

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Lancashire Association.

At St. Mark's, Worsley, Lancashire, on November 14th, Carter's No. 10 peal of SPEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 21 cwt.

Joseph Potter	1	Richard Ridyard	5
John Potter	2	Joseph Ridyard	6
George Way*	3	James H. Ridyard (condr)	7
Frederick Derbyshire ..	4	Richard Newton	8

Rung in honour of Lord Brackley's birthday. [* First peal in the method.]

The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. James's, Bushey, Herts, on November 14th, a peal of NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5053 changes, 2 hrs. 5) mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

Maurice F. R. Hibbert ..	1	Bertram Prewett	5
Frederick W. Brinklow ..	2	Ernest E. Huntley	6
Francis A. Smith	3	Harry A. Horrex	7
Henry Hodgetts	4	William G. Whitehead ..	8

Composed by C. H. Hattersley, and conducted by B. Prewett. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Ernest Huntley. This is E. E. Huntley's 200th peal.

The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.

At St. Margaret's, Westminster, on November 17th, a peal of GRAND-IRE CATERS, 5003 changes, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. Tenor, 23 cwt.

Frederick G. Perrin	1	Mark Woodcock	6
Frank Smith	2	James E. Davis	7
Frederick Richardson ..	3	William R. Crookford ..	8
Edwin Turl	4	Edward Chapman	9
William H. Prior	5	Arthur Hardy	10

Composed by Henry G. Miles, and conducted by Mark Woodcock. Rung in honour of the visit of the King and Queen of Portugal to the City.

The Kent County Association.

At St. Mary Magdalene's, Woolwich, on November 17th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

Henry G. Hill*	1	Isaac G. Shade	5
William J. Aldridge* ..	2	Gr.-Master Sgt. A. Pye ..	6
John J. Lamb	3	Ernest Pye	7
Highwood S. Humphreys*	4	William Pye	8

Composed by Arthur Craven, and conducted by William Pye. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. J. Aldridge. [* First peal in the method.]

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

At St. Anne's, Highgate, on November 19th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Richard Bevan*	1	George Paice	5
Mark Woodcock†	2	Thomas Titchener	6
Frank Smith*	3	James Parker	7
Thomas Card	4	William J. Nudds	8

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by James Parker. Rung on the sixteenth anniversary of the conductor's wedding-day. [* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method with a bob-bell.]

The Sussex County Association.

At the Parish Church, Seaford, on November 12th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 18 mins.

W. Pelling	1	A. B. Bennett	5
G. P. nfold	2	F. Bennett	6
G. Howse	3	J. Turner	7
A. D. Stone	4	K. Hart	8

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On November 22nd, for practice, 1360 STEDMAN TRIPLES were rung in 46 mins: W. Markwell, 1; S. Burt, 2; J. Lish, 3; L. Payne, 4; A. E. Lish, 5; G. Payne, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8.

LANGDALE, WESTMORLAND.—On a recent Saturday evening after a few preliminaries on the church bells, they suddenly, about six o'clock, burst out in a merry peal. It is so long since Langdalkians have heard a peal rung that it was rather surprising to be thus reminded that there is still a band of ringers in the place. It eventually transpired, however, that they were visitors from some of the Ambleside and Brathay teams. From six till 9-15 without cessation they rang seven touches: KENT 2, VIOLET 2, DUKE OF YORK 2, and OXFORD 1. J. Backhouse, 1; W. Nevinston, 2; F. Woodend, 3; R. Satterthwaite, 4; J. Holmes, 5; W. Robinson, 6.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Sunday the Bishop of Southampton (Dr. McArthur) dedicated a new bell at St. Luke's Church, in memory of the late Rev. B. D. Nairne, a former curate of the church.

FILLEIGH, DEVON.—By constant use, the ropes of the church bells have become worn out. The amount required, £3 6s., was quickly made up, for which the Rector, the Rev. E. G. Beckwith, has expressed his thanks to those who kindly subscribed. The ringers now ring peals on the bells for half an hour before morning service on alternate Sundays, and this arrangement has given much satisfaction.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—There was a very pleasant gathering recently at the Parish Church, Sheffield, the occasion being the usual monthly meeting of the above society. Over sixty members were present, including ringers from Bolsover, Bolsterstone, North Wingfield, Ranmoor, Treeton, Wortley, All Saints and St. Marie (Sheffield), and the local company. This grand old ring (tenor, 41 cwt.) is the only twelve-bell peal in the district, and this was the first time the society had had the privilege of placing the tower amongst its fixtures. After the bells had been raised, they were put into changes, and for four hours no rest was given them, each man being anxious to get in as much as possible, and utilise the time allowed to the best advantage, as unfortunately an all too early closure had to be made at 7 p.m., on account of a choir practice immediately below. The methods indulged in were COLLEGE SINGLE, BOB ROYAL, GRANDSIRE CATERS and CINQUES, STEDMAN TRIPLES, CATERS, and CINQUES, TREBLE BOB ROYAL and MAXIMUS, DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR and ROYAL, and LONDON SURPRISE. An adjournment was made to the headquarters of the society, the necessary business transacted being the election of nine new members. A pleasant evening was spent, terminating with the customary votes of thanks to the clergy and the local company.

COLNE, LANCASHIRE: UNVEILING OF A PEAL TABLET.—The Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association met at Colne on the 12th ult. to celebrate the 72nd birthday of Mr. William Heaton. During the afternoon various touches were rung, after which Mr. Heaton entertained the local band and visitors to tea. At 6:30 a business meeting was held, and several new members were admitted. Then followed the unveiling ceremony, which was performed by Mr. Edward Carr, J.P. The whole of the proceedings were presided over by the Rector, the Rev. W. Clifford, M.A. The tablet records the first peal rung by a local band on Whitsun-Monday last. It is of marblette, and is fixed in a frame of oak with plate glass front. It is the gift of Mr. W. Hyde, churchwarden, and has been much admired.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, on December 15th and 29th, and at St. Michael's, Cornhill, Wednesday, December 7th. A business meeting will also be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, on December 7th.

W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.
'Frodingham,' Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held to-day (Saturday) at Christ Church, Eaing, by kind permission of the Rev. W. Templeton King. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30, followed by business meeting. Members intending to be present kindly give notice by Wednesday previous.

Hillingdon. J. J. PRATT, Dist. Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The usual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, O'dham, to-day (Saturday), December 3rd. Bells ready at 4; meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

J. H. BASTOW, Branch Sec.

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Peal of Bob Major.

Composed by P. O. BIXBY, Gainsborough.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.)

At All Saints', Wokingham, Berks, on November 19th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 19 cwt.

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

Composed by N. J. Pitstow, and conducted by R. T. Hibbert. First SURPRISE peal on the bells. The band were kindly entertained to tea by the Rector, the Rev. B. Long, after the peal.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

At St. John's, Perry Barr, Staffordshire, on November 21st, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt. 3 qrs.

Frank Fay ..	1	Alf Paddon Smith ..	5
Charles Dickens ..	2	Harold J. Witchell ..	6
Bernard W. Witchell ..	3	John Neal ..	7
George F. Swann ..	4	Arthur E. Pegler ..	8

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by Bernard Witchell. First peal in the method on the bells.

The Middlesex County Association, and the London Diocesan Guild.

At St. Edward's, Romford, Essex, on November 22nd, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 17 cwt.

William Keeble ..	1	John E. Baker* ..	5
William Pye ..	2	Harry F. Dawkins ..	6
Wesley Watson ..	3	Ernest Pye ..	7
Isaac G. Shade ..	4	John R. Sharman ..	8

Composed by George Conyard, and conducted by William ya. [* First peal in the method.]

At St. Pe'er's, Walworth, on November 24th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

William Pye (condr.) ..	1	John Moule ..	5
John J. Lamb ..	2	Ernest Pye ..	6
John R. Sharman ..	3	Reuben Charge ..	7
Isaac G. Shade ..	4	Horatio E. Gummer ..	8

AND at St. Magnus the Martyr, London, on November 25th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 changes, in 3 hrs. 17 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

John R. Sharman ..	1	John D. Matthews ..	5
William Pye ..	2	Reuben Charge ..	6
Isaac G. Shade ..	3	Ernest Pye ..	7
Frank Smith ..	4	William J. Nudds ..	8
Mark Woodcock ..	5	Harry Flanders ..	10

Composed by Arthur Knights, and conducted by William Pye.

The Essex Association.

(THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, BARKING.)

At St. Margaret's, Barking, on November 26th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 2056 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 22½ cwt. in E flat.

Albert C. Hardy ..	1	Alfred J. Carter† ..	5
Henry E. Parker* ..	2	George Faulkner ..	6
D'Oiley Simons ..	3	Rowland Fenn ..	7
James Cottiss ..	4	Caleb Fenn ..	8

Composed by Caleb Fenn, and conducted by Alfred Carter. [* First peal. † First peal as conductor.] All are natives of Barking.

The Yorkshire Association.

At All Souls', Halifax, on December 3rd, J. W. Washbrook's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor, 26 cwt.

James Cotterell ..	1	George Halksworth ..	5
Joseph Broadley ..	2	Charles Jackson (condr.) ..	6
George T. Marshall ..	3	Francis Barker ..	7
George Barraclough ..	4	Fred Salmons ..	8

The Midland Counties Association.

At the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on December 5th, Holt's Six-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 8½ cwt.

Ernest Coulson ..	1	F. Burleigh ..	5
Thos. H. Colburn ..	2	A. Abbot ..	6
W. T. Billingham ..	3	R. F. Lane (conductor) ..	7
W. Purvin ..	4	W. Cumberland ..	8

Rung to commemorate the passing of J. William Taylor, son of J. W. Taylor, jun., of the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, and grandson of John William Taylor of Shethorpe House, in the final examination for the degree of Bachelor of Science of London University.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting was held at Clay Cross on the 26th ult. Members were present from Clay Cross, South Wingfield, North Wingfield, Swanwick, and Blackwell. Tea was provided by the Vicar and churchwardens, to which only twenty-three sat down, owing no doubt to the inclemency of the weather. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The President (Mr. R. Lloyd) read a letter of apology from the Secretary regretting his inability to attend the meeting owing to illness. Messrs. T. Clough and F. Marshall were appointed auditors for the Easter accounts. Votes of thanks were given to the Vicar and churchwardens for so kindly providing the tea; also to the ladies who waited. The Vicar was also thanked for the use of the bells, and the President for presiding. The bells, six in number, a nice little ring in A, are in good order, the tower has been recently strengthened and the bells re-hung some time previous, making ringing a pleasure.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.—The condition of the church bells is such that for some time past it has not been safe to ring them, and it has now been decided to take steps to have them thoroughly overhauled and put in going order. Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, were consulted, and found that the frames were decayed and the beams rotten. It is now proposed to have the bells re-tuned and re-turned, and when re-hung to substitute iron frames for the present wooden ones. The bells have not been seen to, so far as the church record goes, for nearly a century. They have an historic past. Almost every bell has an inscription, and upon one is the name of the Rev. H. Dod (the father of the famous Dr. Dod) and his churchwardens. It is proposed by the Vicar and churchwardens to invite subscriptions towards the cost of work.

A RINGER'S DEATH.—Mr. Bennett, of the well-known firm of Webb and Bennett, bell-hangers, Kidlington, died on the 20th ult. aged 71. He had been a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild from its foundation.

Messrs. W. A. Mansell and Co., 405 Oxford Street, are issuing a series of small photographs of celebrated pictures (both sacred and secular) beautifully printed, which can be used as Christmas Cards. The price is sixpence each. Framed copies of these engravings may also be had for presentation.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on November 28th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 49 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in G.

Joseph Rowell ..	1	Alfred F. Hillier ..	5
C. L. Routledge (condr.) ..	2	Edward A. Hearn ..	6
Edward Astley* ..	3	John Foreman* ..	7
Ernest E. Ferry ..	4	George Wardle ..	8

[* First peal of STEDMAN.]

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

At St. Hilda's, Middlesbrough, Yorks, on November 29th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor, 12 cwt.

John Wedgewood* ..	1	Alexander McFarlane ..	5
William Pollard* ..	2	William Rudd ..	6
William J. Titchener† ..	3	John H. Blakiston ..	7
John H. Jones ..	4	John W. Passman ..	8

Composed by A. Knights and conducted by J. W. Passman. Birth-day compliment to J. H. Blakiston. [* First peal in any method. † First peal away from the treble.]

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Magnus-the-Martyr's, London, on December 3rd, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Tenor, 23 cwt.

Henry G. Miles ..	1	Ernest G. Stibbons ..	6
Albert V. Selby ..	2	John T. Kentish ..	7
Challis F. Winney ..	3	Herbert Baker ..	8
Rev. W. S. Willett ..	4	William T. Cockerill ..	9
Sidney A. Wright ..	5	Archibald F. Harris ..	10

Composed by Henry Dains and conducted by H. G. Miles.

The Kent County Association and the Society of Trinity Youths.

At St. Nicholas', Deptford, on December 3rd, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 21 cwt.

Wm. Weatherstone ..	1	James E. Davis ..	5
Frederick G. Perrin ..	2	Walter Ingham ..	6
John James Lamb ..	3	F. W. Thornton (condr.) ..	7
William Foreman ..	4	Fredk. H. Gooch ..	8

First peal on the bells after rehanging. First peal on the bells for half a century.

The Middlesex County Association, and the London Diocesan Guild.

At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on December 5th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

Reuben Charge ..	1	John Armstrong ..	5
John R. Sharman ..	2	Sidney Wade ..	6
Bertram Prewett ..	3	Ernest Pye ..	7
Isaac G. Shade ..	4	William Pye ..	8

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

The Middlesex County Association, and the London Diocesan Guild and the Society of Trinity Youths.

At St. Nicholas', Deptford, on December 6th, Holt's Ten-part (Reversed) peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 21 cwt.

Samuel John Bird ..	1	George Henry Daynes ..	5
John James Lamb ..	2	William Woodhead ..	6
W. Weatherstone (condr.) ..	3	Fredk. W. Thornton ..	7
William John Jeffries ..	4	Fredk. H. Gooch ..	8

Rung to celebrate the festival of St. Nicholas.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On the 3rd inst. eight members of the Kent Association assembled at Cranbrook to attempt a peal of BOB MAJOR, but the serious illness of a lady living near the church caused the abandonment of the idea. Rather than be disappointed, however, the band walked to Hawkhurst (about six miles) and received permission to ring on the grand eight bells there. After raising them in peal a 1056 of BOB MAJOR was rung, and then a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, the bells being afterwards lowered in peal. The band desire to record their thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Prebble for so kindly making them welcome.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.—On Tuesday, the 27th inst., eight members of the Midland Counties Association will (D.V.) attempt a world's record peal of 21,024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB on the bells of St. Thomas's, South Wigston, near Leicester. All being well, the band will stand as follows: J. Morris (Leicester), treble; T. H. Taffender (London), 2; C. H. Fowler (Leicester), 3; T. R. Hensher (Wellingborough), 4; J. Houghton, jun. (Irthlingborough), 5; W. H. Inglesant (Loughborough), 6; A. R. Aldham (Barwell), 7; W. Willson (Leicester, composer and conductor), tenor. The composition has been duly lodged with Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., President of the M.C.A. and of the C.C.; also with the Rev. F. E. Robinson, M.A., Master of the Oxford Guild, holders of the record. Time of starting, 7.30 a.m.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—The quarterly meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change-ringers took place at Long Ashton. It was preceded by a service in the church, at which many ringers were present. The Rev. T. B. Davis (curate) took the service, and the lessons were read by the Rev. F. H. Derring, M.A. (vicar). The hymns were 'Lifted high within the steeple,' 'Behold we know not anything,' and 'Hark on high the joyful music,' and the Vicar preached an appropriate sermon from the words 'What is that in thine hand?' The ringers afterwards took tea at the 'Smythe Arms,' where the chair was taken by the Rev. H. C. Courtenay, of Westbury-on-Trym, late Master of the Association. Over forty ringers were present from Bristol, Abbots Leigh, Barrow Gurney, Bath, Bridgwater, Burnham, Clapton, Easton-on-Gordano, Long Ashton, Midsomer Norton, Portishead, and Street. A course of GRANDSIRE CATERS on the handbells concluded the meeting, and several members afterwards rang various methods on the bells in the Parish Church during the evening.

NOTICES.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burnley Parish Church to-morrow (Saturday). Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. A memorial tablet to the late Mr. John Pollard will be unveiled the same day.

T. DUNBURY, Branch Sec.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall to-morrow (Saturday). Bells will be at liberty from 3 o'clock till 7. Meeting at 7 p.m. JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held to-morrow (Saturday) at Garston. Bells ready at 5. WALTER HUGHES, Branch Sec.

A RAILWAY'S CHRISTMAS GREETING.—Anxiety is frequently experienced at this time of the year by those wishing to despatch Christmas parcels in safety, but the Great Central Company gives good advice, which is set forth in the form of a Card, entitled 'A Merry Christmas.' The Card contains six illustrated pages, showing the ways and means by which rapid travel in luxury at cheap fares can be obtained by those going home for the Christmas and New-year Holidays, and what to do if you want your Christmas parcels to arrive in time, and to ensure 'A Merry Christmas.' This unique publication, which has been artistically designed and beautifully executed, is another example of the enterprise of the Great Central Company in placing their facilities before the public in such a concise and appreciable form. Copies of this little novelty may be obtained free on application at Marylebone Station, or any of the Company's town offices or agencies.

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At St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on December 6th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 16½ cwt.

William Truss	1	George Paice	5
George B. Lucas	2	James Saxby	6
Frank Smith	3	James Parker	7
Mark Woodcock	4	Thomas Card	8

Composed by Henry Dains and conducted by James Parker.

At St. Mary Magdalene's, Woolwich, on December 5th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 18 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

Henry G. Hill	1	Isaac G. Shade	5
John J. Lamb	2	John R. Sharman	6
Gr.-Mr.-Sgt. A. Pye	3	William Pye	7
William J. Nevard	4	Ernest Pye	8

Composed by C. H. Hattersley and conducted by J. R. Sharman. It was intended to ring LONDON SURPRISE, but meeting one short, Mr. Hill kindly took the vacant rope, and the above was substituted.

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, on December 10th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 changes, in 3 hrs. 21 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

Rertram Prewett	1	Henry Folkard*	6
John R. Sharman	3	Charles H. Martin	7
Frank Bennett	3	William Pye	8
Isaac G. Shade	4	Ernest Pye	9
Albert Coles	5	Reuben Charge	10

Composed by Arthur Knights and conducted by W. Pye. [* First peal in the method.]

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, City, on December 8th, Parker's Six-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Henry Springall	1	Edward J. Webb	5
Samuel Joyce	2	Alfred B. Peck	6
William Truss	3	Emanuel Hall	7
James Scholes	4	George Barrell	8

Conducted by Henry Springall. A record of seventy-seven years has elapsed since a peal in the above method was rung on these bells.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

At St. Luke's, Chelsea, on December 10th, a peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL, in the Kent Variation, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 18 mins. Tenor, 22 cwt.

Edgar Wightman	1	Henry Dains	6
Thomas Langdon	2	William Shimmans	7
Mark Woodcock	3	James Parker*	8
George Price	4	Richard Bevan	9
Thomas Titchener	5	Arthur Jacob	10

Composed by Cornelius Charge and conducted by James Parker [* First peal of ROYAL.]

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At St. Lawrence's, Appleton, Berks, on November 29th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs.

C. G. White	1	H. Holifield	6
E. Holifield	2	Rev. F. E. Robinson	7
F. White, sen.	3	G. Holifield	8
F. Barrett	4	R. White	9
H. Woodwards	5	F. White, jun.	10

Rung by members of the Appleton Band and with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late William Bennett.

The Yorkshire Association.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

At St. John-the-Evangelist's, Raunmoor, on November 30th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Sam Thomas (conductor) ..	1	Charles Haynes* ..	5
Joseph Atkin	2	Alfred H. Ward* ..	6
Francis Ward*	3	William Biggin ..	7
Leonard Charlesworth* ..	4	William S. Plant ..	8

Quickest peal on the bells. [* First peal.]

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Mary Magdalene's, Bolney, Sussex, on November 30th, Day's Six-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt., in F.

Warden Walder	1	William Wheeler† ..	5
Thomas A. Walder*	2	David D. Denman ..	6
William Vincent	3	George Walder, jun. (condr.)	7
William H. Packham	4	George Packham ..	8

[* First peal. † First peal, age fifteen.]

The Kent County Association.

At St. Stephen's, Hackington, Canterbury, on November 30th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 30 mins. Tenor, 11 cwt.

Charles W. Brett	1	Frederick G. Brett ..	5
Edward E. Foreman	2	Charles F. Turner ..	6
Henry G. Fairbrass (condr.)	3	Philip H. Pierce ..	7
Edward G. Buesden	4	George J. Jenkins ..	8

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

At the Parish Church, Croston, Lancashire, on December 1st, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins. Tenor 16½ cwt.

William Dalton	1	John Hough	5
Thomas Whittle	2	Philip Ashcroft ..	6
William Bannister	3	John Ashcroft, junr.	7
Thomas Dalton, jun. (condr.)	4	William Walton ..	8

First peal on the bells since they were rehung in 1896. First peal by all except the tenor ringer.

ODCOMBE, SOMERSETSHIRE.—The final meeting of the Church Restoration Committee was held in the schoolroom, under the presidency of the Rev. E. W. Collin. This Committee was formed in 1893, with the object of providing funds for the restoration of the church, which was in a sadly dilapidated condition. Under its auspices £358 12s. 6d. has been collected and expended in renewing lead work on the tower, in new, strong oak beams and oak planking. The bell chamber has been thoroughly repaired. The floor has been raised and newly laid on iron beams. The bells have been quarter turned, and the old cage replaced by one of iron, with space and fittings for an extra bell, and the bells made to swing on gun-metal bearings.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting was held at Harpenden on the 26th ult., thirty-eight members of the Association being present. The bells were set going to GRANDSIRE TRIPLES at 4.30, but the first touch was speedily brought to an end by the treble rope breaking. A 360 of BOB MINOR was rung during mending operations, followed by touches of STEDMAN, GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and BOB MAJOR. At 5.30 the ringers were entertained to tea by Mr. Nevett, who is leaving the neighbourhood for another ringing centre.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the South-Eastern Division of this Association was held at Chelmsford on the 10th inst. the Master (Mr. W. H. Judd), presiding. About twenty members attended, as many as could be expected, seeing that the bells of St. Mary's church were not available for ringing on account of repairs to the tower still in progress. The District Master and Secretary Messrs. Judd and Wilson, of Prittlewell, having declined to seek re-election, Mr. H. Kirtton, of Writtle, was elected Master, and Mr. B. Thompson, of Chelmsford, Secretary, for the ensuing year. On the motion of the Rev. T. L. Papillon (Master of the Essex Association), seconded by Mr. Kirtton, a unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring Master and Secretary of the District for their services since its formation three years ago. It was decided to hold the next district meeting in March at either Broomfield or Springfield, both six-bell towers.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

THE bells will be rung on all Sundays throughout the year 1905 at 10 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. (except on the Bishop of London's Ordinations, March 19th, June 18th, October 1st, and December 24th, when the morning-ringing will commence at 9.30). Also on the following days:—

Sunday, January 22nd (King's Accession), 6.15 to 7 p.m. and 8.30 to 9 p.m.

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

Monday, May 8th (Sons of the Clergy Festival), 2.30 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Thursday, June 1st (Ascension Day), 9.45 to 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 to 3.15 p.m.

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

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

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

Sunday, December 24th (Christmas Eve), 6.15 to 7 p.m. and 8.30 to 9 p.m.

Monday, December 25th (Christmas Day), 10 to 10.30 a.m.

Sunday, December 31st (New-year's Eve), 6.15 to 7 p.m. and 8.30 to 9 p.m.

And on the following Tuesday evenings, at 8 o'clock, for practice: January 3rd and 31st, March 7th, April 25th, May 23rd, June 20th, July 18th, August 15th, September 12th, October 10th, and November 7th.

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, 1905:—

TWELVE BELLS.

St. Michael's, Cornhill: Wednesday, January 18th, and every four weeks.

St. Giles', Cripplegate: Occasionally as announced at Society's meetings.

St. Saviour's, Southwark: No practices—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 12th, at 7.30 p.m., and every fortnight.

All Hallows', Lombard Street: Occasional.

St. Dunstan's, Stepney: On Monday, January 9th, 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 10th, and every fortnight.

St. Mary, Bow, E.: Monday, January 2nd, 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.

A BELL-RINGER'S FAREWELL PEAL.—After acting as a bell-ringer at Whaley Parish Church for sixty years without a break, Mr. William Sladen has retired at the age of seventy-six. By way of farewell the old gentleman and his fellow-ringers rang a complete peal of GRANDSIRE BOB, with 720 changes, Mr. Sladen having charge of the tenor bell, which weights 16 cwt.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At All Saints', Boyn Hill, Maidenhead, Berks, on December 19th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5038 changes, in 3 hrs. 17 mins. Tenor, 17½ cwt.

Arthur Martin 1	John Evans 8
William H. Fussell 2	Harry R. Pasmore 8
Thomas Faulkner* 3	George Martin 7
Frank Boreham 4	John C. Truss 8

Composed by J. W. Washbrook and conducted by H. R. Pasmore. [* First peal of LONDON SURPRISE with a bob-bell.]

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

At St. Margaret's, Westminster, on December 15th, a peal of STEEDMAN CATERERS, 5007 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins.

John W. Golding 1	James E. Davis 6
Arthur N. Hardy 2	Frederick Richardson 7
Albert Coles 3	William Woodhead 8
Frederick Perrin 4	Edward Chapman 9
Mark Woodcock 5	William Crookford 10

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood and conducted by Jas. E. Davis. Rung as a farewell peal to W. Woodhead, who is leaving London.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

At St. James's, Bermondsey, on December 17th, a peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL, in the Kent Variation, 5030 changes, in 3 hrs. 17 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

Arthur R. Jacob 1	Henry Dains 6
William H. Doran 2	Thomas Langdon 7
Edward N. Price* 3	John Moule 8
William Berry 4	William Shimmans 9
Thomas Titchener 5	Edgar Wightman 10

Composed and conducted by Edgar Wightman. [* First peal of ROYAL.]

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

At St. Luke's, Chelsea, on December 17th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERERS, 5003 changes, in 3 hrs. 23 mins. Tenor, 23 cwt.

Henry Turner* 1	Mark Woodcock 6
Richard Bevan 2	William Crookford 7
Walter G. Matthews† 3	William Dean 8
John Pryer 4	Frederick Richardson 9
Edward Cassell† 5	Frederick Skinner* 10

Composed by Henry G. Miles and conducted by M. Woodcock. [* First peal. † First peal on ten bells.]

BELL-RINGING AT LEICESTER: A GREAT ATTEMPT.—An extraordinary bell-ringing feat was attempted at St. Thomas's Church, South Wigston, Leicester, on Tuesday, when an endeavour was made to ring a peal of 21,024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB by J. Norris, 1; T. H. Taffender, 2; C. H. Fowler, 3; T. R. Hensher, 4; J. Houghton, jun., 5; W. H. Inglesant, 6; A. R. Aldham, 7; W. Wilson (composer and conductor), 8. After ringing for upwards of ten hours and a half, one man was taken ill and the peal failed, but a new world's record of 17,184 was established.

To commemorate the completion of a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, two members of St. Mary's, Brecon, band of bell-ringers, Messrs. Hargreaves and G. Hardwick, executed a little tablet which has been erected in the church.

TOLLESBURY CHURCH BELLS.—This ring of six bells (tenor, 8 cwt., in A) was re-opened by members of the Essex Association of Change-ringers on the 17th inst. The bells had lain dormant for fifty years. Messrs. Bowell & Son, of Ipswich, executed the re-hanging and the re-casting of the treble, at a cost of about £63. Considerable repairs had also to be done to the tower roof, and the ground-floor had to be re-modelled to form the ringing chamber. A short service was held in the afternoon, when the church was well filled with an appreciative congregation, including about twenty-five ringers of the County Association, with Mr. Rudkin, the Master, and Mr. Beckwith, the Secretary of the district. An excellent address was delivered by the Rev. T. L. Papillon, Master of the Association and Vicar of Writtle, on Christian unity, bearing more especially on the obligations of ringers to their Church, their Society, and themselves, concluding with an appeal to Church people generally in the county of Essex to support and further the interests of the Association, which was formed in 1879 under the sanction of the Bishop for the promotion of change-ringing and bell-ringing reform.—In the adjoining village of Tolleshunt D'Arcy efforts are being made to re-hang the ring of five and add a treble.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Yorkshire Association.

At St. Paul's, Drighlington, Yorks, on December 27th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins.

Alfred Naylor 1	James H. Mawson* .. 5
Joseph Broadley 2	Charles Jackson 6
George T. Marshall 3	Francis Barker 7
Arthur Gill* 4	Sam Palframan 8

Composed by J. W. Washbrook, and conducted by C. Jackson. First peal of STEDMAN on the bells. Rung on the 28th anniversary of the conductor's wedding-day. [* First peal in the method.]

At the Parish Church, Rotherham, on January 2nd, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 changes, in 3 hrs. 36 mins. Tenor, 32 cwt.

Joseph Atkin* 1	Sidney F. Palmer* .. 6
George Lewis* 2	Charles Jackson 7
Fred Coates 3	Clement Glenn 8
Frank Bugar* 4	William Bugar 9
John Thorpe* 5	George Oakes* 10

Composed by Arthur Knights, and conducted by C. Jackson. [* First peal of STEDMAN CATERS.]

The Kent County Association.

At Canterbury Cathedral, on Boxing Day, December 26th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 changes, in 3 hrs. 22 mins. Tenor, 30 cwt.

Alfred Palmer 1	Rev. F. J. O. Helmore .. 6
John H. Cheesman 2	Edward E. Foreman* .. 7
Fredk. G. Brett 3	Henry G. Fairbrass .. 8
John W. Steddy 4	Philip H. Pierce 9
Edwin G. Buesden 5	George Wood* 10

Composed by Cornelius Charge, and conducted by John H. Cheesman. [* First peal of CATERS.]

At St. Mary's, Elham, on December 27th, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 40 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

William E. Pitman 1	Edwin G. Buesden 5
Charles Leman* 2	John H. Cheesman (condr.) 6
Frederick G. Brett 3	Philip H. Pierce 7
Rev. F. J. O. Helmore .. 4	Edward E. Foreman 8

[* First peal.]

The Sussex County Association.

At the Parish Church, Henfield, on December 27th, Thursans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

William Markwell 1	Charles Tyler 5
Samuel Burt 2	George Gatland 6
John Smart 3	Lazarus Payne (conductor) 7
George Payne 4	Arthur Hodges 8

The Central Northamptonshire Association.

At St. Mary's, Higham Ferrers, Northants, on December 10th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor, 22 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs.

Arthur Chapman 1	Lewis Chapman 5
Alfred Everitt 2	William Pettitt 6
William V. Newman 3	Alfred H. Martin 7
Walter Gray* 4	Walter Perkins 8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow, and conducted by Walter Perkins. [* First peal. † First peal in the method.]

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

At St. Paul's, Hammersmith, on December 17th, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs.

H. Carew Cox* 1	William J. Troughton .. 5
Frederick G. Perrin 2	James E. Davis 6
William H. Hollier 3	Thomas Langdon (condr.) 7
George R. Fardon 4	Frank Skevington* .. 8

[* First peal, and are members of the local band.]

The Midland Counties Association.

At St. Thomas's, South Wigston, on December 27th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 17,104 changes, in 10 hrs. 35 mins. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

Josiah Morris 1	James Houghton, jun. .. 5
Thomas H. Taffender 2	William H. Inglesant .. 6
Charles H. Fowler 3	Arthur Oldham 7
Thomas R. Hensher 4	William Willson 8

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CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL.—On New Year's Eve, the Cathedral bells were as usual rung by the Cathedral ringers during the evening, and again from 11.30 p.m. until shortly before midnight, when they ceased until the hour of midnight had been struck upon the clock bell, after which a quarter-peal was rung. It is usual to hold a short service in the tower while the bells are silent just before midnight, and this year the service was conducted by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, who then visited the ringing-chamber of the Cathedral for the first time. His Grace, who was accompanied by the Archdeacon of Maidstone, remained in the tower for some time after the ringing was resumed and the New Year had commenced.

SOME BELL INSCRIPTIONS.

WESTBURY, BUCKS (St. Augustine of Canterbury).

WESTBURY church was built about the year 1400. It is a small stone edifice in the Decorated style, and stands on low ground, on the south-western side of the village, almost hidden by surrounding trees. It comprises a chancel, all the windows of which are filled with stained glass, three of them to the memory of the late Lord Barrington; nave of three bays; aisles; north porch and a western saddle-back tower, containing three bells, repaired in 1898 at a cost of £32 16s. 3d. Two windows in the north aisle are filled with stained glass, and one in the south aisle, which latter was the gift of the Hon. Mrs. MacLagan in memory of her mother. The west window is also of stained glass: the subject represents St. Augustine preaching to King Ethelbert and Queen Bertha. The present organ was the gift of the late Hon. Mrs. Barrington. The church was restored in 1863.

Lipscomb, writing in the year 1847, says there is a small square embattled tower at the west end; and a small square turret at the west end of the north aisle encloses stairs leading to the bell-loft. There is a door at the west end; one on the south and north sides of the church; and another on the south side of the chancel. The western entrance has been blocked up, also that on the south side of the nave, and the stairs leading to the bell-loft. The present saddle-back tower is by no means an improvement on the former embattled one. The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Sanctus.—No inscription.

Diam., 13 inches; height, 11 inches.

NOTE.—This used to be rung at the Sanctus in the Office for Holy Communion, which indicated to all within and without the church that the most solemn part of the service was about to commence.

This bell is by far the oldest in the church. Mr. A. H. Cocks describes it as follows: 'Probably this bell is by a more or less local founder. The cannons are broken off; straps nailed on old, high stock with a round hole probably intended to hold the lever; the present lever, however, does not fit into it, but is nailed on the top. There are three designs round the waist; it has merely the impressions of reverses cross patee, three pellets in each angle of four coins spread over rather more than half the circumference of the waist. The designs are impressed instead of being in relief and the edges are very rough and indefinite. It would seem as if the coins had been pressed on to clay or some other plastic material; from these matrices casts were made, and these casts have been inserted bodily into the bell, otherwise it is difficult to account for the impressed forms. Impressions have been submitted to experts at the British Museum, but it proved impossible to identify them. They appear, however, to be three groats and half a groat of the reign of Edward III., 1327-1377. There is good reason then to suppose that this bell was cast in that reign, and this being so it is one of the oldest bells in Bucks.

Treble.—Recast by John Warner & Sons, Ltd., London, 1893.

O Sing unto the Lord a new song.

R. Usher, Vicar.

W. Chapman } Churchwardens
J. Chapman }

Diam., 26 inches.

NOTE.—This bell, as can be seen by the inscription on it, was recast in 1893, at which time all the bells were rehung in a new oak frame. The Rev. Richard Usher is the present Vicar, and has held the living since 1897.

The treble before being recast was inscribed:—

Cantate Dommino Cantycum Novum ✠ ✠

Henry Bagly Made Mee 1711 ✠

Diam., about 27 inches

It became broken in 1837, although it is not known how it occurred;

possibly the bells may have been ringing to celebrate the late Queen Victoria's accession to the throne, when its voice became silent.

When Mr. Cocks visited the belfry he writes of it as follows: 'This bell broken in half; the crown (which is split) with about half of the first line of inscription still hangs to the stock, and the rest of the bell is on the floor, so that its diameter was not easy to measure accurately; the stock and wheel are recent.'

2.—Henry Bagley Made Mee, 1771 (1711).

Diam., 28½ inches.

NOTE.—The same authority says the date is evidently 1711, but the first 7 having been placed too close to the 1 to suit the taste of the founder, he added a second 7 further off; and there has been a sixth figure (a third 1) at the end, which has been nearly removed.

Isaac Knibbe, A.M., was Vicar of Westbury when this bell, as well as the old treble, were cast. He was presented to the living in 1694 by Roger Price, Esq., and held it till 1715.

Henry Bagley, the founder of the treble and second, was a well-known bell-founder of Chacombe, Northamptonshire. In 1717 he cast five bells for Maids Moreton Church. In 1732 he published 'A Catalogue of Peals of Bells Cast by Henry Bagley of Chacombe, Norths, Bell Founder.' The last two bells he cast are dated 1746.

Tenor.—H G A F R S O

Diam., 31 inches.

NOTE.—The handsome set of letters (Plate XXIII., 'Church Bells of Bucks') from which this inscription is formed was called by L'Estrange 'Brasyers' smaller alphabet, having been originally the property of those founders in Norwich, but their foundry was removed to Bedford, and continued there from 1589 to 1610, and the same letters were used there as at Norwich.

The letters on the Westbury Tenor are H, ditto reversed, P reversed, M, N, G, N. Mr. Cocks thinks that this bell was cast at Bedford about 1600. He says: 'It has no initial cross or other device, so it is impossible to place the date with certainty. The beginning may be anywhere. I begin with the H merely because there is rather a greater interval between it and the preceding letter than elsewhere, with an interval of secondary degree between that preceding letter and the G.'

Judging by two bells in Leicestershire (second at Houghton-on-the-Hill, and fourth at Narborough), where various stamps are used with nonsense inscriptions in what appears (in Mr. North's volume) to be this set of letters, the Westbury bell is perhaps by Hugh Watts, in partnership with Edward Newcombe I.

It seems possible that this nonsense inscription is simply due to the fact of Westbury being fully thirty miles distant from Bedford (and still further from Leicester). Watts and Newcombe may have sent an illiterate assistant to cast the bell on the spot. In the case of the two examples in Leicestershire, they are both close to Leicester, but the orders may have been executed in the same way from Bedford.

There is no rim under the inscription, which has an odd effect. Scribbled in pencil on the stock is 'Berry, May 11th, 1869,' which may be the name of the rehanger and the date of the operation.*

In the year 1453, Alicia Terry, widow of John Terry of Westbury, left by will twenty shillings to the new bells of Westbury Church.

In 1525 (16 Henry VIII.), Richard Myn left two 'stryke' of barley to the same by will.

The Visitation of May 5th, 1553, records, 'Westbury 2 Gret Bells, one Sance Bell.' That of 1714, '2 Bells.'

From the dates on the bells themselves, this must have been written previous to 1711, and not published until 1714.

In 1755 the Visitation records '3 Little Bells and a Saints Bell.' Mr. Cocks thinks it most probable that Henry Bagley recast the tenor of two into the two trebles of the three last mentioned. Writing in 1847, Lipscomb, in his 'History of Bucks,' says there were here five bells and a clock, which had previously belonged to the Mansion House of the Lord of the Manor and Patron of the Living. The clock has been removed many years ago. The notice of five bells must be a mistake, as there were never more than three. There is an old legend, however, that two of the bells were stolen and taken to Mixbury, an adjoining village in Oxon.

In 1898 the broken Treble was recast by John Warner & Sons, of London, and all the bells rehung in a new oak frame, the cost of which was mentioned above. New bell-ropes were then supplied, which cost £2 2s.

Perhaps some kind donors in the future may present two or three new treble bells, and thus increase the ring to five or six, when the art of change-ringing might be learnt.

* Probably this stock was replaced by a new one in 1893, when the bells were rehung.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The London County Association.

THE fortnightly practices will be resumed at St. Clement Danes on Monday, January 16th, at 8 p.m. A meeting for the transaction of important business will take place at 9.45 in the Association-room at the 'Oneshire Cheese,' Milford Lane, W.C., when it is hoped as many will attend as possible. T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon Sec.

91 Darwen Street, Southwark, S.E.

CHURSEA.—On December 11th, for evening service, at St. Luke's Church, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 1259 changes, in 56 mins., by the London County Association. G. Chesterman, 1; H. Turner, 2; J. Pryer, 3; J. Newman, 4; E. Cassell, 5; M. Woodcock (conductor), 6; W. G. Matthews, 7; W. Dean, 8; J. Barber, 9; G. Turner, 10.

A Veteran Ringer at Canterbury.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

THE Cathedral Company of ringers at Canterbury includes two veterans—Mr. Cullin, who is over eighty years of age, but who has not rung for several years, and Mr. Alfred Foreman, of Shalmsford Street, Chatham, who entered on his eightieth year on Tuesday, January 3rd, and who, after sixty-seven years of ringing (he began when thirteen years of age), is still hale and hearty, and an active ringer, as will be seen when it is stated that he took part in a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES on his seventy-ninth birthday. In celebration of the event, the Cathedral ringers met in the evening and rang a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1200 changes. Mr. Foreman rang the treble, the other members present being W. Andrews, 2; F. Brett, 3; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 4; C. Leary, 5; P. H. Pierce, 6; G. Jenkins, 7; F. Davison, 8.

Subsequently the ringers and a few friends were entertained at dinner at the Sun Hotel by Mr. Foreman, who occupied the chair, the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore taking the vice-chair. After the dinner various toasts were given and honoured, and that of 'Our worthy host' was proposed in felicitous terms by the vice-chairman, and it was received with enthusiasm. In his response, Mr. Foreman gave some interesting reminiscences of his long ringing career. He said he commenced ringing Canterbury Cathedral bells on the morning of Christmas Day, 1854, and had rung there on Christmas Day, and also the old year out and the new year in, for fifty-one consecutive years. He had much to thank his Maker for, having been blessed with good health during the whole of that period. Mr. Foreman paid a high tribute to the training of the band by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, and concluded by wishing all present as long a life as he had enjoyed, and as good health as he had had all his life.

Other toasts and songs and some handbell-ringing made a very happy evening.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change-ringers.

At St. John's, Midsomer Norton, on December 31st, a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

F. G. Speed*	1	J. G. Hambleton*	5
J. R. Adams*	2	G. R. Davis*	6
F. Chivers*	3	Chas. H. Shearn†	7
F. Price	4	R. Jones*	8

Composed by T. T. Parker and conducted by Chas. H. Shearn. First peal on the bells, first by any local band in the immediate neighbourhood, and rung by the Parish Guild. Only peal of TRIPLES rung in the Frome Deanery during the past year. [* First peal. † First as conductor.]

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

At St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on December 26th, a peal of STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 changes, in 3 hrs. 38 mins. Tenor, 43 cwt.

James Motts	1	Edward Sherwood	7
William L. Catchpole	2	Benjamin Francis	8
Edgar Pemberton	3	Edward Evans*	9
William P. Garrett	4	Lewis W. Wiffen	10
Frederick Howchin	5	Robert H. Brundle	11
Henry C. Gillingham	6	Samuel Smith	12

Composed by C. H. Hattersley and conducted by J. Motts. [* First peal of STEDMAN CATERS.]

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At St. Mary's, Framsdon, Suffolk, on December 26th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

William J. Groom	1	Edgar Hicks	5
Sedley Collins*	2	William Wightman	6
James Durrant	3	George Wightman	7
Alfred S. Wightman	4	Edgar Wightman	8

Composed and conducted by Edgar Wightman. [* First peal of DOUBLE NORWICH.]

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.

At St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, Middlesex, on December 26th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

Maurice F. R. Hibbert	1	George R. Pye	5
Frederick A. Holden	2	William Pye	6
Isaac G. Shade	3	Alfred W. Brighton	7
Bertram Prewett	4	Ernest Pye	8

Composed by C. H. Hattersley and conducted by B. Prewett. First peal in the method on the bells. The band desire to thank the Hillingdon ringers for their hospitality after the peal.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

At Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, Surrey, on December 26th, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

James Hunt	1	Harry Harris*	5
F. S. Poole	2	Septimus Radford	6
Thomas W. Radford	3	A. H. Pulling† (condr.)	7
Henry L. Garfarth, jun.*	4	George W. Challice	8

[* First peal of STEDMAN. † First peal of STEDMAN as conductor.]

The Essex Association.

At All Saints', Writtle, Essex, on December 26th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in the Kent Variation, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 17 mins. Tenor, 18½ cwt., in E.

George W. Sorrell*	1	Reginald Edwards	5
Ernest Dawson†	2	Henry Head	6
Robert Wood	3	Thomas Lincoln	7
Frederick G. Radley	4	William Lincoln	8

Composed by Arthur Craven and conducted by William Lincoln. [* First peal of TREBLE BOB. † First peal.]

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At the Parish Church, Linslade, Bucks, on December 26th, a Variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 45 mins. Tenor, 9 cwt. 21 lbs.

Charles R. Lilley	1	Maurice Smith	5
Frederick Webb	2	John Hare*	6
William Stone	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson	7
Harry Sear	4	Valentine Sear	8

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. This is the conductor's 950th peal, and the 100th 'first peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES on the bells' conducted by him. [* First peal of STEDMAN.]

STOKE COVENTRY.—On Sunday, December 11th, 1904, an interesting ceremony took place in the Parish Church after morning service, when the bell-ringers assembled in the tower to witness the unveiling by Mr. Joshua Perkins (one of the Churchwardens), and the dedication by the Vicar (Canon Blyth, D.D.), of a large oak board fixed on the south wall recording the peal of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES recently rung by the Stoke Society. The Vicar and Mr. J. H. White (the conductor of the peal) explained the circumstances under which (according to the custom of bell-ringers) the board had been prepared and fixed. Mr. Pudmore, J.P., and Mr. Joshua Perkins congratulated the members on their perseverance and success in the science and art of bell-ringing, the latter gentleman announcing his intention to present to the church two more bells to complete the octave. The work has been entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor & Co. of Loughborough to be put in hand at once, so at an early date Stoke Church which for generations had till recently only three bells, will have a full peal of eight bells in ringing order. For evening service 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR were rung: J. Fennel, 1; W. Maund, 2; A. W. Flowers, 3; W. Beesley, 4; R. Bosworth, 5; J. H. White (conductor), 6.—On Sunday, January 8th, 1905, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR in 25 mins.: J. Fennel, 1; R. Bosworth, 2; A. W. Flowers, 3; W. Beesley, 4; W. Maund, 5; J. H. White (conductor), 6.

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Peals of Bob Major.

Composed by P. O. BIXBY (Lincoln Diocesan Guild).

5760	5760
2 3 4 5 6 W.B.M.H.	2 3 4 5 6 W.B.M.H.
3 2 5 6 4 S 1	4 2 5 6 3 1 - -
4 5 3 2 6 - - -	5 2 3 4 6 S - -
5 4 2 6 3 S 1	3 5 4 6 2 1 - -
3 2 5 4 6 - - -	4 5 2 3 6 S - -
2 3 4 6 5 S 1	2 4 3 6 5 1 - -
5 4 2 3 6 - - -	3 4 5 2 6 S - -
5 4 3 6 2 - 1	5 3 2 6 4 1 - -
2 3 5 4 6 - - -	2 5 4 3 6 - - -
3 2 4 6 5 S 1	4 2 3 6 5 1 - -
5 4 3 2 6 - - -	3 2 5 4 6 S - -
4 5 2 6 3 S 1	5 3 4 6 2 1 - -
3 2 4 5 6 - - -	4 3 2 5 6 S - -
2 3 5 6 4 S 1	2 4 5 6 3 1 - -
4 5 2 3 6 - - -	5 4 3 2 6 S - -
4 5 3 6 2 - 1	3 5 2 6 4 1 - -
3 2 5 4 6 - - -	4 2 3 5 6 - - -

Twice repeated.

Twice repeated.

Each of the above peals has the 6th alternately in 5th's and 6th's throughout, and the full extent in these positions.

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

THE Tenth Annual General Meeting of this Society was held in the Vestry of St. Andrew's Church on Monday week, the Rev. Albert V. Baillie, M.A. (Rector and President of the Society) in the chair. There were also present the Rev. C. E. M. Wilson (Hon. Chaplain to the Society), Messrs. G. E. Over and S. F. Spencer (churchwardens), and Messrs. Coleman, Coales, Watson, Fenton, and Dubber (the retiring officers of the Society), and a record attendance of other members, there being only one ringing member and two honorary members absent. The finances and membership were reported to be in a very satisfactory condition, good progress having been made during the past year in the more advanced methods of change-ringing. Mr. Arthur L. Coleman was elected Ringing Master; Mr. Alfred J. Hessian, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer; Mr. John Coales, Deputy Ringing Master; Messrs. Watson, Dubber and Coales were elected on the Committee.

Mr. Arthur L. Coleman gave a brief report of the year's work, which also was very satisfactory. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. James George for his past services to the Society. Votes of thanks were also passed to the Rector for presiding, and to the Hon. Secretary (Mr. Coleman) for his services and untiring energy in promoting the welfare of the Society. Mr. George E. Over moved a hearty vote of thanks to the ringing members of the Society for their loyal services to the church on behalf of the Rector and churchwardens of St. Andrew's Parish Church, Rugby.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Margaret's, Buxted, Sussex, on December 27th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

William Stead ..	1	Robert J. Dawe ..	5
John S. Goldsmith ..	2	Alfred J. Turner ..	6
A. thur A. Fuller ..	3	George A. King ..	7
Frank Bennett ..	4	Keith Hart ..	8

Composed and conducted by Frank Bennett.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

At St. Nicholas', Bristol, on December 29th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 changes, in 3 hrs. 23 mins. Tenor, 36 cwt.

George T. Daltry ..	1	Samuel Phillips ..	6
Albert Stowell ..	2	Frank K. Howell ..	7
Fred G. May ..	3	John H. B. Hesse ..	8
Alfred Pearce ..	4	Henry T. Howell ..	9
Algernon Lewton ..	5	Uriah Braven ..	10

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

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At St. Michael and All Angels', Hughenden, Bucks, on December 29th, Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 45 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

Arthur G. Jones ..	1	Fred G. Biggs ..	5
Harry Stratford ..	2	Frank Boreham ..	6
Frank K. Biggs ..	3	John Evans (condr.) ..	7
Ralph H. Biggs ..	4	Wm. Goodchild ..	8

Rung to celebrate the marriage, which took place that day at Stone, Bucks, of Miss Blagden, daughter of Canon Blagden, formerly Vicar of Hughenden. Rung in the county for the first time by a local band.

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

At St. Paul's, Hammersmith, on January 5th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins.

William Crockford ..	1	William E. Judd ..	5
Fred-rick G. Perrin ..	2	James E. Davis ..	6
Arthur Cutmore ..	3	Thomas Langdon (condr.) ..	7
William N. Hollier ..	4	John H. B. Hesse ..	8

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Michael's, Cornhill, on January 7th, a peal of STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 changes, in 3 hrs. 37 mins. Tenor, 41 cwt.

Challis F. Winney ..	1	Charles Burden ..	7
Henry Hodgetts ..	2	James E. Davis ..	8
Samuel E. Joyce ..	3	William E. Garrard ..	9
George N. Price ..	4	William T. Cockerill ..	10
Alfred B. Peck ..	5	Richard T. Hibbert ..	11
Albert Coles ..	6	Thos. E. Groombridge ..	12

Composed by John Nelms and conducted by Challis F. Winney.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.

At St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, on January 7th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Reuben Charge ..	1	Isaac G. Shade ..	5
Ernest Pye ..	2	Alfred W. Brighton ..	6
Bertram Prewett ..	3	John R. Sharman ..	7
John D. Matthews ..	4	William Pye ..	8

Composed by G. Lindoff and conducted by William Pye.

The Lancashire Association.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

At St. Leonard's, Middle-ton, on January 16th, Holt's Original One-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

J. Hollows ..	1	S. Holt* ..	5
J. Arrowsmith* ..	2	J. Jacques* ..	6
J. H. Bastow* ..	3	A. Sidebottom† (condr.) ..	7
J. Leigh ..	4	T. Wellens ..	8

[* First peal of TRIPLES. † First peal of TRIPLES as conductor.]

ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, LONDON.—The bell-ringers at this church raised a subscription recently, and presented to the Rector and churchwardens, in trust for the parish, a beautifully toned peal of twelve hand-bells.

GIFT OF BELLS.—The vestry of Stanstead-Abbots, Herts. has accepted an offer of the sons of the late Mrs. Thomas Fowell Buxton, of Easney Park, to present a peal of bells to the church in memory of their mother. The gift was originally intended to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of their parents' wedding, which would have been celebrated on February 4th, had Mrs. Buxton lived until then. She died on the 6th inst., aged 84.

KILLED IN A STAFFORDSHIRE BELFRY.—Thos. Rose, who cleaned and oiled the bells in the belfry at Stoke-on-Trent Parish Church, met with a dreadful death on Saturday night. In the evening he went to the church with his two little children to examine the bells. He left the children below while he went to the belfry, and being away a long time the children called, but received no reply. When the sexton came, he went to the belfry, and found Rose pinned between one of the bells and an iron girder, dead, with his chest crushed in. With great difficulty the body was extricated. It is supposed that the bells were left hanging at an angle, and that when Rose went to oil them they started swinging, and crushed him to death.

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Composition.

BOB MAJOR.

5376.

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

Twenty-three times repeated, adding a bob R at every fourth; end with single at half peal do.

13,440.

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

Twenty-three times repeated. Bob for S in every fourth part, adding B Right at 8, 16 and 24 parts. 6, full extent all positions.

Note.—This peal may be shortened in several ways. The foregoing 5376 and the following are illustrations.

5760.

2	3	4	5	6	W.	B.	M.	R.
2	3	5	6	4	-	1	-	
4	2	5	3	6	-		S	

Twenty-three times repeated. B for single every fourth part, adding bob R at every eighth do. Contain 6th full extent in 5-6 in 24 courses.

The two peals of BOB MAJOR published in your issue for 20th inst., although given a different manner, are variations of above, and belong to me.

HENRY DAINS.

CHANGE-RINGING.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

At St. Mary Redcliff, Bristol, on January 2nd, a peal of STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 changes, in 3 hrs. 45 mins. Tenor, 52 cwt.

George T. Daltry ..	1	William A. Cave ..	7
Charles Gordon ..	2	John Holman ..	8
Alfred Pearce ..	3	James Hinton ..	9
Albert Stowell ..	4	Rev. H. A. Cockey ..	10
Henry Pring ..	5	Fred G. May ..	11
Charles Tomkins ..	6	William Stowell ..	12

Composed by Fredk. Dench and conducted by George T. Daltry. Rung on the birthday anniversary of the Rev. H. A. Cockey, with wishes of many happy returns from the band.

The Yorkshire Association.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

At St. Mary's, Bolsterstone, Yorks, a peal of COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5216 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

Reggie Dyson ..	1	John R. Brearley ..	5
Archie Brearley ..	2	David Brearley ..	6
Clement Glen* ..	3	John Thorp* ..	7
Sidney F. Palmer* ..	4	William Harrison ..	8

Composed by Arthur Knights and conducted by D. Brearley. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the anniversary of the death of the Rev. John Bell, formerly Incumbent of this parish, who died on January 10th, 1892, and to whom the bells are dedicated. [* First peal of COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR.]

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

At St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on January 14th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs. 54 mins. Tenor, 36 cwt.

Arthur R. Jacob ..	1	Richard Bevan ..	7
Henry Dains ..	2	James Parker ..	8
Mark Woodcock ..	3	William Shimmans ..	9
Frank Smith ..	4	William Berry ..	10
George Paice ..	5	Thomas Langdon ..	11
Thomas Card ..	6	Edgar Wightman ..	12

Composed and conducted by Edgar Wightman. First peal on twelve bells by all except A. Jacob and H. Dains.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. John's, Waterloo Road, on January 11th, a peal of SUPER-LATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

Albert V. Selby ..	1	John T. Kentish ..	5
Alfred B. Peck ..	2	John W. Golding ..	6
Henry G. Miles ..	3	James E. Davis ..	7
Ernest G. Stibbons ..	4	William E. Garrard ..	8

Composed by F. Dench and conducted by W. E. Garrard. This is J. T. Kentish's fiftieth peal.

At St. Lawrence's, Hawkhurst, Kent, on January 21st, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES (Thurstans' composition), in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Tenor, 23 cwt. 19 lbs.

Charles F. Winney ..	1	Samuel E. Joyce ..	5
Matthew A. Wood ..	2	Herbert Langdon ..	6
William T. Cockerill ..	3	Arthur Hughes ..	7
John C. Jackson ..	4	John H. B. Hesse ..	8

The first peal in the method on the bells, which have just been rehung in new fittings and framework by Mears & Stainbank, whose work has given the greatest satisfaction.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.

At St. Peter's, Walworth, on January 14th, Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation of Thurstans' peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 51 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Reuben Charge ..	1	Isaac G. Shade ..	5
Bertram Prewett ..	2	John D. Matthews ..	6
William Pye (condr.) ..	3	Ernest Pye ..	7
Alfred W. Brighton ..	4	Horatio E. Gummer ..	8

ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK.—On Sunday, 15th inst. eight members of St. George's Society of Change-ringers rang the bells half-muffled for evening service, for the late Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Fletcher, the beloved wife of William Fletcher, for many years members of the above church; the bells were also rung on the day of the funeral, the 20th inst., whole-pull and stand, as a last mark of respect. W. G. Cobbett, 1; A. T. Gardiner, 2; E. S. Owen, 3; W. A. Smith, 4; E. E. Clements (conductor), 5; G. Woodage, 6; W. Green, 7; G. F. A. Wilson, 8. The large bell was tolled at the death and on the day of the funeral.

RESTORATION OF SPETCHLEY BELLS, WORCESTERSHIRE.—Chiefly through the liberality of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Berkeley, of Spetchley Park, a much-needed work of restoration has lately been effected in the belfry of Spetchley Church. The four bells in the tower are, all of them, in the judgment of Mr. H. B. Walters, F.S.A.—no mean authority—of pre-Reformation date, belonging to a group of bells in the Worcester district which probably issued from a bell foundry set up in Worcester by a medieval founder—name unknown—who seems to have acquired the plant of the famous John Burber, of Bristol. Mr. Walters affirms that the third bell at Spetchley, which is inscribed, and one at Warndon (which latter, however, was sold during the incumbency of Mr. St. John) certainly belong to this group, and of the other three Spetchley bells, which do not, like the third, bear any inscription, he thinks there is no doubt that they are all of the same date, viz., the latter half of the 15th century, i.e., they are nearly 450 years old. Owing to long neglect, the framework, stocks, bearings, and, indeed, all the fittings were in very bad condition, and to raise the bells for ringing purposes had become not only very hard work, but even dangerous for the ringers. Moreover, the unwieldy clappers, by striking for so long a time on the same spot, had nearly worn there through the metal, threatening to crack the bells. In these circumstances the Rector (the Rev. P. S. Ward) and his churchwarden (Mr. John Watson) determined to make an attempt to put things in better order. A Birmingham firm of bell founders, Messrs. James Barwell, estimated the cost of the necessary repairs at £41 15s. Towards this amount the Squire and Mrs. Berkeley promised to contribute £10 each, and, encouraged by this magnificent start, the Rector and churchwardens ventured to take upon themselves the responsibility of putting the work in hand forthwith. The contractors wasted no time, and spared no pains in completing it, and after only a fortnight's silence the bells were ready for use in good time for the Christmas peals. Amongst other improvements, each of the bells has been given a 'quarter turn,' so as to cause the clappers, which are of the latest and best pattern, to strike on the unworn sides of the 'sound bow,' the result being a much clearer note, for the present; and for the future, a probability that the bells may last on for another four centuries or so.

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Peals of Bob Major.

Composed by P. O. B. XBY, Gainsborough (Lincoln Diocesan Guild).

6096	5088
2 3 4 5 6 W.B.M.H.	2 3 4 5 6 W.B.M.H.
4 2 3 5 6	4 2 3 5 6
3 4 2 5 6	3 4 2 5 6
2 5 3 4 6	2 5 3 4 6
3 2 5 4 6	3 2 5 4 6
5 3 2 4 6	5 3 2 4 6
2 4 5 3 6	2 4 5 3 6
5 2 4 3 6	5 2 4 3 6
4 5 2 3 6	4 5 2 3 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
2 4 3 5 6	2 4 3 5 6
3 2 4 5 6	3 2 4 5 6
4 3 2 5 6	4 3 2 5 6
2 5 4 3 6	2 5 4 3 6
4 2 5 3 6	4 2 5 3 6
5 4 2 3 6	5 4 2 3 6
2 3 5 6 4 S	2 3 5 6 4 S

Twice repeated.

5024	Repeat the calling of the first part.
2 3 4 5 6 W.B.M.H.	(Continued.) W.B.M.H.
4 2 3 5 6	5 2 3 4 6
3 4 2 5 6	3 5 2 4 6
2 5 3 4 6	2 4 3 5 6
3 2 5 4 6	2 4 3 5 6
5 3 2 4 6	3 2 4 5 6
2 4 5 3 6	4 3 2 5 6
5 2 4 3 6	2 5 4 3 6
4 5 2 3 6	4 2 5 3 6
2 3 5 6 4	5 4 2 3 6
5 2 3 6 4	2 3 4 6 5
3 5 2 6 4	4 2 3 6 5
6 3 2 5 4	3 4 2 6 5
5 6 2 3 4	2 6 3 4 5
2 3 6 4 5	3 2 6 4 5
6 2 3 4 5	6 3 2 4 5
3 6 2 4 5	2 4 6 3 5
2 4 3 6 5	6 2 4 3 5
3 2 4 6 5	4 6 2 3 5
4 3 2 6 5	2 3 4 5 6 S
6 4 2 3 5	
2 3 6 5 4 S	
6 2 3 5 4	
3 6 2 5 4	
5 3 2 6 4	
6 5 2 3 4	
2 3 5 4 6	

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Yorkshire Association.

At St. Lawrence's, Pudsey, Yorkshire, on January 28th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Pratt Cordingley ..	1	Fred W. Dixon ..	5
Charles Pratt ..	2	Frank Birks ..	6
Bertie Cowling ..	3	George Bolland ..	7
Tom Latimer ..	4	Charles Jackson ..	8

Composed by A. Craven, and conducted by F. W. Dixon.

The Devonshire Guild.

At the Cathedral, Exeter, Devon, on January 14th, a peal of GRAND SIRE CATERS, 5003 changes, in 4 hrs. 13 mins. Tenor, 72 cwt.

Edwin Shepherd ..	1	Edgar Manning ..	7
Alexander Evans ..	2	Frank Davey ..	8
William G. Hiscott ..	3	Harry Myers ..	9
Ernest W. Marsh ..	4	William Ford ..	10
Arthur W. Searle ..	5	Frank Murphy ..	
John Baker ..	6		

Composed by John Reeves, and conducted by Edwin Shepherd. Arranged by the Rev. Maitland Kelly, President of the Devonshire Guild.

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Mary's, Horsham, Sussex, on January 14th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5124 changes, in 3 hrs. 17 mins. Tenor, 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs., in E flat.

William H. Fussell ..	1	George N. Price ..	5
George Williams ..	2	Frederick S. Bayley ..	6
Henry Hodgetts ..	3	Keith Hart ..	7
Hubert Eden ..	4	Henry R. Newton ..	8

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

At St. Margaret's, Warnham, Sussex, on January 15th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs.

Hubert Eden ..	1	Fredk. S. Bayley ..	5
Henry Hodgetts ..	2	Keith Hart ..	6
George N. Price ..	3	Henry R. Newton ..	7
William H. Fussell ..	4	George Williams ..	8

Composed by J. W. Washbrook, and conducted by George Williams. First peal in the method on the bells. The band commenced this peal at 7.40 a.m.

At St. Margaret's, Warnham, Sussex, on January 15th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min.

George Williams ..	1	William H. Fussell ..	5
Frederick S. Bayley ..	2	George N. Price ..	6
Hubert Eden ..	3	Keith Hart ..	7
Henry Hodgetts ..	4	Henry R. Newton ..	8

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by Geo. Williams. The above band is the first to score two peals of LONDON SURPRISE in one day.

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

At St. Mary's, Lambeth, on January 21st, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins.

William Weatherstone ..	1	William F. Hartshorne ..	5
William H. Hollier ..	2	James E. Davis ..	6
William E. Judd ..	3	Thomas Langdon (condr.) ..	7
Frederick G. Perrin ..	4	William Steneman* ..	8

[* First peal.]

NEW PEAL OF BELLS AT EASTWOOD, NOTTS.—The fine new peal of bells at Eastwood Parish Church have been dedicated by the Bishop of Derby, assisted by the Rev. A. H. Plumtre (rector) and the Rev. J. Jacobs (curate). There was a large attendance. Following the service of Evensong, two Psalms were read and the Bishop preached from Psalm 150, verses 1, 2, and 3, his subject being 'Praise. Where? When? How?' Subsequently the Bishop and clergy proceeded to the base of the tower, where a collect was read, and then the Bishop pronounced the dedicatory words:—'By virtue of our sacred office we do solemnly set apart and separate from all profane and unhallowed uses these bells, now dedicated to the glory of God for the benefit of His holy Church.'—After the blessing the Eastwood ringers rang a short peal, and then the Ripley ringers gave GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, STEDMAN TRIPLES, and BOB MAJOR.—A large crowd assembled in the vicinity of the church to hear the bells.

FUNERAL OF THE OLDEST SHEFFIELD RINGER.—The mortal remains of Mr. Thomas Hattersley, who for 45 years was a member of the Parish Church company of change-ringers, was laid to rest in the General Cemetery on the 26th ult. The Rev. J. St. Leger Blakeney, senior curate of the Parish Church, a close friend of the deceased, conducted the service. Mr. Hattersley was a member of the Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers, the Ancient of College Youths, also of kindred societies in the country, and was well known all over the country, he having taken part in upwards of a hundred peals, many of which he had composed and conducted. The Parish Church bells were rung, deeply muffled, as a token of respect.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild and Yorkshire Association.

At St. James's, Grimsby, Lincolnshire, on February 4th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5033 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

J. W. Seamer 1	C. Taylor 5
G. Weldon 2	F. W. Hargreaves .. 6
A. W. Long 3	W. H. Heyhoe 7
P. O. Bixby 4	G. Jackson 8

Composed by P. O. Bixby, and conducted by C. Jackson.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

At the Parish Church, Speldhurst, Kent, on January 21st, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in the Kent Variation, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

George Turley 1	William Collison 5
George A. Card 2	James Maynard 6
Stephen Perkins 3	Charles Chapman 7
Edward Mankelaw .. 4	Thomas Card 8

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by Thomas Card. Rung to celebrate the Rector's completion of twenty-five years' work in this parish.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

At Christ Church, Bristol, on January 21st, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 changes, in 3 hrs. 11 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Georga T. Daltry .. 1	Charles Tomkins 6
Fred G. May 2	Frank K. Howell 7
Albert Stowell 3	Charles H. Gordon 8
Raymond J. Wilkins .. 4	James Hinton 9
Alfred Pearce 5	William Stowell 10

Composed and conducted by George T. Daltry. Rung on the occasion of the twenty-eighth birthday of Miss Fanny Sheppard, who is the only lady member of the Association.

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

At St. Peter's, Hanley, Suffolk, on January 21st, Thurstars' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 34 mins. Tenor, 8 cwt. 3 lbs., in A flat.

William L. Catchpole .. 1	Edward Sherwood 5
Rev. William C. Pearson .. 2	Lewis W. Wiffen 6
William Motts 3	James Motts (conductor) .. 7
Robert H. Brundle 4	Ernest S. Gostling* 8

[* First peal in the method.]

The Lancashire Association.

At St. James's, Rusholme, Manchester, on January 21st, a Five-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Walter Brown 1	Alfred Potter 5
William H. Cooper 2	Joseph Potter 6
Harry Chapman 3	Walter C. Hunt 7
Titus Barlow 4	Joseph Gregory 8

Composed by the Rev. H. E. Bulwer, and conducted by Walter C. Hunt. The ringers thank the Rector for the use of the bells.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

At the Parish Church, New Mills, Derbyshire, on January 21st, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR in the Oxford Variation, 7163 changes, in 4 hrs. 13 mins. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

Rev. A. T. Beeston 1	Fred Holt 5
James L. Robinson 2	George D. Warburton .. 6
Alfred Barnes 3	William Marshall 7
William Lowery 4	Edward Reader 8

Composed by A. Craven, and conducted by the Rev. A. T. Beeston. Rung on the eve of the anniversary of the King's Accession.

The Yorkshire Association.

At the Parish Church, Pontefract, on January 23rd. J. J. Parker's Five-part (No. 10) peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

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

[* First peal. † First in the method as conductor.]

The Kent County Association.

At St. Stephen's, Hackington, Canterbury, on January 21st, Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins. Tenor, 11 cwt.

Henry G. Fairbrass .. 1	Philip H. Pierce 5
Charles Leman 2	Frederick G. Brett 6
Percy J. Paine 3	Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (con.) 7
Elwin G. Buesden 4	Charles W. Brett 8

Rung in honour of the King's Accession and J. Balaam's birthday.

Sketty, South Wales.

At St. Paul's, Sketty, Swansea, on January 31st, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 45 mins.

Howell Gwyn* 1	Ephraim Chamberlain .. 5
William Rice 2	David Williams 6
Richard Morse* 3	Arthur James* 7
Charles Morse 4	Henry Williams 8

The above are all ringers at this church, and it is believed to be the first peal rung by a local band in South Wales. [* First peal. † First peal as conductor.]

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On January 24th, for practice, 1056 BOB MAJOR. A. Heasman, 1; S. Burt, 2; J. Lish, 3; G. Payne, 4; C. Tyler (conductor), 5; A. Goddard, 6; A. E. Lish, 7; L. Payne, 8.

CHANGE-RINGING AT QUORN.—On Saturday eight members of the Midland Counties' Association of Change-ringers (Loughborough branch), were successful in ringing, at the parish church a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, consisting of 5040 changes, occupying 3 hours and 2 minutes. The performers were:—Thomas Herbert, 1; Thomas H. Colburn, 2; James Goodwin, 3; Ernest Abbott, 4; William H. Inglesant, 5; William Pervin, 6; Frank Burleigh, 7; Edward Howes, 8. The peal, which is Mr. J. F. Penning's five-part composition, was conducted by F. G. Burleigh. Messrs. Herbert and Howes belong to Quorn, the others to the Loughborough Society.

THE Rev. F. E. Robinson, Vicar of Drayton, Berks, Master of the East Berks and South Bucks branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers, which has been holding its annual meeting at High Wycombe, possesses (says the 'Daily Telegraph') the record as a clerical campanologist. Within the past month he has attained his seventy-second birthday, and in addition to conducting numberless changes, he has rung in over 950 distinct peals, and is looking forward to the completion of 1000. Another member of the guild, Mr. J. W. Washbrook, has rung in a very large number, while he also holds the distinction of having manipulated two bells (one in each hand) in complete peals.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE-RINGERS.—The annual dinner of the Bath Branch took place at the Abbey Church House, and there was a large gathering. Preb. S. A. Boyd, Rector of Bath and Rural Dean, presided, supported by the Rev. J. S. Wimburh (Swanwick), the Rev. M. E. Hoets, Rural Dean of Kernsham (Weston), the Revs. C. C. Parker and H. S. Grant, and Messrs. J. Johns n, Chedzoy, and A. Richardson and the hon. secretary and treasurer. Letters of apology were read from a great many of the clergy in Bath and district.

DEATH OF A STOKE-ON-TRENT RINGER.—Following close upon the sad and untimely death of their steeple-keeper, the Stoke St. Peter's company have sustained another loss through the death of their esteemed colleague, Mr. Thomas Allen, of Hartshill, who died at the age of 30, having been a ringer at the tower for fifteen years. He was a first-class inside ringer, and was well respected by all the band. The Stoke bells were rung half-muffled on the day of the funeral.

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A Date Touch of Stedman Caters (1905 changes).

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

3 6 1 4 5 2 9 7 8	-	-
1 6 3 2 5 4	-	-
1 6 4 3 5 2	-	-
4 6 1 2 5 3	-	-
4 6 3 1 5 2	-	-
3 6 4 2 5 1	-	-
3 6 1 2 5 4	-	S
3 6 4 1 5 2	-	-
3 6 2 4 5 1	-	-
2 6 3 1 5 4	-	-
2 6 4 3 5 1	-	-
4 6 2 1 5 3	-	-
4 6 3 2 5 1	-	-
4 6 1 3 5 2	-	-
1 6 4 2 5 3	-	-
1 6 3 4 5 2	-	-
1 6 2 3 5 4	-	-

Bobs at 2, 4, 5, and S at 9, bring 214365879 at the eleventh six-end. Rouds at hand-stroke next change.

The 6th is absolutely undisturbed after bob at 6 in first course, and the 5th is absolutely undisturbed until Bob at 2 in coming home course.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Andrew's, Steyning, Sussex, on February 8th, Hayward's Variation of Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 12 cwt.

William Markwell	.. 1	John Smart	.. 5
George Gatland	.. 2	Lazarus Payne (condr.)	.. 6
George Phillips*	.. 3	George Payne	.. 7
Albert E. Lish	.. 4	Albert Heasman	.. 8

[* First peal inside in the method, and rung at the first attempt.]

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Magnus' Lower Thames Street, on February 4th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS, 5093 changes, in 3 hrs. 16 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Henry W. Wilkes	.. 1	John T. Kentish	.. 6
Albert V. Selby	.. 2	Ernest G. Stibbons	.. 7
George N. Price	.. 3	Archibald F. Harris	.. 8
John C. Jackson	.. 4	William E. Garrard	.. 9
Sidney A. Wright	.. 5	Thomas Tinkler	.. 10

Composed by the Rev. E. Bankes James, and conducted by W. E. Garrard. First peal of NORWICH CATERS rung in the City of London.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.

At Christ Church, Southgate, on February 2nd, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 19 mins. Tenor 25 cwt.

Alfred R. Glasscock	.. 1	Sidney Wade	.. 5
William Keeble	.. 2	William Pye	.. 6
Isaac G. Shade	.. 3	John R. Sharman	.. 7
John Armstrong	.. 4	Ernest Pre	.. 8

Composed by G. Lindoff, and conducted by William Pye.

The Essex Association.

At St. Mary's, Harlow, Essex, on January 27th, a Variation of Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 21½ cwt.

William Watts	.. 1	George H. Barker	.. 5
Herbert Baker	.. 2	Walter Hobbs	.. 6
Rev. W. S. Willett	.. 3	Rev. F. E. Robinson	.. 7
Isaac Cavill	.. 4	Henry J. Tucker	.. 8

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. This is the conductors' 103rd peal.

At St. Mary's, Stansted, Essex, on January 25th, a Variation of Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

Walter Prior	.. 1	Thomas Jordan	.. 5
Rev. W. S. Willett	.. 2	Thomas J. Watts	.. 6
John Luckey	.. 3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.)	.. 7
Herbert Baker	.. 4	George Jordan	.. 8

At St. Paul's, Huddesdon, Herts, on January 26th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5988 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

Rev. W. S. Willett	.. 1	John Luckey	.. 5
George Jordan	.. 2	Isaac Cavill	.. 6
Walter Prior	.. 3	William T. Prior	.. 7
Herbert Baker	.. 4	William Watts	.. 8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow, and conducted by William Watts.

BELL-RINGERS AT HARLOW, ESSEX.—The following items appear in the current number of the St. Mary's Parish Magazine: 'We have in our Parish Church a remarkably good peal of eight bells; but it is not this only that we have reason to be thankful for; it must not be forgotten that we have an efficient and painstaking company of ringers who take pride and pleasure in their art, and seldom fail to give us a good "touch" before the Sunday services. One or two of the men live at a good distance from the church, and Sunday work sometimes causes a difficulty in attendance in another case; still, we usually hear seven bells going, if not the whole peal. A peal of 5040 changes was rung on the Harlow bells on the evening of Friday, January 27th. In bell-ringers' language it should be described as 'a true and complete peal of Stedman Triples—a variation of Thurstan's Four-part.' It was accomplished in 2 hours 55 minutes, and afforded great pleasure to those who were listening and who are interested in the art. The following composed the team: William Watts, Treble; Herbert Baker, 2; Rev. W. S. Willett, 3; Isaac Cavill, 4; George H. Barker, 5; Walter Hobbs, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; Henry J. Tucker, Tenor. The team was organized for the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who is making a ringing tour in Herts and Essex, and was anxious to make Harlow one of his places of call. Mr. Robinson is a great enthusiast, and this makes the 964th peal in which he has taken part.'

STANSTEAD ABBOTTS, HERTS.—The peal of bells recently erected at St. Andrew's Church, to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. T. F. and the late Mrs. Buxton, was dedicated on the 5th inst. At the commencement of the service a special Collect was read, and then a prayer for the donors (Mr. G. F. Buxton and Mr. A. F. Buxton). Psalms lxxxi. and cl. were chanted in place of the Psalms for the day, and a hymn appropriate to the occasion was also sung—'When morning gilds the skies.'

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—On January 28th, a quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Oldswinford, about ninety members being present from different parts of the diocese. A service was held in the church at 5 o'clock, the prayers being intoned by the Rev. C. A. Clements (curate), who is a performing member of the Association. A very able and practical address was delivered by the Rector (Rev. I. G. Owen), from Psalm xciv. 6, 'O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.' The business meeting was afterwards held, presided over by the Rector, who remarked how extremely pleased he was to see so many there, their presence showing the great interest they took in the good work that was being accomplished. The annual report and balance-sheet was read and adopted. The Revs. Henry Stafford (Worcester), and Manley Power (Hagley), were elected hon. members, and Mr. Henry F. Cooper (Chelmsford), a life member; also several performing members who added to the roll. It was unanimously decided that the next annual meeting be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, and it was arranged to attempt several peals during the quarter.

MESSRS. CHIVERS & SONS, the well-known makers of preserves, are the proprietors of nearly three thousand acres of land, the largest proportion of which is used for the cultivation of English fruits. Plums, green-gages, strawberries, raspberries, &c., are grown, and immediately after being gathered, the fruit is taken to the factory, and at once used, a fact which accounts for the fresh appearance, remarkable purity, for which all the firm's preparations are renowned. Further and most interesting particulars may be obtained from Messrs. Chivers, Histon, Cambridge, whose booklet will be forwarded post free by return.

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The London County Association.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, EST. 1824.)

THE Annual General Meeting of the above Association will be held on Saturday, February 25th, with the kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, at the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, Southwark; the tower will be open for ringing from 3.45 to 4.55, and after the meeting. Service (choral) at 5 p.m. with an address by Canon Thompson, D.D. Business meeting in the Foster Hall, St. Thomas Street, near the church, at 6.30 p.m. The tower of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, will be open for ringing from 3.30 to 4.45, and after the meeting. It is hoped all members will attend the service, as the address will be a special one to ringers.

T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Secretary.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Sussex County Association.

At the Parish Church, Henfield, on February 14th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5008 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins.

Albert Hasman* 1	Charles Tyler 5
Samuel Burt* 2	Albert Goddard* 6
George Payne 3	William Markwell* 7
Albert E. Lish* 4	Lazarus Payne 8

Composed by William Harrison, and conducted by Charles Tyler.

[* First peal in the method.]

The Lincolnshire Diocesan Guild.

(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

At SS. Mary and Nicholas', Spalding, Lincolnshire, on February 4th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in the Kent Variation, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

William Richardson 1	C. William Smith 5
Rev. H. Law James 2	Rupert Richardson 6
John T. Brown 3	Richard Smith 7
John Curry* 4	George Ladd 8

Composed by W. Sottanstell, and conducted by the Rev. H. Law James. [* First peal of MAJOR.]

The Midland Counties Association.

At SS. Mary and Lawrence's, Bolsover, Derbyshire, on February 4th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in the Kent Variation, 5124 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

Benjamin A. Knights 1	Arthur Knights 5
William Lambert 2	Fredk. R. Kettleboro' 6
James Thompson 3	John T. Butler 7
Ernest G. Baker 4	John Flint 8

Composed by Arthur Knights, and conducted by John Flint.

THE following peals are the result of five days' ringing in Liverpool and district, specially arranged for the Rev. F. E. Robinson:—

The Lancashire Association.

At St. Peter's, Liverpool, on February 7th, a Variation of Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

James Marsh 1	J. William Rawlinson* 5
George R. Newton 2	William Davies 6
Walter Hughes* 3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.) 7
James Park* 4	George Hislop 8

[* First peal of STEDMAN.]

At St. John-the-Baptist, Tuebrook, on February 8th, a Variation of Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Frederick Lackey* 1	Sam Stewart* 5
Edward Caunce 2	Albert Lovell* 6
James Martin 3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.) 7
John Gardiner 4	Peter Harvey* 8

[* First peal of STEDMAN.]

At St. Nicolas's, Halewood, on February 9th, a Variation of Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 44 mins. Tenor, 11½ cwt.

John Turner* 1	George R. Newton 5
Edwin H. Lewis 2	William Davies 6
Thomas Hammond, jun* 3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.) 7
Walter Hughes 4	John Allen* 8

[* First peal of STEDMAN.]

At St. Michael's, Garston, on February 10th, a Variation of Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 43 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

James Dillon 1	J. William Rawlinson 5
Charles Shaples 2	William Davies 6
Walter Hughes 3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.) 7
Edward Caunce 4	Rev. F. L. Edwards* 8

[* First peal of STEDMAN.] This is the 300th tower in which the conductor has rung a peal, and is also the 450th peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES conducted by him.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—On Sunday, January 29th, for evening service at St. Luke's, Chelsea, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1260 changes: C. F. Winney (conductor), 1; E. Taylor, 2; E. Cassell, 3; J. Pryer, 4; W. Dean, 5; A. Newman, 6; J. Barber, 7; G. Turner, 8.

ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK.—On Thursday, February 9th, eight ringers of the above church rang the bells half-muffled, whole pull and stand, as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. John Taffender, father of Mr. T. H. Taffender: E. C. Clements (conductor), 1; G. F. Woodage, 2; T. A. Tomsett, 3; T. Merefield, 4; W. H. Taffender, 5; W. T. Gardner, 6; G. Woodage, 7; T. Nash, 8.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—At Skelton-in-Cleveland on October 10th, 1904, 720 BOB MINOR: C. Watson,* 1; T. Barber,* 2; R. Mossom, 3; J. Appleton, 4; J. Pawsey, 5; E. R. Avery (conductor), 6; M. Lowe, 7. [* Came from Saltburn, the rest are local men.]—On November 28th, 720 BOB MINOR: C. Clarke, 1; J. Appleton, 2; R. Mossom, 3; E. Milburn, 4; J. Pawsey, 5; E. R. Avery (conductor), 6; M. Lowe, 7; A. Laing, 8. The first 720 of MINOR by the local band.—On January 30th, 1905, 720 BOB MINOR (21 bobs and 12 singles), the company standing as before.—On February 11th, 640 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR: G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; W. H. Stephenson, 2; W. Newton, 3; J. Waller, 4; A. M. C. Field, 5; A. W. Barrett, 6; T. Metcalfe, 7; T. Stephenson, 8.—Also 504 STEDMAN TRIPLES: G. J. Clarkson, 1; W. H. Stephenson, 2; J. W. Newton, 3; A. W. Barrett, 4; A. M. C. Field, 5; R. Green, 6; T. Stephenson (conductor), 7; W. E. Walland, 8.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday, February 11th, a meeting was held at Skelton-in-Cleveland, which was attended by members from Middlesbrough, Stockton, Saltburn, and Mr. R. Haswell, Guisborough. The bells at the disposal of members were rings of eight at Skelton Parish Church and Saltburn, both being very fine peals in first-rate going order, and each with a tenor 23 cwt. At five o'clock the company, numbering twenty-two, sat down to tea at the 'Royal George', the chair being taken by the President, who was supported by the Rev. R. Hodgson, curate (the Vicar being unable to attend through illness), and Mr. Stephenson, churchwarden. After honouring the toast of the King, the President expressed the thanks of the meeting to the Vicars of Skelton and Saltburn for the use of the bells of their respective churches, and congratulated the Skelton band on having scored their first 720 of BOB MINOR, which he trusted by patience perseverance and mutual cohesion would lead to the attainment of further successes in TRIPLES and MAJOR. He then, on behalf of the members present, expressed their appreciation of the presence of Rev. R. Hodgson and Mr. Churchwarden Stephenson. In his reply the Rev. R. Hodgson stated that church people, whilst appreciating the sound of their church bells, thought far too little of the men who rang them. Mr. Stephenson expressed his appreciation of the visit of the Association to Skelton, and hoped that further visits would be made in the near future. Touches of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, STEDMAN and BOB TRIPLES were rung during the afternoon, and an attempt by the Stockton Company for a quarter-peal, at Saltburn, of STEDMAN TRIPLES, resulted in a dislocation of the front work after ringing over 700 changes in excellent style.

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3 2 5 6 4 S 1	3 2 5 6 4 S 1	6 4 2 3 5 - - -
4 5 3 2 6 - - -	4 5 3 2 6 - - -	4 6 3 5 2 S 1
5 4 2 6 3 S 1	5 4 2 6 3 S 1	2 3 4 6 5 - - -
3 2 5 4 6 - - -	3 2 5 4 6 - - -	4 6 3 2 5 S -
2 3 4 6 5 S 1	2 3 4 6 5 S 1	6 4 2 5 3 S 1
5 4 2 3 6 - - -	5 4 2 3 6 - - -	3 2 6 4 5 - - -
2 3 5 4 6 - - -	2 3 5 4 6 - - -	4 2 3 5 6 S 1
3 2 4 6 5 S 1	3 2 4 6 5 S 1	6 3 4 2 5 - - -
5 4 3 2 6 - - -	5 4 3 2 6 - - -	3 6 2 5 4 S 1
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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At St. Margaret's, Leiston, Suffolk, on February 11th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 20½ cwt.

Charles Whiting*	1	Charles Bailey	5
Charles Samsom*	2	Edgar Bailey*	6
Sidney Bailey*	3	John M. Button*	7
Norman Bailey*	4	Albert J. Lincoln*	8

Composed by James Pagett, and conducted by Albert John Lincoln. First peal in the method on the bells by a local band. [* First peal in the method.]

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

At St. Stephen's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on February 11th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 26 mins. Tenor, 30 cwt.

Joseph Rowell ..	1	William T. Robson ..	5
William H. Thomas ..	2	Alfred F. Hillier ..	6
Charles L. Routledge ..	3	Ernest E. Ferry ..	7
Edward A. Hern ..	4	Robert Richards ..	8

Composed by T. T. Goffton, and conducted by C. L. Routledge. [* First peal in the method on the bells.]

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

At the Parish Church, Drayton, Berks, on February 11th, a Variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

Harry Miles ..	1	Frederick A. Castle ..	5
Job Howes ..	2	William Stone ..	6
Charles Hounslow ..	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.) ..	7
William Jeffery ..	4	Antony Strange ..	8

Rung on the 78rd anniversary of Mr. C. Hounslow's birthday.

The Essex Association.

At St. Mary's, Stansted, on February 11th, a peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

William Watts ..	1	John Luckey ..	5
Arthur F. James ..	2	Thomas J. Watts ..	6
Thomas Jordan ..	2	William T. Prior * ..	7
Walter Prior ..	4	George Jordan + ..	8

Composed by C. Middleton, and conducted by George Jordan. [* First peal in the method with a bob-bell. + First peal in the method as conductor.]

At St. Mary's, Bocking, Essex, on February 11th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 19 cwt., in E.

Frank Webb ..	1	George H. Sentance ..	5
Sidney R. Roper ..	2	Frederick Rudkin ..	6
Henry E. Hammond ..	3	William Grimwade ..	7
Ernest Newman ..	4	William Steele* ..	8

Composed by Edgar Wightman, and conducted by W. Steele. First peal in the method on the bells, and by all except the conductor. [* First peal in the method as conductor.]

BINSTED (HANTS) PARISH CHURCH BELLS.—Mr. H. H. Bishop, of Wylam-on-Tyne, writes as follows:—“I spent the August of 1886 at Binsted, and therefore have been greatly interested by your notice of its church. The belfry seems almost filled up by the great timbers (some 16½ inches square, wooden-pinned), which form a framework built up from the ground, and is very dimly lighted by its narrow windows. I went into it one afternoon and found there in the semi-darkness the clerk's little daughter, alone, and tolling the bell for the funeral of a school-fellow. A subject worthy of a painter who could have expressed the poetry and the pathos of it. The clerk was a Mr. Othen, and he helped me in the cramped spaces to make out the inscriptions on the bells, and I send them in case you should think your readers would care to see them. There are five bells within the tower, and one (the Sanctus bell) without, at the spring of the spire on the east side. I believe these are correctly copied. The ‘spots’ (•) seem all to be pennies of William III., cast in with the bell-metal.”

Inscriptions on the five bells:—

- (1) ‘I As Trebell Doo Beegin. 1695.’
- (2) ‘Fear God Honnor The King. 1695.’
- (3) ‘Samvell Knight Mad This Ring. 1695.’
- (4) ‘G. Mears & Co., Founders, London. 1864.’
- (5) ‘Samuel Knight Made this Ring in Brinstead Steeple For To Ding. 1695.’

Upper line:

‘Nicholas • Wheeler • Then • Did • Con • Trive • Too • Kast • From • Fovar • This • Peall • Of • Fife • in 1695.’

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.

At SS. Michael and All Angels, Paddington, on February 16th, a peal of **SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

William Pickworth .. 1	William Pye .. 5
John Armstrong .. 2	Mark Woodcock .. 6
Frank Smith .. 3	Reuben Charge .. 7
Isaac G. Shade .. 4	William J. Nudds .. 8

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

The Kent County Association.

At St. Alfege, Greenwich, on February 17th, a peal of **TREBLE BOB MAJOR**, in the Kent Variation, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 22 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

I. G. Shade .. 1	Benjamin E. Battrum .. 5
William Foreman .. 2	Harry Hoskins .. 6
John J. Lamb .. 3	James E. Davis .. 7
Edward N. Price .. 4	William Berry .. 8

Composed by T. Day, and Conducted by I. George Shade.

The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist, Aldenham, on February 20th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of **STEDMAN TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Thomas L. Simmons .. 1	Bertram Prewett .. 5
Joseph J. Allen .. 2	William Hewite .. 6
Hubert Eden .. 3	Frank A. Smith .. 7
Ernest E. Huntley .. 4	Henry R. Jones .. 8

Conducted by Bertram Prewett. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. L. Simmons on his sixteenth birthday.

Edinburgh.

At St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, on February 11th, a peal of **TREBLE BOB MAJOR**, in the Kent Variation, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

C. Cleveland Ellis .. 1	J. S. McCulloch .. 5
Thomas S. Thom .. 2	James R. Robertson .. 6
Edmund F. Price .. 3	Wm. C. S. Heathcote .. 7
R. J. G. Thom .. 4	William H. Barber .. 8

Composed by Henry Johnson, and conducted by William H. Barber. This is the first peal of **TREBLE BOB MAJOR** ever rung in Scotland, also

the first peal in the method by all except Messrs. Ellis, Barber and Heathcote.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

At St. Martin's, Birmingham, on February 21st, a peal of **STEDMAN CINQUES**, 5019 changes, in 3 hrs. 42 mins. Tenor, 36 cwt., in C.

Alf. Paddon Smith .. 1	Edmund J. Hyland* .. 7
Thomas Russam .. 2	Bernard Witchell .. 8
Frank Fay .. 3	Thomas Miller .. 9
Albert Walker .. 4	John Neal .. 10
Thomas Reynolds .. 5	Arthur E. Pegler .. 11
Charles Dickens .. 6	Sydney J. Jessop .. 12

Composed by John Carter and conducted by Albert Walker. [* First peal of **STEDMAN CINQUES**. This composition, now rung for the first time, has the 5th seventeen times right, and the 6th six times behind the 7th in the titum position; also the 6th fifteen times behind the 8th in the handstroke home position, with all the 5-6-7-8s in both positions.

ST. OLAVE'S, HART STREET, MARK LANE, E.C.—On Sunday, March 5th, 1905, after evening service, six members of St. George's Society of Change-ringers rang the bells half-muffled, whole-pull-and-stand, as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. James Ellis, senior, who was much respected by all who knew him. The performers were: G. F. Woodage, 1; G. Woodage, senior (conductor), 2; E. Owen, 3; E. M. Oliver, 4; W. T. Walden, 5; A. T. Gardner, 6. The large bell was tolled on Thursday, the day of the funeral; and the memorial sermon, on Sunday evening, was preached by the Rev. Archibald Boyd-Carpenter, M.A., rector of the church.

DEATH OF MR. W. D. TINKER, OF GAINSBOROUGH.—It is with the deepest regret that the members of the Gainsborough Change-ringing Society have to announce the very severe loss they have sustained through the death of the above-named ringer, who passed away early in the morning of Sunday, February 26th, at the age of 64. He had been ailing for the past three months, and although things began to look rather serious, it was not thought the end was so near. He remained conscious to the last, and always had a hearty welcome for any of his friends, and especially for his brother-ringers, with whom he had spent so many happy hours at his favourite hobby—the art of change-ringing. In the afternoon the ringers met to pay a last tribute of respect, to their much-beloved and highly esteemed master, by ringing the bells half-muffled; this was repeated after the funeral, which took place on Tuesday week. The following took part in the ringing: G. Wilson, A. H. Wheeler, E. Credland, J. Fisher, J. T. Ladd, K. Dawson, A. Betts, P. O. Bixby, and F. S. W. Butler. He was followed to his last resting-place by a large number of friends and relatives, also by his brother-ringers (including Mr. F. F. Linley, a Vice-President of the

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Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild), four of whom bore him from the cemetery chapel to the grave-side. He had been a member of the parish church company for upwards of forty-four years, and up to the time of his illness was a most regular and punctual attender to his bellringing duties, both on Sundays and at practices; also on other occasions. At the time of his joining the company only call-changes were rung, the ringers knowing nothing whatever about scientific change-ringing. In 1884 (the year in which the North Lincolnshire Association was formed) he, along with his brother, Mr. J. C. Tinker, became determined to master the art. They therefore purchased copies of Mr. Banister's book on 'Change-ringing,' and, after having studied the method of Grandsire Triples, they both went over to Doncaster parish church to be sure they were able to ring it. Finding their attempts had not been in vain, the other Gainsborough ringers were quickly persuaded to follow their steps, and a band of scientific change-ringers was very soon formed. Mr. W. D. Tinker was elected leader, which office he held for a great number of years. From that time he commenced entering into a book every touch that was rung, also the number of changes, and any other particulars concerning them. This he continued up to the time of his illness. He was a good conductor, and particularly in Grandsire Triples, which was his favourite method. A true proof of him being deeply interested in bell-ringing may be shown in stating that on one occasion he walked from Gainsborough to Market Rasen and back (a distance of forty miles) for the purpose of attending an Association meeting. He was always ready to stand in for a touch or peal attempt when required. It is to him that several ringers, including some of the present company, owe their thanks for their first introduction to the art of change-ringing. Not only will he be missed by the Gainsborough ringers, but also by many members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, especially the Northern Branch, which, previous to the Guild being formed, was the North Lincolnshire Association, and of which he was one of the founders. He also for many years was one of its instructors to learners and new beginners. Although he only took part in four peals, still, they are worthy of record, especially No. 1, which was Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (March 23rd, 1887), being the first peal by the North Lincolnshire Association, which he had the honour of conducting, and which was also the first by all the band. The second was Holt's Ten-part Reversed (April 14th, 1894), which he also conducted; the third a peal of BOB MAJOR (Oct. 23rd, 1901), and the fourth a peal of BOB TRIPLES (April 4th, 1904). He was a member of the Gainsborough parish church choir for about four years during the fifties. The ringers of the parish church (along with many friends) deeply sympathise with Mrs. Tinker and family, also his brother, in their sad bereavement.

EXETER CATHEDRAL: DEDICATION OF NEW PEAL BOARD.—The other evening the belfry of the south tower of Exeter Cathedral, built by Warewast, the blind Bishop of Exeter (A.D. 1107-1136), was visited by a number of the most faithful and enthusiastic amongst those who follow the art of campanology in this County, all anxious to be present at the unveiling and dedication, with book and with bell, by the Suffragan Bishop of Crediton (Dr. Trefusis, D.D.), of a tablet erected to commemorate a feat in bell-ringing, by residents in the County of Devon. The cost of execution and erection has been defrayed by the Rev. Maitland Kelly, M.A., of Lifton, and the work has been carried out and fixed by Messrs. Harry Hams and Sons. The superscription reads: 'The Devonshire Guild. A peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, consisting of 5003 changes, was rung on the bells of this Cathedral Church by the under-mentioned members of the Guild on the 14th of January, 1905, in 4 hours and 13 minutes: Tenor, 72 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs. Edwin Shepherd, treble: Alexander Evans, 2; William G. Hiscott, 3; Ernest W. Marsh, 4; Arthur W. Searle, 5; John E. Baker, 6; Edgar Manning, 7; Frank Davey, 8; G. Harry Myers, 9; William Ford, and Frank Murphy, tenor; composed by J. Reeves; conducted by Edwin Shepherd. First peal on the bells by residents in the County of Devon.'

SOME BELL INSCRIPTIONS.

GERRARDS CROSS, BUCKS (St. James).

GERRARDS CROSS is an ecclesiastical parish, formed April 16th, 1861, from five adjoining parishes, Fulmer, Chalfont St. Peter, Iver, Langley Marsh, and Upton-cum-Chalvey. St. James's Church was erected by the Misses Reid in memory of their brother, Major-General Reid, formerly M.P. for Windsor. It is a handsome cruciform building in the Romanesque style, and might very fitly be termed the Cathedral of South Bucks.

The plan of the church is that of a Latin cross with a dome rising above the intersection of the nave and transepts, surmounted by a gilt cross, and a campanile at the north-west end containing a clock and five

bells with Cambridge Chimes. The height of the tower is 80 feet, that of the dome 67 feet.

There is a brass on the wall of the north transept to the memory of Anna Maria Reid, who died January 29th, 1870, aged 75 years, and of Louisa Reid, who died April 5th, 1881, aged 83 years, the founders of this church.

On the south wall of the nave is another brass, erected by the parishioners of Gerrards Cross to the memory of the Rev. Alfred Kennion, M.A., Vicar of this parish from 1879 to 1895.

The bells are inscribed as under:

1. J. Warner & Sons, London 1888.
Behold I come quickly.
Diam., 22 inches.
2. J. Warner & Sons, London 1883.
Watch and Pray.
Diam., 22½ inches.
3. J. Warner & Sons, London 1838.
Occupy till I come.
Diam., 24 inches.
4. Cast by John Warner & Sons, London 1883.
Thy Kingdom Come.
Diam., 29 inches.

NOTE.—These bells have no wheels, and are only used for striking the Cambridge quarters.

Large Bell. Cast by John Warner & Sons, London 1838.
My house shall be called the house of prayer.
Diam., 38½ inches.

NOTE.—This bell strikes the hours, and is tolled for services and funerals.

The Rev. Alfred Kennion, whose name has been previously mentioned, was Vicar when the bells were supplied.

Below are given the respective weights and notes of the bells.

Bells.			Weight.				Note.
1	..	..	2 cwt.	2 qrs.	0 lbs.	..	B.
2	..	..	2 "	2 "	18 "	..	A.
3	..	..	3 "	0 "	6 "	..	G.
4	..	..	4 "	2 "	21 "	..	D.
Service Bell	..	10 "	0 "	0 "	0 "	..	G.

The bell formerly hanging in this tower was inscribed as follows:—
Cast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1857.

CUBLINGTON, BUCKS (St. Nicholas).

THIS village, situated about six miles from Leighton Buzzard, possessed a small church, standing in the main part of the village close to the road. It is a stone building in the Perpendicular style and has a chancel, nave with a gallery at the west end, south porch, and an embattled western tower, containing two bells.

There is an old desk in the belfry chamber, behind the gallery, inscribed as follows:—

This desk was erected
at the charge of
Mr. Joseph Neale
AN DO MDCLXXXV.

Two chains are fixed to it, which were undoubtedly for holding a book. A copy of Foxe's 'Book of Martyrs' was formerly in the church and it is said to be now preserved at the Rectory. It was probably fastened to the desk just alluded to.

Inscriptions on bells are given below:

Sanctus.—1811. Diam., 19¾ inches.

NOTE.—There is only a half-wheel to this bell.

Large bell. Chandler Made Me 1867.
Diam., 32¾ inches.

NOTE.—Anthony Chandler was the founder of this bell. After the Restoration in 1660, he cast a considerable number of bells for churches in Bucks and the adjoining counties. There are pits for two large bells in this bell-loft, and an old clapper is lying on the floor.

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Peals of Bob Major.

Composed by P. O. BIXBY, Gainsborough (Lincoln Diocesan Guild).

5120						5376						5760					
2	3	4	5	6	W.B.M.H.	2	3	4	5	6	W.B.M.H.	2	3	4	5	6	W.B.M.H.
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4	6	3	5	2	S 1	4	6	3	5	2	S 1	4	6	3	5	2	S 1
2	3	4	6	5	-	2	3	4	6	5	-	2	3	4	6	5	-
4	6	3	2	5	S	4	6	3	2	5	S	3	2	6	5	4	S 1
6	4	2	5	3	S 1	6	4	2	5	3	S 1	4	6	3	2	5	-
3	2	6	4	5	-	3	2	6	4	5	-	6	4	2	5	3	S 1
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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Kent County Association.

At St. Marie of Charity, Faversham, on March 1st, Hollis's Five-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5940 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Harry Wallis ..	1	Albert Biggs, jun. ..	5
Edward E. Foreman (condr.)	2	Frederick Hunt ..	6
Albert Biggs, sen. ..	3	William Holdstock ..	7
Samuel R. Garner ..	4	George Wood ..	8

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At St. Mary's, Framsden, Suffolk, on February 25th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Alfred S. Wightman ..	1	William Wightman ..	5
James G. Rumsey ..	2	George Wightman (condr.)	6
Edgar Hicks ..	3	William C. Runsey ..	7
William Groom ..	4	William Sawyer ..	8

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Nicolas', Brighton, on February 25th, a peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

George Williams ..	1	Alfred J. Turner ..	6
Frank Bennett ..	2	Sidney F. C. Saker*	7
Edmund Lindup* ..	3	Frederick W. Rice ..	8
William Palmer ..	4	George A. King ..	9
Albert D. Stone ..	5	Keith Hart ..	10

Composed by J. Riley, and conducted by George Williams. [*First peal of ROYAL.]

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

At SS. Thomas and Edmund's, Erdington, Warwickshire, on February 25th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Edmund J. Hyland ..	1	Thomas Miller ..	5
Alf. Paddon Smith ..	2	Charles Dickens ..	6
Frank Fay ..	3	Bernard W. Witchell ..	7
George F. Swann ..	4	Arthur E. Pegler ..	8

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by Bernard W. Witchell. First peal in the method on the bells.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

(THE ST. LAURENCE'S SOCIETY.)

At St. Laurence's, Reading, Berks, on March 1st, a Variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

George Hop* ..	1	Harry Runham ..	5
Ernest W. Holloway* ..	2	William Newell ..	6
William Runham ..	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (confr.)	7
John Fuller* ..	4	Reuben Dowset* ..	8

The Rev. F. E. Robinson complimented the lads on their good striking, and said they did credit to their instructor, Mr. W. Newell. [*First peal of STEDMAN.]

BOXLEY.—On Sunday, February 19th, 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR, by the following members of the Kent County Association: H. Sone, 1; E. Newman, 2; W. Hope, 3; J. Shorter, 4; G. Hadaway, 5; G. Pound (conductor), 6.

LINTON, KENT.—On Tuesday, March 7th, two 720's of GRANDSIRE MINOR by the following members of the Kent County Association: E. Lambert, 1; G. Pound, 2; F. Sharp, 3; H. Brown, 4; G. Hadaway, 5; H. Sone (conductor), 6. Also 720 CANTERBURY PLEASURE: H. Sone (conductor), 1; G. Pound, 2; F. Sharp, 3; H. Brown, 4; E. Lambert, 5; G. Hadaway, 6. And 720 PLAIN BOB: G. Pound, 1; G. Hadaway, 2; H. Brown, 3; F. Sharp, 4; H. Sone (conductor), 5; E. Lambert, 6.

A LETTER was read at the Works Committee of the Dundee Town Council on Monday week from the Cathedral Church of St. Mary Society of Change-ringers, Edinburgh, asking the permission of the committee to erect a brass plate in the steeple to commemorate the ringing of the peal by them on Jan 2nd last. The committee agreed to recommend the Council to grant permission for the plate to be put up.

GREAT CROSBY.—On Saturday evening, February 19th, the ringers of Luke's, Great Crosby, near Liverpool, were entertained to supper by Mr. Albert E. Smith, J.P. Several friends interested in change-ringing were also present, including the Vicar, who presided, and the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, Master of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers. During the evening a presentation was made to the ringers of St. Luke's of a handsome oak mirror, offered by Captain McAdam as a prize in a competition in peals on six bells, held under the auspices of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers in 1904. The mirror, which is of bevelled plate-glass, was handsomely framed in oak, the frame being of the 'Oxford' pattern, and elaborately carved with designs of bells, &c., and the lines—

'Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring out the false, ring in the true.'

On each side appear the names of the eight ringers, and beneath the name of the liberal gentleman by whom the mirror was presented. The presentation was made by the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, who, in the course of an address, stated that the number of peals rung was 37, and methods, 4. A very pleasant social evening was spent, and Mr. Smith took advantage of the occasion to refer to the bells of St. Luke's Church, saying that he would much like to hear the ringing of eight bells in the tower, toward the providing of which he would be glad to give a donation of £10 10s. Promises of nearly £40 were obtained in a few minutes. The carving was executed by a son of the Rev. B. Babington, who was present; it was much admired.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Midland Counties Association and the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent.

At St. Modwen's, Burton-on-Trent, on February 16th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 30 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Edward I. Stone ..	1	George Robinson ..	5
William J. Smith ..	2	Leonard Bullock ..	6
William C. Wakley ..	3	Harry Wakley ..	7
Joseph Griffin ..	4	William Wakley (condr.)	8

[* First peal in the method.]

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At SS. Michael and All Angels, Hughenden, Bucks, on March 4th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

George White ..	1	Benjamin Page ..	5
Frank K. Biggs ..	2	Frank Boreham ..	6
Arthur G. James ..	3	John Evans (conductor) ..	7
Fred G. Biggs ..	4	William Evans ..	8

[* First peal of STEDMAN.]

The Lancashire Association.

At the Cathedral, Manchester, on March 4th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 changes, in 3 hrs. 17 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

John Eachus ..	1	William H. Cooper ..	6
Walter C. Hunt ..	2	A. Edward Wreaks ..	7
Thomas T. Gofton ..	3	Joseph Ridyard ..	8
Robert S. Story ..	4	Harry Chapman ..	9
Walter Brown ..	5	Richard Newton ..	10

Composed by Cornelius Charge, and conducted by Thomas T. Gofton. This peal was arranged specially for Messrs. Gofton and Story, who were on a visit to Manchester, and were duly elected members of the above Association previous to starting. Mr. Story is President of the Durham and Newcastle Association. [* First peal in the method.]

The Hertfordshire Association.

At the Cathedral, St. Albans, on March 4th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5083 changes, in 3 hrs. 18 mins. Tenor, 30 cwt.

Henry Hodgets ..	1	William G. Whitehead ..	5
George N. Price ..	2	Alfred B. Peck ..	6
Fredrick W. Brinklow ..	3	Edward Whitbread ..	7
Hubert Eden ..	4	Harry A. Horrex ..	8

Composed by the late John C. Jackson, and conducted by George N. Price. First peal in the method on the bells.

The Yorkshire and Heavy Woollen Districts Association.

At St. Peter's, Earlsheaton, Yorks, on March 11th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in the Kent Variation, 5184, in 3 hrs. 9 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt. 2 qrs.

A. Goodall ..	1	G. Taylor ..	5
W. Idle ..	2	G. H. Hardy ..	6
W. Ainley ..	3	W. Byram ..	7
T. Hall ..	4	J. Ruddlesden ..	8

Composed and conducted by G. H. Hardy.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Giles's, Ashted, on March 11th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 48 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Fred G. May ..	1	Henry R. Newton ..	5
John H. B. Hesse ..	2	John Hoyle ..	6
William Corbett ..	3	Alfred B. Beck ..	7
John Wyatt ..	4	William Cropley ..	8

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood, and conducted by Fred G. May. Mr. May, from Bristol, thanks the Ashted ringers who stood out of the band to allow him to ring.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At All Saints', Tibenham, Norfolk, on March 20th, a peal in three Minor methods, being three 720's of BOB MINOR, and two 720's each of OXFORD and KENT TREBLE BOB, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.:

Robert Hutton (conductor), 1; Frederick Manser,* 2; George Snelling,* 3; Arthur Seager,* 4; Basil Manser,* 5; Ronald S. Skinner,* 6. This is the second peal rung on the bells, and the first in the method. Tenor ringer aged 16 years, and weighs 8 st. 10 lbs. [* First peal.]

RAYNE, ESSEX.—The five church bells at Rayne are to be improved and a sixth is to be added to the peal. An effort is being made to raise the £60 10s. which will be required for the work.

LEWES BELL-RINGERS.—A very successful entertainment in connection with the Southover Church Bellringers' Guild has taken place at the 'King's Head,' Southover, Lewes, the occasion being the commemoration of the ringing of the first peal on the tower bells by an entirely local band, which took place three years ago.

A VETERAN BELL-RINGER.—The parish church of Whalley possesses a veteran bell-ringer, Mr. W. Sladen, who has been amongst the bells since early youth. When only sixteen he was a ringer at Whalley Church, and at that age, together with other ringers, attended Slaidburn Parish Church on the occasion of the opening of the belfry, when Whalley was awarded the third prize. Though now seventy-six, he took part the other day in ringing a complete peal, GRANDSIRE BOB, of 720 changes, his bell being the tenor, weighing about 16 cwt. He is hale and hearty, and still takes a keen interest in bell-ringing.

THE peal-ringing members of Bristol were specially invited recently to a dinner at the ringers' rendezvous in Nicholas Street, to celebrate the ringing of 100 peals by a Bristol-born ringer, the first to achieve this distinction—Mr. G. T. Daltry. That gentleman, when a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him for entertaining so many of his ringing friends, said that if he had time enough there was something he could say about each peal he had rung. Some of the earlier peals were achieved after a great deal of getting about, for in those early days peals were not so frequently rung nor so easy to get as present-day ones, as there were many difficulties to contend with, the chief one being able to get competent ringers to take part; and even now peals wanted ringing to be able to record them. He hoped Bristol ringers would always have the same interest in ringing as at present shown, and that he might have the pleasure of recording a second century of peals.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.—The quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Chorley parish church, and was attended by ringers from Blackrod, Leyland, Preston, Penwortham, and the local company. During the afternoon and evening touches in various methods were rung. At 6.30 the members adjourned to the Coffee Tavern, Market Street, where the business meeting was held, the President (Mr. Gartside) in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting being passed as read, it was agreed to hold the annual meeting at Chorley on June 3rd. Votes of thanks to the chairman for conducting the meeting, and to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, brought the meeting to a close.

NOTICES.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Springfield on the 25th inst. Broomfield and Springfield towers will be open for ringing after 3 p.m. A knife and fork tea at 5 p.m. at The Endeavour, Springfield, 1s. each. All intending to be present may anticipate an interesting time.—B. S. THOMPSON, Dis. Sec., The Bungalow, Widford, Chelmsford.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on the 25th inst. Bells available at 3. Tea at 5.30., by invitation of the Rev. A. Allen, B.D. It is hoped and expected that there will be a large attendance of members.—S. SAKER, Hon. Sec. Arran, Baldslow Road, Hastings.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Leeds on the 25th inst. Bells (12) will be available for ringing. The Leeds Company will ring from 6 to 7 p.m. The business meeting will be held at the Royal Oak Inn, Kirkgate, at 7.30 p.m. Mr. J. Broadley's proposition will be finally settled at this meeting. Subscriptions should be paid at this meeting, and a good attendance of members is requested.—F. BARRACLOUGH, Hon. Sec.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendlebury on the 25th inst. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The spring quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Linslade on April 1st. Bells available at 2 p.m.—A. E. POWELL, Hon. Sec.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Irish Association.

At St. Saviour's, Arklow, Ireland, on March 11th, a peal of OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 22½ cwt.

W. R. Washbrook ..	1	A. Tailyour ..	5
A. Shepherd ..	2	Isaac Myers ..	6
J. W. Washbrook (jun.) ..	3	Jas. W. Washbrook ..	7
Ferris Shepherd ..	4	Ralph Prestage ..	8

Composed and conducted by Jas. W. Washbrook. [*First peal of OXFORD BOB in Ireland, and first in the method by all the band.]

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

At St. Barnabas's, Erdington, Warwickshire, on March 11th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 minutes. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Edmund J. Hyland ..	1	Thomas Miller ..	5
Alf Paddon Smith ..	2	Charles Dickens ..	6
Frank Fay ..	3	Bernard W. Wittchell ..	7
George F. Swann ..	4	Arthur E. Pegler ..	8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow, and conducted by Bernard W. Wittchell. * First peal in the method on the bells.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Pulham, on March 16th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Arthur Roope ..	1	Frederick Roope ..	5
George Howchin ..	2	Henry Adcock ..	6
Charles Baker ..	3	Frederick Borrett ..	7
William Bason (jun.)* ..	4	William Roope ..	8

Composed by J. C. Jackson, and conducted by F. Borrett. [*First peal in the method.]

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Peter's, Brighton, on March 18th, a peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

Alfred J. Turner ..	1	Hubert Eden ..	5
Albert D. Stone ..	2	George A. King ..	6
Frank Bennett ..	3	George Williams ..	7
Arthur B. Bennett *	4	Keith Hart ..	8

Composed by C. Middleton, and conducted by George Williams. [*First peal of CAMBRIDGE.]

The Surrey Association.

At St. Giles's, Ashted, on March 18th, Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition of Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 47 mins.

John Wyatt ..	1	Arthur Dean ..	5
James D. Drewett ..	2	Alfred Winch ..	6
William H. Corbett ..	3	William S. Smith (condr.) ..	7
Harry Last ..	4	William Cook ..	8

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

At St. Peter's, Caversham, on March 20th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins.

H. S.monds ..	1	J. Hand ..	5
G. Irvine ..	2	E. W. Menday ..	6
C. Stone ..	3	G. Essex ..	7
R. T. Hibbert ..	4	T. Newman ..	8

Composed by G. Lindoff, and conducted by T. Newman.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A successful meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Battle. About thirty members were present, representing the following towers: Blacklands and St. Clement's, Hastings, Christ Church, St. Leonards, Battle, Eastbourne, and Tonbridge. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and good practice was had in various methods during the afternoon and evening. A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, who gave an appropriate address. An excellent tea was provided by

the Dean and churchwardens at The George Hotel, which was followed by the usual business meeting, the Dean of Battle occupying the chair, supported by his churchwarden, Mr. Sloan. Four new members were elected, and the question as to the next quarterly peal was discussed, it being arranged that it should take place at Bexhill, the method to be STEDMAN TRIPLES, and Mr. Frank Bennett to be asked to conduct. Mr. W. Franks also promised to get together as soon as possible a band for attempting the peal at Brightling, arranged for some time ago. After a long discussion, Mr. Hyland proposed and Mr. Franks seconded, that it be a recommendation to the Committee, that the Annual Meeting in 1905 be held at Hastings. This was carried.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (CENTRAL DIVISION).—At the last quarterly meeting held at East Grinstead, representatives were present from the towers of Brighton, Buxted, Balcombe, Cuckfield, Crawley, Horley, Lindfield, Withyham, and East Grinstead. Ringing commenced about 3.30 p.m., and at 5.30 p.m. forty members sat down to an excellent tea at the Parish Hall, kindly provided by the Rev. C. W. P. Crawford, lay Rector of the parish. The chair was taken by the Vicar of East Grinstead (Rev. D. Y. Blakiston). A letter was read by the chairman from Mr. Crawford, expressing his regret in not being able to be present, owing to a cold. The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed, and seven new members were elected. It was proposed by Mr. A. Tomsett, seconded by Mr. Dawe, that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Lindfield, the method to be Bob Major. Mr. Tomsett undertook the arrangements for the peal, and several votes of thanks were accorded.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of this Society was held at Ecclesfield, and was attended by a fair assembly of ringers from Sheffield and district, including representatives from Wortley, Bolsterstone, St. Mary's, Parish Church Sheffield, and the local company, &c. As the meeting was the first held by the Society at Ecclesfield, the visit to this grand old historic church (built in 1111), with its fine peal of eight, was looked forward to with much interest. Through the kindness of the Rev. F. W. Pawson, the bells were available from 8 p.m. On arrival, the members were informed that the Vicar extended to them a hearty welcome, and wished them every success, whilst evensong was suspended in their favour. On reaching the ringing-chamber they found Mr. T. Kitson had everything in readiness, and the bells, which are in first-rate going order, were quickly set off to the tune of TREBLE BOB, whilst touches in all the Standard Methods were brought round by mixed bands during the day, a novelty being provided for those not already 'in the know' by the bell's going round the wrong way. An adjournment was made to the local company's meeting-house, where full justice was done to the inner man, the business meeting following. Owing to the absence of the president, who put in a late appearance, the chair was taken by the vice-president, Mr. James Dixon. Eight new members were elected, all belonging to the local company. A letter was read from the North Wingfield company, respecting the proposed special meeting to be held at that place on Easter Monday, in which the members were informed the Vicar had kindly granted the use of the bells on that date, and trusted they would have a successful and enjoyable meeting. At the suggestion of the secretary, the matter was held over until the next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded the Rev. F. W. Pawson for the use of the bells, and to the local company for having everything in readiness.

DEATH OF A KENTISH RINGER.—The death occurred on Tuesday, at the age of 80, of Mr. Thos. Taylor, a veteran sexton and bell-ringer. He was one of the ringers at Cranbrook Church on the occasion of Queen Victoria's coronation, and on every subsequent anniversary of her birthday. He also rang in the muffled peal at Queen Victoria's funeral.

NOTICE.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE-RINGERS.—The Annual Meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Further particulars next week. G. W. CARTMEL, Hon. Sec.

MESSRS. JOHN NOBLE, Ltd., of 5 Brook Street Mills, Manchester, have issued their new Catalogue, 'What to Wear,' and in it will be found illustrated descriptions of all the latest styles for ladies and children. The firm are offering the 'J.N. Knockabout Frocks' which are excellently made and most reasonable in price—in Cheviot Serge, Vienna Cloth, and Cashmere. Messrs. Noble also, call attention to their new fabric, the John Noble Surprise Tweed, which is worth attention.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. Matthew's, Oxhey, Herts, on March 25th, a peal of NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

Arthur W. Dix ..	1	Harry A. Horrex ..	5
George N. Price ..	2	Hubert Eden ..	6
Fredk. W. Brinklow ..	3	William G. Whitehead ..	7
Henry Hodgetts ..	4	John W. Golding ..	8

Composed by G. Lindoff, and conducted by George N. Price. First peal in the method on the bells.

The Yorkshire Association.

At St. Stephen's, Lindley, Yorks, on March 25th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in the Kent Variation, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins. Tenor, 18½ cwt.

Fredk. Schofield ..	1	James Barraclough ..	5
John E. Jenkinson ..	2	William B. Frith ..	6
James Cotterell ..	3	William Womersley ..	7
Arthur Crosland ..	4	Benjamin F. Lamb ..	8

Composed by John E. Jenkinson, and conducted by F. Schofield.

The Kent County Association.

At St. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich, on March 23rd, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 13 cwt.

Henry G. Hill ..	1	Richard C. Carter* ..	5
William J. Aldridge ..	2	Thomas Groombridge ..	6
Qtrmr.-Serjeant A. Pye ..	3	Ernest Pye ..	7
Highwood S. Humphreys ..	4	William Pye ..	8

Composed by Cornelius Charge, and conducted by W. Pye. [* First peal in the method.]

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.

At St. John the Baptist's, Halesowen, Worcestershire, on March 25th, Thurstans' peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 19 cwt.

William Coley* ..	1	Samuel Grove ..	5
John Bass ..	2	Richard James* ..	6
George Pigott* ..	3	Robert Matthews† ..	7
Harry Williams* ..	4	William Painter ..	8

Conducted by R. Matthews. [* First peal of STEDMAN. † First peal in the method as conductor.]

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

At St. John's, Shildon, Durham, on March 25th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in the Kent Variation, 5120 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr.

Frank G. Metcalfe ..	1	J. Hy. Lenton ..	5
Maurice B. Dalby ..	2	R. B. Robinson ..	6
John Smith ..	3	Thomas Wick ..	7
James Baxter ..	4	Edw. J. Titt ..	8

Composed by J. Reeves, and conducted by James Baxter. Quickest peal on the bells.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

At St. Martin's, Birmingham, on March 28th, a peal of STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 changes, in 3 hrs. 41 mins. Tenor, 36 cwt.

George Pigott* ..	1	George Swann ..	7
Frank Fay ..	2	Edmund J. Hyland ..	8
Albert Walker ..	3	John Neal ..	9
Alf. Paddon Smith ..	4	James George ..	10
Thomas Reynolds ..	5	Arthur E. Pegle ..	11
Ernest T. Allaway ..	6	William Painter ..	12

Composed by John Carter, and conducted by Albert Walker. This peal, which is now rung for the first time, has the 5th twelve times behind the 7th, with all the 5 6 7 8's, and the 6th six times in the titum position; also the 6th twenty times behind the 8th, with all the 5 6 7 8's in the handstroke home position. [* First peal of STEDMAN CINQUES. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 4th, the band wishing him the usual compliments.]

The Yorkshire Association.

At St. Chad's, Headingley, Leeds, on April 1st, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 21 cwt.

Leonard Stokes* ..	1	Alfred Windsor ..	5
Arthur Stokes* ..	2	Charles Jackson ..	6
William Woodhead ..	3	William Child* (condr.) ..	7
George Barraclough ..	4	David Yorke* ..	8

[* First peal.]

PRESENTATION TO A LEICESTER RINGER. — On Sunday, the 26th ult., an interesting ceremony took place in the ringing chamber of St. Martin's Church, Leicester. The vicar, churchwardens, sidesmen, and ringers assembled to make a presentation to Mr. John Owen Lancashire, whose knowledge and interest in change-ringing in the town, and especially in connection with St. Martin's Church, are so well known. The Rev. Canon Sanders, in making the presentation, said he and his churchwardens had long felt that they would like to make a present to one who had by advice and assistance done so much for the church. He had spoken to Mr. Stockdale Harrison, one of the sidesmen, on the subject, and he advised them to get a volume on architecture, which might be useful to him in his profession as an architect. The vicar, in handing Mr. Lancashire the book, said he hoped it would be of use to him, and that they would still have his assistance in the church. Mr. G. O. Marshall and Mr. G. Ellis, churchwardens, cordially endorsed all the vicar had said. Mr. Lancashire, in accepting the presentation, expressed his appreciation of their kindness to him, and said he would always look upon it with much gratitude. Mr. G. Cleal, on behalf of the ringers, endorsed what the previous speakers had said, and bore testimony to Mr. Lancashire's influence and popularity in the belfry.

The London County Association.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.)

It has been customary for many years to hold the annual general meeting of this Society at its headquarters at St. Clement Danes, Strand, but this year it saw a change—the reason was, serious illness near the church, which would not permit of any ringing. But what would an annual meeting be without its friendly touches? It was suggested that we should go to St. Saviour's, Southwark, with its magnificent ring of twelve, and, in accordance with a resolution passed, arrangements were made accordingly. By the kindness of the Dean and Chapter, permission was granted for the use of the bells, but it was to be distinctly understood that it was to be only for short touches. The tower of St. George-the-Martyr (eight bells) was also thrown open for ringers on the smaller number of bells, but was not extensively used, as the majority of the members flocked to St. Saviour's, to try their hand in the more bewildering number of ropes; and many were the first touches of CINQUES and MAXIMS scored, some of the young members displaying remarkable talent for the first 'try.'

The gathering commenced at 3.45 p.m., and the bells of St. George-the-Martyr were soon swinging to the method of GRANDSIRE, both DOUBLES and TRIPLES. At St. Saviour's, after climbing the stairs, round the arches, through a room, up again, eventually the members reached the well-lighted ringing chamber, with its many-carved peal-boards of large dimensions—some six feet in height and nearly as many broad—telling us of the grand performances done in the past, of record lengths, &c.

Touches of STEDMAN CINQUES and TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS were rung until the evensong at five p.m. The striking was almost all that could be desired; as was afterwards remarked by Canon Thompson, it was the best he had heard for a long while on the bells.

At five o'clock the usual choral evensong was rendered by the clergy and choir of the Collegiate Church of St. Saviour's. It so happened that the setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis used was that by Tomkins, in the key of C.; and this composition of a musician contemporary with the origin of change-ringing, with its soft harmonies and quaint old-world melody, was singularly appropriate to the occasion. The anthem, by special kindness of the authorities of the church, was Purcell's 'Bell Anthem,' the words of which, beginning 'Rejoice in the Lord always,' had been printed on slips for our members, and its performance, and admirable rendering by organist and choir, was highly appreciated. The ordinary service being concluded, the members present proceeded to, and quite filled, the Lady Chapel to hear a special address by the Rev. Dr. Thompson, chancellor of the Collegiate Church and rector of the parish.

(To be concluded.)

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Each three times repeated, the odd change to be rung at back stroke, then go off into GRANDSIRE as usual.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Irish Association.

At St. Stephen's Church, Coleman Street, London, E.C., on March 17th, (St. Patrick's Day) a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5924 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins.

H. P. Harman (Bromley)	1	W. H. Fussell (Slough)	5
J. S. Goldsmith (Woking)	2	F. J. Shepherd (Hersham)	6
J. W. Taylor (Loughboro')	3	J. H. B. Hesse (Twickenham)	7
J. G. Shade (Greenwich)	4	E. Pye (Chadwell Heath)	8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff of Dublin, and conducted by J. S. Goldsmith. The first peal in England by the association, and rung as a compliment to the Sister Isle. Mr. Goldsmith's 200 peal. Permission was kindly given by the Vicar, the Rev. J. W. Pratt, M.A.

ST. MARY'S, WOOLWICH.—On Sunday April 2nd, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR: A. Sandford, 1; H. G. Hill, 2; Watchorne, 3; A. J. Perkins, 4; R. G. Carter, 5; G. Carter, 6; H. S. Humphery, 7; W. J. Aldridge, 8. Arranged and conducted by A. J. Perkins. Has calls at every portion of the tenor, except fifth.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—At St. Mary's Church the following touches of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES by the local band:—January 8th, 504, February 19th, 504 from Holt's Ten-part. *A. F. Wellington, W. Wilder (steeple-keeper), T. Leader, R. Flaxman, W. H. Fussell, E. T. Hooper, F. Simkins, S. Perryman. Tenor, 9 cwt. On Saturday, March 18th, 672. Sunday March 26th, 709 (from Holt's Original for evening service, and April 2nd, 594 by the following: W. Field, treble, W. Wilder, T. Leader, R. Flaxman, W. H. Fussell (conductor), A. Leader, E. T. Hooper, F. Purdue, tenor. [* From Dover, first 500.]

The London County Association.

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DR. THOMPSON began by welcoming the members, and then referred to the history of St. Saviour's. He recalled its connection with the diocese of Winchester and Rochester, and its approaching elevation into the cathedral church of the new diocese of Southwark—its literary associations with Gower, Chaucer, the Elizabethan dramatists and actors, such as Shakespeare, whom he thought Southwark had more claim to than Stratford-on-Avon, as it was near St. Saviour's that all his plays were first produced; and Dr. Johnson—its Episcopal connections with Bishops Gardiner and Andrews; and he then went on to refer to the bells, informing his hearers that those then existing were purchased from King Henry VIII. at the dissolution of the religious house of St. Mary Overie, and that subsequent recastings leave some original ingredients in the bells which we now know, which formed part of those which were rung on the occasion of the marriage in the church, in 1425, of James, then King of Scotland, with Johanna Beaufort, and he traced down the use of St. Saviour's bells to the time of our present monarch meeting his bride, and his subsequent visits to the church and borough. Passing from this to a personal address to the ringers, he emphasised five points in their duty—fraternity, sense of the dignity of their office, reverence, regular practice, punctuality. He went on to say that he did not think there was anything sounded grander than a muffled peal; it was more impressive than even the 'Dead March' played on a

fine organ: the whole being an admirable enforcement of the duty of applying ringers' experience to all that which high-minded and ennobling, so as to absorb them in our daily life. This address was listened to with the greatest interest, and it was plain from the remarks afterwards passed upon it that Dr. Thompson's treatment of a representative body of the London exercise was fully appreciated, and of the kind which is eminently calculated to promote that goodwill between the clerical body and the exercise which is so desirable to us all.

The business meeting, election of officers, &c., scheduled for 6.30 p.m. in the Foster Hall near by, but did not commence until 6.45 p.m. The Master (Mr. A. R. Jacob) occupied the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary said that that day a sort of a shadow existed over them. No doubt some of them had heard and read of the sad death, by accident, on the previous Sunday, of their brother-member, Mr. J. C. Jackson. It was resolved that a letter of condolence be forwarded to the widow of their late member. Several items of finance having been disposed of, ratification of members took place; also several other gentlemen were initiated as members. The Auditors (Messrs. Pryer and Hartshorne) presented the balance-sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £11 14s. 1d., an increase in funds on the year's working of £2 11s. 10d., which was highly satisfactory. Comment was made on one item of expenditure, but this was explained. The balance-sheet was adopted. The Secretary read his report which was as follows: during the year thirty-nine new members had been made, which was exactly the same number as the previous year, seventy-three members had taken part in the nineteen peals that had been rung in eight different methods, and had been called by ten different conductors, in which several members had taken part in their first peal. Two peals may be noted, the one of STEDMAN TRIPLES on handbells, conducted by Mr. C. F. Winney, which was the second peal of its kind they had rung, the first being the first silent peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES rung on handbells, which took place at Bethnal Green in 1851: the other being the peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, conducted by Mr. E. Wrightman, at Erith. This also was the second peal of its kind they had rung.

A concert was held on October 15th, attended by more than 300 members and friends. A special service was held at St. Clement, Danes, on October 29th, when an address was delivered by the Lord Bishop of London, when members of the College Youths and Cumberland Youths attended in state with their peal-books and other records, and it was thought that this was the first time on record that these two old friendly rival companies, which have been established close upon three centuries, had met together with their books side by side in an official manner.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was next proceeded with: the following were elected: Mr. George K. Fardon, Master; Mr. Challis F. Winney, Treasurer; Mr. Thomas H. Taffender, Hon. Secretary; Mr. W. G. Matthews, senior Steward; Mr. W. G. Troughton, junior Steward; Messrs. R. A. Daniell and Mark Woodcock, Trustees; and the following as a representative Committee: Messrs. R. Bevan, C. Carew Cox, A. K. Jacob, A. E. Peck, F. G. Perrin, J. Pryer, E. Wallage. Votes of thanks to the retiring officer were accorded, also to the authorities of St. Saviour's for their reception that day; the members then adjourned to St. Saviour's, and here more touches were rung which closed this excellent meeting.

A QUERY.—A Lincoln correspondent writes as follows: 'Being a reader of 'Church Bells,' could you inform me how I could get to know the weight of all the big bells in the United Kingdom that strike the hour, not ringing bells such as those in St. Paul's, London, and the Minster, York?'

NOTICE.

THE Annual Meeting of the Hertford County Association of Change-ringers will be held at St. Albans, on Easter Monday, when the towers in the city will be open for ringing. Meet in belfry of St. Peter's Church at 2 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Dean. Meet tea in the Corn Exchange at 5.45, followed by business meeting. Price to members, 6s., non-members, 1s. Will conductors kindly notify to me probable numbers of their bands who hope to attend?

G. W. CARTMEL, Hon. Sec.

THE Great Central Railway Company is offering great facilities to those desirous of spending Easter at places reached by their comfortable trains and picturesque route. Information in regard to excursions has been concisely tabulated in an A.B.C. programme, and the company has also issued an attractive Easter Card drawing attention to the Easter arrangements.

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By FREDERICK S. W. BUTLER, Gainsborough.

1260	1260
2 3 4 5 6 7 1	2 3 4 5 6 7 1
7 5 2 6 3 4 8	7 5 2 6 3 4 2
2 3 7 5 4 6 4	3 4 7 2 6 5 1
3 7 2 5 4 6 1	5 2 3 6 4 7 2
6 5 3 4 7 2 4	4 7 5 3 6 2 4
5 3 6 4 7 2 2	7 5 4 3 6 2 1
7 2 5 6 4 3 1	2 3 7 6 5 4 4
3 6 7 4 2 5 2	3 7 2 6 5 4 3
2 5 3 7 4 6	2 5 3 7 4 6

Each four times repeated.

The 2nd quarter-peal is merely the calling of the first reversed, and the part-ends in both of them are lead-ends of the plain course.

Weights of Bells.

SIR,—In reply to your Lincoln correspondent I have pleasure in sending you the weight of some of our large English bells.

	Ton.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
Great Paul of London	16	14	2	19
Big Ben of Westminster	13	10	3	15
Peter of York	12	10	0	0
Mighty Tom of Oxford	7	11	3	4
Hour Bell, Manchester Town Hall	6	9	0	0
Great Peter of Exeter	5	2	0	0
Preston Town Hall	4	16	0	0
Worcester Cathedral Hour Bell	4	10	0	0
Bradford Town Hall	4	7	0	0
Leeds Town Hall	4	1	0	0
Chichester Cathedral	3	13	0	0
St. Dunstan, Canterbury Cathedral	3	10	0	0
Grandison, Exeter Cathedral*	3	7	1	18
Tenor of St. Paul's Cathedral	3	2	0	0
Halifax Town Hall	3	0	0	0
Gloucester Cathedral	2	18	0	0

There is another large bell at St. Paul's. I will give particulars of this at some future time, also the Hour Bell at the Law Courts.

ARTHUR GAME.

[* This Bell has recently been re-hung, and the weight may have been slightly altered. It is, I believe, the largest bell rung in peal.]

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Middlesex County Association, and London Diocesan Guild.

At St. George-in-the-East, on March 30th, Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation of Thurstan's peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 17 mins. Tenor, 30 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

William Pickworth	1	Sidney Wade	5
Bertram Prewett	2	William Pye	6
Ernest Pye	3	John R. Sharman (condr.)	7
John Armstrong	4	Charles T. Coles*	8

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to the Rector, the Rev. F. St. John and Mrs. Corbett. [* First peal.]

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

At St. Mary's, Richmond, Yorks, on March 31st, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 24 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

C. B. Brand	1	J. T. Frenchum	5
J. G. Kinchin	2	F. W. Brand	6
R. Borrows	3	R. J. Todd	7
J. J. Peake	4	A. Morton (condr.)	8

First peal on the bells. First peal of MAJOR by all except R. Borrows. Rung to commemorate the acquisition of two additional bells during the conductor's year of office as churchwarden.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, on April 1st, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins.

George Dorrington, jun.	1	Arthur Coles	4
Matthew A. Wood	2	Hugh Hills*	6
Daniel F. Gibbons	3	Henry E. Alford	7
W. H. Buckingham (condr.)	4	Charles Kennedy	8

[* First peal.]

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, Caversham.)

At St. Peter's, Caversham, Oxon, on March 27th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5084 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins.

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

[* First peal in the method.]

The Kent County Association.

At St. Marie of Charity, Faversham, Kent, on March 28th, Hollis's Five-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins. Tenor, 26 cwt.

Harry Wallis	1	Albert Biggs, jun.	5
E. E. Foreman (condr.)	2	Frederick Hunt	6
Albert Biggs, sen.	3	William Holdstock	7
Samuel R. Garner	4	George Wood	8

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. T. G. Crosse, Vicar of Faversham.

The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. James's, Bushey, Herts, on March 28th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

Maurice F. R. Hibbert	1	Hubert Eden	5
Francis A. Smith	2	William G. Whitehead	6
Arthur R. Dix*	3	Ernest E. Huntley	7
George N. Price	4	Harry A. Horrex	8

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by E. E. Huntley. [* First peal in the method with a bob-bell.]

The Yorkshire Association.

At the Parish Church, Rotherham, Yorks, on March 30th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5129 changes, in 3 hrs. 33 mins. Tenor, 32 cwt.

John W. J. Cottam*	1	Clement Glenn*	5
George Lewis*	2	John M. Andrews*	7
Sidney F. Palmer*	3	John Thorpe*	8
Frank Burgar*	4	William Warburton*	9
Walter Coates	5	George Oakes*	10

Composed by H. Hubbard, and conducted by Clement Glenn. [* First peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS. First peal on ten bells as conductor.]

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Palm Sunday, for evening service, at St. Edward's, a quarter-peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, with calls at every position except fifth's: F. Rainbird, 1; G. A. Black, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; G. R. Pye, 4; H. Catterwell, 5; H. Dawkins, 6; W. Watson, 7; E. Pye, 8. All members of the Essex Association, and this is Mr. Black's first quarter-peal in this method.

STEPNEY CHURCH AND DISTRICT SOCIETY OF BELL-RINGERS.—On the 5th inst. the members of this Society held their 59th Annual Meeting in the Vestry at the Parish Church. Mr. Walter Jones, of St. Paul's Cathedral, presiding. Amongst those present were Mr. Springall (of St. Paul's Cathedral), Mr. E. Hall (of Bow), Mr. C. Ralton (of Shadwell), Mr. Parmenter (of St. Mary, Whitechapel), and many other well-known ringers. The Secretary, Mr. Ernest Richard Pick, in presenting his 15th annual report, had great pleasure in stating that the financial position had improved somewhat, owing to the great help he had received from the Rector and Wardens, in giving him a new list of probable supporters. He said he hoped that next year things would improve generally, and would do his best to help the Society as far as he could. During the evening a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector and Wardens, and also to the numerous friends of the Society for their kind support. The Chairman complimented the Secretary on his work, and the latter was again elected.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Peals of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

Composed by P. O. Bixby, Gainstorough (Lincoln Diocesan Guild).

5 2 8 0	5 2 8 0
2 3 4 5 6 1 4 5 6	2 3 4 5 6 1 4 5 6
2 6 4 3 5 - - -	3 6 4 5 2 - - -
3 4 6 2 5 - - -	6 5 4 3 2 - - -
4 2 6 3 5 - - -	5 3 4 6 2 - - -
3 6 2 4 5 - - -	6 4 3 5 2 - - -
6 2 3 4 5 - - -	4 5 3 6 2 - - -
6 5 3 2 4 - - -	5 2 3 6 4 - - -
2 3 5 6 4 - - -	2 6 3 5 4 - - -
3 6 5 2 4 - - -	6 5 3 2 4 - - -
2 5 6 3 4 - - -	2 3 5 6 4 - - -
5 6 2 3 4 - - -	3 6 5 2 4 - - -
5 4 2 6 3 - - -	6 4 5 2 3 - - -
6 2 4 5 3 - - -	4 2 5 6 3 - - -
2 5 4 6 3 - - -	2 6 5 4 3 - - -
6 4 5 2 3 - - -	4 5 6 2 3 - - -
4 5 6 2 3 - - -	5 2 6 4 3 - - -
4 3 6 5 2 - - -	2 3 6 4 5 - - -
5 6 3 4 2 - - -	3 4 6 2 5 - - -
6 4 3 5 2 - - -	4 2 6 3 5 - - -
5 3 4 6 2 - - -	3 6 2 4 5 - - -
3 4 5 6 2 - - -	6 4 2 3 5 - - -
3 2 5 4 6 - - -	4 5 2 3 6 - - -
4 5 2 3 6 - - -	5 3 2 4 6 - - -
5 3 2 4 6 - - -	3 4 2 5 6 - - -
4 2 3 5 6 - - -	5 2 4 3 6 - - -
4 3 2 5 6 - - -	2 4 3 5 6 - - -
Repeated.	Repeated.

To reduce the above to 5056 changes call the last section in each half as follows:-

3 4 5 6 2 1 4 5 6
3 2 5 4 6 - - -
4 5 2 3 6 - - -
5 3 2 4 6 - - -
3 2 4 5 6 - - -
S

To reduce the above to 5056 changes call the last section in each half as follows:-

6 4 2 3 5 1 4 5 6
4 5 2 3 6 - - -
5 3 2 4 6 - - -
4 2 3 5 6 - - -
2 3 5 4 6 - - -
S

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Kent County Association.

At St. Nicholas's, Deptford, on April 15th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 21 cwt.

William Foreman .. 1	William Berry .. 5
Samuel John Bird* .. 2	Walter Ingham .. 6
Reginald Edwards* .. 3	F. W. Thornton (condr.) .. 7
John James Lamb .. 4	Fredk. H. Gooch .. 8

W. Foreman's 79th peal. [* First peal of STEDMAN.]

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

At St. Luke's, Chelsea, on April 15th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 22 cwt.

William Weatherstone .. 1	John Basden (condr.) .. 5
William H. Hollier .. 2	James E. Davis .. 6
Thomas Faulkner .. 3	George R. Fardon .. 7
Frederick G. Perrin .. 4	William Crockford .. 8

Rung after meeting short for TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

At St. Magnus-the-Martyr, Thames Street, on April 15th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Joseph J. Pratt .. 1	James George .. 5
Isaac G. Shade .. 2	Fred Wilford .. 6
Reuben Charge .. 3	William J. Nudds .. 7
John R. Sharman .. 4	William Pye .. 8

Composed by Arthur Craven, and conducted by William Pye. Rung through meeting short for STEDMAN CATERS.

The Kent County Association.

At SS. Peter and Paul's, Swanscombe, on April 15th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

George Hayes .. 1	Lewis Silver .. 5
Thomas J. Groombridge .. 2	William Harper .. 6
Edwin Barnet .. 3	Robert Brett .. 7
John H. Cheesman .. 4	Alfred J. Thompson .. 8

Composed by J. W. Washbrook, and conducted by John H. Cheesman.

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Botolph, Heene, Worthing, on April 15th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 32 mins. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

Henry Meetens .. 1	George Williams .. 5
William Hillman .. 2	George H. Lee* .. 6
Harry Evans .. 3	E. H. Lindup (conductor) .. 7
Alfred W. Groves .. 4	John Netley .. 8

[* First peal of STEDMAN.]

Weights of Bells.

SIR.—In reply to your Lincoln correspondent, I have pleasure in sending you particulars of the large hour bell (not Great Paul) at St. Paul's Cathedral, which I have extracted from an article by Archdeacon Sinclair which appeared some years ago in the 'Church Monthly.' This bell of St. Paul's Cathedral weighs 5 tons 2 cwt. 50 lbs., and has a curious history. It was originally cast in the reign of Edward I., and hung at the Gate of Westminster Hall, and was first called 'Edward of Westminster,' and afterwards 'Westminster Tom.' King William III. gave it to St. Paul's Cathedral, where it was brought on New Year's Day, 1699. It has been twice recast, with additional metal added, and is now 10 feet in diameter, and 10 inches thick. It is tolled at the death of any member of the Royal Family. Archbishop of Canterbury. Bishop of London, Dean of St. Paul's, or Lord Mayor of London. At some future time I will try and supply particulars of the hour bell at the Law Courts, and the Great Bell at Beverley. A. G.

SHIFNAL, SALOP.—At a dinner given by Shifnal ringers to Mr. John Carter, recently, Mr. Bradney, the vice-chairman, gave Mr. Carter's health, referring to his many fine qualities and distinguished career as a ringer and composer, and at the end of his remarks called upon the youngest member of the company (Mr. A. Downs) to make a presentation to Mr. Carter. This presentation took the form of a very tastefully mounted ebony walking-stick, one of the silver mountings on which carries the following inscription: 'Presented to Mr. John Carter by the Shifnal Ringers to commemorate the ringing of his first peal on the Shifnal bells, 8th April, 1905.' The presentation was made by Mr. Downs, and later on Mr. Carter suitably responded, expressing with some warmth of feeling his gratitude to the Shifnal ringers, and his interest in their ringing career. The Chairman gave 'The health of Mr. Bradney,' as leader of the ringers, congratulating him on the band he had succeeded in gathering to the Shifnal Tower and training.

NOTICES.

THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.—The monthly practice will be held at St. Thomas's Church, Dudley, on Monday, May 2nd, at 7.45.—W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, on Saturday, May 6th. Tower open at 2 p.m., Evensong at 5 p.m., with an address by the Rev. Arthur Shirley. It is earnestly requested that all will attend this service, which has been specially arranged for them. The Mayor of Greenwich, who will be accompanied by the Mayoress, has kindly promised to attend in state, and during the service will unveil a peal-tablet in the belfry. Tea, 6d. per head, at the Albany Institute at 6 p.m., to those notifying me not later than Tuesday, May 2nd. Business meeting follows tea, the Mayor presiding. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid without delay.—T. GROOMBRIDGE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Sunbury on Saturday, May 6th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea in the parish room at 5.30. Members and friends are cordially invited.—J. J. PRATT, Hon. Dis. Sec.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The meeting advertised for Saturday, the 29th inst., to be held at Wenden, is postponed until next month. Further particulars in due course.—N. J. PITSTROW, Hon. Sec.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Yorkshire Association.

At Holy Trinity Parish Church, Hull, on Easter Monday, April 24th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5069 changes, in 3 hrs. 35 mins. Tenor, 25½ cwt.

Thomas Haigh ..	1	George T. Marshall ..	6
George Barraclough ..	2	Charles Jackson ..	7
William Woodhead ..	3	George S. Miller ..	8
Frank Renton* ..	4	Francis Woodhead ..	9
George Halksworth ..	5	John W. Dale ..	10

Composed by G. Lindoff, and conducted by C. Jackson. [* First peal of STEDMAN CATERS.]

Also at Leeds Parish Church, on April 29th, G. Lindoff's Ten-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 39 mins. Tenor, 36 cwt.

Alfred Windsor ..	1	Joshua Woodhead ..	5
George Halksworth ..	2	Charles Jackson (condr.) ..	6
George Barraclough ..	3	Francis Woodhead ..	7
William Woodhead ..	4	Henry Smith ..	8

First peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES rung on the bells.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Peter's, Old Windsor, Berks, on April 24th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins. Tenor, 11 cwt.

Hubert Eden ..	1	George N. Price ..	5
Frederick W. Brinklow ..	2	Alfred B. Peck ..	6
Henry Hodgetts ..	3	Henry R. Newton ..	7
Harry R. Pasmore ..	4	John W. Golding ..	8

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

At St. Andrew's, Wraysbury, Bucks, on April 24th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 11½ cwt.

Frederick W. Brinklow ..	1	Harry R. Pasmore ..	5
Henry Hodgetts ..	2	Henry R. Newton ..	6
George N. Price ..	3	John W. Golding ..	7
Hubert Eden ..	4	Alfred B. Peck ..	8

Composed by J. W. Washbrook, and conducted by H. R. Pasmore. First peal in the method on the bells.

At All Saints', Isleworth, Middlesex, on April 24th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt. 24 lbs.

Henry Hodgetts ..	1	Alfred B. Peck ..	5
Harry R. Pasmore ..	2	George N. Price ..	6
Frederick W. Brinklow ..	3	John W. Golding ..	7
Hubert Eden ..	4	Henry R. Newton ..	8

Composed by J. W. Washbrook, and conducted by H. R. Newton. The above band are the first to ring three peals of LONDON SURPRISE in one day. First peal in the method on the bells.

At St. Mary's, Clapham, on April 24th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

Challis F. Winny (condr.) ..	1	Herbert Langdon ..	5
Matthew A. Wood* ..	2	Archibald F. Harris ..	6
William T. Cockerill ..	3	Arthur Hughes ..	7
Samuel E. Joyce ..	4	George Langford ..	8

First peal on the bells which have recently been augmented to eight by Mears and Stainbank. [* Rang at the opening of the original six in 1851.]

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

At St. Peter's, East Tytherley, Hants, on April 25th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lbs.

Frederick H. Paskins ..	1	A. F. Martin-Stewart ..	5
Robert P. Knight* ..	2	William T. Tucker ..	6
John S. Rumming ..	3	George Williams (condr.) ..	7
George Noice* ..	4	William G. Fowler ..	8

[* First peal.]

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

At St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, on April 25th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor, 32 cwt.

Arthur Cutmore ..	1	Ernest G. Stibbons ..	5
W. E. Garrard (condr.) ..	2	Henry G. Miles ..	6
Albert V. Selby ..	3	John T. Kentish ..	7
Arthur E. Bradley ..	4	John Judd ..	8

Rung after meeting short for DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS.

Re-dedication of the Bells of Eynesbury, Hunts.

TUESDAY, April 25th (and the Festival of St. Mark), will be remembered by the people of Eynesbury as a 'Red-letter day,' it being the occasion of the re-dedication of the bells of the pretty little church of this village. Prior to 1810 there were only five bells, but by an entry in one of the Church books it appears that at a Vestry Meeting held February 28th, 1812, a ninepenny rate was agreed upon, 'towards the payment of Mr. Robert Taylor's bill, for recasting and hanging (sic), and new metal for the Six Bells.' We are unable to find that any large sum has been spent on them since then, and as they were unable to be rung for some little time, the parishioners were somewhat prepared for the announcement in the 'Parish Magazine' for January last, that it was necessary to have the bells overhauled, as they were in an unfit state. An estimate was therefore obtained, and as soon as the requisite amount (£80) was forthcoming, the work was placed in the hands of Messrs. J. Warner & Sons of London, who undertook to complete it within a month; this they have done very satisfactorily, and the inhabitants had once again the pleasure of hearing a joyous peal summoning them to the early service at 7 o'clock on Easter morning.

A special service was held in the church, when several clergy of the Rural Deanery were present. Commencing with the singing of a processional hymn (431, A. and M.), and followed by evensong taken by the much-esteemed Rector (Rev. T. Hodgson, R.D.), a short but most appropriate address from Psalm cxiii. 1 was given by the Venerable the Archdeacon of Huntingdon, who pointed out how the bells reminded us of the joys and sorrows inseparable from our earthly life, and when we hear them ringing to call us to worship, we should rejoice with the Psalmist, and say in the words of the text, 'I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord.' The preacher added how pleasing it was to him to announce that the expense had been defrayed wholly by the freewill offerings of the people, and that he was able to state the work had been paid for. The special service for dedication of Church Bells (published at the office of this paper) was then impressively read by the Archdeacon, during which a short peal was rung, and after the Blessing, the singing of the recessional hymn (274, A. and M.) concluded a very hearty service.

A capital tea was afterwards provided in the church room, at which many of the parishioners, including the choir and ringers, as well as the neighbouring clergy, were present. In the evening an amateur theatrical and musical entertainment was given in the public rooms, St. Neots, the hall being crowded. The unanimous opinion was that the proceedings throughout the day passed off most satisfactorily.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—An interesting function took place in the belfry recently, when Mrs. Beckton unveiled a peal-board presented to the church by the Vicar (Rev. A. C. Beckton, M.A., J.P.), to commemorate the ringing of two peals during his holding the vicariate. There are four boards now on the walls of the belfry, the third being fixed some twenty odd years ago. The Vicar presided. A touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES having been rung, Mrs. Beckton, in a few appropriate remarks, unveiled the board, which bears an inscription in gilt letters on a black ground, recording a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and a peal of BOB MAJOR. The Vicar said that he was very pleased to present to the church authorities the peal-board as a memorial of two notable peals, and to think that two peals had been rung during his time as Vicar. He was sure it must be a labour of love, because ringing meant considerable physical exertion, and it afforded him great pleasure because the peals were rung by entirely local ringers. They were all proud of their band of ringers, and he was glad to find them so united. He trusted that they would continue to stick to the old church, as their services were highly appreciated. Mr. Millington proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Beckton for having performed the unveiling ceremony, which was enthusiastically carried.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Peals of Bob Major.

Composed by P. O. BIRBY, Gainsborough (Lincoln Diocesan Guild).

5760.	W. B. M. H.	5152.	W. M. H.
2 3 4 5 6	1 S -	4 6 2 3 5	- - S
5 2 3 4 6	- - -	2 4 6 3 5	- - -
5 3 4 6 2	1 S -	6 3 2 4 5	- - -
4 5 2 3 6	- - -	2 6 3 4 5	- - -
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2 5 4 6 3	1 S -	5 4 2 3 6	- - S
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3 2 5 6 4	1 S -	4 3 2 5 6	- - -
5 3 4 2 6	- - -	2 4 3 5 6	- - -
5 4 2 6 3	1 S -	3 5 2 4 6	- - -
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4 5 3 6 2	1 S -	3 2 4 5 6	- - -
3 2 4 5 6	- - S		

Repeated.

Has the 6th alternately in 5-6 throughout, and the extent in these positions.

Repeated.

7392	W. M. H.
4 6 2 3 5	- - S
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4 3 6 2 5	- - {
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3 2 6 4 5	- - -

Five times repeated.

To obtain 7168 changes, omit the 3 bobs bracketed in any one part.

6048 changes are obtained by omitting the bobs bracketed in every part.

Omit bobs bracketed in every part, and the bobs marked * in any four parts, and 5152 changes are produced.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Essex Association.

At St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Stansted, on April 29th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

William T. Prior* ..	1	Arthur F. James ..	5
George Jordan* ..	2	Thomas J. Watts* ..	6
Walter Prior* ..	3	Thomas Jordan* ..	7
Frederick Pitstow ..	4	William Watts* ..	8

Composed by James W. Washbrook and conducted by William Watts. This is the first peal in the method on the bells. [* First peal in the method.]

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At St. Mary's, Redenhall, Norfolk, on April 29th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 changes, in 3 hrs. 18 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

Egbert Borrett ..	1	Oliver Brock ..	5
James Betts ..	2	Frederick Borrett ..	6
Walter Borrett ..	3	Frederick Smith ..	7
Walter Mobbs ..	4	James Souter ..	8

Composed by John C. Jackson and conducted by Egbert Borrett.

The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist's, Aldenham, on April 29th, a peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Arthur W. Dix ..	1	George N. Price ..	5
Hubert Eden ..	2	William G. Whitehead ..	6
Henry Hodgetts ..	3	Ernest E. Huntley ..	7
Frederick W. Brinklow ..	4	Harry A. Horrex ..	8

Composed by C. Middleton and conducted by George N. Price. First peal in the method on the bells.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.

At St. Mary's, Selly Oak, on May 1st, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in the Kent Variation, 5120 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins. Tenor, 12 cwt. 1 qr.

William R. Mason* ..	1	Arthur Chambers ..	5
Joseph Pigott ..	2	Samuel Grove ..	6
William Short ..	3	James Dowler ..	7
George Pigott* ..	4	Arthur E. Pegler ..	8

Composed by Fred. Robinson and conducted by Joseph Pigott. [* First peal in the method.]

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CORNISH BELL-RINGERS.—The festival of the East Cornwall Bell-ringers' Association was held at St. Noet. Practice commenced about nine by 16 sets from nine parishes comprising the Association, and at noon a service was held at the Parish Church, when an earnest and practical address was given by the Vicar (Rev. J. Majendie). At the annual meeting the vice-president (Mr. G. W. Martin, St. Martin's), the hon. treasurer (Mr. T. H. Olver, Morval), and the hon. secretary (Mr. C. Burleigh, Menheniot) were re-elected. The prize peals commenced about two o'clock, the judges—Messrs. Bond (Liskeard), Hill (Morval), and Olliver (St. Neot)—awarding the prizes as follows:—1, Duloe, 1st set; 2, Lanhydrock; 3, St. Martin's, 1st set; 4, St. Martin's, 2nd set; 5, St. Germans, 1st set; 6, Morval, 2nd set; 7, Menheniot, 2nd set; 8, St. Martin's, 3rd set; 9, Menheniot, 1st set; 10, St. Cleer, 1st set; 11, Callington; 12, St. Cleer, 2nd set; 13, Morval, 1st set; 14, St. Germans, 2nd set; 15, odd men; 16, Duloe, 2nd set. A prize competition for 60 changes was subsequently held.

THE HERTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Hertford County Association of Change-ringers was held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. There was a special service in the Cathedral at five o'clock, the clergy taking part being the Dean, the Rev. Canon Wigram, the Rev. G. C. Rolfe. Canon Wigram presided at the tea and business meeting, which afterwards took place in the Corn Exchange. The Hon. Sec. in his report, stated that from a study of the peal list, usually a true index of growth, he might safely state that the year had been very successful, no fewer than 51 peals having been rung, 45 on tower bells and 6 on handbells. He drew attention to the fact that the peals were rung in 19 different towers, spread over a large area of the county, only two of the bells having been rung outside the boundary line. Nineteen men had acted as conductors, an increase of six on last year, which was a particularly welcome item. The peals rung comprised 8 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 3 BOB MAJOR, 13 STEDMAN TRIPLES, 3 DOUBLE NORWICH, 11 SUPERLATIVE, 3 NEW CAMBRIDGE, 1 LONDON, 3 peals in seven methods on six bells; 2 peals of STEDMAN CATERS, and 4 STEDMAN TRIPLES on hand bells. They often found the history of church bells very interesting, as throwing a side-light on the history of the country, and he for one would welcome the return to the system of chronicling in the vestry minute-books of their churches a brief note of all peals rung to commemorate national and parochial events rung in the respective towers, as well as particulars of other great occasions of joy or thanksgiving upon which the bells were rung. He noticed that Messrs. Hewitt, Barker, and W. H. Lawrence had scored their 50th peal, and Mr. Huntley his 200th. Mr. F. White proposed the adoption of the report—motion carried. Mr. E. P. Debenham, hon. treasurer, in submitting the balance-sheet, said he must congratulate the Association that it was still solvent. He had in hand, as a matter of fact, 6d. more than he started with last year. Mr. E. P. Debenham was unanimously re-elected hon. treasurer, on the proposition of Mr. W. H. Lawrence, seconded by Mr. D. Ellingham.—Mr. R. Hammond proposed and Mr. F. White seconded that Mr. G. W. Cartmel should be re-elected hon. sec., a proposition which was carried unanimously.

SOME BELL INSCRIPTIONS.

FULMER, BUCKS (St. James).

THE church of Fulmer as it now stands, dates from the year 1610, at which time it was rebuilt at the expense of Sir Marmaduke Darell, Knight, of Fulmer, who died March 22nd, 1631, and was buried in the church. There is a monument in the chancel to him, carved in marble, with recumbent figures of himself and Dame Ann, his wife. The building after undergoing restoration was consecrated by William Barlow, Bishop of Lincoln, on All Saints' Day, 1610. The church has been enlarged of late years; in 1877 the late Mrs. Dent erected at her own expense a new chancel and added a vestry and organ chamber in memory of her son, Lancelot William Dent; in 1882 the south aisle was added, and the whole church seated in solid oak to the memory of the late Mrs. Dent, above mentioned, by members of her family. The building is of stone, mainly in the Perpendicular style of architecture, with chancel, nave of three bays, south aisle, north porch, and an embattled western tower containing six bells. Inscriptions on the bells are given below:—

Treble.—SANCTA MARIA ORA PRO NOBIS W
IS
Diam., 24½ inches.

NOTE.—This bell was cast during the reign of Henry VIII. about the year 1539, by John Saunders of the Reading foundry, who succeeded John White in the business. The initials I S after the inscription are

Saunders, and the W above them very possibly stands for White, showing Saunders' connection with White's foundry.

2.—Thomas Lester of London made me. Mr. Eskrigge CH Warden 1741. Diam., 25½ inches.

3.—Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1884: Charles Joyce—Rector.

W. P. Gaskell |
John Sprosen | Churchwardens.
23rd August 1875.

(On Sound-bow.) Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Diam., 27½ inches.

4.—Lord : plead : my : cause : 1617 :
(On Waist.)—R : E
Diam., 28 inches.

5.—Our : hope : is : in : the : lord : 1617
(On Waist.) R : E
Diam., 30 inches.

NOTE.—This bell, as well as the fourth, was cast by Richard Eldridge, probably the son of Thomas Eldridge, the latter of whom set up a bell foundry at Wokingham, circa 1560, about seventy years after the ancient bell foundry business at that place had been removed to Reading.

This business may have been an offshoot from one of the Reading foundries, of which there were as many as three in the early part of Elizabeth's reign, for the name of Eldridge occurs in the Registers of St. Mary's, Reading, in the 16th and 17th centuries. Richard Eldridge was of Wokingham, he commenced casting about 1592, and supplied other bells to Bucks besides these two just alluded to—namely, one at Upton, dated 1619; the second at Burnham in 1624, and possibly the second at Steeple Claydon.

He had a business at Horsham, in Sussex, from 1610 to 1622, but it must have been a very small affair, as the rent was only ten shillings a year. It is known that bells were cast at Horsham in 1593 and 1594, so it is most likely that he succeeded some one else in this business. The second bell at Burnham, in this county, is the latest known to have been cast by him, and he most likely died soon afterwards, being succeeded in the business by his son, Byran Eldridge I.

Tenor.—Cast by John Warner & Sons, London, 1834.

(On Waist.) In Memoriam
Henry Butterfield—Rector.

C. T. Gaskell }
John Sprosen } Churchwardens.
15 April 1855.

(On Sound-bow.) I Will Sing Of Mercy And Judgment.
Diam., 34 inches.

NOTE.—This bell and the third were given by Major William P. Gaskell, J.P., formerly of Fulmer House. The Rev. Henry Butterfield M.A., was presented to this living in 1842, and was succeeded by the Rev. Charles Joyce in 1875.

The augmented ring of six bells were hung by Warner, and a dedication service was held on September 20th, 1884.

A board on the south wall of the belfry records the following particulars:—

St. James', Fulmer.

In 1834 the number of Bells in this church was increased from four to six by the addition of the Third and the Tenor, which were given by Major William P. Gaskell, J.P., a former Churchwarden.

On Saturday, September 20th, 1884, after a dedication service at which many persons from this and neighbouring parishes were present, the Royal Cumberland Ringers, in the following order, rang by special engagement a peal of 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR in 23 minutes.

J. Mansfield, 1. J. Rogers, 3. H. Randall, 4.
W. Doran, 5. J. Nelms, 2. H. Dains, 6 Condr.

and also a peal of 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR in 24 minutes, conducted by W. Doran, Tenor.

Charles Joyce, M.A. Rector.

R. C. Mayne, Adml. C.B. }
John Sprosen } Ch Wardens.

Sept. 1884

The visitation list of 18 July, 1552, states:—

18 July 1552, fulm. frift (sic) iij belles in the stipell & leade that the tope of the styppell is coverid wythe on handbell.

8 Aug : 1637, fulmer, 4 Bells. Sts. bell.
1714, 4.

(To be continued.)

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 4 5 16		4 5 16
1 2 6 3 5 4 9 7 8	1 2 5 6 3 4	
1 2 4 6 5 3	3 2 5 4 1 6	---
4 2 1 3 5 6	3 2 6 5 1 4	---
4 2 6 1 5 3	3 2 4 6 1 5	---
4 2 3 6 5 1	4 2 3 5 1 6	---
3 2 4 1 5 6	4 2 6 3 1 5	---
3 2 6 4 5 1	1 2 6 5 4 3	---
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5 2 6 1 3 4		
5 2 4 6 3 1		
4 2 5 1 3 6		
4 2 6 5 3 1		
4 2 1 6 3 5		
1 2 4 5 3 6		
1 2 6 4 3 5		

Repeat the whole of the calling, with the exception of a bob at 15 instead of 16 in the 46th course, which gives 1 6 2 4 5 3. Round by bobs at 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13. Commence with a full slow bob six.

CHANGE-RINGING.*The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.*

At St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, on May 6th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

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

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by William Pye. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Margaret H. Nicholls to Mr. Arthur A. Shurtleff, at Boston, U.S.A.

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Botolph's, Heene, Worthing, Sussex, on May 8th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 45 mins.

Alfred Tulett	1	Harry Meeters	5
George Morris	2	William Hillman	6
John H. Paice	3	Alfred W. Groves (condr.)	7
Edmund H. Lindup	4	William Gilbert*	8

[* First peal.]

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Hampton, Middlesex, on May 6th, Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 46 mins. Tenor 13 cwt.

Challis F. Winney (condr.)	1	Arthur Coles	5
Frank M. Butler	2	W. H. L. Buckingham	6
John H. B. Hesse	3	William T. Cockerill	7
James Strutt	4	Albert Coles	8

The Yorkshire Association and Leeds and District.

At St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, on May 6th, Mr. J. J. Parker's Four-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Fred R. Barraclough	1	John E. Matthews*	5
Arthur Stokoe†	2	Joshua Woodhead	6
George Barraclough	3	Charles Jackson (condr.)	7
William Child†	4	Leonard Stokoe†	8

For calling see Collection of Peals, section I., No. 36, all 6-7's occur at back-stroke. Rung with the bells muffled at hand-stroke, as a tribute of respect to the late Lord Grimthorpe, donor of the church. [* First peal. † First peal in the method.]

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

At St. Magnus-the-Martyr, City, on May 14th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5086 changes, in 3 hrs. 14 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Thomas L. Simmons	1	Thomas Card	6
Thomas H. Taffender	2	Thomas Lincoln	7
Thomas Faulkner	3	Thomas Langdon	8
Thomas Newman	4	Thomas Groombridge	9
Thomas H. Colburn	5	Thomas Langdon (P.)	10

Composed by Thomas T. Gofton, and conducted by Thomas H. Taffender. First peal on ten bells by ringers of the 1st, 4th, and 7th. It is the first peal in the method yet rung on ten bells by a band of the same Christian name.

THE 'THOMAS' PEAL.—The idea of this peal originated from one of STEDMAN TRIPLES (Thomas Thurstan's One-part) rung by all Thomas's, in which several of this band took part, at St. Thomas's, Brentwood, Essex, on St. Thomas's Day, 1901, but it was found a difficult matter to get a band together of men who could ring CATERS. London was found to be the central position; then the men could not leave their business in sufficient time to get there, ring the peal, and return. A Sunday was fixed upon; then there was another difficulty which arose, that of obtaining the permission for the use of a tower, but the authorities of St. Magnus kindly gave their consent, and on Sunday, April 2nd, the band,

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At St. Magnus-the-Martyr's, Lower Thames Street, City, on Sunday, April 2nd, after an attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 1260 changes. T. L. Simmons, 1; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 2; T. Faulkner, 3; T. Langdon, 4; T. H. Colburn, 5; T. Newman, 6; T. Card, 7; T. Lincoln, 8; T. Groombridge, 9; T. Langdon (P.), 10.

BOXLEY, KENT.—On Easter Monday afternoon, a mixed party of members of the Kent County Association paid a visit to this village, when the Rector provided an excellent tea. Afterwards they proceeded to the church, and rang two 720's, one of GRANDSIRE and one of CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR. The ringers were: E. H. Newman (Birling), 1; G. Pound (Boxley), 2; J. Shorter (Bearstead), 3; H. Brown (Marden), 4; G. Hadaway (Linton), 5; C. H. Sone (Marden—conductor), 6. Also 720 BOB MINOR: C. H. Sone (conductor), 1; G. Hadaway, 2; J. Shorter, 3; H. Brown, 4; G. Pound, 5; E. H. Newman, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE-RINGERS.—The annual gathering of this body took place at Bedford on Bank Holiday. In the morning the members visited various town belfries and rang peals. At one o'clock they assembled at the Y.M.C.A. Cafe and dined together, following which came the annual meeting. The Rev. W. W. C. Baker presided, and about 60 members were present. The 23rd annual report showed that there had been three quarterly meetings; the summer meeting at Harrold was well attended. A successful meeting was held at Clifton in the autumn. The New Year's meeting was arranged to take place at Hushorne Crawley, but, owing to the death of Mrs. Orlebar, the meeting was held at Aspley Guise, where the members did some excellent ringing. Then followed a list of peals rung by members of the Association during the past year. The peal of BOB MAJOR at Woburn on August 6, was rung on the 60th birthday of Mr. C. Herbert, who took part in the peal and thereby showed that he had lost but little of his strength and ability, and none of his splendid enthusiasm. A sixth bell has been added at Wootton, and at Flitton, and three new bells have been hung at Barton-le-Cley, making a peal of eight. The accounts showed a balance in hand of £23 19s. 3d., and these, together with the report, were ordered to be printed and circulated. Thanks for their past services were expressed to the hon. treasurer. (Mr. Bull), the hon. secretaries (Rev. A. Rust and Mr. I. Hills), and the hon. auditor (Mr. G. C. Walker), all of whom were re-elected. The Committee were re-appointed, with the substitution of Mr. J. W. Barker for Mr. S. Cullip (Bedford). Several new members and probationers were elected, including the incumbents at Flitton, Barton-le-Cley, and Turvey. It was decided to hold the summer meeting at Barton-le-Cley, the Michaelmas meeting at Dunstable, and the New Year's meeting at Turvey.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—An examination at the parish church last November proved the tower to be unsafe, and the Vicar, the Rev. A. M. Foster, and churchwardens called a meeting of parishioners, at which it was decided to accept an estimate from Mr. John Sully, of Stogumber, to hang three bells in front and rehang the whole in a new frame, at a cost of just over £200. The three new bells were accordingly cast by Messrs. John Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, and each bears the inscription, 'Deo Triuni, 1905;' the fourth is dated 1591; the fifth is pre-Reformation, being inscribed 'Sancta Anna ora pro nobis;' while the tenor is by Bilbie, dated 1776, weight 7 cwt., in B-flat. The dedication took place the other evening, and was performed by the Archdeacon of Bath. The Vicar was unavoidably absent, being away from home through illness, and the Rev. G. B. Shallcross, Vicar of East Harptree, acted as his deputy, being assisted by the Rev. H. H. Tripp, Vicar of

Publow. The Archdeacon, having solemnly dedicated the bells to the honour of God and to the use of the church, gave an appropriate address. Immediately after the service the bells were raised by the Midsomer Norton members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change-ringers and kept going in GRANDSIRE, STEDMAN, and PLAIN BOB till 10 p.m., the longest length being 720 BOB MINOR in 24 mins. by the following:—F. Speed, 1; J. R. Adams, 2; F. Chivers, 3; G. R. Davis, 4; J. G. Hamilton, 5; Chas. H. Shearn (conductor), 6. During the evening some rounds were creditably struck by some of the local beginners, who are rapidly qualifying for performing members of the Association, having shown considerable aptitude in GRANDSIRE on handbells, under the guidance of their Norton friends, since February last.

NOTICE.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY (established 1824).—Notice is hereby given that a periodical meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, May 20th, at the parish church of St. Mary, Battersea Square, Battersea, S.W. The bells will be available from 4 to 8 p.m. A social will afterwards take place at the 'Raven' inn, Battersea Square, at 8 p.m. It is hoped that as many as can make it convenient will attend.—T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec., 91 Darwin Street, Southwark.

SOME BELL INSCRIPTIONS.

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HEDGERLEY, BUCKS (St. Mary-the-Virgin).

THE village of Hedgerley is situated about six miles north of Eton, and adjoins the parishes of Fulmer and Iver. The church is situated on the brow of a hill, and was rebuilt about 54 years ago, very near the site of the older church, which latter building stood farther south, near the yew-tree which is still standing in the churchyard. The church is in the Early Decorated style, and small in size, consisting only of chancel, nave, south porch, and an embattled western tower containing 3 bells. The pulpit, reading-desk and altar rails are made of sandalwood, which came from the parish church of Parham, Antigua, West Indies, destroyed by an earthquake in 1842. Inside the church may be seen an old relic enclosed in a frame with glass face, which is fixed on the wall close to the west side of the organ. It is said to be the remains of a mantle belonging to King Charles II., who took refuge in the church during a violent thunderstorm; before leaving the edifice he noticed the altar had no cloth on it, so forthwith took off his mantle and placed it there for a cloth. The remnant enclosed in the case is all that is left of it, and is of a purple colour.

The bells, as well as the framework supporting them, were brought from the older church. Their inscriptions are as under:—

Treble.—: GLORIA : DEO : IN : EXCELSIS 1640 B : E
Diam., 25 inches.

NOTE.—This bell is cracked and the lip touches the frame on one side. It was cast by Bryan Eldridge I., whose initials are placed after the date 1640, and is the only bell by him in this county. He commenced casting about the year 1618. Mr. Stahlschmidt, author of 'Church Bells of Surrey,' considered that his first bell was cast at Horsham, and that he removed to Chertsey in 1619. He died about the end of August, 1640, and left two sons, Bryan and William, the former of whom succeeded to the business. William Foster, A.M., was Rector in 1640; presented 1628, killed in 1643.

2.—T : MEARS & SON OF LONDON FECIT 1808
Diam., 28½ inches.

NOTE.—William Way, A.M., was Rector in 1808. He was inducted in 1797 and probably resigned in 1808.

Tenor.—RICHARD W TURNER CHVRCH WARDEN W W J 6 8 J
Diam., 31 inches.

NOTE.—The initials W W before the date 1681, most probably stand for William Wightman, a bell founder who is supposed to have succeeded to the business carried on by John and Christopher Hodson.

The word before Turner is almost illegible, but there is a plain W at the end incised. The bell founder evidently put Richard instead of William for Turner's Christian name, and tried to efface it. The churchwardens' account of this parish for the year 1681 says:—

'for this pre-ent year 1681 we the Minister and Parishons of Hedgerly doe nominate William Turner to be Church Warden Constable and Overseer for the poor of the said Parish. April 5th, 1681.' (Signed by Jonathan Lowe, Rector, and others). Jonathan Lowe (Lipscomb in 'History of Bucks' says Jonathan Cowley, A.B.) was presented to this living 2 Aug. 1680 and resigned in 1685.

(To be continued.)

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. Mary's Parish Church, Hitchin, on May 20th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5008 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins. Tenor, 28 cwt.

A. H. Pilgrim	1	S. Page	5
F. Furr	2	A. Pitstow	6
W. Allen	3	J. F. Foster	7
F. R. Bacon	4	F. Pitstow (condr.)	8

Mr. Pilgrim came from Ely; Mr. Page from Bennington; Messrs. Pitstow from Saffron Walden. The peal was arranged by Mr. W. Allen as a compliment to the Vicar (Rev. Canon Hensley), who attained his eighty-first birthday on that day.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

At St. Edward's, Romford, Essex, on May 11th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 17 cwt.

Wesley Watson	1	Bertram Prewett	5
Harry W. Catterwell*	2	Harry F. Dawkins	6
William Keeble	3	Ernest Pye	7
George R. Pye	4	William Pye	8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff and conducted by William Pye. Rung on the second anniversary of the 14,112 of LONDON SURPRISE. [* First peal in the method.]

Also at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on May 13th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 changes, in 3 hrs. 33 mins. Tenor, 31 cwt.

William J. Nudds	1	John D. Matthews	6
William Pye	2	Cornelius Charge	7
Frank Smith	3	Reuben Charge	8
Bertram Prewett	4	James George	9
Isaac G. Shade	5	Ernest Pye	10

Composed by G. T. Daltry and conducted by William Pye.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

At St. Anne's, Catterick, Yorks., on May 13th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 49 mins. Tenor, 10 cwt.

Robert S. Story	1	William Story	5
Maurice B. Dalby*	2	Thomas T. Gofton (condr.)	6
James Baxter	3	James E. Gofton	7
Thomas Metcalfe	4	William Harrison†	8

This is J. Baxter's fiftieth peal. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung after meeting short for SUPERLATIVE. [* First peal in the method. † First peal.]

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At St. Mary's, Redenhall, Norfolk, on May 13th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

Frederick Borrett	1	Oliver Brock	5
Ernest Poppy	2	Egbert Borrett	6
Walter Barrett	3	James Betts	7
Walter Mobbs	4	James Souter	8

Composed by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer and conducted by Frederick Borrett.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

At All Saints', Edmonton, on May 13th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 17 cwt. 15 lbs.

George H. Barber	1	William Ward	5
Edgar Wightman	2	James Saxby	6
George Radley	3	James Parker	7
George Paice	4	Thomas Card	8

Composed and conducted by James Parker.

The Irish Association.

At Christ Church, Bray, Co. Wicklow, on May 15th, a Variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 22 mins. Tenor, 30 cwt.

Thomas Grant	1	Gabriel Lindoff	5
Harold Greene*	2	Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn	6
Richard Lynch*	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson	7
C. Cleveland Ellis	4	John W. Noblett*	8

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. [* First peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES.]

The Central Northamptonshire Association.

At St. Edmund's, Northampton, on May 11th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 14 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

William Farey	1	Edgar H. Haxley*	5
Sidney J. Lawrence	2	Fred Wilford	6
James George	3	William Roberts	7
Fred Hopper	4	William Rogers†	8

Composed by Ernest Gale and conducted by William Rogers. [* First peal in the method. † First peal as conductor.]

CHERTSEY PARISH CHURCH.—The historic bells at Chertsey will not again be heard for some time, as the framework of the hangings has been pronounced unsafe. It is hoped that they will be satisfactorily rehung. These bells—one of the finest sets in the south of England—are a peal of eight, and were rehung in 1859, when the tenor bell, weighing 20 cwt. 14 lb., was recast, the expense being defrayed by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts. There are two bells with Lombardic capitals, which are supposed to be at least six hundred years old, and it is 'No. 5,' the 'Abbey Bell,' which is believed to have been present to the mind of Rosa H. Thorpe when she wrote the famous 'Curfew must not ring to-night.'

A BELL-RINGER'S NARROW ESCAPE.—Last week a bell-ringer named Ridett was nearly hanged at Shorwell (Isle of Wight) Parish Church. He was practising, with other ringers, when he was caught round the neck by the loop in the bell-rope, and, the bell going over, took him up, so that he was left hanging in the belfry. His comrades got him down as soon as possible, but he was unconscious. It was feared that he had been strangled, but he was eventually restored, though his back and thigh were injured.

ST. ELISABETH'S, REDDISH.—On the evening of the 15th inst., some of the ringers from St. George's, Stockport, journeyed to St. Elizabeth's, Reddish, where, with the assistance of Mr. Barnes—a member of the local congregation—and Mr. J. A. Teale, of St. Matthew's, Holbeck, Leeds, who is at present residing at Reddish, they rang a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES in 48 mins. The ringers were: H. Jackson, A. Barnes, J. Booth, G. D. Warburton, G. Astbury, J. A. Teale, J. W. Bayley (conductor), and G. Marshall. Afterwards three courses of BOB MAJOR, with H. Meakin in place of G. Marshall, conducted by Mr. J. A. Teale; rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mrs. Smithson, wife of Mr. T. Smithson, chief ringer and one of the sidesmen at the above church, who was interred at Christ Church, Denton, on that day.

ELY DIOCESAN RINGERS.—The annual general meeting of members of the Ely Diocesan Association of Ringers was held at Cambridge. Over sixty members were present from Barrington, Cambridge, Chatteris, Cottenham, Ely, Fulbourn, Huntingdon, Ickleton, March, Newmarket, Pottton, St. Neots, Saffron Walden, Sawston, Thetford, Whittlesea, Wilburton, &c. The following clergy were present: The Revs. A. H. F. Boughey (who presided), W. W. Covey Crump, K. H. Smith, and R. L. Twells. The report was read and adopted, and the Treasurer presented the balance-sheet.

DORCHESTER AND DISTRICT BELL-RINGERS' MEETING.—The last quarterly meeting for the current year of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers was held at Sherborne, when the following towers were represented: Bradford Abbas, Leigh, Wyke Regis, Longburton, Sherborne, and Compton. The Secretary alluded to a recent complete peal on the Abbey bells, and said that it went to disprove the unfounded reports which had been circulated in the diocese that the bells were unringable, the verdict of the ringers comprising the band being that the 'go' of the bells was excellent. A resolution was passed offering hearty congratulations to the band on scoring the first peal on the bells, after so many unsuccessful attempts by members of other guilds. Congratulations were also offered to the Dorchester ringers on scoring their first peal on the bells of St. Peter's with an entirely local band. The retiring officers and committee were then re-elected en bloc for the ensuing year, with an addition on the Branch Committee to represent Sherborne. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Wyke Regis on August 7th. The Secretary moved a vote of thanks to the local ringers for their hospitality, and Canon Lyon was thanked for presiding, and, in reply, said that he hoped they would realise how great was the cause in which they were helping. Subsequently, the members returned to the Abbey, where a service was held, the Rev. T. L. Jenkins taking the first part and reading the Lesson, while Canon Lyon gave a helpful address on the duties and responsibilities of ringers. Afterwards the bells were kept merrily going by the visiting bands.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Kent County Association.

At St. John's Margate, on May 27th, Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation peal of **STEDMAN TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins. Tenor, 22 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

Harry Barton	1	Henry G. Fairbrass ..	5
Charles Leman	2	Edwin G. Buesden ..	6
Edward Trendall ..	3	Frederick A. Holden ..	7
William A. Fowler ..	4	Henry C. Castle ..	8

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

At the Parish Church, Harborne, Staffordshire, on May 18th, a peal of **SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**, 5024 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins. Tenor, 10 cwt.

Edmund J. Hyland ..	1	Alf. Paddon Smith ..	5
William Short	2	Charles Dickens ..	6
Frank Fay	3	Bernard W. Wittchell ..	7
George F. Swann ..	4	Arthur E. Pegler ..	8

Composed by H. Dains and conducted by Bernard W. Wittchell. First peal in the method on the bells.

The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. Mary's, Luton, Beds, on May 20th, a peal of **DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min. Tenor, 18½ cwt.

Henry Hodgetts ..	1	William G. Whitehead ..	5
Hubert Eden	2	Alfred B. Peck ..	6
George N. Price ..	3	Edward Whitbread ..	7
William Hodgetts ..	4	Harry A. Horrex ..	8

Composed by H. Dains and conducted by George N. Price. First peal in the method upon the bells.

At St. James's, Bushey, Herts, on May 22nd, Thurstans' Four-part peal of **STEDMAN TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

Ernest E. Huntley ..	1	Bertram Prewett ..	5
Thomas L. Simmons ..	2	Maurice F. R. Hibbert ..	6
Arthur W. Dix	3	William G. Whitehead ..	7
Francis A. Smith ..	4	William I. Oakley ..	8

Conducted by William G. Whitehead. Rung as a farewell to Maurice Hibbert, who is leaving for Winslow.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

At All Saints, Long Ashton, Somersetshire, on May 20th, Thurstans' One-part peal of **STEDMAN TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs.

Charles H. Gordon ..	1	Walter E. Apperley ..	5
Charles H. Tomkins ..	2	Henry T. Howell ..	6
William A. Cave ..	3	John Thomas (conductor)	7
Raymond J. Wilkins ..	4	John Burford ..	8

The Bedfordshire Association.

At SS. Peter and Paul's, Dunstable, Beds, on May 20th, Heywood's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of **STEDMAN TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

Ernest Herbert ..	1	Rev. W. W. C. Baker ..	5
John W. Barker ..	2	Isaac Hills ..	6
William J. Davison ..	3	Charles W. Clarke (condr.)	7
Harry Sear	4	Reginald Lathbury* ..	8

First peal on the bells since partial restoration. [* First peal.]

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

At St. Helen's, Abingdon, Berks, on May 20th, a peal of **STEDMAN CATERS**, 5079 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

William J. Smith ..	1	Harry Miles ..	6
Harry Holfield ..	2	Rev. F. E. Robinson ..	7
Job Howes	3	Hon. A. Erskine ..	8
Fred A. Castle ..	4	William Finch ..	9
William Jeffery ..	5	William Stone ..	10

Composed by Henry Johnson and conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

At All Saints', Isleworth, Middlesex, on May 27th, Holt's Original peal of **GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt. 24 lbs.

William Lidbetter ..	1	John Basden ..	5
William E. Judd (condr.)	2	Thomas Beadle ..	8
Edwin V. Harvey ..	3	Arthur Harding ..	7
Frederick G. Goddard ..	4	Albert Sheard ..	8

This was rung on the occasion of the Rev. J. H. Champion McGill's return from his holiday.

THE GAINSBOROUGH CHANGE-RINGING SOCIETY.—At a meeting of the above Society, held on May 10th, the following working officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Master, G. Wilson; Committee, Messrs. J. C. Tinker, A. H. Wheeler, and R. Dawson; Hon. Sec., F. S. W. Butler, 32 Harrison's Terrace, Gainsborough, to whom all correspondence in connection with the Society should be addressed. Although the members have ceased to be ringers at the Parish Church, it is their intention to follow up change-ringing upon handbells, and they will always have a hearty welcome for any ringer who may be visiting the town and would care to spend an evening with them.

NORTH NOTTS BELL-RINGERS' ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of this Association was held at West Retford, the Rev. Canon Grey presiding. The report presented by the Rev. B. Barley showed that the Blyth Company had withdrawn from the Association, being the third to drop off the list in the last ten years, whilst no new tower had been added to the number on the roll. It was difficult to arouse interest in change-ringing; there were no less than seven six-bell towers in the area in which little or no change-ringing was done. On the other hand, the record of performances by the remaining towers showed a considerable increase, both in number and merit. Four meetings were held during the year, viz., at Ordsall, Retford, Anston, and Misson, the attendance at all being good. The Anston tower came first in the number and variety of achievements. There was a balance in hand of £11 to the credit of the Association. There were 121 performing members and 17 honorary members. All the officers were re-elected, and divine service was held at West Retford Church after the meeting, the sermon being preached by the Rev. C. N. Nicholson.

DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT ST. LUKE'S, BATH.—Two new bells have been placed in the tower of St. Luke's Church, and the Archdeacon of Bath recently conducted the dedication service. It is interesting to note that when the church was erected, thirty-seven years ago, the tower only possessed one bell. Subsequently two others were added, and lately two more bells were put in at a cost of between £70 and £80, all of which had been subscribed. The Archdeacon, Vicar, and churchwardens proceeded to the tower, where the simple ceremony of dedication was performed, the bells immediately afterwards being chimed. Returning to the chancel, there was a short service of thanksgiving and prayer, following which the Archdeacon delivered an interesting address. He said the bells had a special church interest. They were entirely of Christian origin. He knew that heathen nations of the East had made bells, some of them very fine ones, but, so far as he knew, the making of bells was entirely of Christian origin. They were said to take their Latin name from the place in Italy where their use first became common. He thought he could say that the ringing of bells was peculiarly and essentially Christian. The bells which were made in heathen countries in times past had been single by themselves, but the combination of them in harmony was a peculiar and distinctive Christian arrangement. He thought that interesting because it illustrated what he had been saying.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

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

At St. Margaret's, Ipswich, Suffolk, on May 27th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

Robert H. Brundle .. 1	William L. Catchpole .. 5
William Motts .. 2	Edward Evans .. 6
Edward Sherwood .. 3	James Motts .. 7
William P. Garrett .. 4	Lewis W. Wiffen .. 8

Composed by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer and conducted by James Motte. This is the 100th peal rung in various methods by Mr. W. P. Garrett, recently the presiding Master of the above Society.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

At the Cathedral, Wells, Somersetshire, on May 27th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 changes, in 3 hrs. 28 mins. Tenor, 57½ cwt.

John Thomas .. 1	Rev. H. A. Cockey .. 7
Raymond J. Wilkins .. 2	Henry T. Howell .. 8
Walter E. Apperley .. 3	William A. Cave .. 9
Charles H. Tomkins .. 4	Percy W. Came .. 10
Charles H. Gordon .. 5	William Bevan .. 10
John Burford .. 6	

Composed by N. J. Pitstow and conducted by John Thomas. This is the conductor's 100th peal.

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Nicholas', Brighton, Sussex, on May 27th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 16½ cwt.

Frank Bennett .. 1	Arthur B. Bennett .. 6
George Howse .. 2	Edmund H. Lindup .. 7
William Palmer, sen. .. 3	George A. King .. 8
James W. Wilkins* .. 4	Keith Hart .. 9
Albert D. Stone .. 5	Alfred J. Turner .. 10

Composed by G. T. Daltrey and conducted by Frank Bennett. Mr. Hart's 350th peal. [* First peal of STEDMAN CATERS.]

Leiston, Suffolk.

At St. Margaret's Church, on May 27th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins. Tenor, 20½ cwt.

Charles Whiting .. 1	Charles Bailey .. 5
Charles Sampson .. 2	Edgar Bailey .. 6
Sidney Bailey .. 3	John M. Button .. 7
Norman Bailey .. 4	Albert J. Lincoln .. 8

Composed by H. Dains and conducted by Albert J. Lincoln.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At All Saints', Fulham, on May 27th, a peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL, in the Kent Variation, 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 21 cwt.

John N. Oxborough .. 1	Henry Dains .. 6
Henry R. Newton .. 2	Ernest G. Stibbons .. 7
John T. Kentish .. 3	Archibald F. Harris .. 8
Arthur Jacob .. 4	Edgar Wightman .. 9
James W. Driver .. 5	William E. Garrard .. 10

Composed by H. Dains and conducted by W. E. Garrard. Seven of the above were born in the diocese of Norwich.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD—NORTHERN BRANCH.—At St. Mary's Church, Stow (Lincs.) on June 4th, 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, in 25 mins. E. Credland, 1; F. S. W. Butler (conductor), 2; A. H. Wheeler, 3; J. C. Tinker, 4; R. Dawson, 5; G. Wilson, 6. First 720 in the method on the bells, also first in the method by E. Credland and J. C. Tinker. Afterwards for evening service, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR: R. Dawson, 1; J. C. Tinker, 2; F. S. W. Butler, 3; A. H. Wheeler, 4; E. Credland, 5; G. Wilson (conductor), 6. All the above belong to Gainsborough, and are members of the Gainsborough Change-ringing Society.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION, ROMFORD.—On Sunday, June 4th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 1280 changes: G. Roughton, 1; F. Gill, 2; H. Catterwell, 3; A. J. Perkins, 4; G. Pye, 5; W. Keeble (conductor), 6; C. Pye, 7; W. Watson, 8. Longest length in the method by F. Gill.

COWFOLD, WEST SUSSEX.—The bells of the parish church have been rehung at a cost of about 214/. A year ago one of the five bells was found to be cracked and another badly worn. Lieut.-Col. C. B. Godman, Woldringfold, who is Vicar's warden, generously saw to the matter, and, in addition, gave a new sixth bell. The belfry has also been fitted with a new floor and new mountings and fittings for the bells.

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LUXULYAN (CORNWALL) BELLS SILENT.—The lovely bells of Luxulyan, presented to the parish by the late Mr. S. Trevail, of Truro, a native of the parish, in memory of his parents, are now, alas! like the giver, silent, caused by a difference of opinion between the Vicar and the ringers upon the question of prize-ringing. The Vicar, taking his cue from the Bishop, declines to give permission to use the tower for a prize-ringing contest, although quite willing to allow the contest, if it could be for honour and not for money. This did not find favour with the ringers, and consequently they declined to ring the bells as usual on Sundays to call the faithful to matins and evensong. It is hoped that the Vicar and ringers will settle their differences in an amicable manner.

SOME BELL INSCRIPTIONS.

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STOKE POGES, BUCKS (St. Giles).

THIS secluded country village, situated about five miles from Eton, is visited annually by hundreds of people on account of its connection with the poet Gray, whose name has become famous through the poem entitled 'Elegy in a Country Churchyard,' which was first published in the year 1749. The old yew-tree, opposite the south porch in the churchyard, is still standing, under which the poet frequently sat when penning the well-known lines of the Elegy, and other poems. The church itself is a most interesting and ancient structure of considerable size in various styles of architecture; it has a very rural appearance, parts of the building being covered with ivy; it comprises a chancel, with a chapel on the south side built by Sir Edward Hastings as a place of interment for his family; nave of three bays, aisle, a massive wooden south porch, and an embattled tower with wooden spire at the eastern end of the north aisle, in which are placed six bells; in the north wall is a fine ogee arch over an ancient tomb, supposed to be that of Sir John Molyns, treasurer to King Edward III. In the chancel is a tomb with brass effigies of Sir William de Molyns, who fell at the siege of Orleans in 1429; there are also 15th-century brasses to Edward Hampden and his wife, and tablets to various members of the Penn family, whose bodies rest in a vault in the church; several of the windows are filled with stained glass.

A plain flat stone with a slate top and bricked sides covers the remains of Thomas Gray, his mother and his aunt, the epitaph to these relatives being written by himself, although, strange to say, no epitaph to the poet appears on the tomb, and his place of interment would be unknown were it not for a small stone placed beneath the east window of the Hastings chapel, opposite to his grave, with the following inscription:

Opposite to this stone
in the same tomb upon which he has
so feelingly recorded his grief
at the loss of a beloved parent
are deposited the remains

of

Thomas Gray
The author of

'The Elegy written in a country churchyard.'

* * *

He was buried August 6th, 1771.

It may be interesting to readers to know the wording of the epitaph written by Gray to his relatives. On the stone is written:—

In the Vault beneath are deposited
in Hope of a joyfull Resurrection
the Remains of
Mary Antrobus

She died unmarried November 5th, 1749
Aged 66.

In the same pious confidence beside her friend and sister here sleep the remains of Dorothy Gray, Widow, the careful tender Mother of many children, one of whom alone had the misfortune to survive her. She died March 11, 1753. Aged 67.

In Stoke Park, a short distance from the church, stands a monument erected to the Poet's memory in the year 1799, by Mr. Penn, and inscribed with lines from the Elegy.

To return to the church, the next place to be noticed is the tower with its bells, inscribed as follows:—

Treble.—T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1824: JAMES EDSON
CHURCH WARDEN

(Incised)

C x Luff

Diam., 28½ inches.

NOTE.—The Rev. Arthur Bold, A.M., was Vicar here in 1824. He was presented to this living by Lord F. Osborne in 1803. Mr. A. H. Cocks, in 'Church Bells of Bucks,' said the money for this additional bell is said to have been found by the churchwardens, and two or three of the ringers.

2.—JOHN: FENEMORE: JOHN: SLAUGHTER: CH: WARDENS O O
O J772 O O

THOS. SWAIN FECIT THOS SWAIN FECIT.

Diam., 31 inches.

NOTE.—Thomas Swain, the founder of this bell, succeeded Robert Catlin, who owned the London business formerly belonging to Samuel Knight after his removal from Reading. Mr. Stahlschmidt says, 'Swain was a Middlesex man, the eldest son of Thomas Swain, of West Bedfont. During the later years of his life he lived at Longford, in the parish of Harmondsworth. Swain succeeded Robert Catlin in the year 1751, he continued casting till 1781, in which year he retired from business, died the following year, and was buried at Harmondsworth on April 26th, 1782.'

There are three coins on this bell, also Swain's circular foundry stamp; on the stock is cut:—1841 TM CM.

3.—R: PHELPS FECIT 1728 O O O O O O O O O

Diam., 32½ inches.

NOTE.—Richard Phelps, who cast this bell, was the seventh proprietor of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, and it was under his management that the business grew so rapidly, and gained the prominence which it has kept more or less ever since.

Phelps was born at Avebury, in Wiltshire. It is not known where he learnt his business or where he first had a foundry. He was in business for himself before he succeeded James Bartlett at Whitechapel, as there is a bell at Burham, in Kent, by him, in 1700. He took over the management of the Whitechapel Foundry in 1702, and continued sole proprietor till 1735, when his foreman, Thomas Lester, joined him. Phelps lived only three years longer, and died in 1738. The Whitechapel Register records his burial:—

'Aug. 23, Richard Phelps, a man from y^e High Street.'

Phelps, in his will bequeathed to Lester all his trade implements, business, and the lease of his premises.

Thomas Dolben or Dolby held this living in 1728. He was presented by George Clarges, Esq., and instituted 18th October, 1726, continuing Vicar till 1754. The fifth and tenor bells were also cast during his incumbency.

4.—THO^s: HUNT: JOHN: SLAUGHTER: CH: WARDENS:

THO^s: SWAIN: MADE: MEE: J773:

Diam., 34½ inches.

NOTE.—In 1773 Henry Duckworth, A.B., was Vicar; presented by Francis Godolphin, Esq., and inducted 25th December, 1754. He held the living till his death about 1794.

The second bell was also cast while he was Vicar here.

5.—R: PHELPS FECIT 1728 O O O O

Diam., 37½ inches.

TENOR.—THE REVEREND MR: THO: DOLPHIN VICAR MESSRS: WM: GODFERY IOSEPH HEWET CH: WARDENS 1728. R: PHELPS FECIT

Diam., 41 inches.

NOTE.—Phelps has recorded the Vicar's name wrongly on this bell. Lipscomb ('History of Bucks' iv., p. 563) says his name was formerly Dally, though his father changed it to Dolben, Dolben's father was schoolmaster at Buckingham, and afterwards Vicar of Wendover. His name in the list of Wendover Vicars is written as Dolby or Dolben. The visitation list of 1552 says:—

11 July 1552, Stoke Pogez ffirst iiij belles

In 1714 there were four bells.

In the ringing chamber hangs a framed account of the weight and notes of the bells as under:

STOKE POGES.

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Tenor, 12 cwt. approx., F sharp; fifth, 9 cwt. approx., G sharp; fourth 7 cwt. approx., A sharp; third, 6 cwt. approx., B; second, 5 cwt. approx., C sharp; treble, 4½ cwt. approx., D sharp. Nos. 1, 3, 5, and Tenor cast at Whitechapel Bell Foundry. Rehung 1894 by Mears & Stainbank, London.

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THE CHRISTIAN EVIDENCE SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Christian Evidence Society was held on the 8th inst., at Exeter Hall, and was attended by the Bishop of London, who presided, and supported by Sir Charles Warren, the Dean of Canterbury, and others.

The Bishop said, in the course of his speech, that the work of this Society was never more needed than it was at the present time. It was very necessary that they should turn their attention to 'the new idea about the resurrection of our Lord.' It was going to be one of the most monstrous heresies—the idea that our Lord did not rise at all, or that it did not matter to Christianity whether His body remained in the grave or not. During his recent West-End mission, the way in which questions poured in daily from educated people showed how much necessity there was for the work of this Christian Evidence Society, and the same state of affairs prevailed in all the other spheres. Christian evidence books from the pens of the best writers—not books that were rubbish—ought to be circulated as freely and cheaply as was Haeckel's popular work.

Sir Charles Warren said a great danger at the present day was the agnosticism—the spirit of knowing nothing and caring nothing—which existed amongst all classes, and especially amongst the well-to-do. The letters 'D.V.' in a letter were now looked upon as cant.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

CHANGE-RINGING.

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

At St. Peter's, Henley, Suffolk, on June 1st, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 47 mins. Tenor, 8 cwt. 3 lbs.

Edward Sherwood ..	1	William Billenness* ..	5
Lewis W. Wiffen ..	2	William J. Nevard ..	6
William Motts ..	3	James Motts ..	7
Edward Evans ..	4	William Steele* ..	8

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by James Motts. The Vicar, the Rev. W. C. Pearson, kindly invited the company to tea at the Vicarage after the peal. [* First peal in the method.]

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

At St. Margaret's, Westminster, on June 3rd, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 changes, in 3 hrs. 21 mins. Tenor, 28 cwt.

Bertram Prewett ..	1	Reuben Charge ..	6
Isaac G. Shade ..	2	Harry Flanders ..	7
William J. Nudds ..	3	William Pye ..	8
George R. Pye ..	4	Ernest Pye ..	9
William G. Whitehead ..	5	Frank Hull ..	10

Composed by C. Charge, and conducted by Bertram Prewett. A birthday compliment to W. G. Whitehead. It is also the conductor's 300th peal.

The Hertfordshire Association.

At St. Matthew's, Oxhey, Herts, on May 31st, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 45 mins. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

George N. Price ..	1	Frederick White ..	5
Thomas L. Simmons ..	2	Hubert Eden ..	6
Henry Hodgetts ..	3	F. W. Brinklow (condr.) ..	7
Arthur W. Dix ..	4	John S. Macdonald ..	8

All the above are members of the local company.

The Essex Association.

At St. Mary's, Widford, Essex, on June 3rd, Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 11½ cwt., in F. sharp.

Thomas Lincoln ..	1	Alfred Whight ..	5
Henry W. Kirton ..	2	William Lincoln (condr.) ..	6
William Newman ..	3	Fenton Thompson* ..	7
Harry Richell ..	4	Henry F. Cooper ..	8

[* First peal of TRIPLES, for whom it was specially arranged.]

The Kent County Association.

At St. Stephen's, Hackington, Canterbury, Kent, on June 3rd, a Transposition of Thurstans' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 42 mins. Tenor, 11 cwt.

Frederick G. Brett ..	1	Charles W. Brett ..	5
Henry G. Fairbrass ..	2	Edward E. Foreman ..	6
George G. Jenkins ..	3	Philip H. Pierce (condr.) ..	7
Rev. F. J. O. Helmore ..	4	Archibald C. Kay ..	8



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Also at St. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich, on June 6th, a Variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

William John Aldridge ..	1	Richard George Carter ..	5
Harry Hoskins ..	2	George Carter* ..	6
Frederick W. Thornton ..	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.)	7
Highwood S. Humphreys	4	Harry Beckford ..	8

This is the conductor's 990th peal. [* First peal of STEDMAN.]

Weight of Bells.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to 'Enquirer' (Lincoln), and following up my promise of April 28th, I have pleasure in sending you particulars of two other large Clock Bells.

Great John, the Beverley Minster clock bell which hangs in the South Tower, is mounted with arched head-stock and on roller bearings, and can be rung right up, without causing vibration in the tower. It is rung for five minutes every Sunday after the peal is finished. It is in the note G, and is an exact octave lower than the sixth bell of the peal of ten which hang in the North Tower. Great John is 7 feet 3 inches in diameter, $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches thick, and weighs 7 tons 3 quarters 1 pound. It is thus, I believe, the heaviest clock bell in England, and the only great bell in England which is in tune with the peal.

The Beverley Minster bells are the largest set yet properly tuned (each bell giving out a true chord), and were cast by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

The Hour Bell, at the Law Courts, was cast at the foundry of Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, of Croydon, on May 9th, 1883. It gives the note C, and weighs 3 tons 8 cwt. The total weight of the five bells is 8 tons 4 cwt. 2 quarters, 18 pounds; the hammer-head which strikes the hour weighs 180 pounds. The bells chime the St. Mary of Cambridge chimes, and have a very fine effect.

ARTHUR GAME.

SOME BELL INSCRIPTIONS.

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BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS. (St. Mary and All Saints).

BEACONSFIELD is a quiet country town situated about six miles from Amersham and five and three-quarters from High Wycombe. The streets, like those of many other places in Buckinghamshire, are very wide. The church is pleasantly situated near the centre of the town, and is built in the Perpendicular style; it comprises a chancel with aisles, nave of four bays, aisles, north and south porches, and an embattled tower with turret at the western end, containing a clock and eight bells. The tower, before restoration, was surmounted by a spire, and possessed quite a different appearance from what it does now. Lipscomb, in his 'History of Bucks,' writes as follows about it: 'Beaconsfield has a tower, having thereon a small octagonal spire, enclosed at its base with a square balustrade of iron. The tower has demi-octagonal buttresses at the angles, and, on the apex of the spire, a cross, surmounted with a vane.'

In the church is a tablet to Edmund Burke, the distinguished statesman, who died at Beaconsfield, 8th July, 1797. The east window was filled with stained glass in 1869, to the memory of the Rev. John Gould, B.D., Rector here 1818–1867; the south porch was erected in 1886 to the memory of another Rector, Rev. Samuel James Bowles, who held the living from 1867–1885. In the churchyard can be seen a marble sarcophagus, with four urns and a central pyramid, to the memory of Edmund Waller, the poet, who was born at Coleshill, near Amersham, on March 3rd, 1605, and died at Beaconsfield, October 21st, 1687.

The tower contains a fine ring of eight bells, being one of the best in the county; they are inscribed as follows:—

Treble.—MEARS & STAINBANK FOUNDERS LONDON
VOX EGO SUM VITAE.

M D C C C L X X X I V.

TO THE GLORY OF GOD; AND IN MEMORY OF
EDMUND BURKE.

UNG ROY. UNG FOY. UNG LOY.

Diam., 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

2.—THOS. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1794.

Diam., 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

NOTE.—This bell was cast by Thomas Mears the elder, son of William Mears of the Whitechapel Foundry. He became sole proprietor of the business in the year 1791, having previously been in partnership with his father, and sent over twenty bells into Bucks, thus keeping up the well-known reputation of the firm. Robert Stebbing, D.D., was Rector in 1794; he was presented to this living by the

President and Scholars of Magdalen College, Oxon, and inducted 7th December, 1768; he held the living until his death in 1801.

3.—CAST BY H. BAGLEY. MDCCXXII.

RECAST BY MEARS AND STAINBANK. MDCCCLXXXIV.

Diam., 33 inches.

NOTE.—Henry Bagley, the founder of this bell before it was recast, was very probably connected with the Bagleys of Chacombe, Northamptonshire, at which place a foundry existed for over a century. Henry, however, was living at Reading in 1722.

Christopher Newell, A.M., was the Incumbent in 1722. He was presented by John Newell, Gentleman, and instituted 9th June, 1704. He died at Cheshunt, Herts, in 1723, having been Rector nearly twenty years.

4 & 5.—(Same as the third, but on the waist, instead of shoulder).

Diam., 35 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 39 inches.

6.—LESTER & PACK OF LONDON FECIT.

(Incised).—JOSEPH MILLWARD & WM. HORE CH=WARDENS J760

(Underneath incised), J2=3=J4

Diam., 41 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

NOTE.—The weight of this bell, incised below the inscription, is 12 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs.; it would be a good plan if founders would always adopt this method when casting bells.

The Rector here in 1760 was Robert Page, D.D., presented by the President and Scholars of Magdalen College, Oxon, and inducted 16th September, 1745; he held the living till his death in the year 1767.

7.—(Same as the 4th & 5th.) Diam., 45 inches.

Tenor.—MEARS & STAINBANK FOUNDERS LONDON.

VOCO VOS ORATE VENITE.

MDCCCLXXXIV.

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF BENJAMIN DISRAELI
EARL OF BEACONSFIELD, K.G.

FORTE NIHIL DIFFICILE

Diam., 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

In 1722, when the bells were recast by Henry Bagley, they were five in number, but 38 years later, in 1760, one of them, the fourth (the present sixth), was recast by Lester and Pack; most probably the number was increased from five to six, when the present second was supplied by Thomas Mears, senior, in 1794. Six continued the number till 1884, when Mears & Stainbank added a new treble and tenor, recast four out of the old six, and rehung the whole ring, with improved gudgeons and brasses. The cost of the work was £520, the amount being subscribed by the residents.

The Rev. S. J. Bowles was appointed Rector in 1867, and remained here till 1885.

The new ring of bells are in the key of E flat; their correct weights are given below:

Treble, 6 cwt. 0 qr. 12 lb.; second, 6 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.; third, 7 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.; fourth, 8 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.; fifth, 10 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.; sixth, 12 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.; seventh 15 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.; tenor, 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

The visitation of 1637 records:—'Beaconsfield 4 Bells. Sts. bell, a clock.' That of 1714:—'5 Bells.'

The following extracts allude to the bells in 1722 and 1760.

From the Vestry Book, 8th August, 1722:—

(A Vestry held) for y^e Runing of y^e 5 Bells and y^e Churchwardens Dow agree with y^e Bell founder to take them from Beconsfield and Bring them to y^e said Town and to Draw Artickels accordingly.

Chr: Newell, Rector.

From the Churchwardens' Accounts:—

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CURATES' AUGMENTATION FUND.

On Friday the Bishop of Kensington presided at the annual meeting of the Curates' Augmentation Fund for Increasing the stipends of the Elder Curates of the Church of England, held at the Church House, Westminster. Amongst those present were the Rev. A. G. B. Atkinson, the Rev. H. R. Gamble, the Rev. H. V. Le Bas, the Rev. W. S. Lach-Szyrma, and Commander Caborne.

The report stated that the legacies to the fund, which, in 1903, amounted to £1550, were, in 1904, £3414. Donations and subscriptions had decreased by £1200, whilst church collections had increased from £745 to £968. Regret was expressed that the laity took so little interest in the provision of a living wage for their clergy. There were hundreds of instances in which ministers received the most miserable stipends, while the congregations who benefited by their ministrations remained dead to the least sense of duty in the matter. It was this indifference which at the present time was stopping the supply of the best type of men from seeking ordination. It was in order to improve this state of things that nearly forty years ago the Curates' Augmentation Fund was founded, for the purpose of adding a sum of not less than £50 a year to every unbeneficed clergyman, who had served in that capacity for not less than fifteen years, and who was still engaged in parochial work.

The Bishop of Kensington, in moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, said that the Fund was of enormous importance to the Church, and was in itself, by its very existence, the worst possible compliment to the laity. It was bad enough that there should have to be one-third of the clergy unbeneficed, and it was bad enough that there should be 1400 of that number who had served fifteen years or more in parochial life; but it was, surely, a great deal worse that the laity of the Church were not more alive to the position than only to secure that 200 out of the 1400 should be helped by the Society. The help given to this 200 was very great and very real. He did not think the situation would be remedied until the laity woke up and asked themselves how many of the clergy lived. There was nothing more appalling than the apathy and indifference of the laity in this matter.

The motion having been agreed to,

The Rev. H. V. Le Bas moved the re-election of retiring members of the Committee.

The Rev. W. S. Lach-Szyrma, in seconding the motion, said that the laity of the Church should be moved in this matter from the pulpit. Every incumbent should have a collection for the fund at least once a year.

This motion was carried.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Kent County Association.

THE Annual Meeting of the Association was held on Whitsun Monday, June 12th, at Tenterden. Service was at 11 a.m., the officiating clergy being the Revs. S. C. Lepard, vicar, and A. G. Lepard, curate. A large contingent of the regular church choir and the organist, Mr. A. Smith, took part in the service, which was choral throughout. Hymns 209 and 207 ('A. & M.') were sung, the one before and the other after the address by the Vicar, from Col. iii. 23, 'Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord.' The offertory, amounting to £1 4s., was given for the widow and family of the late William Hadlow, of Lenham, a well-known and respected member of the Association. A collection was also made for the same object at the dinner at the Town Hall, which realised £1 ls.

The Vicar presided at the dinner, and was supported by E. H. Hardcastle, Esq., churchwarden, Rev. A. G. Lepard, curate, the Hon. Secretary, and many members of the Committee. After the usual toasts the business meeting was held. An addition was made to the rule relating to subscriptions to the effect that members neglecting to pay the annual subscriptions, and so, *ipso facto*, ceasing to be members, could not be re-elected for three years. From the Secretary's report it appeared that the Association was still growing, the number of members having, for the first time, reached four figures. There were eighty-four towers in union. The Association lost Leeds, Aylesford, Boughton-under-Blean, Frindsbury, and St. Lawrence; but gained Rochester Cathedral (now a ring of eight, two trebles having been added by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank), St. George's (Beckenham), St. Nicholas's (Deptford), Hawkhurst, Aldington, Sturry, Ash-next-Sandwich, and Ash-by-Wrotham. The Rev. D. and Mrs. Mackinnon and Miss Macalpine Leny, at Speldhurst, Canon Dyke, at Merstham, and Mr. Churchwarden Skinner, at St. Nicholas's, Deptford, were thanked for their kindness in entertaining members at district meetings. The balance-sheet showed a net gain of £12 on the general account, and there was a balance of £54 ls. in the belfry repairs fund. After noticing the repairs to bells effected in the county during the past year, the report stated that eighty-six peals had been rung in 1904, being one less than in 1903. From those already rung in 1905 it seemed probable that that number would soon be exceeded, but members were requested to study quality rather than quantity. The election of representatives for the Central Council (1906-7-8) resulted in the re-election of Messrs. Cheesman, Barnett, Haigh, and Helmore. The Marquis of Camden, Lord-Lieutenant, was elected Vice-President in place of the late Earl Stanhope, and Dean Lane, of Rochester, in place of the late Dean Hole. The other officers and Com-

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mittee were re-elected. The towers open for ringing were Tenterden, Rolvenden, Benenden, and Headcorn, all eight-bell towers. The meeting would have been thoroughly enjoyable but for the rain, which came down without intermission from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

THERE was a representative gathering of North Yorkshire ringers at Ripon at their seventh annual meeting, the time of the visitors being divided between general business and the belfries of the Cathedral, Sharow, and Wath—in which touches were rung at intervals.

The Rev. W. P. Wright presented the seventh annual report, from which it appeared that since last Whitsuntide seven peals of over 5000 changes each had been rung at Stockton (2), Northallerton, Middlesbrough (2), Sharow, and Richmond, the number of members taking part being forty-three.

Congratulations were given to the Richmond ringers for having so soon accomplished a 5000 of MAJOR on their augmented bells. The local reports were very encouraging in regard to the progress made.

The balance-sheet showed that the receipts were £32 1s. 6d., the expenses £12 2s. 6d., and the balance in hand £19 19s. The membership of the Association was as follows: Hon. members, 24; life members, 27; performing members, 179. Total, 230.

The report having been adopted, Mr. G. J. Clarkson (Stockton) was re-elected President. The Rev. W. P. Wright and Dr. H. C. Pauli (Middleham) were elected Vice-Presidents, with the Rev. R. Hodgson (Skelton-in-Cleveland) as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. Several new members were proposed, and it was resolved to hold the September meeting at Middleham, the February meeting at Saltburn, the Easter Monday meeting at Bedale, and the annual meeting at Northallerton.

On Whit Monday, at Sharow, 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR by the local band. E. Burnett (conductor), 1; J. Baines, 2; G. Longshaw, 3; E. Tingle, 4; W. Thorpe, 5; W. Gibson, 6; W. Pick, 7. This was followed by touches of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR and STEDMAN TRIPLES.

Ripon: 880 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL. W. Gibson, 1; W. H. Stephenson, 2; J. Clarkson, 3; J. W. Newton, 4; B. Tingle, 5; H. Porter, 6; H. W. Barrett, 7; J. W. Park, 8; T. Metcalfe, 9; T. Stephenson (conductor), 10.—504 GRANDSIRE CATERS. C. J. Clarkson, 1; W. H. Stephenson, 2; J. W. Newton, 3; W. Newton, 4; H. W. Barnett, 5; H. Porter, 6; W. E. Walland, 7; G. W. Park, 8; T. Stephenson (conductor), 9; Rev. W. P. Wright, 10.

Wath: 720 KENT TREBLE BOB. T. Tingle, 1; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 2; G. Longshaw, 3; — Metcalfe, 4; E. Burnett, 5; T. Metcalfe, 6. Also 720 of OXFORD TREBLE BOB by same band.

The Central Council of the Church Bell-ringers' Association.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Canterbury on Whit Tuesday. The Council is elected for three years, and usually holds its first meeting in London and the two subsequent meetings in the country; and Tuesday's gathering was the third meeting of the fifth Council. The business meeting was held at St. Andrew's Church House. Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., President of the Association, occupied the chair, and there were forty delegates present (thirty-seven representatives and three hon. members) out of a total of 101. The accounts were passed, and various resolutions relating to ringing matters were discussed and carried, and the usual vote of thanks were passed. Yesterday week a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, a variation of Thurstan's Four-part peal, 5040 changes, was rung on the Cathedral bells in 3 hrs. 11 mins., by eight members of the Kent County Association, viz.:

Rev. G. P. Coleridge .. 1	Richard R'dyard .. 5
Thomas J. Salter .. 2	P. H. Pierce .. 6
Edwin G. Buesden .. 3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.) 7
Rev. F. J. O. Helmore .. 4	George G. Jenkins .. 8

Tenor, 30 cwt. The peal, which was the first peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES on these bells, was rung in honour of the royal wedding, and was the conductor's 990 peal.

The Devonshire Guild of Ringers.

THE thirty-first Annual Meeting of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers was held last week at Ilfracombe. Over one hundred members attended, fifteen bands ringing bells at various churches. The bands present were Heavitree (10 members), Clyst St. George (9), Littleham (12), Calverleigh (8), Harpford (10), Lynton (4), Walkampton (5), Plymouth (12), St. Sidwell's (12), Lymptone (5), St. David's (2), Thorverton (2), St. Thomas (2), Ottery (1), and Tiverton (3). Some excellent examples of change-ringing were given, GRANDSIRE TRIPLES and DOUBLES being chiefly favoured. At the Annual Meeting the President of the Guild

(the Rev. Maitland Kelly) occupied the chair, those present including the Vicar of Ilfracombe (the Rev. Prebendary Martin, who is a Vice-President and Assistant Hon. Secretary of the Guild), the Revs. E. A. Robinson (Ilfracombe), H. Pigot (West Down), W. E. Cox (Lynton), and the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (the Rev. F. Molineux, of Harpford, Ottery). The Hon. Secretary read the annual report of the Committee, which was of a satisfactory character.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

At St. Andrew's, Grimsby, on June 12th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Samuel Steel .. 1	P. C. Long* .. 5
P. O. Bixby .. 2	A. B. Shepherd* .. 6
F. H. Dexter .. 3	J. W. Seamer† (condr.) .. 7
W. H. Heyhoe .. 4	F. Hargreaves .. 8

Composed by P. O. Bixby. The figures were published in CHURCH BELLS, January 9th, 1904. [* First peal of MAJOR. † First peal of MAJOR as conductor.]

ST. HELEN'S, LEA, Lincs. — On June 18th, by members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Northern Branch), 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR in 25 mins.: F. S. W. Butler, 1; R. Dawson, 2; A. H. Wheeler, 3; J. C. Tinker, 4; E. Credland, 5; G. Wilson (conductor), 6. Also 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR in 25 mins.: E. Credland, 1; F. S. W. Butler (conductor), 2; A. H. Wheeler, 3; J. C. Tinker, 4; R. Dawson, 5; G. Wilson, 6. These are the first two 720's of TREBLE BOB MINOR on the bells. All the above come from Gainsborough.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

At St. Mary's, Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex, on June 17th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins., being the first peal in the method on the bells, which were restored in 1901 in memory of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

Ferris J. Shepherd .. 1	Frank Bennett .. 5
William H. Fussell .. 2	James Hunt .. 6
Harry Last .. 3	John S. Goldsmith .. 7
William Pickworth .. 4	George Woodiss .. 8

The peal was composed by Nathan J. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, and conducted by Frank Bennett. Rung in honour of the marriage of the daughter of the President of the Guild, H.R.H. Princess Margaret of Connaught, to Prince Gustav of Sweden.

The Yorkshire Association.

At the Abbey Church, Selby, Yorks, on June 10th, a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 19 cwt.

Fred. R. Barraclough .. 1	Charles Jackson .. 5
Tom Stockdale .. 2	Alfred Naylor .. 6
George Halksworth .. 3	George Barraclough .. 7
George T. Marshall .. 4	William Child .. 8

Composed by Mr. W. H. Thompson, M.A., and conducted by Charles Jackson. This performance will prove an historic one, as it is the first peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES where the whole has been obtained—all being triple changes—by the use of less than five fifth-place bobs, as in Shipway's composition, i.e., in his Five-part. Here Mr. W. H. Thompson, M.A., has thrown out three such bobs, and joined all up with two only. The figures and the mode by which they were secured will appear in the second edition of Snowdon's 'Grandsire,' now in course of preparation. The two halves are one the reverse of the other, and their juncture is effected by these two special bobs, all other calls being common bobs, and of course all triple changes. They will also appear in due course in the next report of the Yorkshire Association.

The Stoke Society.

At the Parish Church, Stoke, Coventry, on Whit Monday, June 12th, a peal of GRANDSIRE MINOR, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 43 mins., being six 720's and two 360's each, called differently. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

E. Johnson* .. 1	J. Fennel .. 4
A. W. Flowers .. 2	R. Bosworth .. 5
W. Beesley .. 3	J. H. White (condr.) .. 6

Rung on the back six after meeting short for Triples. [* First peal.]

HENFIELD, SUSSEX. — On Sunday evening, June 18th, for divine service, 1260 STEDMAN TRIPLES, in 44 mins.: W. Markwell, 1; S. Burt, 2; J. Lish, 3; G. Payne, 4; W. Hillman, 5; A. Heasman, 6; C. Tyler (conductor), 7; A. Hodges, 8.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At St. Mary's, Pulham, Norfolk, on June 14th, a peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Frederick Roope 1	Frederick Borrett 5
Charles Baker 2	Henry Adcock 6
James Tann 3	Charles T. P. Brice 7
Robert Whiting 4	Egbert Borrett 8

Composed by C. Middleton, and conducted by C. T. P. Brice.

At St. Mary's, Framsdon, Suffolk, on June 15th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Edgar Hicks 1	Egbert Borrett 5
Ernest E. Langham 2	Ernest F. Poppy 6
George Whiting 3	George Wightman 7
William Wightman 4	Frederick R. Borrett 8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow, and conducted by F. R. Borrett.

The Midland Counties Association.

At Holy Trinity, Lenton, Notts, on June 17th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5376 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 8½ cwt.

Samuel Wesley 1	Thomas Bettison 5
Benjamin A. Knights 2	George W. Moss 6
William Bellamy 3	Arthur Knights 7
Albert H. Ward 4	John Flint 8

Composed and conducted by Arthur Knights.

The Kent County Association.

At SS. Peter and Paul's, Swanscombe, on June 17th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

George Hayes 1	William Haigh 5
Thomas Groombridge 2	John H. Cheesman 6
William Easter 3	Lewis Silver 7
James Tulett* 4	Edwin Barnett 8

Composed and conducted by Edwin Barnett. First peal in the method on the bells. [* First peal in the method.]

Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

At St. John's, Waterloo Road, on June 17th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 19 cwt.

George Charge 1	Harry Flanders 5
George R. Pye 2	Reuben Charge 6
William Pye 3	James George 7
William J. Nudds 4	Ernest Pye 8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by George R. Pye.

GARVESTONE, NORFOLK.—Two new bells which have been hung in the tower of Garvestone Church, were dedicated by the Ven. Archdeacon Pelham at a special service on Tuesday week, the full peal of six being used to summon the worshippers, and being also rung during the service after the dedicatory prayer. The robed clergy were the Ven. Archdeacon Pelham, the Rev. Canon W. Cowper Johnson, and the Rector, the Rev. A. J. Alpe. The service was a shortened form, ending with the third collect, after which the Ven. Archdeacon delivered an address, recalling the different occasions on which he had been present there and at Thuxton. No one could look upon these good works without being thankful to God for all the good which had been done in the restoration of these churches, and the placing of two bells in the tower. It might be looked upon as the close of a long campaign. Peals were rung on the bells during the afternoon and evening, the ringers being as follows: Messrs. Whitehand (Hingham), 1; Wilson (Saxlingham), 2; Sadd (Hingham), 3; Rev. R. W. Pitt (Saxlingham), 4; G. Day, jun., 5; G. Day, sen. (Eye), 6, the bells being hung by the last-named.

CARLTON-IN-CLEVELAND: REMARKABLE EPISODE RECALLED.—A correspondent of the 'Yorkshire Post' recalls, in connection with a proposal for the provision of a new peal of bells for St. Botolph's Church, at Carlton-in-Cleveland, a remarkable incident which occurred nearly twenty-five years ago. In 1881 the Church at Carlton, built

from the plans of the late Vicar, under his superintendence, and containing much of his own carving, was mysteriously burned down. The Vicar had worked early and late, acting as foreman mason, and doing much of the manual work himself. He was, curiously enough, charged with the offence of firing the church. The evidence did not show guilt on his part, and he was acquitted. Parish registers—indeed, everything but the walls were destroyed—and the villagers saw amid the ruins the four bells white hot. For fourteen years the parish was without a church, till the induction of the Rev. J. L. Kyle, M.A., who soon commenced operations for the building of a new edifice, now considered one of the finest in Yorkshire. Two of the old bells have been used, but as one of these is cracked, and the other far from musical, it is thought high time that a new peal was instituted, and specifications have been drawn up.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A summer gathering of members of this Association took place on Saturday at Balcombe. The tower of St. Mary's was thrown open from 3 to 9 p.m., and over thirty members of the division assembled at one time or another to take their turn for change-ringing. At five o'clock, tea was provided by the Rev. R. G. Mead at the Rectory, to which he had kindly invited the ringers. Among those present in addition to the Rector were Messrs. R. J. Dawe (Divisional Hon. Secretary), K. Hart, Rice, F. Bennett, E. C. Merritt, H. Ebrall, Butler, J. Gasson, &c. At the business meeting which was subsequently held, the Rev. G. N. Stephens was elected an honorary member, and the quarterly peal was arranged to take place at Balcombe. In response to a vote of thanks, the Rector said that the belfry of the church and the ringers were year by year becoming a more important part of the church.

GAINSBOROUGH BELL-RINGERS AT LEA.—On Sunday last the members of the Gainsborough Change-ringing Society (through the kind permission of the Rev. — Fookes) were enabled to have a pleasant afternoon's ringing at Lea Church, and as neither a 720 of KENT nor OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR had previously been rung there, these were the methods chosen. 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR was rung in 25 mins. by the following:—F. S. W. Butler, 1; R. Dawson, 2; A. H. Wheeler, 3; J. C. Tinker, 4; E. Credland, 5; G. Wilson (conductor), 6. After a short interval the same band were successful in ringing a 720 of OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR in the same time as before, the ringers standing in the following order:—E. Credland, 1; F. S. W. Butler (conductor), 2; A. H. Wheeler, 3; J. C. Tinker, 4; R. Dawson, 5; G. Wilson, 6. These are the first two 720's of TREBLE BOB MINOR ever rung on the bells. It may also be of interest to state that the above Society now holds the honour of its members having been successful in ringing the first peals in four different six bell methods on these bells, which are as follows:—PLAIN BOB MINOR, KENT and OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, Mr. J. C. Tinker having taken part in them all. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. Fookes (Rector of Lea) for the use of the bells, also Mr. Johnson, the captain of the Lea Ringers, for so kindly arranging for them.

BOURTON, DORSET.—The Bishop of Salisbury recently visited Bourton for the purpose of dedicating the completed tower and the five new bells lately added to complete the ring of six. To celebrate the dedication, a public tea was held in the school, and more than 250 parishioners and friends sat down. The subsequent dedication ceremony consisted of the beautiful Form of Service to be used at the Re-opening of a Tower after Restoration, and for the dedication of bells. A short peal was afterwards rung on the new bells by the Zeals Band of Ringers (Messrs. E. Mees, A. Farthing, J. Parsons, D. Welsh, G. Parsons, W. Gray, under the leadership of Mr. E. Mees), thus completing the ceremony. The whole service was deeply impressive, the culminating point being reached when the beautiful-toned bells rang forth their first sweet sounds in a solemn peal. The Bishop gave an address on the First Epistle of St. Peter, ii. 4 and 5. His Lordship gave a brief summary of the recent history of the Church restorations and enlargements, of the completion of the tower, and mentioned the excellent work done by the present Vicar's predecessor. He said how thankful he was for the work which had just been finished, and spoke of the spiritual meaning and help such an effort must be to all who had assisted in any way. Many had helped quietly and unobtrusively, and it was such godly, unobtrusive work which had built many of our beautiful cathedrals. The names of the workers would soon be forgotten, but the building and bells would long stand as a memorial to future generations. In conclusion, the Bishop stated that £18 was still needed to clear the debt on the bells. Many, he thought, could give a sovereign, and none should give less than a shilling. The offertory amounted to 6l. 8s. 7d. At the conclusion of the service the Zeals Band of Ringers rang several joyous peals on the new bells.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Kent County Association (Lewisham District).

A QUARTERLY meeting of this Branch was held at St. Nicholas', Deptford. Favoured by brilliant weather, anticipations that this would be a 'record' gathering were fully realised; indeed the 'man in the street' might have been forgiven for supposing that it was the Association's Annual General Meeting in progress, as close upon one hundred ringers attended. The bells were set going shortly after two o'clock, company quickly succeeding company at the ropes, from the probationary 'round' ringers to the exponents of LONDON SURPRISE. Punctually at 5 p.m. the Mayor of Greenwich (Councillor Donald McCall, J.P.), accompanied by the Mayoress and the Councillors of St. Nicholas Ward, Messrs. Amos, Graf, and Sidney Skinner, and his worship's personal attendant, Mr. F. W. Thornton, resplendent in a uniform of blue and gold. The Mayor wore his robes and chain and badge of office. The party were conducted to their seats by the Churchwardens and Curate-in-charge. Few, if any, of the ringers, absented themselves from the service, and in addition there was a very large congregation. Service commenced with the hymn 'All people that on earth do well,' and a shortened form of Evensong was used. Usually, when a chief magistrate attends Divine Service 'officially,' he is invited to read the appointed Lessons. On this occasion, however, this course was not followed. Being essentially a ringers' service it was considered appropriate that this duty should devolve upon a ringer, therefore the special Lesson (Romans, xii.) was read by Mr. Frederick W. Thornton.

At the conclusion of prayers, the Mayor, escorted by eight of the ringers, the District Secretary (Mr. T. Groombridge), the Councillors, Churchwardens, and Clergy, were conducted to the ringing chamber, where he was received by Mr. Thornton, who welcomed his Worship in the name of the Association, and invited him to unveil a handsome tablet (the gift of the Churchwarden F. G. Skinner) recording the first peal—STEDMAN TRIPLES—upon the bells after their restoration, rung on December 3rd last, and conducted by Mr. Thornton. The Mayor expressed his pleasure at being present, and hoped the sound of the bells would take a message of peace, and lead many to the one true God. The ceremony of unveiling was performed in full view of the congregation, the ringing chamber, unlike most, being quite open to the church. As the party returned to the chancel, a short touch of GRANDSIRE was rung by Messrs. Weatherstone, Perrin, Lamb, Foreman, Jeffries, Ingham, Thornton, and Gooch.

After the hymn, 'O God, our help in ages past,' had been sung, an interesting address was delivered by the Rev. Alfred Shirley, Curate-in-Charge, based upon the first verse of the *Benedicite*. He spoke of the important part which church bells had played in our national, municipal, and everyday life—the ringers should never forget that their bells were the music of history and strive to the highest ideal of their office. The ministry of the bells was partly religious and partly secular, and their ringing was a call to duty. It was to be noticed that in the early Georgian days, when the life of English patriotism and English religion was at its lowest ebb, and duty very slack, bell-ringing fell to its lowest state, and when with the early days of the 19th century, the sense of duty revived the interest in bell-ringing again arose, and there has been a tremendous up-lifting in this respect in every part of the country. The service concluded with the hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' and the pronouncing of the Benediction.

CHANGE-RINGING.

Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

AT St. Mary's, Lambeth, on June 24th, a peal of NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins. Tenor, 19 cwt.

Rueben Charge* ..	1	Isaac G. Shade ..	5
John D. Matthews* ..	2	William Pye ..	6
George R. Pye ..	3	William J. Nudds* ..	7
Bertram Prewett ..	4	Ernest Pye ..	8

Composed by H. Dains, and conducted by Bertram Prewett. First peal in the method on the bells. [* First peal in the method.]

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

AT SS. Peter and Paul's, Eye, Suffolk, on June 24th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

Frederick Borrett ..	1	Frederick Roope ..	5
Arthur Roope ..	2	Frederick Day ..	6
Charles Roope ..	3	William Roope ..	7
Egbert Borrett ..	4	Ernest Poppy ..	8

Composed by E. Wightman, and conducted by F. Borrett.

The Yorkshire Association.

AT St. Lawrence's, Pudsey, on June 21st, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in the Oxford Variation, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Pratt Cordingley ..	1	James W. Baxendale ..	5
William Birks ..	2	J. W. Cordingley ..	6
J. C. Booth ..	3	J. E. Proctor ..	7
Samuel Ward ..	4	Harry Ward ..	8

Composed by W. Sottanstell, and conducted by P. Cordingley. Rung as a wedding peal to Mr. Thomas Maude, who was married at Scarborough parish church on June 20th.

The Kent County Association.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

AT the Parish Church, Lyminge, Kent, on June 24th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in the Kent Variation, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins.

Edward Trendell ..	1	William A. Fowler* ..	5
William E. Pitman* ..	2	Edward Buesden ..	6
Harry Barton ..	3	Henry C. Castle* ..	7
Sidney Walter* ..	4	Frederick A. Holden ..	8

Composed by F. A. Holden, and conducted by Harry Barton. [* First peal in the method.]

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

AT St. Margaret's, Westminster, on June 24th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 26 cwt.

Frederick G. Perrin ..	1	James E. Davis ..	6
William Weatherstone ..	2	Arthur Dean ..	7
George Daynes ..	3	William Crockford ..	8
Arthur C. Otway ..	4	Frederick Richardson ..	9
Walter G. Matthews ..	5	Arthur Hardy ..	10

Composed by G. Miles, and conducted by F. Richardson.

The Essex Association.

NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.

AT St. Peter-ad-Vincula, Coggeshall, Essex, on June 26th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins. Tenor, 22 cwt., in F.

Richard Potter* ..	1	John Sadler ..	5
William Howell* ..	2	Charles Norfolk ..	6
Andrew Shufflebotham* ..	3	Ernest W. Beckwith ..	7
Edward P. Buckingham* ..	4	David Elliott ..	8

Composed by H. Hubbard, and conducted by David Elliott. [* First peal in the method.]

SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.—Recently the local company rang a muffled 720 of BOB MINOR, as a tribute of respect to Mr. Fountaine Pikett, late churchwarden, who passed away on May 4th. The bells were deeply muffled, except the tenor, which was opened at backstroke. This is the first time these bells have been rung so deeply muffled. It was called in the village a dumb peal. There has been a great advance in change-ringing in this tower of late. In 1871, after the restoration of the church, two bells were added by Warner & Sons, bringing the bells up to six. The other four are all ancient, three bear the date 1652. The second tenor is of much older date. The ring is in a true diatonic scale, good tone and tune, the tenor being in the note of A natural. For many years the ringing was very desultory, the company being content with BOB MINOR, rung at intervals on weekday evenings, rounds occasionally on Sundays. Fifteen months ago a young company was formed, and after a while not only BOB MINOR, but TREBLE BOB or COLLEGE SINGLE was ringing gaily from the tower. Practice is held three evenings in the week, and 720 is rung before service on Sundays. In January last the company rang twenty-three peals and two half-peals—not a bad score. The strong characteristic of this company is their extremely accurate striking, which does them great credit. They have quite recently become members of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and we wish them every success with DOUBLE COURT BOB, which they think of tackling shortly. It is not very common to hear in a village, bells raised and fallen in peal. This company have succeeded in falling their bells in peal, which has a charming effect.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

CHANGE-RINGING.

Northampton and District Bell-ringing.

THE following peals are the result of five days' ringing in Northampton and district, arranged specially for the Rev. F. E. Robinson by the Central Northamptonshire Association.

At St. Edmund's, Northampton, on July 3rd, a variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 11 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

Henry George 1	William R. Hensher .. 5
William Rogers 2	William Roberts* .. 6
Fred Wilford 3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.) 7
Walter Perkins 4	Samuel Wesley 8

[* First peal in the method away from the tenor.]

At SS. Peter and Paul's, Kettering, on July 4th, a variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

Henry George 1	James Houghton, jun. .. 5
Thomas R. Hensher .. 2	William R. Hensher .. 6
Samuel Wesley 3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.) 7
Sidney J. Lawrence .. 4	Walter Perkins 8

At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton, on July 5th, a variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

Tom Harris 1	William R. Hensher .. 5
Samuel Wesley 2	Henry George 6
Sidney J. Lawrence .. 3	Rev. J. E. Robinson (condr.) 7
Thomas R. Hensher .. 4	Fred Wilford 8

[* First peal in the method.]

At St. Peter's, Northampton, on July 6th, a variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Samuel Wesley 1	Henry George 5
Sidney J. Lawrence .. 2	William R. Hensher .. 6
Fred Wilford 3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.) 7
Thomas R. Hensher .. 4	Abram G. Smith 8

First peal in the method on the bells; also rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. F. E. Ward (sidesman of St. Peter's) and Miss M. E. K. (Nellie) Hewitt.

At St. Peter's, Irthlingborough, on July 7th, a variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

Frederick Palmer 1	Walter Perkins 5
James Garratt 2	Anderson Y. Tyler .. 6
William R. Hensher .. 3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.) 7
Fred Wilford 4	John J. Mawby 8

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. William Askham, of Irthlingborough.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

At SS. Thomas and Edmund's, Erdington, Warwickshire, on June 24th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Harry Dickens 1	George F. Swann 5
Charles Dickens 2	John Neal 6
Bernard W. Witchell .. 3	Arthur E. Pegler 7
Alf Paddon Smith 4	James George 8

Composed by H. Dains, and conducted by Bernard W. Witchell.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At St. Margaret's, Ipswich, Suffolk, on July 3rd, a peal of SUPER-LATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

Edgar Pemberton 1	William J. Nevard 5
Edward Evans 2	James Motts 6
William Motts 3	Ernest W. Beckwith .. 7
Lewis W. Wiffen 4	David Elliott 8

Composed by H. Dains, and conducted by James Motts.

THE LATE REV. T. A. TURNER, OF ICKFORD.—This clergyman, who had held the incumbency of Ickford since 1895, having for some years previously been curate of the parish, had taken a great interest in bells from boyhood. 'For many years,' says the 'Waddesdon Deanery Magazine,' he was President of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers, and could take a hand at change-ringing with much skill and efficiency, and no temperance lecturer had done grander work than Mr. Turner amongst the bell-ringers in the north. A veteran bell-ringer once said of him, "I believe Mr. Turner has been up more towers than any man in England."

BELL-RINGING AT HODDESDON.—The local Society of Bell-ringers held their annual meeting recently in the vestry of the church, the chair being occupied by the Vicar, who was supported by Mr. J. Dew (warden), and others. Mr. E. Dixon resigned the position of secretary to the Society, and Mr. S. Knight was elected to fill the office. The report was satisfactory, and showed a small balance in hand. Mr. Puplett was re-elected Master, and Messrs. J. Cavill, W. H. Roe, C. Matthews, and G. Plummer were elected on the Committee. It was proposed to purchase a set of handbells for the Society. A vote of thanks was passed to the late Hon. Sec.

HEREFORDSHIRE BELL-RINGERS' ASSOCIATION.—Colwall was the place selected this year for the anniversary of the above Association. There were seventy-five ringers present, as representatives of the thirty or forty towers which are in union with the Association. The Rector, the Rev. F. W. Carnegie, was the preacher, and selected as his text 1 Cor. x., part of 31st verse, 'Do all to the glory of God.' He impressed on his hearers that they were as much Church-workers as the choirmen, and begged them to remember that the belfry was a part of God's house, and that the bells were instruments of sacred music and the property of God. Miss Smith presided at the organ. The business meeting followed. All the officers were re-elected, including the Rev. A. C. Lee as Hon. Secretary, and Mr. Buchanan as Master. The funds were in a satisfactory condition, and good work had been done during the year. A luncheon was afterwards partaken of at the Oddfellows' Hall. Parties of ringers then proceeded to Colwall, Coddington, Mathon, Cradley, Eastnor, and Ledbury towers.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL-RINGERS.—The annual meeting, which is usually held on April Fair Saturday, was this year, owing to the typhoid epidemic, deferred until a recent Saturday. A strong contingent of ringers were present from the northern, southern, and the eastern branches which form the Guild, and some capital touches of the standard methods were rung at the Cathedral (eight bells), St. Peter-at-Arches (eight bells), St. Peter-at-Gowts (six bells), and St. Botolph's (five bells). The annual business meeting of the Guild was held afterwards, Mr. P. O. Bixley presiding. The balance-sheet showed the Guild to be in a satisfactory financial condition. The Dean of Lincoln was re-elected President; the Rev. Law James, Master of the Guild; the Rev. J. F. Flowers, Secretary; and Mr. F. Linley, Treasurer. The Rev. Law James moved that Rule 2 (c) should be altered, and that the officers of the Guild should be elected annually at a special meeting held alternately in each of the branch districts. After considerable discussion this was negatived by a large majority. After the meeting a ringers' service was held in the Morning Chapel at the Cathedral, when a splendid address, based on Ps. cxx. 1, was given by Chancellor Crowfoot, who beautifully portrayed the lesson taught by the bells, their use in divine service, and the high call of all bell-ringers. Immediately after this service the annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held in the Ringers' Chapel at the Cathedral, Mr. C. W. P. Clifton presiding. Mr. F. Linley submitted the financial statement, which showed an income, including money in hand, of £85 6s. 8d., and an expenditure of £34 2s. 11d., leaving in hand £51 3s. 9d. Owing to the death of Canon Andrews, the Branch has lost its President. On the motion of Mr. Tingle (Gainsborough), Mr. F. Linley was unanimously elected to succeed the Canon as President. On the motion of Mr. Linley, it was resolved that, to mark the twenty-first year of the existence of the Northern Branch, a sum of £5 be set aside to form the nucleus of a fund for the renovation of the Ringers' Chapel. In order to relieve the Lincoln District, to extend the influence of the Branch in the neighbourhood of Caythorpe, the Branch to be divided into five districts, viz., Lincoln, Gainsborough, Grimsby, Market Rasen, and Caythorpe. A vote of thanks was accorded the Dean and Chapter, Chancellor Crowfoot, and Mr. Dunkerton for the great help they had extended the ringers that day. The bells were kept running till 9 p.m., affording a very pleasant outing for the visiting ringers.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.—A meeting of members of this Association will be held on Saturday, July 22nd, at St. Sepulchre's Church, E.C. (ten bells) by kind permission of the Rev. Edgar Rogers. The bells will be raised at 4.30 p.m.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Bells of Kenwyn, Cornwall.

An illustrated publication is about to be issued having regard to the history of Kenwyn bells. The new peal will shortly be ready for use, and hundreds of people will welcome once more their merry sound. The inscriptions upon the bells will be as follows:—

(8) The Tenor.—R. Poat and W. Powell, churchwardens, 1825. These bells were re-cast in 1905 by Sir Robert Harvey, Kt., formerly of this parish, High Sheriff of Cornwall, 1900-1. On reverse side—The Venerable John Rundle Cornish, Archdeacon of Cornwall, * vicar. Henry Thomas, x William Nicholas Gill, x churchwardens. Re-cast 1905.

(7) Edward Harold Browne, vicar; x Edward Trewbody Carlyon, John Tippet, wardens, 1852. In memory of his father, Samuel Harvey, of this parish. Born 1819. Died 1898. And of his mother, Emma Harvey. Born 1821. Died 1892. Re-cast 1905.

(6) 1825. Recast 1889, and again re-cast 1905. Also of his grandfather, Samuel Harvey, of Chacewater. Born 1778. Died 1854. And of his grandmother, Honor Harvey. Born 1787. Died 1870. Reverse—Exaltatum Cornu in Deo.

(5) Richard Milles, x Robert Michell, C.W., x 1788. x Re-cast 1905.* And of his grandfather, Robert Northey, of Idless, in this parish. Born 1789. Died 1865. And of his grandmother, Elizabeth Northey. Born 1796. Died 1879.

(4) 1852. Re-cast 1905. Also of his wife, Alida Marie Lady Harvey. Born in Peru in 1859. Died 1901.

(3) 1851. Re-cast 1905. And of his children, Alida Emma. Born and died 1882. Alfred Charles. Born and died 1891.

(2) 1747. Re-cast 1905. Robert Godefroy (Tito). Born 1884. Died 1895.

(1) 1825. Re-cast 1905. And Alfred Northey. Born 1892. Died 1902. R.I.P.

No.	Diameter. ft. in.	Note.	Weight. cwt. qr. lb.
1.	2 2 ⁵ / ₈	F	4 3 9
2.	2 3 ³ / ₈	E	5 0 2
3.	2 5 ⁵ / ₈	D	5 1 25
4.	2 7 ³ / ₈	C	6 0 9
5.	2 10	B [♯]	7 2 4
6.	2 11 ³ / ₈	A	7 3 13
7.	3 3 ¹ / ₈	G	11 0 14
8.	3 8 ³ / ₈	F	15 3 20
			63 3 12

CHANGE-RINGING.

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

At St. Peter's, Henley, Suffolk, on July 12th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in the Oxford Variation, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 44 mins. Tenor, 8 cwt. 3 lbs., in A flat.

James Motts ..	1	Hawkins English ..	5
Edgar Pemberton ..	2	William Tillet ..	6
Rev. William C. Pearson ..	3	Edward Evans ..	7
William Billenness ..	4	Henry J. Tucker ..	8

Composed by Daniel Woods, and conducted by James Motts.

At St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, Suffolk, on July 11th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 23 mins. Tenor, 32 cwt.

James Motts ..	1	William L. Catchpole ..	6
Edgar Pemberton ..	2	William Motts ..	7
William Billenness ..	3	Lewis W. Wiffen ..	8
William P. Garrett ..	4	Robert H. Brundle ..	9
Henry J. Tucker ..	5	Edward Evans ..	10

Composed by Cornelius Charge, and conducted by James Motts. Arranged and rung to oblige H. J. Tucker.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At the Parish Church, Bletchley, on July 10th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs.

Harry Sear ..	1	Frederick Webb ..	5
S. Lawrence ..	2	Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn ..	6
Frank Webb ..	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.) ..	7
William Stone ..	4	Valentine Sear ..	8

Rung on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Guild.

The Central Northamptonshire Association.

At St. Peter's Church, Irthlingborough, on July 15th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

William V. Newman ..	1	Alfred Martin ..	5
Alfred Everett ..	2	Lewis Chapman ..	6
James Garrett ..	3	Walter Perkins ..	7
Frederick Palmer ..	4	Charles R. Lilley ..	8

Composed by G. Williams, and conducted by Charles R. Lilley. The above was arranged for Messrs. Lilley and Hare; but the latter was prevented from ringing owing to hurting his foot.

The Yorkshire Association.

At St. Leonard's, Wortley, Yorks, on July 8th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in the Kent Variation, 6208 changes, in 3 hrs. 37 mins. Tenor, 12¹/₂ cwt.

Thomas McKegg ..	1	James Evinson ..	4
Archie Brearley ..	2	Sidney F. Palmer ..	6
James H. Charlesworth ..	3	George Lewis ..	7
John Thorpe ..	4	Clement Glenn ..	8

Composed by Arthur Knights, conducted by George Lewis. Longest length in the method on the bells, and by all the band. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Lewis.

The Kent County Association.

At St. Martin's, Eynsford, Kent, on July 8th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 12¹/₂ cwt.

Isaac Emery* ..	1	Frederick G. Perrin ..	5
Thomas Groombridge ..	2	James E. Davis ..	6
John H. Cheesman ..	3	Robert Brett* ..	7
Edwin Barnett, jun. ..	4	Edwin Barnett, sen. ..	8

Composed and conducted by Edwin Barnett, sen. First peal in the method on the bells. [* First peal in the method.]

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCESTER.—The bells of the old church of St. Cassian at Chaddesley Corbett have been re-hung, and other connected work carried out, at a cost of £300. Mrs. Green, of the Woodlands, Stourbridge, has borne the expense of re-casting the tenor bell. Some of the bells date back over two centuries. There was a dedication service at the church on the 5th inst., at which the Vicar (the Rev. D. H. Francis) read prayers, and the Rev. D. Robinson (the rural dean) preached.

BELL-RINGERS AT REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.—Winhill St. Mark's ringers visited Repton the other Saturday, by kind permission of the Vicar, and rang various touches, including 720 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES in 28 mins. Wm. Orme, 1; Chas. Brown (conductor), 2; W. Holden, 3; C. Golder, 4; J. Woodward, 5; W. Shorthouse, 6.

LEWES BELL-RINGERS.—A quarterly meeting of the Southover Church Bell-ringers' Guild was held in the ringing chamber of the belfry, Southover Church, Lewes, on the 10th inst., the Rev. D. Lee Elliott, President, in the chair. The question of the overhauling of the bells was gone into, when it was elicited that repairs were necessary in order that for peal-ringing they should be perfectly safe. In fact, at present peal-ringing must not be attempted. It is hoped, however, that this may not long be the case.

UCKFIELD (SUSSEX) CHURCH BELLS.—A meeting of the committee appointed to carry out the restoration of the bells of Uckfield Parish Church was held on the 13th inst. at the Rectory, the Rector (the Rev. Prebendary Sanderson) presiding. Mr. T. A. Bannister, one of the churchwardens, who had undertaken the secretarial duties, reported that the whole of the bells had been recast and placed in a new iron frame, the chimes had been refixed, a new floor had been placed over the ringing chamber, portions of the tower had been repaired, and other repairs of a minor character had been carried out. The whole of the work had cost £404 3s. 1¹/₂d., and so far donations &c., had amounted to £362 12s. 10¹/₂d., leaving a balance of £41 10s. 3d. still to be met. As the work, which is now quite completed, was in progress, some repairs which had not been anticipated were found to be necessary, and this in some measure accounts for the deficit. The committee decided to make a further appeal to the public.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

At the Parish Church, Hawley, Hants, on July 15th, a variation of Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 47 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Septimus Radford..	1	George W. Challice ..	5
Alfred H. Palling..	2	Charles Hazelden..	6
James Hunt ..	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (conr.)	7
Hy. L. Garfath, jun.	4	George W. Brion ..	8

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. L. Garfath.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.

At All Saints', Edmonton, on July 15th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins. Tenor, 17½ cwt.

George Radley ..	1	James Saxby ..	5
Herbert W. Stanley*	2	Joseph Waghorn, sen.*	6
Ernest S. Poll ..	3	James Parker ..	7
George Paice ..	4	Thomas Card ..	8

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by James Parker. [* First peal in the method.]

The Yorkshire Association.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

At St. Mary's, Ecclesfield, on July 17th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in the Kent Variation, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 18½ cwt.

Willis Whitham ..	1	Thomas Kitson ..	5
John Thorpe ..	2	Oliver Canwood ..	6
Walter Kitson ..	3	Clement Glenn ..	7
George Lewis ..	4	Sidney F. Palmer ..	8

Composed by C. H. Hattersley, and conducted by S. F. Palmer. First peal as conductor.

A QUERY.—A correspondent writes as follows: 'Dear Sir,—I shall be much obliged to you if you will kindly translate the inscription upon, and suggest the probable date of, two bells in my parish church tower, viz., a peal of six only; three appear to be ancient. (1) "Resono clare satis quia vox vocor hic Trinitatis." (2) "EDMUNDUS DELENE ME FECIT." (3) "Charles Newman made mee, 1698."—Yours faithfully, IGNORAMUS.'

WYVENHOE (ESSEX) CHURCH BELLS.—The six bells which have been recast and rehung at Wyvenhoe Parish Church (St. Mary the Virgin) were dedicated on Thursday week. These bells were originally hung over 100 years ago, and have been in use until about three months ago, when it became necessary to have them recast. This work has cost something like £300, raised by subscriptions and donations. There was a large congregation, a short form of service being conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Sinclair Carolin). Miss E. Barker was at the organ. The Rector gave an address from Zachariah, xiv. 20, and in the course of his remarks read a letter from Mr. George Page enclosing a memorandum written by Mr. Page's grandfather. This was dated February 14th, 1803, and referred to the bells dedicated the previous Thursday week. The following is a copy: 'This day there was much bell-ringing in Wyvenhoe in consequence of their having six new bells. The parishioners invited some men from Great Tey to ring them for the first time, which they did to the satisfaction of all present, they being quite proficient in the art. The wind being about west, they were not heard very distinctly at Fingringhoe, but I being on the North Geeting Marsh shooting wild fowl with John Gill, Esq., the sound of the bells had a very pleasing effect.' After his address, the Rector proceeded to the belfry, and, taking the bell-ropes in his hands, offered a short prayer, and then declared the bells dedicated. Several rounds were then rung on the bells, and the service concluded with the hymn, 'Now thank we all our God.' During the afternoon and evening the bells were rung by Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, and a capable company of ringers.

HIGH WYCOMBE CHURCH BELLS.—Early in May the ringers complained to the Vicar of the state of the bells. It was pointed out that the labour incurred in ringing was so excessive as to involve the resignation of three of their number. In consequence, a meeting of the Vicar, churchwardens, and ringers was held on May 18th. Full explanations were given, and it was understood that if the bells could be

made easier to ring the resignations would be withdrawn. The matter was considered, and it was decided that Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, the firm which sixty years ago was employed to recast the tenor bell, should be communicated with and requested to send an expert to examine and report. An inspection took place, which showed that all the bells were more or less worn by the clappers continually striking in the same place. It would be necessary, therefore, to quarter-turn the bells and fit new head-stocks. The framework was very old, and it was recommended that a new one be constructed. The estimate for the work was £277, and £20 or £25 might be required to be expended on the floor beneath the framework. In view of this report, the Vicar and churchwardens were of opinion that the ringing of the bells for the present should be discontinued and only chiming allowed.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting in connection with this Society was held at Lichfield on the 1st inst. Soon after two o'clock members from all parts of the Archdeaconry began to muster. The bells of the Cathedral were soon in motion to the tune of GRANDSIRE CATERPS. A short service was held in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral, and an excellent address was given by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Anson, which was very attentively listened to by the members present. This was followed by tea in the Pool Walk Schools, about seventy members partaking of the good things provided, after which the general meeting of the Society was held, the Rev. F. Tension being voted to the chair, who apologised for the absence of the Clerical Hon. Secretary (Rev. T. W. Wilkes, Vicar of Wednesbury), the Revs. W. Solly and O. W. Steele, who were away on their holidays. The minutes of the last annual meeting being read and confirmed, Mr. S. Reeves was elected Hon. Secretary for the next twelve months. The balance-sheet was presented and passed, and although the balance is not so good this year as last, it is still on the right side. Seventeen new members were elected, and two tower elections were ratified. The places for the quarterly meetings were fixed as follows: Brewood, Walsall, and Tamworth, with the annual at Lichfield, as near June 24th, 1906, as convenient. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the officers of the Society for their services during the past year, and to the Rt. Rev. Bishop Anson for his address at the service; to the Rev. Prebendary Bolton for the use of the schools for the tea and meeting; and to Mr. E. Gallimore for so kindly making the arrangements for the meeting. The eight bells at St. Mary's were rung during the afternoon, although the 'go' of them is anything but good from a ringer's point of view. Some touches of STEDMAN CATERPS, TREBLE BOB ROYAL, and GRANDSIRE CATERPS were brought round in the evening on the Cathedral bells, and so brought a very pleasant afternoon's outing to a close.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The usual summer quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Bromsgrove, on the 8th inst., and was well attended. Service was held in the fine old church at 5.30, and the Rev. W. G. Whinfield, Curate-in-charge, gave an impressive address. After service an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, kindly lent for the business meeting, when the Rev. Whinfield suggested, as the vicarage was empty, the late Vicar, the Rev. Vine Hall having just left, and the new incumbent having not yet taken up his residence there, and as the weather was so warm, the meeting be held on the vicarage lawn, a proposal gladly accepted. The rev. gentleman presiding, the business was then gone into. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and confirmed, several new members were elected, and King's Norton was selected as the place for the next meeting. Mr. W. C. Jones was elected conductor for the quarterly peal to be rung at Bromsgrove. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. W. G. Whinfield for his address at the service, for presiding at the meeting, and for the use of the tower and bells. During the afternoon and evening, some very good touches of GRANDSIRE and STEDMAN CATERPS, TREBLE BOB ROYAL and DOUBLE NORWICH being brought round.

ONE of the most important topics of the day is 'Where to Spend the Holidays,' and this question can be the easier settled after a perusal of the A.B.C. Programmes setting forth the Excursion facilities from London to the Midlands and the North, issued by the Great Central Railway Company. Their Programme for July, August and September, announces a new and important feature in the fact that excursion facilities are given to over 200 towns in the Midlands and the North every Saturday for this season, instead of fortnightly, as in previous years. We commend this programme to those who contemplate journeying northwards for their holidays. Copies can be obtained free at Marylebone Station or any of the Company's Town Offices and Agencies.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Midland Counties Association.

THE first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Wirksworth, on the 8th ult., and was a great success. By the kindness of Wirksworth friends, brakes were provided to meet the trains at Cromford and convey the visitors across the hill, past the famous 'Black Rocks' to Wirksworth. It was a hot afternoon and ringing was warm work, but the bells were continually going in one method or another.

Tea was served in the parish room, fifty-eight members and friends sitting down. At the subsequent meeting, the vice-president, Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., took the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and also particulars of the peals rung during the last quarter. For the next place of meeting, Melbourne was proposed by W. Hickling, sen., and seconded by C. Draper. Colston-Bassett was proposed by W. E. White and seconded by W. Hexter, and on being put to the meeting, the amendment was carried by a large majority.

Twenty-seven ringing and one honorary member were admitted. The vice-president read a letter from Joseph Griggs, Esq., of Wignell Grange, an honorary member of the Association, who regretted his inability to be present, and enclosed a cheque for the benefit of the funds. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Griggs on the proposition of Mr. J. W. Taylor, seconded by Mr. W. Wakley.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Wirksworth for the use of the bells and parish room on the proposition of Mr. W. Wakley, who said they were all sorry the Vicar was absent, but were pleased to see the Revs. M. D. Wardrop and H. S. Cowan, curates of the parish. This was seconded by Mr. C. Draper, and carried unanimously. The Rev. M. D. Wardrop replied, and in the course of his remarks said he was pleased to meet the members of the Association, and hoped this first visit to Wirksworth would not be their last. Thanks to Mr. W. Fox and the other members of the Wirksworth band, for the great share they had taken in making the meeting a success, were proposed by Mr. W. Wakley, seconded by Mr. C. Draper, and carried unanimously. Mr. J. Griffin proposed and Mr. W. Fox seconded a vote of thanks to the vice-president, who having replied, the meeting terminated.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.

At Christ Church, Epsom, Surrey, on July 22nd, a peal of SUPER-LATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 12 cwt.

George W. Challice† .. 1	Alfred W. Brighton .. 5
George R. Pye .. 2	James Hunt .. 6
Isaac G. Shade .. 3	James George* .. 7
John J. Lamb .. 4	William Pye .. 8

Composed by G. Lindoff, and conducted by William Pye. [† First peal in the method. * First peal in the method away from the treble.]

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.

At St. Helen's, Worcester, on July 22nd, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 11 mins. Tenor, 18½ cwt., in E flat.

Thomas J. Salter .. 1	James Dowler .. 5
William C. Jones .. 2	Rev. C. A. Clements .. 6
Robert Matthews .. 3	William Short .. 7
John Smith .. 4	Arthur E. Pegler .. 8

Composed by J. W. Washbrook, and conducted by T. J. Salter. First peal in the method in the city of Worcester.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

At the Parish Church, Middlesbrough, Yorks, on July 25th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in the Kent Variation, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor, 12 cwt.

George Pickering† .. 1	J. H. Lenton .. 5
John Wedgwood* .. 2	John W. Passman .. 6
William Rudd .. 3	John H. Blakiston .. 7
Thomas H. Pinkney† .. 4	Richard Newton .. 8

Composed by Thomas Day, and conducted by J. H. Blakiston. This peal was arranged for R. Newton who came from Manchester, and is his first peal in the method. [† First 5000. * First peal with a bob bell.]

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on July 25th, Thursdays' One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 8 lbs.

Wm. Weatherstone .. 1	Albert Coles .. 5
T. H. Taffender (conductor) .. 2	James E. Davis .. 6
William Truss .. 3	John W. Golding .. 7
Thomas Faulkner .. 4	E. Lawford Dale .. 8

Rung on the anniversary of the conductor's birthday.

BERKSWELL, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Thursday, the 20th ult., several ringers from Coventry and Warwick met at the above place to have a ring on the fine peal of six, and also to meet a lady ringer who is staying in the district, when the following were rung:—720 PLAIN BOB MINOR: A. W. Flowers, 1; E. H. Adams, 2; Miss M. Gilbanks, 3; J. Pinfold, 4; W. Maund, 5; J. H. White (conductor), 6. Also 120 STEDMAN DOUBLES: A. W. Flowers, 1; J. Pinfold, 2; J. H. White, 3; T. Male, 4; E. H. Adams (conductor), 5; W. Maund, 6. Also several six-scores of GRANDSIRE, with the local ringers standing in.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Preston Branch was held on the 22nd ult., at St. Mary's, Eccleston. Ringing commenced about 3 o'clock, and touches of BOB MINOR, COLLEGE SINGLE and KENT TREBLE BOB were rung before an adjournment to 'The Blue Anchor' was made. Here a good repast was waiting, and the ringers were loud in their praises both of the excellence of the food and of the generosity of the Rev. H. W. Bretherton, Rector of Eccleston, in providing for them. The business meeting followed. Mr. R. Sanderson was re-elected Hon. Secretary, and Mr. J. R. Taylor was nominated branch representative to the Committee of the Association. Votes of thanks were passed to the local company, and to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells. The next meeting, fixed for August 26th, will be held at Penwortham. A few more touches were afterwards rung, after which tracks were made for home. The church is kept in a beautiful condition. The rectory grounds were open to ringers, and the bells go excellently.

A QUERY.—Mr. H. P. Pollard, of Bengoe, Hertford, says: 'The idea intended to be conveyed by the inscription on bell No. 1 mentioned by your correspondent appears to be as follows:—"I sound clearly enough because I am called the voice of the Trinity." The bell perhaps dates from the sixteenth century; if your correspondent could kindly send a rubbing of a portion of the lettering, the stamps, if any, and state whether the inscription is on the upper or lower part of the bell, the date could probably be roughly fixed. If the peal mentioned is in Bedfordshire, North's "Church Bells of Bedfordshire" will give all information.'

NOTICES.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Todmorden parish church to-morrow (Saturday). Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. As there will be important business to transact, a good attendance of members is earnestly requested.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Sec.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held to-morrow (Saturday). Business meeting, 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested, as important business will be brought forward. If permission can be obtained, members may have a look through the Hall grounds. It is expected that the committee will have a meeting also.—J. Smith, Branch Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The August meeting will be held at Newton Hall, Stocksfields-on-Tyne to-morrow (Saturday). The six bells in St. James' Church (tenor, 12 cwt.), will be at the disposal of members during the day. Tea at Mr. John Symms', Wellington inn, at 5 o'clock. Members, 1s.; non-members, 1s. 6d.—Wm. T. Robson, Hon. Sec., 24 Ingleby Terrace, Sunderland.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Trowbridge, to-morrow (Saturday), at 3 p.m.—E. H. Arnold, Hon. Sec.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pulborough on Monday, August 7th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. The Rector has kindly consented to preside at the tea and business meeting at 5.30.—H. Evans, Hon. Div. Sec. Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Sussex County Association.

At Holy Cross Church, Uckfield, on July 29th, a peal of **DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs., in F sharp.

James W. Wilkins ..	1	Albert J. Turner ..	5
Frank Bennett ..	2	John S. Goldsmith ..	6
Robert J. Dawe ..	3	George A. King ..	7
Albert D. Stone ..	4	Keith Hart ..	8

Composed by Henry Dains, and conducted by Frank Bennett. The first peal on the bells since being recast, and rehung in an iron frame, the 'go' being excellent.

The Yorkshire Association.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

At St. Mary's, Bolsover, Derbyshire, on July 29th, a peal of **DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**, 5008 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt. 3 qrs.

Sam Thomas ..	1	George W. Moss ..	5
William Lambert ..	2	George W. Bemrose ..	6
John Thorpe ..	3	Sidney F. Palmer ..	7
Leonard Charlesworth ..	4	John Flint ..	8

Composed by Arthur Craven, and conducted by Sam Thomas.

[* First peal of **DOUBLE NORWICH**.]

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

At St. John's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on July 31st, a peal of **SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 47 mins. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in G.

Robert M. Falconer ..	1	William H. Barber ..	5
Charles L. Routledge ..	2	Alfred F. Hillier ..	6
Edward A. Hern ..	3	Joseph E. R. Keen ..	7
William Story ..	4	Ernest E. Ferry ..	8

Composed by Arthur Knights, and conducted by W. H. Barber.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL CHIMES.—A resident in St. Paul's Churchyard informed the 'Times' that, at eleven o'clock on a recent night, St. Paul's clock struck the hour instead of the preliminary chimes, which followed two or three minutes later.

STICKLAND, DORSET.—The restoration of the parish church bells has been completed, and the new treble bell added. The dedication service, fixed for the 15th inst., will be conducted by the Bishop of Salisbury.

HUYTON (LANCASHIRE) CHURCH BELLS.—These bells, six in number, have been rehung, i.e., new head-stocks have been made for each bell, the timbers tightened, and new bearings have been put in all through. The work has been satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. John Taylor & Co., of Loughborough. New ropes have also been put on the bells. The heaviest of them, the tenor, weighs 18 cwt.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.—The ringers of Tyldesley Parish Church rang, on Sunday morning, July 30th, for Divine service, a peal of 720 changes in 25 mins. The peal consisted of 20 bobs and 14 singles, and was composed and conducted by Robert Aldred. The ringers stood as follows:—James Aldred, sen., 1; James Aldred, jun., 2; Herbert Aldred, 3; Harry Aldred, 4; Thomas Aldred, 5; Robert Aldred, 6.

SAMPFORD COURTENAY, DEVON.—The bells, recently restored, have been re-dedicated. Five of them have been re-tuned and quarter-turned, while the tenor, weighing about 14 cwt., which was cracked some eleven years since, has been re-cast. This work has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. The bells were originally cast in 1770 by Pennington, and on the tenor is the following inscription: 'I call the quick to church and the dead to grave. Cast T. P. & Co., 1770. Recast 1905. Thomas Wright Little, rector; John Cook and George Snell, churchwardens.' The work cost about 200*l.*, and the parish now possesses a ring of bells worthy of the church. The architect, under whose supervision the work was carried out, is Mr. Fellowes Prynne, of London. At the short thanksgiving service the surpliced clergy present were the Revs. T. W. Little (rector), Canon Kempthorne (Rector of Liverpool), J. Worthington (Rural Dean), A. B. Portman (Rector of Corton, near Sherborne), H. R. Kruger (Jacobstowe), E. S. Thorne and F. Robinson (Merton). The bells were dedicated by the Rural Dean. The church was filled to overflowing. The Rev. J. Worthington preached an appropriate sermon, and the bells were rung by the parish ringers, and ringers from Northtawton, Southtawton, Winkleigh, and Okehampton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the south-western division was held at Dagenham on the 29th ult., when members and friends attended from Romford, Hornchurch, West Ham, Barking, Leytonstone, Woodford, Waterford (Ireland), Hornsey, and Bethnal Green. The ringing included a 720 of KENT, rung by Messrs. Doran, Fenn, Livermore, Moule, Hayes, and Torble (conductor). Two 720's of LONDON were attempted, but were unfortunately lost, and CAMBRIDGE met with a similar fate. Touches of PLAIN BOB, DOUBLE COURT, OXFORD and KENT, and GRANDSIRE DOUBLES kept the bells employed till a late hour. At the business meeting, held in the schoolroom, the Rev. A. Hughes (Rector of Woodford) was elected an honorary member, and one non-resident life member and five resident members were elected. Loughton had been decided on as the place of the next meeting, but a card was read from the Rector of Loughton saying that through illness near the church he might not be able to give the necessary permission. After some discussion it was decided to hold the meeting at Hornchurch, should Loughton not be available.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT ETWALL, DERBYSHIRE.—The Bishop of Derby has dedicated three new bells in the belfry of St. Helen's Church, Etwall, and in an address his Lordship took the opportunity of impressing upon the congregation the true significance of church bells. The church now possesses a harmonious peal of six bells; the cost of the three just dedicated has been defrayed by the congregation, who have raised about £270 for the purpose. In his address, the Bishop said he congratulated the parishioners on having added three new bells, raising the ring to six. He was still more glad to know that the money necessary for the erection of the bells had been subscribed readily and willingly, and that all, or nearly all the parishioners, whatever their religious views might be, had joined in the work, which was for the good of all. Continuing, the Bishop said it seemed to him that what he could best do was to remind the congregation, in the very simplest language he could command, of the meaning of the dedication service, in which all had taken part. Let the congregation think why the bells were in the church; when they should be rung; and thirdly, how the bells should be rung. Why had the parishioners taken the trouble to subscribe their money for a ring of bells? First and foremost, the bells were meant to summon the parishioners to the church. The Prayer-book said, 'The curate who ministers in a parish church, and being at home, and not otherwise reasonably hindered, is to say the prayers in the church, after summoning the people by a bell to come and hear God's Word, and to pray with him.' Moses was ordered to make silver trumpets which were to be sounded from time to time to gather the congregation of Israel together. The object was the same as that of a ring of bells; it could well be imagined that, for a nomad people, trumpets were easier than bells to convey from place to place. Then, further, bells were intended not only to summon the people, but to remind them of the hour of worship, because necessary work had to be done, or a person might be on a bed of sickness. He had often heard what a help church bells were to those who were sick. They were able to join in spirit with the worship and praises and prayers of those who were able to assemble in the church. The canon of the Prayer-book only required one bell. A ring of bells was for beauty of sound and for variety of note. With a ring of bells the parishioners were better able to distinguish between the bell of rejoicing and the bell which tolled for the dying. Next, when were bells to be used? They were to be used before all services—marriages and funerals—to remind the parishioners they were all members one of another, and that all had their part to take in sorrowing and rejoicing. The ring of bells took a large part in the different events in the lives of the parishioners, and served to remind them that death and judgment daily drew nearer. Lastly, how were bells to be used? They were to be used reverently as being part of the church. The churchwardens had the care of the fabric of the church, with its ornaments and furniture: the movable articles in the church, including the bells and bell-ropes, belonged to the wardens as a corporation instituted for the purpose. For that reason, then, he entrusted the bells and ropes to the wardens. The ringers were officials of the church, and as such how reverently should they behave. The bells should be used reverently, as being dedicated to the worship of God. They were always to be used with the consent of the vicar of the parish. The law was that the incumbent had the paramount right to keep the keys of the church and belfry, and to control the use of the organ and the ringing of the bells. He thought it well to take such an opportunity of saying distinctly what was the law of the Church of England on such matters. Really, what he cared for more than that the parishioners should know the law, was that they should all join together in sympathy and in reverence in using the bells with vicar, churchwardens, and ringers, to the glory of God and to the assistance of their own worship.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

A Vicar's Bell-ringing Record.

THE Rev. F. E. Robinson, Vicar of Drayton, and Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers, has made a notable record, having rung his 1000th peal, this being the first 1000th peal of 5000 changes and upwards ever rung by one person. To celebrate the occasion, he was presented with the following address on behalf of the Oxford Society of Change-ringers:—

'To the REV. F. E. ROBINSON, M.A., Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

'Reverend and Dear Sir,—We, the undersigned, on behalf of the Oxford Society of Change-ringers, beg to offer you our hearty congratulations upon having accomplished the successful ringing of a thousand peals. We also desire to express the earnest hope that you may long be spared to continue with us the good work you have so consistently carried on as a duty and service to the honour and glory of God and to the great benefit of ringers and ringing in general.

'(Signed)

W. J. SMITH, Master.

C. HOUNSLOW, Treasurer.

T. A. STRANGE, Steward.

C. HESTER, Secretary.'

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Kent County Association.

At All Saints', Birchington, on August 7th, Pittsow's Variation of Thurstan's peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 45 mins. Tenor, 9 cwt.

George Thompson	1	J. H. Cheesman (condr.)	5
William A. Fowler	2	Alfred H. Winch	6
James E. Davis	3	Frederick A. Holden	7
Edwin G. Buesden	4	Harry T. Last (50th peal)	8

At the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, Birchington, Kent, on August 7th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

Harry Barton	1	Alfred H. Winch	6
Frederick A. Holden	2	William A. Fowler*	7
George Thompson	3	John H. Cheesman	8
Edwin G. Buesden	4	Harry T. Last	9
James E. Davis	5	John W. Steddy	10

Composed by George Newson, and conducted by Harry Barton.

[* First peal on ten bells.]

The Sussex County Association.

At St. Nicholas', Arundel, Sussex, on August 7th, a peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

Alfred J. Turner	1	George F. Williams*	5
Albert D. Stone	2	Edward C. Merritt	6
Frank Bennett	3	George A. King	7
Robert J. Dawe	4	Keith Hart	8

Composed by C. Middleton, and conducted by Frank Bennett.

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

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

At St. Mary's, Islington, on August 7th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt., in F.

Joseph Barry	1	Henry Dains	5
Richard Bevan	2	William Shimmans	6
Mark Woodcock	3	Ernest S. Pole	7
Thomas Titchener	4	Edgar Wightman	8

Composed and conducted by Edgar Wightman. First peal in the method on the bells. The first peal on these bells was one of BOB MAJOR rung by members of this society 130 years ago.

SOME three years ago an attempt was made to get sufficient funds to erect a ring of eight bells in the Church of St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow, as a memorial of the long incumbency of the Rev. Henry Elwell, Vicar. The work of collecting such a fund was difficult, but the bells are now in hand, and the dedication services in connection with their opening will be held on All Saints' Day.

The Yorkshire County Association.

At St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, last week, Lindorff's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Fred R. Barraclough	1	John E. Matthews	5
A. Stokoe	2	Walter Wood	6
Geo. Barraclough	3	Chas. Jackson (condr.)	7
Jos. Broadley	4	Leonard Stokoe	8

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late J. C. Walker, twelve years ringer at above church.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Rochdale Branch was held at Christ Church, Todmorden, on the 5th inst., when only a few towers were represented, but there was a very fair attendance as regards numbers. Ringing commenced soon after four o'clock, and after tea the members assembled for the usual business meeting, when the minutes of the last meeting at Heywood were passed as read. It was then announced that the Branch Secretary's term of office, viz., two years, had expired. That gentleman, owing to a committee meeting, was not present, but had sent word that he would offer himself for re-election, providing no one else wanted the job. It was moved and seconded that the present Secretary, Mr. J. Bastow, of Middleton, be re-elected; but a committee-man, Mr. E. Schofield, of Rochdale, being also proposed, the latter gentleman was elected by a majority of two to fill these two offices.

CHEVINGTON, SUFFOLK.—The re-opening and dedication service in connection with All Saints' Church was conducted by the Rev. J. White, rector, and the Rev. Leslie Mercer, rector of Hawstead, and Rural Dean. The church has been closed for some time, for the restoration of the tower and bells. The Rev. Leslie Mercer preached the sermon, and in the course of his address said the sound of the church bells was most familiar among all the sounds they had amongst them. It was a calling of people from business and active work to worship their Lord. The church bells of Chevington once more would give out their charming notes, calling them to worship, as they had done in centuries past, and he hoped that they might continue so to do for centuries yet to come. The church bells had a message to all of them, to some joy and to others sorrow. In olden times people gave names to their bells. The names of Chevington Church bells were the first, faith; the second, hope; the third, charity; the fourth, prayer; the fifth, praise and thanksgiving. If people would live in harmony as the bells chime, there would be less quarrelling throughout the kingdom. A short peal was afterwards rung by the following:—Messrs. Bullock, sen. (Ixworth), John Gunningham, W. Burroughs (Pakenham), S. Landimore (Ixworth), P. Lakin, A. J. Clarke, P. J. Garwood (Stanstead), C. H. Lomas (Bury St. Edmunds), J. Smith, J. Sharpe, J. Rolfe, W. A. Smith, F. Nunn (Chevington), and G. Sparrow (Bury St. Edmunds). During the peal a collection was taken, which was devoted to the bell fund. The fund for the restoration was obtained by outside subscriptions.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY OF RINGERS, STOCKPORT.—An interesting presentation took place in the tower of St. George's Church on Monday evening, the 7th inst., one of the bell-ringers, Mr. John Mottershead, being about to take a very important step, that of matrimony; and the ringers, to show their appreciation of Mr. Mottershead's services, had decided to make him a present of a handsome cruet. Mr. Bayley, the tower-keeper, asked the Rev. B. J. Morrow, Curate of St. George's, to make the presentation on behalf of the company, to show the good feeling which existed among them. Mr. Morrow said he was highly pleased on being asked to make the presentation on behalf of the ringers. He said he did not think that married life was such a fearful thing, after all, as some married men tried to make out—at any rate, he hoped that Mr. Mottershead would not find it so. Mr. Mottershead had come to the time when he was to run, not in 'single harness,' as before, but in 'tandem;' but he hoped Mr. Mottershead would not run in 'tandem,' but in 'double harness.' He was sure that Mr. Mottershead had been very careful in choosing a wife, and not like the Spaniards, who had a proverb which ran: 'In buying a horse and choosing a wife, shut your eyes and trust to Providence.' Continuing his remarks, Mr. Morrow said he had very much pleasure in making the presentation to Mr. Mottershead as a token of good-fellowship from his fellow-ringers, and also for his future happiness and success. Mr. Mottershead, in reply, warmly thanked the company for the kindness they had shown him in making such a handsome present, and for their good wishes for his future welfare; and also thanked Mr. Morrow for his kindness in making the presentation. Mr. T. Jackson, Treasurer to the company, then moved that the best thanks of the meeting be accorded to Mr. Morrow.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

A Vicar's Bell-ringing Record.

LAST week we referred to the fact that the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Vicar of Drayton, and Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers, had made a notable record, having rung his 1000th peal, this being the first 1000th peal of 5000 changes and upwards ever rung by one person, and we now give a list of the peals:—

	Rung.	Conducted.
GRANDSIRE TRIPLES	53	8
" CATERS (including a 13,247) ..	29	1
STEDMAN TRIPLES (one non-conducted) ..	626	485
" CATERS (including a 12,041 and 15,041, record) ..	75	41
" CINQUES	4	1
UNION TRIPLES	1	
COLLEGE SINGLE TRIPLES	2	
BOB MAJOR	2	
BOB ROYAL	1	
DOUBLE OXFORD MAJOR	1	
DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR (including a 10,080 and a 12,096)	90	5
DUFFIELD MAJOR	1	
OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR	3	
KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR	11	2
" " " ROYAL	11	
" " " MAXIMUS	2	
DUFFIELD ROYAL	1	
SUPERLATIVE MAJOR	58	6
CAMBRIDGE	16	4
LONDON " (including an 11,328) ..	13	3
Rung in 313 towers	1000	556

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.

At St. Stephens, Coleman Street, on August 12th. a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Maurice Smith	1	Isaac G. Shade	5
John J. Lamb	2	William Pye	6
Alfred W. Brighton	3	James George	7
Bertram Prewett	4	Ernest Pye	8

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

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At the Parish Church, Clanfield, Oxon, on August 14th, a variation of Thurstan's Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 59 mins. Tenor, 12 cwt.

John Monk	1	Albert Brooks	5
George H. Phillott	2	Frederick Pounds	6
Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (condr.) ..	7
Harry Miles	4	Jesse Brooks	8

Rung on the occasion of the dedication of three new bells by the Bishop of Reading. A new frame has been put in, and the old bells rehung, the work being carried out by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough.

The Yorkshire Association.

At St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, on August 5th, Thurstan's One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Thomas B. Kendall	1	Clement Glenn	5
Fred Roo Barraclough	2	Charles Jackson	6
Thomas H. Taffender	3	William Woodhead	7
Joseph Broadley	4	George Barraclough	8

At Holy Trinity, Hull, on August 7th, Thurstan's One-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 19 mins. Tenor, 26 cwt.

Thomas H. Taffender	1	Thomas Haigh	5
Alfred Naylor	2	George Barraclough	6
George Halksworth	3	Clement Glenn	7
George T. Marshall	4	Charles Jackson	8

Both peals conducted by T. H. Taffender.

The Central Northamptonshire Association.

At St. Peter's, Raunds, Northants, on August 12th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5376 changes, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. Tenor, 22 cwt., in E flat.

James Nickerson	1	Walter Gilbert	5
Fred Stubbs	2	Lewis Chapman	6
Fred Gilbert	3	Henry Stubbs	7
Reginald Loveday	4	Charles R. Lilley	8

Composed by James W. Washbrook, and conducted by Charles R. Lilley.

The Midland Counties and Yorkshire Association.

At St. Mary and All Saints', Chesterfield, Derbyshire, on August 12th, Carter's Twelve-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Tenor, 24½ cwt.

Archie Brearsley	1	George W. Moss*	5
David Farthing	2	William Lambert	6
Samuel Wesley (conductor)	3	Benjamin A. Knights	7
George Hollis	4	Arthur Knights	8

[* First peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.]

Longborough, Gloucestershire.—An interesting event took place recently in the parish church at Longborough. A special peal was to be rung, and Mr. W. Large, of Todenham, was invited to take part. It had been arranged that this opportunity should be taken to present him with a clock, subscribed for by the Vicar and ringers, as an acknowledgment of the interest and trouble he had taken in training the ringers. The Vicar was present, and expressed the thanks of those present for Mr. Large's kind help, begging him to accept a memento of their gratitude. The clock bore a silver plate, on which was a suitable inscription.

THE LATE MR. JOHN C. WALKER.—It is with deep regret we record the death, at the early age of forty-one years, of the above-named ringer, who passed away on Wednesday, August 9th. He began to ring with St. Michael's Company about eighteen years ago. His connection with the St. Chad's (Far Headingley, Leeds) tower had extended altogether over a period of some twelve years, and only for a Sunday or two had he been absent. His death occurred at the Leeds Infirmary. He joined the Yorkshire Association in 1891. He was not a big peal-ringer, but was always willing to make one for a band or stand down for a stranger; he was a very good attender at Sunday ringings. He was well known and highly respected, and his death will be greatly felt by those left behind at St. Chad's. The funeral took place at Lawnwood Cemetery on Saturday, the 12th inst., the Rev. W. T. Elliott taking the first part of the service in St. Chad's Church. Six of his brother ringers carried him to his last resting-place. The Rev. T. H. Dixon, a brother ringer, officiated at the grave, and a course of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung at the graveside by the following:—Fred R. Barraclough, 1-2; G. Barraclough, 3-4; H. Williams, 5-6; J. Whittaker, 7-8. The same evening a muffled peal was rung, 5040, which appeared in CHURCH BELLS last week.

NOTICES.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (MANCHESTER BRANCH).—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich (six bells) on Saturday, September 2nd. Meeting at 7. Cars leave Deansgate every few minutes.—W. H. SHUKER, Branch Sec.

THE HERTS ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Rickmansworth on Saturday, September 2nd. Bells available at 4. Tea, 6d. per head, for all who inform me they are coming.—H. EDEN, Hon. District Sec., Chalk Hill House, Watford.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION, LATE THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY.—Notice is hereby given that a meeting for united practice will be held on Saturday, September 9th, at the Church of St. Stephen, Hampstead, N.W. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 to 8 p.m., or earlier if required.—T. H. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec., 91 Darwin Street, Southwark, S.E.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual Meeting.—This will take place at Wigan on Saturday, September 30th. Nominations for the office of vice-president and ringing secretary and four representatives to the Central Council must be sent in not later than September 5th to the General Secretary. All notices of proposed alterations of rules to be sent in by same date. All reports of ringing meetings up to 31st inst. to be forwarded to Mr. J. Shepherd, 4 Co-operation Street, Bacup. Further particulars by circular.—A. E. WREAKS, General Secretary: J. SHEPHERD, Ringing Secretary, 4 Helena Street, St. Irlams-o'-th'-Height, Manchester.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

(NORTHERN BRANCH, GAINSBOROUGH DISTRICT.)

A MEETING of the above was held at Stow on Saturday, August 19th, and was well attended by members from Gainsborough. Although notices had been sent to the neighbouring towers in the district, none of them were represented. This would most probably be owing to most of the men being busy in the harvest fields. As these meetings are for the purpose of helping on change-ringing in the country villages, their non-attendance was rather disappointing, but it did not altogether mar the day's proceedings, as the Gainsborough members made up for the deficiency. On their arrival the bells were quickly raised and kept going during the afternoon and evening to some excellent ringing in the methods of GRANDSIRE, PLAIN BOB, KENT TREBLE BOB, and STEDMAN, a record of which will be found in the proper place. Tea was provided at the 'Cross Keys,' to which fourteen sat down, including Mr. F. F. Linley (President of the Northern Branch), whom the members were pleased to see had arrived during the afternoon. At the tea-table he gave some very good advice to those present, also an interesting account of how he first became acquainted with change-ringing. The ringers then returned to the tower for the business meeting, which was quickly over. Mr. F. F. Linley presided, and was supported by the Rev. J. E. Christie (Rector of Stow) and the Rev. H. W. Simpson, of Gainsborough. Mr. F. T. W. Butler was re-elected District Secretary. It was unanimously agreed to hold the next meeting at Corringham, on Saturday, Nov. 25th. A vote of thanks to the Rector, who suitably responded, for the use of the bells, concluded the meeting. After more ringing had been indulged in, the bells were lowered, about 8.15 p.m., bringing a most successful and enjoyable meeting to a close.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Kent County Association.

At St. Stephen's, Hackington, Canterbury, on August 26th, Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 40 mins. Tenor, 11 cwt.

Charles W. Brett ..	1	Frederick G. Brett ..	5
Henry G. Fairbrass ..	2	William Steed ..	6
Philip H. Pierce ..	3	Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (conr.)	7
Edwin G. Buesden ..	4	George G. Jenkins ..	8

The Ely Diocesan Association.

At St. Mary-the-Great, Cambridge, on August 18th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 changes, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. Tenor, 31 cwt., in C sharp.

H. S. T. Richardson ..	1	Rev. H. J. Elsee ..	7
Rev. A. H. F. Boughey ..	2	George Taylor ..	8
Rev. G. H. Ridout ..	3	Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn ..	9
Edwin H. Lewis ..	4	Frank Kempton ..	10
John Taylor ..	5	William B. Kempton }	10
George R. Newton ..	6		

Composed by William Willson and conducted by G. R. Newton. First peal on ten bells by the ringers of the front six.

The Yorkshire Association.

At St. Martin's, Brighouse, on August 21st, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR in the Kent Variation, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 35 cwt.

George Drake ..	1	Joseph Broadley ..	5
James Cotterell ..	2	Edmund Schofield ..	6
Bertie Cowling ..	3	Herbert Cockroft ..	7
Jonas S. Ambler ..	4	Fred Salmons ..	8

Composed by W. Harrison and conducted by James Cotterell.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

At St. Bartholomew's, Wednesbury, on August 21st, a Variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins.

Henry Tinsley* ..	1	Edwin J. Tyler* ..	5
James Tyler* ..	2	William Fisher ..	6
Christopher Wallater ..	3	Thomas J. Elton ..	7
George Hughes (condr.) ..	4	Howard W. Cattell†	8

[* First peal of STEDMAN. † First peal.]

The Central Northamptonshire Association.

At St. Mary's, Higham Ferrers, on August 19th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs 7 mins.

John B. Martin ..	1	Charles R. Lilley ..	7
Frederick Palmer ..	2	James Garratt ..	8
Alfred H. Martin ..	3	Walter Perkins (condr.)* ..	7
William R. Hensher ..	4	Arthur Chapman ..	8

[* First peal in the method as conductor.]

STOW, Lincs.—On Saturday, August 19th, at St. Mary's, 240 GRANDSIRE MINOR, by members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Northern Branch, Gainsborough District): J. Fisher, J. C. Tinker, F. S. W. Butler (conductor), A. H. Wheeler, E. Credland, G. Wilson. 720 BOB MINOR: J. Fisher, J. C. Tinker, F. S. W. Butler, J. T. Ladd, E. Credland, G. Wilson (conductor). 120 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES: A. Betts, A. H. Wheeler, J. T. Ladd, F. S. W. Butler, G. Wilson (conductor), G. Hill, tenor. Also 120 BOB DOUBLES with the same band. 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR: F. S. W. Butler (conductor), J. C. Tinker, A. H. Wheeler, J. T. Ladd, E. Credland, G. Wilson. Two plain courses STEDMAN DOUBLES: F. S. W. Butler, J. T. Ladd, A. H. Wheeler, J. C. Tinker, E. Credland, G. Hill; G. Wilson taking the fifth bell in the second course. The above touches were rung at a district meeting.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Eastern District was held at Bishop Stortford on August Bank Holiday, when the tower of St. Michael's was opened by kind permission of the Rev. H. T. Lane. The bells were set going just after 2 p.m., and continued, except during the interval for tea and the business meeting, until nearly 9 o'clock. Members and friends attended from Broxbourne, Hackney, Walthamstow, Woodford, Sawbridge, Little Munden, Poplar, Stanstead, and the local band. Touches in various methods were successfully brought round. After tea the business meeting was held, Mr. N. Tarling being voted to the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed, and Mr. G. Black, of Woodford, was unanimously elected a member. A vote of thanks to the Vicar was carried by acclamation.

LOCKED IN THE BELFRY.—One of the bell-ringers at Dereham Church, Norfolk, went to sleep in the tower, and at ten o'clock at night awoke and found he was locked in. He proceeded to ring the bells, which aroused the townsfolk, and he was released. In the same church recently one of the ringers got his foot entangled in the slack rope of the tenor bell, weighing nearly two tons. The bell rebounded, and he was pulled towards the roof, head downward. Except for two large cuts on the head he escaped injury.

SOUTHOVER (SUSSEX) CHURCH BELLS.—It is announced that Mrs. Rickman, of Malling, Lewes, and her son, Mr. J. T. Rickman, have each expressed their willingness to contribute £100 towards a fund that is being raised in connection with the re-hanging of the bells of Southover Church, while Mr. F. G. Courthope, J.P., has offered a cheque for £25 for the same purpose. The addition of two bells is also proposed, and when this is an accomplished fact the Southover tower will rival that of St. Nicholas' (Brighton) in the possession of a ring of ten bells.

WROUGHTON, WILTSHIRE.—The restoration of the church tower and bells of the Parish Church is about to be taken in hand. Some time ago a committee was elected to secure reports from architects, and these were presented at a recent vestry meeting, when it was recommended that the contract be given to Mr. W. Weir (architect of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings), who was prepared to carry out the work at a cost of £400 or £500. Cash in the bank and donations amounted to about £470 towards the cost of the work. It was agreed that the Rector and Churchwardens be empowered to enter into an agreement with Mr. Weir for the work of restoration for £500. Mr. Weir attended the vestry and explained the work he proposed to do, which, he stated, he would commence at the beginning of September and be completed before Christmas.

WINTERBORNE STICKLAND, DORSET.—The condition of the bells and belfry of St. Mary's was found to be such that those interested in the church work of the parish decided about two years ago to raise funds to restore them. Mr. T. Blackburn, of Salisbury, was consulted, and it was decided to have the three old bells restored and to add a fourth. The old bells are of seventeenth-century date, and the new treble bell which has been added bears the initials of the churchwardens, the date, and an inscription. Room has been left for the addition of a fifth bell, but of the £100 which the present work has cost there is still about £30 to be raised. It is hoped, however, that ere long the fifth bell will be added by Mr. Blackburn, who has satisfactorily carried out the present work, which includes new fittings.

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Henry G. Fairbrass ..	2	William Steed ..	6
Philip H. Pierce ..	3	Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (conr.)	7
Edwin G. Buesden ..	4	George G. Jenkins ..	8

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.

At St. Paul's, Hammersmith, on August 26th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Reuben Charge ..	1	Isaac G. Shade ..	5
John J. Lamb ..	2	Harry Flanders ..	6
Bertram Prewett ..	3	Ernest Pye ..	7
Alfred W. Brighton ..	4	William Pye ..	8

Composed by A. Knights and conducted by William Pye.

At St. Magnus-the-Martyr, London Bridge, on August 26th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 changes, in 3 hrs. 16 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Albert Brightman ..	1	Mark Woodcock ..	6
William J. Nudds ..	2	Ernest Young ..	7
Frank Smith ..	3	Edward Chapman ..	8
Edwin Turl ..	4	Richard Bevan ..	9
Thomas Titchener ..	5	William Miles ..	10

Composed by H. G. Miles and conducted by M. Woodcock. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and E. Young. [* First peal on ten bells.]

The Yorkshire Association.

At the Parish Church, Retford Notts, on September 2nd, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 changes, in 3 hrs. 31 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

Charles Armitage ..	1	George T. Marshall ..	6
George Barraclough ..	2	Charles Jackson ..	7
James Cotterell ..	3	Walter Allwood † ..	8
Alfred Naylor ..	4	Clement Glenn ..	9
William Pearson ..	5	George Hare † ..	10

Composed by Cornelius Charge, and conducted by Charles Jackson. [* First peal of STEDMAN CATERS. † First peal in the method.]

The Yorkshire Association and Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.

At St. Paul's, Shipley, on August 25th, Lindoff's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Herbert Sugden ..	1	Charles Jackson (condr.) ..	5
Harry Gird ..	2	Jos. Broadley ..	6
T. B. Rendall ..	3	John McKell ..	7
Bernal Howe ..	4	George E. Nettleton ..	8

At St. Wilfrid's, Calverley, on August 26th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 47 mins. Tenor, 11 cwt.

Herbert Sugden ..	1	T. B. Rendall ..	5
Fred R. Barraclough ..	2	Charles Jackson ..	6
George Barraclough ..	3	Jos. Broadley ..	7
James Cotterell ..	4	Francis Barker ..	8

Composed by J. W. Washbrook, and conducted by Charles Jackson. This peal is now rung for the first time by this Association and in the county of York. First peal in the method on the bells. [* First peal of STEDMAN.]

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

At St. Martin's, Salisbury, Wilts, on August 26th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

Sidney Macey ..	1	Gilbert Neale ..	5
George Williams (condr.)	2	Sergeant-Major A. Pye ..	6
John S. Rummings ..	3	William W. Gifford ..	7
Rev. C. A. Clements ..	4	Robert P. Knight ..	8

[* First peal in the method.]

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

At the Parish Church, King's Norton, Worcestershire, on August 26th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 14½ cwt., in E.

Harry Withers (condr.) ..	1	Samuel Grove ..	5
Arthur Chambers ..	2	James Dowler ..	6
William H. Godden ..	3	William Palmer ..	7
Arthur E. Pegler ..	4	William Painter ..	8

CHANGE-RINGING AT LUNDY ISLAND.—A party of ringers belonging to the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association have been paying a visit to Lundy, with the object of ringing a peal of 5040 changes, STEDMAN TRIPLES, on the bells of the new church of St. Helena, erected a few years ago by the owner of the island, the Rev. H. G. Heaven. The difficulty of going to and fro with sufficient time to ring the peal was got over through the invitation of the Rev. H. E. H. Coombes, Chaplain to the 'Missions to Seamen' in the Bristol Channel, to the party to accompany him in the Mission steamer 'Eirene.' The peal was duly rung, to the great delight of all concerned, in 2 hrs. 53 mins., by the following: Rev. H. A. Cockey, 1; C. H. Tomkins, 2; C. H. Gordon, 3; R. J. Wilkins, 4; W. A. Cave, 5; P. Came, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 7; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 8; this being the conductor's 1003rd peal.

WORTLEY (LEEDS) RINGER'S FUNERAL.—The funeral of Mr. Thomas William McKegg, of Wortley, took place last week, the Vicar (Rev. T. L. Brashaw) officiating. The choir (of which McKegg had been a member) attended. Mr. McKegg was a well-known member of the Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers, and several members of the district attended the funeral. A course of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES on handbells was rung at the graveside after the service by four of his fellow ringers—S. F. Palmer, S. Thomas, C. Glenn, and J. Thorpe. In the evening a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, was rung at St. Leonard's Church, with the bells deeply muffled, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. by the following:—George T. Saxby, Wortley, 1; Sidney F. Palmer, Sheffield, 2; Clement Glenn, Rotherham, 3; Arthur Saxby, Wortley, 4; Sam Thomas, Sheffield, 5; John Thorpe, Sheffield, 6; John Parkin, Wortley, 7; Archie Brearley, Bolsterstone, 8. The peal was composed by H. Moore, and conducted by C. Glenn, and the figures of the peal are the same as the last peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES McKegg rang.

ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE, LONDON.—That popular 'quarter-chime' tune, 'Turn again, Dick Whittington, Lord Mayor of London,' will soon be played by the famous Bow bells of the well-known church in Cheapside, the setting having been harmonised by Sir Charles V. Stanford. The twelve bells have been rehung. The tenor, weighing 53 cwt., was cast in 1669, and contains some metal of the old carillon destroyed by the Great Fire, and recast in 1738.

BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.—In April, 1898, a doctor's certificate was brought before the Rector of St. Leonard's Church, Bridgnorth, representing that the ringing of the bells might endanger the life of a parishioner. Since then, until the 27th ult., the bells have been silent, except on a few rare occasions. The parishioners at first accepted the ban upon their bells, but as month after month and year after year went by, and the bells remained silent, letters began to appear in the local newspapers protesting against anybody's right to stop the bells from ringing. The Church Council sent a deputation to Hereford to consult the Bishop, and his legal adviser told them that after this delay of years the Rector should give the objectors fourteen days' notice of the bells, being rung when required, and, if they thought it was endangering the life of any one, they could apply to the Court of Chancery for an injunction to restrain. Still the bells continued to be dumb, until the Rector left the parish. Then the Churchwardens and Church Council served a notice on the objectors, informing them that on Sunday, August 27th, the ban on the bells would be removed.

CHEERTSEY.—The bells of the parish church were rung on the 26th ult. for the first time for four years. They have been re-hung, through the liberality of Mrs. Tulk, of Cowley House, at a cost of over £300.

LINCOLNSHIRE BELL-RINGERS.—A meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers (Gainsboro' District), was held at Stow recently, and Mr. Lindley presided. He was supported by the Rev. H. W. Simpson, of Gainsborough, and the Rev. J. E. Christie, Rector of Stow. Mr. F. S. Butler was re-elected district secretary. It was unanimously agreed to hold the next meeting at Corringham on Saturday, November 25th. A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells concluded the meeting, the Rector suitably responding. After more ringing had been indulged in the bells were lowered about 8.15 p.m., bringing a most successful and enjoyable evening to a close.

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- III. 'Prosperity to all our benefactors, especially to Arthur Onslow, Esq., and Thos. Scawen, Esq., Knights for this County. R. Phelps, fecit 1730.' Richard Berryman and William Edmead, Churchwardens. (7 cwt. 2 qrs.)
- IV. 'James Berryman and Wm. Yeowell, Churchwardens, 1756. Lester and Pack, of London, fecit.' (8 cwt.)
- V. The Abbey Bell is so called because it was saved from Chertsey Abbey at its Dissolution on 6th July, 1537. This bell was cast circa A.D. 1310, during the Abbacy of John de Rutherwyke, who was the most noted Abbot of Chertsey, and by whom this church and other churches in Surrey were built. In 1341 he royally entertained Edward III. and his Court in Chertsey Abbey and he died in 1346, after 39 years' successful and profitable rule over the Abbey. This bell is also called 'The Curfew Bell,' for on it the Curfew was rung for centuries. It stands 3 ft. high, and is 3 ft. in circumference and bears the inscription in crowned Lombardic Capitals, '+ Ora mente pia pro nobis Virgo Maria +' It was this bell that tolled the death of King Henry VI., when in May 1471, his corpse was brought by river from London, and found a friendly shelter in Chertsey Abbey, till it was finally reinterred in St. George's Chapel Windsor, by King Henry VII. (10 cwt. 2 qrs.)
- VI. 'Gulielmus Eldridge me fecit 1712, T.B., T.S. (12 cwt. 2 qrs. 24 lbs.)
- VII. 'Robertus Mot me fecit 1588.' (14 cwt. 2 qrs.)
- VIII. Tenor 'Angela Burdett Coutts, whom God preserve, named me Shoshannim, at whose expenses I was re-cast 1670-1859. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will towards men.' (20 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lbs.)
- The Carillon was given in December 1893, by Frederick Lowten Spinks, Serjeant-at-Law, at a cost of over £300.
- The timber framework of the bells, having been found to be in a decayed and dangerous state, was entirely renewed, and the peal rehung on iron supports and fittings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, Bellfounders, London, in August, 1905, at the expense of Mrs. Joanna Tulk, of Cowley House, Chertsey, at a cost of over £300.

EDWARD ROBINSON PARR, M.A., Vicar.

EDWARD TAYLOR MADELEY and WILLIAM DIX,

Churchwardens.

The above is an extract from my pastoral letter in the 'Chertsey Parish Magazine' of September, 1905, and describes the Tablet that was placed in the Belfry of the Parish Church to commemorate the re-hanging of the bells in August, 1905.

I should add, by way of explanation, that the historic portion contained under No. 5 Bell is derived from the well-known work on 'Chertsey Abbey, by the late Manwaring Shurlock, M.R.C.S., who was a recognised authority on the history of Chertsey; and the weight of the different bells was supplied to me in December, 1893, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank; so that all contained in this tablet is authentic and reliable. It is on this No. 5 Bell the incident is said to have occurred that was the origin of Rosa H. Thorpe's wellknown lines, 'Curfew must not ring to-night.' It is a pretty story, but as it is merely traditional, it was thought better not to introduce it on a tablet which records only matters of history.

E. R. PARR, Vicar of Chertsey.

Chertsey, September 9th, 1905.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Claverton, Bucks.

THE five old bells were in great need of re-fitting, and after last Easter were considered not safe to ring them any longer. They have been quarter-turned and rehung with entirely new fittings. The old oak frame was sound, but has been further tightened and braced with rods and angle irons, and a sixth bell has been added. The work has been done by Bowell of Ipswich. On Thursday evening, September 7th, the work was dedicated by the Bishop of Oxford in a very bright and hearty service. The beautiful little church was absolutely crowded. The service was shortened; evensong followed by sermon and dedication, and a short peal and the blessing. A large number of men were present, among whom were ringers from Bletchley, Great Linford, Hanslope, Ipswich, Newton Longville, Stony Stratford, Wicken and Wolverton.

The Bishop preached from Psalm cxii., 1, a most interesting sermon, which was received with great attention. He showed that character

was largely revealed by the things at which each one rejoices. He gave instances from the Bible of those who rejoiced in evil things and those who rejoiced in good things, and expressed the hope that the call of these bells might help to the gladness with which the parishioners should go into the house of the Lord. After the service short touches were rung by the visiting ringers. The new bell tones well with the older ones and the bells go easily.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Yorkshire Association.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY)

AT St. John-the-Evangelist, Ranmoor, Sheffield, Yorks, on August 30th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, Brook's Variation, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Joseph Atkin	1	Charles Haynes	5
Dennis Carrier	2	William Biggin	6
Clement Glenn	3	Sidney F. Palmer	7
Sam Thomas (condr.) ..	4	William S. Plant	8

[* First peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES.]

The Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild.

AT St. Mary, Lewisham, on September 2nd, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 22½ cwt.

Harry Warnett *	1	Bertram Prewett	5
John J. Lamb	2	Alfred W. Brighton ..	6
Isaac G. Shade	3	Ernest Pye	7
Herbert P. Harman	4	William Pye	8

Composed by G. Lindoff, and conducted by William Pye. * First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. + Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. W. Brighton.

CROPWELL-BISHOP, NOTTS. — A bazaar in aid of the fund for effecting the restoration of the church bells has been held at Cropwell-Bishop. For some years the bells have been practically out of use, because it has been unsafe to ring them. Three of them were cast in the year 1618, and one in the reign of Queen Mary. They have been inspected by experts, who reported that the timber was in a very decayed condition. In addition, the smaller bell is cracked, and must be recast, whilst all the bells require tuning. The total expense is estimated at about £200. In addition, Mr. J. H. Marshall, of Cropwell-Bishop, has decided to present a fifth bell, in memory of his ancestors, his family having lived in Cropwell-Bishop for many generations.

BELL-RINGING AT CROCKFIELD, SUSSEX. — A few days ago eight members of the Sussex County Association of Change-ringers attempted a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES on the bells of the Parish Church, but after fifty minutes ringing they came to grief, and a quarter peal was then successfully brought round in forty-five minutes, the ringers standing as follows:—E. J. Pannett, 1; F. S. Start, 2; G. F. Sturt, 3; F. Hounsell, 4; A. Tomsett, 5; A. J. Turner, 6; F. Attwater, 7; and H. Tomsett, 8.

FUNERAL TOUCH AT ST. MARY'S, ISLINGTON. — On Saturday, at the Church of St. Mary, Islington, a funeral touch was rung with muffled bells by the following ringers in 40 min.:—H. W. May, sen, 1; Henry Dains, 2; George Parrett, 3; James Parratt, 4; William Weatherstone, 5; James Barry, 6; Rev. A. T. Hollis, B.A., conductor, 7; and R. F. Deal, 8; concluding with a short touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (210) called by W. Weatherstone. The above was rung as a last mark of respect to Miss Amy Price, 8 Highbury Hill, daughter of the late Mr. John Blount Price, J.P. She was a greatly esteemed member of the congregation of the old parish church.

WILLINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE. — On the 6th inst., four members of the Gainsborough Change-ringing Society, accompanied by Mr. F. F. Linley, President of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers, Northern Branch, journeyed to Willingham to try the ring of bells which has recently been augmented from three to five. The whole of the cost has been defrayed by Mr. R. C. Bacon. It is a noble ring, one which reflects credit on the makers, Messrs. John Taylor and Son. Several six-scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES and plain courses of STEDMAN DOUBLES were successfully rung, each and everyone being highly satisfied with the splendid tone and excellent 'go' of the bells. The following took part in the ringing. Mr. F. F. Linley, Messrs. J. C. Tinker, Geo. Wilson, F. S. W. Butler, and R. Dawson from Gainsborough, Mr. Hill, Stow, and Mr. R. Lane, of Loughborough. Many thanks are due to Mr. R. C. Bacon, who kindly provided a splendid supper, and made all the necessary arrangements.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At St. Mary Magdalen, Pulham, Norfolk, on September 2nd, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 48 mins. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

Frederick Borrett ..	1	Charles Roope ..	5
Harry Borrett ..	2	Frederick Roope ..	6
William Steele ..	3	William Roope ..	7
Charles Baker ..	4	John Flint ..	8

Composed by J. Miller, and conducted by F. Borrett.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

At All Saints', Edmonton, on September 2nd, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 17¼ cwt.

William Bennett ..	1	James R. Mackman *	5
Thomas Card ..	2	James Saxby ..	6
George Radley ..	3	James Parker ..	7
Herbert W. Stanley ..	4	George Paice ..	8

Composed by Frederick Dench, and conducted by James Parker. This competition is now rung for the first time. [* First peal in the method.]

The Central Northamptonshire Association.

At St. James's, Thrapston, Northants, on September 9th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in the Kent Variation, 5038 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 14 cwt. 7 lbs., in F sharp.

Charles R. Lilley ..	1	George Lines † ..	5
Daniel Redhead * ..	2	Reginald C. Loveday ..	6
Frank Kirk ..	3	William B. Meadows ..	7
William J. Gilbert ..	4	James Nicholson ..	8

Composed by A. Knights, and conducted by Charles R. Lilley. [* First peal in the method away from the treble. † First peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR.]

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Stephen's, Westminster, on September 9th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

Arthur W. Dix ..	1	Henry S. Ellis ..	5
George N. Price ..	2	William H. Pasmore ..	6
Henry Hodgkiss ..	3	Henry R. Newton ..	7
Arthur G. Ellis ..	4	Alfred B. Beck ..	8

Composed by J. W. Washbrook, and conducted by H. R. Newton. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. John W. Golding and Miss Ada A. Box, at St. Giles's Church, Camberwell, on the 2nd inst.

The All Saints' Society, Fulham.

At All Saints', Fulham, on September 9th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

James W. Driver ..	1	Arthur Jones ..	6
Cornelius Charge ..	2	William T. Elson ..	7
William E. Judd ..	3	Fred Wilford ..	8
E. Vere Harvey * ..	4	James R. Mackman ..	9
John W. Kelly ..	5	William S. Smith ..	10

Composed by Cornelius Charge, and conducted by W. T. Elson. Arranged for F. Wilford, of Northampton. [* First peal in the method.]

The Kent County Association.

At St. Nicholas', Deptford, on September 9th, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 21 cwt.

Thomas Cranfield *	1	Fredk. W. Thornton ..	5
John James Lamb ..	2	Robert Beett ..	6
William Berry ..	3	Arthur John Neale ..	7
Herbert P. Harman (condr.)	4	Frederick H. Gooch ..	8

The conductor's fiftieth peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES on tower bells. A birthday compliment to Edward Thornton, third and youngest son of the ringer of the 5th, on completing his twelfth year. [* First peal in the method.]

At St. Stephen's, Hackington, Canterbury, on September 15th, a peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins. Tenor, 11 cwt.

Stanley White (aged 15)*	1	Harry G. Fairbrass ..	5
Harry Barton ..	2	Edward E. Foreman ..	6
William A. Fowler ..	3	Edwin G. Buesden ..	7
Fred G. Brett ..	4	Fredk. A. Holden (condr.)	8

Rung as a farewell peal to Messrs. Holden and Fowler, of the Royal Marines, who are leaving Deal for Chatham. [* First peal of MAJOR.]

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

At St. John-the-Baptist, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on September 11th, Carter's Odd-bob peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 37 mins. (now rung for the first time) Tenor, 12½ cwt.

Ernest E. Ferry ..	1	William Story ..	5
Edward Hern ..	2	George W. Dix ..	6
George E. Potter ..	3	Joseph E. R. Keen (condr.)	7
William H. Barber ..	4	John Stuart ..	8

The Yorkshire Association and Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.

At St. Paul's, Drighlington, on September 9th, Brooks' Variation peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Fred R. Barraclough ..	1	George Barraclough ..	5
Joseph Broadley ..	2	Thos. B. Kendall ..	6
Arthur Gill ..	3	Francis Barker ..	7
Clem. Glenn (condr.)*	4	Henry Smith ..	8

[* First peal in the method as conductor, and first attempt.]

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On September 14th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 1008 STEDMAN TRIPLES: L. Payne (conductor), 1; S. Burt, 2; J. Lish, 3; G. Payne, 4; W. Markwell, 5; A. Goddard, 6; A. E. Lish, 7; A. Hodges, 8. And on Sunday evening for service, 1260 STEDMAN TRIPLES, in 44 mins.: W. Markwell, 1; S. Burt, 2; A. E. Lish, 3; C. Tyler (conductor), 4; G. Payne, 5; A. Goddard, 6; A. Neasman, 7; A. Hodges, 8.

VISIT OF BELL-RINGERS TO CHELMSFORD.—The St. Mary-le-Tower Society of Church Bell-ringers, Ipswich, had their annual outing to Chelmsford and district the other Saturday. The party, numbering eighteen, breakfasted at the Plough Hotel, and then visited Great Waltham Church, where short touches were rung upon the bells. The party next went to Writtle, and met the Rev. T. L. Papillon, secretary of the Essex Association of Change-ringers. They afterwards proceeded to Widford, where there is a peal of eight bells, upon which various methods were rung; and they also went on to Galleywood Church. The return journey was made by way of Great Baddow to Chelmsford.

NEW BELLS FOR CARLTON.—An estimate has been drawn up by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, as to the cost of the proposed new peal of eight bells at Carlton-in-Cleveland, and they report that their estimate is £654, towards which sum nearly £100 has been raised.

BELL-RINGING records were, it is said, broken on the 13th inst., at Ashton Parish Church, near Manchester, where a party of ringers rang a peal of STEDMAN CINQUES, consisting of 5007 changes, in 3 hrs. 41 mins.

YORKSHIRE CHANGE-RINGERS AT SELBY.—Between 200 and 300 members and friends of the Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers invaded Selby on Saturday, this being the first occasion that the society has officially visited the town. A portion of the party arrived early in the day, but at noon the bulk put in an appearance at the Abbey Church, where they were met by the Vicar of Selby (the Rev. M. Parkin), who extended a cordial welcome and conducted the company round the building, the chief beauties and attractions of which he pointed out. Among the officers present were the president (Mr. William Snowdon, Leeds), the vice-president (Mr. W. H. Howard, York), the treasurer (Mr. William Stainthorpe, Batley), and the secretary (Mr. J. W. J. Holgate, Bramley). A mixed band of Yorkshire ringers first took possession of the Abbey belfry in an attempt to ring a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, but they came to grief after ringing fifty minutes. The other performances on the bells were given by Pudsey, Pontefract, All Saints', Headingley St. Chad's, York Minster, Tong, Halifax All Souls', Keighley, Halifax Parish, Leeds St. Francis, and Leeds St. Michael's. Tea was provided in the National Schools, the president thanking the Vicar of Selby at the close. At the business meeting twenty-five new members were reported, and it was unanimously decided to hold the annual meeting at Barnsley. Messrs. Potter and Nash were elected auditors, and votes of thanks to the Selby branch of ladies closed the meeting. Ringing was kept up until late in the evening.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

AT St. Magnus-the-Martyr, City, on September 16th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERPS, 5043 changes, in 3 hrs. 17 mins.

Mark Woodcock ..	1	Bertram Prewett ..	5
John J. Lamb ..	2	George Charge ..	9
William J. Nudds ..	3	Cornelius Charge ..	7
Herbert P. Harman ..	4	Fred Wilford ..	9
John Armstrong* ..	5	Ernest Brett ..	10

Composed by Cornelius Charge, and conducted by Herbert P. Harman. [* First peal on ten bells.]

The Hertfordshire Association.

AT the Parish Church, Broxbourne, on September 16th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5216 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Tenor, 19 cwt.

Joseph Waghorn (sen.) ..	1	Ernest S. Poll ..	5
George Radley ..	2	Isaac Cavill ..	6
John T. Kentish ..	3	James Parker ..	7
Herbert Baker ..	4	George Paice ..	8

Composed by G. Lindoff, and conducted by James Parker.

AT the Cathedral, St. Albans, on September 16th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5083 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Tenor, 30 cwt.

Ernest E. Huntley ..	1	George N. Price ..	5
Henry Hodgetts ..	2	Alfred B. Peck ..	6
Fredk. W. Brinklow ..	3	William E. Garrard ..	7
Hubert Eden ..	4	Henry R. Newton ..	8

Composed by J. W. Washbrook, and conducted by H. R. Newton. H. Hodgett's 100th peal. First peal in the method in the city of St. Albans.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

AT St. Mary's, Helmingham, Suffolk, on September 16th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 11 mins. Tenor, 19 cwt.

George Perry ..	1	F. Gordon Thompson ..	5
Ernest E. Lanham ..	2	Benjamin S. Thompson ..	6
George Whiting ..	3	George Wightman ..	7
William Wightman ..	4	Alfred S. Wightman ..	8

Composed by E. Wightman, and conducted by G. Wightman. Arranged for the brothers Thompson, who belong to Kelsale.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

AT St. Nicholas's, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, on September 16th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 11 mins.

Thomas W. Chapman ..	1	James Dowler ..	5
William Short ..	2	Samuel Grove ..	6
Arthur R. Aldham ..	3	Harry Argyle ..	7
Horace F. Street ..	4	Arthur E. Pegler ..	8

Composed by G. Lindoff, and conducted by William Short. J. Dowler's fiftieth peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

HORNCURCH, ESSEX.—AT St. Andrew's, on September 23rd, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 1260 changes: W. Nash, 1; J. A. Dart, 2; G. Jay, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; W. Dudley, 5; T. Wilson, 6; W. H. Judd, 7; J. Dale, 8. All members of the Essex Association.

BUILTH WELLS.—ON Saturday, the 9th inst., the ringers of St. Mary's Church, rang a peal of GRANDSIRE MINOR, 380 changes. The ringers comprised Thomas Marsh (conductor), 1; Wallace Longford, 2; R. E. Sparkes, 3; T. J. Dixon, 4; F. S. Sparkes, 5; Percy Jones, 6.

THE BELLS OF ST. NICHOLAS, LIVERPOOL.—When (asks the 'Liverpool Daily Courier') are we to have another peal from the bells of St. Nicholas? A letter in the 'Courier' some days ago from Mr. J. H. Moore recalls Liverpool's ancient fame as a bell-ringing centre and the decadence into which the art has now fallen in our city. A party of ringers from London and elsewhere claimed to have made a record for Lancashire by ringing a peal of STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 changes, at Ashton-under-Lyne Parish Church; but Mr. Moore, himself an old ringer and an enthusiast in the art, points out that a true peal of the same method, comprising 5016 changes, was rung at St. Nicholas' Church,

Liverpool, in 1828. Thus are our local bellringers justified of their pride! The general public know little, and consequently care little, about STEDMAN CINQUES, TRIPLE BOB MAJORS, and the like, such phrases being meaningless outside the craft, but most of us have a more than casual regard for a well-rung peal. Nowadays we seem to get nothing more than chimes, and these produced in a semi-mechanical way. Now chiming is the most elementary form of bell-ringing. Chiming is mere child's play as contrasted with the elaborate and stirring peals produced by a corps of trained ringers; it demands but the minimum of apparatus and the minimum of skill. The pity is that while we suffer this rudimentary form of ringing, we have in St. Nicholas' belfry one of the finest sets of bells in the country, capable of the highest exercise of the art and worthy the use of the best band of ringers who ever put hand to rope. It is a grief to the professional bell-ringer and a loss to the æsthetic sense of the community that those noble bells should be dumb. It is said that the last full peal rung with the twelve bells of the old church were fully twenty-seven years ago. There are few churches in the country with the complete number of twelve bells, and in Lancashire it is doubtful if there are more than two besides our own, namely, the peals at Ashton-under-Lyne and Oldham. The bells at St. Nicholas' church were cast nearly a hundred years ago, and Mr. Henry Peet states, in his 'Inventory of the parish churches of Liverpool,' that they probably contain some of the metal used in the original set of four bells brought from Drogheda in the time of Henry VIII. The silence of the bells of St. Nicholas' is due to the want of money to hang them properly and to recompense the ringers. No great sum is needed, but city churches are not blessed with abundance of money. Economy is a leading consideration with our church authorities, and to this necessity is due the waste of the belfry's wealth. Appeals have frequently been made, but the response is slack, and failing some benefaction there seems little hope of hearing again the sonorous tongues of the waiting, silent bells. Can nothing be done?

THE Church of Upper Rickinghall, Suffolk, possesses a fine peal of six bells, but for several years they have not been rung, in consequence of the decayed state of the framework. On the advent of the present Rector (Rev. C. F. Blyth), who is an enthusiastic bell-ringer, he at once set to work to remedy this, and by dint of a sale of work, a series of lantern lectures, and donations, he has raised nearly £20, but at least £100 is required to re-hang the bells.

NORWICH DIOCESAN RINGERS.—The annual meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers was held at Ipswich. The annual dinner took place at the Co-operative Hall. The Rev. C. L. Kennaway (Garboldisham), the hon. secretary and treasurer, presided. The toast of 'The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese' was given by the Secretary (Mr. Chas. E. Borrett), who alluded to the great interest the Bishop took in the association, and to the ready assistance afforded at all times by the clergy of the diocese, to whom they were greatly indebted. The Rev. Canon Melville Pigot, whose name was associated with the toast, wished every possible success to the association. It was gratifying to know that that was one of the largest organizations of the kind in England, a fact that reflected great credit upon the diocese. He would couple with it the name of their chairman and worthy secretary. He proposed 'The Association.' The Chairman referred to the allusion in the report to the grand performance at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, and he said that every one must congratulate their brethren of the St. Mary-le-Tower company on what they accomplished. The Secretary also responded, and read the 27th annual report, in which deep regret was expressed at the death of three of its most valued supporters, each of whom took a part in the formation of the organization in 1877. Mr. Clare Sewell Read was elected a vice-president in that year. The Rev. Theodore Marsh, a practical change-ringer, and for fifty years Rector of Cawston, served on the committee from 1890 until 1902. He showed his sympathy with the work of the Association by bequeathing a sum of money for the restoration of the noble building of which he had charge for so many years; part of which sum had to be expended upon the augmentation of the bells from six to eight. Mr. George Day, the founder of the well-known business at Eye, had passed away, after a life literally spent amongst bells and ringers; he had carried out bell restoration both in the diocese and in all parts of the country, and the work was always of the best. The last printed report showed for the first time a list of over 1000 members, and a larger number than usual had come forward for election during the coming year. The printed report for 1904 gave a list of no less than 160 peals rung during the year—a number far exceeding previous performances in any one year, or of any other society in the country. The list included peals on all numbers, from DOUBLES to MAXIMUS, CAMBRIDGE and LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, and a large number of SUPERLATIVE and DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

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Army exhibit is a lamp for outdoor services; they also have on view some excellent lantern slides. The Oxford University Press has a fine collection of Bibles and Prayer-books, in bindings of all kinds. Messrs. W. C. Hughes and Co. are showing lanterns and slides, and also the new 'Pamphengos,' with portable acetylene generator. Messrs. Longmans, Green and Co. have a large selection of their recent publications in theological and general literature, exhibiting specimens of the most recent additions to their well-known series of 'Handbooks for the Clergy,' 'Oxford Library of Practical Theology,' and 'Simple Guides to Christian Knowledge.' They have also on show a large assortment of the 'Hymnal Companion,' in a variety of cloth and leather bindings. The National Society's publications include a large and varied selection of books for school libraries and rewards, manuals and lesson-books, suitable for religious instruction in Sunday and Day schools. The Free and Open Church Association, Clergy Orphan Corporation, Church of England Waifs and Strays Society, and the British and Foreign Bible Society, are all represented. The Cambridge University Press has also a large exhibit. Messrs. Bevington and Sons give occasional recitals on a two manual organ. Here also is the exhibit of Messrs. Harrington, Latham and Co.'s tubular bells. Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton exhibit on their stall a large selection of their publications. Messrs. Novello and Company exhibit the 'Parish Church Anthem Book' of words of anthems in more general use; Additional Hymns, for use with any other hymnal; the Parish Choir Manual, for Holy Communion; and 'Song of Thanksgiving' for Harvest; Cantatas, etc. Messrs. Jones and Willis have a large show of brass work and oak, also a fine stained-glass memorial window for the Garrison Church, Hounslow. Messrs. William Clowes and Sons have on view samples of the 'Hymns, Ancient and Modern,' in all sizes and bindings, in both the old and new editions. Here is also the St. Andrew's Waterside Church Mission. The Positive Organ Co. have two of their excellent instruments, which are played from time to time. The Durham School of Embroidery show altar frontals, stoles, etc. Messrs. Bainbridge Reynolds, Ltd., exhibit a splendid altar rail, made for St. Cuthbert's Church, Kensington, in wrought-iron, bronze, and enamel; also Bibles bound in bronze and in silver.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Dedication of Bells at Mereworth, Kent.

A VERY interesting ceremony took place at Mereworth, Kent, on Friday, when the ancient ring of bells at St. Laurence's Church were, after being restored, dedicated by the Bishop of Rochester. The Bishop was assisted by the Rev. J. E. Rivington Jones, Vicar of the Parish, Rev. R. Swan, Vicar of West Packham, and Rev. R. M. Swan, of St. Gregory's, Canterbury—a large congregation from the parish of Mereworth and the surrounding district being present. In his dedicatory address the Bishop expressed his pleasure at being present on this occasion, and stated how 'bells were the link between the past and present generations, taking part in all the important events in the lives of the inhabitants, and how they were meant to send their message to those at a distance who were unable to come to church.'

Before the dedication a 'touch' of BOB MINOR on the bells opened proceedings, and after the service a 720 in the same method was brought round, conducted by Mr. W. Eldridge; Mr. Johnston, jun. (of the firm of Messrs. Gillett & Johnston), also taking part in the ringing. The ringers expressed their thorough appreciation of the way in which the work had been done, the 'go' of the bells being pronounced 'excellent.'

The ring of six (tenor, 10 cwt.) has been rehung with all new bearings and fittings, and 'quarter-turned' i.e., reversed so that the clapper strikes in a fresh and un worn place. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, of Croydon. The same firm have also fitted up an Ellacombe chiming apparatus for the bells, and refixed the hammer-work on the Westminster quarter clock, erected by them some years ago in the tower.

Service and ringing over, the choir and ringers, with friends, adjourned, at the kind invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Jones, to the Vicarage, where a very enjoyable evening was spent, supper being followed by songs, and the usual musical items. About 11 p.m. the party broke up after expressing their hearty thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Jones for their hospitality, and the evening was brought to a close with the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne.'

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Midland Counties Association.

At St. Lawrence's, North Wingfield, Derbyshire, on September 23rd, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 changes, in 3 hrs, 9 mins. Tenor, 16½ cwt.

Samuel Wesley ..	1	John Flint ..	5
William Lambert ..	2	Benjamin A. Knights ..	6
Thomas Bettison ..	3	Arthur Knights ..	7
Charles Draper* ..	4	Walter Wallace* ..	8

Composed and conducted by Arthur Knights. [* First peal in the method.]

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on September 23rd, a peal of GRAND-SIRE CATERS, 5022 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

John H. Wilkins ..	1	Frederick Rumens ..	6
Henry J. Maynard ..	2	Robert Maynard, jun. ..	7
George Grimwade ..	3	Robert Maynard, sen. ..	8
Fred C. Maynard ..	4	Frederick A. Nunn ..	9
William B. Manning ..	5	Frank E. G. French ..	10

Composed by the late Henry Johnson of Birmingham, and conducted by Robert Maynard, jun. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Maynard, sen., his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns. This is the quickest peal of CATERS on the bells. The ringers of the 2nd, 4th, 7th, and tenor were elected members of the above society previous to starting for the peal.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At the Parish Church, Kidlington, Oxon, on September 23rd, a Variation of Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 13 mins. Tenor, 26 cwt.

Hon. A. Erskine ..	1	Frederick Webb ..	5
Thomas Payne ..	2	Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn ..	6
Harry Miles ..	3	Rev. F. E. Robinson (cond.) ..	7
Harry Judge ..	4	William Stone ..	8

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

At St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on September 16th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5011 changes, in 3 hrs. 28 mins. Tenor, 32 cwt., in C sharp.

James Motts ..	1	William L. Catchpole ..	6
Rev. William C. Pearson ..	2	Henry C. Gillingham ..	7
William Billenness ..	3	Robert H. Brundle ..	8
William Motts ..	4	Lewis W. Wiffen ..	6
Edward Sherwood ..	5	Henry G. Welham ..	10

Composed by A. Knights, and conducted by James Motts.

CHANGE-RINGING at SHREWSBURY.—The annual meeting of the Salop Archidiaconal Guild of Change-ringers was held at Shrewsbury. The members assembled in St. Onad's belfry, where, after some ringing, the business meeting was held under the presidency of Archdeacon Maude. The Rev. J. Mackay, hon. secretary, presented his report and balance-sheet, which showed that the funds in hand amounted to about £12. In his report Mr. Mackay sympathetically referred to the recent death of the Rev. the Hon. G. H. F. Vane.

NORTHAMPTON CHURCH BELL-RINGERS.—The first meeting of the newly-formed Northampton Branch of the Central Northamptonshire Association of Church bell-ringers was held at Harlestone. Canon Bury entertained the visitors, and also gave permission for the bells of the parish church to be rung from 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. The business meeting took place in the evening. The Rev. E. C. Channer (President of the Association) presided, and amongst those present were the Revs. Canon Bury and Canon Hichens (Rector of Guilsborough), Mr. T. R. Hensher, Wellingborough (secretary), &c. Ringers were present from Northampton, Duston, Brafield, Guilsborough, East Haddon, Kingsthorpe, and Harlestone. It was decided to arrange for the next meeting to take place at Kingsthorpe some time in November. Votes of thanks were accorded Canon Bury for the use of the bells of the parish church: the Rev. E. C. Channer for presiding at the meeting, and to Mr. F. Wilford for making the arrangements for the gathering.

The firm of Messrs. P. and P. Campbell, dyers, is a very old one, and its reputation is deservedly high. Its local agents are easily to be found all over the kingdom, and an immense business is carried on at the Perth Dye Works, operations having been commenced in the ancient Scottish city about a century ago. Messrs. Campbell are noted for the excellent manner in which they dye various materials they take in hand.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At St. Mary Magdalen's, Pulham, Norfolk, on September 23rd, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 36 mins. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

Egbert Borrett 1	Frederick Surridge 5
William Bason 2	Frederick Roope 6
Frederick Borrett 3	William Roope 7
Edgar Pemberton 4	James Souter 8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow, and conducted by E. Borrett.

The Essex Association.

At St. Andrew's, Hornchurch, on October 7th, Robinson's peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5036 changes, in 3 hrs. 27 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Ackland J. Perkins .. 1	George E. Wilson 5
William Dudley 2	Henry T. Wilson 6
Alfred J. Carter 3	John Dale 7
George Faulkner 4	William H. Judd (conductor) .. 8

Rung on the anniversary of the first peal on the bells—BOB MAJOR.

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

At St. Margaret's, Ipswich, on September 30th, a peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

William P. Garrett .. 1	William Billenness* 5
William L. Catchpole .. 2	Lewis W. Wiffen 6
William Motts 3	Edward Evans 7
Edward Sherwood 4	James Motts 8

Composed by C. Middleton, and conducted by James Motts.

[* First peal of CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.]

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

At All Saints', Edmonton, on September 30th, a peal of SUPER-LATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5812 changes, in 3 hrs. 16 mins. Tenor, 17½ cwt.

William Bennett 1	Ernest S. Poll 5
Thomas Card 2	James Saxby 6
Joseph Waghorn, sen.* .. 3	James Parker 7
James R. Mackman 4	George Paice 8

Composed and conducted by James Parker. It was also rung to commemorate the thirty-ninth anniversary of his wedding-day, and he was elected a member of the society previous to starting for the peal. [* First peal in the method with a bob-bell.]

Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

At St. Nicholas', Deptford, on September 30th, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. Tenor, 21 cwt.

Frederick W. Thornton .. 1	Herbert P. Harman 5
John J. Lamb 2	Walter Perkins 6
Bertram Prewett 3	Ernest Pye 7
Isaac G. Shade 4	William Pye 8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by William Pye. Rung to celebrate the 60th birthday of Mr. A. T. King, Hon. Secretary of the Association. [* First peal in the method on the bells.]

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

At St. Mary-le-Stratford, Bow, on September 30th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Samuel Hayes 1	Alfred B. Beck 5
Samuel J. Bird* 2	Albert C. Hardy 6
Thomas Faulkner 3	Henry Torble* 7
York Green 4	William T. Cotterill 8

Composed by William Willson, and conducted by T. Faulkner. [* First peal of DOUBLE NORWICH.]

The Yorkshire Association.

At St. Chad's, Far Headingley, on October 7th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Tenor 20 cwt.

J. Watson 1	J. Matthew* 5
P. Johnson 2	G. Barraclough 6
P. Larvan 3	G. McHale 7
R. Binns 4	M. Killoran 8

Composed by G. Williams, and conducted by P. Johnson. [* First peal in the method.]

The Kent County Association.

At St. Stephen's, Hackington, on October 6th, Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 45 mins. Tenor, 11 cwt.

Frederick G. Brett .. 1	Philip H. Pearce 5
Charles Leman 2	Henry G. Fairbrass 6
George Jenkins 3	Rev. F. G. O. Helmore (con.) 7
Charles W. Brett 4	Jack Willis 8

Rung to celebrate the majority of Miss Whiteman, of Tyler Hill.

IIENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday evening, October 1st, for service, a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1260 changes, in 45 mins: C. Tyler, 1; S. Burt, 2; H. Stringer, 3; G. Payne (conductor), 4; A. Goddard, 5; A. Heasman, 6; L. Payne, 7; W. Markwell, 8.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—At All Saints', Wyke Regis, Weymouth, on September 23rd, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 16 cwt. 3 qrs. 18 lbs. Charles H. Jennings, * 1; John Banger, 2; William New, † 3; Albert Best, 4; Charles Hurst, 5; George White, 6; George Preston (conductor), 7; Alfred J. Rose, 8. First peal on the bells. [* First peal. † First peal of TRIPLES.]

THE bell-ringers at the Parish Church, Lamberhurst, Kent, had a remarkable escape the other day. They were ringing a peal, when the 'clapper' of a large bell, weighing nearly a hundredweight, fell from the tower. It came into contact with some object which diverted its course, and fell only a few inches away from the men, who, by this remarkable chance, escaped injury.

THE Rev. E. D. Shaw (rural dean) has dedicated a new treble bell in the tower of the ancient parish church of High Wycombe, which possesses the only peal of ten bells in the county, and the heaviest in the diocese of Oxford. The bell, which was over one hundred years old, has been recast, and the cost defrayed by Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, a ringer for over thirty years.

THE Vicar of Carlton, Yorks, asked the local farmers to contribute, as a harvest thank-offering, a bushel of wheat each to defray the cost of a bell. Forty farmers complied, and the bell will be called 'The Wheat Bell.'

HARTLIP CHURCH, SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—The peal of six bells in this ancient tower, after being silent for three years, were heard again on St. Michael's Day, after the service of dedication, which was performed by Canon F. Holland of Canterbury Cathedral. The Canon preached an interesting sermon from Zach. xiv. 21. Shortened evensong was first taken by the Vicar (Rev. J. S. McMillan), followed by the 'Church Bells' Service of Dedication. The ringers rang forth merry peals, which delighted the whole country-side. People opened their doors or windows to listen to the old familiar sounds once again. The tenor, which was cast in 1628 at Barden, Kent, has been recast; the other five three-quarter turned, and the whole framework replaced by an up-to-date iron frame, by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank. The inhabitants of Hartlip are not numerous, and, as a large expenditure has been ventured upon in connection with the bells, the Vicar hopes for outside help.

THE NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF RINGERS.—The autumn meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association of Ringers was held at Middleham and East Witton on Saturday week. Members were present from Sharow, Pateley Bridge, Darlington, Richmond, Stockton-on-Tees, and East Witton. About sixty ringers and friends attended the tea provided by the members of the Guild of St. Akelda, Middleham, in the Birch Memorial Schools. Owing to indisposition the president of the society, Mr. J. G. Clarkson, of Middlesborough, was absent, also the hon. secretary, the Rev. R. Hodgson, of Skelton-in-Cleveland. The Rev. W. E. Wright, vice-president, proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. H. G. Topham, rector of Middleham, and the Rev. David Wilkie, rural dean and vicar of East Witton, for the use of the church bells, also to the Middleham company for hospitality. The Rev. H. G. Topham, in responding, announced that on Tuesday evening last six of the members of the local company—Anthony Peacock, 1; Thos. Sarginson, 2; Hy. Parrish, 3; George Handley, 4; Henry Jones, 5; and Henry Paul, tenor and conductor—rang a Date Touch of 1905 changes, composed of 465 changes of PLAIN BOB, 720 of OXFORD, and 720 KENT TREBLE BOB, in 70 mins. During the afternoon and evening the bells of both Middleham and East Witton towers were rung merrily, touches of PLAIN BOB, OXFORD, and KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR being played.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Bell-ringing.

WE have received the following letter from a Cornish correspondent:—

SIR,—Having lived in several country districts in England, I have been interested in the varied methods of bell-ringing used, and which of course vary very much. In Yorkshire and Lancashire, of course, up-to-date ringing prevails, and there are a good quantity of eight-bell towers, and one almost invariably heard before the Sunday services a good hour or half-hour of change-ringing. My next move was to Northamptonshire, where in most of the country villages there are five and six-bell towers, and the method of ringing for service is peculiar, viz., to ring two bells, and chime four (or in a five-bell tower to ring two and chime three) at the same time, which gives a most peculiar effect. Then into Somerset, where there are some very fine six-bell peals in the villages. Here I found the custom was to raise the bells for service and take separate changes, and ring each change for a minute or so separately, and then to the next. This was an improvement on Northamptonshire. I found the Staffordshire village ringing much the same as Somerset. I am now in Cornwall, and here the invariable custom is to raise the bells in peal, ring rounds for a few minutes and drop in peal; no change-ringing whatever, not even with eight-bell towers; change-ringing seems to be nearly unknown down here, but the ringers take a pride in raising and lowering in peal correctly, and the towers generally are in splendid order. But it is certainly a disappointment to live near a fine ring of six or eight bells, and never to hear an attempt at any changes. Could not some of our Cornish readers try to stir up ringing matters a little?

WANDERER.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

(THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.)

AT St. Mary's, Painswick, on October 7th, a peal of GRANDSIRE CATER, 5021 changes, in 3 hrs 8 mins. Tenor, 26 cwt.

Garrie Miles ..	1	Will Hale ..	6
The Prophet Sevier ..	2	Joseph Waite ..	7
Hubert Scrivens ..	3	Alfred Waite ..	8
John Austin ..	4	Frank Cole ..	9
Thomas Baldwin ..	5	Albert Hanks ..	10

Composed by A. Knight, and conducted by John Austin.

The Lancashire Association.

AT St. Leonard's, Padiham, Lancashire, on October 7th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in the Kent Variation, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

Harry Entwistle* ..	1	Edwin Timbrell ..	5
John Foulds† ..	2	Robert Foulds, jun.† ..	6
Tom Redman ..	3	Richard Ashworth ..	7
Wm. T. H. Timbrell ..	4	William Mallinson ..	8

Composed and conducted by W. Mallinson. [* First peal. † First peal in the method.]

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.

AT St. Nicholas', Guildford, Surrey, on October 7th, a peal of STEDMAN CATER, 5035 changes, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. Tenor, 23 cwt.

Thomas W. Radford ..	1	Charles Willshire ..	6
Charles Hazelden* ..	2	George W. Challice ..	7
Septimus Radford ..	3	E. Connor O'Brien ..	8
Frank Blondell ..	4	James Hunt† ..	9
John J. Jones ..	5	George W. Brion ..	10

Composed by G. Lindoff, and conducted by James Hunt. First peal of STEDMAN CATER ever rung by a band residing in the diocese, and were all local men. [† First peal of STEDMAN as conductor. * First peal of STEDMAN CATER.]

PULHAM, ST. MARY, NORFOLK.—Eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Change-ringers recently accomplished on the bells of St. Mary's church a peal in the method known as CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. The peal was the composition of C. Middleton, and was conducted by C. T. P. Brice. The men stood in the following order:—Herbert Mathews, 1; Frederick R. Borrett (Pulham Market) 2; James Tann, 3; Robert Whiting, 4; Ernest Poppy (Eye), 5; Henry Adcock, 6; Charles T. P. Brice, 7; Egbert Borrett (Pulham Market), 8. The weight of the tenor is 15 cwt., in the key of F. This was the first peal in the method by Herbert Mathews.

MR. THOMAS COLE, who for fifty-five years had been a bell-ringer at the parish church, Newport, Isle of Wight, died recently.

ROMFORD.—On Sunday evening at St. Edmond's, being the Dedication Festival, eight members of the Essex Association rang 'Thursians' quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, in 40 mins. A. J. Perkins, 1; H. Catterwell, 2; G. Pye, 3; J. Cottis, 4; A. J. Carter, 5; E. Pye, 6; W. Watson, 7; R. Vyse, 8. S. W. Watson called the Bobs.

KIRKBY STEPHEN BELLS.—Steps are being taken to preserve the ancient tower of Kirkby Stephen parish church. The tower was probably built during the latter part of the fifteenth or the beginning of the sixteenth century. There is an interesting legend that Kirkby Stephen was indebted to Whittington, 'thrice Lord Mayor of London,' for a ring of bells. The story runs that Whittington meant to present the bells to the parish of Great Salkeld, in Cumberland, and he sent them so far as Kirkby Stephen, from which place the people of Great Salkeld were to fetch them. This they neglected to do, consequently the bells were appropriated by the vicar and churchwardens of Kirkby Stephen, either by subsequent gift of Whittington, or for want of a better owner.

MEETING OF RINGERS AT MARKET RASEN. — The half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers took place at Market Rasen. In the morning a team consisting of Messrs. J. S. Seomer, conductor (Grimby), J. Fisher, J. L. Ladd (Gainsborough), J. Cragg, A. Mackears (Caythorpe), J. Ash (Washington), and E. C. Creasey (Market Rasen), attempted a peal of 5040 changes of BOB MAJOR. Unfortunately the bells changed course after a stand of 1 hr. 40 min., with nearly 2500 changes rung, so the peal had to be abandoned. Other members who had now arrived rang various touches of the standard methods. A meeting of the Market Rasen district representatives which includes Louth, Market Rasen, Caistor, and Wragby, was held in the vestry, the Rev. W. W. Westbrooke, Caistor, presiding. Mr. J. Hackney, for many years secretary of the branch, resigned that position, and was appointed district representative on the Northern Branch Committee. Mr. C. Laywood, Market Rasen, was appointed district secretary. A service was afterwards held, conducted by the Rev. M. Melville, vicar, and an address given by the Rev. W. W. Westbrooke. The business meeting of the branch followed, Mr. P. O. Bixby, Gainsborough, secretary of the branch, giving a very interesting report. Nine new members were elected, bringing the membership up to nearly 400.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHANGE-RINGERS. — The annual meeting of the Bradfield Deanery Branch of the Guild was held at Bradfield. There was Evensong in the church at 4 p.m., at which the following hon. members of the Guild were present. The Rev. J. Burne (Rural Dean), Rev. A. Standidge (Rector), Dr. Gray, (Warden of Bradfield College), the Revs. R. Dunn, S. Angel-Smith, and F. E. Robinson, Vicar of Drayton and Master of the Guild, who preached an excellent sermon. After tea and the usual business, votes of thanks were passed to the Rural Deal for presiding, to the preacher and to the hon. secretary (Rev. A. Standidge) who was again able to announce a good balance in hand. Change-ringing occupied the remainder of the evening, short touches of OXFORD BOB, GRANDSIRE MINOR, STEDMAN, and KENT TREBLE BOB. The Rev. T. E. Robinson holds the record as a bell-ringer. He rang his first peal 46 years ago, and since then he has rung over 1000 peals.

THE LATE MR. W. D. TINKER.—The Gainsborough members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Northern Branch) are desirous that a brass tablet, or suitable memento of some description, should be erected in the parish church belfry as a token of respect to the above-named ringer, who for upwards of forty-four years was closely connected with the tower and bells of Gainsborough Church, and who up to the time of his death held the office of 'Master' to the Society. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Will ringers who would like to contribute towards the cost, kindly write to Mr. F. S. W. Butler, 32 Harrison's Terrace, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

THE BELLS OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW.—People in Cheapside and its neighbourhood heard for the first time last week the new setting of the Whittington chimes on the bells of Bow Church. Three-quarters of a century or more have elapsed since the ears of London citizens were greeted daily with chimes from these bells. They sounded regularly from the belfry up to the year 1823, when a new clock was placed in the steeple, the melody of the chimes being known as the 'City Tune.' With the introduction of the new clock, the chimes were silenced, and the hours and quarters were sounded in the customary fashion. The 'revived' chimes are played to a new setting composed by Sir C. Villiers Stanford. The tune is played in this order: First quarter: Turn again. Half-hour: Turn again, Whittington. Three-quarters: Turn again. Whittington, turn again. The hour: Turn again Whittington, thrice Lord Mayor of London. The full chime of 12 bells weighs just over 11 tons, the tenor bell itself weighing 53 cwt. Ten of the bells date back to 1738, the remaining two having been added in 1881.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.

At Christ Church, Crewe, on October 21st, in commemoration of the Nelson Centenary, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 44 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

Richard T. Holding, jun. 1	Richard Langford 5
James Henry Riding* 2	George Harding 6
Joseph Kettle 3	R. T. Holding, sen. (condr.) 7
Albert Crawley 4	Thos. A. Williams† 8

[* First peal on an inside bell. † First peal.]

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.

At Christ Church, Aughton, Lancashire, on October 14th, Brooks's peal of STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 16 cwt.

John Taylor* 1	William Fairclough* 5
William Bentham 2	Albert Lovell 6
James Eastham* 3	Edward Caunce† (condr.) 7
John Gardner 4	Peter H. Harvey* 8

First peal in the method by the Guild. [* First peal in the method. † First peal as conductor.]

The Surrey Association.

At the Parish Church, Streatham, on October 14th, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 18 cwt.

Thomas H. Turner* 1	Frederick Pates 5
Edward Goss† 2	Edward R. J. Dunk 6
William States 3	Henry Brooker (condr.) 7
William F. Meads 4	William J. Anscumb* 8

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

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At St. Mary's, Framden, Suffolk, on October 14th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in the Kent Variation, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 16 cwt.

William Groom 1	Edgar Hicks* 5
Percival Woods* 2	John Creasey* 6
William Rumsey 3	George Wightman 7
George Thurlow 4	William Wightman 8

Composed by Arthur Knights and conducted by William Rumsey. [* First peal of Kent.]

The Lancashire Association.

At St. Paul's, Walkden, on October 14th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in the Kent Variation, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

Joseph Brookes 1	Samuel Oakes 5
John Worthington 2	John Denner 6
Alfred Potter 3	John Potter 7
William Denner 4	Joseph Potter 8

Composed by E. Timbrell, and conducted by Joseph Potter.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association.

At St. Michael's, Brierley Hill, Staffordshire, on October 14th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

John Bass 1	Samuel Grove 5
William Short 2	James Dowler 6
Thomas J. Salter 3	Robert Matthews* 7
William F. Hartshorne 4	Arthur Pegler 8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard, and conducted by R. Matthews. First peal in the method on the bells.

[* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as conductor.]

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHANGE-RINGERS.—The members of this Guild met at Christ Church, Southport. There was a good attendance. Representatives from Hindley, Wigan, Poolstock, Aughton, Upholland, Orm-kirk, Croston, Crosby, Crossens, Tuebrook, Rainford, as well as from Christ Church and Emmanuel Church were present. At the business meeting the Master of the Guild, the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, occupied the chair. Mr. William Bentham, of Aughton, read the balance sheet, showing £3 13s. 10d. to the good on the general account, and £4 15s. on the benevolent fund sheet. Mr. Eastham, of Ormskirk, urged that arrears of subscriptions should be attended to.

Sutton St. Nicholas, or Lutton South, Lincs.

LAST spring, in consequence of dangerous decay in their church tower, the Vicar and Churchwardens of Lutton invited the Rev. H. Law James, Vicar of Surfleet, Spalding, and President of the Lincoln Diocesan Bell-ringers' Association, to examine the woodwork connected with the five bells. His advice compelled the Church officials to communicate with Messrs. Taylor, Bell-founders, Loughborough. Bell-ringing was at once put an end to for fear that when the ringers were ringing, the tower and spire might collapse. In a few weeks after the removal of the bells, four entirely new ones came back with the inscription on the first, second, and third, 'In mem. Richard Busby, D.D.' On the fourth bell there is added 'of Westminster School, born in Lutton, 22 Sept., 1606.' The bells are most perfectly fitted on an iron and steel frame. The clock had to be repaired and altered. This part of the work was very successfully taken in hand by Messrs. Smith, of the Derby Steam Clock Works. Two new floors were provided to replace those that had to be taken down.

On Wednesday, October 4th, the Bishop of the Diocese visited Lutton to dedicate the bells and to preach the Harvest Festival sermon. The weather was stormy. Rain fell in heavy showers. The beautifully decorated Church, one of the few in England built of mediæval brick, was crowded when the Bishop arrived with the Vicar, at seven. His Lordship, who was attended by the Rural Dean of East Elloe, Canon Hemmings, of Holbeach, and by his Chaplain, the Rev. G. F. Wilgress, read in the tower, open to the nave, appropriate prayers for the Dedication of bells. The Bishop's text was taken from Exodus xxviii. 'Bells of Gold.' The first point of the discourse was, that money laid out in providing expensive necessities for the worship of God was not wasted. The next point was, that church bells had something to say to all who heard them, not only to those who came to Church, but to those who would not come. They told the story of the Saviour's life at the great Festivals. They mingled their sounds with our national rejoicings and with our parochial and personal experiences. On the following Friday the Vicar entertained the past and present ringers to supper. And on the Friday week after the choristers and other Church workers were invited to tea. The days most convenient to the invited had to be chosen. Our Bishop's visits everywhere leave a fragrance behind that is not easily forgotten. In this case it has helped the Church officials to regard their pecuniary burden and efforts more cheerfully perhaps than they could have done. The total expense is now about £220. Up to the present about £150 has been subscribed. A balance of £70 is now owing to the Vicar. When this has been repaid, there will be another and a greater undertaking in the restoration of the elegant nave roof, under the direction of Mr. C. Hodgson Fowler, at an expense of £925. Till then, something has at length been done, even though compulsorily, to commemorate the great Dr. Richard Busby, hitherto uncommemorated in his native village. The Vicar of Surfleet, who with his ringers was responsible for the ringing on the Dedication day, says that what has been done is perfect. The greatest pleasure has been experienced by all who hear the bells and clock. The Church officials and the villagers of Lutton congratulate themselves on the completion of this the first part of their work.

Quarter-chimes and Chime Tunes.

WE have received the following letter: 'Dear Sir,—I am desirous of making a comprehensive list of quarter-chimes and chime tunes which are or have been in use in this country, and I shall be very obliged if you will allow me space in your columns to lay before your readers who are interested in the subject a request that they will communicate with me as to any chimes, &c., of musical interest they may know of. In cathedrals and churches where the ancient chime mechanism is still in use, quarter-chimes and chime tunes are of the greatest interest. This is also the case in many of the out-of-the-way village churches possessing six to ten bells, knowledge of which is very difficult of access unless through the kindness of any of your readers who may be interested enough to comply with my request. As far as I am aware no such collection has ever been made, and it is my desire to include all quarter-chimes and chime tunes played by cathedral and church clocks, and also by domestic clocks, which are worthy of note. I should prefer them in musical notation, but failing this the order of the striking of the bells can be accurately indicated by numbers, beginning with 1 for the smallest bell.—Faithfully yours, WILLIAM WOODING STARMER (20 Warwick Park, Tunbridge Wells).'

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

AT St. Martin's, Wilts, on October 21st, Thurstans' Four-part peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Sidney Macey	1	Gilbert Neale	5
James Elcombe	2	Robert P. Knight	6
John S. Rumming	3	Sergt.-Major A. Pye (condr.)	7
Bertram Prewett	4	Arthur T. King	8

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

AT St. Margaret's, Leiston, Suffolk, on October 31st, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins. Tenor, 20½ cwt.

Charles Whiting	1	Charles Samson	5
Albert J. Lincoln	2	Edgar Bailey	6
Ernest S. Bailey	3	John M. Mutton	7
Norman Bailey	4	Charles Bailey	8

Composed by H. Dains, and conducted by Charles Bailey. [* First peal in the method as conductor.]

The Lancashire Association.

AT All Saints', Whitefield, on October 21st, a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 21 cwt.

James Taylor	1	Walter Taylor	5
Francis E. Bradshaw * .. .	2	Thomas Peers	6
Robert Duckworth	3	Titus Barlow	7
James B. Taylor	4	William Pennington	8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard, and conducted by W. Taylor. [* Elected a member before starting.]

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

AT All Saints', Boyn Hill, Maidenhead, Berks, on October 21st, in the Kent Variation, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. Tenor, 17½ cwt.

Herbert Cox	1	Maurice Smither	5
James Little *	2	Jesse Eldridge	6
Thomas Price	3	George Martin	7
Joseph S. Hawkins	4	Arthur Martin†	8

Composed by Arthur Knights, and conducted by George Martin. [* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of TREBLE BOB.]

Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

AT St. John-the Baptist, Erith, Kent, on October 21st, a peal of LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 changes, in 3 hrs. Tenor, 18 cwt.

Reuben Charge	1	Charles Wilkins	5
John J. Lamb	2	John Armstrong	6
Isaac G. Shade	3	William Pye	8
Herbert P. Harman	4	Ernest Pye	7

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and conducted by William Pye.

PRESENTATION TO A BISHOP.—The Right Rev. Wilbore MacCarthy, Bishop of Grantham, has been presented by the ringers of All Saints', Gainsborough—of which he was Vicar from 1901 until recently—with a handsome brass inkstand. The Bishop visited the tower on the 24th ult., to say 'good-bye' to the ringers, when Mr. P. O. Bixby, in the name of the members, thanked him for the kindly interest he had taken in their Guild of Ringers, and on their behalf asked him to accept the gift mentioned as a mark of their gratitude to and affection for him. The Bishop thanked Mr. Bixby for his kind words, and the members for their useful present, and gave them some helpful and practical advice, saying, 'Of all the work I have undertaken in the parish, none has given me so much satisfaction as the reforms that have been made in the belfry. He then urged the members to push on, persevere, to become expert change-ringers, and to take no notice of reports and predictions which were being circulated, 'for,' he said, 'I can assure you that no alteration will be made in the constitution of the Guild either by me or by my successor, and if any one attempts to alter it, I shall consider it a great slight to myself.' He also stated that probably he would occasionally visit Gainsborough, and that if convenient he would pay a visit to them in the tower. Undoubtedly, he added, opportunities would arise when the practical experience he had gained in Gainsborough would be of great service to him when advising on matters affecting belfries and ringers.

NEW BELLS AT HARLOW, ESSEX.—The new ring of eight bells hung in the previously vacant tower of the modern Church of St. Mary Magdalene, at Potter Street, Harlow, at a cost of £515, was dedicated All Souls' Eve by the Bishop of Barking. The entire cost of the bells has been got together mainly through the unwearied exertions of the Vicar, the Rev. Henry Elwell, to whose credit must also be placed the erection of the church in sections—chancel, nave, and tower—on the site of a small mission chapel. The bells, which have been furnished by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, are of exactly the same size and weight as the octave in St. Peter's Parish Church, Brighton, the tenor weighing 10 cwt. Every bell is inscribed with some motto or text in Latin, and on the tenor there is also an inscription in English setting forth that the bells were hung in the tower of St. Mary Magdalene in the thirtieth year of the Rev. H. Elwell's connection with the parish. Mr. George Dent, an enthusiastic bell-ringer, who has himself given £75 towards the bell fund, is teaching a class of young men the art of campanology with a view to establishing a good set of ringers at Potter Street. The dedication hymn at the service was sung to the tune of St. Gerald, specially composed for the occasion by Mr. A. H. Brown, of Brentwood.

FYLDE BELL-RINGERS' MEETING.—The quarterly meeting of the Fylde Branch of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers was held at St. John's School, Lytham. The meeting was preceded by a tea, provided by the Rev. J. Gilbertson-Pritchard. Twenty-five ringers were present, representing belfries at South Shore, Blackpool, and Lytham. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for kindly providing the tea, and also to the authorities of St. John's and St. Peter's for the use of the bells. The next meeting will be held at Kirkham in December.

ST. MARY'S BELLS, PENZANCE.—A public meeting to consider the question of the renovation of the St. Mary's church bells was held at the Guildhall, Penzance, under the chairmanship of the Mayor (Councillor J. H. Bennetts). The Rev. C. F. Rogers, explaining the reason of the reason of the meeting, said that Messrs. Taylor & Sons, of Loughborough, the original hangers of the bells in St. Mary's Church tower, had after an inspection of them about twelve months ago reported that the bell-frame was in such a condition that it was unsafe to ring the bells any longer, and the bearings were in such a bad state that the whole peal was out of tone and tune. They recommended that the bells should be taken out and a new frame be put in, made of steel, and the bells be sent to Loughborough for the purpose of boring them in a different way, and of recasting four, by which they hoped to improve the tone, put the whole in a proper state of repair, and also make a lasting job of it. The estimate for the renovation was about £400. He moved 'that in the opinion of that meeting a committee should be promoted to collect the money necessary to place the bells in a state of complete efficiency for ringing, and carry out the requisite work.' Dr. Symons seconded the motion. Mr. Poole, as a parishioner of St. John's Church, said he remembered when the bells were first hung, and had always listened to them with the greatest of pleasure. It seemed a crying shame that after £1000 had been spent the ring should be allowed to go into disuse. Having got that peal of bells he thought it the duty of the town to see that they were kept in efficient condition. A committee was appointed to consider the matter.

ASHTON (DEVON) CHURCH BELLS.—On Saturday the Bishop of Exeter re-dedicated the bells of Ashton Parish Church in the presence of a crowded congregation. There are six bells in the tower. Three were cast in 1780 by Pennington, and as practically nothing had been done to them since that time it had become necessary that they should be re-hung and improved in tone. This work has been carried out by Mr. Stookes, who also placed new fittings for the bells and strengthened the frame. A new belfry floor has been substituted for the old one by Mr. H. Reed, of Exeter, and two new iron girders were given by Mr. F. Simpson, of Exeter. The work cost about £85, and previous to the re-dedication service almost the whole of the amount had been secured. At the service in the afternoon the Bishop was accompanied by the Rector, the Rev. J. C. Onions, the Rev. O. H. Cary (Trusham), and the Rev. T. Flavel (Christow). The prayers were said by the Rector, whilst the lesson was read by General Sir Richard Harrison.

NORTH NOTTS BELLRINGERS' ASSOCIATION.—One of the best attended quarterly meetings held for many years was that which took place at Harworth. The Vicar, the Rev. D'Arblay Burney, presided over the business meeting, and was supported by the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. B. Darley, Harthill. Representatives were present from Retford, Ordsall, Worksop, Shireoaks, Harthill, East Markham, Anston, and the local ringers. References were made to the fact that the Harworth tower was not connected with the association, and the Vicar expressed the hope that the local ringers would shortly become attached. The next meeting was fixed for Worksop on January 20th, 1906.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

A Date-touch of Stedman Triples (1906 changes.)

By G. Ashby, Stockport.

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Round 2nd change of last six by BOBS, at 4-5-8's, 12-13. Has 23 46's 22 47's 22 67's, all at back stroke. Also 6 out of the 8 567's. * By BOB at 10. † By BOBS at 3 6 7 12

CHANGE-RINGING.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

At the Parish Church, Coseley, Staffordshire, on October 30th, Parker's Twelve-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 44 mins.

William Bayliss ..	1	William Fisher (condr.) ..	5
Alfred Wallater ..	2	Christopher Wallater ..	6
Joseph Roberts ..	3	Richard Dunn * ..	7
William Hinton ..	4	Samuel Baker ..	8

[* First peal.]

At St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, on October 28th, Groves's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins.

Robert Pickering ..	1	John Bradney ..	5
Arthur J. Seabrook ..	2	Daniel Jones * ..	6
Thomas O'Connor †	3	Herbert Knight † (condr.)	7
John Perry ..	4	Thomas Perry ..	8

[* First peal. † First peal away from the tenor. † First peal in the method as conductor.]

The Chester Diocesan Guild.

At the Parish Church, New Mills, Derbyshire, on October 28th, a peal of FORWARD MAJOR, 5038 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

William Walker ..	1	Rev. A. T. Beeston ..	5
William Lowery ..	2	George D. Warburton ..	6
Alfred Barnes ..	3	Fred Holt ..	7
James Fernley ..	4	Edward Reader ..	8

Composed by John Carter, and conducted by Edward Reader. First peal in the method on the bells, by all the ringers, and by the Guild.

At the Parish Church, Pulford, Chester, on October 23th, Day's Six-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Tenor, 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs. in A flat.

Thomas Huxley ..	1	Henry W. Wilde ..	5
Charles Price ..	2	James Morgan (condr.) ..	6
George Jones ..	3	Richard Jones ..	7
Rowe Huxley ..	4	William Thomas ..	8

First peal of TRIPLES on the bells, and the first by the local company.

Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

At St. Sepulchre, Snow Hill, on October 28th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 changes, in 3 hrs. 29 mins. Tenor, 31 cwt.

John D. Matthews ..	1	Bertram Prewett ..	6
Herbert P. Harman ..	2	William J. Nudds ..	7
Issac G. Shade ..	3	James George ..	8
John J. Lamb ..	4	Cornelius Charge ..	9
Mark Woodcock ..	5	Reuben Charge ..	10

Composed by Cornelius Charge, and conducted by H. P. Harman. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. William Pye and Miss Charlotte Newman.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—A muffled peal was attempted on the bells of the Parish Church, on Thursday evening, the 2nd inst., the sad occasion being the funeral of the Rev. C. S. Dunlop, who for twenty-four years, to '89, had been curate and vicar of the parish. He had continued to reside among his friends, and had given constant assistance in the services, and was much beloved by all. The peal broke down after two and a half hours. The following took part: A. Markwell, S. Burt, J. Lish, G. Payne, A. Goddard, A. Heasman, L. Payne (conductor), A. Hodges. On the Sunday following the muffled bells were rung for half an hour before morning service, and in the evening a quarter-peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1260 changes, was rung in 45 mins. by the same band, conducted by L. Payne.

WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.—On the 18th ult., an event took place which will rank as one of the first importance in the history of the parish. The work of restoring the old bells and of adding two new ones to make a peal of eight, was completed by a dedication service in the afternoon. The Rev. F. E. Robinson, Vicar of Drayton St. Leonard and Master of the Diocesan Guild of Bell-ringers, gave an admirable and appropriate address. The service was well attended. During the evening the following ringers attempted to ring a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes:—Rev. F. E. Robinson (7th bell), Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A., of Witney; Messrs. F. Webb (Kidlington), J. Evans (Hughenden), W. Newell (Reading), H. Judge (Kidlington), W. Stone (Oxford), and Woodwards (tenor), of Chalgrove. The six bells had been rehung in a new steel frame at a cost of £210, which had been subscribed by parishioners and friends. The work, which has been most excellently carried out, was done by Messrs. Webb & Bennett. The two new bells were cast by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank and cost £118.

THE BELLS OF LYNCH CHURCH, SOMERSET.—On the 27th ult. the Bishop of Bath and Wells re-dedicated the tower and bells of Lynch Church, before a very large congregation. The tower is a very good specimen of the Somerset Perpendicular type, the gargoyles being remarkably fine. In the Spring of this year a contract was entered into for the restoration of the tower and belfry at a cost of a little over £600. The work of rehanging the bells was entrusted to Mr. T. Doble, bellhanger, of Taunton, who has erected a combination cage of English oak and iron for six bells, quarter turned. The five bells in the tower were rehung and fitted up in the latest fashion, including Heywood lubricators, and the excellence of the work was commented upon by the representatives of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change-ringers, who were present to ring the first peal on the bells. The inscription on the bells were as follows:—Treble, 'Anno Domini 1609, G. P.'; second, (recast by Llewellyn and James, Bristol, in 1881), 'W. Codrington, vicar, B. Cozens, churchwarden'; third, 'Mr. Richard Dibble, Mr. John Brewer, churchwardens, T. W., 1725'; fourth, 'Mr. Lawrence Brome, vicar, God save the Church, T. W., 1721, Mr. James Standard, Mr. John Meade, wardens'; tenor, 'Drawe near to God, G. P., 1612, Anno Domini 1678, T. B., M. R., G. W., T. R.' The latter bell weighs eighteen hundredweight and is in E natural.

ASHTON CHURCH BELLS.—The Bishop of Exeter has re-dedicated the peal of six bells which have been rehung in connection with the restoration of the ancient church of Ashton. In 1900 funds were appealed for, and a complete scheme of restoration entered upon. In 1903 the church was re-opened, after about £900 had been expended on the work. This sum has practically all been cleared off, owing to the generosity of the people in the neighbourhood. The bells have now been rehung in new fittings throughout, the work being ably carried out by Mr. Stokes, of Woodbury. A new belfry floor has been put in, while the bell cage has been greatly strengthened.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Detached Belfries.

THE Editor of 'Notes and Queries' has compiled the following list of churches having detached belfries, from replies sent to that paper:—

Bedford.—Woburn. Elstow. Marston-Morteyn.
Berks.—Theale.
Cambridge.—Tid St. Giles.
Cheshire.—St. John's, Chester. Congleton.
Cornwall.—Mylor, Launceston. Gwennap.
Cumberland.—Kirkoswald.
Denbigh.—Henllan.
Devon.—Chittlehampton.
Essex.—Wix. Wrabness.
Glamorgan.—Llangyfelach.
Gloucestershire.—Berkeley. Westbury.
Hereford.—Ledbury. Pembridge. Bosbury. Holmer. Richard's Castle. Yarpole.
Kent.—Brookland.
Lincoln.—Fleet. Flixhrough.
Middlesex.—St. George's, Tufnell Park, N.
Norfolk.—Walton. Terrington. West Walton. East Dereham.
Northumberland.—Morpeth.
Oxford.—New College.
Somerset.—Westbury-on-Severn.
Suffolk.—Beccles. Bramfield. East Bergholt.
Surrey.—All Saints, Lambeth.
Sussex.—The Cathedral, Chichester.
Warwick.—Lapworth.
Worcester.—Evesham.
Ireland.—Baltinglass.

EVERARD HOME COLEMAN.

Detached belfries were once very common. St. Paul's had one, and Westminster Abbey had one; and the remains of the 'Five Bell Tower,' on the north side of the choir of Rochester, are still to be seen.

St. Edmund's Abbey had two, one of which is used for St. James's Church, and a similar tower at the west of St. Margaret's Church, for which it was used as a campanile. This is shown in a plan in the 'East Anglian Magazine,' published at Lowestoft thirty years ago.

I suppose the old tower at Hackney is still in existence, though the bells have long since been removed to the west tower of the modern church.

The Salisbury tower was restored by Wren, but never used, and was taken down by order of the Prince Regent. The site was shut off by an iron balustrade from the rest of the Close, and has since been called 'the Dead Sea.' The tower was so much lower than the clerestory of the Cathedral that the bells were quite inaudible on the other side. I think this was the real reason for removing it.

Colchester.

WALTER SCARGILL.

In the 'History of Bosbury,' by the Rev. Samuel Bentley, it is mentioned (p. 17) that in Herefordshire there are seven churches with detached towers, viz., at Bosbury, Garway, Holmer, Ledbury, Pembridge, Yarpole, and Richard's Castle.

'They are generally supposed to have been built for defensive purposes, as predatory excursions were frequently made by the Welsh into Herefordshire, both before and after the period of their erection.'

R. B.

I have notes of the following instances of detached church towers. Whether every tower contains a belfry or not I am unable to say:—

Warmsworth, Yorkshire.
West Walton and Little Shoring, Norfolk.
Ormskirk, Lancashire.
Hackney, Middlesex.
Tydd St. Giles, Cambridge.
Irthlingborough, Northamptonshire.
Sutton St. Mary, Lincolnshire.

Since writing the above, I find that the subject was very fully discussed at the following references:—7th S. ix. 107, 169, 277; x. 18, 356

JOHN T. PAGE.

West Haddon, Northamptonshire.

Add Middleton-in-Teesdale.

South Shields.

R. B.—R.

In Cornwall are several, e.g., at Mylor, Talland, Gunwalloe, Gwennap and Feock. At Lammorran an old tower has been allowed to stand when a new church was built close by, and the same has occurred at Illogan.

YGREC.

The quaint belfry of Brookland (Romney Marsh, Kent) has been sketched and described by Mr. C. G. Harper in his recent work on

'The Ingoldsby Country,' 'Imagine,' he says, 'three old-fashioned candle extinguishers, placed one upon the other, and you have that odd campanile very closely imitated. It stands apart from the church, is of massive oak framing, weather-boarded, and thickly and most liberally tarred.'

Mr. Harper thinks 'the real reason for this detached wooden belfry' is the water-logged site not being 'capable of giving support to so heavy a structure as a stone tower,' and he adds a local legend which all Brookland people will thank me for not repeating here.

F. A. W.

I have seen the following:—

St. Mary's, Marston Morteyne, Beds.
SS. Mary and Helena, Elstow, Beds.
St. Mary Magd., Fleet, Lincs. (with spire).
St. Mary, West Walton, Norfolk (very fine).
St. Clement, Terrington, Norfolk.
St. Mary, Long Sutton, Lincs (with spire).

The last-named is not absolutely detached, but just touches the south-west angle of the south aisle.

The cause of the detachment of Terrington St. Clement's and its prospect of reattachment must be learnt from local informants.

Bedford.

H. K. St. J. S.

Beccles, in Suffolk, must be added to the list of churches having a detached bell-tower of ancient date.

If wooden structures carrying the bell or bells were included in the inquiry, many examples could probably be given.

I. CHALKLEY GOULD.

Some forty or fifty years ago, when I used to exercise my tutor's gay little pony in Herefordshire, I remember exploring Pembridge, Titley, &c., and, if my memory does not play me false, the steeple at Pembridge stood detached like an Italian campanile.

W. K. W. CHAFY.

At Lapworth, in Warwickshire, the belfry is connected with the church by a covered passage.

At Pembridge, in Herts, the detached belfry is built entirely of wood, the frame in which the bells are hung rising at once from the ground, with merely a casing of boards.

A. R. BAYLEY.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Surrey Association.

AT St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey, on November 4th, a peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs. 15 mins.

Charles Dean	..	..	1	Arthur J. Plowman	..	6
Frank Holder	..	..	2	William S. Smith	..	7
Harry Last*	..	..	3	Alfred Trappitt*	..	8
William Hopley*†	..	..	4	Joseph Fayers	..	9
Dr. A. B. Carpenter	..	..	5	Charles Gordon	..	10

Composed by H. Dains, and conducted by Joseph Fayers.

[* First peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL. † Elected a member of the Association before starting.]

WOODCHURCH, ASHFORD.—After a silence of some months, the bells the parish church of Woodchurch were rung at intervals during the afternoon of Thursday, November 2nd, by a party of ringers belonging to the Kent Change-ringing Association. Mr. C. Tribe, of Tenterden, conducted. The bells have been thoroughly restored and quarter-turned, with new wheels, and all necessary equipments, at a cost of nearly £125, including certain expenses. The money has been gathered mostly in the parish. There have been two sales of work under excellent direction. Two or three large subscriptions were received, and the remainder came in small sums. The dedication festival is always kept during the octave of All Saints', and advantage was taken of this custom to reopen the belfry, and give several peals of 120 in the afternoon and evening. At 3.30 a delightful Organ Recital was given by Mr. E. Stanley Roper, Mus. Bac., Association Organist at the Chapel Royal, St. James', with Master Griffiths, Principal Soloist at St. Mary Abbot. The music, both instrumental and vocal, was beautifully rendered, and gave much delight to the parishioners of Woodchurch, who do not often have the opportunity of listening to such exquisite music. In the evening, Master Griffiths sang at Choral Evensong, as an Anthem, 'Angels ever bright and fair,' and he again charmed the people with his sweet, sympathetic singing. Altogether the festival with its double lesson was most successful, and now it is hoped the ringers who are being instructed in change-ringing will do their best to carry out the religious purpose of the church bells. The treble has been recast. It has the motto, 'I call to prayer in the House of God.' Messrs. Mears & Stainbank did the whole of the restoration work.

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CHANGE-RINGING.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At St. Mary's, Helmingham, Suffolk, on November 4th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 changes, 3 hrs. 4 mins. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

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

Composed by Edgar Wightman, and conducted by G. Wightman. A birthday-compliment to E. E. Lanham.

At St. Peter's, Henley, Suffolk, on November 11th, a peal of MINOR, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 40 mins. Being three 720's of PLAIN BOB, and two each of OXFORD and KENT TREBLE BOB. Tenor, 8 cwt. 3 lbs., in A flat.

Bertie W. Debenham ..	1	Percival Woods ..	4
Rev. William C. Pearson ..	2	William J. Groom ..	5
James G. Rumsey ..	3	William C. Rumsey (condr.) ..	6

This is the first peal of MINOR on the bells, and was rung in consequence of one member of the band failing to turn up for KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

At SS. Peter and Paul's, Aston-juxta-Birmingham, on November 4th, a peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 changes, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

Albert Walker† ..	1	Arthur Chambers* ..	6
Frank Fay ..	2	Samuel Grove* ..	7
Charles Dickens ..	3	Rev. C. A. Clements* ..	8
Thomas Reynolds ..	4	Alf. Paddon Smith ..	9
George F. Swann* ..	5	Arthur E. Pegler ..	10

Composed by John Carter, and conducted by Albert Walker.

[† First peal of ROYAL as conductor. * First peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL.]

The Lancashire Association.

At St. Paul's, Walkden, Lancashire, on November 9th, a peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

Thomas Peers ..	1	Walter C. Hunt ..	5
Robert Duckworth ..	2	Richard Ridyard ..	6
Titus Barlow ..	3	Joseph Potter ..	7
Percy Derbyshire ..	4	William Denner ..	8

Composed by J. W. Washbrook, and conducted by Joseph Potter. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At All Saints', Maidenhead, Berks, on November 11th, a peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, in the Kent Variation, 5088 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 17½ cwt.

Herbert Cox ..	1	Maurice Smither ..	5
George Martin ..	2	William Walker ..	6
James Little ..	3	Jesse Eldridge ..	7
Thomas Price ..	4	Arthur Martin* ..	8

Composed by H. Dains, and conducted by Arthur Martin. [* First peal of TREBLE BOB as conductor.]

The Essex Association.

At St. Andrew's, Hornchurch, on November 18th, Holt's Ten-part peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, in 3 hrs. 38 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E natural.

John A. Dart ..	1	William Dudley ..	5
George H. Jay ..	2	Henry T. Wilson ..	6
Acland J. Perkins (condr.) ..	3	William H. Judd ..	7
Alfred J. Carter ..	4	John Dall ..	8

This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

At St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Stansted, Essex, on November 11th, a peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 56 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt.

John F. Penning ..	1	John Luckey ..	5
Thomas J. Watts ..	2	William Watts ..	6
George Jordan ..	3	Arthur F. James* ..	7
William T. Prior ..	4	Nathan J. Pitstow ..	8

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow, and conducted by Arthur F. James. [* First peal as conductor in any method.]

At Harlow Church, Essex, on November 7th, a peal of OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. Tenor, 12 cwt. 9 lbs.

W. S. Willet ..	1	T. Jordon ..	5
H. J. Tucker ..	2	W. Prior ..	6
W. Watts ..	3	G. Dent ..	7
W. Hobbs ..	4	J. Cavill ..	8

The performance of this peal was specially interesting, for besides being the first peal on the bells, it was the first time the conductor had attempted to call a peal in the method, and is probably the first time a churchwarden has conducted the opening peal in the method upon the bells of his parish church. It was the first peal of OXFORD by the ringer of the 4th; 150th peal of 5000 changes by the ringer of the 2nd, and the 100th by the ringer of the 3rd. So scientifically and perfectly has this beautiful ring been tuned, that in addition to the sweet ground notes, the hum of an octave deeper blending with an octave above could be distinctly heard, sounding like the distant swelling of a rich organ.

ST. PETER'S, ELTHAM, KENT.—On All Saints' Day, a beautiful new tenor bell, weighing over half a ton, was dedicated by the Rural Dean of Woolwich, Canon Escuret, in memory of his wife. The bell was presented by the Rev. J. Campbell, who was for six years vicar of the church, and cast by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, the makers of 'Big Ben.'

FULBOURN CHURCH BELLS.—The fine old peal of bells in the Church of St. Vigo, Fulbourn, have been condemned by an expert as in a dangerous condition, and until the necessary funds, amounting to £200, are forthcoming for their restoration, they remain silent. This, indeed, a pity, for they are a fine set. Formerly there were two churches standing in the same churchyard at Fulbourn—All Saints' and St. Vigor's. On May 25th, 1766, the former fell, crushed beneath the weight of its own tower, and the ruins were demolished, under the authority of an Act of Parliament, some two years afterwards. The present church, which is chiefly in the Decorated style of architecture, was restored by Sir A. W. Blomfield in 1869. The old woodwork frame in which the bells are hung is in a very decayed condition, and it will be necessary to replace it with iron. A movement is being started with a view to raising the sum of money necessary to do the work.

TOWEDNACK CHURCH BELLS DEDICATED.—Since Towednack (near St. Ives) has been made a separate ecclesiastical parish, the Vicar (Rev. W. Whitley) has effected several improvements in the parish church. For a number of years the tower contained three cracked bells, which for more than half a century have not been rung. Some months since the vicar and churchwardens turned their attention to this matter, with the result that the old bells have been recast, a fourth added, and provision has been made for two additional bells, making a peal of six. The dedication service took place the other day in the parish church. Peals were rung on the bells by the following ringers from Ludgvan:—Messrs. E. Lawrey, R. J. Boase, John Steward, F. Lawrey, and W. H. Boase.

BELL-RINGERS AT DINNER.—The Society of College Youths claims to be the oldest bell-ringing society in the world, and they have good reason to make the claim, since on Saturday evening they celebrated their 268th anniversary by a dinner at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. Mr. W. D. Smith presided, and the hundred and twenty-four guests included Miss Macalpine Leny, one of the only two living lady bell-ringers. In proposing the toast of the evening, 'Prosperity to the College Youths,' the Master said the first great bell-ringing performance of which any account had been kept was at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on the six large bells, on November 18th, 1684. The College Youths then rang three 720's, and it was the first occasion on which so many changes were rung without stopping. The London Scholars rang the first peal of 5040 changes at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on January 11th, 1716. As the years followed on greater efficiency was attained, until now it was possible to record the performance of 41 peals of 5000 changes and upwards, which had been rung by members of the society during the past year. About fifty new members are enrolled every year upon an average, the last certificate number being four thousand four hundred and eighty, which was that of the Vicar of St. Mary's, Walthamstow. On Easter Monday last a set of eight men rang three peals in the day, in the most difficult method, LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR. That feat has never previously been accomplished by one set of men. Each peal occupied about three hours, and they were rung at Old Windsor, Wraysbury, and Isleworth, in three different counties, but not far apart from each other. The toast list was interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, as well as selections on the hand-bells, a very pleasant evening being spent.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Detached Belfries.

SIR,—The list a correspondent gives of the above may be largely added to. Quite recently, in 'Notes and Queries,' what is probably, by no means an exhaustive one appeared—with the following compiled result:—

Bedfordshire.—Woburn. Elstow. Marston-Morteyne.
Cambridgeshire.—Tydd St. Giles.
Cheshire.—St. John's, Chester. Congleton.
Cornwall.—Gunwalloe. Feoch. Mylor. Launceston. Gwennap.
Talland.
Cumberland.—Kirkoswald.
Durham.—Middleton-in-Teesdale.
Denbigh.—Henlian.
Devon.—Chittlehampton. Newton Abbot.
Essex.—Wix. Wrabness.
Glamorganshire.—Llangyfelach.
Gloucestershire.—Berkeley. Westbury.
Hampshire.—Wilton.
Herefordshire.—Ledbury. Pembridge. Bosbury. Holmer.
Richard's Castle. Yarpole. Titley. Garway.
Kent.—Brookland.
Lancashire.—Ormskirk.
Lincolnshire.—Fleet. Flixborough. Sutton St. Mary.
Middlesex.—St. George's, Tufnell Park. North Hackney.
Norfolk.—Walton. Terrington. West Walton. East Dereham. Little Shoring.
Northumberland.—Morpeth.
Northamptonshire.—Irthlingborough.
Oxfordshire.—New College, Oxford.
Somersetshire.—Westbury-on-Severn.
Suffolk.—Beccles. Bramfield. East Bergholt.
Surrey.—All Saints', Lambeth.
Sussex.—Chichester Cathedral.
Warwickshire.—Lapworth.
Worcestershire.—Evesham.
Yorkshire.—Warmsworth.
Ireland.—Balinglass.

At Lamorran and Illogan (both in Cornwall) old towers stand, with new churches built close beside them. Old towers (both fifteenth century) possessing little affinity with the modern churches attached to them, may be seen at Otterton and Topsham (each situated in Devon). At Newton Abbot the old church, dedicated to St. Leonard, was destroyed in A.D. 1836, but the western perpendicular Gothic tower was spared; and now stands in isolated stateliness in the midst of that pretty little market town. Old St. Paul's Cathedral, as well as Westminster Abbey, had detached belfries, and the remains of the 'Five Bell Tower' may be seen on the north side of the choir at Rochester's well-situated Cathedral. Salisbury Cathedral formerly possessed one, the site of which is now known as 'The Dead Sea.'

When, many years ago, the old church of Hackney was taken down, and a new and much larger one built somewhat to the eastward, the western tower of the ancient edifice was left in situ, and ultimately sold as old building materials to a local mason. The honest craftsman, 'tis said, purchased it for a quite a nominal sum. The new church completed, the Rector and his Wardens proceeded to the old fabric to take over the fine ring of bells, that still remained therein, proposing to place them in their new belfry. But they counted without their host! The stout statuary, backed by a small crowd of lusty labourers, barred the way, and the former dared any one to enter his tower, with some show of justice, claiming it, and what it contained (bells and all!) as his private property. The upshot was the parson went to law with the man of stone, and the latter won the day! Ultimately, the parishioners had to re-purchase their own tower—and at a very stiff price indeed!—ere they could gain re-possession of their much-prized bells. Happily, through the transaction, the poor old tower was saved from destruction, as, I believe, the local authorities never again attempted to barter it away.

HARRY HEMS.

Fair Park, Exeter, Nov. 25th, 1905.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

At SS. Peter and Paul's, Fressingfield, Suffolk, on November 25th, a peal of BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 17 cwt. 2 qrs., in F.

William Gilson	1	Harry Sparkes*	5
Robert Rayner	2	Frederick Barber*	6
James Adams	3	Ernest Lincoln	7
William Riches	4	Albert Riches	8

Composed by the late Henry Hubbard, and conducted by William Riches. First peal on the bells since being put in good ringing order, by Messrs. Day & Son of Eye. [* First peal.]

The Essex Association.

At St. Mary Magdalene's, Harlow Common, on November 18th, a peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min. Tenor, 12 cwt. 9 lbs.

Rev. W. S. Willett	1	John Moule	5
Walter Hobbs	2	George A. Black*	6
Henry J. Tucker	3	William Watts	7
Herbert W. Stanley	4	William Keeble	8

Composed by George R. Pye, and conducted by William Keeble. First peal in the method on the bells. H. W. Stanley was elected a member previous to starting. [* First peal in the method.]

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

At St. Mary Magdalene's, Taunton, Somersetshire, on November 18th, a peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 changes, in 3 hrs. 16 mins. Tenor, 30 cwt.

Sidney Adams	1	James Burge	6
James Routley	2	Frank Millard	7
Edward Lloyd*	3	Edgar E. Burgess	8
Sidney Wyatt	4	Joseph Maddock	9
Samuel P. Merson	5	Joseph Fowler	10

Composed by Cornelius Charge, and conducted by James Burge. First peal of STEDMAN CATERS by all. First by the Association, and first in the county and west of Bristol by local men. [* First peal.]

ROMFORD.—On a recent Sunday, for Divine service, in the evening, by eight members of the Essex Association, a Quarter-peal of BOB MAJOR in 43 mins. R. G. Pye, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; A. J. Carter, 3; H. Catterwell, 4; G. Roughton, 5; H. Dawkins, 6; W. Watson, 7; E. Pye, 8. Has 5-6 in the tittum and home position throughout. Arranged and conducted by A. J. Perkins.

LELANT BELLS, CORNWALL.—The Parish Church of St. Uny, Lelant, where a ring of six bells has just been rededicated by the Archdeacon of Cornwall, is one of the most interesting in the county. It is the third church built on the same site, overlooking St. Ives Bay, and was consecrated by Edmund Lacy, Bishop of Exeter, on February 2nd, 1424, which day fixes the parish feast. The Church is dedicated to St. Uny, as is also the parish Church of Redruth, and is the mother church of St. Ives and Towednack. In the reign of Richard I. the living was given to the Priory of Tywardreath. In the church is a very fine Norman arch, the only part of the first church remaining. At one time there was a rood-screen, but only the steps leading to it remain. There are some peculiar mural tablets, and there can also be seen a framed letter from King Charles, written from his camp at Sudley Castle, 1643. Edwin H. W. Dunkin, in his 'Church Bells of Cornwall,' published in 1878, refers to the bells as follows:—

- 1—Taylor, Oxford, 1836; diameter at the mouth, 26½ inches.
- 2—Taylor, Fecit, Oxford, 1836; diameter at the mouth 27¾ inches.
- 3—Taylor, Fecit, Oxford, 1836; diameter at the mouth, 29¾ inches.

'Obey Our Call—The Right, The Good Old Way.
(Shun Schism's Wiles) Nor From It Ever Stray.'

- 4—Taylor, Fecit, Oxford, 1836; diameter at the mouth, 32 inches.
- 5—Taylor, Fecit, Oxford, 1836; diameter at the mouth, 34¼ inches.
- 6—Taylor, Fecit, Oxford, 1836; diameter at the mouth, 38 inches.

William Bosustow, churchwarden. Below on the waist is the following:—

'Glory Be To God On High,
The Day Of Rest Again Comes Round;
Day To All Believers Dear,
The Silver Trumpets Loudly Sound;
That Call The Tribes of Israel,
Ye People All Obey The Call,
And In Jehovah's Courts Appear.'

The weights of the six bells are as follows:—1, 4 cwt. 0 qrs. 18 lb.; 2, 4 cwt. 0 qrs. 23 lb.; 3, 5 cwt. 0 qrs. 9 lb.; 4, 6 cwt. 0 qrs. 7 lb.; 5, 6 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lb.; 6, 8 cwt. 3 qrs. 9 lb.

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