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Suggestions for Lent.

ET ringing generally be lessened. Will those who have not attended Church at all attend a little, and those who have attended a little attend more. Where extra services are held, it would be a kindly action on the part of ringers to offer to give a little quiet chiming for those services. Where bells are kept comparatively silent during the season of Lent, it is a boon to those living near the church, and adds additional beauty and enjoyment on the part of parishioners and ringers to the bright early peal on Easter morning.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CENTRAL DIVISION).

A very successful meeting was held at Southover, Lewes, on February 27th. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock and 5 p.m., the members attended Divine service, at which an appropriate address, based on the words "In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses holiness unto the Lord."— (Zachariah xiv. 20), was delivered by the Rector, Rev. W. E. Richardson. After the service the members present were entertained to a sumptuous repast in the Mission Room at the invitation of the Rector, who presided. Over 40 sat down including Mr. G. F. Attree (Master of the Association), Mr. G. Williams (Hon. Central Divisional Secretary), Mr. S. Saker (Hon. Eastern Divisional Secretary), Mr. J. Hambrook (Churchwarden), and representatives from Blacklands (Hastings), Eastbourne, Ringmer, St. Nicholas and St. Peter's (Brighton), Balcombe, Cuckfield, Lindfield, Crawley, Pevensey and Lewes. At the conclusion of the repast the business meeting was held. After the passing of the minutes four new members were elected. The resignation of Mr. Parker, of London, as one of the Association's representatives on the Central Council, was accepted on the Association's representatives on the Central Council, was accepted on the motion of Mr. F. Hounsell, seconded by Mr. W. Tugwell. The Master, in answer to a question by Mr. J. Gasson on the matter of reduced railway fares for bell-ringers, said, the committee of the Central Council were in constant correspondence with the Clearing House with regard to it, but nothing definite had yet been settled. The Master then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Rev. W. E. Richardson for his kindness in providing the tea, for the service and for the use of the bells. The Rector having replied, the tower was again visited, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Duffield Major, Superlative, New Cumberland and London Surprise Major were rung.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.

A most successful meeting was held at Aylesford on Saturday, February 27th. The weather was delightfully fine, and numerous ringers arrived from Aylesford, Bearsted, Boxley, Harrietsham, Maidstone, and Malling in the district, as well as from Charing Borden, Gillingham, Milton next Gravesend, Rochester, and Swanscombe outside the district. The bells were set going soon after 3 o'clock; a short service was held at 5.30, after which a district committee meeting was held, at which two new members and five new probationers were elected. Mr. Palmer re-elected district representative and Rev. A. L. Brine district secretary. A capital tea was provided at 6.30 at the "Chequers," to which full justice was done by over sixty ringers. Rev. — Evans (in the unavoidable absence of the vicar through sickness) presided. The following resolution, proposed by Mr. Palmer and seconded by Mr. Leonard, was unanimously passed—"In the opinion of the Maidstone District, Whit Monday is the day most convenient to ringing mamphers for the Annual General Meeting of the Acceptable." to ringing members for the Annual General Meeting of the Association." Votes of thanks were also passed to the vicar for the use of his church and bells, and to Mr. Evans for taking the chair.

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TIMBERLAND.

On Thursday, February 25th, on the occasion of the last official visit of their instructor, Mr. G. Lindoff, of Lincoln, the company rang their first 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, unassisted. F. Cobb, 1; F. Curtis, 2; J. Wright, 3; A. West, 4; C. West, 5; G. Elkington (conductor), 6. This being the first in the method rung upon the bells by any of the local ringers, G. Elkington, on behalf of his brother members of the company, presented a tobacco pipe and pouch to their instructor, as a mark of gratitude for the excellent way in which he had brought them up to the present mark, and expressed the hope that they would meet him on many occasions to have

expressed the hope that they would meet him on many occasions to have a pull together, and that ringing would be a success amongst them.

Also at the National School, Timberland, on March 3rd, on hand-bells retained in hand, 720 of Bob Minor (18 bobs and 2 singles), in 27 minutes.

G. Elkington, I; H. King, 2; F. Cobb, 3; C. West, 4; W. Elkington, 5; J. Wright (conductor), 6. This is H. King's and W. Elkington's first 720, also F. Cobb's away from treble, and first 720 by J. Wright as conductor.

Also on March 4th, on the tower, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, the ringers standing as in the above Oxford.

Obitnary.

T. COLLIS.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. T. Collis, for over 50 years a ringer at Aldeburgh (Suffolk) Parish Church, who died on February 26th, and was interred in the Churchyard, on Thursday, March 4th, at the age of 85, the ringers carrying him to the grave. After the funeral, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung 118 bobs, 2 singles), with the bells deeply muffled, as a last tribute of respect, in 26 minutes. C Smith, 1; H. Girling, 2; F. Cooper, 3; A. Wilson, 4; G. Churchyard, 5; E. Cooper, 6. And another 720 in the same method (9 bobs and 6 singles), with the bells half-muffled, in 26 minutes. F. Cooper 2; F. H. Ing, 3; C. Smith (conductor); the rest as before.

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THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, March 2nd, 1897, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5137 CHANGES,

	I CHOI 20 C	WE III C.		
HENRY BASTABLE		WILLIAM MUNDY		7
WILLIAM A. HANCOX	 2	WILLIAM SHORT		8
WILLIAM H. BARBER		THOMAS MILLER	• •	9
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL		FREDERICK CLAYTON		, IO
BERNARD WITCHELL	 · 5	THOMAS REYNOLDS		., II
SAMUEL REEVES	 6	JOHN BUFFERY		. Tenor
	'			

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by HENRY BASTABLE.

This peal has the first fifteen courses in the usual Tittum position, and the last twenty-four with the large bells home at hand-stroke, and has not been rung before. It is the 200th peal rung by the conductor.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. CRIPPLEGATE, LONDON.

On Saturday, March 6th, 1897, in Three Hours and Fifty-two Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES,

JAMES PETTIT	Treble	WILLIAM WILSON*	7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	8
		WILLIAM D. SMITH	
EDWIN HORROX		Fredk. W. Thornton*	
		WILLIAM DAVIES	
Joseph Waghorn, Jun.*	6	WALTER PRIME	Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by JAMES PETTIT. *First peal of Stedman Cinques. William Davies hails from Liverpool; William Wilson hails from Leicester.

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THE UNIVERSITY GUILD AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

CAMBRIDGE. On Tuesday, March 2nd, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes, IN MR. WOODHOUSE'S ROOMS, CAIUS COLLEGE,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES, Tenor 17 size

		1-2 George F. Woodhouse 3-4 James Rickman	
FRANK	Ll.	EDWARDS 9-10	

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by George F. WOODHOUSE. This is the first peal of Royal by the Guild and by all the band, and was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

Caters.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION. 184 (BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.) ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

On Thursday, February 25th, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF S.S. PETER AND PAUL,

PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES, Tenor 23 cwt.

ALFRED FLOWERS	 Treble	THOMAS COLLINSON 6
JOHN JENNINGS	 2	JAMES JONES 7
ALFRED T. HYLAND.		THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 8
CHARLES SPARKES	 4	JOHN CARTER 9
HARRY ARGYLE	 5	WILLIAM A HANCOX Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

This peal has the 6th fourteen times wrong, seventeen times right, and twenty four times behind the 8th, with all the 5 6s. and 6 5s. in the Tittums and handstroke home position.

Major.

185 THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS

NORTON. DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 27th, 1897, in Three Hours and Two Minutes, AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES, IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

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THOMAS DIXON	 	 7	reble	ARTHUR SLATER*	 	5
OSEPH ATKIN	 	 	2	THOMAS SAREL	 	6
EDWIN JAMES+	 	 	3	JOHN ALLEN*	 	7
OLIVER DIXON	 	 	4	WILLIAM BIGGIN	 	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KKIGHTS and Conducted by Wm. BIGGIN.

*First peal. †First peal of Major, also first peal on the bells.

186 WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. KIDDERMINSTER. WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 27th, 1897, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, Tenor 30 cwt. 5088 CHANGES,

NOAH DAVIS	 	T	reble	ERNEST C. HUNT	• •		5
RICHARD E. GROVE	 		2	ALBERT E. PARSONS			6
JOHN O. BENNETT	 		3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS			7
THOMAS I. SALTER	 		4	WILLIAM H. SMITH		7	enor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by R. E. GROVE.

187 THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

> (AIREDALE BRANCH). SKIPTON, YORKS.

On Sunday, February 28th, 1897, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes, AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES, IN THE KENT VARIATION Tenor 188 cut

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W. BAILEY	• •		Treble	T. Burslem*			5		
S. Doughty									
E, B. METCALFE	• •		3	W. Billows	• •	• •	•• _7		
FRED, METCALFE		• •	4	W. D. HILLARY	• •	• •	Tenor		

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by W. BILLOWS.

*First peal. This peal has the 5th and 6th the extent in 5-6, with the 6th five times at home.

188 THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

On Monday, March 1st, 1897, in Three Hours and Six Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES, Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	 7	reble	HORACE HOWLETT	 . 5
JAMES HEFFER, JUN.	 • •	2	GEORGE WIGHTMAN	 6
WILLIAM FLORY	 	3	ALBERT E. READ	
JOHN SELF	 	4	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN	

Composed by J. BARKER and Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

This peal has the 6th twenty-two times wrong and right. For calling see Sottanstall, page 202

Conducted by Walter Taylor, *First peal. †First peal in the method.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. (SUDBURY ARCHIDIACONAL BRANCH).	194 THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.	(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY).
On Tuesday, March 2nd, 1897, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,	DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
AT THE PARISH CHURCH, A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES,	On Monday, March 1st, 1897, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS',
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt. in D flat.	A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,
CHARLES SILLITOE	Tenor 17 cwt. John Howe
90 SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONARY OF STAFFORD.	195 THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.	SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.
On Friday, March 5th, 1897, in Three Hours,	On Tuesday, March 2nd, 1897, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,	AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES, Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lbs, in G.	A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES, Tenor 25 cwt.
Percy Sadler* Treble Robert Pickering* 5	ARTHUR MILLER Treble John Miller 5
HERBERT KNIGHT 2 GEORGE BURROWS 6 ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT 3 AARON GRIFFITHS 7 WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4 JAMES E. GROVES Tenor	ARTHUR L. PRICE 2 HERBERT W. NEWBY 6 WILLIAM WARD 3 JAMES PARKER
Composed by John Carter, and Conducted by James E. Groves. *First peal of Major. First peal of Bob Major on the bells. Rung to celebrate the 87th Birthday of the Vicar, the Rev. W. J. Heale, M.A.; also as a birthday compliment to R. Bickering, C. Burrows, and P. Sadler.	Composed by J. Carter, and Conducted by William Ward. *First peal on eight bells. First peal as Conductor. W. J. Dell was elected a membe of the Society previous to starting the peal.
91 THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE LEEDS	196 KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.	BORDEN, KENT.
ROTHWELL, LEEDS.	On Saturday, March 6th, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
On Saturday, March 6th, 1897, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,	AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY, A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,	A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES, J. CARTER'S SIX PART. Tenor 23 cwt.
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. ALFRED CHAPMAN	STANLEY HUTSON
This peal has the 5th and 6th the extent each way in 5-6. Child hails from Headingley, and Naylor from Leeds.	Minor.
Triples.	
	197 THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
92 THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.	HORSMONDEN, KENT.
WOOLWICH.	On Monday, March 1st, 1897, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
On Monday, February 22nd, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,	At the Parish Church.
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,	A Peal 5040 of Changes of Minor in four different method Being two 720's each of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble
A PEAL OF QRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES, Taylor's Bob & Single Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.	Bob and one of Grandsire, each called differently.
Tenry Harman	George Hodge 2 Frederick Butcher
Henry George Hill 3 Frederick W. Thornton 7 William Berry William Foreman Tenor	Conducted by Fredk. J. Lambert.
Conducted by FREDERICK WM. THORNTON.	* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to George Hodges, his brother ring wishing him many happy returns.
93 THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.	198 THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE ROCHDALE, ROSSENDALE, AND MANCHESTER BRANCHES).	(WIRRAL BRANCH.
ROCHDALE, ROSSENDALE, AND MARCHESTER DARROLLS.	BEBINGTON.
On Saturday, February 27th, 1897, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,	On Monday, March 1st, 1897, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minus
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,	
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES, TAYLOR'S BOB & SINGLE. Tenor 17\frac{1}{2} \text{ cwt.}	A Peal of 5040 Changes of Minor, being as follows:— Two 720's of Plain Bob, two of Oxford Bob, one of College Single, one
AMES TAYLOR Treble EDMUND SCHOFIELD 5 SAMUEL LORD 2 WALTER TAYLOR 6 OHN HARRISON 3 IAMES B. TAYLOR 7	Canterbury Pleasure, and one of Grandsire. Frank Jones
ROBERT WHITTLES* 4 GEORGE WALKER† Tenor	Joseph Wood 3 Edwin Breeze Te

Conducted by EDWIN BREEZE. First 5040 in five methods by all the band, on the bells and by the Guild.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE GRAPPENHALL YOUTHS).

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

On Tuesday, March 2nd, 1897, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

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

Braintree, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt 2 qrs.

Conducted by Chas. Reg. Greenall.

The above was rung to colebrate the birthdays of the Rev. Richard Greenall and W. Smith, the band wishing them many happy returns of the day.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. TONG, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, March 6th, 1897, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

College Treble, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure Duke of York, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

Conducted by G. Bolland.

Date Touch.

BILSTON (Staffordshire).

On Monday evening, March 1st, at St. Leonard's, a date touch of Grandsire Triples 1897 changes. J. Harper, 1; S. Pitt, 2; S. Atkins, 3; J. A. Brown, 4; T. Lowe, 5; J. Adams, 6; W. Smith, 7; H. Eyre, 8. Composed and conducted by S. Atkins.

Miscellaneous Reports.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON.

Taunton.

On Saturday, February 13th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, for practice, 406 of Oxford Bob Triples. E. Lloyd, 1; T. W. Radford, 2; W. Thomas, 3; A. Evans, 4; S. Wyatt, 5; J. Fowler, 6; J. Burge (conductor), 7; J. Hunt, 8. Also 216 of Grandsire Caters. E. Lloyd, 1; T. W. Radford, 2; S. Radford, 3; J. Hunt, 4; W. Thomas, 5; A. Evans, 6; H. Poole, 7; S. Wyatt, 8; J. Burge (conductor), 9; J. Fowler, 10. On Sunday, February 14th, for evening service, 224 of Bob Major. W. Thomas, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; J. Hunt, 3; A. Evans, 4; G. E. Harbour, 5; S. Radford, 6; J. Burge, 7; T. W. Radford (conductor), 8. Also 210 of Oxford Bob Triples. E. Lloyd, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; J. Hunt, 3; W. Thomas, 4; T. W. Radford, 5; S. Radford, 6; J. Burge (conductor), 7; H. Bosely, 8.

Bosely, 8.

On Sunday, February 21st, for Divine service, 336 of Oxford Bob Triples. E. Lloyd, 1; A. Evans, 2; J. Hunt, 3; S. Radford, 4; J. Joyce, 5; J. Fowler, 6; J. Burge (conductor), 7; H. Bosely, 8.

On Sunday, February 28th, for evening service, 504 of Stedman Triples. A. Walker, 1; S. Wyatt, 2; S. Radford, 3; J. Joyce, 4; A. Evans, 5; J. Burge, 6; T. W. Radford (conductor), 7; W. Thomas, 8. This is the longest touch in the method by all event the conductor longest touch in the method by all except the conductor.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH SHIELDS (Northumberland).

On Sunday, February 14th, at Christ Church, for morning service, 360

On Sunday, February 14th, at Christ Church, for morning service, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. N. Brand, 1; J. Rossiter, 2; Jos. Browell, 3; J. E. Keen (conductor), 4; C. E. Waugh, 5; G. W. Dix, 6.
On Tuesday, February 16th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. N. Brand, 1; T. Teosdale, 2; Jos. Browell, 3; A. Tully, 4; J. E. Keen (conductor), 5; G. W. Dix, 6.
On Sunday, February 21st, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. N. Brand, 1; J. Rossiter, 2; Jos. Browell, 3; J. E. Keen (conductor), 4; C. Waugh, 5; G. W. Dix, 6.
On Sunday, February 28th, 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. N. Brand.

On Sunday, February 28th, 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. N. Brand, 1; J. Rossiter, 2; Jos. Browell, 3; C. Waugh, 4; J. E. Keen, 5; G. W. Dix (conductor), 6. Also for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor.

N. Brand, 1; A. Tully, 2; Jos. Browell, 3; C. Waugh, 4; J. E. Keen, 5; G. W. Dix (first as conductor), 6.

THE ELY DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

ROUGHAM (Suffolk).

On Tuesday, February, 23rd, at the Parish Church, 720 of Bob Minor (9 bobs and 6 singles). A. Steggles, 1; W. Clarke, 2; E. Wheeler, 3; F. Buckle, 4; G. Buckle, 5; H. Henley (conductor), 6

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY ARCHIDEACONAL BRANCH).

BILDESTON (Suffolk).

On Sunday, February 21st, for afternoon service, 720 of Bob Minor (18 bobs and 2 singles), in 29 minutes T. Levett, 1; R. Bedingfield, 2; A. Long, 3; J. Taylor, 4; R. Grimwood, 5; W. Stiff (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Oxford Treble Bob, standing as above, conducted by R. Grimwood.

HITCHAM (Suffolk).

On Monday evening, February 15th, for practice, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (9 bobs).

H. C. Sewell, 1; R. Grimwood (conductor) 2; A. Long, 3; J. Taylor, 4; F. Cook, 5; W. Stiff, 6.

PRESTON (Suffolk).

On Saturday evening, February 20th, for practice, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor (15 bobs). A. Symonds, 1; F. G. Symonds (conductor), 2; R. Grimwood, 3; A. Hollocks, 4; H. Poulson, 5; W. Hollocks, 6. On Sunday, February 28th, 720 of New London Pleasure Minor (9 bobs). F. G. Symonds, 1; H. Poulson, 2; A. Hollocks, 3; T. Levett, 4; R. Grimwood (conductor), 5; W. Hollocks, 6. This was rung as a farewell 720 to H. Poulson, who is leaving Preston for London.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 8th, for practice, 360 of Grandsire Minor. W. Carpenter, 1; C. George, 2; H. Martin, 3; W. Norris, 4; F. Glennerster, 5; G. N. Price (conductor), 6.

5; G. N. Price (conductor), 6.
On Wednesday, February 10th, for practice, 168 of Grandsire Triples.
P. Read, 1; F. Glennerster, 2; C. George, 3; H. R. French, 4; Wm.
Norris, 5; H. Martin, 6; G. N. Price (conductor), 7; — Mumford, 8.
On Friday, February 12th, for practice, 720 of Grandsire Minor. W.
Carpenter, 1; C. George, 1; H. Martin, 3; Wm. Norris, 4; H. R. French
(conductor), 5; G. N. Price, 6; J. Alexander, 7.
On Wednesday, February 17th, for practice, 336 of Grandsire Triples.
P. Reed, 1; C. George, 2; H. R. French, 3; Walter Norris, 4; Wm.
Norris, 5; H. Martin, 6; G. N. Price (conductor), 7; J. Alexander, 8.
On Wednesday, February 24th, for practice, 210 of Grandsire Triples.
F. Glennerster, 1; W. Carpenter, 2; C. George, 3; H. R. French, 4;
W. Norris, 5; H. Martin, 6; G. N. Price (conductor), 7; J. Alexander, 8.
Also 168 of Grandsire Triples. P. Reed, 1; W. Carpenter, 2; H. Martin, 3; C. George, 4; Wm. Norris, 5; H. R. French, 6; G. N. Price (conductor), 7; J. Alexander, 8.

THE ST. MARTIN'S SCHOLARS, STAMFORD.

Peterborough (Northamptonshire).
On Saturday, February 27th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 of Bob Minor (32 bobs and 2 singles), in 26 minutes. C. R. Lilley (conductor), 1; E. Popple, 2; R. Wyche, 3; R. S. Cox, 4; C. Harper, 5; F. Dennison, 6. Tenor, 8 cwt. All hail from Stamford.

STAMFORD (Lincolnshire).

On Monday, February 1st, at St. Mary's Church, on the back six, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, in 27 minutes. E. Gale, 3; E. Popple, 4; R. S. Cox, 5; C. R. Lilley, 6; F. Dennison, 7; Rev. H. Law James (conductor), Tenor, 17 cwt.

On Thursday, February 18th, at St. Michael's Church, for practice, 720 of Bob Minor (32 bobs and 2 singles), in 24 minutes. E. Gale, 1; E. Popple, 2; C. Harper, 3; R. S. Cox, 4; F. Dennison, 5; C. R. Lilley

(conductor), 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

On Tuesday, February 23rd, at All Saints' Church, for practice, 300 of Bob Minor. E. Gale, 1; E. Popple, 2; F. Dennison, 3; R. S. Cox, 4; C. Harper, 5; C. R. Lilley, 6. Also 120 of Grandsire Doubles. C. Harper, 2; C. Lilley, 5; G. Hardy, 6; the rest as before; F. Dennison, conductor. Tenor, 16 cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON (Lancashire).

On Friday, March 5th, at The Saviour's Church, for practice, 720 of Bob Minor, in 29 minutes. Gus. Banks, 1; J. Heathcote, 2; R. Fiddies, 3; J. Calderbank, 4; W. Hulme, 5; A. E. Wreaks (conductor), 6. Tenor, 201 cwt. This is the first 720 in the method by the local company, and is the first by all except Messrs. Hulme and Wreaks.

(Rossendalf Branch).

BACUP (Lancashire).

On Monday, February 1st, at Christ Church, for practice, 720 of Plain Bob. J. Smith, 1; David Briggs, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; G. H. White, 4; Z. Lord, 5; J. S. Lomas (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, February 7th, for evening service, 720 of Woodbine, A. L. Hardman, 1; Geo. Shotten, 2: Z. Lord, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas,

Hardman, I; Geo. Shotten, 2: Z. Lord, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, February 14th, for Confirmation service, 720 of Killamarsh Treble Bob. Levi Holt, I; E. J. Cockroft, 2; Geo. Shotten, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And, after service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. Geo. Shotten, I; J. Brown, 2, J. Shepherd, 3; J. Sutcliffe, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. And, for evening service, 720 of College Pleasure. L. Holt, I; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, February 19th, for practice, 720 of College Single. J. H. Barnes, I; David Briggs, 2; J. Smith, 3; G. H. White, 4; Geo. Shotten, 5: I. S. Lomas (conductor), 6.

5; J. S. Lomas (conductor), 6.
On Sunday, February 21st, for morning service, 720 of London Surprise.
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 of York Surprise. Geo. Shotten, 1; the rest as before.

On Monday, February 22nd, for practice, 720 of Durham Surprise. A. L. Hardman, 1; J. Smith, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; Z. Lord (conductor), 6. First in the method by all the band.

On Sunday, February 28th, for morning service, 720 of Durham Surprise A. L. Hardman, 1; J. Smith, 2; Geo Shotten, 3; J. H. Smith, 4; J. S. Lomas, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor) 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BORDEN (Kent).

On Sunday morning, March 7th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes (taken from Holt's Original) in 43 minutes. George Kite, 1; Thomas Wilson, 2; Charles Millway, 3; George Willshire, 4; Charles Willshire (conductor), 5; Richard Staines, 6; William Tassell, 7; Robert Weller, 8. And in the evening, for Divine Service, a quarterpeal in the same method was rung in 44 minutes. George Willshire, 1; S. Hutson, 2; Thomas Wilson, 3; George Kite, 4; Charles Millway (conductor), 5; W. Wilkins, 6; William Tassell, 7; Robert Weller, 8. Messrs. George Willshire and Thomas Wilson hail from Quex Park, Birchington.

On Friday, February 12th, 720 of Grandsire Triples. G. Good, 1; Lambert, 2; F. Butchers, 3; J. Beach, 4; W. Lambert, 5; F. Lambert (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. E. Lambert, 1; G. Hodge, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3; W. Lambert, 4; F. Butchers, 5; J. Beach, 6. And 720 of Double Stedman (slow course). G. Hodge, 1; E. Lambert, 2; J. Beach (conductor), 3; W. Lambert, 4; F. Butchers, 5; Lambert, 2; J. Beach (conductor), 3; W. Lambert, 4; F. Butchers, 5;

F. Lambert, 6

On Thursday, February 18th, two 720's of Oxford. E. Lambert, 1; G. Hodge, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3; W. Lambert, 4; F. Butchers, 5; J. Beach, 6. Also 720 of Plain Bob. E. Lambert, 1; G. Hodge, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3; W. Lambert, 4; F. Butchers, 5; J. Beach, 6. Also 720 of Grandsire Triples. E. Lambert, 1; G. Hodge, 2; F. Lambert (conductor), 3; W. Lambert, 4; F. Butchers, 5; J. Beach, 6. On Thursday, February 25th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob (15 bobs). G. Hodge, 1; E. Lambert, 2; W. Lambert, 3; J. Beach, 4; F. Butchers, 5; E. Lambert (conductor), 6.

F. Lambert (conductor), 6.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday. March 6th, an attempt was made for a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, but the conductor "cried stand" through a mis call, after ringing 4000 changes. J. Houghton, sen., 1; J. B. Martin, 2; W. Pettet, 3; A. Perkins, 4; J. Garrett, 5; J. Houghton, jun., 6; A. H. Martin, 7; A. Tyler (conductor), 8. This is the longest length by all in the method.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEBENHAM (Sufiolk).

On Sunday, January 24th, 720 of Bob Minor (on the back six), as a compliment to S. Collins on his 14th birthday. S Collins, 1; A. Grimes, 2; J. Rumsey, 3; W. Groom, 4; W. Rumsey, 5; W. Grimes (conductor), 6. On Thursday, February 25th, 720 in the same method (42 singles). S. Collins, 1; J. Rumsey, 2; A. Grimes, 3; W. Groom, 4; W. Rumsey, 5; W. Grimes (conductor), 6.

W. Grimes (conductor), 6.

On Mondary, March 1st, 720 in the same method. G. Rumsey (first in the method), I; W. Grimes, 2; W. Rumsey (conductor), 3; J. Rumsey, 4; A. Grimes, 5; W. Groom, 6

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAPLEDURHAM (Oxon).

Handbell Ringing.—On Thursday, March 4th, at the Parish Church, on handbells retained in hand, 120 of Grandsire Doubles, in 4 minutes. A. Brown, 1-2; J. Hopgood (conductor), 3-4; W. Brown, 5-6. Also a silent 120 of the same method, standing as before, in 3 minutes and 35 seconds, at the first attempt. Captain Drawbridge, C.A., witness. These are the first 120's double-handed by residents of Mapledurham.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAPEL (Surrey)

On Tuesday, January 26th, for practice, 720 of Oxford Bob. T. Ansell, 1; E. Jordan, 2; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. M. Stedman, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6.

On Tuesday, February 2nd, 720 of Bob Minor. T. Ansell, 1; D. Jordan, 2; T. Fairs, 3; C. Taylor, 4; E. Holloway, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, February 16th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. T. Ansell (first in the method). 1; T. M. Stedman, 2; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T.

In the method). 1; I. M. Stedman, 2; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, February 21st, for morning service, 360 of Superlative Surprise E. Holloway, 1; E. Jordan, 2; R. Jordan, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. M. Stedman, 5; D. Jordan, 6. And for the evening service, 360 Cambridge Surprise T. M. Stedman, 2; E. Jordan, 5; the rest as before.

On Thursday, February 25th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob. T. Ansell, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; T. Fairs, 3; C. Taylor, 4; E. Holloway, 5; T. M. Stedman (conductor), 6. And 240 of Oxford Treble Bob. T. Ansell, 1; T. M. Stedman (conductor), 2; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; L. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; L. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; L. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; L. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; L. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; L. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; L. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; L. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5; L. Holloway, 5; T. M. Stedman, 5; T. Holloway, 5; T. M. Stedman, 5; T. M. Stedman (conductor), 2: E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; T. Fairs, 5, J. Akehurst, 6.

On Monday, March 1st, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. W. G. On Monday, March 1st, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. W. G. Hayward, of Buckland, Surrey, to Miss E. Edwards, eldest daughter of the late Mr. C. Edwards, of Capel Brickyard, 720 of College Pleasure. E. Holloway, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; T. M. Stedman, 3; C. Taylor, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. T. M. Stedman, 1; E. Holloway, 3; the rest as before. Also 720 of Kent Treble Bob. T. Ansell, 1; T. M. Stedman, 2; J. Akehurst, 3; E. Jordan, 4; E. Holloway, 5; C. Taylor (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Violet. D. Jordan, 1; T. M. Stedman, 2; E. Holloway, 3; C. Taylor, 4; J. Akehurst, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6.

DARLASTON (Staffordshire).

On Sunday morning, February 28th, at the Parish Church, 503 of Grandsire Triples J. Mark, 1; G. Molgan, 2; S. Atkins (composer and conductor), 3; T. Lowe, 4; J. A. Brown, 5; W. Smith, 6; E. Unitt, 7; J. Jones, 8.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).

On Sunday evening, February 28th, for evening service, an attempt was made for three courses of Kent Treble Bob Major. T. W. Chapman, 1; H. W. Horwood, 2; T. Singard, 3; G. Winter, 4; W. Devey, 5; H. Argyle, 6; H. Horwood, 7; J. Clarke, 8. When in the middle of the last course a tremendous rumbling was heard above, which caused no little excitement amongst the ringers, and of course brought the touch to grief, On further examination, it was found that the clapper had broken out of the 5th bell; fortunately, no further damage was done.

On Thursday, February 25th, at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, G. Durling, 5; J. Town, 6.

On Thursday, March 4th, 720 of Bob Minor. G. Conn, 1; T. P. Richards, 2; H. Edwards, 3; J. Town, 4; W. Smith, 5; W. J. Battson

On Sunday, March 7th, for the children's service, 720 Bob Minor. G. Conn, 1; H. Edwards, 2; T. P. Richards, 3; J. Town, 4; E. Dunn, 5; G. Durling (conductor), 6.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL (Lancashire).

On Sunday morning, February 7th, at St. Mary's Parish Church, 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor, 2-part peal (20 bobs and 2 singles). And in the Oxford Single Bob Minor, 2-part peal (20 bobs and 2 singles). And in the evening, 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor, 5-part peal (30 bobs and 30 singles). C. E. Wilson (conductor), 1: J. W. Bell, 2; H. Rodger, 3; H. Percival, 4; H. H. Barker, 5; H. Harrison, 6.

On Saturday evening, February 13th, 720 of Grandsire Minor, 2-part peal (42 bobs and 10 singles). G. Somerville, 1; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 2; H. Rodger, 3; H. Percival, 4; H. H. Barker, 5; H. Harrison, 6.

On Sunday morning, February 14th, 720 of Grandsire Minor, 3-part peal (36 bobs and 24 singles). G. Somerville, 1; J. W. Bell, 2; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 3; H. Percival, 4; H. Rodger, 5; H. H. Barker, 6.

On Saturday evening. February 20th, 720 of Grandsire Minor, 4-part

(conductor), 3; H. Percival, 4; H. Rodger, 5; H. H. Barker, 6.

On Saturday evening, February 20th, 720 of Grandsire Minor, 4-part peal (40 bobs and 8 singles). C. E. Wilson (conductor), 1; J. W. Bell, 2; H. Rodger, 3; H. Percival, 4; H. H. Barker, 5; H. Harrison, 6.

On Sunday morning, February 21st, 720 of Plain Bob Minor, 2-part peal (34 bobs and 6 singles). C. E. Wilson (conductor), 1; J. W. Bell, 2; H. Rodger, 3; H. Percival, 4; H. H. Barker, 5; H. Harrison, 6. And in the evening, 720 of Plain Bob Minor 5-part peal (25 bobs and 10 singles). G. Somerville, 1; J. W. Bell, 2; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 3; H. Percival, H. H. Rodger, 5; H. Harrison, 6. H. Rodger, 5; H. Harrison, 6.

On Saturday evening, February 27th, 720 of Plain Bob Minor, 3-part peal (15 bobs and 18 singles). G. Somerville, 1; J. W. Bell, 2; H. Rodger, 3; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 4; H. H. Barker, 5; H. Harrison, 6.
On Sunday morning, February 28th, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor, 10 divisions (42 singles). And in the afternoon, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure

Minor, 6 courses (40 singles). This 720 contains the 3rd her extent in 3rd's, 5th's, and 6th's places in the first 3 courses, and her extent in 2nd's and 4th's places in the last 3 courses. G. Somerville, 1; J. W. Bell, 2; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 3; H. Percival, 4; H. H. Barker, 5; H. Harrison, 6. All the above 720's are the composition of Mr. J. J. Parker, Farnham Royal, Sloveh, Breke, 2 the composition of Mr. J. J. Parker, Farnham Royal, Slough, Bucks. Tenor 9 cwt.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).

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On Sunday, March 7th, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, 120 of Garndsire Doubles. F. Betts, 1; J. Coales, 2; J. George (conductor), 3; W. T. Lightfoot, 4; C. J. B. Cooke, 5; J. Shotton, 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 behind). F. Betts, 1; W. T. Lightfoot, 2; H. Tarver, 3; J. George (conductor), 4; C. J. B. Cooke, 5; J. Coales, 6; J. Shotton, 7; S. Manning, 8. Also another 120 Grandsire Doubles (with 6, 7, 8 behind). F. Betts, 1; H. Tarver, 2; W. T. Lightfoot, 3; J. George (conductor), 4; C. J. B. Cooke, 5; J. Shotton, 6; R. Clarke, 7; S. Manning, 8. For evening service, 120 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 behind). E. Kitchener, 1; H. Tarver, 2; W. T. Lightfoot, 3; J. George (conductor), 4; C. J. B. Cooke, 5; F. Betts, 6; J. Coales, 7; S. Manning, 8. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles. F. Betts, 1; J. Coales, 2; C. J. B. Cooke, 3; W. T. Lightfoot, 4; J. George (conductor), 5; H. Tarver, 6. Also another 120 Grandsire Doubles (with 6, 7, 8 behind). C. J. B. Cooke, 1; W. T. Lightfoot, 2; J. Coales, 3; J. George, (conductor), 4; H. Tarver, 5; W. Cockerill, 6; R. Clarke, 7; E. Kitchener, 8. WOODFORD (Essex).

Woodford (Essex) On Monday, March 1st, for practice, at St. Mary's Church, 720 of College Single, in 26 minutes, 18 bob and 2 singles. G. Cornell, 1; W. Miller, 2; J. Mardell, 3; J. Kimbley, 4; E. Wightman (conductor), 5; J. Marks, 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor.

Burgh St. Andrew's (Suffolk).

On Sunday, March 7th, for afternoon service, 720 of Morning Pleasure.

J. Last (conductor), 1; H. A. Wright, 2; S. Smith, 3; A. F. Dowsing, 4;
C. W. Parker, 5; T. G. Dowsing 6. First in the method on the bells, and first in the method by all. Also after Divine service, 240 of Oxford Treble Bob. A. J. Dowsing, 1; C. W. Parker (conductor), 2; J. Last, 3; H. A. Wright, 4; T. G. Dowsing, 5; A. F. Dowsing, 6. Messrs, Last and Parker hail from Grundisburgh; the rest belong to the local company.

VISIT TO CAVERSHAM, OXON.

On Saturday, February 27th, the tower of St. Peter's was visited by the ringers of St. Mary's, Staines. The visitors were met and welcomed at Reading Station, by Mr. T. Newman and H. Simmonds, who conducted them to the tower, where they enjoyed themselves for the greater part of the afternoon admiring the tone and go of the bells, and expressed themselves especially pleased with the ringing chamber, which they thought a model (thanks being due to the steeple-keeper). Having satisfied themselves with hand and back strokes, Mr. Newman again proved himself an efficient conductor this time selves. efficient conductor, this time piloting us to his residence, where by his and H. Simmonds, and E. J. Menday's kindness, a nice little tea was appreciated. By this time one or two of the truant Caversham men had found the whereabout of the company. So a move was made to the Modation, where the Caversham men had kindly got a room for the evening. The hand-bells were now brought into requisition, and the Caversham tune-ringing party being famed in their neighbourhood, some very fine music was enjoyed, not the least enjoyable being several tunes by some of the visitors. Vocal harmony was not neglected in any way, so time rolled on too fast, and we had to jog off to the station sooner than we wanted to.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Newman and Mr. H. Simmonds, and after them the whole company for helping to make the visit a most

enjoyable one.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A very successful meeting of this Association was held at Hatfield on Saturday, February 20th, and was attended by a thoroughly representative Saturday, February 20th, and was attended by a thoroughly representative gathering of ringers from all parts of the County, there being present Messrs. H. Lewis, G. W. Cartmel, R. H. Weatherley (St. Albans), W. H. L. Buckingham, G. N. Price, E. Huntley (Bushey), J. Hare, A. Squires, (Hitchin), G. Barker (Ware), W. H. Newell (Berkhampstead), T. Webb (Baldock), J. Crabb (Hunsdon), C. Bracey, R. Aldridge, J. Gray (Graveley), W. Lawrence (Little Munden), R. Shepherd, J. T. Kentish, J. Kentish, W. J. Rumney, H. Shepherd, H. G. Rowe, A. Shepherd, H. Tharby, J. Hollingsworth, J. Shepherd (Hatfield), E. Ovenden, E. Clarke (Essendon). Ringing commenced early in the afternoon with touches of Grandsire Triples Stedman Teiples and a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. At Triples, Stedman Triples, and a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. At six o'clock tea was provided at the "East Indian Chief," in first-rate style.

On the removal of the cloth Mr. Henry Lewis was voted to the chair, and he commenced the business meeting by calling upon the Assistant-Secretary (Mr. G. W. Cartmel) to read the minutes of the previous meeting. These having been confirmed the following were elected members of the Association: Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, E. P. O'Meara (London), G. N.

Price (Bushey); provisional election confirmed, W. H. Newell (Berkhamsted,) J. Barker (Ware), A. Squires (Hitchin), C. Bracey (Graveley).

Mr. Lewis proposed the re-election of Mr. E. P. Debenham as the representative of the Association on the Central Council, which was seconded by Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham, and carried. Mr. E. E. Huntley proposed that the Annual Meeting be held at St. Albans, on Easter Monday, in the afternoon, and the arrangements be carried out on similar lines to last year, which proved so very successful. Mr. J. Gray seconded, and it was carried unanimously.

The Assistant Secretary brought forward the question of certificates, a specimen of which was exhibited in the room, and the design appeared to

when with the hearty approval of the meeting.

Votes of thanks to the Rector of Hatfield for the use of the bells, and to Mr. J. Shepherd for making the necessary arrangements were carried. Ringing was then recommenced.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Tuesday, February 16th, the wedding of Mr. J. T. Allen to Miss Emily Newman was solemnized at the Parish Church. The ringers rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Rawson, 1; W. West, 2; A. Whitmore, 3; S. West, 4; A. Moult (conductor), 5; B. West, 6; L. Partridge, 7; F. Boam, 8. Composed by T. Ware, Old Windsor. After which the ringers adjourned to the "King's Arms," and partook of a very substantial supper, provided by Host and Hostess Beniston, to which they did full justice, the evening being spent in songs and tunes on the handbells, "time" only coming too soon, bringing a very pleasant evening to a

On Sunday, March 7th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Rawson, 1; S. West, 2; A. Moult, 3; W. West, 4; H. Partridge, 5; B. West, 6; L. Partridge (conductor), 7; F. Boam, 8.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.

RINGERS' SUPPER.

On Thursday evening, February 18th, the Fulbourn Ringers were invited to an excellent supper provided by Mr. R. Moore, the President of the Ringers' Club. After supper, a good programme of toasts, songs, and recitations was gone through, Mr. R. Moore ably presiding. An attempt was made for a course on the handbells, which was successfully gone through by F. Mason, 1; F. Page, 2; A. W. Gedny, 3; F. Gates, 4; F. Badcock, 5; E. Webb, 6. This band of young ringers only started last November, and we hope soon to hear a peal as in years gone by, when Fulbourn ringers were second to none in the County for campanology.

LIST OF CHURCHES that have appeared in Campanology:—

No. 1. S. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.

S. Margaret's, Westminster.
S. Martin's, Birmingham.
S.S. Mary and All Saints', Chesterfield.

S. Giles, Cripplegate. 11

S. Mary's, Eastbourne. 1.2

S.S. Peter and Paul, Lavenham, Suffolk. 12

S. Michaels, Cornhill, London.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION: ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND, LONDON.

HE Church of St. Clement Danes is an imposing building, Chertsey, were here met on their return and slain by the situated at the east end of the Strand. It is dedicated Londoners. A third version is told by Lord Burleigh (who (as was a former church, built about the year 1002) to the lived in the parish) to the effect that when the Danes were patron saint of sailors and cloth-workers. There are several driven out of England a few were left behind, being married



ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND, LONDON.

were buried there.' Another account states that in the reign there they built a church. of Ethelred, the Danes having pillaged the fair Abbey of In a survey of St. Clement Danes, made in 1732, we find

reasons given for the building being dedicated to St. Clement, to English women, and that these were ordered by the of which the following are the most probable: -Antiquaries King to dwell between the Isle of Thorney, which is now affirm, 'because Harold, a Danish king, and other Danes, called Westminster, and Caer Lud, now Ludgate, and that

that the church was repaired between 1608 and 1633 at a cost of 1586l. The body of the old church was taken down in 1680. The present building, which is of white stone, in the Corinthian style of architecture, was erected in 1682, by Edward Pearce, under the direction of Sir Christopher Wren. The present tower and steeple, which are 116 feet high, were added in 1719, and exhibit Ionic, Corinthian and composite tiers of architecture. In 1839 they underwent extensive repairs and restoration. The tower contains a ring of ten bells, the tenor weighing 24 cwt., and is the Head Quarters of the St. James' Society, who meet here every fortnight.

The interior of the church is commodious and handsome of

its kind, and the roof inside is camerated and highly ornamented. The pulpit and altar are richly carved in the Tuscan style, and the top of the Holy Table is of ancient and valuable marble, supposed to have belonged to the old church.

The church is of great interest from the fact that within its walls the famous Dr. Johnson used to worship, and a brass plate is attached to a pew in the north gallery with the following inscription:—'In this pew and beside this pillar, for many years attended Divine service the celebrated Dr. Samuel Johnson, the philosopher, the poet, the great lexicographer, the profound moralist, and chief writer of his time. Born 1709, died 1784. In the remembrance and honour of noble faculties nobly employed, some inhabitants of the parish of St. Clement Danes have placed this slight memorial, A.D. 1851.

The registers date from 1558, and are in good preservation. They record the deaths of some hundreds of parishioners during the year 1665, when the plague made great havoe in

the close streets near Temple Bar.

In the church lie buried some few individuals whose names the world would not wish to forget, among others, Thomas Rymer, Nathaniel Lee, and Bishop Berkeley. There are also monuments to Hippocrates de Otthen, who was physician to the Emperor of Germany, and to John Arundel Bishop of Exeter, who died 1503.

The church is open daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL, LANCASHIRE.

MARRIAGE OF MR. F. MUSKER TO MISS M. A. HUGHES.

On Wednesday morning February 3rd, amid a storm of snow and sleet, the marriage of Mr. F. Musker to Miss M. A. Hughes took place at Walton Parish Church. The nuptial knot was tied by the Rev. Canon Leigh, Rector of Walton, and was witnessed by a few friends assembled. After the ceremony was over, Mr. and Mrs. Musker journeyed to London, where they spent their honeymoon. Mr. Musker is clerk of the above church, and has held that position since the death of his father, which took place and has need that position since the death of his father, which took place about 5 years ago. He is also a ringer, and occasionally comes and pilots the treble through a 720, but, owing to his duties, he is not able to take an active part in all that goes on in the belfry. He comes of a ringing family, his father, uncles, and gandfather all being ringers in their time.

In honour of the event just recorded, the ringers assembled in the belfry on Saturday evening, February 6th, when the following ringing took place.

720 Oxford Single Bob Minor; 3-part peal, 24 singles. G. Somerville, 1; J. W. Bell, 2; H. Rodger, 3; C. E. Wilson (composer and conductor), 4; H. H. Barker, 5; H. Harrison, 6. The above 720 was composed on Mr. Musker's wedding-day. Also 720 College Single Minor; 6-part peal, 18 bobs and 14 singles. H. H. Barker, 1; J. W. Bell, 2; C. E, Wilson (Composer and conductor), 3; H. Percival, 4; H. Rodger, 5; H. Harrison,

That the future of Mr. and Mrs. Musker may be blessed with peace and prosperity, is the sincere and hearty wish of the ringers of Walton.

Since you have now joined hand-in-hand, To journey on together: May blessings choice surround your path, Mid fair and stormy weather; May peace and happiness be yours, While here on earth below; And may you meet in Heaven above, Where joys eternal flow.'

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

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

Annual "Henry Johnson" Commemoration Dinner.

As years roll on this annual gathering of ringers in the Midland district, of which the City of Birmingham is a centre, seems to increase in popularity, and judging by appearances, the meeting on Saturday last exceeded the anticipations of those who were responsible for the arrangements. At the hour advertised, 6 p.m., the dining room at the Market Hotel in Station Street presented a very busy, not to say crowded appearance.

Supporting the Chairman. A. Percival Heywood, Esq., we noticed such well-known faces as those of Messrs. J. S. Prichett, M.A., John Day, Henry Bastable, John Carter, W. Kent, the Rev. C. E. Earle Bulwer, &c., while round the room might be seen representative ringers from Wolverhampton, Walsall, West Bromwich, Tipton, Warwick, Chel-

tenham, Rugby, &c.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were received by the Secretary from W. Jones, Esq (Churchwarden at S. Martin's), H. A. Walker, Esq. (Churchwarden at Aston), Mr. J. J. W. Carr, of the Smethwick Bell Foundry, and others.

At the close of the dinner, the Chairman, in proposing the toast of "The Queen, Church, and State," referred to the fact that, since he had last addressed an audience in that room, on a similar occasion in 1895, circumstances as regarded both Church and State, had materially altered for the better. The Church, having repelled the attack made upon her in the Welsh Disestablishment Bill was in a fairly prosperous condition, while the Government was of so strong a character that it might safely be allowed to take care of itself. He, therefore, confined his remarks to the Queen, whose Diamond Jubilee they were about to celebrate in the present year. With an eloquent description of her many virtues, exhibited during her long and prosperous reign of sixty years, and instancing her ready sympathy with all classes of her subjects, whether in times of joy or of sorrow, his call was enthusiastically met by the meeting, the reception of the toast being greatly emphasised by the National Anthem, given as a Solo by Mr. Matthison, with the whole company joining in the chorus.

After a short interval, the Chairman gave the toast of "The late Henry Johnson, may his memory be ever with us." The memory of the late Henry Johnson, he said, was deserving of every recognition at their hands, chiefly because he was of an upright character and integrity too seldom found, and because of his services to the Exercise, rendered not only in the excellence of his own compositions, but by the impetus his counsel and assistance gave to the work of his contemporary group of brilliant composers. Referring to the peal of Stedman Triples, usually known as "Thurstan's Original," that is the first peal obtained with common bobs and two common singles, and which was conducted for the first time, at St. Martin's, by the late Henry Johnson, on May 18th, 1846, the Chairman explained the curious fact that it had only been recently discovered that this peal was probably mis-named as Thurstan's Original. (Before Thurstan's time, peals of Stedman Triples had only been obtained (Before Thurstan's time, peals of Stedman Triples had only been obtained with a variety of calls outside the method). In a letter, dated November 24th, 1845, the late Henry Hubbard replies to a correspondent, who had asked him for the figures of Hudson's peal of Stedman Triples, by giving him, as a more convenient peal to call, a composition wherein the complete peal had been obtained by Mr. Thurstan, of Birmingham, with common bobs and common singles only. This showed that what is generally known as the Original, and which is the finest obtainable composition, had been preceded by other compositions containing only common bobs and singles. preceded by other compositions containing only common bobs and singles, while this one would be more correctly named as Thurstan's masterpiece.

He believed he was correct in stating that, not only was Mr. Johnson the

first to conduct the peal, but that he was the first to verify the composition, and that it was probably owing to his encouragement and advice that Thurstan was induced to persevere until he had obtained it.

The audience having suitably honoured this toast, Mr. Day gave "The Rector and Churchwardens of St. Martin's." He mentioned the cordial

relations which had always existed between the Rector and the Ringers at St. Martin's, and, in referring to the Rector's projected retirement, after a faithful service of over 30 years, said it would probably be news to most of those present to know that the Rev. Doctor had once stated, in his own hearing that, on newly coming to Birmingham, and taking his first service at St. Martin's, probably beset with the difficulties of his new position—for the Birmingham of that day was very different to the Birmingham of to-dayhow much he had been comforted by the sound of the bells, while the morning touch was in progress. Looking back on all those many years of his service in Birmingham, one could best gauge its value by observing the kindly feelings evinced towards the Rector by members of all demonitations.

Mr. Day also went on to refer to the manner in which the Ringers at

St. Martin's were always met in their various requirements by the Churchwardens, and especially regretted the absence of Mr. Jones, who was generally present on such occasions, and who had by his many kind actions in the past justly acquired the title of the Ringers' Warden.

The reception of this toast was followed by a pianoforte selection by Mrs. Painter, and Mr. F. Smith then gave the toast of "Continued Success and Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild of Change Ringers." This speaker prefacing his remarks with the observation that he had known nearly all that was best of the St. Martin's Ringers for the past 35 years, spoke of the high aims of the members in the past, noting that they had always been celebrated for the truth and accuracy of their performances. He urged the members of the present day to see that the traditions of the past were borne in mind and faithfully acted up to in the future. It was frequently the fashion to decoy modern performances in favour of ancient ones, but, speaking from his own sense of hearing, he was able to say that as accurate ringing could still be heard at St. Martin's as was ever heard there. As regarded the truly noble ring of ten at Aston, he regretted to say that he did not now hear them as frequently and to such advantage as formerly, and trusted that the Guilds' Executive would take the matter up and see that the claims of Aston's noted ring were not neglected. Coupling with this toast the name of the Guild's presiding ringing master, Mr John Day; the speaker caused some amusement by a confusion between Mr. Day and his uncle the late Mr. Thomas Day, the treble bob composer, from which he extricated himself with some adroitness by a graceful allusion to the family fame being centred so much in the name of Thomas Day. He also referred to the services of the other ringing masters, Messrs. H. Bastable and W. Kent. and went on to speak of the service now being rendered by his friend, Mr. Russam, in training youthful ringers at Aston. After a short interval, during which Mr. Manton gave a pleasant rendering of the Sentry Song from "Iolanthe," Mr. Day responded to the previous toast, mentioning the pleasure he always derived from his association with the St. Martin's Guild, and the exercise generally, his ringing career dating back 52 years from last November, when he rang his first peal.

During a somewhat longer interval, Mr. Wills gave a very amusing drawing-room sketch, at the conclusion of which Mr. J. S. Pritchett, Vice-President of the Guild, gave the toast of "Success to the work of the Central Council," coupled with the health of its founder, Mr. A. Percival Heywood. After giving a description of the functions of the Central Council, he went on to express his opinion, founded on his own actual experience, that up to the present its work had been more of a theoretical than of a practical character. As an instance he referred to the fact that a motion of his own, dealing with the relief of decayed or indigent ringers, a motion he considered of a practical character and peculiarly suited for their consideration, had been shelved by that body. He then proceeded to describe in terms of unstinted admiration the services rendered to the Exercise by Mr. Heywood, not only as the Author of the existence of the Central Council and as its able President, but in the untiring vigilance he displayed in the interests of Ringers, travelling throughout the length and breadth of the country, whenever he considered it advisable to explain and enforce particular views bearing on the exigencies of the times. This toast was vociferously applauded, and after a song by Mr. Matthison, and a plain course of Duffield Royal on the piano by Mrs. Painter, capitally rendered, although the pianist had only seen the music a few hours

previously, Mr. Heywood rose to reply.

In a speech brimful of interest from start to finish, and which was enlivened by a fund of most entertaining anecdotes, the speaker kept his a idience wrapt in profound attention, while he dealt with various topics, showing most unmistakably how thoughtful and watchful he must be over

the needs and requirements of the exercise.

Starting with a history of the formation of the Central Council from the grand meeting held in Birmingham in 1889, at the celebration of Mr. Johnson's 80th birthday, when about 150 of the leading ringers assembled together from all parts of England (but omitting any mention of the assiduous care, pains, and expense incurred by himself in the organisation of that meeting, and which are probably only realised by the writer and a few others who saw its inner working at the time), he went on to explain its constitution, and reminded his hearers, by a parallel comparison with the government of this country, that if the action of the representatives was at any time unsatisfactory to the general body of the ringers, it only became necessary to return members who more correctly represented their views, instead of revolutionising or breaking up the constitution of the Council itself.

Referring to the remarks made by the previous speaker as to the formation of a benevolent fund, he mentioned that this was one of the particular points raised at the meeting in 1889, to which he had previously referred, and that then, as at the more recent meeting, it did not commend itself, because it was felt that the ground was already covered by the many and

excellent Friendly Societies already in existence.

Passing on to the fact that the status of ringers in England had been improved by their own exertion, almost unassisted by the clergy, in the formation of the various societies and guilds now existing, he went on to complain somewhat strenuously of the attitude generally exhibited by the clergy toward the ringers, as compared with other bodies of churchworkers. Acknowledging that there were exceptions, some of the clergy

were not only doing justice to their ringers, but themselves taking part in the ringing, he still held that the number of such was infinitessimal compared with those who took no interest whatever. Many of his remarks were pointed with short anecdotes, and as a particularly racy example we may instance one of his illustrations. Describing the trial of a prisoner for purloining bank notes, and who had observed a person in the immediate vicinity of the dock engaged in writing assiduously, he gave the following conversation as occurring. Prisoner leaning over the dock asks the writer what he is doing. "Oh! I am taking notes" said the writer. "Ah!" said the prisoner. "that's exactly what I am here for!" According to general usage of church-workers, these two characters might be taken to represent the comparative status of choir and ringers, the reporter standing for the choir, and the prisoner for the ringers. "Why, in the name of goodness, should this distinction be made? and if they heard of choir festivals, should there not also be ringing festivals, in which the clerky took an equal interest?

Instancing the apathy with which the condition of the bells was generally treated, he mentioned that he had only recently written a letter to The Times, calling attention to the state of the bells at St. Saviour's, Southwark, where the church had been lately restored and opened as a Cathedral for South London While an enormous sum of money had been expended on the fabric, and, generally, nothing at all had been done towards placing in good ringing order the grand ring of twelve bells, which were, in many

respects, a very interesting and historical ring.

Somewhat to his surprise, the letter duly appeared, but did not elicit an equally public reply, since the Bishop, to whom he gave much credit lor astuteness, wrote him privately, and thus removed the subject from the publicity it would have obtained had the correspondence been carried on through the newspapers. Since then he had seen a list of objects connected with the Cathedral for which further amounts were required, but he did not see the bells mentioned. In his opinion, it was very advisable that a return should be made of all notable rings of bells in the country, shewing their condition.

Dealing with the complaints one sees from time to time in the newspapers, about the nuisance of bell-ringing, he stated that it would be found that such complaints generally came from head workers as distinguished from hand workers. An overwhelming majority in this country were hand workers, who, as a rule, loved and appreciated bell ringing. Was it reasonable, therefore, that it should be interfered with by the complaints of a few

overstrained head workers?

With no desire to fall foul of church authorities in any way, he could not help feeling most strongly that, as a body of churchworkers, the thirty or forty thousand bell ringers in this country had been sadly neglected by them, instancing the ridicule and contempt with which his approach to a Committee of the Church Congress was met.

At the conclusion of this speech, which in general interest for ringers, as bearing on their needs of to-day, was the speech of the evening. Mr. Proctor's quartette were heard to great advantage in a glee, and the Chairman then called upon Mr. W. R. Small for the next toast.

In proposing "Success to the Ringing Papers," Mr. Small thanked the Chairman most heartily for his attitude in the cause of Ringers, and then, dealing with his toast, mentioned the various papers in the order of their establishment. Starting with "Church Bells," founded some 27 years ago, he referred to the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, a ringer himself, as the first to recognise the requirements of Ringers in a newspaper, and to devote a portion of its columns in meeting them.

Speaking of another paper, he attributed many of the improvements which had taken place, both in men and methods, to its efforts, and then, devoting a few words of praise to the new paper, Campanology, called upon his audience to wish each of them hearty success in the future.

This concluded the speech making, and the Chairman, having a long railway journey before him, shortly after vacated the chair, which was

taken for the remainder of the evening by Mr. J. Day

A good course of Stedman Cinques, with handbells retained in hand, was given by Messrs. Russam, Kent, Miller, Bastable, Witchell, and Short, while more vocal music was efficiently rendered by Messrs. Shinton, Maylott, and others. Mrs. Painter officiating at the piano throughout the evening in her usual effective and graceful style.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WEST MONKTON, NEAR TAUNTON.

On Thursday, February 25th, a visit was paid to the above-named place by eight members of the St. Mary's Guild, Taunton. After raising the by eight members of the St. Mary's Guild, Tautholi. After Taising the bells and ringing 120 of Grandsire Doubles, to feel the "go" of them, as we were rather doubtful if we could stick them for a 700, "go" was called to the following: W. Thomas, 1; J. Joyce, 2; J. Hunt, 3; S. Radford, 4; A. Evans, 5; J. Burge (conductor). 6. This is the first 720 ever rung on these bells. After ringing a six score of Stedman Doubles (which is also the first on the bells) and a six score of Grandsire Doubles, we lowered the bells and tramped home, reaching Taunton about 11 p.m., after spending a pleasant evening in the country. We wish, through the medium of Campanology, to thank the vicar for the use of the bells.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS, RUGBY.

The members of this Society held their first annual dinner and social evening at the Campbell Coffee Tavern, on Tuesday evening March 2nd. Nineteen members were present, including the Rector, who, as president, kindly took the chair, and Mr. Rd. Over (churchwarden) took the vicechair. Miss Eggington, the manageress, served up an excellent repast, which gave the greatest satisfaction. The time afterwards was devoted to music, songs being given by Messrs. Kitchener, H. W. Linnell, H. Warr, Betts, and F. Stannard, the hon. secretary, who also played the accompaniments; and several touches were performed on the hand-bells under the conductorship of Mr. James George, the ringing master. Towards the close of a very pleasant evening, the Vice-Chairman proposed the health of the Rector, and expressed the gratification the members felt at having the rev gentleman to preside over their first social grathering. The Rector had rev. gentleman to preside over their first social gathering. The Rector had at all times shown a disposition to encourage change ringing, although the Rectory being close to the bells was not at all times perhaps the most

pleasant position to be in. Mr. Over referred to the complaints that were made at first with regard to the bells, but he believed some of those who regarded the bells as a grievance were beginning to look upon them as a source of pleasure; and he thought as they became more accustomed to them that pleasure would grow into positive delight. The three hours' peal a short time ago was a strong test, he was prepared to admit, but that was an event they would not have very often. At the same time there must be regular practices, otherwise the members would not attain that perfection in change ringing that was expected of them. Therefore, he hoped those who livel near the church would put up for the time with any little inconvenience they might feel, remembering that the bells were considered most beautiful, and gave great pleasure not only to townspeople, but to the inhabitants of the surrounding villages. A great deal of the progress that had been made by the members of the Association was due to the Rector having become President of the Association and given it his sanction. The toast was received with musical honours.

The Rector, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to promote their enjoyment as change ringers. He thought they might all be proud of their bells, and he hoped as their near neighbours became more intimate with them they would grow to like them. If it had been the old bells he did not think he could have stood them, but the new bells he could bear even perhaps unto three hours. The Rector added that he was grateful to the members for the trouble they took in trying to make themselves proficient. He hoped they would go on increasing in skill, and that others would learn to appreciate their handling of the bells.

Mr. Linnell proposed "Success to the Association," and in coupling

with it the name of Mr. George, said they were very fortunate in being able to have the assistance of one who was so well up in campanology, and

who put so much energy and time into the work of teaching them the art of change ringing. This toast was also received with musical honours.

Mr. George, in reply, said it was a great satisfaction to know that he had a band around him determined to get on. They were progressing nicely—they were beginning to understand the system—and he hoped before long they would be able to strike a three hours' peal with anyone in England. The Rector and churchwardens had been very good to them in regard to the use of the bells, and he thanked them, on behalf of the Association, for their kindness.

Mr. Over said the churchwardens had been very pleased to allow them the use of the bells. There was a good deal of opposition at first, and the churchwardens were threatened with all sorts of pains and penalties, and he did not know what would have been the consequence if they had not shown a bold front. Of course it had been their aim not to do anything to cause annoyance unnecessarily, and by boarding up the windows of the tower he thought all cause of complaint had been removed, but whether it had improved the sound of the bells was open to question. They used to hear complaints that people could not hear one another talk at dinner when the bells were being rung, but he considered the ringing was of far greater importance than talking at dinner, and it would be a great shame, after the liberality of the late Mr. Benn in giving the bells, if they were to hang While he was churchwarden that should not be. He was gratified with the progress the members had made, and he hoped when the Queen's Diamond Jubilee was celebrated there would be another grand service in the Parish Church, like that at the Jubilee celebration ten years ago, and that the members of the Association would show that they could handle the bells in the way they should be rung.

In conclusion, Mr. Over referred to the valuable services Mr. Stannard had rendered as their secretary, both in their organisation and in the management of their affairs, and called upon the company to drink his

health. This was done with musical honours.

Mr. Stannard having suitably replied, Mr. George proposed the health of Mr. Over, and thanked him for the great interest he took in the Association and the valuable assistance he had given them.

To avoid disappointment, all ringing reports and touches should be forwarded without delay

WOOLWICH, KENT.

March 10th, 1897.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH BELL RINGERS SUPPER.

The ringers of this Church met on Saturday afternoon, February 27th, and rang several touches including a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, and at 7 p.m., adjourned to the Rectory, where by the invitation of the Rector and Mrs. Escreet, they sat down to an excellent repast, which was thoroughly enjoyed, and the Rev. C. E. Escreet, presided. The party included the Rev. H. B. Foster, the ringers, Chaplain, Mr. Churchwarden

Bigg, and Mr. Bedwell, Editor of Campanology.

After supper the company retired to the adjoining Parish Room, where the evening was spent in a social and enjoyable manner, harmony prevailing throughout. Occasional touches upon hand-bells enlivened the proceedings, and the vocal powers of the local band were called into

requisition.

The Rector proposed the health of the ringers, and in doing so said he appreciated the work which they did, relating an instance which had come to his knowledge in which the church bells had proved beneficial. He

urged them to go in for a peal, and when it was accomplished it would be a pleasure to him to have his name recorded on the pealboard.

Mr. Masters responded, and said he had now been connected with the ringers for several years, and although the main portion of the work at the tower had been accomplished, he was not yet satisfied, for he had a large project in view if the Rector and Churchwardens could see their way clear to launch it. The ringers worked together well, and he hoped they would regard their work in the light of being good church workers, for they had the privilege of sounding far and wide. Primarily their work was for the church by making known the sabbath, and inviting people to worship God, but they took part also on other occasions such as events of an individual, local, or national importance, and the coming Diamond Reign of the Queen was one of them, and we should soon know through the columns of Campanology, how the ringers proposed to honour that occasion. He was proud of St. Mary's ringing chamber, and on behalf of the ringers tendered to the Rector and Mrs. Escreet, their appreciation for the kind hospitality

shown them that evening.

Mr. Hill then proposed the health of the church, to which Mr. Bigg replied, who said he was getting interested in the bells, and enjoyed their music as he came to church. He was also glad to find that a higher tone prevailed in the belfry, and was pleased that two of their number had joined the Men's Guild, not because it was a Guild, but because it sought to teach men how to care for the welfare of one another; and to urge each

other to lead a consistent life.

Mr. Beaven then proposed the health of the Press, especially the new Ringers' paper Campanology, remarking that that paper was a valuable one

for their cause

Mr. Bedwell in replying, said he was pleased to be there, and to be amongst a body of ringers where the clergy visited the tower, and took such an interest in this part of the church. It appeared to him that the ringers had been much neglected in the past, although choirs and other organizations had been looked after by the ministers. He deplored the state of many towers where the bells could not be rung, simply because the church officers took such little interest in the work, and allowed the bells to remain in an unringable condition.

Auld Lang Syne being sung, the party broke up at 10.30.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

The annual supper to the choirs of the Parish Church (St. Barnabas, Elm Street) and the ringers took place on Tuesday evening, February 23rd. The Vicar, the Rev. R. W. Wynter, presided, and was supported by the Churchwardens, Messrs. Willan Jackson and J. T. Smith, several of the Sidesmen, and the Rev. F. P. Williamson, Curate of St. Barnabas. In proposing the toast of the "Parish Church Ringers and Probationers," the vicar said how much be and the churchwardens and parishioners appreciated the punctuality, care and consideration that characterized the carrying out of their various belfry duties. The fact of there being a time to chime, a time to ring joyously, a time to ring muffled, and a time to abstain altogether, was, he was pleased to say, well borne in mind. The ringers then gave some examples of change-ringing on two new peals of handbells, lately purchased for their use, viz.: a set of twelve from Taylor of Loughborough, No. 22 size in C; and a set of fourteen, No. 18 size in G, from Warner of London. In all about eighty attended the supper, clergy, church officers, choirs and ringers spending a most pleasant evening together. The ringers much regretted the absence of Mr. T. R. Hensher, who was at Bedford ringing his first peal of Caters. Mr. Dennes, belfry sidesman, spoke of the assistance Mr. Hensher had rendered them since coming to Wellingborough, and how much his knowledge and ability had helped them onward in the science of change-ringing.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Monday, 1st March, about 30 Members and friends sat down to a most sumptuous repast, kindly provided by the Vicar, the Rev. C. E. Brooke, and Churchwardens, Messrs. J. J. Chapman and J. C. Carter, of St. John the Divine, Vassal Road, Brixton, served up in splendid style at

the Parochial Hall, close to the Church. After everyone had done justice to the good things provided, the Vicar thanked the Society for the help received in ringing the bells, &c., saying, what a pleasure it was to hear the bells rung, and expressed his deep regret that important business necessitated his leaving directly after dinner. The rest of the evening was given up to singing and musical handbell ringing, this being provided by the City of London Musical Handbell Ringers, and being the feature of the evening. Between the songs, &c., the Rev. A. G. Deedes and Churchwardens corroberated the Vicar's statements, being responded to by the Master of the Society, Mr. W. C. Hasted, mentioning what a pleasure it was to be able to ring such a grand peal of bells. Songs were contributed by the Rev. B. Keepner, Messrs. A. Davis, F. Davis, J. Davis, West, H. Davis, and Wild. Mr. A. Davis especially showing himself to advantage in full blown costume as the "Amatuer Whitewasher." Mr. G. Wild presiding at the piano for the most part of the evening, and at 11.30 p.m. a most enjoyable evening was wound up with "Auld Lang Syne." to the good things provided, the Vicar thanked the Society for the help

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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On Monday, February 22nd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor; 18 bobs 2 singles. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence (aged 13), 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6.

On Wednesday, February 24th, 720 Grandsire Minor and 120 Oxford Bob Minor, standing as before. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith (conductor), 5; A. Wright, 6. This is A. Wright's first 120, who is only just learning.

On Sunday, February 28th, for morning service, two six-scores of Bob and Grandsire Doubles. H. Carter, 1; A. Phillips, 2; J. Heady, 3; W. Lawrence, 4; A. Smith, 5; G. Phillips, 6. Conducted by A. Phillips and J. Heady. And for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6.

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On Saturday, February 27th, the above paid a visit to Watton, a distance of three miles, and rang touches of Bob Minor and 360 Grandsire Minor, standing as above. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles. A. Phillips, 1; J. Heady, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; W. Lawrence, 4; A. Smith (conductor), 5; H. Carter, 6. On Monday, March 1st, for practice, 360 Oxford Bob Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; A. Phillips, 3; J. Heady, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6. Also 216 Grandsire Minor. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence, 4; A. S A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. Lawrence (conductor), 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRAWLEY (Sussex).

On Sunday, March 7th, at the Parish Church, for the evening service, 504 of Grandsire Triples. J. R. Sharman, 1; J. Newnham, 2; G. Attfield, 3; F. W. Rice, 4; R. Jordan, 5; J. Rice (conductor), 6; G. Paice, 7; 3; F. W. Kic F. Meeritt, 8.

Motices.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Hon. Secretary would be greatly obliged if Honorary Secretaries of Societies would be kind enough to pay the contributions of their Societies for the current year as soon as possible, at the same time forwarding the names and addresses of their representatives, and the number of members of the society represented.

The subscriptions of the following societies have been received and

acknowledged up to date:

Norwich Diocesan, Durham and Newcastle, Essex, Oxford Diocesan, Devonshire, Bedfordshire, Hereford Diocesan, College Youths, South Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire, Kent County, S. Martin's Guild, Middlesex, Leeds and District, Midland Counties, Royal Cumberland, Chester Diocesan, Herts County.

H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Sec. C.C.. Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

6th March, 1897.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Rossendale Branch).

A meeting of this Branch will be held on Saturday, March 20th, at St. Paul's Church, Ramsbottom The bells will be open to ringers any time during the afternoon, The Rev. J. J. Lewis has kindly offered to provide tea to those ringers sending their names to J. Wolstenholme, 33, Crow Lane, Ramsbottom. Business meeting will follow tea.

J. H. Banks, Branch Sec., Helmshore.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, (MANCHESTER BRANCH).

The next monthly meeting will be held at Brookfield Church, Gorton, on Saturday, March 20th; Bells ready at 4 p.m., Business Meeting at 7 p.m. Open invitation to all ringers.

WALTER BROWN, Branch Sec., 54, Wenlock Street, Hulme, Manchester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION,

(ROCHESTER DISTRICT.)

The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Helen, Cliffe at Hoo, on Saturday, 3rd April. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Committee Meeting at 6 p,m.

A. OSBORNE, Hon. Dist. Sec., 65, Olive Road, Rochester.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

Will all members whose present addresses are incorrect in the 1895 report, kindly notify me or their local Secretaries at once.

J. O. LANCASHIRE, Hon. Sec., 22, St. Peter's Road, Leicester.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY ARCHIDEACONAL BRANCH).

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MEETINGS FOR PRACTICE.

St. Luke's, Chelsea	-	-	-	Every Wednesday,	7.45	p.m.
St. John's, Waterloo Road	-	-	-	Every Wednesday	8	
St. Mary's, Woolwich -				No practice		
St. Margaret's, Lee	-	-		No practice		
St. Mary's, Finchley	-	-	-	Every Thursday	7-30	,,
All Saints' Fulham	-	-	-	Every Thursday	8	22
St. Stephen's Westminster	-	-	-	Every Friday	8	**
St. Alfege, Greenwich -					8	**
St. Margaret, Westminster					8	20
St. John the Baptist, Chip.					7-30	23
All Saints', Isleworth -					8	12
St. Saviour's, Walthamsto				Every Monday	8.30	30
All Hallows, Tottenham					8.30	**
S.S. Peter & Paul, Bromle					8	**
S. Mary Abbots, Kensingto				Every Tuesday	. 8	**
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St. Martin's-in-the-Fields		-	-	Friday, Mar. 10th	8	

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

THE METROPOLIS.

The Bells are rung for Divine Service at the following Churches on Sunday next, March 14th, 1897 :-

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—10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

St. Mary Abbots, Kensington—10 45 a.m. and 6.15 p.m. St. Margaret's, Westminster—6 p.m.

NOTICE TO OUR READERS.

Owing to a large number of ringing reports, etc., reaching us as we are going to press, we regret to have to hold them over until next week.

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