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With this issue, we recommence to number the peals recorded in *Campanology*. We have reasons to believe that the system which has been adopted in recording these performances, has met with general approval from the majority of the exercise; at the same time, we should be pleased to receive any suggestion from our readers, which shall have our careful consideration.

It is our intention during the coming year, to give a monthly Analysis of peals recorded in *Campanology*. This we hope will prove useful and interesting to our readers.

From "Treble Bob to London Surprise" will be continued in our next issue, when the method, SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR will be the subject.

LIST OF CHURCHES that have appeared in *Campanology*:—

- No. 1. S. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.
- " 2. S. Margaret's, Westminster.
- " 3. S. Martin's, Birmingham.
- " 4. S.S. Mary and All Saints', Chesterfield.
- " 5. S. Giles, Cripplegate.
- " 6. S. Mary's, Eastbourne.
- " 7. S.S. Peter and Paul, Lavenham, Suffolk.
- " 8. S. Michaels, Cornhill, London.
- " 9. S. Paul's Cathedral.
- " 10. Sketches of Guildford.
- " 11. Boston, Lincolnshire.
- " 12. St. May Redcliffe, Bristol.
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- " 15. St. Mary, Walthamstow, Essex.
- " 16. St. Sepulchre, Holborn.

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### CANON NOLLETH ON CHURCH BELLS.

Canon Nolleth, D.D., vicar of Beverley Minster, delivered an interesting lecture on 'Church Bells and Bell-ringing' in the Royal Institution, Hull, on December 14th. The reverend gentleman in tracing the history of bells, remarked that during the middle part of this century the art of bell-making had sunk to a very low level indeed, but lately had improved considerably, and said he believed the bells of the present day were nearly, if not quite, as good as the older ones. With regard to the tone of bells, he explained that the wider the diameter the deeper the note in proportion. People were, as a rule, very anxious, when they were putting bells into churches, to get well-tuned rings for as little money as they could, and forgot that the tune was quite different from the tone. It just happened that they might get them perfectly in tune with each other, but having a wretchedly cracked tone. The lecturer, after describing the composition of bell-metal, went on to cite the largest instruments of the kind in Europe. The great bell at Moscow of course headed the list, and others followed at Novgorod, Cologne, Vienna, London, and York. The lecturer expressed the hope that before long their largest bell at Beverley Minster would be re-cast. We shall be glad to know that, as a result of this lecture, Hull people had been stirred up to aim at securing a ring of bells more worthy of the grand church of Holy Trinity than the very poor ring which now occupies that fine tower. Illustrations of various methods, viz., Grandsire Doubles, Kent Treble Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire Caters, and Plain Bob Maximus, were given on handbells by the following members of the Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers:—Messrs. H. W. Needham, C. Jackson, W. Southwick, D. W. Brown, T. Stockdale, and H. Jenkins.

### BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(WRAXALL BRANCH.)

On Friday, January 1st, the Wraxall ringers journeyed to Bradford-on-Avon to have a pull on the bells there, and a nice peal of 8 they are (tenor about 35 cwt.), and they "go" well for heavy bells. Several 120's of Plain Bob Doubles, also Grandsire Doubles and a short touch of Grandsire Minor on the back 6 was brought round, and then a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples by the following band:—F. Winsor, 1; C. Winstone, 2; J. Youd, 3; J. Winsor, 4; J. Harvey, 5; H. Chard, 6; J. Bishop (conductor), 7; W. Chown, 8. Also several short touches of Triples, in which W. Clark and S. Butcher took part. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells and the tower keeper for having everything ready.

### CLENT DELIGHT MINOR.

A NEW METHOD.

By F. CLAYTON, *Kings Norton*.

1 2 3 4 5 6

2 1 4 3 6 5  
2 4 1 3 5 6  
4 2 3 1 6 5  
4 2 3 6 1 5  
2 4 6 3 5 1  
4 2 3 6 5 1  
2 4 6 3 1 5  
2 4 6 1 3 5  
4 2 1 6 5 3  
4 1 2 5 6 3  
1 4 5 2 3 6  
1 4 2 5 6 3

Example of a Bob.

1 4 5 2 3 6  
1 5 4 2 6 3

Example of a Single.

1 4 5 2 3 6  
1 4 5 2 6 3

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## CHANGE RINGING PERFORMANCES.

### Caters.

#### 1 GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, December 26th, 1896, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES,

Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

FRANCIS W. BOND .. .. Treble	HERBERT MIDWINTER† .. .. 6
HENRY C. BOND* .. .. 2	CHARLES BARTLETT† .. .. 7
JOHN AUSTIN .. .. 3	FRED G. MAY .. .. 8
ALBERT E. EDWARDS* .. .. 4	THOMAS GARDNER† .. .. 9
FRANK GARDNER† .. .. 5	HENRY CLUTTERBUCK .. .. Tenor

Composed by R. WILLIAMS and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

\* First peal of Caters. † First peal with a bob bell.

#### 2 THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION (LEICESTER BRANCH.) LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Monday, December 28th, 1896, in Three Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5184 CHANGES,

Tenor 28 cwt.

JOSIAH MORRIS* .. .. Treble	JOSEPH S. NEEDHAM .. .. 6
JOHN O. LANCASHIRE .. .. 2	JOHN F. MARLOW .. .. 7
FREDERICK COOKE† .. .. 3	JONATHAN W. VEASEY .. .. 8
GEORGE BURROWS .. .. 4	WILLIAM WILLSON .. .. 9
WILLIAM A. TYLER .. .. 5	EDWARD E. SMITH .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

\* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. It is also the first on ten bells by the ringers of the 3rd and tenor.

#### 3 THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, January 2nd, 1897, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES,

Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. Treble	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH* .. .. 6
GEORGE A. KING .. .. 2	JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN.* .. .. 7
HERBERT RANN .. .. 3	JOHN JAY, JUN. .. .. 8
WILLIAM PALMER .. .. 4	KEITH HART .. .. 9
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. .. 5	WILLIAM DAVEY .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by GEO. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. Mr. Waghorn, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Tottenham; J. S. Goldsmith from Southover, Lewes.

### Major.

#### 4 THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (THE OXFORD SOCIETY.) OXFORD.

On Thursday, December 24th, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-and-a-half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-IN-THE-EAST,

#### A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES,

Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR PEGLER .. .. Treble	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. 5
PERCY A. HIND .. .. 2	THOMAS PAYNE .. .. 6
CHARLES FOWLER .. .. 3	WILLIAM SMITH .. .. 7
FREDERICK EXON .. .. 4	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WASHBROOK.

#### 5 THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

On Saturday, December 26th, 1896, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES, IN THE KENT VARIATION.

HENRY GRIFFIN† .. .. Treble	ALBERT MILLARD .. .. 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. .. 2	FRANK BENNETT .. .. 6
GEORGE PLASKETT* .. .. 3	GEORGE GRAHAM .. .. 7
JAMES E. WARREN .. .. 4	JOHN W. WHITING .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by GEO. WILLIAMS.

‡ First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

#### 6 THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. ARMLEY, YORKSHIRE.

On Monday, December 28th, 1896, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

IN THE TOWER OF CHRIST CHURCH,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES, IN THE KENT VARIATION.

JOSEPH THACKRAY .. .. 1-2	ARTHUR CRAVEN .. .. 5-6
JOHN THACKRAY .. .. 3-4	HARRY WILLIAMS .. .. 7-8

Composed by W. HUDSON, and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

The above company have attempted a peal in this method, whenever opportunity has availed itself, for the last three years, on several occasions getting near the end. It is the first peal in the method on handbells by all, and also in the County. Mr. Craven hails from the St. Peter-at-Arches Company, Lincoln.

#### 7 THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

On Monday, December 28th, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES, Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

ALFRED E. NYE* .. .. Treble	FRANK K. BIGGS .. .. 5
FRANK BOREHAM .. .. 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. .. 6
SIDNEY T. GOODCHILD .. .. 3	JOHN EVANS .. .. 7
WILLIAM TRUSS .. .. 4	JOHN C. TRUSS .. .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF and Conducted by JOHN C. TRUSS.

\* First peal of Major. The above was rung after an unsuccessful attempt at Stedman Triples.

#### 8 THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION, ITRHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Tuesday, December 29th, 1896, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES, IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

J. HOUGHEN, SEN. .. .. Treble	J. B. MARTIN .. .. 5
W. PETTITT .. .. 2	A. H. MARTIN .. .. 6
J. HOUGHTON, JUN. .. .. 3	W. R. HENSHER* .. .. 7
C. NEWMAN .. .. 4	J. GARRATT† .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE, and Conducted by J. GARRATT.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal as conductor in the method. This peal contains the 4th, 5th, and 6ths, the extent in 6th, and the 3rd never there at a course end. Messrs. Martin hails from Higham Ferrers; Hensher from Kettering; the rest are local men.

#### 9 THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. DISS, NORFOLK.

On Thursday, December 31st, 1896, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES,

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM IRELAND .. .. Treble	WILLIAM C. CHENERY .. .. 5
WILLIAM C. WISKINS .. .. 2	JOHN SMITH .. .. 6
GEORGE ARCHER .. .. 3	ELLIS HAYWARD .. .. 7
WILLIAM SALTER .. .. 4	JOHN SOUTER .. .. Tenor

Composed by the late W. HARRISON, and Conducted by W. IRELAND.



10 THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS,  
CHESTER.*On Thursday, December 31st, in Four Hours, and One Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6000 CHANGES,**

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

WALTER JOHNSON .. .. Treble	CHARLES PRICE .. .. 5
HENRY W. WILDE .. .. 2	JOHN TOMLINSON .. .. 6
WILLIAM WOOD .. .. 3	WILLIAM MOULTON .. .. 7
JAMES SWINDLEY .. .. 4	HENRY DEW .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. PRICE, and Conducted by HENRY DEW.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled in the last four hours of the passing year

11 THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.*On Friday, January 1st, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES,**

Tenor 30½ cwt.

T. DIXON .. .. Treble	H. JONES .. .. 5
T. WITWORTH .. .. 2	T. HATTERSLEY .. .. 6
T. G. SAREL .. .. 3	J. A. DIXON .. .. 7
G. O. DIXON .. .. 4	W. BIGGIN .. .. Tenor

T. Whitworth hails from Treton, and W. Biggin from Norton. This is the first peal in the method on the bells, also the first peal since they have been re-hung, and the go of them reflects great credit on the hangers, J. F. Mallaby &amp; Co. The rest of the band hails from Sheffield.

12 THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.  
RADWINTER, ESSEX.*On Saturday, January 2nd, 1897, in Three hours and Five minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES,**

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

F. J. PITSTOW* .. .. Treble	ERNEST A. PITSTOW .. .. 5
RICHARD SWORDER .. .. 2	JOHN F. PENNING .. .. 6
FREDERICK SWORDER .. .. 3	ALFRED E. PITSTOW .. .. 7
ARTHUR F. JAMES .. .. 4	FREDERICK PITSTOW .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. PITSTOW.

\* First peal in the method. A note to this peal will be found on another page.

13 THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
LEWISHAM, KENT.*On Monday, January 4th, 1897, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,**

Tenor 22 cwt.

ERNEST HOLT NIXON* .. .. Treble	ARTHUR R. DAVIS .. .. 5
WILLIAM BEDWELL .. .. 2	THOMAS TAYLOR .. .. 6
GEORGE H. DAYNES .. .. 3	ARTHUR J. NEALE .. .. 7
HARRY BARRETT .. .. 4	HARRY WARNETT .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and Conducted by HARRY WARNETT.

\* First peal of Major. Rang as a Birthday peal to Messrs. Taylor, Davis, and Neale their brother ringers wishing them many happy returns.

**Triples.**

## 14 THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE APPLETON SOCIETY.)

APPLETON, BERKS.

*On Saturday, December 26th, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,**

L. BENNETT .. .. Treble	F. BARRETT .. .. 5
F. TUBB .. .. 2	R. WHITE .. .. 6
H. WOODWARDS .. .. 3	F. WHITE .. .. 7
H. TUBB .. .. 4	T. BARNETT .. .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WHITE.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.

15 *On Saturday, December 26th, 1896, in Three Hours*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,**

THURSTAN'S COMPOSITION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. .. Treble	GEORGE WELLING .. .. 5
WILLIAM S. SMITH .. .. 2	JOSEPH FAYERS .. .. 6
CHARLES BANCE .. .. 3	WILLIAM BURKIN .. .. 7
FRANK M. BUTLER .. .. 4	ALBERT CLARK .. .. Tenor

Conducted by W. BURKIN.

## 16 THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH).

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

*On Saturday, December 26th, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,**

HOLT'S SIX PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRED HOWORTH .. .. Treble	JOHN SHEPHERD .. .. 5
J. A. BROWN .. .. 2	WILFRED LAW† .. .. 6
J. SUTCLIFFEE .. .. 3	W. ASHWORTH .. .. 7
J. T. STANDERING .. .. 4	J. JACKSON* .. .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN SHEPHERD.

\* First peal, he being made a member before starting. † First peal with a Bob Bell. This peal was rung half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Giles Hoyle, he being one of the Committee when the bells were put in at the Jubilee.

17 THE SALOP GUILD.  
SHREWSBURY.*On Monday, December 28th, 1896, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMOND,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,**

CARTER'S TWELVE PART.

ARTHUR BENNETT .. .. Treble	ARTHUR H. ESLEY .. .. 5
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR .. .. 2	GEORGE BURROWS .. .. 6
WILLIAM H. OWEN .. .. 3	GEORGE BYOLIN .. .. 7
FRED W. TAYLOR .. .. 4	JOHN WALL .. .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BYOLIN.

## 18 THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,

(HENFIELD BRANCH).

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

*On Tuesday, December 29th, 1896, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,**

HOLT'S TEN PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HENRY STRINGER .. .. Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES .. .. 5
WILLIAM JOHN ALLISS .. .. 2	LAZARUS PAYNE .. .. 6
CHARLES TYLER .. .. 3	WILLIAM HILLMAN .. .. 7
GEORGE PAYNE .. .. 4	ARTHUR HODGES .. .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method on Tower bells by all except the conductor.

19 THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
HAWLEY, HANTS.*On Wednesday, December 30th, 1896, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,**

THURSTAN'S COMPOSITION.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHARLES GILES .. .. Treble	HARRY TUCKER .. .. 5
ALFRED E. REEVES* .. .. 2	JOHN BALLARD* .. .. 6
JOHN TUCKER .. .. 3	FRANK HOPGOOD .. .. 7
HENRY WHITE† .. .. 4	MAURICE STEER* .. .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY WHITE.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Stedman as conductor. This peal was rung in honour of J. P. Wyatt's birthday. Afterwards the ringers were entertained to supper by Maurice Steer. A. E. Reeves was elected a member of the guild previous to starting.

## Minor.

### 20 THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

On Wednesday, December 23rd, 1896, in Two Hours, and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A Peal of 5040 Changes of Minor in seven different methods, being 720 each of the following :

Woodbine, Sandal Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

J. LAST .. .. .	Treble	F. CLARKE .. .. .	4
A. F. DOWSING .. .. .	2	W. SMITH .. .. .	5
T. G. DOWSING .. .. .	3	C. W. PARKER .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by C. W. PARKER.

Messrs. Smith and Dowsing belong to the Burgh company; the rest are members of the local company.

### 21 THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION WEST HAM, ESSEX.

On Saturday, January 2nd, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

#### A Peal 5040 of Changes of Minor in seven different methods, being 720 each of the following :

Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. DALLIMORE ..	Treble	ERNEST PYE .. .. .	4
WILLIAM PYE .. .. .	2	JOHN DALE .. .. .	5
GEORGE R. PYE .. .. .	3	ERNEST CLAYTON .. .. .	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST CLAYTON.

First 5040 on the bells in seven methods, and first in seven methods by all except the Conductor.

## Date Touches.

### WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).

On Saturday evening, Nov. 28th, at St. Mary's Parish Church a date touch of 1896 changes of Minor in 1 hour and 4 minutes in the following methods: 360 College Singles (9 bobs), 720 Oxford Single Bob (18 bobs and 2 singles), 360 Canterbury Pleasure (9 bobs), and 456 Plain Bob (12 bobs and 2 singles); Composed by Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, Caius College, Cambridge. G. Somerville, 1; J. W. Bell, 2; H. Rodger, 3; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 4; H. H. Barker, 5; H. Harrison, 6. Tenor 9 cwt.

### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

### BOLTON (Lancashire).

On Tuesday, December 29th, at St. George's Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hour and 10 minutes. Joseph Pennington, 1; Walter Rushton, 2; William Tebay, 3; Albert E. Rushton, 4; William Sykes, 5; George Moss, 6; Henry Moss (conductor), 7; John Makin, 8. Composed by James George Ruby.

### THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### ENGLEFIELD (Berks).

On Saturday, December 26th, at the Parish Church, a date touch of 1896 changes of Bob Minor in 1 hour and 4 minutes. J. Abery, 1; F. Richardson, 2, E. Holloway, 3; E. Bruce, 4; W. Clarke, 5; W. Horne (conductor), 6. First date touch by Messrs. Abery, Holloway and Bruce. Believed to be the first date touch on the bells.

### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

### CAPEL (Surrey).

On Thursday, December 31st, a date touch of 1896 changes of Treble Bob in 1 hour and 1 minute, in the following methods: 240 Wells Surprise, 240 London Surprise, 240 Superlative Surprise, 24 Cambridge Surprise, 240 College Exercise, 120 College Pleasure, 120 New London Pleasure, 120 Woodbine, 120 Violet, 144 Kent, and 72 Oxford. E. Holloway, 1; E. Jordan, 2; T. M. Stedman, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; D. Jordan, 6. Arranged and conducted by D. Jordan.

### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

NORTON FITZWARREN (Somerset).

On Thursday, December 31st, at All Saints' Church, a date touch of 1896 changes of Grandsire Minor in 1 hour and 16 minutes. F. Saunders, 1; H. Creed, 2; T. Creed, 3; H. Chaplin, 4; I. Creed (conductor), 5; J. Cridland, 6.

## Miscellaneous Reports.

### THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

BETHNAL GREEN (London).

On Saturday, January 2nd, at the Church of St. Matthew, 2520 of Stedman Triples (Thurstan's Composition) in 1 hour and 31 minutes. M. A. Wood, 1; S. E. Joyce, 2; F. S. Bayley, 3; F. M. Butler (conductor), 4; C. F. Winney, 5; J. Shade, 6; W. Prime, 7; W. Williamson, 8. The above met for a peal, but owing to the dense fog, the conductor arrived too late.

HACKNEY (Middlesex).

On Sunday evening, December 27th, at St. John's Church, for Divine Service, 756 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. J. C. Davidson, 1; F. Rumens, 2; W. B. Manning (conductor), 3; W. Prime, 4; A. Coles, 5; C. Beech, 6; G. J. Smith, 7; W. D. Smith, 8.

### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH).

PRESTBURY (Cheshire).

On Monday, December 28th, at the Church of St. Peter, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 45 minutes. W. Walmsley, 1; F. Stoneley, 2; W. W. Steel, 3; W. Gayes, 4; W. Matthews, 5; J. D. Wheelton, 6; W. Mayers, 7; W. H. Smith, 8. The above quarter-peal contains, in addition to other musical qualities, all the twenty-four 7-4's all the right way, and is the first rung containing the above, and was composed and conducted by William Walmsley. The first five hail from Macclesfield, the rest being local men. Tenor 18½ cwt.

### THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

OTTERY ST. MARY.

On Christmas Day, December 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes in 48 minutes. G. Godfrey, 1; W. H. Godfrey, 2; F. G. Godfrey, 3; Rev. M. Kelly, 4; S. H. Godfrey, 5; J. H. Godfrey, 6; A. E. Pike (conductor), 7; J. Lovering, 8.

On Saturday, December 26th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. A. E. Pike, 504 of Grandsire Triples. H. Channon, 1; W. H. Godfrey, 2; S. H. Godfrey, 3; Rev. M. Kelly (conductor), 4; E. Peek, 5; J. E. Baker, 6; F. G. Godfrey, 7; J. Lovering, 8.

On Sunday, December 27th, for evening service, 504 of Grandsire Triples. G. Godfrey, 1; S. H. Godfrey (conductor), 2; W. H. Godfrey, 3; F. G. Godfrey, 4; E. Peek, 5; J. E. Baker, 6; J. H. Godfrey, 7; J. Lovering, 8.

It will be noted that in two of the above touches, Mr. George Godfrey was assisted by four of his sons.

On Saturday, December 26th, with the addition of another son, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, were rung by this family, on the back six bells of their Parish Church. This is we believe the first 120 ever rung in the county of Devon by a father and five sons. George Godfrey, 1; Walter H. Godfrey, 2; Francis G. Godfrey, 3; Sidney H. Godfrey, 4; John H. Godfrey (conductor), 5; Ernest F. Godfrey, 6.

### THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

On Tuesday, December 29th, for practise, at St. Matthew's Church, 720 Bob Minor in 30 minutes. R. M. Duke, 1; A. Lamb, 2; H. B. Salkeld, 3; J. W. Dawson, 4; Geo. W. Dix (conductor), 5; E. E. Ferry, 6. Tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. Also a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells. Geo. W. Dix, 1-2; H. B. Salkeld, 3; R. O. Hall, 4; J. E. Keen, 5-6; E. E. Ferry, 7-8. Messrs. Dix and Keen hail from North Shields.

### THE ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR SOCIETY, SOUTHWARK.

SOUTHWARK (London).

On Sunday, January 3rd, at the Church of St. George the Martyr, for morning service, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8, behind). W. H. Smith, 1; W. Langdon, 2; F. Clements (conductor), 3; W. Cobbett, 4; C. H. Deer, 5; G. Woodage, 6; H. Green, 7; J. Green, 8. And for evening service, 120 of Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8, behind). W. Cobbett, 1; H. Green, 2; F. Clements, 3; W. H. Smith, 4; C. H. Deer, 5; W. Webber, 6; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 7; G. Woodage, 8. Also 168 of Grandsire Triples. W. H. Smith, 1; H. Green, 2; C. H. Deer (first with a bob bell), 3; W. Langdon, 4; T. H. Taffender (conductor), 5; F. Clements, 6; W. Humberstone, 7; W. Cobbett, 8.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## HAYES (Kent).

On Thursday, December 31st, 1896, to ring out the old year, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor (14 singles, 4 bobs). F. Keech, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; J. Hack (conductor), 5; H. Reader, 6. And on January 1st, 1897, to bring in the new year, another 720 in the same method. A. Lanaways, 1; H. Brown, 2; A. Killick, 3; G. Harwood, 4; J. Hack, 5; H. Reader (conductor), 6. This 720 contains 26 singles and is taken from Shipway.

## RODMERSHAM (Kent).

On November 12th, 720 Superlative Surprise. E. Allen, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 4; E. Day, 5; C. Millway, 6. On November 15th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Coast, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 4; E. Day, 5; C. Millway, 6. On November 26th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Charles Sellen (a member of the band), and Miss Minnie Edith Sutton, after the usual firing, 720 Oxford Single Bob (18 bobs and 2 singles). E. Sedge, 1; G. Coast, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 4; E. Allen, 5; C. Millway, 6.

On November 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob (15 bobs). G. Coast, 1; E. Allen, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 4; E. Day, 5; C. Millway, 6.

On December 6th, 720 Plain Bob (18 bobs and 2 singles). E. Sedge, 1; G. Coast, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A., 4; C. Millway (conductor), 5; S. Beach, 6.

On December 13th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure (18 bobs and 2 singles). G. Coast, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A., 4; R. Staines, 5; C. Millway (conductor), 6.

On Christmas Day, for early service, 720 Plain Bob (18 bobs and 2 singles). E. Sedge, 1; H. Coast, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 4; E. Day, 5; S. Beach, 6.

On December, 27th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Coast, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 4; E. Allen, 5; E. Day, 6. On December 31st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Coast, 1; G. Coast, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A. (conductor), 4; E. Day, 5; S. Beach, 6. Allen and Staines hail from Borden.

## TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).

On New Year's Eve, December 31st, at the Church of St. Peter, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 minutes. W. H. Card, 1; G. Smithers, 2; P. Brooker, 3; H. Ford (first quarter-peal), 4; E. Mankelov, 5; G. Head (first quarter-peal), 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; G. Kember, 8.

## THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## LINCOLN.

On Saturday evening, December 26th, at the Church of St. Peter-at-Arches, in an attempt for a peal, about 1680 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hour and 5 minutes. J. B. Fenton (conductor), 1; G. Flint-ham, 2; J. Wells, 3; G. W. Bemrose, 4; J. W. Watson, 5; J. Holman, 6; D. Brearley, 7; C. W. P. Clifton, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late J. Otter, who, for nine years filled the post of parish clerk.

On Sunday evening, December 27th, for Divine Service, 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 37 minutes. G. Flintham, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; J. Holman, 3; G. W. Bemrose, 4; J. W. Watson, 5; D. Brearley, 6; R. Dawson (conductor), 7; C. W. P. Clifton, 8. Messrs. Holman and Brearley hail from Sheffield.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH).

## BACUP (Lancashire).

On Sunday, December 13th, 1896, at Christ Church, for morning service, 720 Duke of York. L. Holt, 1; A. White, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Monday, December 14th, 1896, 720 of York Surprise. A. L. Hardman, 1; Jas. Smith, 2; Z. Lord, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. First in the method by the whole of the band, and rung at the first attempt. On Sunday, December 20th, for morning service, 720 Arnold's Victory. A. L. Hardman, 1; J. Smith, 2; Z. Lord, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And for evening service, 720 Symphony. Standing and conducted as in the morning, except that Levi Holt rung the treble. On Christmas morning, 720 Oxford Treble. Geo. Shotten, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 27th, for morning service, 720 Merchant's Delight. W. L. Hardman, 1; J. Smith, 2; Z. Lord, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And for evening service 720 Tulip. Levi Holt, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; Zeb Lord, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

## BUNGAY (Suffolk).

On New Year's Eve, December, 31st, for service, 360 of Bob Minor, on the back six. A. Baldry, 1; E. Lincoln, 2; G. Alexander, 3; C. Wood, 4;

F. Baker, 5; R. Baker (conductor), 6. And at 11.45, 672 of Grandsire Triples. W. Spalding, 1; I. Folkard, 2; F. Hembling, 3; W. Felgate, 4; E. Lincoln, 5; G. Alexander, 6; R. Baker (conductor), 7; F. Baker, 8. After this the bells were "fired," and two courses of Grandsire Triples, were brought round by the same band.

## HALESWORTH (Suffolk).

On Christmas Day, December 25th, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, 504 Bob Triples. S. Kerrison, 1; W. Pierce, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3; A. Took, 4; R. Howard, 5; G. Tovell, 6; C. Kerrison, 7; E. Lincoln, 8. Tenor 19 cwt. in E. Also 540 in the same method. T. Kerrison, 1; A. Took, 2; E. Easter, 3; F. Lambert (conductor), 4; C. Kerrison, 5; G. Tovell, 6; E. Lincoln, 7; W. Pierce, 8. Also a course of each of Grand-sire Triples and Bob Major by the same band.

On Sunday, December 27th, for Divine Service, 504 Bob Triples. A. Took, 1; F. Lambert (conductor), 2; E. Easter, 3; E. Lincoln, 4; R. Howard, 5; G. Tovell, 6; C. Kerrison, 7; W. Pierce, 8. Also after service, 360 Bob Minor on the back six. W. Pierce, 1; A. Took, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3; G. Tovell, 4; E. Lincoln, 5; C. Kerrison, 6. After this was rung, the Rector, the Rev. Upcher, came into the belfry and wished the ringers a prosperous New Year. And on handbells, three courses of Grandsire Triples. Mrs. F. Lambert, 1-2; E. Lincoln, 3-4; F. Lambert, 5-6; R. Howard, 7-8. E. Lincoln hails from Bungay; the rest belong to the local company.

## OTLEY (Suffolk).

On Sunday, December 20th, at the Church of St. Mary, for practice, 216 of Bob Minor. G. Durrant, 1; P. P. W. Meadows, 2; F. E. W. Meadows, 3; S. M. W. Meadows, 4; R. Mortimer, 5; A. Hatcher (conductor), 6.

On Christmas morning, December 25th, at 6 a.m., several touches of Oxford Treble Bob and Bob Minor. R. Mortimer, 1; S. M. W. Meadows, 2; T. W. Miller, 3; P. P. W. Meadows, 4; F. E. W. Meadows, 5; A. Hatcher, 6.

On Sunday, December 27th, for afternoon service, 504 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 1; S. M. W. Meadows, 2; T. W. Miller, 3; P. P. W. Meadows, 4; W. W. Miller, 5; A. Hatcher, 6.

On Tuesday, December 29th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob (12 bobs). F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 1; S. M. W. Meadows, 2; T. W. Miller, 3; P. P. W. Meadows, 4; W. W. Miller, 5; A. Hatcher, 6. Also several touches of Kent Treble Bob, Woodbine, and Canterbury Pleasure, standing in the same order. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Handbell Ringing.*—At the residence of Dr. Meadows, Church House, 224 of Bob Major. Miss Meadows, 1-2; F. E. W. Meadows (conductor), 3-4; S. M. W. Meadows, 5-6; P. P. W. Meadows, 7-8.

On Christmas Eve, December 24th, several touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, the following taking part in them:—Miss Meadows, S. M. W. Meadows, P. P. W. Meadows, F. E. W. Meadows, W. W. Miller, R. Mortimer, A. Hatcher, W. Whiting, and P. Whiting; conducted by W. Whiting and F. E. W. Meadows.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GOSPORT BRANCH).

On Thursday, November 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. Barrow, 1; E. Newman (first attempt), 2; H. Westbrook, 3; H. Reynolds, 4; J. Gould, 5; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 6.

On Thursday, December 10th, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Westbrook, 1; J. Hewett, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; A. Barrow, 4; Staff-Sergt. A. Pye, 5; E. Reynolds, 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; L. Hurle, 8.

On Thursday, November 19th, at Holy Trinity Church, 360 Double Stedman (slow course). R. Gardner, 1; E. Reynolds, 2; H. Westbrook, 3; H. Reynolds, 4; J. Gould, 5; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 6. First in method by all the band.

On Thursday, December 24th, at St. Thomas' Church, Portsmouth, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes. C. Groves, 1; J. Hewett (age 79), 2; E. Reynolds, 3; H. Stubbington, 4; J. Symons, 5; J. Gould, 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; W. Crossland, 8. This is the longest touch on the bells for many years, owing to the mechanism of the clock and its supports being in the centre of the tower, somewhat obstructing the view of the ringers.

On Saturday, December 26th, at Portsea Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes, in 46 minutes. J. Symons, 1; E. Newman, 2; H. Reynolds, 3; E. Reynolds, 4; Staff-Sergt. A. Pye, 5; Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, 6; A. E. Tomlins (conductor), 7; J. Gould, 8. Longest in method by 1 and 2, and was rung after an unsuccessful attempt at a peal of Treble Bob Major.

## CAPEL (Surrey).

On Christmas Morning, before the early celebration, 720 College Pleasure. E. Holloway, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; E. Jordan, 3; C. Jordan, 4; T. M. Stedman, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also for eleven o'clock service, 720 Superlative Surprise. E. Holloway, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; R. Jordan, 3; T. M. Stedman, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6.

On Thursday, December 31st, at midnight, the old year was rung out with 288 Oxford Treble Bob and the new year ushered in with 360 Kent Treble Bob. E. Holloway, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; E. Jordan, 3; T. M. Stedman, 4; T. Fairs, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

## KIDDERMINSTER.

On Sunday, December 27th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1,260 changes. T. J. Salter, 1; J. Bennett, 2; T. Elcock, 3; T. Wakeman, 4; W. H. Smith (conductor), 5; E. C. Hunt, 6; W. H. Barber, 7; G. Salter, 8. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of the 3rd and 4th. T. Elcock hails from Arley, Kings.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND LEEDS &amp; DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

## ARMLEY.

*Handbells*—On Saturday, December 26th, in Christ Church Tower, on bells retained in hand, a Kent Treble Bob Major, 1,824 changes, being the first part of a peal. Joseph Thackray, 1-2; John Thackray, 3-4; Arthur Craven (conductor), 5-6; Harry Williams, 7-8. Arthur Craven hails from St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln.

## CASTLE DONINGTON (Leicestershire).

On Monday, December 28th, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Tunnicliffe, 1; J. S. Hutchby, (conductor), 2; R. Tunnicliffe, 3; G. Wilkins, 4; J. Hickinbottom, 5; J. Cook, 6. Also two 6-scores with J. Fowkes ringing the 4th. Each called differently. J. S. Hutchby hails from Beeston; the rest belong to the local band.

## HITCHAM (Suffolk).

On Friday, December 25th, for early communion, 720 of Bob Minor (14 singles and 4 bobs). A. Tymonds, 1; T. Levett, 2; J. Snell, 3; C. W. Grimwood, 4; R. Grimwood (conductor), 5; W. Stiff, 6.

## NORTON FITZWARRREN (Somerset).

On Wednesday, November 18th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor, in twenty-six minutes. I. Creed, 1; H. Creed, 2; F. Saunders, 3; H. Chaplin, 4; T. Creed, 5; J. Cridland, 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. T. Creed, 1; H. Creed, 2; J. Cridland, 3; H. Chaplin, 4; I. Creed, 5; F. Saunders, 6. First in the method by all.

On Christmas Day, for morning service, 720 of Bob Minor. F. Bellamy, (first in the method), 1; H. Creed, 2; F. Saunders (first with a bob bell), 3; T. Creed, 4; I. Creed, 5; J. Cridland, 6. For evening service, touches of Grandsire Minor and 120 Stedman's Doubles. T. Creed, 1; H. Creed, 2; F. Saunders (first in the method), 3; H. Chaplin, 4; I. Creed, 5; J. Cridland, 6.

On Sunday, December 27th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Bellamy, 1; H. Creed, 2; F. Saunders, 3; T. Creed, 4; I. Creed, 5; J. Cridland, 6.

## PETERBOROUGH.

On Christmas Day, December 25th, at the Parish Church, for Divine Service, 240 of Bob Minor. R. Rowell, 1; E. G. Baker, 2; G. Baker, 4; R. Squires, 5; T. Measures, 6; W. F. Johnson (conductor), 7; T. Ellington, 8.

On Saturday, December 26th, at the Church of St. Mary, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (18 bobs and 2 singles). R. Rowell, 1; E. G. Baker, 2; T. Measures, 3; J. Tirrell, 4; C. Brice, 5; W. T. Johnson (conductor), 6. Also 240 of Plain Bob Minor. R. Rowell, 1; G. Baker, 2; T. Measures, 3; E. G. Baker, 4; C. Brice, 5; W. T. Johnson (conductor), 6. Also 120 of Grandsire Doubles. W. Chattle, 1; E. G. Baker, 2; W. T. Johnson, 3; J. Tirrell, 4; R. Rowell (conductor), 5; C. Brice, 6. This is the first 720 in any method by J. Tirrell; C. Brice hails from London.

On Sunday, December 27th, at the Parish Church, for Divine Service, 360 of Plain Bob Minor. J. Binks, 1; E. G. Baker, 2; G. Baker, 4; R. Squires, 5; T. Measures, 6; W. T. Johnson (conductor), 7; J. Palmer, 8.

## TEYNHAM (Kent).

On Wednesday, December 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Coast, 1; S. Beach, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; J. Dixon, M.A., 4; C. Millway (conductor), 5; R. Staines, 6. Also 720 Plain Bob (14 singles and 4 bobs). W. Laker, 1; S. Beach, 2; C. Millway, 3; J. Dixon (conductor), 4; J. G. Grensted, 5; R. Staines, 6. Supposed to be the first 720 of Treble Bob on the Bells. The above are members of the Rodmersham Band, with the exception of R. Staines, who belongs to Borden, and W. Laker to the local band.

## UPCHURCH (Kent).

On Tuesday, December 8th, at the Parish Church, for practice, 720 of Kent Treble Bob. H. Witherden, 1; W. T. Hyland, 2; W. J. Walker, 3; H. Shipp, 4; G. Dennes, 5; W. Seamer (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Hawes, 1; H. Shipp, 3; W. J. Walker, 4; the rest as before.

On Friday, December 11th, 720 of Grandsire Minor. W. Hawes, 1; H. Witherden, 2; H. Shipp, 3; W. T. Hyland, 4; W. J. Walker, 5; W. H. B. Wilkins, 6.

On Tuesday, December 15th, 720 of Grandsire Minor. W. Hawes, 1; H. Shipp, 2; A. Trowell (first with a bob bell), 3; W. J. Walker, 4; W. H. B. Wilkins, 5; W. T. Hyland (conductor), 6.

On Tuesday, December 22nd, 720 of Grandsire Minor. W. Seamer (conductor), 1; A. Trowell, 2; W. H. B. Wilkins, 3; W. T. Hyland, 4; H. Shipp, 5; W. J. Walker, 6.

## WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).

On Saturday morning, December 26th, at the Church of St. Mary, for Divine Service, 575 Grandsire Caters. F. G. Newman, 1; F. Rumens, 2; G. Grimwade, 3; J. H. Wilkins, 4; W. B. Manning (conductor), 5; J. Nunn, 6; J. Cullen, 7; W. Pinsent, 8; W. H. Freeman, 9; R. K. Knight, 10.

On Sunday morning, December 27th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Rumens (conductor), 1; G. Grimwade, 2; J. H. Wilkins, 3; R. J. Maynard, 4; W. B. Manning, 5; W. Pinsent, 6; F. Nunn, 7; W. Crockford, 8. Composed by W. Burkin,

## WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).

On Sunday afternoon, November 29th, for Divine Service, at St. Mary's Parish Church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. 2-part peal, 34 singles. C. E. Wilson (conductor), 1; J. W. Bell, 2; H. Rodger, 3; H. Percival, 4; H. H. Barker, 5; H. Harrison, 6. Composed by P. Hamblett, Daresbury, Cheshire.

On Tuesday evening, December 1st, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, 6-part peal, (26 bobs and 10 singles). G. Somerville, 1; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 2; H. H. Barker, 3; H. Percival, 4; H. Rodger, 5; H. Harrison, 6. Composed by H. W. Wilde, Duffield, Derbyshire.

On Saturday evening, December 5th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, 6-part peal, (44 bobs and 10 singles). G. Somerville, 1; J. W. Bell, 2; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 3; H. Percival, 4; H. Rodger, 5; H. Harrison, 6. Composed by J. Burrows, Dalton-in-Furness, Lancashire.

On Sunday evening, December 6th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, 2-part peal, 4 bobs and 18 singles. C. E. Wilson (conductor), 1; J. W. Bell, 2; H. Rodger, 3; H. Percival, 4; H. H. Barker, 5; H. Harrison, 6. Composed by T. Millington, Clay Cross, Derbyshire.

On Tuesday evening, December 8th, 720 Plain Bob Minor, 6 courses, 16 bobs and 26 singles. G. Somerville, 1; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 2; H. Rodger, 3; H. Percival, 4; H. H. Barker, 5; H. Harrison, 6. Composed by S. Penning, Saffron Walden, Essex.

On Sunday evening, December 13th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, 2-part peal, 2 bobs and 22 singles. C. E. Wilson (conductor), 1; J. W. Bell, 2; H. Rodger, 3; H. Percival, 4; H. H. Barker, 5; H. Harrison, 6. Composed by W. Norris, Farlington, Lancashire.

On Saturday evening, December 19th, 720 College Single Minor, 6-part peal, 6 bobs and 14 singles. G. Somerville, 1; J. W. Bell, 2; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 3; H. Percival, 4; H. H. Barker, 5; H. Rodger, 6. Composed by J. Fisher, Ducklington, Oxon.

On Sunday morning, December 20th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single Minor, 3-part peal, 6 bobs and 12 singles. H. Rodger, 1; J. W. Bell, 2; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 3; H. Percival, 4; H. H. Barker, 5; H. Harrison, 6. Composed by N. Spindlow, Ducklington, Oxon.

On Tuesday evening, December 22nd, 720 College Single Minor, 6-part peal, 26 singles. A. Savage, 1; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 2; H. Rodger, 3; H. Percival, 4; H. H. Barker, 5; H. Harrison, 6. Composed by F. J. Spence, Grappenhall, Cheshire. The calling in the latter half is reversed.

On Christmas morning, 25th December, for early service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, 10 divisions, (25 bobs and 18 singles). H. Rodger, 1; J. W. Bell, 2; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 3; H. Percival, 4; H. H. Barker, 5; H. Harrison, 6. Composed by J. J. Parker, Farnham Royal, Slough. Also for Divine service, at 11 o'clock, a.m., 720 Plain Bob Minor, 2-part peal, (4 bobs and 14 singles). C. E. Wilson (conductor), 1; J. W. Bell, 2; H. Rodger, 3; H. Percival, 4; H. H. Barker, 5; H. Harrison, 6. Composed by C. E. Wilson. And in the afternoon, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, 6-part peal, (40 bobs and 2 singles). H. H. Barker, 1; J. W. Bell, 2; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 3; H. Rodger, 4; H. Harrison, 5; J. Gardner, (first 720 in the method), 6. Composed by Rev. C. W. Bassano, Old Hill, Staffordshire. J. Gardner hails from Aughton, Nr. Ormskirk; the company arranged specially to meet him.

On Sunday afternoon, December 27th, for Divine Service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, 6-part peal, 38 bobs and 22 singles. G. Somerville, 1; J. W. Bell, 2; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 3; H. Percival, 4; H. H. Barker, 5; H. Harrison, 6. Composed by F. Cavill, Stanstead, Essex. And in the evening, 720 Plain Bob Minor, 1-part peal, 26 bobs and 12 singles. G. Somerville, 1; J. W. Bell, 2; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 3; H. Percival, 4; H. H. Barker, 5; H. Harrison, 6. Composed by J. M. Richardson, Wickenby Station, Lincoln.

On Wednesday evening, December 30th, 720 Plain Bob Minor, 3-part peal, 42 singles. A. Savage, 1; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 2; H. Rodger, 3; H. Percival, 4; H. Harrison, 5; J. Kelly, 6. Composed by E. Francis, Norwich, Norfolk. Rung on the occasion of a carol service.

On Thursday, December 31st, at 11.30 p.m., 720 Plain Bob Minor, 6-part peal, (4 bobs and 14 singles). C. E. Wilson (conductor), 1; J. W. Bell, 2; H. Rodger, 3; H. Percival, 4; H. H. Barker, 5; H. Harrison, 6. Composed by W. Buxton, Ashover, Derbyshire. Weight of Tenor 9 cwt.

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## OUR ILLUSTRATION: HOLY TRINITY, LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

THIS Church is a beautiful specimen of the Architecture of the 15th Century. It comprises Nave with Aisles and Clerestory, Chancel with two Anti-chapels and a Ladye Chapel at the end, and a square tower (containing eight bells), which is of more modern erection than the Church. The entire length of the Church is 260 ft., the interior, exclusive of the Ladye Chapel, is 180 ft. long. It was re-seated and thoroughly

and represents the Crucifixion, after the painting by Albert Durer. On each side are niches containing the Apostles, the whole being richly canopied. The cost was about £800, and the whole weighs 22 tons.

In a niche in the North wall is a curious carving of the Adoration of the Magi, which is 600 years old. The Church contains many handsome monuments of the Martyn, Clopton,



HOLY TRINITY, LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

restored in 1869, when the Chancel was floored with Milton's encaustic tiles, and the organ and tower arch built at a total expense of about £3000, raised by voluntary rate and subscription. A handsome brass lectern was presented to the Church by Mrs. Martyn, the mother of the late Rector The Rev. C. J. Martyn, who also erected the Reredos in 1877. This magnificent carving is of Caen stone by Messrs. Farmer & Brindley,

Cordell, and other families formerly seated in this parish. At the upper end of the North Aisle is an Altar Tomb bearing the recumbent effigy of William Clopton, Esq., who died in 1446. On the right of the Altar is the splendid monument of Sir William Cordell, speaker of the House of Commons, and a member of Queen Mary's Privy Council.

At the East end of the North Aisle is a tomb, of white

marble, in memory of Vice-Admiral Sir Hyde Parker, Bart., and of his son Sir Harry Parker. Clopton Chapel or Chantry has a sedilia, and a series of tabernacled niches, and its roof is curiously embellished with scrolls, bearing shields of arms, etc.

In 1885, a magnificently carved pulpit was presented to the Church by F. J. Keeling, Esq., of Colchester, in memory of his late wife. The five panels contain figures of:—St Edmund, St. John, The Blessed Virgin and Child, St. James, and St. Anne, in commemoration of the five altars dedicated to these Saints. The Canopy work is very fine, and is a replica of the Canopy work of the Reredos. The Register of the Church dates from 1559. The Ladye Chapel at the East end is richly ornamented with canopies, clustered pillars, &c. The Church in its pristine beauty must have been very imposing. It appears that about the year 1490, John Clopton of Kentwell Hall, caused all its windows, then numbering about 100, to be filled with painted glass representing, portraits, shields, arms, etc., of his kinsmen and others connected with the history of Melford.

After a lapse of three centuries, these were reduced in number especially during the Commonwealth, and all that remained were mostly in a mutilated condition, and in order to preserve what was left of this fine example of Art, the fragmentary portions were collected in 1831, by Richard Almack, Esq., who with his own hands tastefully decorated the East window of the Chancel, and the two West ones of the Aisles with these interesting pieces of stained glass.

The Tower is built mostly of brick, and is 84 feet high. It is hardly high enough in comparison to the Church. The eight bells in the tower are as under with the inscriptions:—

- (Treble). "T. Lester made me."  
 (Second). "Thos. Mears, of London, founder, 1833."  
 (Third). Same as Second.  
 (Fourth). "Thos. Lester made me, 1744."  
 (Fifth). "C. and G. Mears, of London, founders, 1845."  
 (Sixth). {"Thos. Lester, of London, made us all."  
 {"John Williams, of Stonham Aspal, hung us all."  
 (Seventh). "Thos. Lester made me, 1744."  
 (Tenor). "16½ cwt. Cast by John Warner and Son, London, 1865."

These were cast by Thos. Lester, at the Whitechapel Foundry in 1744. The 3rd, 5th, and Tenor have since been recast. The three peals undermentioned were taken off the wall and put on peal boards, and are performances of the Melford Company, who were at that time at rivalry with the Norwich Company:—

On May 17th, 1768, 10,080 changes of Bob Major, in 6 hours and 17 minutes, by:—

JAMES WARD	... .. Treble	SAMUEL SCOTT	.. .. 2
JOSEPH CUTTS	... .. 3	JEREMIAH HEARD	... .. 4
JOHN PEARSON	... .. 5	WILLIAM SMITH	... .. 6
JOHN CORDER	... .. 7	GEORGE CADGE	... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CORDER.

The other two peals are recorded in verse:—

SEPT. 26TH, 1768.

Within this steeple was rung complete  
 A peal of Treble Bob, with the music sweet;  
 By the Melford company as doth appear!  
 And if their names you'd know, why here they are:  
 James Ward as first the Treble he did ring,  
 Samuel Scott the second he did nicely swing;  
 Young Cutts, the Miller, with the third did play,  
 Jeremiah Heard the fourth did sway;  
 The fifth was rung by John Pearson,  
 William Smith the sixth being the next in turn;  
 John Corder the seventh, and the peal did call,  
 George Cadge, the tenor, which completed them all;  
 Within three hours and ten minutes space,  
 It was all over, and each bell had run its race.  
 The changes were five thousand and six score,  
 Them being done there was no need for more.

The other peal seems to have been thought a great deal of as will be seen:—

JULY 22ND, 1782.

Attend ye Gods, Oh! hark ye Saints Divine,  
 Give merit to a ringer's rhyme;  
 No trifling peal, I mean, no paltry change,  
 London Court Bob, that peal of mighty range;  
 And here as in the following time are named,  
 These were the men for ringing highly famed:  
 Samuel Scott as first, with the Treble he did lead,  
 The second was rung by Joshua Steed;  
 Joseph Cutts, the third, stood well in his place,  
 John Pearson, the fourth bell swayed in the chase;  
 James Green, the fifth of whom stood much in need,  
 And the sixth was rung by William Smith indeed;  
 John Corder, the seventh, and the peal did call,  
 George Cadge, the Tenor, which completed them all.  
 The Changes were five thousand and twice one score,  
 And it is supposed 'twas never done before.  
 Within three hours and ten minutes space,  
 And the changes took no ringer from his place

The other peals recorded in the tower are as follows:—

November 15th, 1851, 5040 Changes of Bob Major in 2 hours and 56 minutes.

June 24th, 1866, 5040 changes of Bob Major in 3 hours and 7 minutes.

June 21st, 1878, 5088 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hours and 17 minutes.

November 2nd, 1878, 5120 changes of Kent Treble Bob in 3 hours and 20 minutes.

April 19th, 1879, 5120 changes of Kent Treble Bob in 3 hours and 20 minutes.

July 5th, 1879, 5184 changes of Kent Treble Bob in 3 hours and 15 minutes.

February 7th, 1880, 5408 changes of Kent Treble Bob in 3 hours and 30 minutes by the Glemsford and Saffron Walden Companies

June 21st, 1880, 5024 changes of Kent Treble Bob in 3 hours and 2 minutes, to commemorate the 30th birthday of Mr. S. Slater, of Glemsford,

March 27th, 1883, 7008 changes of Kent Treble Bob 4 hours and 30 minutes.

April 14th, 1883, 5088 changes of Kent Treble Bob in 3 hours and 10 minutes.

December 1st, 1883, 5184 changes of Kent Treble Bob in 3 hours and 20 minutes.

September 17th, 1884, 5088 changes of Kent Treble Bob in 3 hours and 16 minutes, by the Cumberland Youths, conducted by the late Mr. Geo. Newson.

November 15th, 1844, 5024 changes of Kent Treble Bob, in 3 hours and 16 minutes, by the Cumberland Youths.

February 7th, 1885, 5040 changes of Bob Major in 3 hours and 18 minutes.

October 27th, 1885, 5040 changes of Bob Major, in 3 hours and 5 minutes.

October 10th, 1885, 5040 changes of Bob Triples in 3 hours and 3 minutes.

March 13th, 1886, 5184 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major in 3 hours and 10 minutes.

February 18th, 1889, 5040 changes of Bob Major in 3 hours and 7 minutes

April 10th, 1889, 5040 changes of Bob Major in 3 hours and 8 minutes.

January 31st, 1891, 5088 changes of Kent Treble Bob in 3 hours and 10 minutes.

February 14th, 1891, 5008 changes of Bob Major in 3 hours and 5 minutes.

Several other peals have been rung here that are not recorded, and Mr. S. Slater of Glemsford has also the records of other peals that have been rung by the Old Melford Company. Since their time, no Melford Company has succeeded in ringing a peal. But the present Company hope to be able to do so before long with the aid of Perseverance and some New Ropes.

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By enclosing 1/- Postal Order or stamps with report of peal, you will receive one dozen neat peal cards.

## THE OXFORD DICESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH).

The annual dinner and meeting of this Branch was held on Saturday, December 19th, at the George Hotel. Representatives were present from Mortimer, Mapledurham, Tilehurst, Caversham, St. Mary's, St. Giles', and St. Laurence's. At 7 p.m. 35 members sat down to an excellent dinner served by Mrs. Pontin. The repast finished, J. M. Routh, Esq., Chairman of the Branch, took his place, being ably supported by the Master of the Guild, Rev. R. H. Hart Davis, and Rev. — Jones of Caversham. The Vice-Chair was well filled by the ample figure of Mr. Newell.

The toast of "The Queen" having been loyally honoured, the business of the meeting commenced.

The Branch Secretary, A. W. Pike, read his annual report and balance sheet, also the minutes of the last annual meeting.

The report shewed that 105 members now belonged to the Branch, being 21 more than in 1895. Two towers had joined, and 15 peals had been rung. Progress in change ringing had also been made. The balance sheet was considered as favourable, the amount in hand being returned as £4 5s.

The following officials were then unanimously re-elected. Chairman, J. M. Routh, Esq.; Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, A. W. Pike. C. Giles was elected to serve on the General Committee, in place of the Rev. B. Long who has left the Diocese.

The Chairman now gave the toast of the evening, "The Oxford Diocesan Guild," in response to which the Master said he was indeed pleased at the success of the Guild. They were making progress in all ways, both as to numbers, and in methods rung. He paid a high tribute to Mr. J. W. Washbrook, the shining light of the Guild. He was glad to see the Reading Branch so prosperous. He would finish by proposing the health of the Hon. Secretaries.

The Rev. R. H. Hart Davis told us that our numbers were still on the increase, and also that, with the help of Mr. A. W. Pike, he would still be able to keep his post as Hon. Secretary of the Guild.

The Assistant Hon. Secretary also suitably responded.

Business over, harmony reigned, plenty of singers being forthcoming. The following contributed to the programme:—Messrs. Goodger (2), F. Sweetzer, A. E. Reeves, A. W. Pike, J. M. Routh, R. T. Hibbert, W. Newell, and Engineer Ward.

Halfway through the programme, the toast of "The tribute of the children to their father" was given.

It was proposed by Mr. A. W. Pike, who congratulated Mr. Newell, on the accomplishment of a peal of Stedman Caters. He was pleased to say that all ringers in Reading and the neighbourhood looked up to Mr. Newell as a pattern of what a ringer should be.

The "Father," in responding, thanked those present for drinking his health. He would like to have seen a much larger number present, 35 out of total of 105 members was a very small crowd indeed. The members might try to strain a point, and put in an appearance on the only evening in the year when they all had an opportunity to meet together. Something was wrong somewhere. Perhaps the day being Saturday, and near Christmas might have some effect on the attendance.

At 11 p.m., "God Save the Queen" was sung, and the company dispersed, after a most pleasant evening.

## THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

(FINCHLEY BRANCH.)

The members of this branch of the above Association assembled at the Parish Church on Thursday evening, December 31st, for that most important event, the ringing in of the new year. The bells were set in motion at 11.30 and continued in various minor methods until 12.30, time only permitting short touches, so that each member might participate in this annual function. A move was then made to the residence of Mr. W. H. Tubb (the captain) where, after discussing several business matters connected with the band, proceeded with a very interesting ceremony, viz., the presentation of a silver-mounted pipe and tobacco pouch to F. Carroway, Esq., in recognition of the valuable assistance the band has received from him during the past year, and all wishing him a happy new year, and that the day may be far distant when he shall cease to be amongst us. Mr. Carroway, who is of a modest disposition, expressed his thanks for such an unexpected event, begged to be excused from making a speech, but promised to do all in his power to assist the band in the advancement of change ringing. Time having been called, which was found to be 3 a.m., and after singing "Auld Lang Syne" and "God save the Queen," a very pleasant meeting was brought to a close.

## LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the above was held at the Schoolroom, Aberavon, on Saturday, December 26th, at 3 o'clock. In spite of the very inclement state of the weather, we had one of the best meetings in the history of the Association. All day long the rain came down in drenching, drizzly showers, and the outlook in the morning was dreary in the extreme, and anything but inviting to those who had made up their minds to attend. Indeed, the writer did not expect to find any ringers present except the local

men. However, when he arrived, he was agreeably surprised to find 25 members on the spot, notwithstanding that Aberavon is one of the most extreme parishes in the northern part of the Diocese. Eight of the visiting ringers (from Llandaff and Cardiff) started a peal of 5040, and went on without a hitch for 2 hours and 55 minutes. Alas! they came to grief through a change of course, when a few more minutes would have brought them successfully and triumphantly home.

St. Mary's, Aberavon, is a beautiful modern church, one of the many built in the Diocese at the expense of Mrs. Llewellyn, of Baglan Hall. The Chancel possesses a very fine east window, and an exquisite marble reredos. The tower contains 8 bells lately put in, and if the peal of December 26th had been successful, it would have been the first 5040 rung on the bells. It was a keen disappointment to the energetic eight to collapse when the goal was all but reached.

The Vicar, the Rev. Henry Morris, presided at the meeting which he opened with prayer. Ten new members were enrolled. Mr. W. B. Biss proposed, and Mr. Northey seconded, that the next quarterly meeting be held at Trevelthinn.

The Vicar and Churchwardens kindly entertained the members to a substantial meat tea at the schools. The hon. sec. proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, the Churchwardens, and the ladies who ministered to our wants, for the warm welcome and kind hospitality with which they greeted us to the parish. This was carried with acclamation. The Vicar responded, and remarked that he would be most pleased to receive us again at any future time into his parish.

## CHANGE-RINGING IN CORNWALL.

This county (which is peculiar by keeping alive the old system of Prize-ringing) is beginning to awake out of her slumber, and to take unto herself the more advanced and beautiful methods of Scientific Change Ringing.

For some years past, Dr. Symons, an enthusiastic ringer, has been labouring hard at the extreme end, viz., at Penzance, and so well has his labour been rewarded, that his band, some years since, accomplished the first peal of 5040 changes ever rung in Cornwall. The magnitude of this task can only be realized by the initiated, sufficient to say that it is generally years of careful practice which bring the result. Such a task the Rev. Athelstan Coode has set himself at Cardyham. He found both tower and bells in a bad state, and commenced, as all wish to succeed should do, to put the whole thing in order. As was reported in these columns a few weeks since, this has been done, and another peal of eight bells, which any ringer may well be proud of, has been added to the county.

First of all, the upper parts of the tower have been entirely re-built, which, of course, will keep the bells perfectly dry. Then the old five bells, a matter of about 48 cwt. of old metal, has been put into the bell-caster's melting pot, and more new metal added, and a beautiful peal of eight, with a tenor of 15 cwt., in the key of F, is the result, the whole eight bells weighing altogether about 63 cwt.

At the opening ceremony some few weeks since, Mr. Coode brought together seven other ringers from different parts, and succeeded in scoring the second peal of 5040 changes ever rung in the county. Some of these ringers were from Plymouth, and he then gave them an invitation to bring a band down on Boxing Day, and enjoy a good ring on his bells. This invitation was readily accepted, and a party of eight, on arriving at Bodmin Road, found Mr. Coode's carriages waiting to drive them to Cardynham. They then put in a full day's ringing of short touches on the beautiful bells, and, in the intervals, were entertained right royally at the Rectory by Mr. and Mrs. Coode. Among other things, the following touches were scored: 504 changes of Grandsire Triples, a quarter-peal in the same method (1260 changes), a plain course of Bob Major, and at the Rectory, on Mr. Coode's beautiful peal of handbells, several courses of Grandsire Caters. The ringers in the quarter-peal stood as follows (Mr. Peard ringing the treble in the other touches):—Rev. A. Coode, 1; J. M. Clarkson, 2; E. Manning, 3; E. Hendy, 4; E. Taylor, 5; W. H. Marsh, 6; H. Myers, 7; C. Legg, 8.

## NOTE TO THE PEAL AT RADWINTER.

On Saturday afternoon, December 26th, a surprise visit was paid to the Saffron Walden Society by the Brothers Sworder, formerly of Hallingbury, but now of Johannesburg, South Africa. As soon as they arrived in the town they found Mr. F. Pitstow, to whom they expressed a wish to ring a peal. The "telegraph" was set in motion, a band soon responding to the call. The bells of the parish church not being available, a waggonette was procured at the Cross Keys, and the party embarked for Radwinter. Permission having been obtained from the worthy Rector, and a fresh set of ropes put on (which were taken from Walden) a start was made at 7.10, and the peal was safely brought home at 10.15. Refreshments were next on the programme, after which, lamps being lighted (which was a fortunate thing for an individual lying helplessly drunk across the road, who, with great difficulty, was set on his pins), the party arrived home. The Brothers Sworder thanking the company for obliging them at such short notice.

### The Late Mr. William Royle, of Manchester.

THE Late Mr. WILLIAM ROYLE was born in Manchester, on the 6th of February, 1813. He rang his first peal on St. John's Bells, Manchester, at the passing of the Reform Bill, he being then about 17 years of age. He rang a great many peals in all parts of the country, but kept no record of them. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and was for more than forty years a ringer at St. John's Church, Manchester, he and his father together had been connected with the Church for little less than a Century. Mr. Royle's fame is well known, not only as a ringer, but as one of the best composers of the day. On one occasion, Mr.

The following is taken from St. John's Parish Magazine for November, 1876:—"On Saturday, October 14th, were consigned to the family grave, in our Churchyard, the remains of the late Mr. William Royle, for more than 45 years a ringer at St. John's. The melancholy occasion was a peculiarly interesting one, not only from Mr. Royle's deservedly excellent reputation, far and wide, as a Campanologist, and from the fact that he and his father, together, had faithfully served the Church little less than a Century, but also for its being the first occasion since the death of the late Rector, on which a muffled peal was rang on the bells.



THE LATE MR. WILLIAM ROYLE.

Royle was called upon to act as umpire to a Change-ringing Contest at Elland, in Yorkshire. Mr. Royle had nine children, of whom his widow (now in her 80th year), two sons, and a daughter survives him. The venerable old lady delights in telling the ringing achievements of her late husband, whom, she said, "did it, not to make himself a name, but for pure love of the Art." The family has a host of relics connected with past ringers, amongst them being a five-quart China Jug given to the ringers of St. John's, to commemorate the first peal of Stedman Triples ever rang "North of the River Trent." Also a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

Mr. Royle's fame, not only as a ringer, but as one of the greatest authorities of the day in bellringing, brought together a large assemblage of brother bellringers both from the city and from the adjoining towns, to pay the last tribute of respect to one whose loss—to St. John's at least—can never be replaced."

Muffled peals were also rang at a great number of the Churches in the adjoining towns.

The photo which we have much pleasure in putting before our readers, is a copy of a photo kindly lent us by Mrs. Royle, and was taken on the last occasion that the late Mr. Royle was out of the house previous to his death.



## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).

On Thursday, December 17th, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 Lincoln Surprise. G. Jordan, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Rochester Surprise. G. Jordan, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; W. Watts, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Little (first 720 in method), 1; T. J. Watts, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; G. Jordan, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, December 20th, for morning service, 720 City Delight, in 24½ minutes. G. Jordan, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And for afternoon service, 360 Double Court Bob. H. Little, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

ROMFORD (Essex).

On Wednesday, December 30th, on handbells retained in hand, Brooks' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 35 minutes. G. R. Pye, 1, 2; W. Pye, 3, 4; E. Pye, 5, 6; W. Watson, 7, 8. Rung strictly non-conducted, no bobs being called or any intimation of them given whatever. It was intended to start for a peal but as the umpire did not put in an appearance had to result in the above.

## GREENWICH, KENT.

On Sunday, January 3rd, at St. Alfege, for evening service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 28 minutes. William Berry, 1; William Foreman, 2; Isaac G. Shade (conductor), 3; Harry Hoskins, 4; Frederick W. Thornton, 5; Frederick S. Bayley, 6. Rang upon the back 6 (tenor 25 cwt.).

## PENGE, SURREY.

On Tuesday, January 3rd, for children's service, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 22 minutes. G. Conn, 1; W. J. Batson, 3; T. P. Richards, 3; J. Marshall, 4; J. Town, 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6.

## A QUARTER-PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By W. WALMSLEY, Macclesfield.

## CORRECTED.

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2 7 5 6 3 4

round at three leads.

This quarter-peal contains all the twenty-four 7-4's the right way, and is the first published containing the above qualities.

The × should have been as placed above and a s instead of B at the 7th course.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting will be held at Leeds, on Saturday, January 16th. Choral Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., with sermon by the Rev. R. S. Medlicott. Tea will be served in the school at 8d. each, names for which must be sent in to Mr. Francis Woodhead, 3, Runswick Place, Top Moor Side, Holbeck, on or before January 11th. Business meeting in the schoolroom after tea. The bells of the Parish Church (12); St. Michael's, Headingley (8); St. Chad's, Headingley (8); St. Francis, Holbeck, R.C. (8); Christ Church, Armley (6).

## RODMERSHAM, KENT.

On the last day of the old year, December 31st, the Rodmersham band dined with their Hon. Sec., Mr. Churchwarden Dixon, who was supported by the Vicar, the Rev. T. C. Boughton-Leigh. After the Christmas fare had been disposed of, and the fragrant weed lighted up, the handbells were brought out and several courses of Plain Bob were rung, the Vicar receiving his first lesson and succeeding in ringing a six-score of doubles. The health of the host was then proposed by the Vicar and drank with musical honours, as was also that of the Vicar who is president of the band. At 10.30 an adjournment was made to the tower, when peals of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob were rung with the bells half muffled.

## LITTLEPORT, CAMBS.

On Saturday, December 26th, eight members of the Ely and District Association paid a visit to the above place, with the intention of scoring the first peal of Bob Major on the bells, which are a fine ring of eight, by Warner & Son, tenor 18½ cwt. Meeting at the tower about 11.40 a.m., and, after receiving a friendly greeting by some of the local band, the bells went into changes at 11.50 a.m., but soon came to an untimely end, several attempts being made, but all coming to a quick end. The band then made their way to the "Globe" Inn, and some good changes being rung with ale and bread and cheese, etc. Determined to make one more try, the bells again went into changes at 2.45 p.m., but came to grief, after ringing 4000 changes, owing to a change-course. Time not permitting any further attempts, some caught the first train, while others made their way by road to Ely. The bells of St. Mary's Church soon going to the tune of Grandsire Triples, when several good touches were rung in first-rate style. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, also Mr. Arber for making such good arrangements. The above being the longest length ever rung in the method on the bells. A. Seymer, 1; J. Taylor, 2; A. Pilgrim, 3; W. Kempton, 4; A. Markwell (conductor), 5; H. Sharp, 6; H. Mansfield, 7; G. Taylor, 8. Messrs. Markwell and Sharp hail from Wilburton, Pilgrim and Seymer from Ely, the rest from Cambridge.

## KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.

(RINGERS' SUPPER.)

The St. Kentigern ringers, Crosthwaite, Keswick, and their wives, were at the kind invitation of Canon and Mrs. Rawnsley, invited to the Vicarage to supper, where they had a very enjoyable evening. After thanking Canon and Mrs. Rawnsley, the rest of the evening was spent in games till 11.30, when they went down to the Church and tolled out the old year, and afterwards rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1897 changes, in 1 hour and 14 minutes. The ringers stood as follows:—R. Dennison, 1; A. Panter, 2; F. Postlethwaite, 3; J. Dalton, 4; P. Wise, 5; S. Hogarth (conductor), 6; W. Telford, 7; J. Panter, 8. (Tenor 16 cwt.)

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

A very successful monthly meeting of the above was held at St. Thomas's Church, Pendleton, on Saturday, December 12th, 1896. Members attended from Eccles, Worsley, Manchester, Swinton, Prestwich, Pendlebury, Heywood, and Bolton.

At the business meeting held in the School-room at 7 p.m., owing to the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Gull, the chair was occupied by our worthy Vice-President, Mr. Fred Derbyshire, when it was decided to hold the next meeting at the Manchester Cathedral, on Saturday, January 16th, 1897. Five new performing members were added to the list. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells and Schoolroom, which terminated the business meeting.

During the evening before and after meeting, touches were rung in the following methods:—Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Superlative Surprise Major.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.—PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

Representatives who have been elected to the Central Council, are respectfully reminded that in accordance with the decision of the Council at its last meeting, the next meeting will be in held London, at Whitsuntide instead of Easter. The latest date for forwarding to the Hon. Secretary, Notices of Motions, &c. (which must be in writing, and signed by two representatives), will be therefore Saturday, May 8th. Hon. Secretaries of Societies are respectfully reminded that the subscription to the Council of 2s. 6d. for each Representative is now due, and should be remitted to the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer *without delay*, together with the names and addresses of the Representatives elected.

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**Notices.****LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.**

The next meeting of this Guild will be held at St. James', Poolstock, Wigan, on Saturday, January 9th, 1897. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Business meeting, 6 p.m.

Rev. W. T. BULPIT, } Hon. Secs.  
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**THE SOUTH AND WEST MIDDLESEX GUILD.**

The next monthly meeting will be held at Hampton (St. Mary the Virgin), and Sunbury (St. Mary's), on Saturday, January 9th. Hampton Station (L.S.W.R.) Ringing at 5.30.

Hy. F. G. LUCK, Hon. Sec., 7, Warwick Place, Ealing.

**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

The annual meeting will be held at Putney, on Monday, January 11th, by kind permission of the Vicar. Business meeting, election of officers, etc. The tower of St. Mary the Virgin (eight bells) will be open at 3 p.m.; and the tower of All Saints, Fulham (ten bells) has been kindly granted for the use of the members by the local Society.

R. B. BLANCHARD, Hon. Sec., 13, Sunnyside Road, Streatham, S.W.

**ELY DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**

It being found impossible to obtain the use of the bells in Cambridge during Term-time, the proposed meeting (in November) of the District and Diocesan Associations has now been postponed till Tuesday, January 12th, 1897.

W. W. CRUMP, Gen. Sec., Haddenham Rectory, Ely.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

The sum of 1s. 8d. in lieu of booking fees, is now due. After ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral, on Tuesday, January 12th, business of a specially important nature will be brought forward at the meeting, to be held at Head Quarters, where it is hoped that all members who can possibly do so, will attend.

W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec., 37, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

**THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**

The next Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held at Tottenham, on Saturday, 16th January. The tower of All Hallows' Church will be open for ringing from 5 p.m. Members and friends of the Association are cordially invited.

ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec., "Sarum," Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

**THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**

(YORKSHIRE BRANCH).

The yearly meeting of the above will be held at the Little Saddle Inn, Dewsbury, on January 16th, 1897, at 5 p.m. prompt. The following business will be transacted:—Election of Officers, Auditors' Report, Balance Sheet; also consideration of the following alterations: Exchange of dates of the contests; alteration of the monthly meeting; addition to rule 12 and 13; also as to practice allowed, and other important business. Subscriptions for 1897 will be due. All members are requested to attend.

GEO. H. SIMON, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

The next quarterly meeting of this District will be held at Crayford, on Saturday, January 16th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 6 p.m.

W. BEDWELL, Hon. Secretary, Albacore Crescent, Lewisham.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

MANCHESTER BRANCH.

The next Monthly Meeting will be held at the Manchester Cathedral, on Saturday, January 16th. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Business at 7 p.m. All ringing friends invited whether members of the Association or not.

WALTER BROWN, Branch Secretary, 54, Wenlock St., Hulme, Manchester.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEANERY OF STAFFORD.**

The next quarterly meeting of this Society, will be held at the Parish Church, Cannock, on Saturday, January 23rd, 1897. Bells available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Short service in church at 5 p.m. Committee meeting at 5.30 Tea at 6 p.m. One shilling each to all those who send in their names not later than the 20th instant to—

S. REEVES, Hon. Secretary, 10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

A district meeting of the above, will be held at Brentwood, on Saturday, January 30th. Tea will be provided at the Church House, at 5 p.m., to be

followed by a business meeting. Members intending to be present, must signify the same and the station from which they start, not later than the previous Tuesday.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, Gt. Totham Vicarage, Witham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

The Secretary begs to call the attention of conductors and all others interested to the latter part of Rule XVI.: "Accounts of peals must be sent to the Secretary within a month of their performance, or they will not be entitled to entry (in the Peal Book); for the future this must be strictly adhered to. Accounts of peals must be accompanied by a certificate from the conductor that no MS., or other visible aid to memory, has been used in calling." These words will be proposed as an addition to the written rule at the next Annual Meeting; but the Committee have decided that this regulation shall come into force at once.

FREDK. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, REDHILL.**

The Bells of St. John's Church, Redhill, will be opened on Saturday next, January 9th, at 5.30, by eight members of the Surrey Association. In the future, all communication about the bells, must be sent to the undersigned, and not the Vicar.

EDWARD DEWEY, Steeple-keeper, 74, Earlswood Road, Redhill, Surrey.

To Members of the Central Northamptonshire Association:—

**GREETING!**

E. J. DENNES (Hon. Secretary) wishes all Members a very Happy New Year, with prosperity and good health. He thanks them most sincerely for their kind help and assistance in the past, and trusts that all will continue to work together for the credit of their respective belfries and the good name of the Association.

"Ring in the love of truth and right,

Ring in the common love of good,"—Tennyson.

**THE METROPOLIS.**

The Bells are rung for Divine Service at the following Churches on Sunday next, January 10th, 1897:—

St. Margaret's, Westminster—6 p.m.  
St. Paul's Cathedral—9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.  
St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, E.—10 a.m.  
St. Stephen's, Westminster—10 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
All Saints', Fulham, S.W.—10 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
St. Luke's, Chelsea, 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
St. Stephen's, Hampstead—10 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
St. Alfege, Greenwich, S.E.—10.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.  
St. Mary's, Lewisham, S.E.—10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.  
S.S. Peter & Paul, Bromley, Kent—10 a.m.  
St. Mary's, Woolwich—10.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.  
St. John the Baptist, Chipping Barnet—10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
St. Mary's Finchley—10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
All Hallows, Tottenham—10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.

**MEETINGS FOR PRACTICE.**

St. Luke's, Chelsea	- - - -	Every Wednesday,	7.45 p.m.
St. John's, Waterloo Road	- - - -	Every Wednesday	8 p.m.
St. Mary's, Woolwich	- - - -	No practice	
St. Margaret's, Lee	- - - -	Every Thursday	
St. Mary's, Finchley	- - - -	Every Thursday	7.30 "
All Saints' Fulham	- - - -	Every Thursday	
St. Stephen's Westminster	- - - -	Every Friday	8 "
St. Alfege, Greenwich	- - - -	Every Friday	8 "
St. Margaret, Westminster	- - - -	Every Monday	8 "
St. John the Baptist, Chipp. Barnet	- - - -	Every Monday	7.30 "
All Saints', Isleworth	- - - -	Every Monday	8 "
St. Mary, Lewisham	- - - -	Every Monday	
Committee Meeting in Schoolroom at 6 p.m.			
All Hallows, Tottenham	- - - -	Every Tuesday	8.30 "
S.S. Peter & Paul, Bromley, Kent	- - - -	Every Tuesday	8 "

[The Editor will be pleased to receive from the Secretaries and custodians of the various towers any addition to this list.]

**ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.**

J. Joyce, Taunton.—We do not think that any further good can result from the publication of more letters regarding the Bridgwater Peal. Now the question has been opened up, it is for the Association concerned to decide whether or not the peal was a true one.

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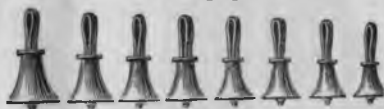
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