the re-election of Mr. Attree as Master, said he was always at the service of bell-ringers, and he (the Chairman) never knew a more enthusiastic master of the craft. It was largely owing to Mr. Attree's energies that the County Association was inaugurated, and they were bound to acknowledge the great assistance he had rendered to Sussex bell-ringing. The motion was unanimously carried, and in reply, Mr. Attree referred to the work of the Association. Last year, he observed, the number of peals rung was 94, the largest number, with one exception, rung in one year. The balance-sheet was very satisfactory, and showed a good balance in hand, and he congratulated the members on the flourishing condition of the Association.—The Rev. J. Puttick proposed the re-election of Messrs. Bennett and Tompkins as Secretary and Treasurer, and spoke of these officers' valuable work for the Association.—The Rev. Canon Hoskyns, in seconding, spoke of the inferior bells which were hung in some modern churches, and wondered if the Association could take some action to show people that it was infinitely better to hang one really good bell than two or three indifferent ones. In foreign countries the traveller could not help but notice the beautifully toned bells which were used in the churches, and it seemed a matter of great importance that good bells or none at all, should be hung in modern churches. The resolution was carried, and Messrs. Fuller and Watson were elected auditors, while the Rev. Canon Hoskyns was elected an hon. memb r.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the Annual Report. This showed that during the year 11 district meetings were held and afforded opportunities to ringers to practise new methods. Instruction in ringing had been given to Buxted, Hellingly, and Arundel, and the bells of All Saints', Hastings, had been rehung, a new treble was added, and provision had been made in the tower for the insertion of two other bells, making eight in all. At Dallington the bells were to be increased to six and rehung, at a cost of £228 12s. 6d., of which £150 had been collected. The work to the bells at Bosham and Cuckfield had been satisfactorily completed. The number of active members was given as 580, as against 591 in the previous year. Quarterly peals were rung at Heene, Christ Church, St. Leonards, Bexhill, Crawley, and Hurstpierpoint, and the challenge bell was awarded to the Heene (Worthing) Band with 209,625 points. St. Peter's, Brighton, actually won the bell with 338,875 points. but the rules of the Association do not permit the same band to hold the trophy two successive years, and as the Brighton ringers succeeded in winning it in 1902, it was on this occasion presented to the next band in the table of points. The report—together with a mass of other campanological information—gives the churches of Sussex possessing peals of bells. There is one peal of ten bells (at St. Nicholas', Brighton), 42 peals of eight, 46 peals of six, and 24 of five. Of these 31 peals of eight bells, 12 of six, and the St. Nicholas' peal are affiliated with the Association. The statement of accounts showed the receipts to be £81 2s. 5d., and a balance £30 3s. 7d., remained after paying expenses. In the reserve fund the amount standing to the credit of the Association is given as £12 19s. 5d. The report and balance-sheet were accepted, and a vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF CHANGE-RINGING.—The monthly meeting was held at Burley on April 30th. An attempt for a peal of TREBLE BOB MINOR was successfully brought round after about 3 hrs. ringing. An adjournment was then made to the Cardigan Arms Hotel, where the business meeting was announced to take place, and which was held at 7.30 p.m., Mr. S. Maude, President, in the chair, and upwards of thirty members being present from following towers: Armley, Bramley, Calverley, Headingley, St. Chad's, and St. Michael's, Holbeck, and Holbeck R.O., Huddersfield, Kirkheaton, and local company. The minutes of the previous meeting (Leeds) were proposed and passed as read by Mr. J. Chadwick, seconded by Mr. G. Backhouse, and carried. One new member was elected. The balance-sheet for past year was distributed, and, no other business being forthcoming, Mr. P. Johnstone proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for use of the bells, and to the local company for kind arrangements; this was seconded by Mr. J. Peacock and carried, Mr. G. Backhouse suitably responding for local company. The ringers then visited the towers when touches of VIOLET, DUKE OF YORK, ARNOLD'S VICTORY, &c., were rung; courses of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, BOB MAJOR, GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, TREBLE BOB MINOR, &c., were methods rung on the handbells, which finally terminated a successful meeting.

CHANGE-RINGING IN SHEFFIELD.—The annual meeting of the Sheffield district and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society of Change-ringers was held in Sheffield on 17th inst. Ringing was engaged in during the afternoon on the bells of the Parish Church and St. Marie's, Norfolk Row, a good muster of ringers being present from Sheffield and the district. The business meeting was held in the evening at the headquarters of the Society, Cambridge Street, and was attended by 50 members, representatives being present from Barnsley, Bolsover, Bolsterstone, Chesterfield, Norton, North Wingfield, Rotherham, Treeton, and All Saints', St. Marie's, Ranmoor, and St. Mary's, Walkley, Sheffield. The accounts showed a membership of 105 actual change-ringers, and a balance in hand of £8 18s. 9d. An amended set of rules framed by the committee were put before the meeting and passed unanimously, after which officers were elected as follows:—President, Mr. Thomas; vice-presidents, Mr. James Dixon; hon. treasurer, Mr. Edwin James; hon. secretary, Mr. Sidney F. Palmer, and a committee consisting of one member from each tower where change-ringing is practicable in the district area.

NORTH NOTIS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of this association was held at West Retford. The Rector (Rev. Canon Gray) presided over the business meeting, held in the schoolroom, when most of the towers were represented, the Rev. A. E. Meredith (Bawtry) and the Rev. B. Darley (Harthill), hon. secretary, being amongst others present. The report showed that there were 119 performing members, and the association fully maintained its numerical and financial position. There was a balance in the bank of £9 17s. 5d. The next meeting was fixed to take place at Anston, on July 16th.

THE annual outing of the Herfield Bell-ringers took place on May 10th. It had been decided that this year an expedition should be made to Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight. The party, consisting of the bell-ringers with the addition of some of their friends, started at 7.16 a.m. and travelled via Horsham, reaching Portsmouth Harbour at 9.33. The crossing to Ryde was much enjoyed, many objects of interest being noted on the way. On arriving at Ryde the ringers took train to Brading, where the use of the bells of the church had very kindly been granted to them. After ringing, and the interesting church had been viewed, a return was made to Ryde for dinner, which was served at the Victoria Rooms, and greatly appreciated. A few very short speeches complimentary to the captain and secretary were made, and regret was expressed that the Vicar had found himself unable to be present. After dinner some elected to spend the afternoon in the Island, whilst the others crossed over to Portsmouth in order to visit the dockyard, which many saw for the first time, and all were greatly interested in. Tea was the next thing in order, and after that the party gradually reassembled at the harbour station, started on the homeward journey at 6.25 p.m., and reached home at 8.30 p.m. The outing was most thoroughly enjoyed, and its success is greatly due to the excellent management of Mr. W. Markwell, the secretary. Several touches of STEDMAN TRIPLES were rung on the bells at Brading, also 504, conducted by L. Payne, vice-captain.

BELL-RINGING AT ELLINGHAM, NORFOLK.—Through the courtesy of the Rev. W. G. Aston, five ringers rang upon the bells of St. Mary's Church, Ellingham, 1030 changes of DOUBLES, being 360 each of STEDMAN, GRANDSIRE, and PLAIN BOB, in 35 mins. E. Saunders (Barsham), 1; C. E. Parnell (Beccles), 2; E. Poppy (Shipmeadow), 3; G. Baxter (Beccles), 4; G. E. Symonds, conductor (Beccles), 5.

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private matters to be immediately observant, or he might have remarked that his sister appeared disturbed.

'Hullo,' he said, 'how is it you aren't in bed? It must be late; I've tramped it from Waterloo.'

'I was at church this evening,' she said. 'Mr. Stirling preached.'

'Oh! Well, he didn't preach till this time of night, did he?'

The volatile Chrissie looked grieved.

'Don't be flippant, Frank, on the subject of religion, even though you mean no harm by it! It hurts me.'

'What's wrong?' he demanded, with a stare; 'you aren't yourself.'

'I hope I am,' she said. 'I hope I am the newer and better self to which I am awakened. I trust by degrees to improve still more; to be more earnest and worthy than I have been.'

He was amazed to see her cover her face with her hands, and burst into tears.

'What is it, Chris?' he exclaimed, affectionately; 'what's the matter, child? Tell me.'

'Oh, Frank!' she sobbed; 'I am engaged—and I want to be a better girl—and—oh, I am happier than I know how to say!'

'To Edgar Stirling?'

'Yes; to Edgar. How can I be worthy of him? I want to fit myself to be his wife.'

He stroked her hair with fraternal clumsiness, and stammered consolation.

'I expect Stirling thinks you are pretty good enough to be his wife already, Chris. I do, at all events. You're a trump, if ever there was one. And so you are engaged, eh? Well, that's nothing to cry for that I can see. Come, dry your eyes, and tell me all about it. When do you think of marrying?'

'Not for years and years,' she said, forlornly. 'He is so poor.'

'Well, in that case, you will have plenty of time to improve,' he said; 'but I dare say it will be a trifle sooner. So you're going to be the wife of a clergyman? I always thought that that was more likely to be the destiny of Marion.'

'I shall be just as serious as anybody,' she declared, with a smile. 'You won't know me when'—she blushed—'when I'm "Mrs. Edgar Stirling."'

'I hope I shall. Don't go and change too much, Chrissie, or you'll be making a mistake. Stirling has fallen in love with you as you are, remember; he won't want his wife to turn out to be somebody else.'

'Well, there's something in that,' she admitted. 'And you wouldn't call me "worldly," would you? I should hate to think I was "worldly," Frank, more than ever now.'

'You'll be an unqualified success, take my word for it. All the poor people in the village swore by you at home, recollect. Don't go and wear a poke bonnet, and dress in drab, there's a dear; you can do just as much good in a frock that's pretty.'

'We shall have to be very, very economical,' she said, proudly; 'and there won't be any money to waste on pretty frocks, Master Frank. But flowers are cheap. I can promise you to wear a flower. Marion doesn't know yet. Won't she be glad to hear the news! How did you enjoy yourself?' she asked, descending from Olympus.

'What would you say if I told you that perhaps, if I am very, bewilderingly, fortunate, there may be another engagement in the family before long?'

'No! Not—?'

'I'm in love with Miss Benson, Chrissie, and——. Well, I hope!'

'Oh, Frank! And is she nice?'

'She——' Words failed him. 'Wait till you see her,' he answered.

Who would seek slumber under circumstances like these? Throw up the windows, and let the starlight in—the soft, sweet breeze, fragrant with the freshness of the Heath. Who would have oblivion, when memory was so exquisite to both? The brother and sister sat communing—dwelling together on the present, painting bright pictures of the future—until the sky was lightened by the break of day. The visions that were seen, in that long conference! Chrissie was a clergyman's wife, and Frank was married to Dolly, and earning his five thousand a year before they separated.

The next evening the curate had a conversation with his fiancée's brother.

'I hope you don't blame me,' he said, in his clear, candid voice. 'Perhaps I ought never to have spoken, but my love for your sister was stronger than my self-restraint.'

'I don't know any man I'd be more glad to give her to,' answered Frank. 'I'm in very much the same boat as you are myself. We're none of us rolling in wealth, but we're all young enough to be able to afford to wait.'

Stirling put out his hand, and there was a hearty grasp between the two:

'It's awfully good of you,' he said. 'And—well, I appreciate the way you have met me! I shall do everything in my power to obtain a small living, and—you won't think me conceited to say it—I am confident I can make Christabel happy when she is mine.'

'I understand; and I'm sure she'll never have cause to regret

the step. She has rather the fear herself that she isn't sedate enough for the dignity in store for her.'

'Poor little woman, what can have put such an idea into her head?'

Of course Marion could not but be pleased by the intelligence, for she had long been aware that they were fond of each other, but it was impossible also that she could avoid wishing that they had brighter prospects. She and Chrissie had spent the whole of the afternoon together in South Street, discussing the matter, and after the latter had gone she said to her husband:—

'I say Jack, you haven't any interest in a Church living, have you? None of your connections, or anybody with a living at his disposal?'

'How?' inquired Jack, struggling into his overcoat—they were going out to dinner.

'Chrissie's engaged—to Mr. Stirling. And they can't marry for a long time.'

'What hard lines!' said Jack. 'No, I'm sorry to say I don't—let me see—no, I don't know a soul who could help in that way. I wish I did!'

'Well,' sighed Marion, 'I thought perhaps you might; but, as you don't, they must be satisfied to wait, that's all! To do them justice, they are satisfied; Chrissie is as gay as a lark over it. But I should have liked to see her married tolerably soon; I hear that Frank is hovering on the verge of matrimony. Not engaged, but hoping to be. She's a Miss Benson—Bensons, the publishers.'

(To be continued.)

## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

### CHANGE-RINGING.

#### The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

AT St. Mary's, Painswick, Gloucestershire, on May 14th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 changes, in 3 hrs. 33 mins. Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

Thomas Wright .. ..	1	George Condict .. ..	6
Ernest E. Davis .. ..	2	Garrie Miles .. ..	7
John Austin .. ..	3	Frank Cole .. ..	8
Thomas Baldwyn .. ..	4	Sydney Baker .. ..	9
William J. Sevier .. ..	5	Albert Hanks .. ..	10

Composed by John Carter, and conducted by John Austin.

#### The Essex Association.

AT St. Mary-the-Virgin, Stansted, Essex, on May 14th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min. Tenor, 13 cwt. 2028-2-11

Herbert Little* .. ..	1	John Luckey .. ..	5
William Watts .. ..	2	Henry J. Tucker .. ..	6
Thomas J. Watts .. ..	3	William T. Prior .. ..	7
Walter Prior .. ..	4	George Jordan† .. ..	8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow and conducted by George Jordan. [\*First peal in the method. †First peal as conductor. G. Jordan's 50th peal.]

#### The Hertfordshire Association.

AT the Abbey Church of St. Lawrence, Waltham Abbey, Essex, on May 14th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

Herbert Baker .. ..	1	James Saxby .. ..	5
George Radley .. ..	2	John T. Kentish .. ..	6
Hubert Eden .. ..	3	James Parker .. ..	7
George H. Barker .. ..	4	George Paice .. ..	8

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*The Kent County Association.*

At St. Alfege, Greenwich, on May 13th, a peal of **STEDMAN CATERERS**, 5055 changes, in 3 hrs. 19 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

Harry Hoskins .. .. 1	Benjamin J. Battram .. 6
William Berry .. .. 2	I. George Shade .. .. 7
William Foreman .. .. 3	James E. Davis .. .. 8
Edward N. Price .. .. 4	William Shimmans .. .. 9
John J. Lamb .. .. 5	Charles Bird* .. .. 10

Composed by Cornelius Charge, and conducted by I. Geo. Shade.  
[\* First peal.]

*The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.*

At Minehead, Somersetshire, on May 14th, a Variation of Carter's Twelve-part peal of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 21 cwt.

J. Reed .. .. 1	G. W. Stokes .. .. 5
Sam Mason .. .. 2	J. R. Jones .. .. 6
C. Summers .. .. 3	H. Moore (conductor) .. 7
G. Atkins .. .. 4	S. Cornelius .. .. 8

*The Sussex County Association.*

At the Parish Church, Bexhill-on-Sea, on May 13th, Rev. E. Banks James' Five-part peal of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins. Tenor, 11 cwt.

Harry Hobbs .. .. 1	Sydney F. C. Saker .. .. 5
J. William D. Burgess* .. 2	Walter Franks .. .. 6
John Beal .. .. 3	Sydney Saker (conductor) 7
Robert C. Ford .. .. 4	William Burt .. .. 8

Rung to celebrate the wedding of J. William D. Burgess to Miss Edith Henbrey Smith, which took place at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, on April 25th last. The ringers of the 4th, 5th, and 7th belong to Blacklands, the 6th to Battle, and the remainder to Bexhill.  
[\* First peal with a bob-bell.]

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS.**—A ringing festival, under the auspices of the Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers, was held at St. Neot through the kindness of the Vicar (Rev. W. R. S. Majendie) on Ascension Day. There were two celebrations of the Holy Eucharist at 7 and 8.30 a.m. The ringing was opened by St. Neot Band at 1 p.m., and the other bands taking part were Braddock, Callington, Cardynham, and Lanreath. The striking of Callington with the 'treble rest' was very good, and it is hoped that this style of ringing will become more general in the diocese. A special service was held at 4 p.m., when an appropriate sermon was preached by the assistant priest of St. Neot, the Rev. Lawis Wilkinson. The Diocesan Secretary (Rev. J. A. Kempe) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness in welcoming the Guild to his parish, which was heartily carried.

**TAMAR VALLEY GUILD OF RINGERS.**—The Sixteenth Annual Festival of this Guild was held, by kind permission of the Rev. J. Target, at Morwenstowe on the 16th inst. Holy Communion (with special intent for the Guild) was celebrated at St. Bridget's Church, Bridgerule, at 7.30 a.m. During the past sixteen years 260 bell-ringers have passed through the Guild, of whom three have never missed a festival, although a wide range of country around the Tamar has been covered. This year Morwenstowe, where the Tamar rises, was selected. A public luncheon was provided, at which the Rev. F. H. Kingdom, Vicar of Bridgerule, the president of the Guild, gave a short address, impressing on members the duty of being true Churchmen, in church, in the tower, and outside in the parish.

**THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—The Annual Meeting of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers was held on Whit Monday at Teignmouth. The Committee recorded a high state of efficiency among the bands in union with the Guild. An unprecedented advance has been made in the number of peals scored by members, the total for the year—Lady Day, 1903, to Lady Day, 1904—being thirty-five, or thirteen more than in the previous twelvemonth. Local bands scored twenty-six out of the thirty-five. Eight of them were called by young conductors, who thereby exhibited a skill and competency deserving of special commendation. The Three Towns band scored ten peals. Two of them were of BOB ROYAL, and ranked as the first ever scored by a local band. The departure of Mr. Ferris Shepherd from Exeter to take up an appointment in Ireland had been a cause of real regret, and a serious loss to change-ringing in the county. It was decided that a presentation should be made to him, including an illuminated address recording the esteem entertained for him by members of the Guild, and the fact that for over twenty-five years he had been associated with the Guild, taken part

in sixty peals, and conducted twenty-eight of them. The accounts showed that the year started with a balance in hand of £33 12s. 10d., and ended with one of £39 4s. 5d. The Hon. Secretary (the Rev. G. F. Molineux), in moving the adoption of the report, said the Guild had never before approached anything like thirty-five peals. Ilfracombe was selected for the next annual meeting.

**BELL-RINGING AT CREDITON.**—On Whit Monday, the Plympton St. Maurice ringers visited Crediton on a ringing tour. They first visited the belfry at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, and after dinner proceeded to Crediton. A fine peal was capitally rung, the bells being taken by Messrs. E. Roberts (captain), 1; G. Lavers, 2; W. Webber, 3; E. Lugg, 4; H. Spurr, 5; G. McKenny, 6; R. Sheppard, 7; J. Kentong and J. Luscombe, 8. During the peal the Vicar (the Rev. W. M. Smith-Dorrien) visited the belfry, and, in welcoming the team to Crediton, congratulated them on the manner they had handled the bells. A second peal was well given by some recruits who accompanied the band. After evening service a final peal was rung, and the team left highly pleased with their visit.

**HENLEY-ON-THAMES.**—On the 14th inst., the second anniversary of the dedication of the church bells was celebrated in the parish of Henley. There was a special service at 3 p.m., when the sermon was preached by the Rev. W. J. Knapton from the text, St. Luke, xxiv. 50, the subject being 'Ascension-tide a call to service,' and he reminded his hearers that the bells were connected with this season more closely than might at first sight have been supposed, since, had there been no Easter, no Ascension, no Whitsuntide, there had been no Christian religion and no churches with their beautiful adjuncts, the bells. About thirty-six ringers were present from the neighbourhood, the following companies being represented:—Ipswich, Sproughton, Coddensham, Helmingham, Stowmarket, Hasketon, Grandisburgh, Winesham, and Henley. After service the ringing was kept up merrily until 6.30, and some good 'touches' were brought round, notably one of **DOUBLE NORWICH**.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival of this guild was held at Dorchester on Tuesday week, and was attended by a large number of representatives of Dorset and Wilts. After service in St. Peter's Church, the business meeting was held, the Earl Nelson being re-elected President; Capt. Acland, Master (in place of Mr. Palairt, resigned); Mr. Pinckney (Salisbury), Treasurer, and the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett (Devizes), Hon. Secretary. Peals were rung during the day on the local bells.

**AN OLD SOCIETY OF RINGERS.**—The oldest society of ringers in the country is the Bell-ringers' Society of Saffron Walden. Its history dates back to 1623, when one Thomas Turner, a mercer of that town, died and left a benefaction to the ringers, to be paid to them on the anniversary of his death, on which day 'they shall be required to meet in the parish church and have a sermon preached to them.' The benefactor also left a suitable amount to be paid to the preacher of the sermon, and to the parish clerk for opening the church. This bequest was made by Turner in recognition of his gratitude to the ringers, for when lost in the dense woods around Audley End he heard the sound of the bells, and was thus able to find his way home. From that date the day (June 28th) has been observed as a ringers' festival.

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH, TRURO.**—It has been decided by the Church Council to rehang the bells, put in an iron framework and louvres, to protect the bells from the rain, at a cost of £150.

**THE BRAMWELL FAMILY AT CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH.**—A tablet just placed in the church commemorates the Bramwell family, who have uninterruptedly been sextons and bell-ringers there since 1631. Nine Bramwells having occupied the post, and the average length of their individual sextonship has been thirty years.

An interesting scene was witnessed at the Universal Food and Cookery Exhibition in the Royal Albert Hall, in the course of the Lord Mayor's inspection of the exhibits in the Great Gallery. With his Lordship were the Lady Mayoress, the Chinese Ambassador and his wife, Sir A. Reynolds, Sheriff, Mr. Burdett Coutts, M.P., President of the National Food and Cookery Association, and a distinguished assemblage. On arriving at the handsome stand sent by Messrs. Chivers & Sons, Ltd., Histon, Cambridge, his Lordship paused and evinced the greatest interest in the attractive display of Cambridge Lemonade, and entered into conversation with Messrs. Chivers' representatives respecting the exhibit. With reference to the Cambridge Lemonade, we may mention that after a series of careful tests the jurors awarded the Gold Medal to this article, which appeared for the first time at this Exhibition, of which the King is Patron.

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## BOOKS FOR THE POORER CLERGY.

We acknowledge, with many thanks, the receipt of three parcels of books from Miss Trollope, 'M. B. J.', and Mrs. Pearsall.

Only three of the books asked for last week have reached us, and we, therefore, again insert the list, hoping there may be speedy responses, after which, like Oliver Twist, we shall ask for 'more.'

- 'Knowledge of God' (Bishop Walsham How).
- 'Life and Epistles of St. Paul' (Conybeare and Howson).
- 'Infallibility of the Church' (Dr. Salmon).
- 'Denton on the Epistles.'
- 'Denton on the Gospels.'
- 'St. Paul, the Roman Traveller' (Ramsay).
- 'Ecclesiastes' (Dean Bradley).
- 'Revelation of St. John' (Milligan).
- 'The Candle of the Lord' (Brooks).
- 'Bampton Lectures, 1881.'
- 'Oxford Church Text-Books.'
- 'Lyra Apostolica.'
- 'Lyra Innocentium.'
- 'Commentary on the Bible' (Matthew Arnold).
- 'Biblical Illustrator' (Exell).
- 'Gold from Ophir' (Wolfe).
- 'Honey Gathered and Stored' (McNeil).

The following are a few of the books we are able to offer:

- 'The Greatest Thing in the World.'
- 'A Vision of Saints.'
- 'The Christian Church' (Hammond).
- 'Memorials of a Quiet Life' (Hare).
- 'The Spirit of Discipline' (Paget).
- 'Roberts' Miscellaneous Sermons.'
- 'The Best Last.'
- 'Monasteries of the Levant.'
- 'Shuttleworth on the Epistles.'
- 'Horne on the Psalms.'
- 'The Clerical Journal,' 8 vols.

To celebrate the completion of the fiftieth year of the 'British Journal of Photography,' the proprietors will issue, on June 10th next, a Special Jubilee Number of the publication, which is the oldest of its kind in the world. The ordinary issue of the Journal of June 10th will be more than doubled in size, and amongst other features will include an illustrated history of 'The British Journal of Photography.'

## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

### CHANGE-RINGING.

#### The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

At St. Stephen's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on May 20th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 29 mins. Tenor, 30 cwt. in D.

Wm. C. S. Heathcote ..	1	William Story ..	5
Charles L. Routledge ..	2	Alfred F. Hillier ..	6
Thomas T. Gofton ..	3	Robert S. Story ..	7
Joseph A. Gofton ..	4	Robert Richards ..	8

Composed by Sir Arthur Heywood, and conducted by Charles L. Routledge. First peal in the method on the bells. [\*Of St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh.]

#### The Kent County Association.

At St. George's, Gravesend, Kent, on May 21st, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

Lewis Silver ..	1	James Davies ..	5
Edwin Barnett ..	2	William Spice ..	6
John H. Cheesman ..	3	Thomas Langdon ..	7
Frederick Perrin ..	4	Thomas Groombridge ..	8

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

At St. Peter's, Walworth, on May 23rd, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 45 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Thomas Groombridge ..	1	James Davis ..	5
Frederick Perrin ..	2	Arthur Hardy ..	6
John H. Cheesman ..	3	Lewis Silver ..	7
Edwin Barnett ..	4	Thomas Langdon ..	8

Composed by E. Barnett, and conducted by John H. Cheesman

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

At St. Margaret's, Ipswich, Suffolk, on May 21st, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

Edgar Pemberton ..	1	Henry C. Gillingham ..	5
William Motts ..	2	William L. Catchpole ..	6
Edward Sherwood ..	3	James Motts ..	7
Lewis W. Wiffen ..	4	Robert H. Brundle ..	8

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by James Motts.

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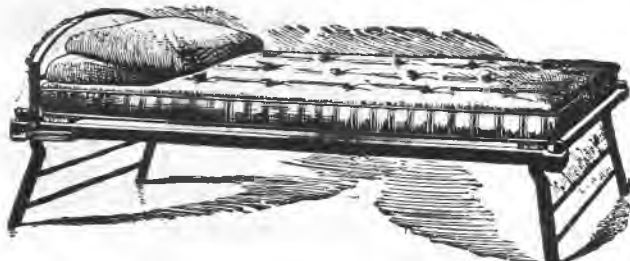


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Writing in April, 1902, for medicine for her husband, who is a traveller, and who frequently had very bad colds, which prevented his attending to his business, Mrs. Shakeshaft said, 'I am pleased to tell you my son continues in good health.' And over eighteen months later—in December, 1903—when the writer saw Mrs. Shakeshaft, she told him her son was still keeping well, and that her husband had derived great benefit from the medicine sent to him in Glasgow, when on one of his journeys.

Mrs. Shakeshaft also gave her permission for the publication of these facts.

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### The Midland Counties and the Yorkshire Associations and the Sheffield District Guild.

At St. James's, Norton, Derbyshire, on May 23rd, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Arthur Knights ..	1	John Flint ..	5
Benjamin A. Knights ..	2	William Lambert ..	6
Thomas Bettison ..	3	William Biggin ..	7
William J. Thyng ..	4	Sam Thomas ..	8

Composed by Arthur Craven, and conducted by Sam Thomas. First peal in the method on the bells.

### Framdsen, Suffolk.

At St. Mary's Church, on May 23rd, a peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

S. Wightman, jun. ..	1	Edgar Wightman ..	5
Ernest E. Lanham ..	2	George Perry ..	6
George Whiting ..	3	George Wightman ..	7
William Wightman ..	4	Alfred S. Wightman ..	8

Composed by C. Middleton, and conducted by G. Wightman. First peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE by all the band except the ringer of the 5th; also first on the bells.

### St. Bartholomew's, Colne, Lancashire.

On Whit Monday, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5152 changes, was rung in 3 hrs 23 mins.

John P. Foulds ..	1	Joseph Goth ..	5
Roger Binns ..	2	William H. Harrison ..	6
Robert Foulds, jun. ..	3	Abram Lane ..	7
W. Mallinson (conductor) ..	4	William Heaton ..	8

This is the first peal for all except the conductor.

### The Yorkshire Association.

At Beverley Minister, on May 23rd, a peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 42 mins. Tenor, 41 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

B. Prewett ..	1	T. Barraclough ..	6
G. R. Pye ..	2	C. Jackson ..	7
T. Hugh ..	3	J. Mallaby ..	8
I. G. Shade ..	4	E. Pye ..	9
F. A. Holden ..	5	W. Pye ..	10

Composed by G. Lindoff, and conducted by W. Pye. This is the first peal on the bells.

At Holy Trinity, Hull, on May 23rd, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, in 3 hrs. 33 mins. Tenor, 26 cwt.

T. Haigh ..	1	F. A. Holden ..	6
B. Prewett ..	2	C. Jackson ..	7
G. R. Pye ..	3	J. Mallaby ..	8
W. Pye (conductor) ..	4	E. Pye ..	9
I. G. Shade ..	5	A. T. Ring ..	10

At the Priory Church, Bridlington, on May 24th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5038 changes, in 3 hrs. 16 mins. Tenor, 26½ cwt.

G. Barraclough ..	1	F. A. Holden ..	5
I. G. Shade ..	2	E. Pye ..	6
B. Prewett ..	3	C. Jackson ..	7
G. R. Pye ..	4	W. Pye ..	8

Composed by Cornelius Charge, and conducted by W. Pye.

At All Saints', Hull, on May 24th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min. Tenor, 15 cwt.

G. Barraclough ..	1	I. G. Shade ..	5
E. R. Pye ..	2	F. A. Holden ..	6
W. Pye ..	3	C. Jackson ..	7
B. Prewett ..	4	E. Pye ..	8

Composed by G. R. Pye, and conducted by W. Pye.

### The Yorkshire Association and Leeds and District Amalgamated Societies

At St. Chad's, Far Headingley, on May 28th, Parker's One-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

F. R. Barraclough ..	1	J. Moxon ..	5
P. Jackson (conductor) ..	2	E. Wheeler ..	6
H. Ferguson ..	3	G. Barraclough ..	7
H. Gibson ..	4	T. H. Taffender ..	8

[\* First peal of GRANDSIRE.]

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On April 30th, by the following Coventry ringers, 120 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES: J. H. White (conductor), 1; T. Hope, 2; W. H. Rees, 3; A. W. Flowers, 4; W. Maund, 5; W. H. Horwood, 6. Also 120 and 180 BOB MINOR: T. Hope, 1; J. H. White, 2; W. H. Rees, 3; A. W. Flowers, 4; W. Maund, 5; W. H. Horwood (conductor), 6. Also 660 and 672 BOB MINOR: A. W. Flowers, 1; T. Hope, 2; W. H. Rees, 3; J. H. White, 4; W. Maund, 5; W. H. Horwood (conductor), 6.—On May 14th, 660, 240, and 660 BOB MINOR: A. W. Flowers, 1; T. Hope, 2; W. H. Rees, 3; J. H. White, 4; W. Maund, 5; W. H. Horwood (conductor), 6. Also 240 BOB MINOR: J. H. White, 1; W. Maund, 2; W. H. Rees, 3; A. W. Flower, 4; T. Hope, 5; W. H. Horwood (conductor), 6.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The monthly ringing meeting was held May 28th, at St. Michael's, Headingley. An attempt for a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was made at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, and was 'successful after about three hours' ringing. The business meeting was held at the Oak Inn, Mr. S. Maude in the chair; Mr. Charles Jackson, vice-chair. A good muster of ringers also being present, representing the following towers: Burley, Bradford, Headingley, St. Chad's, Holbeck, Hull, Scarborough, Pudsey, Leeds, London, and local company. The Secretary having read the minutes of previous meeting, they were proposed and passed as read by Mr. William Whitaker, seconded by Mr. P. Johnstone, and carried. Mr. Charles Jackson proposed, and it was seconded by Mr. George Barraclough, that 'All Saints', Hull, be the next meeting-place. No other invitation being forthcoming, this was unanimously carried. Three new members were elected. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and to the local company for kind arrangements was proposed by Mr. G. Barraclough, seconded by Mr. Charles Jackson, and carried. Touches of GRANDSIRE CATERS, GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, BOB MAJOR, TREBLE BOB MAJOR, &c., methods rung on handbells, brought the meeting to a close.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The twenty-fifth annual meeting of this Association was held on Whitsun Monday, May 23rd, at St. Mary's, Woolwich, and was attended by about one hundred members. Among those present at the dinner was Miss Macalpine Leny, of Speldhurst, whose interest in the Association, as well as the College Youths, is well known and appreciated. The service at noon was conducted by the Rector, Rev. Canon Escreet, who gave a stirring address in 2 Cor. vi. 1, 'Workers together with God.' The hymns were A & M. 166, 'All people that on earth,' and 303, 'When morning gilds the skies.' At the dinner, held in St. Mary's Schoolroom, the Rector presided, Mr. E. O. Masters (Woolwich) being vice-chairman. After the usual toasts, the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. F. O. Holmore (Canterbury) read his report. This showed the Association to be in a satisfactory condition, though no very great advance had been made during the past year. There was a good balance in hand, and the membership amounted to nine hundred and thirty. Last year a grant of £5 5s. was made from the Belfry Repairs Fund towards the restoration at Swanscombe, and the Committee that morning had voted £1 ls. towards the re-hanging in Wickhambreux. Eighty-seven peals were rung in 1903. The report and balance-sheet were passed, and the officers for the ensuing year elected.

AN INTERESTING WEDDING, from a ringer's point of view, took place at St. Elizabeth's Church, Reddish, Stockport, on May 21st, the contracting parties being Miss Smithson, eldest daughter of Mr. Thomas Smithson, chief ringer, and one of the sidesmen of the church, and Mr. Lambert Kewley. To show their respect and goodwill to Mr. Smithson and his family, a party of ringers from St. George's and St. Mary's, Stockport, journeyed to Reddish, where they were met by Mr. A. Barnes of Reddish, and Mr. William Eckersley, one of the local ringers, when all went to the tower and rang the bells merrily in Queens and Tittums, until the bridal party had entered the church. They then went down into the church to witness the ceremony, afterwards ascending the tower and again ringing the bells in Queens and Tittums while the wedding party left the church, subsequently striking off into changes, when 700 of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was brought round, conducted by Mr. J. W. Byley. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. Oldfield, Rector, and the bride given away by her father. The honeymoon is being spent in the north of Ireland. While the register was being signed, Mr. Smithson paid a brief visit to the belfry, and invited the ringers to his house to a sumptuous repast; but as the majority of them had come direct from their work, and were in their working clothes, they did not take advantage of his kindly offered hospitality. Those taking part in the ringing were Mr. Barnes, Reddish; Messrs. J. W. Byley (conductor), T. Jackson, G. Warburton, H. Meakin, V. Peake, G. Astbury, St. George's; Mr. A. S. Gordon, St. Mary's; and Mr. William Eckersley, local company.

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**BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.****CHANGE-RINGING.***The Surrey Association.*

At St. Martin's, Dorking, Surrey, on May 23rd, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5840 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins.

John C. Jackson (condr.)	1	William S. Smith	5
Joseph A. Lambert	2	Joseph Fayers	6
Douglas W. Drewett	3	Arthur Dean	7
Henry Corbett	4	David Ancombe	8

The above is a transposition of Heywood's No. 1.

*The Yorkshire Association.*

At St. Mary's, Bridlington, Yorks., on May 24th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5038 changes, in 3 hrs. 18 mins. Tenor, 26½ cwt.

George Barraclough	1	Frederick A. Holden	5
Isaac G. Shade	2	Ernest Pye	6
Bertram Prewett	3	Charles Jackson	7
George R. Pye	4	William Pye	8

Composed by Cornelius Charge, and conducted by William Pye. First peal in the method on the bells.

*The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.*

At the Cathedral, Durham, on May 27th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 22 mins. Tenor, 30 cwt.

Rev. Maitland Kelly	1	Alfred F. Hillier	5
Joseph A. Gofton	2	Thomas T. Gofton (condr.)	6
Charles L. Routledge	3	Ernest E. Ferry	7
James E. Gofton*	4	William Story	8

[\* First peal in the method.]

*The Lancashire Association.*

At Emmanuel Church, Southport, Lancashire, on May 28th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs. 1 min. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

Titus Barlow	1	Robert Sanderson	5
Robert Duckworth	2	William Lever	6
John Denner	3	Joseph Potter	7
Thomas Peers	4	John Potter	8

Composed by G. Lindoff, and conducted by Joseph Potter. First peal on the bells.

*The Waterloo Society, London.*

At St. John's, Waterloo Road, London, on May 28th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Frederick Davies	1	Frederick G. Perrin	5
Thomas Langdon*	2	William Shimmans	6
William Weatherstone	3	James E. Davies	7
John J. Lamb	4	Edgar Wightman	8

Composed and conducted by Edgar Wightman. [\* First peal in the method (College Youth).]

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

At St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on May 28th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5003 changes, in 3 hrs. 29 mins. Tenor, 32 cwt.

Edgar Pemberton	1	James Motts	6
Edward Sherwood	2	Henry W. Kirton	7
Benjamin S. Thompson	3	Lewis W. Wiffen	8
William Motts	4	Robert H. Brundle	9
William L. Catchpole	5	Henry C. Gillingham	10

Composed by W. T. Elson, and conducted by James Motts. Arranged and rung to oblige Benjamin S. Thompson, and Henry W. Kirton, who came from Chelmsford.

*The Sussex County Association.*

At the Parish Church, Henfield, on May 31st, Brooks' Variation peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

George Gatland	1	Arthur A. Fuller	5
Samuel Burt	2	Lazarus Payne	6
Albert Goddard*	3	Charles Tyler	7
George Payne	4	Arthur E. Baker*	8

Conducted by Lazarus Payne. [\* First peal.]

*Central Council of Church Bell-ringers.*

At the Abbey Church, Selby, Yorkshire, on May 26th, Thurstans' Two-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 19 cwt.

John Whiteing (Hants)	1	Arthur Jacob*	5
Henry White (Hants)	2	Rev. G. F. Coleridge†	6
George Williams (Sussex)	3	Henry Dains*	7
A. B. Bennett (Sussex)	4	Frank Hopgood†	8

Conducted by George Williams. This is the first peal in the method upon the bells, and the first peal ever rung, all being Members of the Central Council. [\* Cumberland Youths. † Oxford Guild.]

ST. MARY'S, HITCHIN.—On May 30th, for practice, 490 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Randall, 1; W. Allen, 2; J. K. Foster, 3; F. R. Bacon, 4; F. Furr, 5; J. Craft, 6; G. T. Spicer (conductor), 7; W. Ebbs, 8. Also 504 in the same method. J. Randall, 1; G. T. Spicer (conductor), 2; W. Allen, 3; F. R. Bacon, 4; F. Furr, 5; J. F. Foster, 6; J. Craft, 7; W. Ebbs, 8.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday morning, May 29th, for Divine service, 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES. W. Markwell, 1; S. Burt, 2; A. Goddard, 3; J. Boniface, 4; C. Tyler, 5; A. E. Lish, 6; G. Payne (conductor), 7; A. E. Baker, 8. And for evening service 1260 of STEDMAN TRIPLES, in 45 mins. W. Markwell, 1; S. Burt, 2; A. Goddard, 3; J. Boniface, 4; G. Payne, 5; C. Tyler, 6; L. Payne (conductor), 7; A. E. Baker, 8.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—At St. Edward's, on Trinity Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 1280 changes: W. Pye, 1; H. Catterwell, 2; G. Jay, 3; A. J. Perkins, 4; H. Dawkins, 5; G. R. Pye (conductor), 6; W. Watson, 7; E. Pye, 8. Longest touch by the ringers of second and third bells.

STOKE COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Whit Monday, 720 BOB MINOR: A. W. Flowers, 1; T. Hope, 2; W. H. Rees, 3; J. H. White, 4; W. Maund, 5; W. H. Horwood (conductor), 6. Also 240 GRANDSIRE MINOR: W. Maund, 1; J. H. White, 2; W. H. Rees, 3; T. Hope, 4; A. W. Flowers, 5; W. H. Horwood (conductor), 6. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. Canon Blyth for the use of the bells.

NEWPORT (ESSEX) RINGERS' ANNIVERSARY.—The Newport ringers held their anniversary on Wednesday week in accordance with time-honoured custom. In the morning a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung upon the church bells, and other short peals were given at intervals during the day. The ringers were W. Bright, 1; W. Rust, 2; J. Harvey, 3; N. Brooks, 4; B. Cann, 5; John Cann, 6; and other ringers taking part were D. Cann, C. Reynolds, R. Harvey, and J. Pluck. Dinner was provided at the Star Inn, when, in the regretted absence of the Vicar, through illness, the chair was taken by Mr. Butler.

WENDENS AMBO, ESSEX.—The bells of the parish church have been taken out and sent to the foundry to be recast. The contract includes new frames and a new treble bell, making a peal of six. The work is being carried out by Mr. F. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, who recently rehung the church bells at Elsenham at the cost of Sir Walter Gilbey.

A HEYWOOD 'Subscriber from the beginning' has kindly sent us the following: 'I was reading an old programme the other day belonging to St. Luke's School Bazaar in which is an account of the old chapel of St. Luke's, written by the clerk, as follows: "The fabric of the ancient Chantry disappeared in 1640, and the bell now hangs in the bell-turret of St. Luke's Schools. There is an authentic story connected with it, viz., in June 1815, when news arrived in Heywood of the great victory of Waterloo, the bell was rung with such frantic violence by the overjoyed inhabitants that it was cracked. Mr. Wm. Livsey, blacksmith, achieved unenviable notoriety by the utter failure of his attempt to hoop it; the chapel-wardens, however, resolved to have it recast; this was done at Bury, a neighbouring town; it is said a quantity of silver was added to it to the extent of £25." I should like to ask whether the above case is unique; the said blacksmith was an ancestor of mine and namesake, and Bury is not a bell-founding town. Perhaps it may be of some interest to CHURCH BELLS readers.

THE Summer season which demands the wear of light attire also insists that the same should be 'got up' in a dainty manner. A useful article in this connection is Nixey's Cervus Blue, which imparts to cloths, linens, muslins, washing silks, or other launderable materials a brilliancy and whiteness not otherwise obtainable, and alike indispensable to such garments as to the household linen.

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

## CHANGE-RINGING.

*The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.*

At St. Margaret's, Westminster, on June 4th, a peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs. 19 mins. Tenor, 23 cwt.

Frederick A. Holden ..	1	Reuben Charge ..	6
William Pye ..	2	William J. Nevard ..	7
Isaac G. Shade ..	3	William J. Nudds ..	8
John D. Matthews* ..	4	Harry Flanders ..	9
George R. Pye ..	5	Ernest Pye ..	10

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow, and conducted by William Pye.  
[\* First peal in the method.]

*The Ancient Society of College Youths.*

At the Abbey Church of St. Lawrence, Waltham Abbey, Essex, on June 4th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 19 cwt.

Herbert Baker ..	1	Alfred B. Peck ..	5
Arthur G. Ellis ..	2	William H. Pasmore ..	6
Henry S. Ellis ..	3	Frederick Dench ..	7
George N. Price ..	4	John W. Golding ..	8

Composed by Frederick Dench, and conducted by John W. Golding.  
First peal in the method on the bells.

*The Kent County Association.*

At St. George's, Gravesend, on June 4th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 min. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

George Conyard ..	1	John H. Cheesman ..	5
Edwin Barnett ..	2	Henry Wilson ..	6
George Wilson ..	3	Lewis Silver ..	7
Henry W. Kirton ..	4	William Judd ..	8

Composed by G. Lindoff, and conducted by John H. Cheesman. H. W. Kirton was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

*The Surrey Association.*

At SS. Peter and Paul's, Mitcham, on June 6th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEPMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins.

William S. Smith (condr.) ..	1	Charles Dean ..	5
John C. Jackson ..	2	Albert C. Calver ..	6
James D. Drewett ..	3	Joseph Fayers ..	7
Dr. Arthur B. Carpenter ..	4	Lewin C. Ferrige ..	8

*The Norwich Diocesan Association.*

At St. Mary's, Debenham, Suffolk, on June 6th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

George Rumsey ..	1	William Wightman ..	5
David G. Wightman ..	2	William C. Rumsey ..	6
William G. Crickmer ..	3	James Motts ..	7
William J. Groom ..	4	George Wightman ..	8

Composed by Henry Hubbard, and conducted by James Motts.

At St. Mary's, Bungay, Suffolk, on June 10th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt. 1 qr., in F.

George Howchin, sen. ..	1	Oliver Brock ..	5
Walter Barrett ..	2	Ernest F. Poppy ..	6
Ernest Lincoln ..	3	George E. Symonds ..	7
George Baxter ..	4	Frederick R. Borrett ..	8

Composed by Cornelius Charge and conducted by George E. Symonds. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. B. P. Hurst for the use of the bells.

*The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.*

At the Parish Church, King's Norton, Worcestershire, on June 6th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5083 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

Fred Sumner ..	1	J. S. Pritchett ..	5
Harry Withers ..	2	William Palmer ..	6
Ernest T. Allaway ..	3	James Dowler ..	7
John Neal ..	4	Arthur E. Pegler ..	8

Composed by J. Reeves, and conducted by Harry Withers.

*Two Peals of Grandsire Caters.*

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Repeat last twelve courses four times. Produces 4 5 2 7 3. Round by bob at 5. Contains the 60 eight nines and the 60 nine six eights.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF RINGERS.—The annual meeting of this Association was held according to rotation on Tees-side on Whit Monday, the towers available (by the kind permission of their respective Vicars) being those of St. Hilda's (Middlesbrough) and Thornaby Parish Church, each with a ring of eight, and that of Stockton, with a ring of ten. At 12.45 p.m. the members attended service at St. Hilda's Parish Church, Middlesbrough, which was conducted by the Rev. J. C. Fowler, vicar of Whorlton, who gave an interesting address upon the various uses of bells in all Christian countries, with a special reference to the art of campanology, or the ringing of bells in musical sequence, expressed in a scientific procession of changes which ringers had to learn and master, and in the performance of which that recognition of truth which characterised all art must be the ideal. He contrasted ringing of this kind, which was peculiar to this country and its Colonies, to the indiscriminate clashing of bells such as prevailed on the continent of Europe. At 1.30 p.m. the members sat down to dinner at the Grand Hotel, the chair being occupied by the President, Mr. G. J. Clarkson, of Stockton. The muster was smaller than usual, but the occasion was vested with a special interest by the unexpected presence of members of the Central National Council of Ringers, which met in York the next day under the presidency of Sir Percival Heywood. These representatives from London, Middlesex, Sussex, and elsewhere, were accorded a very warm reception. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicars of the three churches for their towers, and to the Rev. J. C. Fowler for his able address. The Bishop of Ripon was elected patron of the Association, and the elections of new members included the Rev. A. N. Thomas, rector of Guisborough. The annual report was read by the Secretary (the Rev. W. P. Wright), and adopted. An appeal having been received from Richmond for assistance to the scheme in progress to increase their ring of six to eight, a donation of one guinea was unanimously voted. At the conclusion of the meeting the ringers dispersed to the various towers, in each of which their distinguished visitors enjoyed a well-struck touch before leaving the district for York.

BOCKING BELLS.—At Bocking, Essex, a peal of eight bells, placed in the parish church to commemorate the sixtieth year of the Rev. Henry Carrington as Dean and Rector, were dedicated, and a marble tablet recording the event was unveiled by the Countess of Martinengo Cesaresco, daughter of the Dean, who came from Italy expressly to be present. The Dean, who is in his ninetieth year, was unable to attend the ceremony, at which there was a crowded congregation, and, after the dedication, the bells rang joyously.

STURRY (KENT) CHURCH BELLS.—Efforts are being made to obtain a sixth bell for Sturry Church. The Committee formed for the purpose consists of the Vicar (treasurer) and churchwardens, representative Church workers, and representatives of the bell-ringers, with Mr. Pope as hon. secretary. Mr. T. Wood, of Homewood Hall, Vicar's warden, is the chairman. It is estimated that the cost will be £50.

MR. W. BAKER, of Wigmore Street, is selling a surplus stock of this year's Almanacks and Calendars, which includes a 'Church Calendar,' printed on cards, beautifully illuminated from old missals. The original price was 3s. 6d.; it may now be had for 1s., post free.

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

## CHANGE-RINGING.

*The Hertfordshire Association.*

At St. Andrew's, Hertford, on June 11th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Matthew Ellsmore ..	1	George H. Barker ..	5
John T. Kentish ..	2	George Paice ..	6
George Radley ..	3	James Parker ..	7
Henry S. Reeves ..	4	Herbert Baker ..	8

Composed by C. H. Hattersley and conducted by Herbert Baker. This peal was rung on the seventieth birthday of the Right Hon. the Earl of Cyper, K.G., the esteemed friend and neighbour of the Borough of Hertford, who built this tower in 1876, and is a generous benefactor to the church.

*The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.*

At St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey, on June 11th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5127 changes, in 3 hrs. 19 mins. Tenor, 20½ cwt.

John D. Matthews ..	1	Bertram Prewett ..	8
George R. Pye ..	2	Isaac G. Shade ..	7
John J. Lamb ..	3	William Pye ..	8
Ernest Pye ..	4	Reuben Charge ..	9
Arthur Jones ..	5	Arthur T. King ..	10

Composed by Arthur Knights and conducted by William Pye.

*The Ancient Society of College Youths.*

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Aldenham, Herts, on June 11th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Hubert Eden ..	1	Henry R. Newton ..	5
Henry Hodgetts ..	2	Conor O'Brien ..	6
Frederick W. Brinklow* ..	3	Alfred B. Peck ..	7
George N. Price ..	4	John W. Golding ..	8

Composed by Fredk. Dench and conducted by John W. Golding. [\* First peal in the method; also first peal in the method on the bells.]

*The Norwich Diocesan Association.*

At St. Mary's, Framdsen, Suffolk, on June 11th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5383 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

George Perry ..	1	Edgar H. Cks ..	5
George Howchin, sen. ..	2	William J. Groom ..	6
William Wightman ..	3	George Wightman ..	7
Alfred S. Wightman ..	4	William C. Rumsey ..	8

Composed by E. Whiteman, and conducted by G. Whiteman.

*The Waterloo Society, London.*

At All Saints', Fulham, on June 11th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

George Woodiss ..	1	James E. Davis ..	6
Fredk. G. Perrin ..	2	Mark Woodcock ..	7
Herbert Langdon ..	3	William Woodhead ..	8
John H. Cheesman ..	4	Cornelius Charge ..	9
Harry Last ..	5	Thomas Langdon ..	10

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart, and conducted by J. E. Davis.

*The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.*

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on June 13th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in G.

Joseph Rowell ..	1	Robert S. Story ..	5
Charles L. Routledge ..	2	Alfred F. Hillier ..	6
Joseph E. R. Keen ..	3	William Story ..	7
Thomas T. Gofton ..	4	Robert Richards ..	8

Composed by the Rev. H. Law James, and conducted by C. L. Routledge.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.—At St. Michael's Church, on June 14th, by members of the Norwich Diocesan Association, 593 GRANDSIRE CATERS. T. Holmes, 1; G. E. Symonds (conductor), 2; C. Lincoln, 3; C. Parnell, 4; H. Reynolds, 5; G. Baxter, 6; A. Hopson, 7; W. Spalding, 8; H. Ling, 9; R. Freestone, 10. Tenor, 28 cwt.

HEADINGLEY (LEEDS) BELL-RINGERS' OUTING.—The members and a few friends of the St. Chad's, Far Headingley, company had their annual outing to Otley, on Saturday, June 14th, by char-a-banc. Starting from Far Headingley, the party drove via Hanwood, arriving at Otley about 5.30 p.m. By kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. G. P. H. Frost, the bells were available, and STEDMAN and GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung. An adjournment was then made to the Red Lion Inn, where a social evening was spent, with selections on the handbells by St. Chad's tune-ringers, also touches of GRANDSIRE CATERS, GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and MAJOR, BOB MAJOR, &c. Songs were also contributed by members present during the evening, accompanied by Mr. J. Horner. The return journey was made about 9 o'clock, arriving home about 10.30 p.m.

## SOME BELL INSCRIPTIONS.

(Continued from page 336.)

## BIERTON, BUCKS (St. James).

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, Bierton, is a cruciform building of local lias stone, erected during the reign of Edward I. It consists of a chancel, nave, aisles, transepts, north porch, and an embattled western tower with a clock and six bells. There is a curious monument with an inscription stating that it 'was erected and set up at the proper costs and charges of Mrs. Caecily Bosse, the widdowe of the late Mr. Samuel Bosse, who died 21st December, 1616, and that he had nine sons and four daughters. On the pillar of the north transept are two oval-shaped tablets to the memory of the Rev. Timothy Shaw, Vicar of Bierton for thirty-four years, died September 17th, 1786, aged seventy-two, and his wife. He kept a school at Bierton for many years, and was highly esteemed by his pupils; he frequently rendered assistance to the neighbouring clergy, and among his familiar acquaintances obtained the title of 'The Angel of the Seven Churches,' from having at one period no less than that number to provide for simultaneously.

Below are the inscriptions on the bells.

Sanctus. Richard Chandler Made Me 1678.

Diam., 19 inches.

NOTE.—The last figure in the date 1678 is, I suppose, meant for an eight, but it is of a most peculiar shape. Robert King, B.D., was Vicar here at that date. He was presented on January 8th, 1662, by the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln. He was also Rector of Padworth, Berks, but resided here and held this living till his death, about 1683.

Treble, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th.—J: Briant, Hertford, Fecit 1816 ✕

Diam., 30½, 32½, 34½, and 35½ inches.

NOTE.—The Vicar in 1816 was Thomas Smith, B.D., presented about 1807 by the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln to the 'Vicariate of Bierton, with Backland and Stoke Mandeville.' He was also in 1827, Rector of Withington, Derbyshire, and died June 3rd, 1832.

5.—J: Badrick, J: Thorn, J: White, c: w:

J: Briant, Hertford, Fecit 1816.

Diam., 28½ inches.

Tenor.—John: Briant, Hertford, Fecit 1809.

J: Thorn & H: Webb c: w ✕

Diam. 42½ inches.

(To be continued.)

THE orchestral concert given on Friday by the students of Trinity College at Queen's Hall presented many admirable features. In the first place, the programme might be considered a model one. Commencing with Brahms' magnificent Academic Festival Overture, which was played with great precision and attention to detail, it included Liszt's Concerto in E flat, the difficulties with which the solo part abounds being brilliantly overcome by Miss Maud Agnes Winter. Other interesting features were Schumann's Concertstück, the solo part being undertaken by Mr. Percy Brier, whose playing showed considerable promise; and the Prelude and Andante from Saint-Saens' Concerto in G minor, in which the pianist, Miss Winifred Palfreyman, proved the excellent training she had received from her teacher, Mr. G. E. Bambridge. The most successful of the vocalists was Miss Laura Deavin-Caffyn, who is gifted with a musical voice, and sang with taste and feeling the scena, 'O Luce di quest' anima,' from Donizetti's 'Linda di Chamounix.' Other vocalists worthy of mention were Miss Mary Large and Miss Eva Trudell, the last-named singing an effective song composed by E. Beck-Slinn (Scholar), a pupil of Mr. Coleridge-Taylor. The concert concluded with Dr. Elgar's 'Three Bavarian Dances.'

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## THE CHURCH BEYOND THE SEAS.

### AMERICA.

The Diocesan Council in session at St. James's Church, Wilmington, have elected as Bishop-Coadjutor, in East Carolina, the Rev. Robert Strange, D.D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Richmond, Virginia. Dr. Strange graduated at the University of North Carolina in 1879 with the degree of A.B., and subsequently received the degree of D.D. from the same institution. He was ordained to the Diaconate in 1884 by the present Bishop of East Carolina, and was advanced to the priesthood in the year following by the late Bishop Lyman, of North Carolina. He was Rector of St. James' Church, Wilmington, until 1900, when he accepted his present charge of St. Paul's Church, Richmond. He was a deputy to General Convention from the Diocese of East Carolina in 1898.

The Bishop of Vermont (Dr. A. C. Hall, formerly one of the Cowley Fathers), in his sermon at the consecration of the Bishop-Coadjutor of Albany, asked his congregation to forgive him for an expression, which was as follows:—'We make, I am convinced, a great mistake, entirely reversing the true law of procedure, in sending generally to the new place a young and inexperienced clergyman—perhaps not even in priest's orders—to begin a work and lay foundations. It is these rotten or uncertain foundations which imperil the stability and hinder the upbuilding of the Church for many subsequent years. Naturally the young man has neither the experience nor the firmness to select material wisely. He is glad to gather in any who will come. Persons very likely of questionable character, of more than doubtful antecedents, disgruntled or factious members of other religious bodies, become the nucleus of the mission, perhaps its first officers, when they should have been kept on probation for some time before being admitted to the Church's privileges. The young clergyman doesn't discern; he can hardly be expected to resist the pressure. What hope can there be for a high standard of Christian life, or for any exercise of ecclesiastical discipline, in a congregation thus formed? Let our diocesan boards send wise, strong, experienced men to do the pioneer work, and lay foundations. Let the new missions and difficult places be a Bishop's chief care. They need his fostering interest and sympathy; they need to feel the firm hand of authority.'

The Bishop of Fond du Lac, in his address to the Convention on the 7th of June, noted the gain to the Diocese in the renewal of the mother house of the Sisters of the Holy Nativity to Fond du Lac: 'One of the greatest proofs of the continuity of the Anglican Communion and its preservation of the Catholic Faith and Sacraments,' he said, 'has been the revival in the last century of what is technically called the religious life . . . A few years ago we find that there were over two thousand professed religious or novices in the Anglican Church, and with a value of property estimated in England at seven hundred thousand, and an income from various sources exceeding 90,000 pounds. In America we have, thanks be to God, to notice the dedication of the Monastery of the Holy Cross Fathers at West Park, New York, and of the magnificent Convent of St. Mary's Sisters, our largest community, at Peekskill. There are now three orders of priests, fourteen communities of sisters, and three institutions of Deaconesses. We only mention this to show how firm a footing the religious life has obtained, and how essential a branch of the Church work it has become. It is said that there are more sisters in the English Church to-day than there were at the time of the Reformation. Its real strength lies, of course, in the entire consecration of its members to Christ and His Church.' The Bishop traced briefly the history of the religious life in the Church, and its restoration in the Anglican Communion, and added: 'May we not ask the parochial clergy to preach at least one sermon a year on Vocation and a "Sister's Life?" Very little is understood concerning it. Instead of objecting, as parents sometimes do, to their daughters entering a sisterhood, they should be taught to realise that it is the very highest of privileges to give a child as a priest or a sister to God. By calling one of their own children, God gives the highest honour He can bestow upon them. When God puts the desire for self-consecration into a child's heart, it is one proof that God is calling that person into His service. But it always is a call to the parents as well as to the child. It is the call to one to come, and to the other to let go, and if the call is responded to by each, each hereafter will have part in the reward.'

'We learn,' says the 'Living Church,' 'with the greatest regret of the resignation from the presidency of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, of Mr. H. D. W. English, by reason of ill-health. Mr. English's administration of the presidency has, perhaps, been the most useful of any that has been had in the Brotherhood history. Indeed, it is not too much to say that the present administration—which includes the indefatigable secretaries as an important element—has changed the Brotherhood from a decaying into a revived

power in the Church. It cannot be denied that three or five years ago, the Brotherhood had become dormant in many places where it had formerly been strong. Many felt that it had become a spent force. It was inevitable that the transition from the period of foundation to the period of settled permanence should be attended by changes which might easily have disrupted, or, still more easily, have led to the slow decay of stagnation, which most Church organizations have undergone after the first bloom of their youth is past. That the Brotherhood is to-day a spiritual power in the Church is unquestioned. In nearly every city it has trained up a body of laymen, not always large, to be ready and desirous to do Church work, and to do it in the spiritual power that comes from prayer and the Holy Eucharist. Corporate communions at an early hour, after devotional preparation on a preceding evening, have become a matter of course to Brotherhood men in all our cities, even where early communions are not always the local custom. For this revival both of spirituality and of active work, Mr. English and his associates in the Pittsburgh office are, under God, very largely responsible. We earnestly trust that Mr. English's physical condition may speedily improve, and that at no far distant period he may be able to resume his present position of usefulness to the Church.'

## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

### CHANGE-RINGING.

#### *The Bedfordshire Association.*

At SS. Peter and Paul's, Olney, Bucks, on June 18th, a variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 8 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

Harry Sear . . . . . 1	Harry Tysoe . . . . . 5
William J. Davison . . . . . 2	William Freeman . . . . . 6
Isaac Hills . . . . . 3	Charles W. Clarke (condr.) 7
Walter Finedon . . . . . 4	Sydney Smith . . . . . 8

First peal in the method on the bells.

#### *The Central Northamptonshire Association.*

At St. Peter's, Irthlingborough, Northants, on June 18th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins.

John B. Martin . . . . . 1	Thomas R. Hensher . . . . . 5
Fred Palmer . . . . . 2	James Garratt . . . . . 6
Alfred H. Martin . . . . . 3	Lewis Chapman . . . . . 7
William V. Newman . . . . . 4	Walter Perkins . . . . . 8

Composed by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, and conducted by Walter Perkins.

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#### PULMONARY HÆMORRHAGE.

It was in April, 1899, that I first called on Mrs. Stickland and received her account of her recovery from very serious illness under Mr. Congreve's treatment. Although her testimony was published about the time mentioned, it will be interesting to recall it here.

'It is at least ten years ago that I commenced Mr. Congreve's medicine,' Mrs. Stickland then told me. 'I was very ill with hæmorrhage of the lungs. Two or three years previously I had had a similar attack, and before then had shown all the symptoms of consumption. I was attended by doctors for a long time, but did not seem to make much progress. At one time the doctor did not think I should get better—he gave me up. I found Mr. Congreve's medicine invaluable—it really restored me to health. For three years I have not had the slightest return of hæmorrhage, and have been well enough to attend to all my household duties. I still take the medicine occasionally, whenever I think I need it, and have recommended it to many others, who have also received benefit. Our minister here who wrote for me in the first place regards me as a wonder.'

When I saw Mrs. Stickland in February, 1904, she informed me that she was still keeping well, adding, 'I am a wonder to myself and other people. I have had no return of hæmorrhage, though I have had several colds this winter. I always fly to the medicine, which soon puts me right. I still continue to recommend the medicine whenever opportunity offers.'

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*The Hertfordshire Association.*

At the Cathedral, St. Albans, Herts, on June 18th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of **STEDMAN TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 14 mins. Tenor, 30 cwt.

Henry Hodgetts .. ..	1	Frederick T. C. Nevett ..	5
Herbert Martin .. ..	2	Herbert Baker .. ..	6
George N. Price (conductor)	3	Edward Whitbread ..	7
Frederick J. Brinklow ..	4	Richard Chalkley* ..	8

[\* First peal.]

At St. Mary's, Hitchin, on June 25th, Holt's Ten-part peal of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor, 28 cwt.

Sidney J. Coleman .. ..	1	Frank Furr .. ..	5
William Newton* .. ..	2	John Hare .. ..	6
Charles R. Lilley (condr.)	3	John F. Foster .. ..	7
William Allen .. ..	4	W. C. Ebbs .. ..	8

[\* First peal on eight bells.]

*The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.*

At St. Stephen's, Hampstead, on June 18th, a peal of **GRANDSIRE CATERS**, 5003 changes, in 3 hrs. 18 mins. Tenor, 27 cwt.

Frank Smith .. ..	1	Mark Woodcock .. ..	6
William H. Pryor* .. ..	2	Thomas Titchener ..	7
Ernest Pryor* .. ..	3	Ernest Young* .. ..	8
Edwin Turl .. ..	4	Edward Chapman ..	9
Ernest Bonfield* .. ..	5	Richard Bevan .. ..	10

Composed by H. G. Miles, and conducted by Mark Woodcock. [\* First peal on ten bells.]

*The Sussex County Association.*

At the Parish Church, Brighton, Sussex, on June 20th, a peal of **SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

Keith Hart .. ..	1	Frank Bennett† .. ..	5
Albert D. Stone .. ..	2	George A. King .. ..	6
Robert J. Dawe .. ..	3	George Woodiss* ..	7
George F. Attree .. ..	4	George Williams ..	8

Composed by E. Wightman, and conducted by George Williams. All the above are members of the Cumberland Youths. [\* First peal in any SURPRISE method. † Fiftieth peal of SUPERLATIVE.]

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

At St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, Suffolk, on June 21st, a peal of **TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS**, in the Kent Variation, 5280 changes, in 4 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 32 cwt.

James Motts .. ..	1	Henry C. Gillingham ..	7
Edgar Pemberton .. ..	2	Edward Sherwood ..	8
William Motts .. ..	3	Edward Evans .. ..	9
Henry Dains .. ..	4	Albert E. Durrant ..	10
William Billenness ..	5	William L. Catchpole ..	11
Lewis W. Wiffen .. ..	6	Robert H. Brundle ..	12

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by James Motts. Arranged for Mr. Henry Dains.

**HENFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Sunday morning May 19th, for Divine service, 504 **STEDMAN TRIPLES**: W. Markwell, 1; W. Hillman, 2; A. Goddard, 3; J. Lish, 4; A. E. Lish, 5; G. Payne, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; A. E. Baker, 8. And for evening service, 1008 **STEDMAN TRIPLES**: W. Markwell, 1; S. Burt, 2; A. Goddard, 3; G. Payne, 4; W. Hillman, 5; A. Heasman, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; A. E. Baker, 8.

**NORTH WALES CHANGE-RINGERS.**—The quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Llangollen on Saturday week, when there were present companies from Buckley (accompanied by Canon Drew, vicar), Bangor, Beaumaris, Gresford, Wrexham, Ruabon, Llangollen, and Chirk. The gathering numbered upwards of forty, and after a peal of **STEDMAN TRIPLES**, with touches in several methods, had been rung at the Parish Church, an adjournment was made to the National Schools for luncheon. Here Mr. Thos. Davies, captain of the Llangollen ringers, presided, and the annual report of the Association was considered. It shows the Association to be in a flourishing condition, with a substantial balance in hand. Afterwards, by the kindness of Mr. Robertson, the ringers had an opportunity of inspecting the historic collection at Plas Newydd, the one-time residence of the Maids of Llangollen. The event was most successful and enjoyable.

**MUSICIANS AT YORK: A LECTURE ON BELLS.**—The Hull Section of the Incorporated Society of Musicians held a meeting at York on Saturday week. They attended evensong at the Minster, after which

the organist, Mr. T. Tertius Noble, gave an organ recital. In the evening Mr. W. W. Starmer, A.R.A.M., of Tunbridge Wells, gave a lecture in St. Michael's-le-Belfrey schoolroom on 'Bells and Bell Tones.' Canon Nolloth, of Beverley, presided, in the absence of the Dean of York. In an extremely interesting lecture, Mr. Starmer dealt with bells as musical instruments of especial interest to musicians. He remarked that the quality of tone depended not only upon the composition of the metal, but on the shape, height, width, thickness, and proportions of the bell. In casting, bells should be left sharp; they would become flat, but could not well be sharpened. Lantern slides were shown, and the diagrams of tones included the full score of the bells of York Minster. The Chairman, who proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer, alluded to the necessity of something being done with York Minster bells during the present year in the direction of re-hanging, restoring, or re-tuning.

**ESSEX: TIME-HONOURED RINGING FESTIVAL.**—Nearly 300 years ago Thomas Turner, who had lost his way in the Audley End Woods, heard the bells of Saffron Walden Church, and was enabled to return home. In a spirit of thankfulness he founded a bell-ringing society, and when he died, on June 27th, 1623, he remembered it liberally in his will. The anniversary is observed as a great ringing festival which was celebrated on Monday for the 281st time. A feature of the festival is the service in the parish church, and the preacher of the sermon also benefits under the will.

**QUERY.**—Can any ringer supply us with the names of hymn-tunes suitable for chiming on six or eight bells, with the title of the book in which those tunes may be found? A few popular airs would also be appreciated.

**SOME BELL INSCRIPTIONS.**

(Continued from page 616.)

**CHEDDINGTON, BUCKS (St. Giles).**

**CHEDDINGTON** church is a stone building of the Perpendicular period; it has a chancel, nave, south porch, and an embattled western tower containing five bells. It was restored in 1858, chiefly at the expense of Earl Brownlow and the Rector. The Very Rev. Arthur Perceval Purey-Cust, D.D., Dean of York, who was Rector here from 1853-1862, had the east window filled with stained glass in 1866; the reredos, which is of glass mosaic, was presented by the Rev. L. D. W. Dawson-Damer, M.A., Rector here 1862-1869. Below are the inscriptions on the bells:—

Treble.—God Save Ovr King 1638 I K +  
Diam., 31½ inches.

**NOTE.**—This bell is by James Keene, an Oxfordshire founder. John Bird, B.D., was Rector in 1638, and was also Vicar of Luton, Beds. He was appointed to this living in 1611.

2.—Johannes ~~clax~~. Hanc Campanam Fecit.  
Diam., 34½ inches.

**NOTE.**—It will be observed that the second word of this inscription is placed upside down. John Dier made this bell. His name is sometimes spelt Dyer and Dyey. He lived during Queen Elizabeth's reign, and was casting from about 1580 to 1597. The place of his abode is not known, but it was probably in one of the home counties. There are eleven bells by him in Herts and also some in Bucks, Cambs, Beds, and Essex.

3.—God Save Ovr King 1534 +  
Diam., 37½ inches.

**NOTE.**—This was also the work of James Keene.

4.—ancta : Maria : Ora : Pro : Nobis.  
Diam., 40½ inches.

**NOTE.**—The first letter of the word 'Sancta' is missing, and does not appear as though it had ever been stamped. This bell was most probably cast by John Saunders, a Reading founder, 1539-1559. He died at Reading in the year 1558-9.

Tenor.— : Richard : Chandelers  
: 1638 :

[Round other side of bell] : Richard : Chandelers  
: 1638 :

**NOTE.**—Richard Chandler I. established the bell-foundry at Drayton Parslow. He was the son of Anthonie Chandler, a blacksmith, and was born in 1602. Where he learned his trade is unknown, and it is also doubtful in what year he began bell-founding. He married at the age of twenty, in the year 1622, and had one son, Anthony, before mentioned, who was named after his grandfather. Richard died in the year 1638, so the Cheddington tenor is undoubtedly one of the latest specimens of his work.

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**BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.****CHANGE-RINGING.***The Kent County Association.*

At SS. Mary and Eadburg, Lyminge, on June 18th, Thurstans' One-part peal of **STEDMAN TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

H. Barton .. .. .	1	H. G. Fairbrass .. ..	5
E. G. Buesden .. ..	2	E. E. Foreman .. ..	6
A. A. Andrews .. ..	3	P. H. Pierce (conductor)	7
F. G. Brett .. .. .	4	H. Castle .. .. .	8

Numbers 1 and 8 came from Deal, number 6 from Hernhill, the others from Canterbury. The first peal of **TRIPLES** on the bells.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, Kent, on June 21st, a peal of **DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**, 5120 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

George Durling .. ..	1	James E. Davis .. ..	5
Edwin Barnett .. ..	2	Isaac G. Shade .. ..	6
William Weatherstone	3	Herbert P. Harman ..	7
Rev. F. J. O. Helmore	4	Thomas Groombridge ..	8

Composed by J. Paget, and conducted by Thomas Groombridge. First peal of **DOUBLE NORWICH** on the bells, and the conductor's 150 h peal.

At the Church of St. Margaret, Westminster, on June 24th, a peal of **STEDMAN CATERS**, 5007 changes, in 3 hrs. 19 mins. Tenor, 28 cwt.

Hubert Eden .. .. .	1	James E. Davis .. ..	6
Mark Woodcock .. ..	2	Thomas Groombridge ..	7
Frederick G. Perrin ..	3	Frederick J. French ..	8
John H. Cheesman .. .	4	Herbert P. Harman ..	9
Rev. F. J. O. Helmore	5	Arthur N. Hardy .. ..	10

Composed by Cornelius Charge and conducted by John H. Cheesman. Rung in honour of the King's Birthday.

*Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.*

At the Church of All Saints, Bristol, on June 23rd, Thurstans' One-part peal of **STEDMAN TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

George T. Daltry .. ..	1	Samuel Philips .. ..	5
Walter Apperley .. ..	2	John Thomas .. .. .	6
Raymond J. Wilkins ..	3	Fred. G. May (conductor)	7
Albert Stowell .. .. .	4	George Jayne .. .. .	8

*Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.*

At the Church of All Saints, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on June 23d, a peal of **DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 22 mins. Tenor, 22½ cwt.

Joseph Rowell .. .. .	1	Robert S. Story .. ..	5
Ernest E. Ferry .. ..	2	Charles L. Routledge ..	6
Alfred F. Hillier .. ..	3	Thomas T. Gofton .. ..	7
R. Alder Golton .. .. .	4	Robert Richards .. ..	8

Composed and conducted by Thomas T. Gofton.

*The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.*

At the Church of St. John, Waterloo Road, on June 25th, a peal of **SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Reuben Charge .. .. .	1	James Hunt .. .. .	5
Isaac G. Shade .. .. .	2	William J. Nudds .. ..	6
George R. Pye .. .. .	3	Septimus R. dford .. ..	7
John D. Matthews .. ..	4	William Pye .. .. .	8

Composed by Joseph B. Fenton, and conducted by William Pye.

*Midland Counties and Yorkshire Associations.*

At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, on June 25th, a peal of **SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**, 5230 changes, in 3 hrs. 30 mins. Tenor, 24½ cwt.

John Flint .. .. .	1	David Brearley .. ..	5
Benjamin A. Knights ..	2	William Lambert .. ..	6
George Hollis .. .. .	3	Sam Thomas .. .. .	7
Thomas Bettison .. .. .	4	Arthur Knights .. ..	8

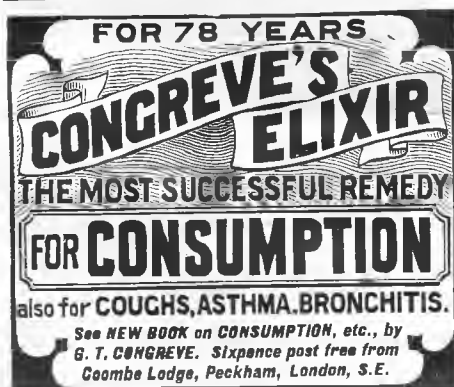
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### Yorkshire County Association and Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

At St. James's, Grimsby, on July 2nd, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 16 mins. Tenor 18 cwt.

Charles Taylor	1	John W. Seamer	5
Percy C. Long	2	Philip O. Bixby	6
Frederick S. Butler	3	Frederick W. Hargreave	7
William J. Nevard	4	Charles Jackson	8

Composed by Philip O. Bixby, and conducted by Charles Jackson. This is the conductor's 150th Yorkshire Association peal, and is now rung for the first time.

**FLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.**—The bells of Fleet Church being now in course of restoration, I have been asked (writes Mr. J. R. Jarrah to the 'Spalding Free Press') to send you a short history of the same, which may perhaps interest some of your Fleet readers. Prior to 1758, the steeple contained four large bells, which hung in the four lower pits just removed, each bell swinging parallel to each of the four sides of the bell-chamber. In 1758, the second of these four bells being cracked, it was decided to replace it, and to add a treble to make a peal of five. The work was entrusted to Joseph Mallows, bell-founder, of East Dereham, who cast a new treble (the third of the present peal of six, now about to be recast) and supplied an old bell, cast by John Brend of Norwich, in 1572, as a third (the present fifth). Thus a peal of five was formed, the fourth of which (the present tenor) was recast in 1766 by Lester & Pack, of the Whitechapel Foundry, London. The inscriptions on these five bells, copied in 1793, were as follows: Treble, 'Joseph Mallows, of East Dereham, in Norfolk, 1758'; second, 'Ihesus be our spede, 1598'; third, 'Fili Dei vivi miserere nobis. Anno Domini 1572. I.B.'; fourth, 'Wm. Dennes & Wm. Winkley, Ca: Wardens. Lester & Pack, of London, fecit, 1763'; tenor, 'Thomas Norris made me, 1632.' As I gave an account of Thomas Norris and the other Stamford founders in my notes on Holbeach bells, I need not repeat it here. The old tenor used to swing in the pit on the west side of the steeple, below where the present treble and second hung, till the old frame was removed the other day. She was four feet in diameter, note E flat, and must have weighed fully a ton, and consequently must have been the largest bell in the district. The only tenors in the neighbourhood at the present time giving the note E flat, are Holbeach, 3 ft. 9½ ins. in diameter, and Moulton, 3 ft. 10 ins. diameter, neither of which are heavy enough to give a good, strong note, though Moulton is the stronger of the two. All the other tenors of peals of five, and six bells, from Long Sutton to Spalding inclusive, are in F, Fleet amongst the number. It appears that the people of Fleet preferred quantity to quality, for in 1806 the old tenor was exchanged for the present treble and second, making the old fourth tenor (the present one). The old second (now the fourth) being cracked, was recast; and so the heavy peal of five was converted into a lighter one of six. The new bells were cast by Thomas Mears & Son, of the Whitechapel Foundry, London, and bear the names of the Rev. James Ashley, rector, and John Ashfield and William Smith, churchwardens. All the bells were rehung at the same time by John Cabbourne, of Sutterton, whom I mentioned before in connection with Moulton bells. The little bell on the roof of the south aisle was cast by Mears in 1876, and bears the names of J. R. Jarrah and D. Oliver, churchwardens in that year. In conclusion, I may add that the late third bell, cast by Mallows, which is about to be recast, though suitable as a treble to the old peal of five, was never in tune as a third in the peal of six, and besides being a poor, weak bell, was nearly half a note too sharp.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—By special invitation of the Hull company, the monthly meeting was there held on Saturday, June 25th. A good company of ringers left Leeds at 2.30 p.m., arriving about 4.30 p.m., the day being exceptionally fine. On arrival there, they were met by members of the Holy Trinity and St. James's Society, and a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES having been arranged at the latter church, the band for the peal at once made their way there. Other members proceeded to the Holy Trinity Church, the splendid ring of ten bells being at their disposal, when touches of STEDMAN TRIPLES, GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, and KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR were rung. In the meantime, owing to the 'go' of the bells, the attempt for the peal at St. James's had to be abandoned after about an hour's ringing. The business meeting was afterwards held at the meeting-house. In the absence of the President, Mr. Charles Jackson, the Vice-President, took the chair, supported by upwards of forty members from the following towers: Bradford, Beverley, Headingley St. Chad's, Huddersfield, Kirkheaton, Scarborough, Newcastle, Pontefract, Cleethorpes, and members of the Holy Trinity and St. James's Societies. The minutes of previous meeting, Headingley (St. Michael's), were read and passed. Rothwell was announced as place for next meeting. Six

new members were elected, on the proposal of Mr. J. Daxey, seconded by Mr. G. Barraclough. No other business being forthcoming, a vote of thanks to the Vicars and Churchwardens at both churches for the use of the bells, and to the local companies for band arrangements, was proposed by Mr. George Barraclough, and seconded by Mr. J. Noxon, and unanimously carried. Mr. Charles Jackson, on behalf of the local companies, suitably responded. Afterwards, a social evening was spent; tune-ringing on handbells, and also touches of the following methods were rung: GRANDSIRE CATERS, GRANDSIRE MAJOR, GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, PLAIN BOB MAJOR, and KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. Everybody present expressed their satisfaction in spending an enjoyable day, and the meeting finally terminated at a late hour.

## SOME BELL INSCRIPTIONS.

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### MARSWORTH, BUCKS (All Saints).

MARSWORTH or Masworth is a parish near the border of Herts, situated about 2½ miles from Tring, and 8 miles from Aylesbury. The exterior of the church has a commanding appearance; it is a stone and flint building in various styles of architecture, and consists of a chancel, nave, south aisle with chantry, south porch, vestry formed out of the north porch, and an embattled western tower with a clock and six bells, including the Sanctus bell. There are several monuments to the West and Seare families in this church. The oldest registers were unfortunately destroyed by fire about 1833, and there are now none previous to the year 1720.

Below are the inscriptions on the bells.

Sanctus.—1767. Diam., 17¾ inches.

NOTE.—Thomas Greet was Vicar here in 1767; presented April 3rd, 1762, which Vicarage he held with that of Eaton Bray, Beds, till his death in 1777.

A. H. Cocks considers this bell was cast by Lester & Pack.

Treble.—Henry Knight Made Mee 1662.

Diam., 29¼ inches.

NOTE.—This founder was Henry Knight II. of the Reading foundry, who died in 1672.

John Hooker was the Incumbent here in 1662. He was collated by the Bishop, February 12th, 1660. He died suddenly in his bed on a Sunday morning, 1684, and was buried here obscurely.

2.—Chandler Made Me 1694.

Diam., 31 inches.

NOTE.—The letters on this bell are very large. It was cast either by Richard or George Chandler, both of them sons of Anthony Chandler of the Drayton Parslow foundry.

In 1694 John Theed, A.M., was Vicar; instituted July 20th, 1692, and presented by the Crown. He was also Master of Berkhamstead School, and held this living till 1733 or 1734, so the third bell was also cast during his incumbency.

3.—George Chandler Made Me 1702.

Diam., 33½ inches.

NOTE.—The letters on this bell are 1½ inches in height.

4.—George Chandler: Made Me 1682.

Diam., 36¾ inches.

NOTE.—The figure 2, in the date 1682, is very much smaller than the three preceding figures.

John Hooker, mentioned above, was Vicar when this bell was cast, as well as the old Tenor of 1679.

Tenor.—Recast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1887.

[Round Waist] Anthony Chandler—Praise The Lord, 1679.

Recast 1887.

Diam., 40½ inches.

NOTE.—The Rev. Frederick William Ragg, M.A., has been Vicar here since 1880. Anthony Chandler, whose name has been reproduced on the new tenor, was the son of Richard Chandler who established the bell-foundry at Drayton Parslow. Anthony was only 16 years old at the time of his father's death, being very young to be left in charge of the business; however he was very successful as a bell-founder, and cast a great many bells after the Restoration. His full name appears on some bells; others are inscribed 'Chandler made me,' and a few bear the initials 'A. C.' only. His death took place about January 1681.

All the bells at this church have cannons, and there is a clock which strikes on the tenor bell.

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

## CHANGE-RINGING.

*The Sussex County Association.*

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Crawley, Sussex, on July 2nd, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

William H. Madgwick ..	1	George F. Williams ..	5
John Rice ..	2	Alfred D. Mills ..	6
George Thompson ..	3	Frederick Dench ..	7
John Steddy ..	4	George Williams ..	8

Composed by E. Wightman, and conducted by G. Williams. [\* First peal of SUPERLATIVE.]

*The Hertfordshire Association.*

At Pinner, Middlesex, on July 2nd, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

George N. Price (conductor) ..	1	Alfred B. Peck ..	5
Hubert Eden ..	2	Harry A. Horrex ..	6
Fredk. W. Brinklow ..	3	Edward Whitbread ..	7
Fredk. T. C. Nevett ..	4	Frederick White ..	8

*The Winchester Diocesan Guild.*

At St. James's, Shere, Surrey, on July 2nd, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs., in E.

Maurice Bignold* ..	1	Rev. F. E. Robinson ..	5
Septimus Radford ..	2	Alfred H. Puling ..	6
Thomas W. Radford ..	3	Rev. G. F. Coleridge ..	7
Conor O'Brien ..	4	James Hunt ..	8

Composed and conducted by James Hunt. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of the election of H. Fellowes (a local ringer) to the office of parish clerk. [\* First peal of MAJOR.]

## Edinburgh.

## (THE ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, Edinburgh, on July 2nd, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 changes, in 3 hrs. 37 mins. Tenor, 42½ cwt.

Francis V. H. Sinkins† ..	1	James R. Robertson* ..	6
William B. Sampson* ..	2	Edmund F. Price† ..	7
William H. Fussell ..	3	Richard Whitson* ..	8
C. Cleveland Ellis† ..	4	William H. Barber† ..	9
Henry Barton ..	5	Wm. C. S. Heathcote† ..	10

Composed by G. Lindoff, and conducted by W. H. Barber. First peal on tower bells by the Society. [\* First peal. † First peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS. ‡ First peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS as conductor.]

*The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.*

At St. George's, Gravesend, Kent, on July 2nd, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

Reuben Copelin ..	1	John D. Matthews ..	5
George R. Pye ..	2	Harry Flanders ..	6
Bertram Prewett ..	3	Lewis Silver ..	7
Isaac G. Shade ..	4	William Pye ..	8

Composed by Cornelius Charge, and conducted by Wm. Pye.

*The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.*

At St. Oswald's, West Hartlepool, Durham, on July 2nd, in the Kent Variation, a peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 27 mins. Tenor, 21 cwt.

James Baxter ..	1	W. H. Porter* ..	6
W. H. Stephenson ..	2	A. W. Barrett ..	7
J. W. Newton ..	3	R. Greenwood ..	8
F. P. Howcroft ..	4	E. C. Hunt* ..	9
A. M. C. Field ..	5	T. Metcalfe ..	10

Composed by G. Lindoff, and conducted by Thos. Metcalfe. First peal of ROYAL on the bells. Rung in commemoration of the induction of the Rev. H. Robinson as Vicar of the parish. [\* First peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL.]

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**THE BATH ABBEY COMPANY OF CHANGE-RINGERS.**—The eleventh annual outing of this Company was held the other Saturday, Ilfracombe being the place again selected for the trip. Leaving Bath by the 7.10 a.m. train per G.W.R., the company had ample time to reach Hotwells, from which place the steamer left. Through the courtesy of the P. and A. Campbell Company, the party, which numbered twenty-five, had the privilege of using the saloon deck at reduced rates. Hotwells was left at nine, Ilfracombe being reached about one o'clock. The invigorating breezes of the Bristol Channel helped to sharpen all appetites, and on landing a move was at once made for the Hotel Montebello, where an excellent dinner was provided, after which a hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. James N. Wake, tower master, and seconded by Mr. G. Temple, was carried, to Prebendary S. A. Boyd, the Revs. H. L. Maynard, P. Dewe, and S. Keen, the sidesmen, and other friends who had kindly assisted towards the expenses of the outing. A start was then made to Holy Trinity Church, where, at the request of Prebendary S. A. Boyd, the Rev. Prebendary Martin, the vicar, allowed the bells to be rung. A touch of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** was rung, which gave great satisfaction to the ringers, thanks being given to Mr. Bowen, the sexton, for placing the bells in order for them. Leaving Ilfracombe at 4.30 p.m., Bath was reached at 10.45, the company having spent a very enjoyable day.

**HEAVITREE RINGERS' OUTING.**—The Heavitree Society of Change-ringers held their annual outing recently, when they journeyed to Tiverton, Halberton, and Cullompton in brakes. Luncheon was partaken of at Bickleigh, and Tiverton was reached about eleven o'clock. Here ringing was indulged in on the fine-toned bells of St. Peter's. Mr. Nethercott presided at the dinner. Starting again about three o'clock, the next stop was at Halberton, where the beautiful Rectory grounds and the church were admired. A few peals of **DOUBLES** were rung here. On arriving at Cullompton, good wishes were received from Mr. Ferris Shephard, the father of the band, who had been leader at all previous outings. The church bells were raised and rung, and started in changes, when the order was given to stop, as the Sunday School teachers' conference was being held. At the same time the treble rope broke. Tea was the next item. The homeward journey commenced punctually at 7.30, a halt being made near Broadclyst for supper. There was a slight shower on the return journey, but not sufficient to spoil the day's pleasure.

**LYMINGE, KENT.**—A ring of eight bells, placed in the belfry of the ancient church, has been dedicated by the Bishop of Dover.

**LYDNEY CHURCH BELLS.**—At a special vestry, the Vicar (Rev. J. C. E. Besant) presiding, the question of the church bells and the improvement was discussed. The vestry examined tenders for strengthening the present framework and re-hanging and quartering the six old bells, and that of Messrs. Greenleaf, at Hereford, at £98 10s., was eventually accepted. The question of the new oak door for the north entrance was held over for a future meeting.

## SOME BELL INSCRIPTIONS.

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### IVINGHOE, BUCKS (St. Mary).

The small town of Ivinghoe possesses a very fine cruciform church of considerable antiquity, dating back to the time of Henry III. It has a chancel, clerestoried nave, and transepts, aisles, north, south and west porches, a central embattled tower surmounted by a spire. The tower contains a clock and six bells. The Duncombe family have several monuments in this church; in the chancel may be seen a tomb with recumbent effigy which is considered to represent Peter de Chaceport, who was presented to this living in 1241: the stained east window is to the memory of John William, 2nd Earl Brounlow, who died at Mentone, February 20th 1867. The Hampdens formerly held this Manor in early times, and according to tradition one of the family lost it for striking the Black Prince a blow with his racket when they quarrelled at tennis—hence the lines,

'Tring, Wing and Ivinghoe,  
Hampden of Hampden did forego,  
For striking of ye prince a blow  
And glad he might escapen so.'

Sir Walter Scott named one of his novels 'Ivanhoe' from this place. The tower was substantially repaired in 1819, as appears by an inscription

at the north end of the transept; at that time it contained but five bells, the sixth being added in 1875 when the old ring were recast. Below are the present inscriptions.

Sanctus.—B ank.

Diam., 16 inches.

Treble.—Cast by John Warner & Sons, London 1875.

Diam., 31 inches.

2 3 4 5 and Tenor.—Same as the Treble.

Diams., 32½, 35½, 38½, 40½, and 44½ inches.

NOTE.—Henry John Rawlinson was Vicar when the bells were recast; he was inducted to this living in 1874 and held it till 1890.

The old tenor at this church was inscribed 'Sacra Manet Christi Plebisque Religio Vana,' and the date 1628. It may have been the work of Robert Oldfield, who is considered to have been a Hertfordshire founder, and who carried on business from 1605 to 1638. The 7th bell at Hemel Hempstead cast by Oldfield has exactly the same wording as this bell had, and the date on the old tenor at Ivinghoe, 1628, would be during the time he was casting bells.

Over the door under the tower leading to the bells is a brass plate with the following words:—

In Memoriam

The Bells of this Church were recast and a sixth bell added at the cost of the Parishioners as a mark of sincere respect to the memory of the Rev. W. J. Hamilton twenty six years Vicar of Ivinghoe. The bells were reopened on August 5, 1875

R. [H ?] J. Rawlinson, Vicar  
C. Buckmaster } Churchwardens  
R. M. Roberts }

### PITSTONE, BUCKS (St. Mary).

PITSTONE, or, as it is sometimes called, Pightlesthorpe, is a village eight miles from Aylesbury. The church is built of stone, and comprises a chancel, nave of five bays, north chapel, north aisle, south porch, and an embattled west tower with three bells; it possesses an old Norman font, and the stairs which formerly led to the rood-loft still remain. The east window was filled with stained glass in 1893 to the memory of the Rev. Charles Ring Hutchinson, Vicar here twenty-six years (1855-81).

The bells are inscribed as follows:—

Treble.—1652 [four signs] Chandler Made Me.

Diam., 29 inches.

NOTE.—This bell is the work of Anthony Chandler. Barnaby Holloway was Curate-in-charge of Pitstone in 1652; appointed 1648, died 1660.

2.—Robert Patrick of London, Founder, 1786.

Diam., 31½ inches.

Tenor.—Stevens & Porter, Church Wardens, Robert Patrick of London, Founder, 1786.

Diam., 36 inches.

NOTE.—Robert Patrick, who had a bell-foundry at Whitechapel, married Sarah Oliver, a grand-daughter of Thomas Lester. Patrick, about 1782, went into partnership with Thomas Osborn in a bell-foundry at Downham Market, Norfolk, for a short time. About 1784 he had set up a foundry at Whitechapel, in opposition to William Mears, but his business did not last long, for the latest bell cast by him is at Iver, Bucks, dated 1787. It is most likely he died during the same year.

The name of the Curate-in-charge at Pitstone in 1786 is not known. There are two old clappers at this church lying on the floor next to the bell-chamber.

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**BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.****CHANGE-RINGING.***The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.*

At St. Nicholas's, Bristol, on July 6th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 22 mins. Tenor, 36 cwt.

Fred G. May ..	1	John Burford ..	6
W. James Hinton ..	2	Samuel Phillips ..	7
Raymond J. Wilkins ..	3	Henry T. Howell ..	8
Walter Apperley ..	4	John Thomas ..	9
Charles H. Gordon ..	5	Uriah Braven ..	10

Composed by C. Charge, and conducted by Fred G. May.

*The Norwich Diocesan Association.*

At St. Mary-the-Virgin, Pulham, Norfolk, on July 6th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

James Tann ..	1	Frederick Borrett ..	5
Ernest Poppy ..	2	James Boughton ..	6
Egbert Borrett ..	3	Charles T. P. Brice ..	7
Robert Whiting ..	4	George Symonds* ..	8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow, and conducted by C. T. P. Brice. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Poppy. [\* First peal in the method.]

*The Hertfordshire Association.*

At St. Matthew's, Oxhey, Herts, on July 7th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 48 mins. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

William Hodgetts ..	1	Frederick T. C. Nevett ..	5
Henry Hodgetts ..	2	Hubert Eden ..	6
Frederick W. Brinklow ..	3	Ernest E. Huntley ..	7
George N. Price ..	4	Harry A. Horrex ..	8

Composed by Charles H. Hattersley, and conducted by Hubert Eden. Rung in honour of the wedding of Edward G. Farncomb and May Eden, sister of the conductor.

ALSO at St. James's, Bushey, on July 11th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

Francis A. Smith ..	1	Ernest E. Huntley (condr.)	5
Fredk. T. C. Nevett ..	2	Harry A. Horrex ..	6
Sydney Saker ..	3	Edward Whitbread ..	7
Bertram Prewett ..	4	William Hewett (50th peal)	8

*The Essex Association.*

At St. Peter's, Colchester, Essex, on July 9th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 20½ cwt.

William J. Nevard ..	1	Edward Evans ..	5
Isaac G. Shade ..	2	Ernest Pye ..	6
James Motts ..	3	Lewis W. Wiffen ..	7
George R. Pye ..	4	William Pye ..	8

Composed by G. Lindoff, and conducted by William Pye.

*The Bedfordshire Association.*

At SS. Peter and Paul's, Newport Pagnell, Bucks, on July 9th, a Variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 18 mins. Tenor, 22 cwt. 2 qrs., in E flat.

Alfred J. Hessian* ..	1	Thomas R. Hensher ..	5
Fred Sear† ..	2	Harry Sear ..	6
James George ..	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.)	7
Charles W. Clarke ..	4	Valentine Sear ..	8

First peal on the bells. [\* First peal. † First peal in the method.]

BUCKNALL (STAFFS).—The choir and ringers of St. Mary's Church, had their annual excursion on the 11th inst., Chester being again selected. The various places of interest were visited, and after dinner a trip was taken on the river to Eccleston Ferry, where a pleasant afternoon was spent in visiting Eaton Hall, Ironbridge, and rambling about the park. Tea was served at the ferry-house, and a return was made to Chester in time for a final look round before catching the 9 p.m. train. Bucknall was reached soon after eleven o'clock, and so ended a most enjoyable day. The Rector (Rev. T. G. Birch), and the Rev. A. H. Bird (curate), accompanied the party, and the arrangements were made by Mr. Moreton, the organist.

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Composed by P. O. BIXBY, Gainsborough.

5088.	W. B. M. H.	5088.	W. B. M. H.
2 3 4 5 6		2 3 4 5 6	
2 4 3 5 6	S	2 4 3 5 6	S
3 2 4 5 6	-	3 2 4 5 6	-
4 3 2 5 6	-	4 3 2 5 6	-
4 2 3 5 6	-	4 2 3 5 6	S
3 4 2 5 6	-	3 4 2 5 6	-
2 5 3 4 6	-	2 5 3 4 6	-
2 3 5 4 6	S	2 3 5 4 6	S
5 2 3 4 6	-	5 2 3 4 6	-
3 5 2 4 6	-	3 5 2 4 6	-
3 2 5 4 6	S	3 2 5 4 6	S
5 3 2 4 6	-	5 3 2 4 6	-
2 4 5 3 6	-	2 4 5 3 6	-
2 5 4 3 6	S	2 5 4 3 6	-
4 2 5 3 6	-	4 2 5 3 6	-
5 4 2 3 6	-	2 3 5 6 4	- - -
5 2 4 3 6	S		
4 5 2 3 6	-		
2 3 5 6 4	- - -		
2 5 3 6 4	S		
3 2 5 6 4	-		
5 3 2 6 4	-		
5 2 3 6 4	S		
3 5 2 6 4	-		
2 6 3 5 4	-		
3 2 6 5 4	-		
6 3 2 5 4	-		
2 5 6 3 4	-		
6 2 5 3 4	-		
5 6 2 3 4	-		
2 3 6 4 5	- - -		
2 6 3 4 5	S		
3 2 6 4 5	-		
6 3 2 4 5	-		
6 2 3 4 5	S		
3 6 2 4 5	-		
2 4 3 6 5	-		
2 3 4 6 5	S		
4 2 3 6 5	-		
3 4 2 6 5	-		
3 2 4 6 5	S		
4 3 2 6 5	-		
2 6 4 3 5	-		
4 2 6 3 5	-		
6 4 2 3 5	-		
2 3 4 5 6	- - -		

Twice repeated.  
This peal contains the full combinations of 4, 5, and 6 in 5-6 without the 2nd in that position at any course-end.

6096.

6096.	W. B. M. H.
2 3 4 5 6	
2 4 3 5 6	S
3 2 4 5 6	-
4 3 2 5 6	-
4 2 3 5 6	S
3 4 2 5 6	-
2 5 3 4 6	-
2 3 5 4 6	S
5 2 3 4 6	-
3 5 2 4 6	-
3 2 5 4 6	S
5 3 2 4 6	-
2 4 5 3 6	-
2 5 4 3 6	S
4 2 5 3 6	-
5 4 2 3 6	-
5 2 4 3 6	S
4 5 2 3 6	-
2 3 5 6 4	- - -

Twice repeated.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHANGE-RINGERS.—The Annual Festival of this Guild was held at Godalming on the 9th inst., and was attended by a considerable proportion of the members of this society for the encouragement and practice of change-ringing. The proceedings began with a special service at the Parish Church. At a meeting afterwards held at the Borough Hall, under the chairmanship of the Rev. L. H. Burrows (Vicar of Croydon), the chairman proposed 'Success to the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers.' He welcomed them to the old borough of Godalming, which although it had not quite the same historic interest as the cathedral city of Winchester, where they assembled last year, had its own objects and its own glories. He was sure every loyal member of the Guild would rejoice with him that they had their Bishop back with them, he hoped in restored health; he had every reason to think so. Ringers were a most important body of church workers, and had their place in church work as clearly as anybody, as the choir or any church organization. He would couple that toast with the names of their honoured President and their Master. Their president had been over twenty years the president of their society, and he was not like some presidents, he always turned up at those gatherings. He had also three sons, who had all been made honorary members of the Guild. It was also very delightful to think that Mrs. Stilwell was able to honour them with her presence on that occasion, and she kept in countenance the one lady bell-ringer who had had the pluck to come out that morning. He would like to mention the name of Mr. Matthews, Vicar of Bursleden, their Master, who was

engaged in every possible way in fulfilling their interests. Mr. J. P. Stilwell, replying, said the Guild was a great power in the diocese, and he hoped to see its influence exercised in every direction: where there was a tower and at least six bells, there should be organized in that parish a guild of ringers. The Rev. C. E. Matthews (Master) also responded.—The annual meeting of the Guild afterwards took place in the hall, Mr. J. Stilwell presiding. The 24th annual report, presented by the Secretary (Rev. C. E. Matthews), stated that the new arrangements seemed to be meeting with general favour, and there were evidences of increasing life in the Guild as a whole. Mr. Jones was elected District Secretary, and Messrs. Garfath and Whittington representatives on the Central Committee. It was decided to attempt quarterly peals.

**SOME BELL INSCRIPTIONS.**

(Continued from page 676.)

**WINGRAVE, BUCKS (SS. Peter and Paul).**

WINGRAVE village is situated on a hill from whence an extensive view of the surrounding country can be obtained: the town of Aylesbury, over six miles distant, is plainly discernible on a clear day. It possesses a handsome church of considerable dimensions; the building itself is of stone, in the Early English and Perpendicular styles of architecture, and has a chancel, nave, transept, aisles, and an embattled western tower containing a clock and six bells. The church was restored in 1887 at a cost of £4600, when an organ transept and vestries were added. The east window, which is of stained glass, was the gift of Miss Butt, niece of the Rev. John Martin Butt, M.A., Vicar here 1850-85.

A curious and ancient custom of strewing the church with hay on the first Sunday after St. Peter's Day is still observed, for half an acre of grass-land was left for that purpose.

The bells are inscribed as under:—

Sanctus—A. C., 1678.

Diam., 14 inches.

NOTE.—This bell hangs in an open turret at the east end of the nave. The initials 'A. C.' are those of Anthony Chandler, of the Drayton Parslow Bell Foundry in this county. He was the son of Richard Chandler, who was also a bell-founder. Anthony was born in 1622, and was only sixteen years old at the time of his father's death, whose business he carried on, probably at first with the assistance of a foreman. He does not appear to have cast very many bells before the Restoration, but after that time his business greatly increased, and many bells bearing his name or initials are still hanging in church towers in the counties of Bucks and Berks. The exact date of his death is doubtful, but it was probably in January, 1681, about three years after this bell was cast.

Roger Hitchcock, A.M., was Vicar of Wingrave in 1678. He was instituted in 1674, and held it till his death in 1705. He was buried on the 17th of April, at Aston Abbats, of which place he was also vicar.

Treble.—Lester &amp; Pack, Fecit 1760.

W<sup>m</sup> Abr<sup>m</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Theed, Rob<sup>t</sup> Lucas Gave Me 1620.

Diam., 32 inches.

NOTE.—In Lipscomb's 'History of Bucks,' Vol. III., under Rowsham, the name of Lucas (who resided at Rowsham and owned the property) is mentioned as a contributor, with others, to the gift of the Tenor bell to Wingrave Church in 1620. The word 'Tenor' is evidently a misprint for 'Treble,' as will be seen by the name 'Lucas' and the date '1620' above mentioned.

Thomas Adams, A.M., was Vicar at this time. He was instituted 21st December, 1614, and resigned in 1636. He was also Incumbent of St. Benet Fink, London.

2.—John Theed AN<sup>o</sup> DO<sup>m</sup> 1818.

[Lower Line] W. W.

Diam., 33½ inches.

NOTE.—A. H. Cocks considers this bell to have been cast by William Wakefield, an ex-apprentice of Joseph Carter, who cast the third here.

(To be continued.)

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

*The Bells of Kea, Cornwall.*

A CONSPICUOUS feature of the landscape to the south-west of Truro is the parish church of Kea, whose red-tile roof looks strikingly bright against the foliage of the surrounding trees. The new church, commenced in 1894 and consecrated in 1896, occupies the site of a building that was erected in 1803 when a former church close to the Fal, opposite Tregothnan, ceased to be used. As soon as the present building was opened for worship the need of a peal of bells was very obvious. The bells taken from the old tower were quite inadequate, especially as some of them were cracked, and consequently an endeavour was made to provide a peal of eight bells worthy to do duty in the tower of the beautiful building. The bells were dedicated on the 22nd inst. The peal consists of:

Treble—24 inches diameter; note G, weight 3 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.; inscription: 'Venite exultimus Domino: To the glory of God and in memory of M. A. W. Coode, Sept. 4, 1894; F. A. Coode, January 10, 1902.'

No. 2—24½ in. diam., note F sharp, weight 3 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.; inscription: 'Jubilate Deo, omnis terra: To the glory of God and in memory of Nicholas Michell, April 10, 1880.'

No. 3—26 in. diam., note E, weight 3 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.; inscription: 'Benedicite omnia opera Domini, Domino; W. Kerby, clerk; F. Michell sexton; J. Sanderoock, their deputy, 1886.'

No. 4—28 in. diam., note D, weight 4 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.; inscription: 'Cantate Domino canticum novum; E. F. A. Daubuz, organist 1868; John Thomas, E. Chegwidan, choirmen, 1886.'

No. 5—31½ in. diam., note C, weight 5 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.; inscription: 'Te Deum Laudamus, Anno 1603, recast 1904.' This bell has been broken for upwards of fifty years.

No. 6—32½ in. diam., note B, weight 6 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.; inscription: 'Magnificat anima mea Dominum; Steven Jackee, Tho. Crust, wardens; J. A. P. (coin), T.C. 1667; recast 1904.' This bell has been broken for upwards of fifty years.

No. 7—36 in. diam., note A, weight 7 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.; inscription: 'Sit Nomen Domini Benedictum.'

No. 8—40½ in. diam., note G, weight 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.; in-

scription: 'Nunc dimittis servum tuum Domine in pace, ejus Deus miseratur; F. C. Cardew, vicar 1898, J. C. Daubuz 1863; W. L. Hearle, 1883, wardens.'

No. 7 bears the Royal arms of the 15th century, and was removed with Nos. 5 and 6 from the belfry of the tower at old Kea, close to the River Fal, in 1803. The total cost of recasting the old bells, providing new ones, &c., will be about £540, towards which £490 had been raised prior to the dedication service, at which a collection was taken in aid of the bell fund.

## CHANGE-RINGING.

*The Norwich Diocesan Association.*

At St. Mary's, Putney, on July 13th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

J. Armiger Trollope .. 1	Henry S. Ellis .. 5
Henry Dains .. 2	Ernest G. Stibbons .. 6
Henry R. Newton .. 3	Arthur R. Jacob .. 7
John T. Kentish .. 4	William E. Garrard .. 8

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by W. E. Garrard.

At St. Peter's, Kelsale, Suffolk, on July 16th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, 2 hrs. 52 mins.

William Fleming* .. 1	George Berry* .. 5
Ernest Poppy .. 2	William Fisher* .. 6
William Drew .. 3	John W. Avis* .. 7
F. Gordon Thompson* .. 4	George E. Symonds .. 8

Composed by Arthur Knights, and conducted by G. E. Symonds. First peal in the method on the bells. [\* First peal of DOUBLE NORWICH.]

*The Ancient Society of College Youths.*

At St. Michael and All Saints', Beaconsfield, Bucks, on July 16th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 21½ cwt.

Fredk. T. C. Nevett .. 1	George N. Price .. 5
Henry Hodgetts .. 2	Alfred B. Peck .. 6
Frederick W. Brinklow .. 3	John W. Golding .. 7
Hubert Eden .. 4	Henry R. Newton .. 8

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### The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

At St. Paulinus', Crayford, Kent, on July 16th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 507.2 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

Edwin Barnett ..	1	Thomas Langdon ..	5
George Conyard ..	2	Henry Dains ..	6
Arthur Jacob ..	3	William Shimmins ..	7
John H. Cheesman ..	4	Edgar Whitman ..	8

Composed and conducted by Edwin Barnett.

**LEWES BELL-RINGERS.**—A quarterly meeting of the Southover Church Bell-ringers' Guild, Lewes, was held on the 11th inst., in the bell-ringing chamber of the belfry. Councillor Verrall (Vice-President) was in the chair. There were also present Messrs. E. G. Burbridge, S. Shoesmith, J. T. Glandfield, W. A. Hillman, J. Hambrook (Vice-Presidents), Steadman, F. Sturt (Assistant Hon. Secretary), George H. Sturt, A. Errey, C. Errey, and H. H. Ebrall (Hon. Secretary). A Sub-Committee was appointed to consider what steps could be taken to secure proper ventilation in the bell-ringing chamber, as at present the arrangements did not appear to be quite satisfactory for those engaged in change-ringing, which often lasted for three hours in an overheated atmosphere. Attention was called by the Hon. Secretary to the very beautiful west window which lighted the bell-ringing chamber, and which needed protection for the glass from the outside. Mr. G. W. Peel was unanimously elected an honorary member, and Mr. John Charles Walker a ringing member. These further elections very much strengthened the Guild, which is in a prosperous condition. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Councillor Verrall for his conduct in the chair, and to the other Vice-Presidents for their attendance and support to the Guild.

**HERTFORDSHIRE BELL-RINGERS' OUTING.**—The Baldock Society of Bell-ringers recently had their annual outing, and, taking their handbells with them, had a most delightful day. Leaving home in a brake, Braughing was reached about 12.15, when a stop was made. The ringers at once made for the church tower, where the bells had been kindly placed at their disposal, and touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and BOB MAJOR were rung. Then an adjournment to the Rose and Crown Inn was made, where the inner man was looked after. After dinner the tower was again visited, and touches of STEEDMAN and GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and BOB MAJOR were rung. About 4 o'clock the journey was continued to Aspenden, where ringing was again indulged in both before and after tea. A start was made for home about 8 o'clock, and, stopping on the way at Cottered, ringing on the handbells took place, much to the enjoyment of those who heard them. Home was safely reached about 11 o'clock. No stop was made at Buntingford, but the handbells were used as they passed through. The company numbered ten, and a thoroughly enjoyable day was spent. The ringers feel deeply indebted to the Vicar of Braughing and the Rector of Aspenden, with the other church officers, for their kindness in allowing the use of the bells, which were found in a most satisfactory condition.

**CANTERBURY RINGERS' OUTING.**—On Tuesday, July 13th, the Canterbury Cathedral Company of Change-ringers had their annual outing. The party, consisting of nineteen members of the company, including the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Secretary of the Kent County Association, went by train to Staplehurst, where a brake was waiting, and drove to Benenden, where they halted and rang some touches of STEEDMAN on the church bells. Resuming the drive, Cranbrook was reached, where dinner was enjoyed at the George Hotel. It was found that the funeral of Captain Sharp, a respected resident in the town, was to take place during the afternoon, and the ringers accordingly offered their services on the bells muffled, which were accepted. After tea the party drove back to Staplehurst, where the church tower was visited and more ringing done before the train was taken for Canterbury.

### SOME BELL INSCRIPTIONS.

(Continued from page 696.)

#### WINGRAVE, BUCKS (SS. Peter and Paul).

3.—Josephus Carter Me fecit 1608. John Theed.  
Diam., 34 inches.

NOTE.—Joseph Carter was the second proprietor of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. He also had a foundry at Reading; purchased the London business in 1606, and died in 1610.

Robert Nixon was Vicar here in 1608. He was presented by Queen Elizabeth, instituted 4th January, 1571, and continued Vicar till 1614, being succeeded by Thomas Adams, whose name is mentioned above.

4.—Lester & Pack, Fecit.

Mr Rich<sup>d</sup> Woolley, Vicar = T. Keene & T. Seabrooke Ch:  
Wardens 1760.

[Incised on waist] 9-1-10.

Diam, 36½ inches.

NOTE.—Richard Woolley, A.B., was presented to this living by Francis, Duke of Bridgewater, and instituted 26th February, 1753; he held it until his death, which took place on the 3rd May, 1792, aged 72 years.

The figures incised on the waist of this bell represent its weight—9 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lbs.

Lester & Pack, the founders of this bell and the Treble, were joint proprietors of the Whitechapel Foundry. Thomas Lester succeeded Richard Phelps in the year 1738, and carried on the business alone till 1752, when he took Thomas Pack into partnership; he had most likely been his foreman. The dates of their casting range from 1752 to 1767.

5.—Mr Rich<sup>d</sup> Woolley, Vicar. Messrs. Jn<sup>o</sup> Grace and Jn<sup>s</sup> Higgs, Ch: Wardens.

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(Round Waist) Recast by Mears & Stainbank.

Thomas G. Lockhart, Vicar.

Stewart Freeman } Churchwardens.  
Frank Griffin }

A.D. 1900.

Diam., 41½ inches.

NOTE.—The old fifth was worded the same, with the exception of the additional words round the waist.

William Chapman was Thomas Lester's nephew, and in 1769 he was taken into partnership with Lester & Pack, and the firm was known as Lester, Pack, & Chapman for a short period; Thomas Lester, however, dying in December of the same year, the title was altered to Pack & Chapman. Pack died in 1781, and William Mears became Chapman's partner the following year.

The Rev. Thomas Gostelow Lockhart, whose name appears on this bell, is the present Vicar; he was instituted to this living in 1885, and had been previously Curate of Houghton Regis, Bedfordshire.

Tenor.—Vox: Nova: Jam: Muti: Fungor: Vice: Michael's: A: D: 1900.

[Round Waist] Mears et Stainbank, Londini, Fecerunt.

Diam., 48 inches.

NOTE.—This bell was cast to take the place of the old Tenor—a fine mediæval bell, which had become badly cracked.

Old Tenor.—Intonat De Celis Vox Campana Michaelis.

Diam., 42 inches.

NOTE.—This fine Pre-Reformation bell is still in the church, and may be seen by all visitors; it stands on the ground floor of the belfry, supported on two stout blocks of wood.

It was cast by John Danyell, a London founder, circa 1460, who also cast the present third at Little Missenden in this county. Unfortunately it is cracked across the crown and waist, and on one side a hole has been bored through the metal, the object of which was to prevent the crack extending farther.

It has large cannons; before the inscription are three handsome designs:—a small cross, coat of arms crowned, and a floriated cross in a circular design. Illustrations of the small cross and coat of arms are given in the late Mr. North's 'Church Bells of Herts,' figures 21 and 200 respectively.

John Ryche was Vicar of Wingrave in 1460; instituted June 29th, 1448, and held the living till his death, circa 1468.

In the vestry hangs a framed account of the bells.

WINGRAVE.

Peal of Six Bells.

	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	Date.
Tenor	14	2	12	A.D. 1900.
V.	11	1	1	" 1900.
IV.	9	1	10	" 1760.
III.	7½	approx.		" 1608.
II.	7	"		" 1618.
Treble	6	"		" 1760.

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and said it was entirely owing to Dean Colet that the great School was now in existence.—Mr. Watson gave away the prizes.

At King's School (Canterbury), Speech-day, besides a large attendance of the parents and friends of the scholars, there were many Old Boys present. At the commemoration service in the Cathedral, the sermon was preached by the Dean of Canterbury (Dr. Wace), who, with the members of the Chapter, as the Governing Body of the School, attended the subsequent proceedings in the Chapter House.

The Head Master (the Rev. A. J. Galpin) distributed the prizes. He mentioned that in the list of ninety-two public schools who took part in the Universities' Joint Board Examination last year, the King's School stood tenth in the number of higher certificates gained, and that of the eleven boys leaving the school for the Universities this summer, six were going there with scholarships or exhibitions from their colleges.

The Dean of Canterbury read the list of distinctions for the past year, which included honours at Oxford, Cambridge, Woolwich, and Sandhurst, a Naval Assistant clerkship, and the first place in the appointments to the Indian Police Force. He also announced the award of two School Exhibitions of £50 a year, and the election of four boys to the Senior Foundation Scholarships of £25 a year.

The Bishop of London the other night presented prizes to the pupils attending Parmiter's Schools, Victoria Park. Mr. T. Beven, chairman of the Governors, presiding, spoke in eulogistic terms of the services rendered during the past seventeen years by Dr. Scott as head master, and gave a cordial welcome to Mr. W. J. Sharples, the head master elect. The Bishop of London expressed pleasure at once again being among the people of Bethnal Green, and meeting Dr. Scott, who had done so much for education in the district. They wanted in East London the very best education, and they intended to have it. At Parmiter's they received, he knew, instruction of the highest quality, which not only fitted them to hold positions of great responsibility, but made them good citizens.

The Rev. Dr. J. E. Marks, under medical orders, is compelled, regretfully, to abandon his intended return to Burma this year. He hopes to continue his work for S.P.G. as far as his health will permit.

## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

### CHANGE-RINGING.

#### *The All Saints' Society, Fulham.*

At All Saints', Fulham, on July 23rd, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Frederick J. Jee* ..	1	William F. Hartshorne ..	5
John W. Kelley ..	2	Alfred Jones† ..	6
William J. Throughton ..	3	James W. Driver (condr.)	7
Alfred H. Winch ..	4	Charles F. W. Hunt‡ ..	8

[\* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. ‡ First peal.]

#### *The London County Association, late the St. James' Society.*

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, on July 25th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERPILLERS, 5007 changes, in 3 hrs. 23 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

Frank Tubb ..	1	James E. Davis ..	6
Edward Cassell* ..	2	Albert E. Coles ..	7
Frederick G. Perrin ..	3	George R. Fardon ..	8
William Weatherstone ..	4	Herbert Langdon ..	9
William H. Hollier ..	5	Henry Stubbs ..	10

Composed by Sir Arthur P. Heywood and conducted by Herbert Langdon. [\* First peal in the method; also on ten bells.]

#### *The Bedfordshire Association.*

(BEDFORDSHIRE ARCHDEACONRY.)

At St. Owen's, Bromham, on July 25th, a peal of MINOR, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 19 mins. Being 720 each of MERCHANTS' RETURN, WOODBINE, OXFORD BOB, CANTERBURY PLEASURE, and PLAIN BOB. Tenor, 24½ cwt., in E flat.

John Hare ..	1	George D. Coleman ..	4
Frederick Wells ..	2	William J. Mayes ..	5
Sidney J. Coleman ..	3	Charles R. Lilley ..	6

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*The Bedfordshire Association.*

At St. Lawrence's, Willington, on July 23rd, a peal of MINOR, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 26 mins, being 720 each of WOODBINE, OXFORD, and KENT TREBLE BOB, DOUBLE COURT, COLLEGE SINGLE, OXFORD BOB, and PLAIN BOB. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

Joseph Church ..	1	Frederick J. Maynard ..	4
Thomas M. Wright*	2	William Freeman ..	5
Charles W. Clarke (condr.)	3	John W. Barker ..	6

Arranged for Mr. T. M. Wright, and is the quickest peal ever rung in any tower in the county. [\* First peal with a bob bell.]

*The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.*

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

At St. John's, Wasingborough, Lincolnshire, on July 20th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Tom Pyle ..	1	G. M. Morton ..	5
John T. Wells ..	2	Fred Pyle*	6
Sidney W. Tindal*	3	George Chester ..	7
George Flintham ..	4	John W. Watson ..	8

Composed by John Carter and conducted by George Chester. Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. W. P. Clifton upon his recent marriage. [\* First peal.]

*The Oxford Diocesan Guild.*

At St. Paul's, Wokingham, Berks, on July 23rd, a Variation of Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins. Tenor, 17 cwt.

Charles Moulden ..	1	William Horne ..	5
W. E. Pitman ..	2	William Newell ..	6
Septimus Radford ..	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson ..	7
Thomas Attwell ..	4	George Brion ..	8

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

*The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.*

At Christ Church, North Shields, Northumberland, on July 23rd, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5004 changes, in 3 hrs. 14 mins. Tenor, 19 cwt.

Thomas T. Gofton ..	1	William Story ..	6
Ernest E. Ferry ..	2	Joseph E. R. Keen ..	7
Robert S. Story ..	3	R. Alder Gofton ..	8
Edmund F. Price*	4	Joseph A. Gofton ..	9
Alfred F. Hillier ..	5	Oswald Simm ..	10

Composed by Cornelius Charge and conducted by T. T. Gofton. [\* First peal of STEDMAN, and comes from Edinburgh.]

*The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.*

At St. John-the-Baptist, Pinner, Middlesex, on July 16th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

James George ..	1	Alfred W. Brighton ..	5
Bertram Prewett ..	2	Ernest Pye ..	6
Isaac G. Shade ..	3	John D. Matthews*	7
George R. Pye ..	4	William Pye ..	8

Composed by the Rev. H. Law James and conducted by W. Pye. [\* First peal in the method.]

At Christ Church, Epsom, Surrey, on July 23rd, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 47 mins. Tenor, 12 cwt.

John H. B. Hesse ..	1	Isaac G. Shade ..	5
Alfred W. Brighton ..	2	James Hunt ..	6
John J. Lamb ..	3	Fredk. A. Holden ..	7
George R. Pye ..	4	William Pye ..	8

Composed by G. Lindoff and conducted by William Pye.

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

At St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on July 26th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 27 mins. Tenor, 32 cwt.

Robert H. Brundle ..	1	James Motts ..	6
William Motts ..	2	Henry O. Gillingham ..	7
William Billenness ..	3	Edward Evans ..	8
Edward Sherwood ..	4	William P. Garrett ..	9
William L. Catchpole ..	5	Edgar Pemberton ..	10

Composed by Henry Dains and conducted by James Motts.

*The Norwich Diocesan Association.*

At St. Mary's, Diss, Norfolk, on July 18th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in the Oxford Variation, in 3 hrs. 19 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

William Ireland ..	1	George Archer ..	5
Frederick Roope ..	2	William Roope ..	6
Albert Wier ..	3	John Souter ..	7
John Smith ..	4	Frederick Borrett ..	8

Composed by T. Day and conducted by John Souter.

At St. Mary's, Redenhall, Norfolk, on July 23rd, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 21 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

Frederick Borrett ..	1	Oliver Brock*	5
Ernest Poppy ..	2	Egbert Borrett ..	6
Walter Barrett ..	3	George Symonds ..	7
James Betts ..	4	James Souter ..	8

Composed by H. Dains and conducted by F. Borrett. [\* First peal in the method.]

At St. Nicholas', Harwich, Essex, on July 23rd, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

James Motts ..	1	Edward Sherwood ..	5
William Billenness ..	2	George Thompson*	6
William L. Catchpole ..	3	Edward Evans ..	7
Arthur T. Morris*	4	Lewis W. Wiffen ..	8

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by James Motts. [\* First peal in the method.]

*The Winchester Diocesan Guild.*

At Holy Trinity, Christchurch, Hants, on July 23rd, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 28 mins. Tenor, 23 cwt.

Stephen Best ..	1	George H. Plummer ..	6
Charles W. Goodenough ..	2	Albert Beet ..	7
A. F. Martin-Stewart*	3	Tom F. Best ..	8
Edmund V. Hinton ..	4	George Preston ..	9
Arthur N. Wooff ..	5	Bert Kerley ..	10

Composed by J. Wright, and conducted by George Preston. [\* First peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS; also first peal of CATERS in any method by the rest of the band. First peal of CATERS on the bell.]

ST. ILLTYD'S, NEWCASTLE, BRIDGEND.—The Bishop of Llandaff, on the 26th ult., dedicated the bells of St. Illtyd's Church, Newcastle, Bridgend, in the presence of a crowded congregation. The whole of the old bells have been re-cast and the octave completed at the expense of Mr. R. K. Pritchard, of Bryntirion, in memory of his late wife. Mr. W. Riley, of Newcastle House, gave the whole of the timber for the framework. The oldest of the bells date back to 1720, and bear some quaint inscriptions.

MADRON.—The Parish Church ringers had their annual outing recently. Accompanied by the Rev E. C. Mackie and their captain (Mr. William H. Jenkin, an octogenarian ringer), they proceeded to Falmouth and up the Fal to Truro. From Falmouth, a visit was made to St. Gluvias, where the party were met by the Rev. A. A. Vawdrey, and where a peal was rung on the bells.

At Boxley on July 12th, being the occasion of the wedding of Miss K. Ashby, of Boxley, and Mr. P. Tomsett, of Loose, the following members of the Kent County Association rang, after the service, 720 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES: R. Attwood, W. Hope, G. Pond (conductor), C. Attwood, W. Kilpatrick, F. Wright. Also in the evening, another 720 with A. Haygreen, 6; the rest as before.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—On the 23rd ult., a special ringing meeting of this Association was held at South Wingfield, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. F. Christian. Ringing members were present from Ashover, Alfreton, Swanwick, Ripley, Horsley, Tibshelf, South Normanton, Clay Cross, North Wingfield, Shirland, and South Wingfield. The Vicar kindly entertained the visitors to tea on the lawn, and eighty sat down. Tea over, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for providing the tea and granting the use of the bells. Five new members were enrolled from South Wingfield, and four from other towns. The members wish to thank the tower-keeper (Mr. Hawksley) for having everything in readiness for the meeting, the 'go' of the bells being all that could be desired.

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

### CHANGE-RINGING.

#### The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At St. Peter Mancroft, on July 28th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, in the Kent Variation, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 50 mins. Tenor, 43 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

Charles E. Borrett .. 1	George Howchin .. 7
Albert G. Warnes .. 2	Edward Francis .. 8
Frederick R. Borrett .. 3	Frederick Day .. 9
Egbert Borrett .. 4	Fredk. J. Howchin .. 10
Benjamin A. Knights* .. 5	Frederick Knights .. 11
Arthur Knights* .. 6	John Souter† .. 12

Composed and conducted by Arthur Knights. [\* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of MAXIMUS on tower bells.]

#### The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, and the Hertfordshire Association.

At St. James's, Bushey, Herts, on July 30 h, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

Ernest E. Huntley .. 1	Hubert Eden .. 5
Henry Hodgetts .. 2	Isaac G. Shade .. 6
Fredk. W. Brinklow .. 3	George R. Pye .. 7
Bertram Prewett .. 4	William Pye .. 8

Composed by J. W. Washbrook, and conducted by William Pye. First peal in the method on the bells.

#### The Yorkshire Association.

At St. John's, Gooles, Yorks, on July 30th, Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 14 mins.

James Cottrell .. 1	William Pearson† .. 5
Charles Armitage* .. 2	Charles Jackson .. 6
George Halksworth* .. 3	Ben T. Lamb .. 7
George T. Marshall .. 4	John W. Dale .. 8

Conducted by Charles Jackson. [\* First peal of STEDMAN. † First peal away from the tenor.]

#### The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

At St. Michael's, Minehead, Somersetshire, on August 1st, Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Five-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 21 cwt.

P. Mason .. 1	W. G. Bowden .. 5
G. W. Challice* .. 2	G. W. Stokes .. 6
C. Summers .. 3	H. Moore .. 7
G. Atkins .. 4	C. Dawson .. 8

Conducted by G. Atkins. [\* First peal of TRIPLES.]

#### The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

At St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth, on July 28th, for practice, a quarter peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, was rung in 47 mins.

W. Kerley .. 1	H. W. Stanley .. 5
E. T. Green .. 2	C. Goodenough (condr.) .. 6
F. Phillips .. 3	F. T. Gover (London) .. 7
D. Forfitt* .. 4	C. Merrifield .. 8

Arranged for M. Gover, who is spending his holiday at Bournemouth, and was rung after the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. A. E. Daldy. [\* First quarter peal].

ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE CHURCH TOWER STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.—On Friday a terrific thunderstorm broke over St. Andrews, and the spire of the ancient College Church was struck by lightning on the west side. The top of the tower has for some time been in a somewhat decaying condition, and it is probable now that it may have to be almost entirely rebuilt, as a rent over fifteen feet in length has been made. In view of this unfortunate event, says a Dundee contemporary, it may be interesting to note the early history of the two bells that hang in the College tower 'Elizabeth,' of St. Leonard's, round which the dispute centres, seems to be of comparatively modern date. It was made by one, Robert Maxwell in 1724, and was, no doubt, brought from the church of St. Leonard when that building fell into disuse. 'Kate Kennedy' is much older. Tradition has her as having been placed there by a near relative of Bishop Kennedy, the founder of St. Salvator's, to warn the students

of the nightly approach of the hour when the door would be shut against them. The inscription on the bell belies the beneficent act of a personage so dear to the students. It seems to have been placed there by Kennedy himself in 1460, and called by him 'Katherine,' doubtless after the mystical 'Kate.' It has been twice recast, once in 1609, and again in 1636, when the Council sanctioned a voluntary collection in the city 'to defray the casting or melting of the College bell called Catharine Kennedy.' Again, at the celebration of Ladysmith relief in the late war, was she cracked, and for the time Kate's tongue is silent.

## SOME BELL INSCRIPTIONS.

(Continued from page 718.)

### HARDWICK, BUCKS (St. Mary's).

St. Mary's Church, Hardwick, is situated on elevated ground near the centre of the village, and close to the main road from Aylesbury to Winslow; it is built in the Early English style, and has a chancel, nave, south aisle, south porch, and an embattled western tower holding five bells and a sanctus bell. In the years 1872-3 it was restored at a cost amounting to upwards of £4000, and several stained-glass windows were inserted—one being to the memory of the Rev. Christopher Erle, M.A., who was presented to this living in the year 1833 by the Warden and Fellows of New College, Oxford. Just under the south side of the tower, in the churchyard, may be seen a monument, erected by the late Lord Nugent, to the memory of 247 persons killed at the battle of Aylesbury, March 2nd, 1642; their remains were found in a field near Aylesbury, and brought here to be interred.

Below are the inscriptions on the bells:—

Sanctus.—Isaac Hurst, William Batson, Church Wardens 1850.

(Round Waist.) S. Seymour, Aylesbury.

Diam., 18½ inches.

NOTE.—S. Seymour was a builder at Aylesbury; as his name appears on the bell, it may safely be inferred that he supplied it. This bell was cast during the Incumbency of the Rev. Christopher Erle.

Treble.—J. Briant, Hertford, Fecit 1811 W Flowers C: W:.

Diam., 28½ inches.

NOTE.—John White, B.C.L., the Rev. Christopher Erle's predecessor, was Rector here when this bell was cast. He was presented to this living on the 25th May, 1837, by the Warden and Fellows of New College, Oxford. He was also Prebendary of Sarum: died at Hardwick in the year 1833.

2.—Anthony Chandler Made Me 1675.

Diam., 30 inches.

NOTE.—The Rector at this time was John Dummer, A.M., inst. 6th May, 1669; died in 1694, and was buried here.

There are 2 coins on this bell, probably half-crowns of Charles II.

3.—✠ Prayes Ye The Lord 1622.

Diam., 32¼ inches.

NOTE.—This bell, as well as the fourth, was the work of James Keen. Edward Lee was Rector in 1622; he was presented to this living by his brother, Sir Henry Lee, and inst. 2nd March, 1613; he died in Nov. 1641, and was buried here.

4.—G.d Save Ovr King 1623 I K

Diam., 36¼ inches.

Tenor.—Robert Newcome Made Me 1590.

Diam., 41 inches.

NOTE.—Robert Newcombe, or Newcombe, as his name is sometimes spelt, was a Leicester founder. His father, Robert Newcombe, had a foundry in All Saints' parish, in that town, and appears to have been a most enterprising man. He was elected Mayor of Leicester in 1550. At the dissolution of Leicester Abbey he purchased the big bell there. His death occurring in 1557, his son, Thomas Newcombe, carried on the business for thirty years; then Robert, his brother, the founder of the Hardwick Tenor, succeeded him. He also cast the fourth bell at All Saints', Leicester, which reads as follows:—

'Robarte Newcombe Mad Me in 1586.'

The name 'Newcombe' on the Leicester bell is spelt with a 'b'; the letter 'e' is omitted in the word 'made,' and the word 'Robert' has a letter 'e' at the end.

This business, after passing through many different hands, is now owned by the well-known firm of John Taylor & Co., Founders, Loughborough.

Richard Harris was Rector of Hardwick in 1590: he was presented by the above-named College in 1564, and held it till his death in 1613, being buried in the chancel of this church 6th February, 1613.

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We have to thank several friends—including 'Mrs. S.,' Ipswich, Mrs. Le B. Smith, Maidenhead, Mr. D. Clayden, and Mrs. Wade—for responding to our appeal for books. Further responses would be very welcome.

## BOOKS OFFERED.

'Hymns for the Church on Earth' (Ryle); 'Natural Theology' (Paley); 'Under His Banner' (Tucker); 'Goulburn on the Communion Office'; 'Goulburn's Inspiration of the Holy Scriptures'; 'Voices of the Day' (Cumming); 'Illustrated Notes on English Church History'; 'Treasury of Sacred Song'; 'New Testament' (revised version); 'The Christian Life'; 'Christe Eleison'; 'Short Sermons for Family Reading'; 'The Sinless Sufferer'; 'The Approaching End of the Age'; Liddon's 'Bampton Lectures.'

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

## CHANGE-RINGING.

## The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

At St. Martin's, Dorking, Surrey, on August 1st, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt. in D.

George R. Pye .. .. 1	Ernest Pye.. .. 5
Isaac G. Shade .. .. 2	Septimus Radford.. .. 6
John J. Lamb .. .. 3	James Hunt .. .. 7
Bertram Prewett .. .. 4	William Pye .. .. 8

Composed by C. H. Hatterley, and conducted by B. Prewett. First peal of SURPRISE on the bells; also the conductor's 250th peal.

## The Essex Association.

At St. Edward's, Romford, Essex, on August 4th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor, 17 cwt.

Alfred W. Brighton .. 1	F. Gordon Thompson* .. 5
William Foreman .. 2	George R. Pye .. 6
Harry W. Catterwell .. 3	William Pye .. 7
Benjamin Cousins .. 4	Ernest Pye.. .. 8

Conducted by William Pye. [\* First peal in the method.]

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

At St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, Suffolk, on August 5th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 26 mins. Tenor, 32 cwt.

Edward Evans .. .. 1	Edgar Pemberton .. .. 5
William Motts .. .. 2	Robert H. Brundle .. 6
Edward Sherwood .. 3	James Motts .. .. 7
Henry C. Gillingham .. 4	Henry Welham .. .. 8

Conducted by James Motts. Rung as a compliment to H. Gillingham, who celebrated his 34th birthday.

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### The Kent County Association.

At St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Speldhurst, on August 6th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of **STEDMAN TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min.

Henry J. Selby ..	1	William Latter ..	5
Edward Mankelov ..	2	Alfred A. Jarret* ..	6
William Collison ..	3	David Wright (condr.) ..	7
Alfred W. Tawney ..	4	Charles Chapman ..	8

[\* First attempt and first peal of TRIPLES in any method.]

### The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

At St. Peter's, Hershham, Surrey, on August 6th, a peal of **SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**, 5036 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins. Tenor, 8½ cwt.

John D. Matthews ..	1	Isaac G. Shade ..	5
George Woodis ..	2	Hubert Eden ..	6
Bertram Prewitt ..	3	James Hunt ..	7
John J. Lamb ..	4	William Pye ..	8

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

### The Yorkshire County Association.

At the Priory Church, Bridlington, Yorks, on August 13th, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part peal of **STEDMAN TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 17 mins. Tenor, 26½ cwt.

Charles Armitage ..	1	James Dixey ..	5
George Barraclough ..	2	Charles Jackson (condr.) ..	6
George Halksworth ..	3	William T. Cockerill ..	7
James Broadley ..	4	John W. Dale ..	8

First peal in the method on the bells.

### The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At St. Mary's, Bungay, Suffolk, on August 10th, Thurstans' One-part peal of **STEDMAN TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs, in F.

John C. Jackson (condr.) ..	1	Edward Evans ..	5
George Howchin ..	2	Frederick R. Borrett ..	6
Egbert Borrett ..	3	George E. Symonds ..	7
Albert G. Warnes ..	4	Ernest Lincoln ..	8

**CHANGE-RINGING IN NOTTS.**—The Rev F. E. Robinson, the veteran master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Change-Ringers, has been paying another visit to the Nottingham district. Three peals were successfully accomplished by the Midland Counties Association of Change-ringers:—All Saints', Ripley, 5050 **STEDMAN TRIPLES**: S. Wesley, 1; H. George, 2; Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, 3; J. Pagett, 4; H. S. T. Richardson, 5; W. Fox, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; R. Blackwell, 8. At Holy Trinity, Lenton, 5040 **STEDMAN TRIPLES**: S. Wesley, 1; Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, 2; H. S. T. Richardson, 3; E. H. Lewis, 4; J. E. Hexter, 5; H. George, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; W. Wagstaff, 8. At St. Paul's, Daybrook, 5040 **STEDMAN TRIPLES**: E. H. Lewis, 1; H. S. T. Richardson, 2; H. George, 3; T. Horton, 4; W. Hexter, 5; S. Wesley, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; R. Blackwell, 8. In each case the Rev. F. E. Robinson called a variation of Thurstans' four-part peal, and the time in each case was 2 hrs. 55 mins. It is the first peal of **STEDMAN** rung at Ripley. The Rev. F. E. Robinson has now rung 911 peals of upwards of 5000 changes each, or about 200 peals more than any other person.

**DEDICATION OF A SANCTUS BELL.**—On the occasion of the patronal festival at St. James's Church, Gawsworth, Cheshire, a new sanctus bell, which had been put up in the little turret over the east end of the church, was dedicated. The purpose of the bell is thus explained by the Rector in a printed address which he has circulated amongst the Gawsworth people:—"The placing of the bell in the turret is practically a restoration; for, until Puritan times, when everything of value, dedicated to God's honour, was ruthlessly destroyed, or sold for secular purposes or annexed by fanatics trading under the cloak of religion to swell their own pockets, it is certain that a bell hung there and was used. The restored bell, then, will be chimed, in accordance with past usage, for a few moments at every early celebration of the Holy Communion, on the principle that as the five minutes bell at the west end before Matins and Evensong tells people that a sermon will be preached at the conclusion of the office, so an east-end bell should be chimed to let those who are unable to be present, by reason of sickness or domestic duties, know that the very highest act of Christian worship—the Lord's own service—is being offered on their behalf."

## SOME BELL INSCRIPTIONS.

(Continued from page 756.)

### HULCOTE or HULCOTT, BUCKS (All Saints).

THIS quiet country village possesses a quaint little church built chiefly in the Early English style of architecture. It has a chancel, nave, south aisle, north porch, and a low western turret of wood, surmounted with an octagonal broach spire, holding three bells, the ascent to which is by no means an easy task. When I took the inscriptions of these bells, the clerk very kindly assisted me. On our arrival in the bell-chamber, a thought occurred to me that a good spring cleaning would be a great improvement to the place, which seems to have been much neglected. In a great many churches where the main portion of the building is usually kept in good and sometimes excellent order, the belfry and ringing chamber are sometimes neglected, and the clergy and churchwardens do not give the attention to them which they ought.

The aisle of this church contains an hagioscope, and also a plain altar tomb, supposed to be that of Benedict Leigh, one of the lords of the manor, who died in 1547. At the restoration of the church in 1862-3, when the plaster was being removed from the walls, the entrance to the rood loft was discovered at the south-east angle of the nave. The stained east window was presented by the present Rector, the Rev. Edward Bonus, LL.M., M.A., who has held the living since 1864.

The bells are inscribed as under:—

Treble.—Blank. Diam., 22 inches.

NOTE.—This bell may have been cast by Richard Keene.

2. ✕ A B E C D O I S.

Diam., 26¼ inches.

**NOTE.**—A. H. Cocks says this bell was probably cast during Queen Mary the First's reign. At that time people were sometimes afraid to express their religious opinions, for the Romanists and Protestants were bitterly opposed to each other, thus bell-founders often put letters on their bells instead of any decisive inscription, so that they should not be singled out as belonging to any particular party.

Bells of this kind are termed 'Alphabet Bells.' The tenor bell at Westbury, Bucks, has merely seven letters on it, but the lettering of the same is of far handsomer kind than that on the Hulcote bell.

Tenor.—✕ God Save Ovr King 1621.

I K. E N.

Diam., 27½ inches.

**NOTE.**—The same authority in his book, *Church Bells of Bucks*, considers this bell to have been cast by James Keene and his partner or moulder, most probably Edward Newcombe. This latter person was most likely the Edward Newcombe who was in partnership with Robert Newcombe at the Leicester foundry circa 1590, and who was elected Mayor of Leicester in 1599, or, more probably still, he may have been his son, for Edward Newcombe, Mayor of Leicester, would not have been working with Keene as late as 1621. One of the Leicester Newcombes, whose Christian name is not given, cast the fourth bell at St. Mary's, Oxford, and it bears the following inscription:—

'Be yt knowne to all who doth me see,

That Newcombe of Leicester made me, 1612.'

James Keene, himself an Oxfordshire founder, may have become acquainted with the Newcombes when at Oxford in 1612. Perhaps some readers of *Church Bells* interested in bell literature may be able to give more particulars about them.

Richard Fountain was Rector of Hulcote when the tenor was cast. He succeeded to the living in 1620: died, and was buried at Hulcote, July 4th, 1622.

On the north wall of the south isle at the west end is a stone tablet inscribed:—

Sacred  
to the Memory of  
BALDWIN THORNE  
who died  
Jan'y 14<sup>th</sup> 1823  
aged 100 years.

**NOTE.**—The present parish clerk, Mr. Menday, informed me that this person was his wife's great-grandfather. Baldwin Thorne lived during the reign of four kings, George I., II., III., IV., possibly a unique event considering the reign of George II. and George III. covered a period of ninety-three years.

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

## CHANGE-RINGING.

*The Essex Association.*

At St. Mary-the-Virgin, Stansted, Essex, on August 13th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min. Tenor, 13 cwt.

Herbert Little ..	1	John Luckey ..	5
Nathan J. Pitstow ..	2	Thomas J. Watts ..	6
Henry J. Tucker ..	3	William T. Prior ..	7
Walter Prior ..	4	William Watts ..	8

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow, and conducted by William Watts. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

*The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.*

At St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on August 13th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5069 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

William B. Manning ..	1	William Pye ..	6
Ernest Pye ..	2	Ernest F. Poll * ..	7
William Truss ..	3	Harry Flanders ..	8
John D. Matthews ..	4	Frederick A. Nunn ..	9
Isaac G. Shade ..	5	Thomas Watson ..	10

Composed by G. Lindoff, and conducted by William Pye. [\* First peal in the method.]

*The Yorkshire Association.*

At the Priory Church, Bridlington, on August 13th, Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Transposition of Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 17 mins. Tenor, 26½ cwt.

Charles Armitage ..	1	James Dixey ..	5
George Barraclough ..	2	Charles Jackson (conductor) ..	6
George Halksworth ..	3	William T. Cockerill ..	7
James Broadley ..	4	John W. Dale ..	8

First peal in the method on the bells.

At St. James's, Hull, on August 20th, J. J. Parker's One-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Frederick Merrison ..	1	Harry Gibson ..	5
Charles Jackson (condr.) ..	2	Charles Armitage ..	6
George Halksworth ..	3	James Dixey ..	7
George T. Marshall ..	4	John W. Dale ..	8

*The Hertfordshire Association.*

At St. James's, Bushey, Herts, on August 15th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

Maurice F. Hibbert * ..	1	Harry A. Horrex ..	5
Bertram Prewett (condr.) ..	2	Ernest E. Huntley ..	6
Frank A. Smith ..	3	William G. Whitehead ..	7
Hubert Eden ..	4	Joseph J. Allen ..	8

Rung as a birthday compliment to Ernest E. Huntley. [\* First peal of STEDMAN with a bob-bell.]

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

At St. James's, Quedgeley, Gloucester, on August 15th, Sir Arthur Heywood's Variation of Thurstan's peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

Jesse Gillett ..	1	Thomas Newman ..	5
Thomas Baldwyn ..	2	John Austin ..	6
Ernest E. Davis ..	3	George Condict ..	7
Alfred T. Brunsdon (condr.) ..	4	William J. Sevier ..	8

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

*The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.*

At Berkeley Church, Gloucestershire, on August 17th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins.

F. G. May ..	1	F. K. Howell ..	5
C. H. Gordon ..	2	Rev. Cyril Jenkyn ..	6
H. T. Howell ..	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson ..	7
Rev. C. D. P. Davies ..	4	H. A. Cockey ..	8

The peal was conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who holds the record as to the number of peals rung. The above was his 915th, of which number he has conducted 401 in the STEDMAN TRIPLES method, a wonderful performance for one who is now in his 72nd year. His only ambition now is to complete 1000 peals before he gives up active participation in the art he loves so well.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Tuesday week, at the residence of Mr. A. Symonds, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR were rung on handbells (15 bobs), by A. Symonds (conductor), 1-2; E. Simpson, 3; S. G. Tatum, 4; S. H. Symonds, 5-6. A course of BOB MAJOR was rung by A. Symonds, 1-2; E. Simpson, 3; S. G. Tatum, 4 (first course in the method), S. H. Symonds, 5-6; J. S. Symonds, 7-8.

THE HARVEST BELL AT DRIFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.—The ancient custom of ringing the harvest bell for a month during the harvest was commenced at Driffeld, on the 8th inst, by the parish clerk, Mr. Johnson, this making the 56th year he has undertaken the duty. The bell is rung from the tower of the church at 5 a.m. and 7 p.m.

LEWES (SUSSEX) BELL-RINGERS.—At a meeting of the Southover Church Bell-ringers' Guild, held on Friday week, the Rector in the chair, it was arranged that the peal-ringing should be continued each month, which, owing to little difficulties, had recently been dropped. The question of the ventilation of the ringing chamber was gone into, and also the protection of the west window of the belfry.

DESBOROUGH (LEICESTER).—The contracts for the repair of the parish church spire have been laid before the committee, and they have decided in favour of Mr. J. Banbury, of Leicester. The cost will be £150, in addition to the architect's fees. Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, have secured the contract for supplying an additional bell to the belfry at a cost of £62 18s., including the tuning of the old bells.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The monthly ringing meeting of this society was held at Rothwell on Saturday, July 30th. Arrangements were made for an attempt at a peal of OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, but owing to the non-arrival of one of the band, a start could not be made. Touches of various methods were rung on the bells during the afternoon and evening. The business meeting was held at the White Swan Hotel at 7.30 p.m. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, Mr. George Barraclough was elected to the chair, supported by a good number of members present from the following towers: Headingley St. Chad's, Headingley St. Michael's, Woodlesford, Wakefield, Pudsey, and local company. The minutes of previous meeting (Hull) were, on the proposal of Mr. J. Nichols, seconded by Mr. Steele, passed as read. Other business having been brought before the meeting, a vote of thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for band arrangements, was proposed by Mr. J. Whitaker, seconded by Mr. T. Eason, and carried. Mr. W. Abershaw suitably responded on behalf of the local company. Touches of various methods were rung on the handbells during the evening, finally bringing the meeting to a conclusion.

OBITUARY: THOMAS BOWN.—It is with regret that we announce the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at Blyton near Gainsborough on Friday, August 5th, 1904, at the grand old age of 83. He commenced to learn ringing at the age of 13, and was for 50 years a ringer at Gainsborough Parish Church. Like several more of the old school he thought it impossible to master the art of change-ringing, yet at the latter part of his ringing career, he got to ring the treble in GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. Although he ceased to be a member of the Gainsborough Change-ringing Society about 20 years ago, he still remained a lover of ringing, and always took the opportunity of having a pull when the bells were being rung for the late Queen Victoria's birthday, or on any other special occasion. He was one of the company who rang for the Coronation of the late Queen Victoria, also at her death, and likewise at the Proclamation of King Edward the Seventh, this being the last time he rang with the Gainsborough ringers. On Monday evening (the day of the funeral), the ringers at Gainsborough Parish Church, along with two past members of the Society, met to pay a last tribute of respect to their old comrade by ringing the bells half peal. A quarter peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was attempted, which came to grief after ringing just over 1000 changes. The following were present, and took part in the last sad rite: W. D. Tinker, J. O. Tinker, T. Pattison, W. Pattison, G. Wilson, A. H. Wheeler, E. Credland, A. Bates, and F. S. W. Butler, the first four of whom were members of the company the same time as Mr. Bown.

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# BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

## CHANGE-RINGING.

### The Surrey Association.

At All Saints', Carshalton, Surrey, on August 20th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins.

Joseph Fayers ..	1	Alfred Trappitt ..	5
Douglas W. Drewett ..	2	Frank Holder ..	6
Dr. A. B. Carpenter ..	3	Lewin C. Ferrige ..	7
Charles Dean ..	4	William S. Smith ..	8

Composed by Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., and conducted by William S. Smith.

At St. Giles', Ashted, Surrey, on August 20th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Challis F. Winney (condr.)	1	Thomas Beadle* ..	5
William H. Corbett ..	2	Alfred H. Winch ..	6
John H. B. Hesse ..	3	Fredk. A. Holden ..	7
John Wyatt ..	4	Harry Last ..	8

[\* First peal in the method with a bob-bell.]

### The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

At St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on August 20th, a peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL, in the Kent Variation, 5080 changes, in 3 hrs. 16 mins. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

Arthur N. Hardy ..	1	George E. Wilson ..	6
William H. Doran ..	2	Thomas Langdon ..	7
Frederick G. Perrin ..	3	Richard Bevan ..	8
Henry Dains ..	4	William Shimmans* ..	9
William Ward* ..	5	Edgar Wightman ..	10

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by Edgar Wightman. [\* First peal of ROYAL.]

### The Essex Association.

At St. Michael's, Bishops Stortford, Herts, on August 22nd, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 16 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

William T. Prior ..	1	Walter Prior ..	5
John Luckey ..	2	William Watts ..	6
Thomas J. Watts ..	3	Nathan J. Pitstow ..	7
Thomas Jordan ..	4	Henry J. Tucker ..	8

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow, and conducted by Henry James Tucker. The first peal of SURPRISE on the bells, and first peal of SURPRISE as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Luckey and the conductor.

### The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

At St. Nicolas', Guildford, Surrey, on August 22nd, a Variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins.

Rev. G. F. Coleridge ..	1	Denison Hayward ..	5
F. S. Poole ..	2	James Hunt ..	6
John J. Jones ..	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.)	7
Thomas Attwell ..	4	Ernest Marsh* ..	8

[\* First peal.]

### The Yorkshire Association.

At St. Paul's, Shipley, on August 27th, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 15 cwt.

James Cotterell ..	1	Joseph Broadley ..	5
George Barraclough ..	2	Charles Jackson (conductor)	6
Thos. B. Kendall ..	3	Ben. F. Lamb ..	7
John W. Candall* ..	4	Sam Palframan* ..	8

Rung as a birthday complement to W. H. Howard, York (Vice-President). This is Joseph Broadley's 100th peal. [\* First peal in the method.]

OLD BELL-RINGERS.—Mr. J. R. Haworth is the oldest change-ringer in London (born April 21st, 1821), but Burnley (Lancashire) possesses the oldest bell-ringer in England. The latter was born in 1819, the same year as Queen Victoria, and during 67 years has never missed taking part in ringing in the new year. He joined in the peals for the late Queen's accession, coronation, marriage, and the two Jubilees, and also tolled a muffled bell at her funeral. He helped in the peal of King Edward's proclamation.

TOWEDNACK, CORNWALL.—An event unique in the history of Towednack, and which it is hoped will result in the accomplishment of a long-desired object, has taken place at Towednack, Cornwall. Like many of the old country churches of the county, that of Towednack, through lack of funds, has gradually been allowed to get considerably out of repair, and for many years past the bells in the weather-beaten tower have been silent. Since Towednack has been made an ecclesiastical parish, and the Rev. W. W. Whittle has been appointed vicar, an effort has been made to raise funds to restore the belfry and add to the number of the bells, and also to replace the present harmonium in the church with an organ. Up to the other week between £70 and £80 had been raised towards this object, and it was hoped, by a sale of work which was opened recently, to raise the balance.

ST. MEWAN, CORNWALL.—In connection with the dedication service at St. Mewan last week, ringers from St. Stephen's, Ladock, Luxulyan, and members of the Diocesan Guild of Ringers rang peals on the parish church bells, which have been restored at a cost of about £110. After a short peal had been rung on the bells, the Bishop preached from the words 'I magnify mine office' (Rom. ii. 13). He said the duty of bell-ringers should be to magnify their office. The worthier they were the worthier would be their bell-ringing. Character passed into work, whether it be bell-ringing, ploughing, or preaching. Bell-ringers were ministers by their bell-ringing. When bell-ringing began priests were the ringers, and the purpose was that it should be a priestly office. God appointed the ringers to invite people to come to worship Him. Did they not hear the bells say, 'Come unto Me, all that are weary in trying to do good?' Some of them may have a heavier burden than they could bear. Others may be sick, as was the young man for whom they had just been praying (a former ringer who was seriously ill in South Africa). His thoughts may be led higher by thinking of his old church bells, which had rung out in his native home that beautiful message of Christ's, 'Come unto Me, all ye that are heavy laden.' At the close of a deeply impressive service, the bells were rung by the Luxulyan, Ladock, St. Austell, and St. Mewan ringers. The peal is said to be the lightest in the county, and its sweetness was remarked upon.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT MATLOCK.—Bishop Baynes dedicated the new peal of bells at Matlock parish church, yesterday week, in the presence of a crowded congregation. The Rector (the Rev. J. W. Hawley) assisted in the service. The bells have been recast, and new ones added, at the expense of members of the congregation. The Bishop dedicated the bells 'to the glory of God, for the benefit of His Holy Church.'

CYCLING AND BELL-RINGING IN DEVON.—A combined cycling and ringing tour is rather novel, but the success attending the one which formed the annual excursion this year of the Exeter Ringers' Cycling Club was very marked. The tour was from Exeter to Thelbridge, West Workington, Rackenford, Rose Ash, Bishopslympton, Romansleigh, and Kingslympton, and from thence to the 'Ever Faithful' City again, a distance of 60 miles, with ringing at the seven country churches in the order enumerated, crammed into a Saturday afternoon and Sunday. Those taking part in the trip were Messrs. F. Davey, J. Richards, and W. Richardson (St. Sidwell's, Exeter), A. W. Searle (St. David's, Exeter), A. Monkley (St. Thomas', Exeter), T. Laver (Heavitree), H. Burch and A. Snow (Withycombe Ralsigh). In each parish the visitors experienced courtesy on the part of the incumbent, and the heartiest of welcomes from the local ringers. The method adhered to throughout was GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, and, so far as could be ascertained, no similar scientific work had been previously accomplished on any of the peals of bells which, with one exception, were found to be in a generally satisfactory condition.

We have received from the enterprising manufacturers of the famous 'Swan' Fountain Pens, a well-printed booklet of fifteen photographic views of the St. Louis Exhibition. Each building is concisely described and cost stated. Messrs. Mabie, Todd & Bard intimate that they will gladly send a copy free to all readers mentioning this paper, who apply by postcard to any of their establishments—93 Cheapside, E.C.; 95 Regent Street, W.; 3 Exchange Street, Manchester.

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

### CHANGE-RINGING.

#### The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

At Christ Church, Southgate, on August 25th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5036 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

John E. Miller ..	1	John R. Sharman ..	5
Isaac G. Shade ..	2	Sidney Wade ..	6
Herbert P. Harman ..	3	Ernest Pye ..	7
John Armstrong ..	4	William Pye ..	8

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

At St. Mary's, Lewisham, on August 27th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5038 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins. Tenor, 22½ cwt.

Reuben Charge ..	1	Bertram Prewett ..	5
John J. Lamb ..	2	Ernest Pye ..	6
Isaac G. Shade ..	3	Harry Warnett ..	7
John D. Matthews ..	4	William Pye ..	8

Composed by G. Lindoff, and conducted by William Pye. This is J. Lamb's 100th peal.

#### The Sussex County Association.

At St. Peter's, Brighton, Sussex, on August 26th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

George Williams ..	1	Frank Bennett ..	5
Albert D. Stone* ..	2	John S. Goldsmith ..	6
Arthur A. Fuller ..	3	George A. King ..	7
Robert J. Dawe ..	4	Keith Hart ..	8

Composed by Frank Bennett, and conducted by George Williams. All the above are members of the Royal Cumberlands. [\* First peal of LONDON.]

#### The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

At St. Paul's, Huddesdon, Herts, on August 27th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 2 hrs. 48 mins. Tenor, 12 cwt.

Jesse Puplett ..	1	George Radley ..	5
Frederick A. Holden ..	2	William Bennett ..	6
Henry Dains ..	3	James Parker ..	7
George H. Barker* ..	4	Edgar Wightman ..	8

Composed by G. Newson, and conducted by J. Parker. G. Radley was elected a member of the Society before starting for the peal. [\* First peal in the method.]

#### The London County Association, late the St. James' Society.

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, on August 27th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

Challis F. Winn-y ..	1	Frederick Richardson ..	6
Edward Cassell ..	2	Thomas Faulkner ..	7
William H. Hollier ..	3	Ernest Brett ..	8
William Weatherstone ..	4	Albert E. Coles ..	9
George Condict, jun. ..	5	Thomas Langdon ..	10

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by Challis F. Winney.

#### The Chester Diocesan Guild.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH).

At the Parish Church, New Mills, Derbyshire, on August 27th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in the Kent Variation, 5184 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 13¼ cwt.

Fred Holt ..	1	George D. Warburton ..	5
William Wilde ..	2	Thomas Ashton ..	6
Alfred Barnes ..	3	William Marshall ..	7
William Lowery ..	4	Edward Reader ..	8

Composed by Arthur Knights, and conducted by E. Reader.

#### The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

At the Parish Church, Smethwick, on August 31st, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 47 mins.

George E. Hayward ..	1	Thomas H. Reeves ..	5
Samuel Reeves ..	2	James Hares ..	6
Jesse Screen ..	3	Ernest Brown ..	7
Joseph Walker ..	4	William Murray ..	8

SWAINBY.—At the Parish Church, on July 30th, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB, by the following members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association:—J. W. Newton, 1; J. Clarkson, 2; T. Metcalfe (conductor), 3; W. Newton, 4; A. M. C. Field, 5; R. Greenwood, 6. Also 720 YORK SURPRISE: J. Clarkson, 1; T. Metcalfe, 2; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 3; W. Newton, 4; A. M. C. Field, 5; T. Stephenson, 6. Also 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB: J. Clarkson, 1; W. Newton, 2; G. J. Clarkson, 3; T. W. Waller, 4; T. Stephenson (conductor), 5; A. W. Barrett, 6. The visit was by invitation of the Vicar, by whom the party, who drove over from Stockton, were entertained to tea.

WATH, NEAR RIPON.—On August 7th, for morning service, 720 BOB MINOR: G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; F. Jaques, 2; J. H. Taylor, 3; G. Barnett, 4; J. W. Taylor, 5; J. Metcalfe, 6.

FUNERAL OF EAST ANGLIAN BELL-RINGERS.—The funeral took place at King's Lynn, on Saturday, of the late Mr. Thomas Taylor, of that town, who died at the great age of 93. He was a veteran ringer, and had rung in most of the belfries in East Anglia. He assisted in ringing a muffled peal at the death of King George IV., and had taken part in most of the Royal ringing since, including the Jubilee of Queen Victoria. Mr. Mark True, who was associated with the late Mr. Taylor in his lengthy career as a bell-ringer, also died last week. As a tribute to their memories the present generation of local bell-ringers rang a muffled peal on the bells of St. Margaret's, Lynn, on Saturday evening.

BELCHAMP WALTER, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 21st, a party of ringers visited the parish church, and with the kind permission of the Rector rang, before afternoon service, a touch of BOB MAJOR, 336 changes: S. Slater (conductor), 1; W. Root (Halstead), 2; A. Richardson (Poslingford), 3; W. Dains (Poslingford), 4; A. Saunders (Grinstead Green), 5; T. E. Slater (Glemsford), 6; N. Hawkins (Haverhill, formerly of Belchamp), 7; A. Aviss (Haverhill), 8. Also three Bob leads of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, Mr. Catterwell of Romford taking part in this touch. After service, a touch of BOB MAJOR, 560 changes, by the following: A. Maxim (Foxearth), 1; S. Slater, conductor (Glemsford), 2; H. Cooper (Yeldham), 3; L. Wiseman (Heddingham), 4; R. Mingay (Foxearth), 5; T. E. Slater (Glemsford), 6; G. Moore (Clare), 7; A. Aviss (Haverhill), 8. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the fine ring of bells, and hope at some future date to repeat the visit.

PRESENTATION TO A MILTON (KENT) BELL-RINGER.—On Tuesday week, in the Milton Church belfry, an interesting presentation was made, the recipient being Mr. E. Heath, who, for the past four years, has been an active member of the Milton Church ringers. The ceremony was on the occasion of his marriage, and the present, which consisted of a silver cruet, together with an address, was subscribed for by his brother ringers and friends, as a small token of the esteem in which he is held in the belfry. The Rector (the Rev. G. W. Mennie, M.A.), in making the presentation, alluded to the various joys and sorrows, &c., of married life, and hoped that Mr. Heath and his wife would live long to enjoy the use of the cruet. Mr. Heath suitably responded, remarking that the event was an agreeable surprise, and also thanked the ringers on behalf of Mrs. Heath. The address contained the following:—'Kent County Association of Change-ringers. SS. Peter and Paul, Milton. This address, together with a silver cruet, was presented to Mr. E. Heath, on the occasion of his marriage, August, 1904, by his brother ringers and friends.' Then followed the names of the subscribers. It may be mentioned that the address was artistically produced by Mr. Thomas Schultz.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on August 14th, for evening service, 720 COLLEGE SINGLES, 18 bobs and 2 singles: J. R. Jackson (conductor), A. J. Nicholas, W. H. Dennison, T. Suart, J. Huddleston, J. Burrows. This is the first 720 in the method by all, and the first on the bells.—On August 18th, for practice, 720 PLAIN BOB, 14 singles and 4 bobs: A. Jackson, J. Metcalfe, T. Shuttleworth, H. Smith, J. Huddleston (conductor), J. Burrows. H. Smith belongs to the St. James's Society, Barrow-in-Furness.—On September 4th, for morning service, 720 PLAIN BOB, 21 bobs and 12 singles: J. Backhouse (conductor), A. Nicholas, W. H. Dennison, T. Suart, J. Huddleston, J. Burrows. J. Backhouse belongs to Brathay (Ambleside). And for afternoon service, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR, 34 bobs and 2 singles: J. Thompson, A. Nicholas, T. Suart, W. Forshaw, J. R. Jackson (conductor), J. Burrows. First of GRANDSIRE for W. Forshaw with a bob-bell. Rung for the opening service of the Men's Bible Class; the Rev. T. H. Baines, Vicar of Brathay, gave the opening address. And for evening service 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE, 14 singles and 4 bobs: A. Jackson, A. Nicholas, W. H. Dennison, J. Huddleston, T. Suart, J. Burrows (conductor).

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

## CHANGE-RINGING.

*The Kent County Association.*

At St. George's, Gravesend, on September 3rd, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

Edwin Barnett, sen. .. 1	William Easter .. .. 5
Fredk. French .. .. 2	John H. Cheesman (condr.) 6
George Conyard .. .. 3	Robert Brett .. .. 7
William Haigh .. .. 4	Lewis Silver .. .. 8

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Rector, the Rev. J. Haslam.

*The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.*

At SS. Thomas and Edmund's, Erdington, Warwickshire, on September 3rd, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Ernest T. Allaway .. 1	Herbert Knight .. .. 5
George F. Swanu .. .. 2	Charles Dickens .. .. 6
James E. Groves .. .. 3	Bernard W. Witchell .. 7
Frank Fay .. .. 4	Arthur E. Pegler .. .. 8

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by Bernard W. Witchell. H. Knight was elected a member of the society before starting for the peal.

*The Sussex County Association.*

At St. Botolph's, Heene, Worthing, on September 5th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 26½ mins. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

Alfred Tulett .. .. 1	William Hillman .. .. 5
John H. Paice .. .. 2	George Williams (condr.) 6
Henry Evans .. .. 3	James George .. .. 7
Harry Meetens .. .. 4	Benjamin Bassett .. .. 8

This is the quickest peal on the bells. It is also thought to be the quickest peal of STEDMAN on record.

*The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.*

At All Saints', Newcastle-on-Tyne, on September 5th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 19 cwt.

Chas. L. Routledge .. 1	Alfred F. Hillier .. .. 5
Joseph E. R. Keen .. 2	Ernest E. Ferry* (condr.) 6
Robert S. Story .. .. 3	William Story .. .. 7
Thomas T. Gifton .. .. 4	William H. Brumsdon .. 8

[\* First peal of STEDMAN as conductor.]

*The Hertfordshire Association.*

At Oxhey, Herts, on September 7th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

Hubert Ed-n (conductor) 1	Edward Whitbread .. 5
Ernest E. Hantley .. 2	B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake .. 6
George N. Price .. .. 3	Frederick White* .. 7
James George .. .. 4	Maurice F. R. Hibbert .. 8

[\* First peal away from the tenor.]

*The Yorkshire Association.*

At Holy Trinity Church, Hull, on September 8th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 26 cwt.

Ernest Marriott* .. 1	George T. Marshall .. 5
George Halksworth .. 2	Charles Jackson (condr.) 6
Frederick Merrison* .. 3	Alfred Naylor .. .. 7
Tom Stockdale .. .. 4	John W. Dale .. .. 8

Composed by J. W. Washbrook, and has ninety of the one hundred and twenty 6-7's come at back-stroke. [\* First peal in the method.]

At Christ Church, Friesland, on September 10th, 5040 changes, being 720 each of the following: MERCHANT'S DELIGHT, DUKE OF YORK, VIOLET, WOODBINE, NEW LONDON PLEASURE, OXFORD DELIGHT, OXFORD, in 3 hrs. 1 min. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Joseph W. Shaw (condr.) 1	James Dicken .. .. 4
James E. Carter .. .. 2	Joseph Wood .. .. 5
B. Cowling .. .. 3	John J. Dicken .. .. 6

The second ringer comes from Kirkheaton, the third from Huddersfield, the rest belong to the local company.

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**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—ASHFORD DISTRICT.**—The annual district meeting will be held at Headcorn on Saturday afternoon, September 24th. Tower open at 2; 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 6 o'clock.—C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, Hon. Dist. Sec., Hythe.

**STOKESLEY.**—On August 23th, for evening service, by members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB: J. Clark, 1; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 2; A. C. Bowes, 3; W. W. Clarkson, 4; W. Lane, 5; J. P. Clarkson, 6.

**BOXLEY, KENT.**—On Tuesday week, for practice, 720 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES was rung by C. Attwood, G. Pound (conductor), R. Attwood, W. Hope, W. Kilpatrick, A. Haygreen. This was the first 720 with a bob-bell by R. Attwood.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On September 11th, for morning service, by members of the Ely Diocesan Association, 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES: W. Boby, 1; H. S. Symonds, 2; F. Parker, 3; J. Moore, 4; E. Simpson, 5; E. Lincoln, 6; A. Symonds, 7; T. King (conductor), 8.

**PRESTON, SUFFOLK.**—On September 10th, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB: H. S. Symonds, 1; E. Lincoln, 2; A. Symonds, 3; A. Hollocks, 4; T. Levitt, 5; H. Gladwell (conductor), 6. Also 720 OXFORD: H. Crick, 1; T. Hollocks, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; H. Gladwell, 4; H. L. Poulson, 5; T. Levitt (conductor), 6.

**STOLEN BELLS.**—The contemplated restoration of the parish church of Swardston reminds us of a curious incident of the first half of the last century—to be accurate, in the last week of 1839—no less than the theft of one of the church bells of Swardston Church. We should imagine that it lay in the church at the time; but, however that may be, the bell was not only stolen, but broken up in the church for the better convenience of removal. Such a task could scarcely have been effected quietly, and sound travels far on a quiet winter night; but the peaceful villagers slept soundly, and, so far as we are aware, the depredators were never traced. Such strange thefts would appear to have been common. At the April Assizes at Norwich, in the same year, two men, named Hall and Palmer, were indicted for stealing a bell from the floor of the church at North Walsham. In this case the booty was removed in a cart, and broken up elsewhere. The prisoners were each sentenced to twelve months' hard labour, which would militate against any suspicion that the Swardston raid was the handiwork of the same parties.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The monthly ringing meeting of this society was held at Calverley on August 27th. Arrangements were made to attempt a peal of BOB MAJOR, but a start could not be made at the usual time owing to a funeral taking place. About 4 p.m. a visit was made to the tower, when 928 changes KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR were rung by the band for the peal. Other members now having arrived, two musical touches of STEDMAN TRIPLES were rung. An adjournment was then made for refreshments. Previous to the business meeting, the tower was again visited, when GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN TRIPLES were rung. The business meeting took place at the 'Thornhill Arms,' Mr. T. Maude in the chair, supported by upwards of twenty members representing the following towers: Headingley St. Chad's, Headingley St. Michael's, Bramley, Pudsey, Leeds, Bradford, and the local company. The minutes of the previous meeting were passed as read on the proposal of Mr. C. Pratt, seconded by Mr. P. Johnson. A vote of condolence, proposed by the President, seconded by Mr. J. Whitaker, with the widows and families of Mr. J. Haley, of Tong, and of Mr. L. Snowdon at Drighlington, past members of the society, was carried in silence, the members standing. The next meeting will be at Tong, on Saturday, September 24th. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and to the local company for kind arrangements was proposed by Mr. J. W. T. Holgate, seconded by Mr. P. Johnson, and carried, Mr. C. Pratt suitably responding on behalf of local company. Touches of various methods on handbells finally brought the meeting to a close.

**A BELL-RINGER'S FUNERAL.**—The funeral of Mr. William Verry, a veteran bell-ringer of Handsworth (Birmingham), whose death has already been reported, took place at the Parish Church, Handsworth, on Saturday week. Representatives of guilds and societies of bell-ringers from all parts of the country attended the funeral. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. J. Marshall. After the coffin had been lowered into the grave, the St. Martin's Guild of Handbell Ringers played a plain course of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. The society of bell-ringers to which the deceased belonged ascended the church tower and rang the usual 'whole pull and stand,' recording the deceased's age, seventy-six years.

**ANOTHER OLD BELL-RINGER.**—Mr. T. Taylor, of East Anglia, who tolled bells on the death of George IV., has died at the age of ninety-three.

## SOME BELL INSCRIPTIONS.

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### OXHEY, HERTS (St. Matthew).

OXHEY is a hamlet of Watford, situated rather more than a mile to the south-west of the town, the population of which has increased very much of late years. An ecclesiastical parish was formed in 1879 out of the parishes of Watford and Bushey, and a church dedicated in the name of St. Matthew was built the following year, the cost amounting to £6000. The church comprises a chancel, nave, aisles, vestry, organ chamber, north and south porches, and a tower at the north-west end, which, previous to the year 1837, only contained one bell; but a new ring of eight, from the foundry of Messrs. John Warner & Sons, were then supplied to commemorate the Jubilee of the late Queen Victoria, and dedicated on June 18th of that year. The sermon at that service was preached by the present Dean of St. Albans. The single bell, formerly hanging in this tower, was removed to Oxhey Chapel, and the small one there was brought here and is used regularly for divine worship. The bells, which are a very light ring, are inscribed as below:—

Sanctus.—John : Walker ✠ 1704.

NOTE.—This is the bell formerly hanging in Oxhey Chapel. I omitted to measure the diameter of all these bells.

Treble.—Cast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1837.

Glory to God in the highest.

R. R. Carew gave me.

2.—Cast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1837.

On Earth Peace.

Mrs. R. R. Carew gave me.

3.—Cast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1837.

Good Will Towarde Men.

T. F. Blackwell gave me.

4.—Cast by John Warner & Sons, London 1837.

We Praise Thee.

S. J. Blackwell gave me.

5.—Cast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1837.

We Bless Thee.

Mrs. Eley gave me.

6.—Cast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1837.

We Worship Thee.

In Mem<sup>y</sup> W. A. Tooke.

Given by His Mother.

7.—Cast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1837.

We Glorify Thee.

Jubilee Year 1837.

Newton Price, Vicar.

NOTE.—The Rev. Newton Price, B.A., is the first and present Vicar of this parish, and has held the living since 1830.

Tenor.—Cast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1837.

We Give Thanks to Thee For Thy Great Glory.

David Carnegie Gave Me.

NOTE.—There is an enthusiastic band of change-ringers connected with this church. Mr. George N. Price, the Vicar's son, has used great influence in promoting the art of change-ringing in this parish, and himself, with other members of the Oxhey Society, often visits London and suburban churches to take part in ringing peals.

There are seven peal-boards hanging in the ringing chamber, recording the completion of various peals in different methods. Three of these peals were rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths, one by the Hertfordshire Association, and three by the Oxhey Society.

Near the north-west door of the church may be seen a brass plate worded as under:—



In commemoration of the Jubilee of Queen Victoria. This Ring of Bells was dedicated 18 June, 1837. The first bell was the offering of Robert Russell Carew; the second of Mrs. Carew; the third of Thomas Francis Blackwell; the fourth of Samuel J. Blackwell; the fifth of Mrs. Eley; the sixth of Mr. Tooke; the eighth of David Carnegie, and the remaining expenses were defrayed by public subscription. ✠

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

## CHANGE-RINGING.

*The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.*

At the Parish Church, Stockton-on-Tees, on September 6th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. Tenor, 27½ cwt., in D flat.

G. J. Clarkson .. ..	1	Hon. A. F. P. Erskine ..	6
W. H. Stephenson .. ..	2	E. C. Hunt .. ..	7
F. P. Howcroft .. ..	3	W. Newton .. ..	8
J. Baxter .. ..	4	T. Metcalfe .. ..	9
A. M. C. Field .. ..	5	T. Stephenson .. ..	10

Composed by the late Henry Johnson and conducted by G. J. Clarkson. This peal was attempted on January 11th as a birthday compliment to G. J. Clarkson, and is now rung on the birthday of W. Newton.

*The Sussex County Association.*

At St. Nicholas', Brighton, on September 10th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor, 16¾ cwt.

Albert D. Stone .. ..	1	Sidney S. O. Saker* ..	6
Frank Bennett .. ..	2	Thomas R. Hensher ..	7
George Gatland .. ..	3	George A. King .. ..	8
John Rice* .. ..	4	Keith Hart .. ..	9
George Williams .. ..	5	Frederick W. Rice ..	10

Composed by John R. Pritchard, and conducted by G. Williams. [\* First peal of STEDMAN CATERS.]

*The Waterloo Society, London.*

At St. John's, Waterloo Road, on September 10th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 51 mins. Tenor, 19 cwt.

Rev. E. W. Poynton* ..	1	Thomas Taylor .. ..	5
William Weatherstone ..	2	James Davis .. ..	6
William R. Crookford ..	3	Herbert Langdon (condr.)	7
Frederick G. Perrin ..	4	Ernest Brett .. ..	8

[\* First peal in the method.]

*The Ancient Society of College Youths.*

At St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, on September 10th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs.

Matthew A. Wood .. ..	1	Alfred B. Peck .. ..	5
Hubert Eden .. ..	2	Henry R. Newton .. ..	6
Henry Hodgetts .. ..	3	Frederick Dench .. ..	7
George N. Price .. ..	4	John W. Golding .. ..	8

Composed by G. Lindoff, and conducted by George N. Price.

*The Hertfordshire Association.*

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Aldenham, on September 13th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Henry Hodgetts .. ..	1	Hubert Eden .. ..	5
George N. Price .. ..	2	Ernest E. Huntley ..	6
Frederick W. Brinklow ..	3	Edward Whitbread* ..	7
Francis A. Smith .. ..	4	Harry A. Horex .. ..	8

Composed by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, and conducted by George N. Price. [\* First peal in the method.]

*The Norwich Diocesan Association.*

At St. Mary Magdalen's, Pulham, Norfolk, on September 15th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in the Oxford Variation, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

Frederick Borrett .. ..	1	George Howchin, jun. ..	5
Arthur Fuller .. ..	2	Egbert Borrett .. ..	6
William Duffield .. ..	3	Ernest Poll .. ..	7
George Howchin .. ..	4	William Roope .. ..	8

Composed by A. Knights, and conducted by F. Borrett.

*The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.*

At St. Michael's, Twerton-on-Avon, on September 12th, Hubbard's Five-part peal of BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins.

J. Holman .. ..	1	F. Skuse .. ..	5
G. Temple .. ..	2	C. Bell .. ..	6
A. Richardson .. ..	3	T. King .. ..	7
A. Melluish .. ..	4	W. J. Prescott (condr.)	8

The above peal was rung to commemorate the restoration to health of the Rev. Prebendary Stokes Shaw, president of the local branch of the above Association.

## Ringing in Ireland.

On the morning of September 14th, the team of eight English change-ringers, touring in Ireland, visited Bangor and rang a touch on the bells of the Parish Church from 9.10 until 10.55 a.m., when they had to desist, owing to the fact that the magistrates were sitting in the adjoining Courthouse. In the afternoon they proceeded to Holywood Parish Church, where a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5084 changes, was rung in 2 hrs. 53 mins. This is the first peal on the bells, and the first peal in the method in the County of Down. The ringers stood as follows:

C. Jackson (Hull) .. ..	1	G. Lindoff (Dublin) ..	5
H. Chapman (Manchester)	2	W. Pye (London, condr.)	6
J. D. Matthews (London)	3	J. George (Rugby) ..	7
I. G. Shade (London) ..	4	E. Pye (London) ..	8

On the 15th inst. the ringers returned to Dublin, ringing on the same evening at Christ Church Cathedral. They journeyed to Arklow on the Friday, and finished their tour on the Saturday at Bray and St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on September 15th, 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR, 14 singles and 4 bobs, in 28 mins.: T. Metcalfe, A. Nicholas, J. Huddleston, T. Suart, W. Forshaw, J. Burrows (conductor). Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect for the late Bishop of Carlisle.—On Sunday, September 18th, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled, 720 OXFORD SINGLE BOB, 18 bobs and 2 singles, in 29 mins.: J. Huddleston, A. Nicholas, W. H. Dennison, T. Suart, T. R. Jackson, J. Burrows (conductor).

ST. GEORGE'S, STOCKPORT.—On Sunday, September 18th, the bells were rung deeply muffled, in sympathy with the Rev. J. H. and Mrs. Thorpe, in the sad bereavement that has come to them in the death of their second son, Robert Constable Thorpe, aged sixteen years. For morning service, a touch of 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES was rung by the following: H. Jackson, T. Jackson, J. Booth, J. Mottershead, G. Astbury, G. D. Warburton, J. W. Bayley (conductor), and G. Marshall. Rung on the back eight. For evening service, two short touches of GRANDSIRE CATERS: V. Peake, J. Booth, H. Jackson, T. Jackson, H. Meakin, J. Mottershead, G. Astbury, G. D. Warburton, J. W. Bayley (conductor), and G. Marshall. Great sympathy has been manifested by the parishioners and congregation towards their beloved Vicar and his estimable wife and family.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers held their annual meeting at Scarborough on September 17th, there being present Mr. William Snowden, C.E., of Leeds (president); Mrs. W. Stainthorpe, of Batley (treasurer); Mr. J. W. T. Holgate, of Leeds (secretary); and delegates from Leeds, Woodlesford, York, Hull, Batley, Bradford, Shipley, Rothwell, Keighley, Selby, Pudsey, Pontefract, Bramley, Headingley, Holbeck, and Scarborough. By permission of the Bishop of Hull, the Parish Church belfry was open to the ringers from nine o'clock in the morning to the same hour at night. The Mayor of Scarborough (Mr. William Morgan) extended a hearty welcome to the members.

ROGATE, SUSSEX.—An important vestry meeting has recently been held to consider the state of the church bells. The Vicar said that when he came to the church three years ago, he found everything, both inside and outside the building, in a very beautiful condition. There was, however, one exception—the bells—and as an old bell-ringer, and the son of a bell-ringer and a great bell expert, he naturally took notice of the state of the bells. He found the bells in much dilapidation. There were three: one, a fine old tenor, bearing a date 1624; another had been put in position when the church was restored, and the other, which bore the date 1610, was unfortunately cracked. He now proposed that the bells should be increased to six, and that the tenor should be untouched, but that the other two bells should be recast, one because of its cracked condition, the other because it was in the wrong shape. Six bells hung properly would not be so injurious as three bells improperly hung. The scheme would cost £260. Mr. Simpson announced that he, his family, and friends, wished to bear the cost of a third bell (£37), in memory of his father, the Rev. Prebendary Arthur B. Simpson. The second bell's cost would also be defrayed in memory of a former friend of Rogate. Mr. J. Edgar, of Clayton Court, had promised to defray half of the cost of recasting the first and second bells. Altogether the sum of £106 was in hand towards the total cost, and in concluding his remarks, Mr. Simpson undertook to make himself responsible for the whole of the amount required. It was decided to apply for a faculty from the Chancellor of the Diocese for the carrying out of the work.

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# BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

## CHANGE-RINGING.

### The Yorkshira Association.

At the Parish Church, Doncaster, on September 24th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 32 mins. Tenor, 30 cwt. 1 qr.

Charles Armitage ..	1	William Pearson ..	5
George Halksworth ..	2	Charles Jackson ..	6
James Cotterell ..	3	Sam. Thomas ..	7
John F. Mallaby ..	4	Ben. F. Lamb ..	8

Composed by James W. Washbrook, and conducted by Charles Jackson. First peal of STEDMAN on the bells.

### The Chester Diocesan Guild, and the North Wales Association.

At St. Matthew's, Buckley, Flintshire, on September 17th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs. 14 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt. 2 qrs.

Herbert Jones*	1	William Sconce ..	5
Thos. E. Chamberlain ..	2	Edward H. Griffiths*	6
William Short*	3	James Morgan ..	7
John Sconce ..	4	Henry Dew ..	8

Composed by S. Marsh, of West Bromwich, and conducted by James Morgan. [\* First peal.]

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

At St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, Suffolk, on September 17th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs. 54 mins. Tenor, 32 cwt.

James Motts ..	1	Edward Evans ..	7
Robert H. Brundle ..	2	William L. Catchpole ..	8
William P. Garrett ..	3	Henry C. Gillingham ..	9
Edward Sherwood ..	4	Edgar Pemberton ..	10
Nathan J. Pitstow ..	5	Lewis W. Wiffen ..	11
William Motts ..	6	Albert E. Durrant ..	12

Composed by N. J. Pitstow, and conducted by James Motts. This peal was arranged for Mr. Pitstow, and also to celebrate the respective birthdays of Messrs. Brundle, J. Motts, and Evans.

### The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At St. Mary's, Redenhall, Norfolk, on September 17th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5038 changes, in 3 hrs. 14 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

Frederick Borrett ..	1	Oliver Brock ..	5
George Symonds ..	2	Egbert Borrett ..	6
Ernest Poppy ..	3	James Betts ..	7
Walter Mobbs* ..	4	James Souter ..	8

Composed by H. Dains, and conducted by F. Borrett. [\* First peal on the method.]

### The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

At All Saints', Edmonton, on September 17th, a peal of SUPER-LATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 17½ cwt.

Henry Dains ..	1	James Saxby ..	5
Arthur Jacob ..	2	Thomas Card ..	6
George Ralley ..	3	James Parker ..	7
George Paice ..	4	William Ward ..	8

Composed by F. Dench, and conducted by William Ward.

### The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At the Parish Church, Witney, Oxon, on September 19th, a Variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min.

Albert Brooks ..	1	Alfred Clayton ..	5
John Monk ..	2	Thomas Bull ..	6
Harry Brooks ..	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (cond.)	7
Rev. Cyril Jenkyn ..	4	John Richards ..	8

Rung as the induction peal of the Rev. J. P. Kirby to the living of Witney.

## Ringin in Dublin.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Patrick, on September 17th, a peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 44 mins. Tenor, 45 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

Gabriel Lindoff ..	1	Charles Jackson ..	6
Harry Chapman ..	2	James W. Townley ..	7
Thomas Grant ..	3	Robert T. F. Greene ..	8
Isaac G. Shade ..	4	Ernest Pye ..	9
James George ..	5	William Pye ..	10

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by William Pye.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Saturday evening, September 24th, the following members attempted a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing for an hour and three-quarters. W. Markwell, 1; S. Burt, 2; J. Lish, 3; L. Payne, 4; H. Markwell, 5; G. Payne (conductor), 6; A. Weasman, 7; A. Hodges, 8. For service on September 25th, 1260 STEDMAN TRIPLES, in 43 mins.: W. Markwell, 1; C. Tyler, 2; S. Burt, 3; L. Payne, 4; G. Payne (conductor), 5; A. Weasman, 6; H. Markwell, 7; A. Hodges, 8.

COLEBROOKE, DEVON.—The ringers of Colebrooke, with a few friends, for their annual outing first visited Cheriton Bishop, where, by the kindness of the Vicar (the Rev. J. B. Housman), they rang a peal. Their next move was to Drewsteignton, and by kind permission of the Rev. R. Peak they were able to enjoy a good peal, and found the bells in perfect order. The journey was resumed, and at Chagford, where there are eight bells, the party had the assistance of Mr. J. Osbourne and Mr. Haggott, and several peals were rung. A visit was also paid to Moretonhampstead. The following were the ringers: Messrs. W. Tucker, B. Enderson, H. Ellis, J. Tancock, J. S. Leyman, W. Gidley, H. Mitchell, J. Osbourne, J. Aggett, F. Morrish, and W. Morrish.

DURSLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—A service of dedication of the Dursley Parish Church bells, which have been recast, was held in St. James's Church on the 21st inst., and was very largely attended. The following clergy were in attendance: Rev. S. E. Bartlett (Rector of Dursley), Rev. J. O. H. Carter (Rector of Slimbridge), Rev. G. P. Phair, Rev. V. C. Reynell (Vicar of Stinchcombe), Rev. J. W. Metcalfe, the Venerable Archdeacon of Gloucester, and the Rev. N. W. Gresley (Rural Dean of Dursley). The bells were dedicated anew to the honour and glory of God by the Venerable Archdeacon, and a peal was then rung by the Parish Church ringers. The lessons were read by the Rev. G. P. Phair and the Rev. N. W. Gresley, and the sermon was preached by the Archdeacon. A collection was taken on behalf of the bell fund. It is expected that the cost of the renovation of the bells and belfry will be nearly £300, towards which about £350 has been subscribed or promised. A dinner followed at the Old Bell Hotel, when a numerous company, comprising the Rector, churchwardens, sidesmen, ringers, and friends were present.

LINTON, KENT.—On a recent Saturday, the Bearsted ringers, with a few friends, paid a visit to Linton, when several touches were rung, including 720 of PLAIN BOB by G. Hadaway, J. Shorter, G. Pound, G. Burbridge, G. Drake, H. Sone (conductor). Messrs. Hadaway came from Linton, Pound from Boxley, Sone from Marden, the rest from Bearsted.

EASTWOOD (NOTTS) CHURCH BELLS.—At a largely attended meeting of the Bells Committee the Treasurer said it gave him much pleasure to announce that the net result of the bazaar was £202 0s. 7½d., which left, in round figures, but £100 to fully complete the scheme. The statement was received with applause. After some discussion, it was decided to accept the tender of Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, for a new peal of eight bells (tenor, 18 cwt.), the peal weighing 70 cwt., at a cost of £688.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—The parish church of St. Mary, Bletchley, was the scene of a touching ceremony on a recent Saturday afternoon. This was the unveiling and dedication of a marble tablet to the memory of Mrs. Bennitt, the wife of the Rev. W. Bennitt, M.A., Rector of the parish. This tablet is not only a memorial of the late Mrs. Bennitt, but is a record of the fact that a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung on the bells of the church in memory of her on February 13th last. The double record is explained by the fact that the movement for the erection of the tablet was initiated by the bell-ringers, and that it was at the request of the lady that the peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung on the bells of the church for which she had done so much, and which she loved so well.

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

## CHANGE-RINGING.

*The Norwich Diocesan Association.*

At St. Mary's, Coddendam, Suffolk, on September 24th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Hawkins English ..	1	Edward Evane ..	5
Edgar Pemberton ..	2	Robert H. Brundle ..	6
William Motts ..	3	James Motts ..	7
Edward Sherwood ..	4	Lewis W. Wiff-n..	8

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by James Motts.

At All Saints', Stradbroke, Suffolk, on September 24th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5003 changes, in 3 hrs. 32 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

Harry J. Borrett ..	1	Egbert Borrett ..	5
George Howchin ..	2	Ernest Poppy ..	6
Oliver Brock ..	3	Fredk. R. Borrett ..	7
James Betts ..	4	George E. Symonds ..	8

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., and conducted by George E. Symonds. This is believed to be the first peal on the bells for twenty-two years.

At St. Mary's, Helmingham, Suffolk, on September 24th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 19 cwt.

William Wightman ..	1	Edgar Hicks ..	5
Ernest E. Lanham ..	2	John J. Creasy ..	6
George Whiting ..	3	Alfred S. Wightman ..	7
William J. Groom ..	4	George Wightman ..	8

Composed by T. T. Gofton, and conducted by G. Wightman. First peal in the method on the bells.

*The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.*

At St. George's, Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on September 24th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 24 mins. Tenor, 18½ cwt.

Ernest E. Ferry ..	1	Robert S. Story ..	5
Joseph E. R. Keen ..	2	Alfred F. Hillier ..	6
Hon. Alexander Erskine*	3	William Story ..	7
Charles L. Routledge ..	4	Thomas T. Gofton ..	8

Composed by C. H. Hattersley, and conducted by C. L. Routledge. First peal of SURPRISE.]

*The Oxford Diocesan Guild.*

At the Parish Church, Bletchley, Bucks, on September 24th, a Variation of Taurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Harry Judge ..	1	Frederick Webb ..	5
Harry Sear ..	2	Rev. Cyril Jenkyn ..	6
Frank Webb ..	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.)	7
Harry Miles ..	4	Valentine Sear ..	8

This is the conductor's 924th peal, and 550th of STEDMAN TRIPLES.

*The Central Northamptonshire Association.*

At St. Peter's, Irthlingborough, Northants, on September 26th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins.

Walter Perkins ..	1	William Pettitt ..	5
Clifton Newman ..	2	James Garratt ..	6
Fred Palmer ..	3	John J. Mawby ..	7
Thomas R. Hensher ..	4	Anderson Y. Tyler ..	8

Composed by Edgar Wightman, and conducted by Anderson Y. Tyler. A farewell peal to W. Pettitt, who is leaving Irthlingborough for Kettering; also a birthday compliment to F. Palmer.

*The Yorkshire Association.*

At Holy Trinity, Hull, on September 29th, J. J. Parker's One-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins.

Tom Stockdale ..	1	Harry Driffield ..	5
Alfred Naylor ..	2	George T. Miller ..	6
Frederick Morrison ..	3	Charles Jackson (condr.) ..	7
George T. Marshall ..	4	John W. Dale ..	8

The above are also members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

*The Ancient Society of College Youths.*

At St. Mary's, Knebworth, Herts, on September 15th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins.

Henry Hodgetts ..	1	Harry R. Pasmore ..	5
George N. Price ..	2	Alfred E. Peck ..	6
Frederick W. Brinklow ..	3	Herbert Baker ..	7
Hubert Eden ..	4	John W. Golding ..	8

Composed by J. W. Washbrook, and conducted by Harry Pasmore. First peal in the method on the bells.

*The Midland Counties' Association.*

## (LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

At the Loughborough Bell-foundry Tower, on September 30th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins.

Richard F. Lane ..	1	Frank Pervin ..	5
Thomas H. Coltman ..	2	Horace W. Abbott ..	6
Rev. Arthur T. Beeston ..	3	James L. Wells ..	7
William H. Inglesant ..	4	Frank G. Burleigh ..	8

Composed by H. Whittle and conducted by F. G. Burleigh. The Rev. A. T. Beeston came from New Mills, the remainder belonging to Loughborough.

ROYSTON RINGERS' SOCIETY.—Sunday being the second anniversary of the reopening of the bells after rehanging, the Ringers' Society marked the occasion by some extra ringing. For morning service 480 well-struck changes of BOB DOUBLES were rung, each 6-score being called differently by Ernest Bonnett. For evening service, Messrs. Craft and Spicer, of the Baldock Company, attended, and, together with four of the local band, rang a complete 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR, Mr. Spicer conducting. At the conclusion of the service, several touches of GRANDSIRE MINOR were rung. It may be of interest to those inhabitants who live near the church to know that, if the funds were forthcoming, the noise from the bells could be very greatly modified by nearly closing up the bell-chamber windows, which has been recommended by an expert.

STANDON CHURCH BELLS.—In 1552 there were 'in the steeple fyve bells and a saunce bell,' and this continued the number until 1843, when the ring was augmented to six. From centuries of lengthy use the bells had become much worn and urgently in need of repair. The Rev. W. d'A. Crofton kindly undertook to bear the whole expense of the renovation, amounting to a consid'able sum, and the work has been carried out by Mr. J. R. Gray, of Hereford. The bells have been rehung on new fittings of a modern principle and quarter-turned. The old tenor bell, bearing the name of Mott, a former Vicar of Standon, was found to have a weak framework, and this has been strengthened by the addition of a new cast-iron plate. Two new treble bells, estimated to cost about £200, are needed to make the ring complete, and these will no doubt be added in the future by some well-wisher of Standon and liberal benefactor to the church.

ORIGIN OF BELLS AT A FUNERAL.—The ringing of bells at funerals is a custom of ancient origin. It was a popular belief that the sound of the bell had power to drive away evil spirits. In England, Bishop Grandison, of Exeter, in 1339, found it necessary to check the long ringings at burials, on the ground that 'they do no good to the departed, are an annoyance to the living, and injurious to the fabric and bells.' Gifts of bells to churches, particularly in the earlier ages, were always deemed the most acceptable of gifts, and during the Middle Ages these bells were not uncommonly given as a memorial of some deceased friend or relation. Kings and queens may be found amongst the donors of bells, and one of the earliest of royal bell-givers was probably Canute, who presented a pair of bells to Winchester Cathedral in 1033.

DEATH OF A BURTON-ON-TRENT RINGER.—The St. Paul's (Burton-on-Trent) company have to mourn the loss of a well-known member, Frederick G. Attenborough, who died after an illness of nine months' duration, at the early age of 31 years. Always an enthusiastic lover of bells and bell-ringing Mr. Attenborough, on settling in Burton half-a-dozen years ago, at once identified himself with the St. Paul's Society, and took part in a number of peals in the methods of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and CATERS, STEDMAN TRIPLES, DOUBLE NORWICH and NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE. He was a regular attendant at meetings of the Midland County Association.

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

### CHANGE-RINGING.

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

At St. Margaret's, Ipswich, Suffolk, on October 1st, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

James Motts .. .. 1	George Berry .. .. 5
Edward Sherwood .. 2	John W. Avis .. .. 6
Lewis W. Wiffen .. .. 3	William Motts .. .. 7
William L. Catchpole .. 4	Frederick W. Watling .. 8

Composed by Henry Dains, and composed by James Motts.

#### *The Essex Association.*

At St. Margaret's, Barking, on October 1st, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 22½ cwt. in E flat.

Henry E. Parker * .. 1	Alfred J. T. Carter* .. 5
Caleb Fenn .. .. 2	Henry W. Kirton .. .. 6
George W. Faulkner* .. 3	Albert C. Hardy .. .. 7
Rowland Fenn .. .. 4	Thomas Faulkner .. .. 8

Composed by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, and conducted by Thomas Faulkner. [\*First peal in the method.]

#### *The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.*

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, on October 1st, a peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL in the Kent Variation, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 21 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

Arthur R. Jacob .. .. 1	Mark Woodcock .. .. 6
Arthur N. Hardy .. .. 2	William Berry .. .. 7
Frederick G. Perrin .. 3	William Shimmans .. 8
Henry Dains .. .. 4	Thomas Langdon .. .. 9
Frank Smith .. .. 5	Elgar Wightman .. .. 10

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by Edgar Wightman.

#### *The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.*

At St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on October 1st, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 changes, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. Tenor, 31 cwt.

William J. Nudds .. .. 1	Sidney A. Wright .. .. 6
John D. Matthews .. .. 2	William Pye .. .. 7
John J. Lamb .. .. 3	Reuben Charge .. .. 8
Bertram Prewett .. .. 4	Ernest Pye .. .. 9
Issac G. Shade .. .. 5	John R. Sharman .. .. 10

Composed by G. Lindoff, and conducted by William Pye.

#### *The Midland Counties Association.*

At St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire, on October 3rd, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 31 mins. Tenor, 26 cwt.

George H. Swann .. .. 1	Leonard Bullock .. .. 5
Harold J. Witchell .. 2	Bernard W. Witchell .. 6
Frank Fay .. .. 3	Charles Dickens .. .. 7
Harry Wakley .. .. 4	William Wakley .. .. 8

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by B. W. Witchell.

At St. Mark's, Leicester, on September 24th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 18 mins. Tenor, 1 ton 4 cwt., in E.

Charles H. Fowler .. .. 1	Josiah Morris .. .. 5
William Wilson, jun. .. 2	William H. Inglesant .. 6
John Buttery .. .. 3	R. H. Bartram .. .. 7
Frederick W. Herbert .. 4	William Willson (condr.) 8

This peal was rung to commemorate the opening of the new western portion of St. Mark's.

#### *Change-ringing in Leicester.*

PERHAPS the greatest personality in the bell-ringing world is the Rev. F. E. Robinson, M.A., vicar of Drayton, Berks, and Master of the Oxford Guild. The reverend gentleman, although in his 72nd year, visited Leicester on Friday, the 7th inst., and took part in peal-ringing with all

the enthusiasm of youth. The following members of the Guild rang on the bells of St. Mark's, 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES, in 3 hrs. 6 min.:—

W. Wilson, jun., .. .. 1	Wm. Wilson .. .. 5
C. H. Fowler .. .. 2	J. Morris .. .. 6
W. H. Inglesant .. .. 3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.) 7
John Bentley .. .. 4	W. Miller .. .. 8

It was the first occasion on which a clergyman has conducted a peal of changes in Leicester.

On Saturday last the historical church of Wiclif St. Mary's, Lutterworth, was visited, and a peal of 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES run in 2 hrs. 56 min. by the following:—

William Wilson jun., .. 1	W. H. Inglesant .. .. 5
James George (Rugby) .. 2	Josiah Morris .. .. 6
Fred Sear (Bletchley) .. 3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.) 7
William Willson .. .. 4	Charles H. Fowler .. .. 8

ST. BUDEAUX, DEVONSHIRE.—The parish of St. Budeaux is considerably excited in consequence of the wholesale resignation of the bell-ringers. They resigned in consequence of not being allowed to ring a muffled peal on the occasion of the funeral of one of their colleagues. It appeared that the funeral took place recently in the St. Budeaux churchyard of a ringer named Gimblett, who had for many years been employed by the Admiralty at Bull Point. After the funeral service the other church ringers asked the Vicar (the Rev. W. Lionel Green) if they could ring a muffled peal. For various reasons, which the Vicar thinks are quite sufficient to justify him in his action, he refused, but would have had no objection to the peal being rung on the previous Sunday, when Gimblett was lying dead at Bull Point. The ringers took umbrage at the Vicar's refusal, had a conference among themselves, and decided that as the harvest festival followed on the Friday after the funeral they would, as usual, ring before the service, and also whilst the parishioners were enjoying the festival tea. This it was thought, would be the last occasion on which they would ring, before they approached the Vicar—to resign in a body. But another conference was held, and they decided to ring for the services on the following Sunday. The ringers then waited upon the Rev. L. Green, handed him the keys of the belfry, and tendered their resignations, giving as their reason the Vicar's refusal to allow a muffled peal to be rung at the end of the funeral of their late colleague, Gimblett. The resignations were there and then accepted. The Rev. L. Green does not expect that the ringers will reconsider their decision. He is sorry to lose the services of some of them, but hopes shortly to get together another band of ringers, who will be regular attendants at the services which follow the close of the ringing of this bells. He thinks that the ringers should be Church workers, and should regularly attend the services. A new band of ringers is now in course of formation.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS.—The last diocesan festival was held at St. Vryan Church on Tuesday week, the seventh anniversary of the dedication of the bells in that tower. In addition to the two bands of ringers of the home parish, ringers attended from St. Enodur, St. Stephen's, and Probus. Ringing continued throughout the afternoon and evening, St. Stephen's band bringing out true music by their excellent rising and falling, as did also St. Enodur and Probus by their good striking. St. Vryan band rang several good peals of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, the striking at times being excellent. Service was held at four o'clock, when a good practical sermon was preached by the Rev. F. Robinson, rector of Merton, North Devon. The day commenced, as do all festivals in connection with this Guild, by an early celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The second quarterly meeting was held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, on the 24th ult. The eight bells at the parish church were available for ringing from 2 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Ashby for his kindness in placing the bells and parish room at the disposal of the Association, and for his presence at the meeting. The Vice-President read a list of the peals rung during the past quarter, fifteen in number, which he considered fully up to the average for the time of year, and which were well spread over the ground of the Association.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday, 24th ult., the monthly practice meeting of the Bristol branch was held at Dursley after the peal had been rung. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the next meeting was arranged to be held at Yate at the end of October. A touch of 600 BOB MAJOR and 518 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in the evening, the local ringers taking part. Several of the party visited Painswick on the following Sunday, GRANDSIRE CINQUES and CATERS being rung. The local ringers kindly helped to make a pleasant time for the ringers.

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

## CHANGE-RINGING.

*The Yorkshire Association.*

At St. Wilfrid's, Calverley, Yorks, on October 8th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in the Kent Variation, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 11 cwt.

Charles Pratt .. .. 1	Walter Popplewell .. .. 5
James Wm. Bixendale .. 2	Tom Latimer .. .. 6
T. Cecil Booth .. .. 3	Harry Ward .. .. 7
William Bolland .. .. 4	Pratt Cordingley .. .. 8

Composed by Wm. Sottanstill, and conducted by W. Popplewell.

*The Lancashire Association.*

## (BOLTON BRANCH.)

At St. Mary's, Deane, Bolton, Lancashire, on October 8th, Brooks' Variation peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 43 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Robert Duckworth .. .. 1	Alfred Potter .. .. 5
Thomas Peers .. .. 2	John Potter .. .. 6
Titus Burlow .. .. 3	Joseph Potter (conductor) 7
William Lever .. .. 4	William Denner .. .. 8

*The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.*

At St. John the Evangelist, Darlington, Durham, on October 8th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins.

Thomas Clarke * .. .. 1	Ernest E. Hunt .. .. 5
John G. Hall .. .. 2	Thomas Metcalfe .. .. 6
J. A. Carter .. .. 3	George W. Park .. .. 7
James Baxter * .. .. 4	William H. Porter .. .. 8

Composed by G. Lindoff, and conducted by William H. Porter. First peal of DOUBLE NORWICH in Darlington. [\* First peal in the method.]

*The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.*

At St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on October 7th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min. Tenor, 16½ cwt.

Hugh T. Scarlett .. .. 1	Sidney Wade .. .. 5
Rev. A. T. Beeston .. .. 2	Ernest Pye .. .. 6
John Armstrong .. .. 3	John R. Sharman .. .. 7
George R. Pye .. .. 4	William Pye .. .. 8

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

At St. George's, Camberwell, on October 8th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Ruben Charge .. .. 1	John D. Matthews .. .. 5
Bertram Prewett .. .. 2	William J. Nudds .. .. 6
John R. Sharman .. .. 3	William Pye .. .. 7
Isaac G. Shade .. .. 4	Cornelius Charge .. .. 8

Composed by Arthur Craven, and conducted by William Pye. A birthday compliment to R. Charge.

At All Saints', Edmonton, on October 8th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 17 cwt.

William Ward .. .. 1	James Saxby .. .. 5
George Radley .. .. 2	William Shimmans* .. .. 6
John T. Kentish .. .. 3	James Parker .. .. 7
George H. Barker .. .. 4	George Paice .. .. 8

Composed by Edgar Wightman, and conducted by J. Parker. [\* First peal in the method.]

*The Sussex County Association.*

At the Parish Church, East Grinstead, on October 8th, a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins.

F. Allin * .. .. 1	G. Williams (conductor) .. 5
C. Baker * .. .. 2	P. Etheridge .. .. 6
N. C. Wakefield .. .. 3	A. Huggett .. .. 7
A. Longhurst .. .. 4	S. Chesson * .. .. 8

[\* First peal.]

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—On Thursday week, for practice, at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, in 50 minutes: L. Stokoe, F. Barraclough, D. Swift, J. Bennett, G. Barraclough, J. C. Walker, W. Child (conductor), T. Moxon.

LEWES (SUSSEX) BELL-RINGERS.—The annual meeting of the Southover Church Bell-ringers' Guild, Lewes, took place on Tuesday week in the bell-ringing chamber, Southover Church. Councillor V. Verral was in the chair, the Rector and President of the Guild, the Rev. D. Lee Elliott, being busily engaged with the arrangements for the harvest festival. The balance-sheet and report for the year ending September 30th were presented by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. H. Ebrall, and unanimously passed. They showed an increase all round, in finances, attendances at the belfry, and in membership, so that altogether the Guild can be pleased with its position. The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, all the former officials again being elected to their respective posts, Mr. A. J. Turner, Captain; Mr. A. S. Langridge, Deputy-Captain; Mr. Steadman, Collector; Mr. H. H. Ebrall, Hon. Secretary, and Mr. F. Hart, Assistant Hon. Secretary.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of this Guild took place at Croston. About seventy members were present, and numbers of excellent touches were rung on the tuneful bells, some of which are very ancient, having been removed from Burscough Priory. An adjournment was then made to the 'Masonic Hall, where a cold collation had been provided by the Rector and wardens. Afterwards the Master of the Guild, the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, occupied the chair, and gave the guild greeting. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. Wm. Bentham, of Aughton, presented on behalf of Mr. Martin, of Liscard, who was unable to attend, the balance-sheet for 1903-4. It showed £4 7s. 3d. to the good for the general account, and £4 13s. for the benevolent fund. The chairman explained that several grants of £5 each had been made to the widows of deceased ringers, and hence the benevolent fund was much depleted. Mr. J. Taylor, of Aughton, expressed gratification that after all expenses there was so much in hand, and proposed that the balance-sheet be accepted. This was seconded by Mr. G. Brown, of Wigan, and carried. A vote of thanks to the officers for their services during the past year, the work of Mr. Bentham being specially eulogised, was also carried. It was announced that the trophy for good work had been won by the belfry of St. James', Wigan, for the 8-bell tower, and by the belfry of St. Luke's, Great Crosby, for the 6-bell tower, thirty-seven peals in four methods having been rung there.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The monthly ringing meeting of this society was held at Tong, on September 24th. The bells were started during the afternoon, touches of various Minor methods being rung. Thanks to the generosity of the Tong company, a splendid tea was provided in the schoolroom at 6.30 p.m., upwards of forty members being seated. Tea over, the business meeting next followed, Mr. T. Maude in the chair, supported by upwards of 240 members present, representing the following places: Armley, Bramley, Burley, Bolton, Bradford, Calverley, Drighlington, Headingley, St. Chad's and St. Michael's, Huddersfield, Liversedge, Pudsey, Shipley, and local company. The Secretary having read the minutes of previous meeting (Calverley), Mr. G. Bolland proposed, seconded by Mr. Rendal, that minutes be passed as read. This was carried. Two new members were elected, Mr. F. Barker of Drighlington, and Mr. E. Towley of Tong. Other important business having been brought before the meeting, a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for the kind way in which all had been received, was proposed by Mr. J. W. S. Holgate, seconded by Mr. J. Broadley, and unanimously carried. Mr. G. Bolland suitably responded on behalf of the local company. Mr. G. Bolland proposed, seconded by Mr. J. Peacock, a vote of thanks to the President for presiding. The President briefly responded. Touches of various methods were then rung on hand-bells, other members visiting the tower, where the bells were kept going to touches of various Minor methods. This enjoyable and successful meeting finally terminated at a late hour.

A GREAT sale of furniture is now in progress at Messrs. Oetzmann & Co.'s, Hampstead Road. When the Hotel Metropole at Southend was opened only a few months ago, this firm supplied a large quantity of dining, drawing, and bedroom furniture, carpets, curtains, &c. Now this is back in their showrooms, owing to the failure of the Hotels Acquisition Syndicate to complete the purchase, and Messrs. Oetzmann are selling the furniture at greatly reduced prices.

No doubt many of our lady readers will be interested, in view of the autumn season, to know that John Noble, Ltd., of Manchester, present, as in former years, many new, well-made, and attractive garments in their catalogue. One is a really remarkable line. It is a lady's Chesterfield coat, sold direct to the wearer for 8s. 6d. (carriage 6d. extra.) Another useful line is the 'J. N.' Knockabout Frock for children (model 30), which is well cut and well made, the material being cloth, all colours, and the price ranging from 1s. 6d. to 5s. 6d.

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

### London County Association, late the St. James's Society.

The programme for to-morrow (29th), when the Bishop of London will visit St. Clement Danes, is as follows:—

1. The steeple will be open for ringing at 4 p.m.
2. The last touch before the service will be STEDMAN CATERS, and the bells must be brought home and 'stand' called at 5.50 p.m. sharp.
3. The tenor will then be rung till 5.55 p.m.
4. Members of the Exercise are particularly requested to be in their places early, so that the service may commence at 6 p.m. punctually.
5. A few of the front seats on the floor of the church will be reserved for officers of the Companies and Associations, and distinguished visitors, but the rest of the seats will be open to the members of the Exercise and their immediate friends or relations. Other persons who propose to attend the service are requested to avail themselves of the accommodation in the galleries.

6. Mr. Marchmont, the organist of St. Clement Danes, will, as an introductory voluntary, play 'Bell Prelude' by Henry Purcell, a composition of the time of Fabian Stedman.

7. On the conclusion of the service a meeting will be held by the invitation of the Rector of St. Clement Danes, at the St. Clement Danes Parish House, Clare Market, in order that the members of the Exercise may receive the Bishop. The proceedings will be brief, and Members of the Exercise are particularly requested to proceed direct from the church to the meeting room in order to economise the Bishop's time.

8. The steeple will be open for ringing after the Bishop's departure till 9.30 p.m.

Lastly: The Master extends a cordial invitation to all members of the Exercise in town or country, both to the service and the meeting, and he will be happy to welcome any friends whom they desire to bring with them.

A. JACOB, Master. T. H. TAFFENDER, Secretary.

The programme for the meeting at St. Clement Danes Parish House on Saturday (29th) includes the following items:—A vote of thanks will be proposed to the Bishop of London. A course of GRANDSIRE CATERS will be rung on the handbells. The Bishop will reply.

### CHANGE-RINGING.

#### The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. Andrew's, Hertford, on October 15th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Matthew Ellsmore .. 1	James Saxby .. 5
George H. Barker .. 2	Herbert Baker .. 6
John T. Kentish .. 3	James Parker .. 7
George Radley .. 4	George Paice .. 8

Composed by C. H. Martin, and conducted by James Parker.

At St. James's, Bushey, Herts, on October 17th, a peal of NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

Maurice F. R. Hibbert * .. 1	John R. Sharman .. 5
Hubert Eden .. 2	Harry A. Horrex .. 6
Bertram Prewett .. 3	William G. Whitehead .. 7
Frederick W. Brinklow .. 4	Ernest E. Huntley .. 8

Composed by H. Dains, and conducted by E. E. Huntley. First peal in the method on the bells, and is also believed to be the first peal of NEW CAMBRIDGE in the county. [\* First peal of MAJOR.]

### The London County Association, late the St. James's Society.

At St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on October 15th, Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 48 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs.

Herbert Langdon .. 1	Ernest Brett .. 5
William J. Troughton .. 2	William Woodhead .. 6
Frederick Wilford .. 3	William Shimmans .. 7
Thomas Groombridge (cond.) 4	Alfred H. Winch .. 8

At St. Magnus-the-Martyr, City, on October 15th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Challis F. Winney .. 1	Herbert P. Harman .. 6
Henry Dains .. 2	Archibald F. Harris .. 7
William F. Langdon .. 3	James George .. 8
William H. Hollier .. 4	Frederick Nunn .. 9
Arthur N. Hardy .. 5	Henry Stubbs .. 10

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by Challis F. Winney.

At St. John's, Waterloo Road, on October 15th, a peal of NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5003 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

John E. Jones * .. 1	Albert C. Hardy .. 5
Henry W. Kirton .. 2	Richard B. van .. 6
Thomas Faulkner .. 3	Frank C. Newman .. 7
Frederick G. Perrin .. 4	Edgar Wightman .. 8

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

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

At St. Stephen's, Westminster, on October 15th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

John N. Oxborrow .. 1	James Willshire .. 5
John W. Golding .. 2	William H. Pasmore .. 6
Henry S. Ellis .. 3	Alfred B. Peck .. 7
Frederick Dench .. 4	Henry R. Newton .. 8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow, and conducted by Henry R. Newton.

### The Yorkshire Association.

At All Souls', Halifax, on October 21st, J. J. Parker's Five-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins.

Jonas S. Arnblar * .. 1	Charles Jackson (condr.) .. 5
Joe Bradley .. 2	Benj. F. Lambs† .. 6
John Biddy .. 3	Francis Baker .. 7
James Cotterell .. 4	Charles E. Stewart .. 8

[\* First peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. † First peal in the method on the bells.]

C.U. GUILD OF CHANGE-RINGERS, CAMBRIDGE.—At a meeting held on October 14th, practices for the term were arranged, on tower bells in Great St. Mary's Church, and on handbells in the President's rooms. The guild celebrated its 25th anniversary early this year. It has accomplished more than twenty peals of over 5000 changes each, and has rung peals of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, TREBLE BOB ROYAL, and GRANDSIRE CATERS. Members of the University who are interested in or wish to learn change-ringing are invited to apply to any of the following: Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Trinity; H. S. T. Richardson, Trinity; F. S. Poole, Sidney; F. T. Shackell, Pembroke; N. H. Watts, Peterhouse; A. O. C. Longridge (Secretary), Trinity.

BELL-RINGERS AT HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.—The annual gathering of the Middlesex Association and London Diocesan Guild of Bell-ringers was held at St. Andrew's on Saturday week, and was largely attended. During the afternoon peals were rung by bands of members on the bells of St. Andrew's, St. Margaret's, and St. John's, Hillingdon. At half-past five a service was held in St. Andrew's Church, when the sermon was preached by the Bishop of Kensington, who also dedicated a stained-glass window on the south side of the sanctuary erected by Mrs. Wakefield in memory of her husband. The members afterwards adjourned to the Girls' School, where they enjoyed an excellent cold collation admirably served by a number of ladies. Over eighty-six sat down, the Vicar, as President of the Association, occupied the chair, being supported by the Bishop of Kensington. At the conclusion of the repast, the business of the meeting—the eighth annual—was transacted. Mr. King having read letters from gentlemen regretting inability to be present, presented the report, which stated that the peals rung since their last meeting were fewer in number, but of greater importance than any previously recorded, no less than fifteen peals of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR having been rung. They had been privileged to maintain for the third year in succession, the pride of place among county associations in respect of Mr. Attree's analysis; and if they were to keep it, they must must display even greater activity than they had shown in the past year, satisfactory as their efforts had been. In point of numbers they were still progressing. Some members had left the county, and a few had been lost to them by death and resignation. On the whole, however, they could show a satisfactory increase, chiefly due to the desire expressed by two newly-formed church ringing guilds in the East End of London to become affiliated to their association. They began the year with 570 members, and they closed with over six hundred. They had held meetings in various parts of the county, and at most of them the attendance had been satisfactory, especially in the South and West Districts. On the proposition of the President, it was agreed that the report be passed and printed. On the proposition of Mr. C. E. King, the following officers were re-elected: President, Rev. H. G. Bird; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. F. A. Milne; Master, Mr. J. Basden; Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. I. King.

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

### CHANGE-RINGING.

#### *The Essex Association.*

At St. Edward's, Romford, Essex, on October 20th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 17 cwt.

Wesley Watson ..	1	William Keeble ..	5
John R. Sharman ..	2	George R. Pye ..	6
Harry F. Dakins ..	3	William Pye ..	7
Isaac G. Shade ..	4	Ernest Pye ..	8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by William Pye.

#### *The Ancient Society of College Youths.*

At St. Peter's, Walworth, on October 20th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Thomas Langdon ..	1	George N. Price ..	5
Henry Hodgetts ..	2	Alfred B. Peck ..	6
Herbert P. Harman ..	3	James Willshire ..	7
Hubert Eden ..	4	John W. Golding ..	8

Composed by Frederick Dench, and conducted by J. W. Golding.  
A. B. Peck's 50th peal.

#### *The Middlesex County Association, and the London Diocesan Guild.*

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Erith, Kent, on October 22nd, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min. Tenor, 18 cwt.

Reuben Charge ..	1	John R. Sharman ..	5
John D. Matthews ..	2	Charles Wilkins ..	6
Isaac G. Shade ..	3	Ernest Pye ..	7
Bertram Prewett ..	4	William Pye ..	8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by William Pye.

#### *The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.*

At St. Barnabas', Erdington, Warwickshire, on October 22nd, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Harry Dickens ..	1	George F. Swann ..	5
Horace F. Street ..	2	Charles Dickens ..	6
Ernest T. Allaway ..	3	Bernard W. Witchell ..	7
Frank Fay ..	4	Arthur E. Piegler ..	8

Composed by H. Dains, and conducted by Bernard W. Witchell.

#### *The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.*

At St. Matthew's, Walsall, Staffordshire, on October 22nd, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 min.

Thomas J. Elton ..	1	A. John Seabrook* ..	6
William Fisher ..	2	John C. Adams ..	7
Frank Hallsworth (sen.) ..	3	Frederick J. Cope ..	8
William Griffin ..	4	Herbert Knight ..	9
Bernard Jealous ..	5	Frank Hallsworth (jun.) ..	10

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted Herbert Knight.  
[\* First peal of STEDMAN CATERS.]

#### *The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.*

At the Watch Tower, Morpeth, Northumberland, on October 22nd, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

James Baxter ..	1	Charles L. Roulledge ..	5
Robert S. Story ..	2	Alfred F. Hillier ..	6
Joseph E. R. Keen ..	3	John J. Leighton ..	7
William Story ..	4	Thomas T. Gofton ..	8

Composed by G. Lindoff, and conducted by T. T. Gofton. First peal of SURPRISE on the bells.

#### *The Yorkshire Association.*

At St. Paul's, Shipley, on October 29th, J. W. Washbrook's peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins.

Joseph Broadley ..	1	George T. Marshall ..	5
George Barraclough ..	2	Charles Jackson (condr.) ..	6
John Boddy ..	3	Francis Parker* ..	7
Fred W. Dixon ..	4	Sam Palframan ..	8

The above are also members of the Leeds and District Society. This is the conductor's 200th peal. [\* First peal in the method.]

MACCLESFIELD BELL-RINGERS IN CONFERENCE.—The quarterly meeting of the Macclesfield Branch of the Bell-ringers' Association was held at St. James' School, Higher Sutton, on Saturday week. Eleven members from the various towers were present, and peals were rung on the bells from four until five o'clock, when the party adjourned to the schoolroom, where tea was partaken of, and the business meeting was afterwards held, presided over by the Vicar (Rev. W. R. Gough).

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.—The two new bells for Rochester Cathedral were successfully cast, also four of the old bells recast, at the foundry of Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, 34 Whitechapel Road, on Saturday last. The peal is to be rehung and in ringing order by the end of November.

EXETER CATHEDRAL BELLS.—Two years ago, in response to an urgent appeal by the Dean of Exeter (Dr. Earle) to the citizens of Exeter and inhabitants of Devon generally, a large sum of money was contributed for the purpose of putting the grand peal in the southern Norman tower of the Cathedral into ringing order. The work was well and thoroughly done, but, to the surprise and regret of all lovers of bell-ringing, the bells have since been as silent as they had been heretofore. This regrettable continued omission is attributed to the Dean and Chapter, who, in their apathy, continue to neglect appointing suitable and skilled ringers.

DEATH OF AN OLD SALISBURY BELL-RINGER.—There has lately passed away at Salisbury, in his 82nd year, the oldest bell-ringer in the neighbourhood, Mr. T. F. Stevens, who for the past nine years has been a valued member of St. Martin's Company. Mr. Stevens was a member of both the Salisbury and Winchester Diocesan Ringers' Guilds, and had rung in nearly every London belfry. He rang his first peal at Holy Rood Church, Southampton, in 1849, and fifty years later, November 10th, 1899, took part in a peal of 5000 changes at St. Martin's, Salisbury.

THE STRANGE HISTORY OF A BELL.—The bell at the modern church at Llandeaud, in Monmouthshire—a church built about fifty years ago—has a curious history. The present building was erected on the site of a pre-Reformation church, and whilst the building was in hand a local farmer offered to give an old bell which was in one of his barns. The offer was gladly accepted, and the bell turned out to be the original bell from old Llandeaud, which, after some 300 years' silence, once more calls the people to church.

ELY DIOCESAN BELL-RINGERS AT WHITTLESEY.—A meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association of Bell-ringers took place at Whittlesey recently, a preliminary service being first held in St. Mary's Church, when the service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. C. E. B. Bell. Afterwards an adjournment was made to St. Mary's Parish Room, where tea was provided, the number of guests being about fifty. The Rev. C. E. B. Bell presided, supported by the Rev. H. J. B. Walters, of St. Andrew's, the Rev. J. M. Clarkson, of Brington, Hunts, the Rev. E. B. May, curate of St. Mary's, Dr. Waddelow (the vicar's warden of St. Mary's), Miss S. Lefevre, and others. In addition to the Ely Diocesan ringers were the ringers of St. Mary's and St. Andrew's (Whittlesey), and members from Ramsey, Stamford, St. Neots, Cambridge, and Peterborough. Tea being over, the chairman made a few remarks with regard to the Association, and welcomed the members. Referring to the ringing generally, he threw out a few broad hints that the long peals on the bells of St. Mary's, which had taken place since they had been rehung, were somewhat irritating to many of the parishioners who did not understand change-ringing. These people, he said, had his sympathy, but at the same time he was bound to sympathise with the ringers, who thoroughly enjoyed the ringing of a long peal which had to be gone through and worked out on scientific principles. Being somewhat placed between two stools, the rev. gentleman went on to suggest that it might be possible for the ringers to curtail this long spell of ringing and have shorter touches, but he wished it to be distinctly understood that it was only as a suggestion that he made these remarks. The minutes of the last meeting were then read by the district secretary, Mr. G. D. Coleman, of St. Neots, and passed. New ringing members were enrolled, and it was resolved that the next meeting be held at Yaxley, near Peterborough. In the evening, several touches were rung by the members of the Association on the bells in St. Mary's and St. Andrew's belfries.

A COMPREHENSIVE illustrated catalogue has just been issued by Messrs. F. Hodgson & Sons, of Leeds, of goods offered for autumn, 1904, and spring, 1905, the stock including an immense variety of articles required in the home, &c. The catalogue is well worth writing for.

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

## CHANGE-RINGING.

*The Yorkshire Association.*

At St. Stephen's, Lindley, Yorks, on October 29th, a peal of **TREBLE BOB MAJOR**, 5280 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 18½ cwt.

George Drake (conductor) ..	1	Wilson Wood ..	5
Jabez Whiteley ..	2	Joe Cockroft ..	6
Fred Crossley ..	3	Chris Nield ..	7
George Lawton ..	4	Henry Marshall ..	8

At the Parish Church, Hull, on November 5th, a peal of **STEDMAN CATERS**, 5019 changes, in 3 hrs. 31 mins. Tenor, 26 cwt.

Charles Armitage* ..	1	George T. Marshall ..	6
Tom Stockdale ..	2	Charles Jackson ..	7
George Halksworth* ..	3	Clement Glenn† ..	8
Alfred Naylor ..	4	Francis Barker* ..	9
George Barraclough ..	5	John W. Dale ..	10

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by Charles Jackson.  
[\* First peal of **STEDMAN CATERS**. † First peal in the method.]

*The Lancashire Association.*

At St. Bartholomew's, Radcliffe, on October 29th, a peal of **TREBLE BOB MAJOR**, 5024 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 2 hrs. 50 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

Thomas Peers ..	1	Titus Barlow ..	5
Robert Duckworth ..	2	Alfred Potter ..	6
Rev. H. J. Elsee ..	3	Joseph Potter ..	7
William Lever ..	4	Harry Chapman ..	8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow, and conducted by Joseph Potter.

At the Cathedral, Manchester, on November 5th, a peal of **KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL**, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

Frank Smith ..	1	John Potter ..	6
Alfred Barnes ..	2	Joseph Potter ..	7
John Smith ..	3	Richard Redyard ..	8
John Eachus ..	4	Harry Chapman ..	9
William Brammer ..	5	James George ..	10

Composed by G. Lindoff, and conducted by Joseph Potter.

*The Yorkshire Association, and the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.*

At St. Mathew's, Holbeck, Leeds, on October 29th, a peal of **TREBLE BOB MAJOR**, 5284 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Fred Barraclough ..	1	Jas. Baxendale ..	5
Percy Johnson ..	2	Pratt Cordingley ..	6
John Whittaker ..	3	Edwin Wheeler ..	7
Charles Pratt ..	4	Harry Ward ..	8

Composed by C. Severn, and conducted by E. Wheeler.

*The Middlesex County Association, and the London Diocesan Guild.*

At St. Magnus the Martyr, on October 29th, a peal of **STEDMAN CATERS**, 5069 changes, in 3 hrs. 17 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Reuben Charge ..	1	Sidney A. Wright ..	6
John J. Lamb ..	2	John R. Sharman ..	7
John D. Matthews ..	3	William Pye ..	8
Isaac G. Shade ..	4	William J. Nudds ..	9
Bertram Prewett ..	5	Ernest Pye ..	10

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by John R. Sharman.

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

At St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, Suffolk, on November 1st, a peal of **STEDMAN CATERS**, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 27 mins. Tenor, 32 cwt.

William Motts ..	1	James Motts ..	6
Frederick W. Watling ..	2	William P. Garrett ..	7
Edward Sherwood ..	3	Lewis W. Wiffen ..	8
Henry C. Gillingham ..	4	William L. Catchpole ..	9
Edgar Pemberton ..	5	Edward Evans ..	10

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by James Motts.

*The Hertfordshire Association.*

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Pinner, Middlesex, on November 1st, a peal of **SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 19¾ cwt.

Francis A. Smith ..	1	Henry Hodgetts ..	5
Hubert Eden ..	2	George N. Price ..	6
Frederick W. Brinklow ..	3	William G. Whitehead ..	7
William Hodgetts ..	4	Harry A. Horrex ..	8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by George N. Price.  
First peal in the method on the bells.

*The Stoke Society.*

At the Parish Church, Stoke Coventry, on November 5th, a peal of **GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**, 5040 changes being 42 six-scores, in 2 hrs. 45 mins. Tenor, 10 cwt.

William Maund ..	1	John Fennell ..	4
William Beesley ..	2	Joseph H. White (conductor) ..	5
Arthur W. Flowers ..	3	Thomas Bloxham ..	6

First peal on the bells; first peal by all, except ringer of treble; and first peal in the City of Coventry for over twenty years.

*The Oxford Diocesan Guild.*

At St. Mary's, Reading, recently, a peal of **STEDMAN TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor, 28 cwt.

Charles Moulden ..	1	Charles Cox ..	5
Nelson Cox ..	2	John Swain ..	6
Alfred W. Reeves ..	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson ..	7
Ambrose Osborne ..	4	John Goodenough ..	8

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, vicar of Drayton, Berks. The rest are St. Mary's ringers.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHANGE-RINGERS.**—As a farewell visit to the newly consecrated Bishop of Brisbane (late Rector of Hornsey), and the two Curates who are accompanying him to Australia, a special service was held at the Parish Church, Hornsey, on Wednesday evening, November 2nd, conducted by the Bishop of London. For this special service, six members of the above Association rang on the church bells, 720 each of **OXFORD TREBLE BOB**, and **PLAIN BOB MINOR**, in 47 mins. (tenor, 17 cwt.): A. R. Glascock, 1; J. Armstrong, 2; J. Miller, 3; W. Pickworth, 4; M. Fensom, 5; S. Wade (conductor), 6. Also after service, 720 **PLAIN BOB MINOR**: F. Fensom, 1; A. R. Glascock, 2; J. R. Sharman, 3; W. Dixon, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; S. Wade (conductor), 6.

**BOXDEY.**—On November 1st, by members of the Kent County Association, a date touch of **GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**, 1904 changes, in 1 hr. 13 mins. R. Attwood, 1; W. Hope, 2; G. Pound (conductor), 3; C. Attwood, 4; W. Kilpatrick, 5; A. Haygreen, 6. First date touch by 1st, 4th, and 6th. Rung on the anniversary of the dedication of the church; also to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the completion of the present ring, the 3rd, 4th, and 5th being cast in 1803 and the 1st, 2nd, and 6th in 1804. The date of the dedication of the bells is unknown.

**STURRY, KENT.**—On November 6th a new tenor bell was dedicated by the Bishop of Trinidad before the evening service, the number thus being made up to six. The Bishop, clergy, choir, and ringers first assembled in the belfry, and sang the hymn 'When morning gilds the skies' (305, 'A. & M.'), after which the special prayers were said, according to the form authorised by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The bell was then raised by the Vicar of the parish, and a few rounds were rung before evensong commenced. The prayers were intoned by the Rev. T. L. O. Helmore, Minor Canon of Canterbury Cathedral and Hon. Sec. of the Kent Diocesan Association of Change-ringers, while an admirable sermon was preached by the Bishop on the blessings and privileges of worship to which the bells called the people. The work was executed by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, and gave great satisfaction. The bell has the following inscription: 'Rev. H. P. Brewer, Vicar. T. Wood, G. Legard, Churchwardens. 1904. May Jesus Christ be praised.'

**EASTWOOD (NOTTS) CHURCH BELLS.**—The peal of six bells has been removed from Eastwood Church, and taken to the railway station en route for Ireland. They are somewhat celebrated as being the first steel bells cast in England. The Plumtree Memorial peal to replace the old ones, will be ready in about three weeks. The last occasion on which a set peal was rung was a muffled peal for the late Bishop of Southwell.

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

### St. George's Society of Ringers, Stockport.

A VERY interesting affair took place on Monday evening, November 7th, at St. George's belfry, when the ringers assembled for practice. After a few touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and CATERPILLAR, STEEDMAN CATERPILLAR and TREBLE BOB ROYAL were rung, Mr. John W. Bayley (sleeper-keeper) opened the proceedings by saying that he had a very pleasing duty to perform, and that was to ask Mr. Thomas Jackson, the Hon. Treasurer of the Society, to present Mr. George Astbury, a very esteemed member of the company, with a handsome clock and bronze ornaments to match, on the occasion of his approaching marriage. Mr. Bayley, in his remarks, said that he was glad to find such a good feeling existed among the members, and trusted that such a feeling would long remain with them. Mr. Jackson, on rising to make the presentation, was received with great cheering. He said he was very pleased to be asked to make the presentation, and that all the company would join him in wishing Mr. Astbury and the future Mrs. Astbury long life, health, and happiness in their married life. Mr. Astbury said that he was overcome by the good wishes expressed by the speakers, who he felt sure were speaking for the other members as well as themselves, and also by the very handsome presents they had made him that night; he could not find words sufficient to express his feelings, but thanked them very much indeed for their kindness to him.

On Saturday, November 12th, at St. George's Church, Stockport, by the Rev. J. H. Thorpe, B.D., Vicar, Mr. George Astbury, late of Flixton, near Manchester, to Miss Clara Todd, late of Oldham. A very large number of friends assembled to witness the ceremony. The St. George's Ringers ascended the tower and rang for their brother-ringer a touch of STEEDMAN CATERPILLAR, afterwards placing the bells in Queen's position: James Booth, 1; H. Meakin, 2; Thomas Jackson, 3; C. Barber, 4; T. S. Nithson, 5; J. Mottershead, 6; G. Warburton, 7; J. W. Bayley, 8; E. Reader (conductor), 9; George Marshall, 10.

### CHANGE-RINGING.

#### The North Notts Association.

At St. Swithun's, East Retford, Notts, on November 1st, a peal of STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 11 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

George R. Winter ..	1	Herbert Hugh ..	5
Arthur T. Winter ..	2	Harry Warburton ..	6
George W. Metcalfe ..	3	Joseph B. Joynes ..	7
George F. Clarke ..	4	Robert Miles ..	8

Composed by John Carter, and conducted by Joseph B. Joynes. First peal of STEEDMAN by all the band, and first by the Association.

#### The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At the Parish Church, Shipton-under-Wychwood, on November 4th, a Variation of Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Frederick Peirce ..	1	Walter Longshaw ..	5
Harry Coombes ..	2	Harry Miles ..	6
Edwin Coombes ..	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (cond.) ..	7
George Bartlett ..	4	Robert Miles ..	8

At the Parish Church, Chipping Norton, on November 5th, a Variation of Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Harry Miles ..	1	Frederick Webb ..	5
Thomas Bond ..	2	Walter Large ..	6
Frank Webb ..	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (cond.) ..	7
John F. Barlow ..	4	Frederick G. Candy ..	8

#### The Chester Diocesan Guild.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

At the Parish Church, New Mills, Derbyshire, on November 5th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

George D. Warburton *	1	Fred Holt ..	5
James L. Robinson †	2	Rev. A. T. Beeston ..	6
William Lowery ..	3	John W. Bayley ..	7
Hiram Meakin ..	4	Edward Reader ..	8

Composed by Arthur Crayen, and conducted by E. Reader. [\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method with a bob-bell.]

### The Lancashire Association.

At the Cathedral, Manchester, on October 5th, a peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL, in the Kent Variation, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

Frank Smith ..	1	John Potter ..	6
Alfred Barnes ..	2	Joseph Potter ..	7
John Smith ..	3	Richard Ridyard ..	8
John Eachus ..	4	Harry Chapman ..	9
William Brammer ..	5	James George ..	10

Composed by G. Lindoff, and conducted by Joseph Potter.

### The Yorkshire Association.

At the Parish Church, Hull, on November 5th, a peal of STEEDMAN CATERPILLAR, 5019 changes, in 3 hrs. 31 mins. Tenor, 26 cwt.

Charles Armitage ..	1	George T. Marshall ..	6
Tom Stockdale ..	2	Charles Jackson ..	7
George Halksworth *	3	Clement Glenn † ..	8
Alfred Naylor ..	4	Francis Barker * ..	9
George Barraclough ..	5	John W. Dale ..	10

Composed by G. Lindoff, and conducted by Charles Jackson. [\* First peal of STEEDMAN CATERPILLAR. † First peal in the method.]

EXETER CATHEDRAL BELLS.—A correspondent, writing from Exeter, says: 'The paragraph in "Church Bells," November 4th, p. 1004, on Exeter Cathedral Bells, is not quite correct. The bells have not been silent since they were put in ringing order. To my own knowledge the bells have been frequently rung, not only on special occasions, as on the birthday and anniversary of the coronation of the King, arrival of the assize judges, &c., but also several times monthly, especially on Wednesday evenings. As I have service on that evening in one of my churches, not far from the Cathedral, this has been somewhat to the discomfort of the congregation.'

AN ANCIENT SUSSEX BELL.—There are many old institutions at Lewes which go to make up the life of the town. One of these is the Southover Church Bell-ringers' Guild, which celebrated its sixty-fifth anniversary dinner last week. The peal of bells at St. John the Baptist Church is one of which any town might be proud, and the spirit of enthusiasm which has animated the members of the Guild for years past is still happily maintained. In the Rector, the Rev. D. Lee Elliott (President), and Mr. H. H. Ebrall (Hon. Secretary), the Guild has two most energetic workers, and the prosperous state of the finances and the membership speaks well for the excellent work which has been accomplished. The Sussex Association boasts of possessing the oldest dated bell in the country. This is to be found in Daneton Tower, near Petworth, and the date it bears is 1369.

TRURO CATHEDRAL BELLS.—Some time ago it was found that the beams upon which the bells in the St. Mary's towers of Truro Cathedral were hung, through the action of the weather, etc., owing to there being no louvres to shelter them, were so rotten that it was necessary to rehang them. At the same time it was thought advisable to have some of the bells recast, so as to make them more fitting for the service they were expected to perform. Within the past few days their voices have been heard after a silence of several weeks, and their more melodious sounds will be appreciated by all who live within their hearing. The work of recasting the four quarter bells was entrusted to the well-known firm of John Taylor and Co., bell founders, etc., of Loughborough, and the diameter, weight, and notes of the bells are as follows:—

	Diam.	Weight	Note
	ft. in.	cwt. q. lb.	
1st qr. bell ..	2 2½ ..	3 2 16	D sharp
2nd „ ..	2 5 ..	4 3 6	E sharp
3rd „ ..	2 8 ..	6 0 2	F sharp
4th „ ..	3 6 ..	12 2 11	G sharp

These bells are not hung for ringing, but are fixed permanently in an iron frame. The hour bell remains as before—that is, it has not been recast, but it has been rehung for ringing with new wheels, bearings, clapper, etc. Its diameter is 3 ft. 10 in., weight 14 cwt. 13 lb., and note F. There is another old bell, 2 ft. 7 in. in diameter, but this is quite apart from the peal.

TRAVELLERS on the Midland Railway system will find in a new brochure which has just been published, complete information as regards the various palatial hotels which are carried on under the Company's auspices. The booklet, which is illustrated and neatly bound, contains the tariffs, and affords other useful information. The accompanying map will also be found useful.

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## BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

### *Peals of Bob Major.*

Composed by P. O. BIXBY, Gainsborough.

6048	
2 3 4 5 6	W M H.
6 4 2 3 5	---
3 6 2 4 5	---
4 3 2 6 5	---
2 6 4 3 5	---
3 2 4 6 5	(-)
6 3 4 2 5	(-)
4 2 6 3 6	(-)
3 4 6 2 5	---
2 3 6 4 5	---

Five times repeated with Single at half-way and end.

By omitting the 3 bobs bracketed in any four of the parts, 5152 changes are produced.

5376	
2 3 4 5 6	W M H.
6 4 2 3 5	---
2 6 4 3 5	---
2 4 6 3 5	S*
6 2 4 3 5	(-)
4 6 2 3 5	(S)
4 2 6 3 5	---
3 4 6 2 5	---
6 2 3 4 5	---
3 6 2 4 5	---
3 2 6 4 5	S
6 3 2 4 5	---
2 6 3 4 5	---

Three times repeated.

By substituting a B b for the Single marked thus \* and omitting the calls bracketed in any one part, 5040 changes are produced.

### CHANGE-RINGING.

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

At St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on November 9th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5008 changes, in 3 hrs. 24 mins. Tenor, 32 cwt., in C sharp.

William Motts	1	James Motts	..	6
Rev. William C. Pearson	2	Edward Evans	..	7
Edward Sherwood	3	William Wood	..	8
Henry C. Gilliegham	4	Lewis W. Wiffen	..	9
William Tillett	5	Albert E. Durrant	..	10

Composed by W. T. Elson, and conducted by James Motts. Rung in honour of the King's birthday. [\* First peal of STEDMAN CATERS and first attempt.]

#### *The Sussex County Association.*

At St. Peter's, Brighton, on November 10th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins. Tenor, 10½ cwt., in G.

Hubert Eden	1	Frank Bennett	..	5
George F. Attree	2	Keith Hart	..	6
Arthur A. Fuller	3	George A. King	..	7
George N. Price	4	George Williams	..	8

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

At St. Botolph's, Heene, Worthing, on November 11th, a peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins. Tenor, 10½ cwt., in E.

Edward Lindup	1	George A. King	..	5
George N. Price	2	Keith Hart	..	6
Hubert Eden	3	William W. Gifford	..	7
William H. Fussell	4	George Williams	..	8

Composed by C. Middleton, and conducted by G. Williams.

#### *The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.*

At SS. Mary and Nicholas's, Spalding, on November 12th, a Variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Rupert Richardson	1	Robert Marshall*	..	5
William Richardson	2	Arthur J. Holmes	..	6
Rev. H. Law James	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.)	7	
John T. Brown*	4	Arthur J. Farr	..	8

First peal of STEDMAN on the bells. [\* First peal of STEDMAN.

**BATH CHANGE-RINGING.**—The monthly meeting of the local branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change-ringers was held at St. Andrew's Church. In the unavoidable absence of the Rector, the meeting was opened by the Rev. H. S. Grant. Nearly 40 members were present from the various towers in Bath. Two honorary members

(the Rev. J. S. Wimbush, of Swainswick, and the Rev. Prob. J. E. Rogers, of Walcot), elections were confirmed. Two performing members were elected. Various methods being rung during the evening the meeting closed. Thanks are due to Mr. G. H. Hill, who kindly had everything in order for the ringers. On the 9th inst, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 1259 changes, was rung on the Abbey bells by the Bath Abbey Company of Change-ringers in 57 minutes, the bells being deeply muffled, on the occasion of the interment of the late Mr. T. J. F. Tutt II, solicitor, the men standing as follows:—C. Bell, 1; G. Temple, 2; W. Eames, 3; C. Goodenough, 4; J. Fussell, 5; E. Holder, 6; W. Lanham, 7; T. F. King, 8; H. W. Brown, 9; J. N. Wake, conductor, 10.

**HELSTON, CORNWALL.**—In connection with the restoration of St. Michael's church bells, it is pleasing to note that out of the total of £335 to carry out the contract, the treasurer, Mr. E. P. Kendall, J.P., has in hand the sum of £327. Messrs. Taylor and Sons have commenced the work of restoration. The bells are to be recast. In the tower there is room for eight bells. At present there are six, but we are given to understand a Helston gentleman has promised that if any one will come forward and give one bell, he will give the other to complete the peal.

**ST. SIDWELL'S, EXETER.**—The members of the St. Sidwell's Society lately rang a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS (1259 changes) as a compliment to the Dean of Exeter (the Bishop of Marlborough) who visited the parish church and preached an eloquent sermon. The ringers were stationed as follows:—H. V. Richards, 1; A. Richards, 2; E. Shepherd, 3; C. Carter, 4; W. Drake, 5; T. Mudge, 6; W. Richardson, 7; F. Murphy, 8; J. Moss, 9; J. Richards, 10. The ringing was conducted by W. Richardson, and the time occupied was 53 minutes.

**WENDEN, ESSEX.**—The bells of the Parish Church have been restored. Five of them were hung in 1700, but have not been rung for sixty years, owing to the dangerous state of the belfry. Three were cracked, and these have been re-cast, while two others have been repaired. A new bell has been added by the gift of the Collin family, to the memory of the late Mrs. J. T. Collin, a benefactress of the parish. The tower has been restored at a cost of £70, and the bells have been renovated and re-hung at a cost of about £165. The new bell was dedicated, and the old bells re-dedicated, by the Rev. Canon Fisher, R.D., Rector of Debden. The collection, for the tower fund, amounted to £5 10s.

**ST. STEPHEN'S, BRISTOL.**—The annual dinner of the St. Stephen's Guild was largely attended. Regret was expressed at the inability of the Master, Mr. A. W. Paul, to be present, owing to a recent accident in the hunting field. He sent a kindly greeting to the assembled brethren, and in his absence the chair was occupied by Mr. F. F. Cartwright, who was Master of the Guild in 1885-6. Mr. E. Harvey proposed, 'The rector, churchwardens, and vestry of St. Stephen's Church,' and observed that the ringers might now give attention to the outside fabric of the church before anything else. The Guild would be only too pleased to help in doing anything in their power. The Rev. E. J. Houghton, in acknowledging the toast, said he hoped the Guild would be able to direct their kind attention for the present to the necessities of St. Stephen's tower. The Chairman proposed the health of the Master, and referred to the good work that Mr. A. W. Paul had done for the Guild. He mentioned that a set of bells in the room had been lent by the Master, and had come from a Thibetan monastery.

**TOLLESBURY ESSEX.**—The inhabitants of Tollesbury had a treat the other evening when the Goldhanger bell-ringers rang out upon the church bells the first peal which has been heard here for many years. Substantial repairs have been carried out in the belfry, a bell that was cracked has been recast, and the whole set have been retuned. The roof of the tower has also been practically rebuilt, and the gallery under it has been levelled down with movable seats, to allow for ringing space. The vicar and churchwardens have been well supported in this work, but money is still required.

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