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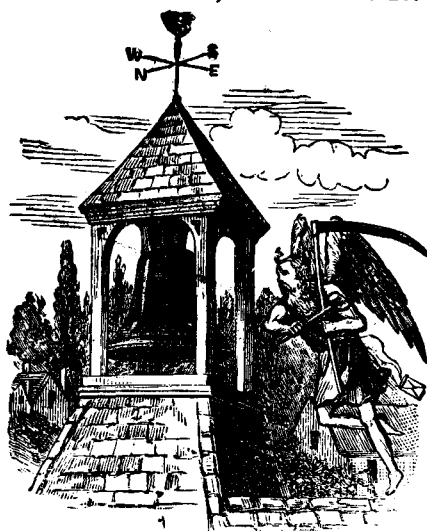
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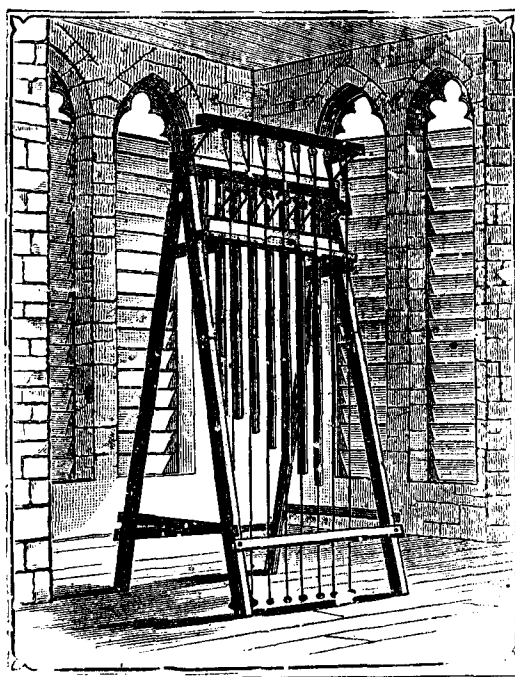
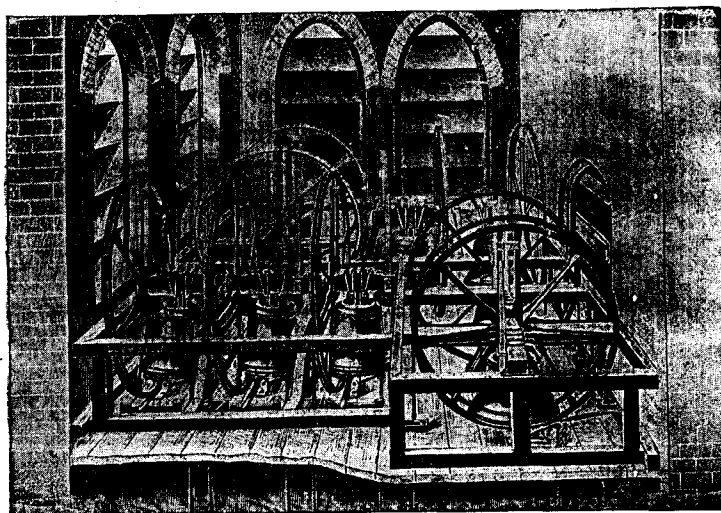
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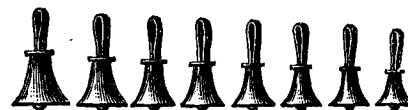
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HERSHAM, SURREY.

We are glad to hear that a new peal of bells for the parish church at Hershham is about to become an accomplished fact. F. L. Vaux, Esq., a local gentleman, has made a very handsome present to the parish church, he having undertaken the entire cost of a new ring of eight bells. At a largely attended vestry meeting on Monday, December 17th, this generous offer was most gratefully accepted, and a resolution was passed directing the requisite steps to be taken to obtain the necessary faculty for the erection of the bells. The work has been submitted to Mr. Thomas Blackburn, Bellfounder, of Salisbury, and it is hoped that the peal will be ready for Easter.

BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 11th, at the church of St. Nicolas, touches of Plain and Grandsire Doubles were rung before service; and in the middle of the service two courses of Bob Minor were rung after the new treble was dedicated by the Rev. R. Abbey, R.D., Rector of Earl Soham. C. F. Ling, H. J. Creasy, F. Day, W. W. Miller, W. G. Crickmer, and D. Collins. After service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. Ling, W. W. Miller, F. Day, W. Burgess, W. G. Crickmer, D. Collins (conductor). Also several touches of Plain Bob, Double Court, and Oxford. The new bell was given by Mr. G. Ling, of Boyton (grandfather of the treble ringer), who was born at Bedford eighty years ago on this day; whose father was a great ringer in the last century, and who often spoke about ringing upon Lavenham bells. The band were afterwards entertained to dinner by the churchwarden, Mr. C. Ling, and touches of Grandsire Triples were rung upon the handbells after dinner. Several songs were sung by Mrs. Ling, Miss Ling, and Miss Poley. Before parting the ringers all wished Mr. Ling, sen., many happy returns of the day, and hope he will be spared to see many more. Bedford now possesses a handy ring of six. The new bell was cast by Messrs. Warner and Sons.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

TRINITY YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

A large gathering of the members assembled at Park Street schoolroom on Christmas Eve, and shortly before midnight proceeded to Trinity Vicarage, where they rang three methods on their handbells, following it by the singing of Christmas hymns, etc. Afterwards they proceeded to the houses of the curate and church officials and did likewise; they then visited various resi-

dences, and also paid a compliment to the veteran church bell-ringer, Mr. William Alley, finishing up at the house where their teacher resides. It may not be generally known, but this is the first occasion that these young men have been out with their bells, and that not a month ago many of them had never handled a bell before. It reflects great credit upon them, and Mr. Warden, their teacher, has every reason to be proud of his band. The chief performers were—H. White, 1; T. Beaven, 2; H. Howse, 3; T. Cummings, 4; C. Belcher, 5; J. Drake, 6; F. Hart, 7; A. Sidnall, 8; A. Greatwood, 9; W. Barton, 10; L. Prosser, 11; W. Bendall, 12. There were also duplicate ringers—E. Culverhouse, J. Culverhouse, P. Jones, P. Stevens, etc., and Mr. J. Bruncker kindly assisted.

This class meets for practice twice each week, and are coming on well. This will be a great help to them when they later on attempt to ring on the tower bells.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(EASTERN BRANCH).

On Wednesday, December 26th, the Frieston and Butterwick company journeyed to Wrangle to try for a peal of Bob Minor, but after ringing about 1900 changes the treble rope broke, and there being no time (owing to a wedding), to start again, the rope was spliced, and some 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by J. Philips, and then falling in peal, finishing a short time before the wedding party appeared, and so it was agreed to try again on Friday, and the result will be found in the peal column. On Friday night, according to usual custom, the Rev. S. Stafforth entertained the Freeston and Butterwick ringers to supper, and roast beef, plum pudding, &c., and for dessert, apples, oranges, grapes, figs, nuts, prunes, raisins, &c., thoroughly enjoyed by all. Then to the drawing room, some for billiards, some for photographic views, Master F. Stafforth being a first-class photographer, the local views, and views of Switzerland and other parts of this country, being very good. Then coffee and cakes, &c., after which they all wended their way home, thanking through the medium of this paper, the Rev. S. Stafforth for his kindness, and also the Vicar of Wrangle for the use of his bells.

THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Friday evening, December 14th, a muffled peal was rung at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, as a mark of respect to the late John Gobbett, by the following members, the usual whole-pull and stand, and a course of Grandsire Cinques being rung: J. Rogers, H. Bottrill, R. A. Daniell, C. Hopkins, E. C. Malim, F. Perrin, A. Hardy, W. Keeble, W. Doran, H. Dains, T. Langdon, and J. Mansfield.

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THE LATE REV. W. C. COTES, OF DENFORD, NORTHANTS.

The funeral of the Rev. W. C. Cotes, the late Vicar of Denford and Ringstead, recently took place at Denford. The body was conveyed from the vicarage to the church gates, where it was met by the officiating clergy, who were the Rev. C. Reeves, of Islington (an old friend of the deceased), and the Rev. J. G. Watson, of Woodford. The hymns sung in the church were "When our heads are bowed with woe," and "On the resurrection morning." As the cortege was leaving the church the choir sang the Nunc Dimittis. At the graveside the hymn "Peace, perfect peace," was sung. A number of wreaths were sent.

Mr. Cotes was previous to going to Denford, one of the curates of the parish church, Wellingborough. He was a genuine hard-working clergyman, much respected by all. He took considerable interest in the bells and ringers, and was an honorary member of the Central Northamptonshire Association.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX. RINGER'S WEDDING.

A few days ago, the word went round the neighbourhood, that Freddy Goddard's name had been publicly mentioned in the parish church, then came the announcement that he was to be married on December 27th. Any-way, the outcome of it was that from thirty to forty ringers assembled there at 12 o'clock, eight of these made their way to the ringing-chamber to ring them away from church, whilst the rest waited in the porch to give the bride and bridegroom their hearty congratulations, &c.; meanwhile a good quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was being rung by the following: J. Basden (conductor), 1; W. Weatherstone, 2; W. Etherington, 3; W. Lawrence, 4; T. Beadle, 5; W. Foster, 6; G. A. Ransom, 7; H. Seaward, 8. Later on, a peal in the same method was accomplished, the band afterwards wishing the happy couple every happiness.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

On Thursday evening, December 27th, the ringers and the choir of the above parish were entertained to a bountiful supper, consisting of that good old English fare, roast beef and plum pudding, and mince pies, by the Rector, the Rev. G. H. D. Davies, at the rectory. After the cloth was cleared, toast and song, and handbell-ringing were indulged in, washed down with some special whisky. Altogether the proceedings were of an enjoyable character, and we separated at midnight, after drinking our host's health with musical honours, and singing "Auld lang syne."

G. T.

The benefice of Chirk, in Denbighshire, was recently offered by the Bishop of St. Asaph to the Vicar of Lilanfylin, Montgomeryshire. No sooner was the news of the offer known to the parishioners than a petition was set on foot by them, beseeching him to remain. The petition was signed by 542 parishioners, and it is reported that the Vicar has acceded to its request.

EDWARD HERN.—We regret to say your letter cannot be inserted. We have no desire to be drawn into litigation.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

A QUESTION FOR CLERGY AND RINGERS.

SIR,—This is not a subject on which I should in the ordinary course have asked leave to trespass on your space. It bristles with difficulties, towards the solution of which I fear I cannot appreciably assist. When Mr. Newell's letter appeared in your issue of the 17th November last, I, like Mr. Newell, looked forward in vain, as it has turned out, to some instructive communications from the clerical members of the Exercise, and I should not have referred to the matter at all had I not had occasion to write to you in the succeeding week on another point. But, having that occasion, I finished my letter with a reference to Mr. Newell's communication, and asked why people at large should go to church. Mr. Newell, in his letter appearing in your last number, says that I seemed to imply that this question was his. If I did, I must beg his pardon. I never meant to imply that the question was his, and therefore I had, perhaps, better explain how it came to be mine, at the risk of boring your readers.

The desirability of church attendance on the part of ringers, has never, so far as I know, been dealt with rationally, except by Mr. B. Keeble, and my question was prompted by the desire of seeing any discussion arising out of Mr. Newell's letter, built up on the substratum of fundamental truth. It did not need any great foresight to anticipate that in the ordinary course the correspondence likely to ensue would exhibit that specious fallacy, that it is the duty of ringers to attend the services for which they ring. But neither I, nor, I should have thought, any of your readers contemplated such a *reductio ad absurdum* as that provided by Mr. Newell's anonymous critics. Mr. Egby enables us to understand Mr. Newell's position, and from what he says it appears that Mr. Newell, having long been a member of a choir at one church at Reading was asked to get up a ringing band at another church in the same town. Finding that he could combine both the work he was accustomed to do and that which he was asked to add to it, he undertook the latter. Well, if it is desirable to do Church work at all, an ordinary person would suppose that the more a man can efficiently do, the higher is the example he sets and the more useful he is in his generation. But the contention of the anonymous critics comes to this—that because Mr. Newell leads a band of ringers he is therefore to give up his other Church work, and that instead of expanding his public spirited efforts, he should, because he is a ringer, contract them. If, Sir, you want to find anything more absurd than this, you had best rise betimes in the morning, for you will need a long day. And if Mr. Newell's serving two churches is to be condemned by ringers, let us ask ourselves what we should think of the parson in whose choir he sings, if that parson were to object, on the ground of Mr. Newell's singing in his choir, to Mr. Newell's ringing at St. Laurence's? I have no hesitation in saying that we should regard a parson who so objected as an illiberal ass. But if so, what are we to say of ringers who object to Mr. Newell singing elsewhere than where he rings?

Now I fail to see how the adverse criticism of Mr. Newell can be based upon anything but on the fallacy of its being the duty of ringers to attend the services for which they ring. This miserable fallacy is presented to us over and over again, but it will not bear even the most superficial examination. It is impossible that ringing for something can create a duty to take part in the thing for which the ringing is performed. If it were, then it was the duty of ringers in days gone by when bells were rung for race meetings to attend those meetings. This is an obsolete instance no doubt, but coming to our own day can any rational being assert that a band of ringers, got together to ring at a wedding have a duty laid upon them to attend the marriage ceremony because they ring before it takes place? Surely the duty of attendance on anything for which we ring must be the duty laid upon men as Christians and Churchmen, whether they are ringers or not; and hence my question after Mr. Newell's first letter.

Moreover the doctrine that it is the duty of ringers to attend the services for which they ring breaks down not only in

theory but in practice. For if ringing creates such a duty and a ringer is not going to attend a service, he ought not to ring for it. But in that case how is a band of ringers for Sunday services to be got and kept together? Mr. B. Keeble in a paper urging ringers to attend Church services, which he sometime since read at a meeting of the Essex Association, illustrated this admirably. I regret that, not recollecting when this paper appeared in your columns, I have not time to search for it and quote Mr. Keeble *verbatim*, but he expressly stated that he did not hold that a ringer was bound to attend every service for which he rang, and gave as an instance of what he meant the case of a ringer whose wife would never be able to get to church if the husband did not in his turn go home after ringing and look after the domestic duties. Obviously it would be absurd to say that a man so situated was not to ring for a service which he could not attend. Yet if the fallacy I am considering were true, he certainly ought not to ring.

Many similar instances of duty—to aged parents, for instance—will readily occur to anyone, which may be incompatible with attendance at a service, though compatible with ringing for it. And the duties of a man's calling in life may put him in the same position. Take, for example, a policeman. He may be at leisure to ring for a service, but not to attend it, because he has to go on duty. If ringing be, as we are perpetually being told it is, Church work, why on earth is a man to be debarred from doing what Church work his position and duty admits of?

Mentioning Church work reminds me of another misleading way of speaking of this matter. We are sometimes told that we ought to go to church because we are Church-workers or officers. This seems to me to be nonsense. There are various kinds of Church-workers or officers. Members of choirs, for instance, undertake work in the actual rendering of Divine Service, and therefore undertake to attend it. Other persons are actually engaged not to attend it, as beadles in many town churches whose duty is to stay outside the building, or some of the vergers in Cathedrals or other large churches, whose duty detains them at such a distance from where service is being performed that they cannot follow a word of it. Ringers are in a different position from either of these. The work we undertake is over and done with before service commences, and when it is over we are just as other ordinary laymen are. Mr. Egby seems to think that by ringing we profess to attend church. I entirely dissent from this, and decline to profess anything. We do not attend service officially as ringers except on the occasions when special services at ringers' gatherings are held. Our work being over before service commences, we attend service simply as individuals. A man no more prays or praises officially as a ringer than as an admiral, a horse-coper, a poet-laureate, or a fishmonger.

Again, to say that a ringer should attend the services for which he rings may be either to lay an intolerable burden upon him or to interfere with his freedom of choice of what services to attend. At St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, where I take my turn in Sunday ringing, there are (besides other services) two morning services, at 9.30 and 11.30, and two evening services, at 4 and 7. If a man were to ring for all of these, would any humane person say he should attend them all? The actual practice is to ring for the services at 11.30 and 7. But if a ringer should prefer to attend one of the services for which he does not ring rather than one for which he does, why, pray, should he not? If a ringer attends afternoon service at, say, Westminster Abbey or St. Paul's Cathedral, is he to be expected to attend evening service at some church where he may happen to ring?

The fact is that there is no satisfactory reason to be given for the attendance of ringers, as *ringers*, at Church services. The question really is the one I have asked, Why should laymen attend Church services? If we get a satisfactory answer to this we shall find the case of the ringer covered. No rules can be laid down to bind the laity to attendance at prescribed numbers of services. Sunday is not a day of bondage, and I imagine that no parish priest would assert that it would be good for all his parishioners to attend all the services he provides, except perhaps, where that provision is an irreducible minimum. Human beings being differently endowed may be benefited some by more, some by less, attendance at Divine worship, and it would be absurd, and worse, to make hard and fast rules about atten-

dance on the part of ringers. But if it be said that ringers are lax in attending Church services according to the standard of what may be reasonably desired of the average layman, then let us be induced to improve ourselves in this respect by some rational exposition of a layman's duty, and not irritated by trumpery maxims which, like words full of sound and fury, signify nothing. We, as members of the Exercise, are professed seekers after truth—truth in composition, truth in performance—and even the violent disputes which sometimes break out in your columns about peals are based on theories of truth. If, therefore, the question of ringers' attendance at Church is to be discussed at all, let it be discussed on the foundation of truth, and, for goodness' sake, let us have no more of that miserable ineptitude about the duty of ringers to attend the services for which they ring—a platitude which only just escapes meaning nothing at all, because what little meaning it can be said to have is mostly false.

R. A. DANIELL.

Obituary.

THOMAS EDWARD BARBER.

It is with great regret that we have to announce the death of the above ringer, who died on December 15th, aged forty-eight years. The deceased was secretary of the St. Luke's Society, Chelsea, for many years, and a well-known member of the College Youths, and had rang several peals. A muffled peal was rung together with a touch of Stedman Triples in memory of the departed brother. His loss will be severely felt by the members of the St. Luke's society. Several ringers were at the church, and they were represented at the graveside. Communications with regard to St. Luke's society should be sent to J. Pryer, 23, Cologne Road, Clapham Junction.

Miscellaneous Catches.

THE SURREY COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MITCHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday, November 18th, at the parish church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes, in 43 mins. R. Sewell, 1; J. D. Drewett, 2; H. A. Horrex, 3; W. S. Smith, 4; A. Calver, 5; L. Ferridge, 6; J. A. Lambert (conductor), 7; J. Currell, 8. First quarter-peal as conductor, and first attempt.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THORNBURY (Glos).—On Saturday, December 15th, at the parish church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1152 changes in the method. W. Stowell, 1; F. G. May (conductor), 2; A. Stowell, 3; J. Poole, 4; W. Landsdown, 5; F. K. Howell, 6; H. W. Fussell, 7; H. Howell, 8. The longest length in the method by all except the conductor.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Wednesday, October 17th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. W. Sear, 1; E. Marks, 2; L. Meager, 3; A. N. Atkins, 4; H. Sear (conductor), 5; V. Sear, 6. On October 31st, 720 Grandsire Doubles. V. Sear, 1; L. Meager, 2; H. Sear, 3; E. Marks, 4; F. Hodges (conductor), 5; A. N. Atkins, 6. On November 4th, 480 Grandsire Doubles. A. Crase, 1; W. Sear, 2; L. Meager, 3; A. Atkins, 4; F. Hodges (conductor), 5; V. Sear, 6.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, November 6th, at the parish church, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Broad, 1; E. Playdon, 2; E. Gilbert, 3; A. Jackson (longest length in the method), 4; W. Hemming, 5; Jos. Perrins, 6; John Chance (conductor), 7; Thos. Roberts, 8.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, November 4th, at the church of St. Andrew, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Coales, 1; R. Watson, 2; F. Sear, 3; H. Sear (conductor), 4; J. B. Fenton, 5; A. Dubber, 6; A. Bramall, 7; J. Shotton, 8. H. Sear hails from Bletchley. Longest length with a bob bell by F. Sear.

PEAL CORRECTION.—In the report of the peal of Stedman Caters rung at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on December 24th, it should have read C. S. Burden not C. T.; also it should have been first peal of Caters in the method and not first in the method.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting was held at the Cathedral, Llandaff, on Boxing-Day, at which the Very Rev. the Dean presided, and at the outset gave a most instructive and interesting address to the members on the history of bell-ringing, and the various striking inscriptions to be found on certain ancient bells, and he reminded all of the sacredness of their calling, and their 'privileges, and admonished them to be painstaking, faithful and zealous.

The minutes of the last annual meeting having been read and duly passed and signed, it was decided that the next annual meeting be held at St. Woolo's church, Newport, on Boxing-Day, 1901. The balance-sheet for the year 1899, showing a balance in hand of £19 rs. 3d., was read by the Secretary and unanimously accepted.

Mr. F. Atwell was elected Master of the Association for the ensuing year, and the Rev. C. L. Price was re-elected Hon. Secretary and Mr. J. H. Aldridge Assistant Secretary. It was unanimously agreed that a sum of £5 be given towards the completion of the octave in St. Augustine's church, Penarth, conditionally upon the Rector of Penarth opening a fund for that purpose, and also that one guinea be given to the funds of the Cardiff Infirmary. There being no further business to transact it became the pleasant duty of the Hon. Secretary to propose a most hearty vote of thanks to the Dean for presiding, and taking such an interest in the welfare of the Association. This was cordially responded to by the Dean, who said that it gave him great pleasure to welcome the members to Llandaff, and to show his appreciation of their efforts by presiding at their meeting, and he had much pleasure also in becoming a life member of the Association. This intention of the Dean's was heartily welcomed by the members.

Immediately after the meeting the members were entertained in another class-room by Mrs. C. L. Price, who had kindly arranged a very excellent tea. She was helped by Miss Davey and Miss Mary Davey, of the Deanery, and Mrs. Skrimshire. Before leaving the table Mr. Atwell thanked the Rev. C. L. Price and the ladies sincerely for their kind thought and hospitality, and said that all the members were exceedingly grateful to them for their kindness.

The cathedral bells were rung again for evening service, and thus terminated the best meeting which the Association has ever held since its formation.

THE BELLS OF WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

On a recent Sunday evening the oldest and heaviest bells were rung full-muffled for Divine Service, in memory of the late Mr. Thomas Cook, churchwarden of the parish church from 1864 to 1879. In 1868 these particular six bells were rehung, Mr. Cook being Vicar's warden, and the late Mr. John Wood Sharman parish warden. Of the ringers connected with the belfry at that time only two remain. On New Year's Eve, instead of the usual half-muffled ringing, the "great bell" was solemnly tolled for the midnight service, and later on, a few minutes before twelve, just as the old year "lay a dying," the same grand old bell (which has hung in the church tower for over 260 years) was tolled, raised, and rung as a passing bell for the expiring century. The advent of 1901 was proclaimed by the customary joyous peals. The Vicar of Wellingborough in 1801 was the Rev. Marmaduke Matthews, and the churchwardens for that year were Thomas Williams and William Hardwick.

A YEAR'S RECORD.

Inclusive of four peals one hundred and thirteen 720s have been rung on the bells of St. John the Baptist, Leytonstone, during the past year. These were as follows: Plain Bob, 20; Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, ten each; Kent, 9; London, 8; Victoria, 6; Woodbine, 5; York, Wells, Bristol and Double Court, 4 each; Ely, Durham, Lichfield and Ringers', 3 each; Chichester, Worcester, Coventry, Huddersfield and Double Oxford, 2 each; and 1 each of the following: Superlative, Lincoln, Carlisle, Chester, Chelsea, Rochester and Oxford.

The ringers taking part were: W. Miller, 104; W. Keeble, 94; J. Moule, 92; T. H. Beams, 85; J. Mardell, 70; W. Doran, 56; G. Hayden, 54; F. Withers and H. Bottrill, 41; J. Philpot, 13; G. Dawson, 10; H. Torble, 4; E. Wightman and E. Tugwood, 2; and the following one each: F. C. Newman, J. Kimberley, G. Clark, H. Gowers, W. Howell, A. Neal, C. T. Hopkins, H. Scarlett, G. Bridges, and A. Fenner. The conductors were W. Keeble, 52; T. H. Beams, 27; W. Miller, 26; J. Moule, 7; and E. Wightman, 1.

The foregoing facts need no comment for to show that the ordinary practice was not neglected; it may be pointed out that the colt of the party rang ten 700s in three methods. To briefly summarise there were rang twenty-seven methods; twenty Surprise, four Treble Bob, and three Plain, by twenty-four ringers under five conductors.

QUIDENHAM, NCRFOLK.

On Saturday evening, December 22nd, the Rev. E. S. Gernier gave the ringers of this place their annual supper. The rev. gentleman presided, Master G. Gernier being in the vice-chair. Justice having been done to the good things provided, the rev. gentleman said how pleased he was to meet the ringers again, and that he had got a surprise for one of the members of the company and another for the whole company. After thanking the members for their services during the past year, and hoping they would meet for many more years to come, he said he had great pleasure in presenting Mr. J. Woods with a silver-mounted malacca cane, in recognition of what he had done for the company during the last seven years.

Mr. Woods, who was taken by surprise, said he did not know how to find words to thank them for what they had presented him with, but what he had done was because he loved ringing. He should value the stick, and hoped he would be spared a few more years to use it.

The Rev. E. S. Gernier said the other surprise was that if he should be spared, before another year there would be two more bells in the tower to complete the octave.

Song and toast were kept up, and the company separated after having spent a very pleasant evening.

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The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Armley, to-day, Saturday, January 5th. Bells at liberty from 2.30. Meeting house, The White Horse hotel. Business meeting, 6.30. Hand-bells provided. **FY. GAYTHORPE, Hon. Sec.**
1, Elm Avenue, Bramley.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will take place at St. John's, Tue Brook, to-day, Saturday, January 5th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.

REV. C. A. CLEMENTS, Secretary.

91, Hawkshead Street, Southport.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The usual monthly meeting of this Association, will be held at Newcastle, to-day, Saturday, January 5th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. Masfield, 15, Heath Street, Newcastle-under-Lyme.

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The yearly meeting of the above-named Society will be held to-day, Saturday, January 5th, at The Little Saddle inn, Dewsbury. Meeting to commence at 5.30, business, election of officers, and ballot for the contests. All subscriptions are due at this meeting.

WALTER IDLE, Secretary.

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Cleveland and North Yorks. Association.—An informal meeting will be held at Swainby (Potts station 2½ miles), to-day, January 5th, after repairs to bells, which are six in number.

REV. W. P. WRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

Stokesley R.S.O.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the Manchester Cathedral, on Saturday, January 12th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. **JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.**
25, Hope Street, Pendleton.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Leesfield, on Saturday, January 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. Members desiring tea, please write to Mr. E. B. Shaw, 14, Thomas Street, Leesfield, by Thursday, Jan. 10th.

JAS. JACQUES, Branch Sec.

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eckington, on Saturday, January 12th. Meeting at The White Hart inn. Peal of eight bells. Great Central and Midland Railways.

E. JAMES, Hon. Sec.

18, Meersbrook Bank Road, Sheffield.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, January 12th, at Christ church, Southgate, by kind permission of the Rev. J. Beardall. The bells will be raised about 4 p.m. and all members and friends of the Association are cordially invited to attend.

ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch. The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Church Kirk, on Saturday, January 12th, at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30.

THOS. DUXBURY, Branch Sec.

The North Notts. Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ordsall, on January 12th. Tea at 5 p.m., one shilling per head. Members intending to take tea, are requested to inform Mr. J. White, Ordsall, Retford, by Monday, January 7th.

B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with the above Society will be held on Saturday, January 19th, at the parish church, Stafford, where a short service will be held at 5 p.m. Committee meeting at 5.30. Tea at 6 p.m., one shilling per head for all those who send in their names before the 21st inst. to

S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.

10, Bull Street West, Bromwich.

The Worcestershire and District Association.—The next quarterly and Committee meetings will be held, by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. H. H. Dibben, at Brierley Hill. The tower and bells will be open during the afternoon. Service in the church at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow in the schoolroom. All subscription are due at this meeting according to rule 8.

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NOTES TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT LEATHERHEAD.—This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Otway, who attained his majority on that date, after which all the band, ringing friends from Ashted, and other relatives, about twenty, were kindly entertained to a most substantial supper at his home, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Otway, sen.; such a repast that made one think that Christmas Day had dropped in about three days before time. Anyhow, the writer thought it was a good preliminary to the approaching festive

season. Everyone having thoroughly enjoyed all the good things provided without fear of arsenic from our good old Leatherhead brewery, or from over the Emerald Isle, toasts, healths, and good wishes were drank all round, the chief of the evening being to Mr. A. Otway, including his father and mother, and all members of the family, which was very neatly proposed by Mr. Harry Sayer, of Ashted, and responded to by Mr. William Otway, sen. Then came the time for departing, every one having thoroughly enjoyed their kind entertainment.

A. D.

THE PEAL AT DEBBENHAM.—This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a suitable memento for the passing century. It was also rung by eight members of Court "Star of Suffolk" (A.O.F.), as a tribute of respect to Bro. A. R. Cracknell, who died on December 18th, in South Africa, he being a member of the same Court, and a resident of the neighbourhood. The calling of the peal will be found in the Association report for 1893, page 41.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1901.

OUR sincere thanks are due to so many kind friends among our readers who in such an hearty manner have sent us their best wishes upon the threshold of the new Century. We need not assure them that they are heartily reciprocated. The reception of many handsome illuminated new-year cards has been greater at this time than at any previous season, though this kind of compliment has been missed this year from two very old friends.

The number of peals in this number form a goodly list, "the metropolis" being just saved from non-representation by a peal of Caters at Kensington; and it is somewhat remarkable also that the Middlesex Association has no peal records amongst them. Had one or two of our friends sent their communications earlier the list would have been of greater length. We

trust all our brethren will bear in mind that it is necessary to regard the instructions given on the opposite page concerning the time when every report, and everything intended for publication, should come to hand. It is necessary to adhere rigidly to such arrangements always, a disregard of them, to please some correspondents, having before now resulted in late publication. Last week we issued with other illustrations, a portrait of Mr. J. W. Taylor, sen. (of Loughborough). There are a few copies left of this number, for which early application should be made to the publisher.

While dealing with such matters as these, there is another which it is found necessary to say a word about. It is respectfully asked that greater care be used in writing out reports, especially peal records. Where initials only are used, they should be distinct and plain, admitting of no ambiguity. What may seem clear to a writer, is sometimes very far from being clear to a reader. It is hoped our friends will take greater pains in future.

We are always very pleased to compliment and encourage young bands who have done their utmost to surmount all the usual initial difficulties. The Society of St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, has just scored its first quarter-peal, the first in Scotland by a local band, and we have no doubt, from the energy and determination the members have shewn, that we shall soon hear of a peal being rung in the modern Athens by the Cathedral Society, a performance which we shall await with interest.

The Metropolis.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON, AND THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Tuesday, January 1, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

SAMUEL DAVIE* Treble.	WILLIAM E. JUDD 6.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 2.	WILLIAM FOX 7.
GEORGE BRUSH† 3.	GEORGE R. FARDON.. .. 8.
R. A. DANIELL, ESQ. .. 4.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 9.
JOHN T. KENTISH, JUN.† 5.	JOHN JUDD Tenor.

Composed by W. T. ELSON, and Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

*First peal. †First peal of Caters. Rung to welcome the commencement of the new century, also in honour of the inauguration of the new Australian Commonwealth.

The Provinces.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 22, 1900, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES.

ARTHUR C. OTWAY Treble.	JOHN WYATT 6.
ARTHUR DEAN 2.	WILLIAM MARKS 7.
WILLIAM E. OTWAY, JUN. 3.	JOHN HOYLE 8.
HENRY WOOD 4.	EDWARD HULL 9.
JOHN WHITE* 5.	JOHN H. CROPLEY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MARKS.

*First peal of Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur C. Otway. Further reference to this peal will be found on another page.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, December 26, 1900, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR; 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES HUNT Treble.	HARRY FLANDERS 5.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	†SEPTIMUS RADFORD 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by G. HAYWARD, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal in the method.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.

FREDERICK POUNDS Treble.	NOBLE SPINDLOW 5.
S. QUINTON 2.	JOHN MONK.. .. 6.
DAVID GEATER 3.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN.. .. 7.
THOMAS BULL 4.	†HARRY BROOKS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

†First peal with a covering bell.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

SAMUEL CORNISH Treble.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 5.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 2.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE.. 6.
GEORGE M. RASHBROOK .. 3.	ALBERT E. DURRANT .. 7.
WILLIAM ROUGHTON .. 4.	JAMES MOTTS Tenor.

Composed by ALBERT E. DURRANT, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Nevard hails from Great Bentley; Newman and Rashbrook from Colchester; the rest from Ipswich.

EWELL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GEORGE PRIEST† Treble.	†EDWARD GROVE.. .. 5.
JOHN BEAMS 2.	ALFRED PEEKE 6.
HENRY SYCAMORE† 3.	HARRY G. BEAMS 7.
CHARLES E. READ 4.	THOMAS EVERETT Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES E. READ.

†First peal. *First peal as conductor.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE WYCLIFFE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOSEPH B. FENTON†.. .. Treble.	WILLIAM G. GRANGER .. 5.
JAMES GEORGE†.. .. 2.	*JAMES F. CLARKE 6.
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN* .. 3.	*HARRY ABGYLE 7.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 4.	†ALBERT DUBBER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

†From Rugby. *From Nuneaton. Barber from Birmingham; Granger from Westerham. The ringers desire to thank the Rev. Canon Alderson and churchwardens for the use of the bells, especially at such short notice, as it was intended to ring a peal of Treble Bob Major at Rugby, which had to be abandoned through illness near the church.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1900, in Three Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

JOHN WYATTTreble.	*WILLIAM S. SMITH 5.
HARRY A. HORREX* 2.	*ALBERT CALVER 6.
JOHN HOYLE* 3.	ARTHUR DEAN 7.
THOMAS MILES* 4.	JOSEPH FAYERSTenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH FAYERS.

*First peal of Bob Major.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, December 26, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

GEORGE WARDTreble.	CHARLES DRAPER 5.
SAMUEL MASKREY 2.	EDMUND WILLIS 6.
JOHN W. THOMPSON 3.	CHARLES E. HART 7.
ALBERT H. WARD 4.	GEORGE WHELDONTenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by C. E. HART.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(DERBY BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 26, 1900, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE WARDTreble.	WILLIAM EARLE 5.
ALBERT H. WARD 2.	FRED. HOLLINGWORTH 6.
GEORGE TOMLIN 3.	SAMUEL MASKREY 7.
CHARLES DRAPER 4.	EDMUND WILLISTenor.

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

Messrs. Tomlin, Earle, and Hollingworth hail from Melbourne; the rest belong to Derby.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1900, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYETreble.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE 5.
JOHN J. JONES 2.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
HENRY FLANDERS 4.	ERNEST PYETenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

A start was made for Royal, but after ringing twenty minutes one of the ropes became untucked which caused a stoppage, and time being limited the above was rung instead.

WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1900, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR;

5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYETreble.	JAMES HUNT 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	HARRY FLANDERS 6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
JOHN J. JONES 4.	WILLIAM PYETenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Major on the bells.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

MAURICE STEERTreble.	WILLIAM LIGHTFOOT 5.
CHARLES CHAPMAN 2.	ALFRED E. REEVES 6.
ERNEST BRUCE 3.	FREDERICK RICHARDSON 7.
FRANK HOPGOOD 4.	WILLIAM HORNETenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by WM. HORNE

Mr. Lightfoot was elected a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild previous to starting. Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 27, 1900, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM FINCHTreble.	WILLIAM BENNETT 5.
ALFRED FOX 2.	†ALFRED ARNOLD 6.
C. A. CASTLE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW 4.	ANTHONY STRANGETenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

†First peal of Stedman.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 27, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN BASDENTreble.	WILLIAM FOSTER 5.
GEORGE RANSOM 2.	THOMAS BEADLE 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 3.	HENRY BROWNING 7.
CHARLES EDWARDS 4.	ALFRED SHEARDTenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

Rung as a wedding peal for Mr. Frederick Goddard, a prominent member of the local band, on his marriage on that day to Miss Elizabeth Anne Woods.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 27, 1900, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

THOMAS PRICETreble.	GEORGE H. HOWSE 5.
JOSEPH SHARP 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER 6.
ROBERT J. DAWE 3.	BENJAMIN HOBBS 7.
WILLIAM PELLING 4.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITHTenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 27, 1900, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES TANNTreble.	CHARLES BAKER 5.
FREDERICK R. BORRETT 2.	JAMES BOUGHTON 6.
HARRY J. BORRETT* 3.	FREDERICK R. SURRIDGE 7.
EGBERT BORRETT 4.	CHARLES E. BORRETTTenor.

Composed by the late J. REEVES, and
Conducted by CHARLES E. BORRETT.

*First peal in the method.

FOR BLACK AND BLUE SERGE FOR LADIES' DRESS
and Costumes, send to T. HAIGH, 14, George St., Huddersfield.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 27, 1900, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lbs.

REGINALD LOVEDAY† .. Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 5.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 2.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 6.
ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. 3.	WALTER PERKINS .. 7.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 4.	JOHN K. SHARMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

†First peal in the method.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 28, 1900, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED WARD Treble.	ARTHUR S. BARRELL .. 5.
ALFRED ACFIELD 2.	ALFRED G. RIVERS .. 6.
CHARLES MEE 3.	EDWARD SHERWOOD .. 7.
EDWARD TODD 4.	WILLIAM WARD Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

Messrs. Mee and Rivers belong to Sproughton; the rest are of the local company. Rung on the anniversary of the death of Mr. Charles Mee, a well-known ringer and a dear friend and genial companion, and who is sadly missed.

WRANGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 28, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN PHILIPS Treble.	JOHN SHARP 4.
H. STAFFURTH* 2.	E. CLAYTON 5.
E. ROLLINSON† 3.	A. O. BARBER Tenor.

Conducted by A. O. BARBER.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor with a bob bell. Messrs. Philips and Rollinson hail from Butterwick; the rest from Frieston.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S.

JOHN HOYLE Treble.	ALBERT CALVER 5.
GEORGE WELLING 2.	HARRY A. HORREX 6.
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7.
ARTHUR DEAN 4.	JOSEPH FAYERS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES.

WILLIAM G. ELLIS .. Treble.	ALFRED FLOWERS .. 6.
JOSEPH B. FENTON .. 2.	ALF. PADDON SMITH .. 7.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. 3.	HENRY MIDDLETON .. 8.
HARRY WITHERS .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. 9.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by the late GEORGE NEWSON, and

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

The ringers of the 2nd and 9th hail from Rugby.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5040 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM TRUSS .. Treble.	RALPH BIGGS .. 5.
ALFRED E. REEVES .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
JOHN EVANS .. 3.	GEORGE MARTIN .. 7.
FRANK HOPGOOD .. 4.	JOHN C. TRUSS .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JOHN C. TRUSS.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM J. MAJOR .. Treble.	JOHN W. JONES .. 5.
WILLIAM T. COMPTON .. 2.	*JOHN DAVIS .. 6.
WILLIAM T. PATES .. 3.	JOHN F. BALLINGER .. 7.
CHARLES POCKETTS .. 4.	FREDERICK MUSTY .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES POCKETTS.

This peal was rung to oblige Mr. J. W. Jones, who hails from Newport, Monmouthshire, and Mr. J. Davis, who hails from Lydney, Gloucestershire. *First peal with a bob bell.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Superlative, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury, Grandsire, and Plain Bob.

EDMUND G. HOLLAND .. Treble.	JOHN E. GRENSTED .. 4.
ALBERT J. DAY .. 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 5.
WILLIAM T. HYLAND .. 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1900, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT SHEPPARD* .. Treble.	NOAH HOLYOAKE .. 5.
FREDERICK PLANT .. 2.	HARRY PRICE .. 6.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 3.	JOHN GOODMAN .. 7.
SAMUEL SPITTLE .. 4.	JOHN SMITH .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

*First peal of Major. Rung with the bell half-muffled on the eve of the twenty-eighth anniversary of the death of Mrs. Blanche Skidmore.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1900, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*FRANK NAISBY .. Treble.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 5.
GEORGE R. HOLMES .. 2.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. 6.
JOSEPH PARKER† .. 3.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON .. 7.
ROBERT C. HUDSON .. 4.	†WILLIAM T. ROBSON .. Tenor.

Composed by THOMAS GOFTON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM T. ROBSON.

*First peal in the method. †First peal away from the treble. ‡First peal in the method as conductor.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1900, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR;

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Treble.	WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 5.
JOHN J. MAWBY .. 2.	WILLIAM PETTIT .. 6.
WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 3.	THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 7.
WALTER PERKINS .. 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH)

On Saturday, December 29, 1900, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

J. MILLETT Treble.	W. SCHOFIELD 5.
G. WALMSLEY† 2.	J. PARTINGTON 6.
J. W. FITTON* 3.	S. BRIERLEY 7.
G. HOYLE 4.	*B. GREENWOOD Tenor.

Conducted by G. HOYLE.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE DEBENHAM SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, December 30, 1900, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM GRIMES Treble.	GEORGE ROWE, JUN. .. 5.
SEDLAY COLLINS 2.	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. 6.
JAMES G. RUMSEY 3.	CHARLES BRUNNING .. 7.
WILLIAM J. GROOM 4.	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM GRIMES.

*First peal in the method, and rung at the first attempt. Further reference will be found elsewhere.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 30, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

FREDERICK W. RICE .. Treble.	GEORGE F. HOAD .. 5.
JOHN RICE 2.	ROBERT JORDAN .. 6.
GEORGE THOMPSON .. 3.	GEORGE PAICE .. 7.
ALFRED D. MILLS .. 4.	WALTER C. HUNT .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by WALTER C. HUNT.

W. C. Hunt hails from Newcastle-on-Tyne; Hoad and Thompson from Reigate; the rest belong to the local band. Messrs. Hoad and Thompson were elected members of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

At the Church of St. John, Deritend,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

CHARLES MACKENZIE .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT 2.	JOHN T. PERRY 6.
WILLIAM G. ELLIS 3.	HENRY MIDDLETON .. 7.
JOSEPH PARKER 4.	ALBERT HACKLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This peal was commenced at 9.35 p.m. December 31st, and came round at 12.31. January the 1st.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 30 cwt. in Db.

FREDERICK EDWARDS .. Treble.	CHARLES TRIBE 5.
ROBERT EDWARDS 2.	ALFRED HINDS 6.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. 3.	GEORGE NEVE 7.
GEORGE CRAMP 4.	HENRY HOLDSTOCK .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT EDWARDS.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled, to commemorate the passing away of the 19th century.

TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(THE ST. MARY'S GUILD, TAUNTON.)

On Monday, December 31, 1900, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

ERNEST W. POOLE* .. Treble.	JAMES BURGE 6.
JAMES ROUTLEY* 2.	SIDNEY WYATT 7.
BERTIE W. VAN TROMP .. 3.	WILLIAM EVELEIGH .. 8.
FRANK SADD 4.	EDWARD WYATT 9.
JOSEPH FOWLER 5.	*WILLIAM WHITE .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by JAMES BURGE.

First peal. First peal of Caters by all except Messrs. Fowler, Burge, and S. Wyatt. First peal of Caters as conductor.

TONG, YORKS.

On Monday, December 31, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

C. SALLOWAY Treble.	P. CORDINGLEY 4.
T. LATIMER 2.	GEORGE BOLLAND .. 5.
R. P. FARROW 3.	H. ODDY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1900, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

H. W. BROWN† Treble.	A. C. MELHUISE 5.
F. A. SKUSE 2.	†T. F. KING 6.
W. J. DAVIS 3.	G. W. TEMPLE 7.
G. W. STOKES* 4.	*V. D. EDWARD Tenor.

Conducted by F. A. SKUSE.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a farewell to the dying century. V. D. Edward was made a member of the Association before starting. †First peal on treble. †First peal in the method. *First peal.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE
ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Monday, December 31, 1900, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL;

5040 CHANGES. Tenor 32 cwt.

ALBERT GILLINGHAM† .. Treble.	HENRY BOWELL 6.
WILLIAM ROUGHTON† .. 2.	ALBERT E. DURRANT .. 7.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM† .. 3.	†WILLIAM WOOD 8.
JAMES MOTTS 4.	WILLIAM MOTTS 9.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 5.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This peal was rung to usher in the new year. †First peal of Royal in the method.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REEVES'S VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM CANNING Treble.	JAMES EASTON 5.
THOMAS MILES 2.	ALFRED E. BASSETT 6.
HARRY PEDERICK 3.	STEPHEN WILSON 7.
GEORGE PEDERICK 4.	THOMAS EVERETT Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS MILES.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS LAWRENCE Treble.	CHARLES J. GARDINER 5.
OWEN W. LAYNG 2.	THOMAS RICKETTS 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE 3.	ERNEST BISHOP 7.
THOMAS ROBINSON 4.	† JAMES L. WELLS Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS RICKETTS.

†First peal.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(READING BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 31, 1900, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK SWEETZER .. Treble.	ALFRED E. REEVES 5.
HENRY TUCKER 2.	CHARLES GILES 6.
ALBERT E. REEVES 3.	AMBROSE OSBORNE 7.
ARTHUR W. PIKE 4.	FRANK HOPGOOD Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

First Surprise peal by all except the ringers of 4, 6 and 8, and first Surprise peal ever rung in the town of Reading.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1900, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

ERNEST COLLINGBURN .. Treble.	HARRY WARBURTON 6.
GEORGE SWANNACK 2.	THOMAS SPURR 7.
ARTHUR T. WINTER 3.	GEORGE R. WINTER 8.
T. HERCY DENMAN 4.	JOSEPH B. JOYNES 9.
F. WALTER ABBOTT† 5.	GEORGE W. D. METCALFE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOSEPH B. JOYNES.

†First peal of Caters. This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled to commemorate the expiration of the 19th century, and was conducted by the retiring captain.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 1, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFF,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES.
Tenor 50 cwt. in B.

WILLIAM KNIGHT Treble	RAYMOND J. WILKINS 7.
WILLIAM A. CAVE 2.	JAMES HINTON 8.
HENRY PRING 3.	CHARLES TOMPKINS 9.
ALFRED PEARCE 4.	JOHN D. MATTHEWS 10.
HERBERT H. TUCKER 5.	HENRY PORCH 11.
GILBERT PEARCE 6.	GEORGE T. DALTRY Tenor.

Composed by HERBERT H. TUCKER, and
Conducted by HENRY PORCH.

First peal of Maximus by all the band, and on the bells. This is the first peal in which the tenor has been rung as a changing bell, and the composition is now rung for the first time.

Date Touches.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BITTON (Glos.)—On Friday, November 2nd, at the parish church, a date touch, 1900 changes of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, in 1 hour 45 mins. Tenor 1 ton. P. Beer, 1; G. Miller, 2; W. Somerville (conductor), 3; C. Beer, 4; A. Miller, 5; G. Jennings, 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(WIRRAL BRANCH)

PIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Friday, November 2nd, the bells were rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late G. R. Clover, Esq., of Birkenhead, who was formerly churchwarden of Bidston. The deceased was the donor of the treble bell eighteen years ago, and he always subscribed liberally towards the church, and to other charities. On Sunday, November 4th, for morning service, 240 of Bob Doubles (whole pull). For evening service, 720 of Plain Bob Minor (half-muffled) 18 bobs 2 singles. J. Parkinson, 1; H. Rogers, 2; C. Rimmer, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; G. Povall, 5; W. Wilcox (conductor), 6. G. R. Clover died October 29th, at Llandrindod Wells, aged 54 years, and was interred at Bidston, on November 2nd.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEAL (Kent).—On Tuesday, November 6th, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Bob Minor (18 bobs 18 singles), in 23½ mins. H. Castle, 1; H. Denne, 2; E. Potter (Dover), 3; G. Denne, 4; H. Sone, 5; T. Tabrett, (conductor), 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor, (38 bobs and 22 singles), 23½ mins. J. Axon, 1; G. Newman, 2; E. Potter, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; H. Castle, 5; T. Tabrett, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Saturday, November 3rd, at St. Mary's church, 1344 of Bob Major, in 53 mins. J. Prickett, 1; J. Jones, 2; J. Harris, 3; R. Thompson, 4; J. Morley, 5; J. Clutterbuck, 6; W. Coombes (conductor), 7; G. Watkins, 8. Tenor 21 cwt. G. Watkins hails from Barry, J. Clutterbuck and W. Coombes from Cardiff, J. Harris from Landaff, J. Jones from Newport. On Sunday morning, November 4th, for Divine Service, 602 Grandsire Triples. G. Watkins, 1; W. Freestone, 2; J. Prickett, 3; R. Thompson, 4; J. Morley, 5; W. Coombes, 6; J. Clutterbuck (conductor), 7; B. Tamplin, 8. Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 43 mins. G. Watkins, 1; W. Freestone, 2; J. Prickett, 3; R. Thompson, 4; J. Morley, 5; W. Coombes (composer), 6; J. Clutterbuck (conductor), 7; F. Bye, 8. The above quarter-peal contains the Queen's, Tittums, and Whittingtons.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY (Oxon.).—On Thursday, November 8th, on the occasion of the unveiling of a peal-tablet, 168 Grandsire Triples. F. Pounds, 1; H. Brooks, 2; G. Room, 3; T. Bull, 4; F. P. Powell, 5; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 6; J. Monk, 7; J. Brooks, 8. This touch was rung by the band who rang the two peals recorded on the tablet. Also 210 Grandsire Triples. E. Baker, 1; G. Room, 2; H. Brooks, 3; N. Spindlow, 4; F. P. Powell, 5; J. Monk, 6; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 7; T. Bull, 8. Also 504 in the same method. G. Room, 1; F. Pounds, 2; N. Spindlow, 3; J. Bull, 4; H. Brooks, 5; F. P. Powell, 6; J. Monk, 7; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 8. All conducted by J. Monk.

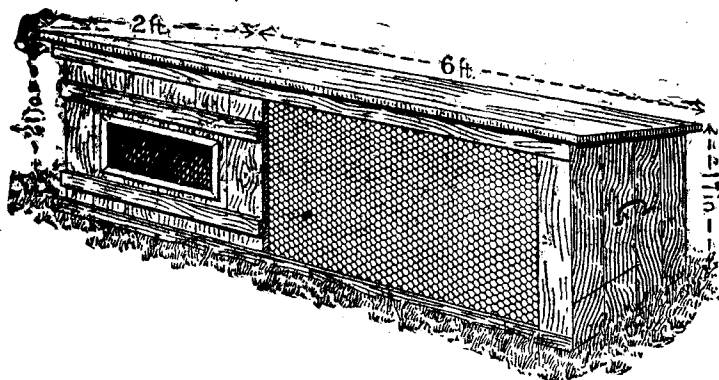
LANE END (Oxon.).—On Saturday, November 10th, at the monthly meeting, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob. W. Bownes, 1; F. Goodchild, 2; Ralph Biggs, 3; W. Bishop, 4; Rev. F. L. Nash (conductor), 5; J. Evans, 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On Thursday, November 4th, 1900, at St. Nicholas church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes. R. Roffey; E. Raddon, 2; G. Reading, 3; E. Allen, 4; J. Hunt, 5; T. W. Radford, 6; S. Radford (conductor), 7; J. J. Jones, 8. This was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Private H. Weston, of the C.I.V. and H.R.H. Prince Christian, who were interred on that day, the former at Godalming, Surrey, and the latter in South Africa. Also handbell ringing at the residence of Mr. C. Willshire, the last 742 of Holt's Original. J. Hunt, 1-2; H. P. Harman (conductor), 3-4; C. Willshire, 5-6; S. Radford, 7-8.

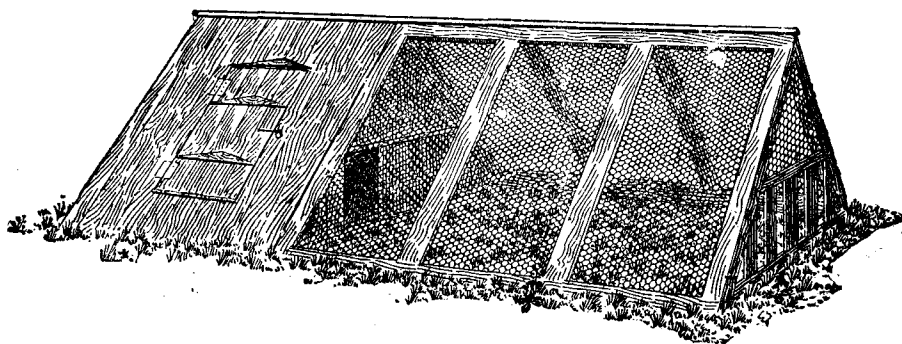
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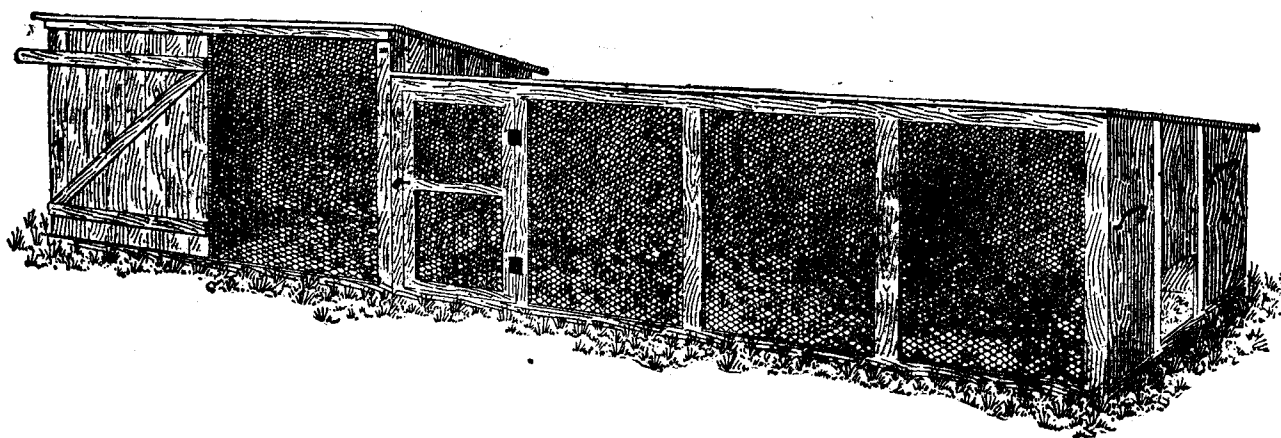
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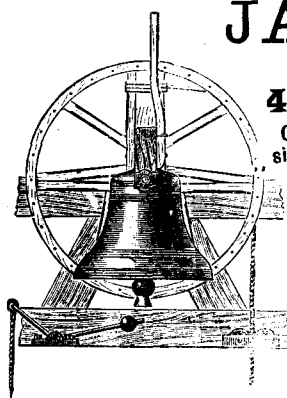
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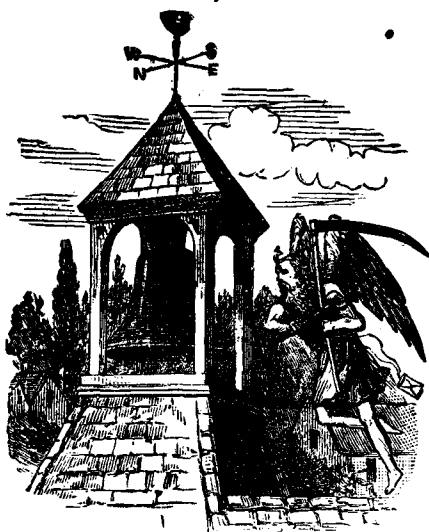
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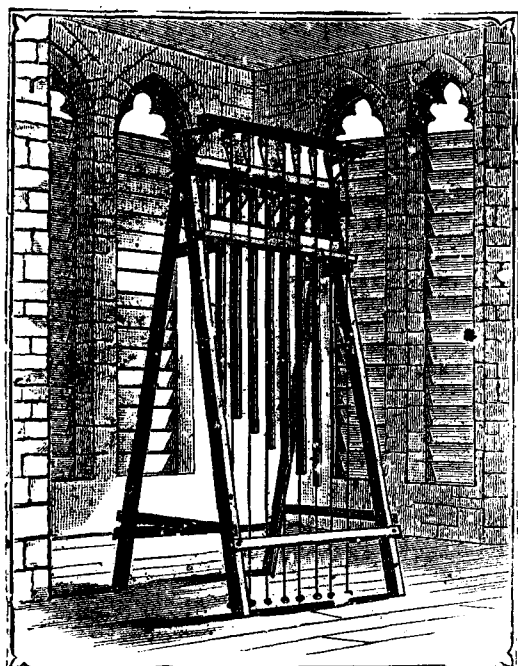
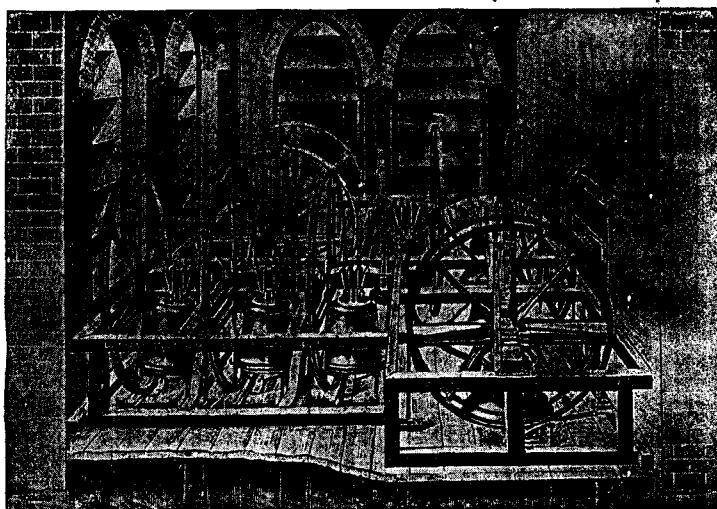
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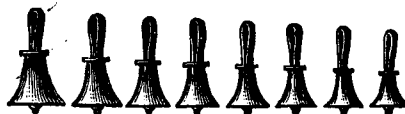
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BURLEY CHURCH, LEEDS.

The bells of this church were reopened on Saturday, December 22nd, after being rehung by Mr. J. F. Mallaby, of Barnby Don, by the following, who rung a 720 of Oxford: G. Butler, G. Brothwell, F. Hullah, J. W. T. Holgate (conductor), R. Thomas, and J. Logan. The rev. Vicar and a number of friends were present in the belfry.

A good tea was provided at five o'clock, to which about thirty gentlemen sat down, including the clergy—the Rev. D. Walker, Rev. F. A. B. Williams, and the Rev. A. Armstrong—and Mr. Buckley, churchwarden. The Vicar extended a good welcome to all the visitors, and in such welcome was warmly supported by Mr. Buckley. Mr. Holgate (Bramley) and Mr. Thackray (Armley) replied for the visitors. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Frank Hullah (Secretary) to all those who had helped in any way, including the ladies who presided at the tea table. This was seconded by Mr. George Brothwell.

During the evening various 700s were rung by mixed companies until about nine p.m. All the ringers and visitors expressed their high satisfaction with the splendid running of the bells. The work of completely rehanging them, with fittings of up-to-date character, has been accomplished to the entire satisfaction of the Vicar, churchwardens, and parishioners; while the ringers at this opening ceremony desire to place on record their high appreciation of the good, sound workmanship of the bell-hanger, Mr. J. F. Mallaby, of Barnby Don. The now excellent condition of these bells, together with the well-appointed belfry, has induced the members of the Leeds and District Amalgamated society to make arrangements to hold a meeting there on the 9th proximo.

Burley bells had been silent for some time owing to their defective condition. A lady—a great benefactor to Burley church—Mrs. Dury, of Harrogate, has defrayed the whole cost of this restoration.

ST. PETER'S, THETFORD, NORFOLK.

On Saturday, January 5th, the ringers were invited to the residence of Mr. Thomas Fitzjohn to try the new set of twelve handbells presented to him by the Editor of this paper, when some touches of Doubles and Grandsire Triples were performed, conducted by Mr. E. Dunk, who has spared no efforts to bring the ringing of this town to a higher standard. Mr. W. Spalding, one of the oldest ringers, yielded to the invitation, and spoke highly of their tone, saying the key reminded him of St. Peter's Mancroft, Norwich. In the course of the evening we were visited by the Rector, the Rev. J. P. Watts, who wished us every success.

We may all be assured if Mr. Fitzjohn has his health, he will use the bells to promote the ringing by his best endeavours in teaching the young members that may come forward.

It was well-known two years ago there existed a

grievance between the ringers and churchwardens, but trade in the building line brought two or three half-pull ringers, who invited the Rector to call a meeting, which he did, and thus dispersed the tension that existed, and made Mr. E. Dunk captain, and Mr. W. Everett vice-captain. A debt of gratitude is due to our captain, who we fear will not be able to stay with us much longer through trade. Our ambition has been to record a peal during his stay here, but unfortunately some have left the town, and one sick, has thwarted our efforts. Should ever we record a peal, it will be due to the energy of our worthy captain.

A. C. S.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of this society was held at Armley on Saturday, January 6th, the following places being represented: Bradford, Bramley, Burley, Calverley, Headingley (St. Michael's), Huddersfield, Leeds, Lightcliffe, and the local company. The business meeting was held at The White Horse hotel, the President in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. It was then arranged to attempt a peal at Pudsey on Saturday, January 26th, the meeting day. On the kind invitation of the Vicar and the members of the Burley branch it was agreed to hold a special meeting at Burley on Saturday, February 9th, the bells having recently been rehung and put in splendid going order by Messrs. J. F. Mallaby and Co., of Barnby Don. The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar, Wardens, and local company was moved by Mr. C. Pratt, seconded by Mr. J. Whittaker, and carried unanimously. During the evening several touches were rung on both the tower and handbells, including Grandsire Major and Triples and Bob Major, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Kent, Violet, Woodbine, and Oxford Minor. Songs were also rendered by various members, thus making the first meeting of the century a very pleasant and enjoyable one.

THE ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY, DUBLIN.

The sixth annual meeting of this society was held at 92, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, on Monday evening, December 31st. The President, R. R. Cherry, Esq., Q.C., kindly provided supper for the members, seventeen accepting his hospitable invitation. After supper the Secretary reported that during the year the ringing on Sundays had greatly improved, and that a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung on May 26th, in 4 hrs. Eight new members joined during the year.

The Committee of last year were re-appointed, after which the members adjourned to the tower, where they rang out the old century and rang in the new.

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The company afterwards adjourned to The Old Bell inn, where a substantial supper was provided. Afterwards "The Queen," "The Health of the Master," and "Prosperity to the Guild" was proposed by the Vicar, and suitably acknowledged by Mr. Pritchett, who congratulated the members on the recent accomplishment of two peals of Cambridge Surprise, and the fact that, after six months of practice, a peal of London Surprise was practically within their grasp.

Other toasts and touches and tunes on the handbells interspersed with songs, filled up a pleasant and enjoyable evening.

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As most of your readers will remember, our church was closed on May 2nd, 1898, for almost entirely rebuilding. We rang for five Sundays after that date, then received orders to cease. The bells were silent until last Christmas, when owing to the great pressure on the part of the ringers and the public, we were kindly allowed to ring for the last Christmas of the century, and to ring the new century in. Having very carefully cleaned all the bearings, etc., of grit, we raised the bells in peal on Christmas Eve, and before setting them we rang 504 Grandsire Caters in fine style. Several other touches were rung before we left the bells we love, including one of Grandsire Triples in which J. D. Wheelton, of Prestbury, took part. We were allowed to ring on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day. Amongst the touches rung were 953, 791, and 305 Grandsire Caters, all conducted by W. Walmsley, except one of Grandsire Triples which was conducted by J. Norbury. The ringers who took part in the ringing were F. Stoneley, J. Bradbury, J. M. Davenport, W. Mc Kinnell, J. Minshall, W. Gayes, J. Norbury, and W. Walmsley; tenor 20 cwt. in E. The bells will not be rung again until the re-opening of the church on April 24th next.

W. WALMSLEY.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, EALING, LONDON.

A fine new large clock with all Lord Grimthorpe's latest improvements inserted, showing the time upon three external dials 7 feet 6 inches each in diameter, and striking the hours, has just been completed at the above church by Messrs. W. Potts and Sons, Clock Manufacturers, Leeds, for the Vicar, churchwardens, and committee, who have thanked Messrs. Potts and Sons for the able manner in which they have executed their work, which meets with the entire approval of the Vicar, churchwardens, and committee.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Boxing day, the following members of the St. Stephen's branch, attempted a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, at St. Stephen's, Westminster, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 40 mins. J. N. Oxborrow; A. G. Ellis; H. P. Harman; H. R. Pasmore; W. H. Pasmore; F. Dench; J. W. Golding; H. R. Newton (conductor). The loss of this peal was much regretted by all the band, not only because it was the birthday of J. W. Golding, but also the silver anniversary of the wedding-day of the parents of the brothers Pasmore. May they be spared to reach their golden wedding, is the wish of all ringers to whom they are known.

CANNINGTON, BRIDGWATER.

On Thursday, January 3rd, the choir and ringers, with their wives and a few friends, thirty-four in number, were through the kindness of the Vicar and Mrs. Malet entertained at the vicarage at 7 p.m. to a sumptuous repast of good old English fare, which was done ample justice to, after which the company adjourned to the hall, where for a good half-hour roars of laughter were evoked, when each one had two dips in a huge cottage pie, drawing therefrom some pretty and useful presents with no blanks. The ringers then gave some change and round-ringing upon their new handbells lately given to the tower by Mr. Geoffrey Leigh, their hon. member, and then dancing interspersed with songs by some of the company followed. Just before breaking up Mr. Churchwarden Shepherd in a few well-chosen words proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and his family, which was heartily received and cheered to the very echo, and as the clock in the grand old tower boomed forth the hour of midnight, they all left, feeling that a most enjoyable evening had come to an end far too rapidly, and that they had to be very thankful they had such a splendid kind-hearted parish priest, who with his family were doing their very utmost to make their village life happy and cheerful.

CROYDON, SURREY.

On Sunday, January 6th, the following members rang for evening service, 565 of Stedman Triples. Edgar Bennett; W. States; W. Groves; E. Bray; J. Talbot; W. Hill; F. Pates (conductor); A. Jones. This was rung in commemoration of the 34th anniversary of the destruction of the tower and church bells by fire, which broke out on Saturday, the 5th, and continued well on the Sunday morning, the 6th of January. The ringer of the treble is the only living member who rang the old year out and the new one in, being the last time the old bells were rung previous to their destruction on that fatal Sunday morning.

F. P.

In last week's number there was a record of a peal at Ufford, Suffolk, and it was stated as having been rung on the anniversary of the death of Mr. Charles Mee. Mr. Mee writes to say he is alive and well, and that the peal was rung on the anniversary of the death of the late Mr. Charles Ward. What is remarkable is that Mr. Mee himself wrote the report, thus announcing his own decease. We shall preserve both letters among our collection of natural curiosities.

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ARMLEY, LEEDS, YORKS.

By kind invitation of the Rev. H. M. Cox, there assembled at the vicarage of Christ Church, Upper Armley, on new year's eve, the ringers, verger (who is an old ringer), and choirmen, about twenty in number. They were introduced to a couple of tables laden with good things suitable to large and healthy appetites, from which an excellent supper was partaken. The proceedings were presided over by the Vicar and his good lady, the Rev. G. Atkinson (curate), and his better half, and the churchwardens, Messrs. F. Webster and Kitson. The carvers of the respective joints (Mr. John Thackray being kept busy carving and doing justice to all) were kept going to satisfy the inner man until all the "courses" had been tapped off and brought round in excellent style. At the finish of this long course the Vicar made a neat speech expressing his regret that some members could not be there on account of previous engagements, but gave a hearty welcome to all who were fortunate enough to be his guests for that evening, and trusted they would all have health and strength through the coming year. Mr. Kitson (people's warden) made a few remarks, in which he thanked Mr. and Mrs. Cox for their kind invitation. A move was then made to the drawing-room, where a smoking concert was held, cigars being generously provided by Mr. Kitson. The concert concluded, a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Webster (Vicar's warden) to the Vicar and Mrs. Cox for their kind hospitality. He was proud to say he had served under five Vicars in the parish, all of whom were still alive. Mr. Turton (organist) seconded the vote on behalf of the choristers, and W. Walker supported it on behalf of the ringers. The Vicar having replied, the ringers entered the tower and rung 360 of Oxford prior to the midnight service. At twelve o'clock the tenor tolled out the hour, and the others then joined into rounds, touches of Oxford and firing taking place. This concluded a very pleasant evening, the first of its kind in this parish, an event which was highly appreciated.

DORKING, SURREY.

A service in memory of the late Lord William Beresford, V.C., was held at St. Martin's parish church, on Friday, January 4th. Amongst those present were: Lily, Duchess of Marlborough; Lord and Lady Marcus Beresford; Captain Holford (representing H.R.H. the Prince of Wales); Major-General Williams (representing the Duke of Cambridge); Major-General Sir John C. Ardagh (representing the Commander-in-Chief); the Duke of Marlborough; and the Marquis and Marchioness of Lansdowne. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. A. Chichester (Vicar), and the lesson was most impressively read by the Rev. Edgar Sheppard, D.D. (sub-Dean of the Chapels-Royal). At the close of the service, the organist, Mr. E. Withers, played the Dead March in "Saul." As the congregation were leaving the church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, with the bells deeply muffled. T. J. Songhurst, 1; W. T. Boxall, 2; H. F. Songhurst, 3; W. J. Songhurst, 4; E. E. Dodd, 5; H. Boxall (conductor), 6; J. H. White, 7; W. Lynch, 8.

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To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

RINGERS AT CHURCH AND OTHERWISE.

SIR,—Is it not well to call the attention of the various writers on this subject to the question—"Are the services of the church always performed in a manner agreeable to those ringers who are devout and honest churchmen, who have been attached to the Church from their youth up?" AN AMATEUR RINGER.

A QUESTION FOR CLERGY AND RINGERS.

SIR,—The subject of the attendance of ringers at church services, if left to be dealt with according to the standard of the average layman, is not likely to advance much. We may admit the whole of Mr. Daniell's logic, so far as it goes, and yet be dissatisfied with the way in which he leaves the question. Surely we need no declaration from the pulpit to remind us of our duties as laymen, whether we happen to be ringers or not. The duty of attending public worship is so obvious, that by our own consciences we stand or fall. At the same time I heartily disagree with the notion that is incumbent on a ringer, as such, to attend every service for which he rings; but I have a strong feeling that a ringer should not wait for any dictum to be pronounced as regards the duties of the average layman in respect of church attendances. He should rather show an example of regular attendance, by virtue of the office he holds, and allow only such obstacles to stand in his way as he cannot possibly prevent. The world will oppose all sorts of hindrances fast enough, and help him to chop logic with his conscience, just as it does no doubt with the average layman. In spite, however, of all logic, we may rest assured of one thing, that it will bring a man peace at the last, if he be able to say with the Psalmist: "Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy House, and the place where Thine honour dwelleth."

And yet it seems to me that belfry rules in respect of church attendance are mostly overdone by those who frame them. Ringers are not unfrequently tied and bound by such rules in a manner which is manifestly unfair. Nothing is left to the proper feeling of the ringers. No allowance is made for family illness, or family duties. He is ticked off as present or absent, as having kept to the letter of the rules, or having broken them. There is too much distrust of the ringers about the whole matter. I would rather have them trusted in the matter of their church attendance, with a quiet word in season interposed, if any are found neglectful: in other words, ringers will be just what the clergy choose to make them in this respect, provided they do not treat them as is so often the case, with absolute indifference. What marvel in such cases, if the ringers had their own way, never troubling themselves about attending the services! If they wanted to attend, the chances are there would be no seat for them, save some draughty corner, which after the exertion of ringing would be well calculated to settle the question of church attendance altogether, by settling the ringer. No, let the same affectionate zeal be shown for the ringers as for the members of the choir, and we should find a great improvement in their attendance at the services. It was well said in my hearing some years ago by a Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, at the annual dinner of the society, that if the clergy were more often found at the west end of the church among their ringers, the ringers would be more often drawn to the east end of the church; and I for one believe it to be true. The indifference of some of the clergy is remarkable. Some years ago, the present Archdeacon of Middlesex was good enough to formulate a short belfry office for an Association with which I happen to be connected, and I sent copies of it printed in large type on cardboard to the clergy, requesting that if they approved of it, they would recommend its use, and cause it to be hung up in a conspicuous place in the belfry. It was a simple request enough: but the fact remains that there are some belfries, not many I am happy to say, where the card has not to this day made its appearance. 'Tis true, 'tis pity: pity 'tis, 'tis true. In seeking to get things done "decently and in order" in the belfry, as in the church, it occurred to me that a short belfry office would serve to differentiate between ringing for church services and the secular

peal or practice on a week-day, and one would have thought that the only answer to my proposal would have been "*commendat crebrior usus*." It has not been so in some cases, and I regret it. I am diverging, however, from what I wished to say at the outset, and it is simply this: that whenever the clergy are disposed to find fault with their ringers for not attending church services, I would ask them to pause for a moment and reflect whether, after such seeming neglect and indifference as I have ventured to pourtray, they could ever have expected things to be otherwise.

ARTHUR T. KING.

SIR,—I have not come across the "fallacy" which Mr. Daniell sets up and knocks down with such vigour, that it is the duty of ringers to attend every service for which they ring. But I have heard it urged, and I think with justice, that the ringers of a parish church should, *as a rule*, be church-goers for the sake of example to others, if not for their own. The incumbent, with whom rests the control of the belfry and the decision who shall ring there, has, it seems to me, a clear right to say that he will not have men ringing for service who habitually walk away—perhaps through the church itself—in face of the assembling congregation. In a large town church, or cathedral, this may be of less consequence. The ringers are paid for doing a certain piece of work at a certain time, nobody knows who they are, or what they do; and it is no one's business to ask whether, when that for which they are paid is done, they go to church or not. So far I agree Mr. Daniell; but in a country parish, where every one knows everybody else and what they do, or do not do, it is a different matter. It becomes a public scandal, if the ringers are known and seen always to absent themselves from church; and I am sure that if the parson himself took no notice of it, his attention would be called to it by members of his congregation. But I can hardly believe that any clergyman of ordinary common sense would take the extreme line against which Mr. Daniell argues, or would refuse to recognize the liberty of the individual conscience in the matter of church attendance.

As to the case of Mr. Newell, perhaps the clerical members of the Exercise have used a wise discretion in not forwarding to you, Sir, any "instructive communications" on a matter which did not directly concern them, and on which—so far as I recollect without having the correspondence before me—it was not easy to ascertain the real facts. Communications on any subject which the writers imperfectly understand are seldom instructive, and may even darken knowledge.

Writtle, Chelmsford.

T. L. PAPILLON.

SIR,—I must trouble you for a few lines in reply to Mr. Daniell. He speaks of the contention "that it is the duty of ringers to attend 'the services for which they ring' as a 'specious fallacy' and a 'miserable fallacy.'" I say it is neither one nor the other, but plain common sense, and right principle. Church bells are provided for calling together the faithful to the offices of the Church. The ringer volunteers his services for that purpose, well knowing the principal object for which the bells are provided. If then having called others to a service he refuses to be called himself, is not his conduct inconsistent? Is it in accordance with that "decency and order" which the Apostle enjoins in the ordering of all Church Services? I think not. In reply to his query "Why should laymen attend church services?" let me give him four reasons why, which if he is a loyal Churchman he is bound to accept, as they are given in the Common Prayer Book, viz.: to thank God, to praise Him, to hear His Word, to ask things necessary for body and soul, and let me add a still more important one, viz.: to "strengthen and refresh his soul with the Body and Blood of Christ," which is a duty of the most paramount importance to laymen as well as clergymen.

F. E. ROBINSON.

SIR,—As another parson may I support what Mr. Newhouse has said in answer to Mr. Newell's question. I know as a fact that the absence of ringers from the service they have rung for (and often the fact that they are openly seen going away from it) is a cause of remark and scandal to many church people. The clergy are engaged at the time, and do not notice it. But at the same time, if a man is free to help in ringing at another

church than the one he regularly attends, there is no reason why an exception should not be made in his case, always with the consent of the authorities at both churches; but it must be understood to be an exception. On the other hand a ringer who neglects to attend church at all degrades his office to the level of menial work. Fortunately there are very few change-ringers to whom this applies. May it ever be so. Wishing you and your readers A Happy New Century, and—many of them.

Verwood, Dorset.

H. DRAKE.

A WITHDRAWAL.

SIR,—The peal of Bob Major (5152 changes) composed by J. D. Matthews, and rang at Chiddingfold, Surrey, on June 17th, 1899, conducted by myself, is false. I therefore withdraw all claim to the said peal. But I humbly apologise to those who rang in it, and I hope to meet them soon to make another attempt.

CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

PEALS OF EIGHT BELLS AND OVER.

SIR,—I hope Sir Arthur Heywood will adopt the suggestion to publish the names of the towers or districts about which information is deficient. Some of us have helped to fill up the forms with regard to belfries where we ring; but we should not mind also helping to make inquiries about neighbouring peals.

I think myself, that often too much is expected from ringers. Usually they are not men who have offices, or accommodation for writing letters, or even for keeping forms: these latter accordingly get lost and forgotten. In the case of Secretaries, it is different; but I know from experience that they have often more than they can do with their ordinary duties. And though a Secretary is inexcusable who keeps forms by him for months not sent out (as that one who has written to you seems to admit), yet his request that different arrangements should be made by the Central Council would seem to be just. I would suggest that on future occasions, the Central Council should ask the Secretaries to do what is required, or to forward by an early date the name and address of someone who would do it for them. This could always be managed.

I would also suggest an earlier date for returning forms: if it were requested that each form be filled in "within a week, or a fortnight at latest, except for special reasons," there would be much more likelihood of its being done.

If fresh forms were thus sent out to defaulting belfries, I think all the necessary information would be obtained within a month.

H. DRAKE.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Will you kindly ask in "THE BELL NEWS" for me, the name of the Association that holds the record peal of Treble Bob Maximus, and in what year it was accomplished.

Berkswell, Warwickshire.

GEORGE HANCOX.

Obituary.

FREDERICK CHARLES NUDDS.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of the above ringer, who died on December 11th, aged 26 years. The deceased was employed on the North Western Railway, where he met with a fatal accident, and on being removed to the hospital, was found to have sustained a fracture of the neck, and died the following day. He had only been married four months. He learned to ring at his native village, Banham, Norfolk, where there are only six bells; but he never rang a peal. On removing to London, he joined the Royal Cumberland Society, and was a regular attendant at St. Stephen's church, Hampstead, on Sundays, where he rang for morning and evening service. On Thursday, December 13th, his brother ringers rung with the bells half-muffled, the usual whole pull and stand; and a touch of Bob Minor at St. Martin's church, Gospel Oak, as a last tribute of respect.

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Position to date.	Jan. to Oct.	Nov.	Total	Treble Bob.	Grandsire.	Minor Mths.	Plain Mths.	Surprise.	Stedman.	Total value in points.																										
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1 Oxford Dicns. Guild..	63	9	72	16	14	12	10	8	6	1219																										
2 Ancient Soc. Coll. Yths	36	4	40	14	12	10	8	6	4	1057																										
3 Kent County Assocn...	48	5	53	12	10	8	6	4	3	928																										
4 Middlesex Cty. Asscn	38	10	48	12	10	8	6	4	3	864																										
5 Sussex County Assn...	35	2	37	12	10	8	6	4	3	737																										
6 Norwich Dio. Asscn...	44	7	51	12	10	8	6	4	3	723																										
7 Lancashire Assocn....	37	10	47	12	10	8	6	4	3	600																										
8 Winchester Guild....	33	4	37	12	10	8	6	4	3	545																										
9 Essex Association....	29	4	33	12	10	8	6	4	3	532																										
10 St. Martin's Gld. Birm	22	2	24	12	10	8	6	4	3	519																										
11 Glos. & Bristol Asscn.	29	5	34	12	10	8	6	4	3	463																										
12 Surrey Association....	34	3	37	12	10	8	6	4	3	404																										
13 Midland Cties. Asscn..	24	3	27	12	10	8	6	4	3	363																										
14 Yorkshire Association.	28	2	30	12	10	8	6	4	3	354																										
15 Centl. Northamp. Ass.	12	1	13	12	10	8	6	4	3	282																										
16 Worcs. & Dist. Assn.	13	3	16	12	10	8	6	4	3	266																										
17 Bath & Wells Assn ...	13	6	19	12	10	8	6	4	3	243																										
18 Durham & Newtle Ass.	15	3	18	12	10	8	6	4	3	229																										
19 Hertford Cty. Asscn...	13	3	16	12	10	8	6	4	3	201																										
20 Soc. Archdy. Staffs...	13	1	14	12	10	8	6	4	3	196																										
21 Cleveland & N. York...	9	9	9	12	10	8	6	4	3	185																										
22 Chester Dio. Guild....	15	1	16	12	10	8	6	4	3	177																										
23 Royal Cumbld. Yths...	11	2	13	12	10	8	6	4	3	176																										
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29 Heavy Woollen Dist.	2	2	2	12	10	8	6	4	3	24																										
30 North Notts. Assn....	3	3	3	12	10	8	6	4	3	22																										
31 Lincoln Dio. Guild....	2	2	2	12	10	8	6	4	3	15																										
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The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND
THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

SILENT PEAL.

On Saturday, January 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN N. OXBORROW Treble.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 5.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS 2.	HENRY R. NEWTON 6.
HENRY S. ELLIS 3.	WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. 7.
HARRY R. PASMORE 4.	JOHN W. GOLDING Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

This peal was strictly non-conducted. Umpires—Fredk. G. Perrin, Royal Cumberland Youths; Fredk. Dench, College Youths.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 7, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5.
CHARLES WILKINS 2.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 6.
ERNEST PYE 3.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	HARRY FLANDERS Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 8, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

HARRY MILLER Treble.	SIDNEY JONES 5.
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. 2.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 6.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 3.	JOHN E. MILLER 7.
FRANK C. NEWMAN 4.	SIDNEY WADE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

This composition, which has the full combinations of 4, 5 6 in 5-6 and the 2nd and 3rd never in 6ths, or the 2nd in 5ths, is now rung for the first time.

The Provinces.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Monday, December 24, 1900, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. Treble.	ERNEST E. DAVIS 5.
ARTHUR E. PEGLER 2.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. 6.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER 3.	HENRY LOVELL 7.
JOHN AUSTIN 4.	ROBERT A. BARRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by F. BENNETT, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Wednesday, December 27, 1900, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 27 cwt.

GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. Treble.	THOMAS NEWMAN 6.
RICHARD A. JUDD 2.	RICHARD BRUNSDON 7.
JESSE GILLET 3.	FRANCIS E. WARD 8.
JOHN AUSTIN 4.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. 9.
WILLIAM B. BISS 5.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 27, 1900, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR;
5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt. 14 lbs.

HEBER DERBYSHIRE .. Treble.	FREDERIC DERBYSHIRE .. 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON† .. 2.	THOMAS DERBYSHIRE .. 6.
PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE .. 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD 7.
JAMES H. RIDYARD 4.	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

†First peal in the method. The Rev. A. T. Beeston hails from New Mills Stockport.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Thursday, December 28, 1900, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

FRED G. MAY Treble.	FRANCIS E. WARD 6.
RICHARD A. JUDD 2.	HENRY LOVELL 7.
JOHN AUSTIN 3.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. 8.
GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 4.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER 9.
THOMAS NEWMAN 5.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

This peal has the 6th her extent behind the 9th in the titlums, and behind the 8th in the handstroke home position.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1900, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Court Bob, College Single, Heston Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and Grandsire.

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS BARKER† .. Treble.	HENRY CHANDLER 4.
ERNEST GLADMAN† 2.	CHARLES EDWARDS 5.
GEORGE GLADMAN† 3.	SYDNEY CARTER Tenor.

Conducted by SYDNEY CARTER.

†First peal. First peal of Minor by all the band, and first peal upon the bells. The band consisted entirely of parish church ringers. Heston Bob is a new method by J. J. Parker, Farnham Royal, Slough.

HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALAN F. DAVIDSON .. Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY 4.
JOHN W. ROBINSON 2.	WILLIAM STORY 5.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

The above was rung instead of Double Norwich, one man failing to turn up.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM G. HARDING .. Treble.	CHARLES HARTLEY 4.
WILLIAM CLARKE 2.	WILLIAM J. BATEMAN .. 5.
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 3.	JOHN BATEMAN Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE.

This is the first peal on the bells, which are in a left-handed frame, and were rehung by Mears in 1894.

BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

WILLIAM GRUNDY .. Treble.	RICHARD P. HEALD 5.
ROBERT FIDDIES 2.	JAMES CALDERBANK 6.
TITUS BARLOW 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS 7.
PETER NUTTALL 4.	JOHN MAKIN Tenor.

Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

This peal was rung as a welcome to the 20th century, and also for the arrival of Lord Roberts from South Africa.

HILLINGDON EAST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE HILLINGDON SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 3, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

CECIL BELLAMY* .. Treble.	JOSEPH J. PRATT 5.
HERBERT J. AYRES† 2.	†WILLIAM HONOR 6.
JAMES W. ODELL 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 7.
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN† .. 4.	†GEORGE BELLAMY Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH J. PRATT.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. Rung on the return of Earl Roberts from South Africa.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 3, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 29 cwt.

FRANK WEBBTreble.	BERNARD JEALOUS 6.
WILLIAM J. BARKER.. .. 2.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 7.
HARRY SEAR 3.	ISAAC HILLS 8.
JOSEPH CHURCH.. .. 4.	GEORGE VALENTINE 9.
CHARLES CHASTY 5.	RONALD GLASSTenor.

Composed by B. JEALOUS, and Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

H. Sear belongs to Bletchley, Bucks., the rest to the local band. Rung to celebrate the opening of the new century, and the return of Lord Roberts.

GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Thursday, January 3, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE CRYPT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. ..Treble.	RICHARD A. JUDD 5.
THOMAS NEWMAN 2.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER 6.
JOHN AUSTIN 3.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. 7.
ERNEST E. DAVIS 4.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. .Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LEIGH-ON-MENDIP, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5000 CHANGES
Being twenty-nine 6-scores and a date touch of 1520.

FREDK. PRESCOTT*Treble.	†EDWIN C. FRICKER 4.
EDWIN R. PRESCOTT* 2.	†WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 5.
STEPHEN BROWNJOHN* .. 3.	*HENRY BEACHAMTenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

*First peal. †First peal of Doubles. First on the bells.

STANFORD-UPON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

HARRY WHITTLETreble.	†WILLIAM PERVIN 5.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT.. 2.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 6.
THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 3.	JAMES HUTCHBY 7.
FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. 4.	RICHARD F. LANETenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by R. F. LANE.

†First peal of Major in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

SAMUEL SLATER†Treble.	†FREDK. WELLS 5.
HARRY THOMPSON 2.	ARTHUR SYMONDS 6.
HUGH GLADWELL* 3.	*WILLIAM KINSEY 7.
CHARLES HONEYBELL† .. 4.	†OLIVER GARWOODTenor.

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

First peal in the method as conductor by W. Kinsey, and first in the method on the bells. †From Glemsford. *From Felsham. Thompson hails from Cavendish, and Symonds from Lavenham. The ringers desire to thank the Rev. —, Vatcher and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR;
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

ALFRED J. TURNERTreble.	ROBERT J. DAWE 5.
GEORGE A. KING 2.	THOMAS CARD 6.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.. .. 3.	JAMES N. FROSSELL.. .. 7.
EDWARD C. MERRITT .. 4.	KEITH HARTTenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

T. Card hails from Southborough.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS LAWRENCETreble.	THOMAS RICKETTS 5.
OWEN W. LAYNG 2.	CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE 3.	THOMAS ROBINSON 7.
LOUIS A. WILSON 4.	JAMES I. WELLSTenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by THOMAS RICKETTS.

TURVEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK J. BIRDTreble.	WILLIAM J. BARKER 5.
FRANK WEBB 2.	WILLIAM FREEMAN 6.
CHARLES CHASTY 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE 7.
HARRY SEAR 4.	WALTER WESTTenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

This is the first peal on the bells, which have recently been increased from six to eight by the addition of two trebles by Mears & Stainbank. First 5040 changes by W. West, who hails from Wolverton, Bucks., and first 5040 on eight bells by F. J. Bird and Freeman. F. J. Bird hails from Harrold, Beds., and W. Freeman from Emberton, Bucks, the remainder from Bedford.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK WHITETreble.	WILLIAM FINCH 6.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW.. .. 3.	*REV. CYRIL JENKYN.. .. 8.
RICHARD WHITE 4.	HARRY WOODWARDS.. .. 9.
WILLIAM J. SMITH 5.	F. STEDMAN WHITE.. .. .Tenor.

Composed by the late H. JOHNSON, and
Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung on the eve of the conductor's 69th birthday.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN EACHUSTreble.	WALTER BROWN 5.
FRANCIS SMITH 2.	ALFRED CROSS 6.
WM. PYLE 3.	†ROBERT DAVIES.. .. 7.
GEORGE E. TURNER.. .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMANTenor.

Composed by OBADIAH LANG, and Conducted by H. CHAPMAN.

†First peal in the method.

RUSHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES,

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE TOSELAND† Treble.	EDWARD CHAPMAN 4.
ERNEST UNDERWOOD 2.	*SAMUEL BURDITT 5.
WILLIAM R. HENSHER 3.	HERBERT J. JULIAN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM R. HENSHER.

†First peal on six bells. *First peal with a bob bell. Burditt hails from Desborough; the rest from Kettering. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

FARNWORTH, NEAR BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 5, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

A. EDWARD WREAKS .. Treble.	WILLIAM LEVER 5.
JOHN POTTER 2.	TITUS BARLOW 6.
THOMAS PEERS 3.	JOSEPH POTTER 7.
ALFRED POTTER 4.	SAMUEL OAKES Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

PADIHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 8, 1901, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Oxford, Victoria, Duke of York and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Grandsire and Bob Minor. Tenor 9 cwt.

THOS. DUXBURY Treble.	EDWARD A. POLLARD 4.
CHRISTOPHER PARKINSON 2.	FREDERICK G. POLLARD 5.
JOHN F. WAGNER 3.	ROBERT W. HARGREAVES Tenor.

Conducted by THOS. DUXBURY.

First peal of Minor by all. (Rung prior to the bells being taken out to be augmented after being in Padiham nearly sixty years. This is the first 5040 on the bells.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The peal of Bob Major purported to be rung at Dudley, was rung at St. Andrew's, Netherton, not Dudley.—In the report of the peal rung at Milnrow, the time should read 2 hrs. 58 mins.—In the peal of Stedman Triples rung at Birmingham on December 31st the ringer of the 4th should be Porter, not Parker, as reported.

Date Touches.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

BROMBOROUGH (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, November 13th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Pickin, 1; S. Breeze, 2; J. Woods, 3; F. Jones, 4; T. Hughes, 5; J. Dillon, 6; E. Breeze (conductor), 7; H. Reynolds, 8. Longest touch of Triples by Messrs. Breeze and Reynolds.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST GARSTON (Berks).—On Wednesday, December 26th, at the church of All Saints, 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Pounds, 1; H. Brooks, 2; T. Bull, 3; J. Monk, 4; N. Spindlow (conductor), 5; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 6. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 1; T. Bull, 2; F. Pounds, 3; D. Geater, 4; H. Brooks (conductor), 5; N. Spindlow, 6.

TILEHURST (Berks).—On Sunday, November 11th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. N. Cox, 1; J. Tucker (conductor), 2; C. Cox, 3; A. W. Higgs, 4; R. Chapman, 5; F. Haines, 6; C. Chapman, 7; R. Haines, 8. Messrs. Cox (2), and Tucker hail from Reading; Higgs from Burghfield.

READING (Berks).—On Monday, November 19th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Pickering, 1; C. Cox, 2; J. E. Hern, 3; A. E. Reeves, 4; A. Osborne (conductor), 5; J. Swain, 6; W. Wilkins, 7; J. Tucker, 8. W. Wilkins hails from Maidenhead. On Sunday, November 25th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Pickering, 1; N. Cox, 2; J. Tucker, 3; A. E. Reeves, 4; C. Cox, 5; J. Swain, 6; A. Osborne (conductor), 7; E. Searle, 8. On Monday, November 26th, for practice, 168 Grandsire Triples. R. Barkus, 1; C. Stone, 2; V. Rowe, 3; C. Cox, 4; C. Chapman, 5; A. Osborne (conductor), 6; A. E. Reeves, 7; N. Cox, 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Goodenough, 1; N. Cox, 2; A. E. Reeves, 3; C. Cox, 4; C. Chapman, 5; J. Swain, 6; A. Osborne (conductor), 7; H. Pickering, 8. Also 616 Grandsire Triples. H. Pickering, 1; C. Stone, 2; W. P. Routh, Esq., 3; C. Cox, 4; A. Osborne (conductor), 5; J. Swain, 6; C. Chapman, 7; A. E. Reeves, 8. And 420 Stedman Triples. C. Giles (conductor), 1; E. Bruce, 2; J. E. Hern, 3; C. Stone, 4; W. P. Routh, Esq., 5; A. Osborne, 6; A. E. Reeves, 7; J. Goodenough, 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

BROMBOROUGH (Cheshire).—On Tuesday, November 6th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor on the back six in 27 mins. H. Reynolds, 1; J. Woods, 2; F. Jones, 3; T. Hughes, 4; J. Dillon, 5; E. Breeze (conductor), 6. First 720 in any method by H. Reynolds.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, November 18th, for morning service at Christ Church, 360 Oxford. Jos. Thackray (conductor), 1; Jas. Peacock, 2; W. Walker, 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; Jno. Thackray, 6. Also 240 Duke of York. C. Taylor, 1; W. Walker, 2; Jos. Thackray (conductor), 3; the others as before. For evening service, 360 College Pleasure. Geo. Brothwell (Burley), 1; W. Walker (first in the method), 2; Jos. Thackray, 3; J. Heckingbottom, 4; M. Broadbent, 5; Jno. Thackray (conductor), 6. Also 240 Oxford. Jos. Thackray 1; W. Walker (first as conductor), 2; G. Brothwell, 3; others as before.

HULL (Yorks).—On Tuesday, November 27th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Highfield, 1; R. Chaffer, 2; T. Clark, 3; W. Verty, 4; G. Marshall, 5; T. Stockdale, 6; C. Jackson (conductor), 7; J. Dale, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On September 5th, 720 London Surprise. F. Withers, W. Miller, W. Doran, T. H. Beams, J. Mardell, W. Keeble (conductor). On September 9th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Withers, W. Miller (conductor), H. Bottrill, T. Scarlett, W. Doran, G. Hayden. On September 23rd, 720 Double Oxford Bob. J. Philpot, W. Miller, H. Bottrill, T. H. Beams (conductor), J. Moule, G. Hayden. And 720 Victoria Surprise. F. Withers, J. Moule, W. Doran, W. Keeble, W. Miller (conductor), T. H. Beams. On September 27th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Philpot, W. Miller (conductor), H. Bottrill, F. Withers, T. H. Beams, J. Moule. On September 30th, 720 Double Court Bob. F. Withers, W. Bridges (Mistley), H. Bottrill, T. H. Beams, J. Moule, W. Keeble (conductor). On September 30th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Philpot, J. Moule, H. Bottrill, F. Withers, J. Mardell, W. Keeble (conductor). And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Bottrill, J. Moule, W. Doran, W. Keeble (conductor), J. Mardell, H. Torble. On October 3rd, 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Bottrill, J. Moule, W. Keeble (conductor), T. H. Beams, W. Doran, G. Hayden. On October 10th, 720 Chelsea Surprise. H. Bottrill, J. Moule, W. Keeble, J. Mardell, W. Miller (conductor), T. H. Beams. On October 14th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Philpot, H. Bottrill, W. Miller, F. Withers, G. Hayden, J. Moule (conductor). On October 24th, 720 Rochester Surprise. F. Withers, J. Mardell, W. Keeble (conductor), W. Miller, J. Moule, T. H. Beams. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Doran, J. Moule, H. Bottrill, J. Mardell, G. Hayden, W. Keeble (conductor). On October 28th, 720 Plain Bob. G. Dawson, W. Miller, H. Bottrill, F. Withers, J. Moule, W. Keeble (conductor). Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Withers, H. Bottrill, W. Keeble, W. Miller, J. Moule, T. H. Beams (conductor). And 720 Cambridge Surprise. F. Withers, W. Keeble, J. Moule, T. H. Beams, W. Miller (conductor), G. Hayden. On October 31st, 720 Victoria Surprise. F. Withers, T. H. Beams, W. Miller, J. Mardell, W. Keeble (conductor), G. Hayden.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Thursday, January 3rd, at All Saints

church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes in 47 mins. H. Farnan, 1; J. Hinton, 2; J. Herbert, 3; J. Buckingham, 4; J. Crombie, 5; C. Charge (composer and conductor), 6; W. T. Elson, 7; J. W. Diver, 8; W. Charge, 9; S. How, 10. Rung in honour of the return of Lord Roberts from South Africa.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Sunday evening, November 25th, at the church of St. Alfege, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins. H. Hoskins, 1; J. J. Lamb, 2; H. Flanders, 3; W. Foreman, 4; I. G. Shade, 5; W. Berry, 6; F. W. Thornton (conductor), 7; F. H. Gooch (Poplar), 8.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FRESSINGFIELD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, December 9th, 1008 changes Bob Major. W. Riches (conductor), 1; E. Lincoln, 2; E. Gibson, 3; J. Adams, 4; A. Riches, 5; F. Barber, 6; F. Warren, 7; D. Rush, 8.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Sunday morning, September 17th, for Divine Service, 360 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Smith, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; A. Smith, 3; A. Phillips, 4; G. Carter, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. For evening service 180 Bob Minor. On Tuesday, September 25th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. Smith (aged 13), 1; G. Smith, 2; H. Austin, 3; A. Lawrence, 4; A. Phillips, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. G. Smith and H. Austin hail from Bengoe, Herts.; the rest belong to the local band. On Sunday morning, September 30th, for Divine Service, 360 Oxford Bob. J. Smith, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Phillips, 4; A. Smith, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Thursday, October 19th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Carter, 1; C. Gale, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; W. H. Lawrence, 4; A. Phillips (conductor), 5; G. Carter, 6. On Sunday morning, October 21st, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Carter, 1; J. Heady, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Phillips, 4; G. Carter, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Tuesday, October 23rd, 720 Bob Minor. C. Gale, 1; J. Smith, 2; W. H. Lawrence, 3; A. Phillips, 4; G. Carter, 5; A. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, October 28th, for Divine Service, 720 College Single. A. Wright, 1; A. Phillips, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Smith, 4; G. Carter, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. H. Carter, 1; J. Heady, 2; A. Phillips, 3; A. Smith, 4; G. Carter, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Thursday, November 8th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Carter, 1; C. Gale, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Smith, 4; W. H. Lawrence, 5; G. Carter (first 720 as conductor), 6. On Sunday afternoon, November 11th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Carter, 1; C. Gale, 2; W. H. Lawrence, 3; A. Smith, 4; A. Phillips (conductor), 5; A. Lawrence, 6.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HEAVITREE (Devon).—On Sunday, November 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. W. Haneock (first quarter-peal), 1; T. Laver, 2; W. Shepherd, 3; F. Davey (conductor), 4; J. R. Sandover, 5; W. Mogridge, 6; F. Shepherd, 7; W. W. Nethercott, 8. Composed by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter.

EXETER (Devon).—On Saturday, November 24th, at St. David's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Shepherd (conductor), 1; A. W. Searle, 2; Rev. M. Kelly, 3; W. Shepherd, 4; T. Mudge, 5; J. Moss, 6; F. Davey, 7; E. Sargent, 8.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, December 9th, for Divine Service at St. Matthew's church, Bethnal Green, 1260 Stedman Triples (Brook's) in 45 mins. W. Cooter, 1; J. Bonney, 2; F. Tubb (Appleton), 3; M. A. Wood, 4; J. Scholes, 5; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 6; E. Hall, 7; C. Kennedy, 8. Tenor 14 cwt, in F.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STEYNING (Sussex).—On Saturday, November 24th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. L. Sears, of Shoreham, to Miss A. Hayward, of Steyning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., taken from J. J. Parker's twelve-part. F. W. Steele, 1; E. Britstow, 2; J. Matthews, 3; E. Ropley, 4; D. Smart, 5; C. Smart (conductor), 6; G. Gatland, 7; F. R. Dearing, 8.

SHOREHAM (Sussex).—To celebrate the same event, 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering. J. Boyd, 1; W. Henson, 2; J. Matthews, 3; F. R. Dearing, 4; B. Challen (first 720), 5; J. Bacon, 6; F. W. Steele (conductor), 7; G. Lloyd.

ASHFORD (Kent).—On Tuesday, November 20th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-four bobs and twenty-six singles). *G. Willis, 1; J. Dyson, 2; W. Hills, 3; *F. Beeken, 4; H. Goodwin (conductor), 5; A. Hills, 6. *First 720.

BURBAGE (Derbyshire).—On November 20th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. On November 22nd, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Bennett, 1; R. Ashmore, 2; E. Stamper, 3; J. Backhouse, 4; M. G. Bennett (conductor), 5; W. Longden, 6.

DOLGELLY (North Wales).—On November 27th, at St. Mary's church, several 120s of Grandsire Doubles were rung on the occasion of one of the ringers' birthday. J. Negann, 1; J. Vizor, 2; O. G. Jones, 3; Rev. O. Evans, 4; D. Roberts (conductor), 5.

LONDON.—On Thursday, November 15th, at 192, Chobham Road, Stratford, on handbells, retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. C. Wilkins, 1-2; G. R. Pye, 3-4; W. Pye (conductor), 5-6; E. Pye, 7-8. Also 1260 in the same method. G. R. Pye, 1-2; E. Wightman, 3-4; E. Pye, 5-6; W. Pye (conductor), 7-8. On Sunday, November 25th, at St. John's, Hackney, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. F. Ramens, 1; A. Coles, 2; H. Stubbs, 3; E. Hall, 4; A. Pye, 5; J. Scholes, 6; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 7; G. Barrell, 8. Tenor 24½ cwt. in D. Composed by J. Bradley.

PETERSFIELD (Hants).—The members of St. Peter's belfry visited Privett parish church, Holy Trinity, on Monday, November 26th, and rang the following touches. 504 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Butler, 1; Rev. C. Edwards, 2; A. Butler, 3; S. Cole, 4; W. Butler, 5; G. Barnes, 6; J. Arthur (conductor), 7; W. Downs, 8. Also a quarter-peal, 1260 changes, Grandsire Triples. W. H. Butler, 1; A. Butler, 2; W. Read, 3; S. Cole, 4; W. Butler, 5; G. Barnes, 6; H. Sutton (conductor), 7; W. Downs, 8. H. Sutton, and W. Read are members of the Privett band, the others Petersfield band.

PENSHURST (Kent).—On November 9th, for practice, 168 Grandsire Triples. A. Baker, 1; G. Izzard, 2; J. May, 3; G. Edwards, 4; G. Baker, 5; H. Seal, 6; W. Spice (conductor), 7; A. Foreman, 8. And several 120s of Doubles, with 7-6-8 covering, others of the local band standing in. On Sunday, November 11th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Seal, 1; H. Goodwin, 2; F. Whibley, 3; E. Bridger, 4; G. Baker, 5; G. Edwards, 6; W. Spice (conductor), 7; J. Ray, 8. On November 14th, 504 Stedman Triples and 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Groombridge, S. Perkins, jun., W. Latter, E. Mankelow, J. Smith, W. Spice, S. Perkins, sen., G. Smithers.

ROMFORD (Essex).—Recently, on handbells retained in hand, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. L. W. Copsey, 1-2; G. R. Pye (conductor), 3-4; E. Pye, 5-6; H. F. Dawkins, 7-8. For evening service at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Nash, 1; W. Pye (conductor), 2; W. Watson, 3; L. W. Copsey, 4; G. R. Pye, 5; H. F. Dawkins, 6; E. Pye, 7; A. Sorrell, 8.

SPELDHURST (Kent).—On Sunday, November 25th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. F. Still, 1; G. Fuggle, 2; A. T. Godley, 3; R. Pelling, 4; G. Turley, 5; J. Thorpe, 6; James Maynard, 7; G. Izzard, 8. This is J. Thorpe's first quarter-peal with a bob bell, and was rung at the second attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Maynard, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

STONBY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Christmas Eve, at St. Giles's church, 360 Bob Minor. A. Clark, 1; G. Valentine, sen., 2; R. Valentine, 3; W. Yates, 4; W. Tucker, 5; G. Cowley (conductor), 6. At midnight, 720 Bob Minor, 9 bobs and 6 singles. W. Bonham, 1; G. Valentine, 2; E. Yates, 3; W. Yates, 4; W. Tucker, 5; G. Cowley (conductor), 6. On Christmas day, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, 18 bobs and 2 singles. A. Clark, 1; R. Valentine, 2; W. Yates, 3; E. Yates, 4; W. Tucker, 5; G. Cowley (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, December 26th, 720 Bob Minor, 8 bobs and 6 singles. W. Bonham, 1; G. Valentine, 2; R. Valentine, 3; W. Yates, 4; W. Tucker, 5; G. Cowley (conductor), 6. Also 120 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Tucker (first touch of Kent), 1; G. Valentine, 2; R. Valentine, 3; W. Yates, 4; E. Yates, 5; G. Cowley, 6. Tenor 13 cwt. in F. W. Yates hails from Thrapston, Northants.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday, November 1st, at St. Mary's church, 224 Grandsire Triples. A. Hughes, 1; W. Jones, 2; E. Poulton, 3; F. Oakhill, 4; F. E. Webb, 5; J. Parker, 6; F. R. Howell (conductor), 7; T. W. Grimes, 8. Longest touch of Triples by 1st, 2nd, and 8th. On Wednesday, November 21st, at Dursley parish church, after ringing 1 hour 11 mins., and during which time, just over 2000 changes had been rung, the treble rope broke at wheel. Afterwards, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, standing as for peal attempt. E. East, 1; J. Parker, 2; G. Robins, 3; F. Oakhill, 4; F. E. Webb, 5; E. Whittard, 6; H. W. Fussell (composer and conductor), 7; T. W. Grimes, 8. First quarter-peal by 1st, 3rd, 6th, and 8th.

Notices.

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The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The yearly meeting of the above-named Society will be held to-day, Saturday, January 12th, at The Little Saddle inn, Dewsbury. Meeting to commence at 5.30, business, election of officers, and ballot for the contests. All subscriptions are due at this meeting.

WALTER IDLE, Secretary.

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the Manchester Cathedral, to-day, Saturday, January 12th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.

JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.

25, Hope Street, Pendleton.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Leesfield, to-day, Saturday, January 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30.

JAS. JACQUES, Branch Sec.

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eckington, to-day, Saturday, January 12th. Meeting at The White Hart inn. Peal of eight bells. Great Central and Midland Railways.

E. JAMES, Hon. Sec.

18, Meersbrook Bank Road, Sheffield.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, January 12th, at Christ church, Southgate, by kind permission of the Rev. J. Beardall. The bells will be raised about 4 p.m. and all members and friends of the Association are cordially invited to attend.

ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Church Kirk, to-day, Saturday, January 12th, at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30.

THOS. DUXBURY, Branch Sec.

The North Notts. Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ordsall, to-day, January 12th. Tea at 5 p.m., one shilling head.

B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.

The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with the above Society will be held on Saturday, January 19th, at the parish church, Stafford, where a short service will be held at 5 p.m. Committee meeting at 5.30. Tea at 6 p.m., one shilling per head for all those who send in their names before the 15th inst. to

S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.

10, Bull Street West, Bromwich.

The Yorkshire Association.—The 25th annual meeting will be held at Sheffield, on Saturday, January 19th. Service in the parish church at 4 o'clock with sermon by the Rev. Canon Nolieth, of Beverley, at which the Ven. Archdeacon Eyre, Rev. F. G. Sandford, Rev. C. F. Knight, and other clergy, will assist. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Wostenholm Hall, Queen-street, followed by the business meeting in the same place. The rings at the parish church; All Saints, Brightside; St. Mary's, Norfolk Row; Norton; and Walkley, will be at the disposal of visitors. The local Hon.

Sec. is Mr. John Milligan, 251, Springdale Road, Walkley, Sheffield, to whom all communications respecting the day's arrangements should be sent. It is hoped there will be a large attendance to celebrate the "silver jubilee" of the Association.

BEN T. COPLEY, Hon. Sec.

14, Hillside Terrace, Bradford.

The St. James's Society, London.—The Society having appointed Monday, January 21st, to receive the report of the Auditors, and to proceed to the election of officers, the attendance of members is particularly requested on that date, at St. Clement Danes, and afterwards at the meeting-room.

R. A. DANIELL, Hon. Sec.

The St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at The Tamworth Arms, Moor-street, Birmingham, on Tuesday, January 22nd. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As important business will come under consideration, the attendance of every member is earnestly requested.

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

The Worcestershire and District Association.—The next quarterly and Committee meetings will be held, by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. H. H. Dibben, at Brierley Hill, on Saturday, January 26th. The tower and bells will be open during the afternoon. Service in the church at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow in the schoolroom. All subscription are due at this meeting, according to rule 8.

JOHN SMITH.

36, Simms Lane, Netherton.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Gloucester, on Saturday, January 26th. Meat tea, 6d. each, to those sending notice to the Hon. Sec. before January 21st. Full particulars next week.

REV. H. E. TILNEY BASSETT, Hon. Sec.

26, Long Street, Devizes, Wilts.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Pudsey, on Saturday, January 26th. Meeting-house, The Royal hotel. A peal will be attempted at 2.30 prompt. Business meeting at 6.30. Handbells provided.

HY. GAYTHORPE, Hon. Sec.

1, Elm Avenue, Bramley.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham Branch.—The usual quarterly meeting, will be held at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on Saturday, January 26th. Tower open for ringing from 3 to 8 p.m. Committee meeting at 6 o'clock. Members' subscriptions are now due.

P. E. BEX, Hon. Dist. Sec.

Barnehurst, Bexleyheath.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Loughborough, on Saturday, January, 26th. Further particulars next week.

W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

Cotgrave, Notts.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Lewes, on Saturday, January 26th. Particulars next week.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.

2, Grove Street, Brighton.

The Central Council.—PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—The next meeting of the Central Council will be held at Derby, on Whit-Tuesday, May 28th. Notices of motion should be sent in before the 30th April, which is the last day on which they can be received. Hon. Secretaries of Societies are respectfully reminded that the contributions for the year 1901, became due

on the 1st inst., and should be remitted without needless delay, at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative, to the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Council, together with information as to any change of representatives, and the names and addresses of such as have been appointed since the last meeting of the Council.

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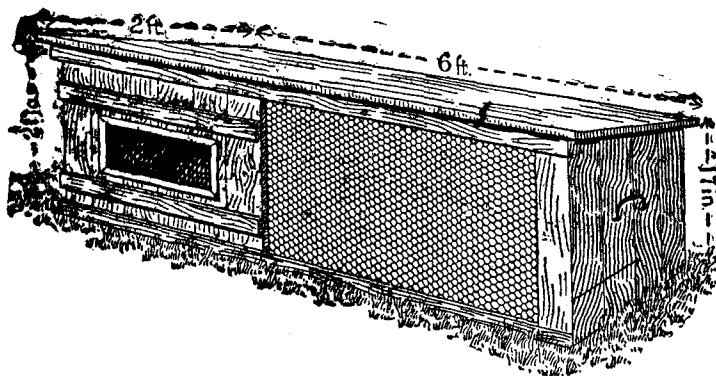
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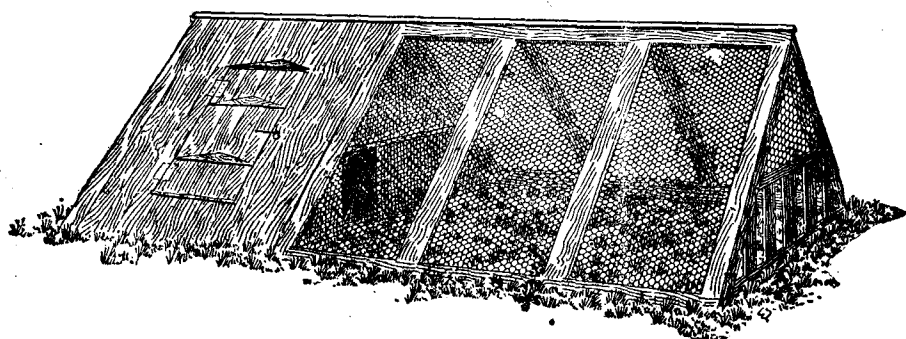
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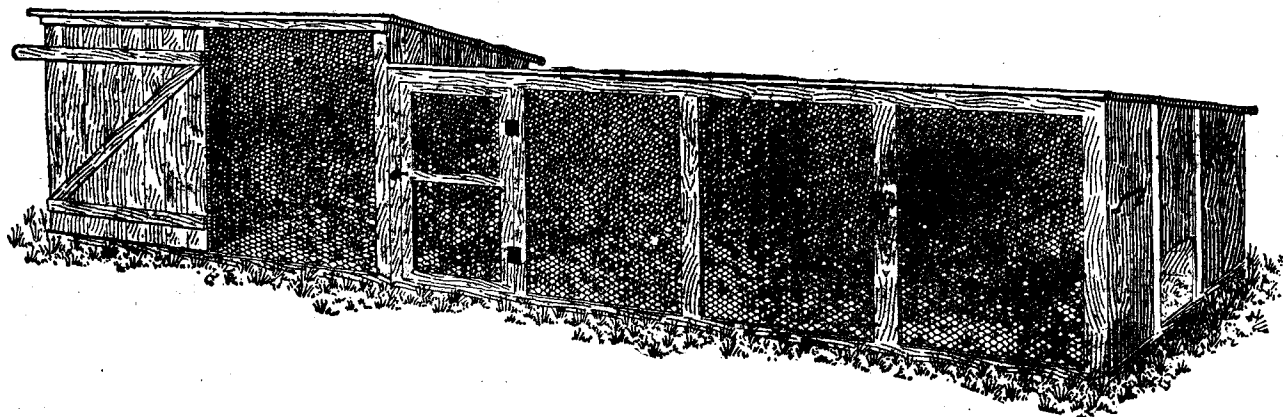
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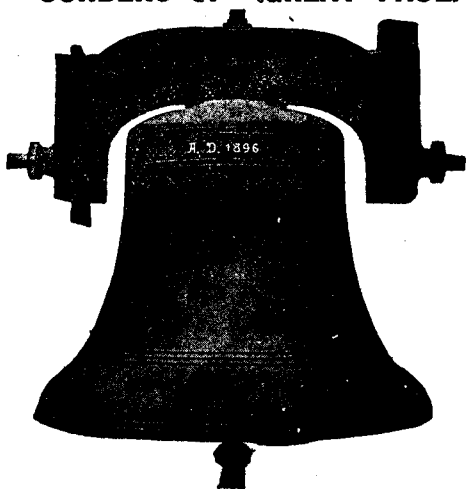
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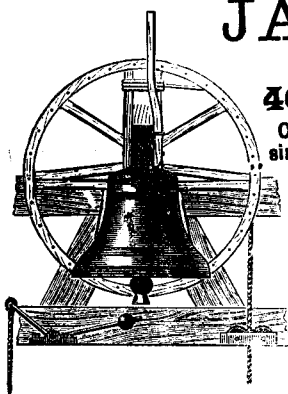
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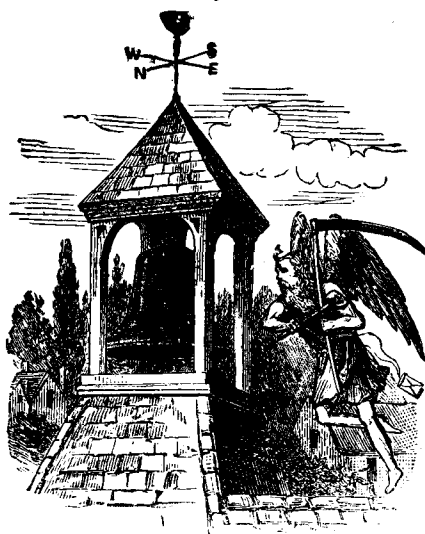
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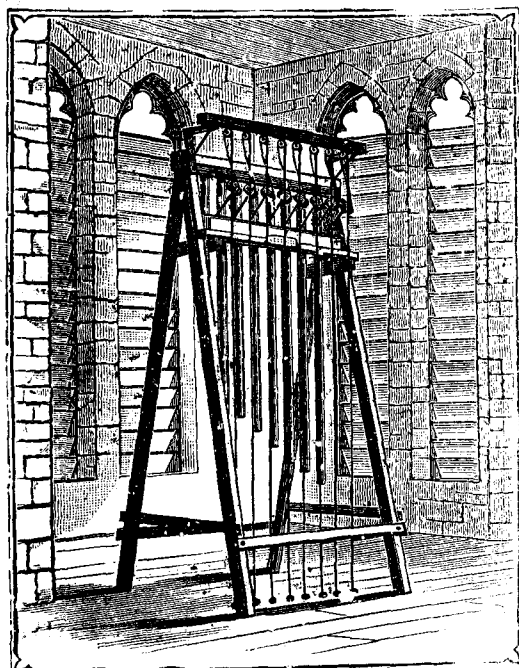
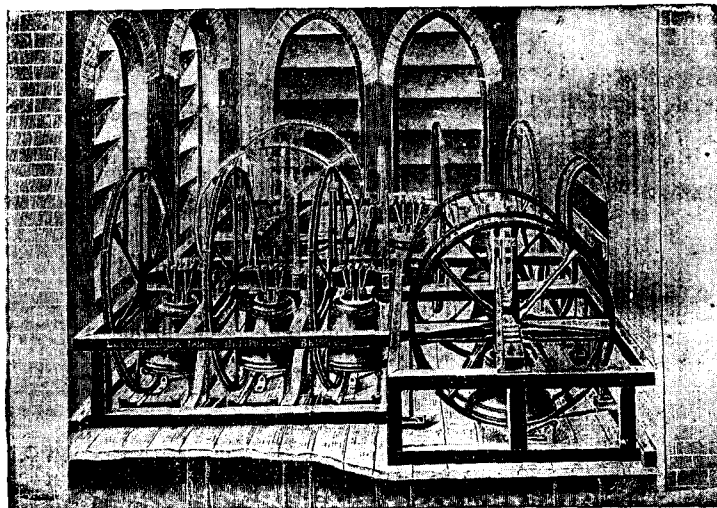
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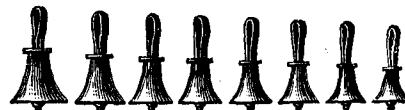
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THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT WHORLTON-IN-CLEVELAND.

In accordance with the arrangements made at the Bedale meeting last year, an informal meeting of this Association was held at Whorlton on Saturday, January 5th, where there is a musical little ring of six bells by Messrs. Warner. For some little time these bells have been getting out of order, and the task of putting them right has been entrusted to Mr. J. Metcalf, of Middlesbrough, who recently did some good work of a similar nature at Bedale. He has certainly made matters very different at Whorlton, as those who rang there on January 5th can testify.

About twenty members turned up in the afternoon, representing Middlesbrough, Stockton, Stokesley, Thornaby, and Thirsk, by whom five 720s of Minor were rung in different methods, a sixth failing to come out through a trifling mishap to one of the ropes. At five o'clock an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where an excellent tea had been provided by the Vicar of the parish (an hon. member of the Association). The members present thoroughly appreciated this act of kindness, and on the motion of the Secretary, the Rev. W. P. Wright, passed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. J. C. Fowler, the Vicar, and the kind ladies who assisted in helping at the tea.

The Vicar, in responding, welcomed the visitors, and hoped before long to see a change-ringing band established in the parish, the desirability of which was strongly urged by the president, Mr. Clarkson. The outing was favored by the finest of sunshine during the afternoon, followed by the brightest of moonlight and clear frosty air, and was thoroughly appreciated by all.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Sonning Deanery Branch of this Guild held its Annual Meeting at Wokingham, on Saturday, January 12th, when seventy-four members attended. After a short service at St. Paul's church, with a very stirring and practical address by the Rev. R. P. Newhouse, Vicar of St. Laurence's, Reading, the members adjourned to the parish room. Here a substantial tea was served, and the business meeting held afterwards. The branch continues to prosper, in point of numbers and financially, and we hope it may shortly show a more rapid advance in the attainment of peal ringing.

GREAT MARLOW BELFRY SUPPER.

The members of the above Belfry recently held their usual New Year's Eve Supper at The Two Brewers. Mr. Alfred H. Cocks (who, until his departure from the parish some few months back, was foreman of the belfry) occupied the chair, and was supported by the Rev. H. O. F. Whittingstall (Vicar), the Revs. A. W. Rainey and

S. M. Winter, Messrs. H. Collins (foreman) and W. E. Yates (deputy-foreman), and a full muster of the members including Messrs. E. Jones and Charles Smith, who will be remembered as former members. Letters of apology were announced from the Rev. L. W. M. Green and the church wardens, who were unfortunately prevented from attending. An excellent repast was provided by Mrs. Truss.

After the usual loyal toasts had been duly honoured the chairman proposed "The Health of the Vicar and Clergy," to which the Vicar replied, commenting on the fact that two of his curates had recently become recruits to the belfry.

The Vicar next proposed "The Health of The Belfry," coupled with the name of the foreman (Mr. H. Collins), which Mr. H. Collins duly acknowledged.

Mr. E. Jones then proposed "The Health of The Bobcallers," to which Messrs. W. E. Yates and J. C. Truss both suitably replied.

The last toast honoured was "The Steeplekeeper," which afforded Mr. Jones an outlet for his well-known fund of wit; Mr. A. W. Truss responded.

During the evening two very interesting presentations took place. One took the form of a handsome illuminated address on vellum, and a silver match-box, presented to Mr. Alfred H. Cocks as a mark of esteem for his services to the belfry for many years.

The Vicar, in making the presentation said he had to ask Mr. Cocks to accept the address and match-box as a mark of their regard and a testimony of the value in which they had held and appreciated him in the past. It was, he said, intended to tell the recipient how much help they had received under his guidance and from his constant work with them and his unremitting care of the highest interest of the belfry.

Mr. Cocks, in reply, said words failed to express his feelings for such a beautiful gift which they had so kindly presented to him. He had always taken a great interest in bell ringing, and he hoped to meet them on many future occasions.

The other interesting event of the evening was the presentation of a clock, by the members of the belfry, to Mr. W. E. Yates, as a memento of their goodwill in connection with his recent marriage. This presentation was duly made by Mr. Cocks.

Mr. Yates, who was taken by surprise, thanked the members heartily for their kindly recognition of that important event on behalf of himself and wife.

At intervals songs were sung by Messrs. W. E. Yates, W. E. Taylor, E. Brown, L. E. Collins, E. Jones (recitation), and J. C. Truss, and Rev. A. W. Rainey, and handbells by Messrs. Chas. Smith, W. E. Yates, J. C. Truss, and J. S. Hawkins. After singing "Auld lang syne" and the National Anthem, the party adjourned to the belfry, where the bells were set going and the old century was rung out and the 20th century welcomed with a touch of Grandsire Triples.

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ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY, BANGOR.

On Thursday evening, January 10th, the ringers and choir of the above church were entertained by the Vicar, the Rev. Lewis Jones and Mrs. Jones at the vicarage. An excellent repast was provided, which was done full justice to by the members present, numbering thirty-six. After supper the tables were cleared, and the rest of the evening was passed in social enjoyment. The toast of "The Queen" was proposed by the Vicar, and was received by the whole of the company rising and singing "God save the Queen." Songs were sung by Messrs. Turnbull, Jones, Maddocks, Whitlock, and Gayton. Mr. Sam Taylor gave an excellent rendering of "The Owa Spinner," and for an encore sang a topical Welsh song. The toast of "Our absent friends" was given, the company rising and joining hands round the tables, all singing "Auld lang syne." The toast of "The Vicar and his wife" was proposed by Mr. J. Gayton in a very neat speech, which was suitably acknowledged. A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the whole of the company again singing "God save the Queen."

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REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

On Monday, January 14th, the Redenhall company held their 165th anniversary after a lapse of three years, when about thirty ringers assembled from Norwich, Diss, Pulham Market, Pulham St. Mary, Alburgh, Bungay, other places. At 1.30 a substantial dinner was provided at The Yew Tree by the President of the Norwich Association, Sancroft Holmes, Esq., of Gawdy Hall, Harleston, who occupied the chair, supported by the Ven. Archdeacon Perowne, C. Candler, Esq., and Mr. F. R. Borrett. After dinner the health of "The Queen" was heartily drunk, as was that of the President.

The President in reply said he was pleased to meet them that day, and he would do all he could to help the work of the Association.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his kindness, and to Archdeacon Perowne for the use of the grand peal of bells, who suitably responded.

Some excellent touches of Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich, Oxford Treble Bob, Stedman, Grandsire, and Plain Bob were brought round during the day, and all seemed to have spend a most enjoyable time.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Tuesday evening, January 1st, by the kind invitation of the churchwardens (Messrs. H. Deane and W. James), the ringers of the parish church (All Saints), sat down to a bountiful spread of old English fare, viz., roast beef, turkey, plum pudding, etc. Mr. Deane presided, whilst Mr. Jones occupied the vice-chair. Amongst others present were the Rector (Rev. T. Pitts), Rev. W. Fowler (curate), Dr. C. H. Briggs, Mr. J. W. Taylor, and others. Full justice being done to the good things provided, the chairman gave the toast of "The Queen." He said what a great pleasure it gave him to meet the ringers on this occasion. He hoped the present good feeling between the churchwardens and ringers would continue to exist.

The Rector in addressing the ringers said it always gave him the greatest pleasure to be amongst the ringers, and to welcome any visiting bands. He thought they were deeply indebted to Mr. Taylor for the great interest he always took in the bells and ringing, more especially for the handsome gift bestowed by him to the church of a new peal of ten.

Mr. J. W. Taylor, in responding, spoke of the losses the company had sustained through death and removals from the town. There were that evening one or two new comers with them, but still that did not counterbalance the losses.

Mr. R. F. Lane in a few well-chosen words thanked the churchwardens on behalf of the ringers for the kind way in which they had entertained them. During the evening songs were sung by Mr. James and members of the company. Dr. Briggs presided at the piano. The evening passed all too quickly, the company dispersing at 11 p.m., having spent one of the most pleasant evenings in the company's records.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 6th, 1900, the ringers of St. Cuthbert's Church, Pateley Bridge, journeyed to Middlesmoor, which is eight miles distant from Pateley Bridge, to try once more for 720. This was the fourth time an attempt had been made by the same company, but on this occasion the ringers were successful in placing to their credit the first 720 on the bells, which have been hung above 30 years. The band wish to express their thanks to the Vicar, Rev. K. W. Summerfield, for the use of the bells and to the local ringers for putting them in order. They had not been rung for two or three months previous to this visit. The ringers were: Treble, W. J. Buck; 2, C. R. Knibbs; 3, A. Haigh; 4, G. H. Mason; 5, J. Mumford; Tenor, J. Summersall (conductor). Tenor 16 cwt. Since this the Pateley Bridge belfry has lost one of its most valued members in the person of Mr. J. Mumford, who has left the district.

APPOINTMENT. — Mr. B. Keeble, of Romford, has been appointed attendance officer under the School Board. Mr. Keeble has been a member of the Board for eight years, and resigned his seat in order to become a candidate for the post, having confidence in four of the remaining members that he should — all things being equal — secure the appointment. Mr. Keeble is the popular people's warden of St. John's mission church, which is regarded by opponents of the church as "high." During his membership on the Board he has proved a true educationalist, the friend of teacher and scholar alike. Notwithstanding that Mr. Keeble generally found himself voting upon the board with non-churchmen, he has to thank the churchmen on the Board for his election to the post.

WHILTON, NORTHANTS.

To commemorate the return of Major the Hon. C. E. Bingham, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Judkins, of Lower Farm, Whilton, gave a supper to the parish church ringers on Saturday, December 22nd. During the evening the health of Major Bingham was heartily drunk. After supper several members of the company sang excellent songs, and a very pleasant evening was spent, thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Judkins for their kind generosity.

On Sunday, December 22nd, a thanksgiving service was held in the parish church for the return of Major Bingham from South Africa. The morning was ushered in by joyous peals on the bells, and the village was effectively decorated. Various devices and banners with appropriate mottoes spanned the streets, and a profuse display of bunting from the cottage windows gave a uniformly pretty and pleasing appearance. The inhabitants desiring to escort their soldier squire to church, assembled at the entrance of the village to await his arrival, and on the horses being released from the carriage, numbers of energetic young men drew the hon. gentleman to the sacred edifice, where a large congregation had assembled. The Rector (Rev. W. H. Logan), preached a most impressive sermon from Psalm cvii. 7: "He led them forth by the right way, that they might go to the city where they dwelt." After service the bells rang merrily.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.

On Thursday evening, January 10th, the annual supper of the Halesworth, and Chediston bellringers was given at the Temperance Hotel, Halesworth, when twenty-one members sat down to an excellent repast, provided through the kindness of patrons residing in Halesworth and Chediston. The chair was taken by the rector, Rev. A. R. Upcher, President of the Society, supported by Rev. A. S. Thompson, vice-President, H. S. R. Stanford, Esq. (churchwarden), Halesworth, Mr. H. Hopkins (churchwarden), Chediston, and the ringers connected with the two towers. Supper over, a very enjoyable evening was passed with songs, recitations, and handbell ringing. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the generous subscribers to the fund; to the Rev. A. S. Thompson, for the great interest he had taken to make the meeting a success; to the Rev. A. R. Upcher for kindly presiding, and to Mr. and Mrs. E. Lambert, for the very satisfactory way in which the supper was served. The wish was expressed that the members of the company serving at the front in South Africa, might be spared to be present with them at the next meeting; and one of the most pleasant gatherings the society have ever had was brought to a close at 11 p.m. by the singing of the National Anthem and Auld lang syne.

ALL SAINTS, POPLAR, MIDDLESEX.

The ring of ten at this church was at one period a great favourite of London ringers, and such old celebrities as Messrs. Cox and Haley made Poplar their "happy hunting ground." Unfortunately the bells are now "clocked" and chimed by a party of young fellows for the various services. The inhabitants complain bitterly of the din, having been used to hear excellent "stoney" rang upon them until a year ago. The following letter has appeared in a local paper:—

"SIR,—At the commencement of the new year and century, many were asking how it was the bells were not ringing. As an

old Poplar man, it seems very sad to me that such a good old-time-honoured custom should be abandoned. The influence of Poplar bells at such a time is far-reaching, recalling sacred memories of the past to those who cannot get to watch-night services. I think it a very serious thing to tamper with a custom that even the most crusty could hardly find fault with. Will some of the authorities explain why their silence, especially at the commencement of a new century? We have a fine peal of bells, but we seldom hear them rung—they may be chimed. So far as their reputation for ringing is concerned, 'Ichabod'—'their glory has departed'—may be written over the belfry. I trust such a state of things is only temporary."

Correspondence.

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To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

A QUESTION FOR CLERGY AND RINGERS.

SIR,—The letters appearing in your last issue on this subject afford much matter for consideration. First as to Mr. King. I cannot read his letter without seeing that, though we may differ on a few points of detail, we are fundamentally in agreement. This is extremely satisfactory to me, because Mr. King is not only an enthusiastic ringer and keenly interested in everything that conduces to ringers' interests, but he is also a layman devoted to Church work in many ways. Mr. King says that this subject, if left to be dealt with according to the standard of the average layman, is not likely to advance much. That may or may not be; but I referred to the standard of what may be reasonably desired of the average layman, which is a different thing. Mr. King says we may admit the whole of my logic, so far as it goes, and yet be dissatisfied with the way I left the question. Certainly; I did not profess to leave the question in a satisfactory condition; on the contrary I am only endeavouring to do what I can towards getting a satisfactory solution. But I am quite sure of this, that if such a solution can be attained, it will not even be in sight till we have first settled the logical problem. Mr. King has some strictures on in-different parsons which appear to me to be just, but on the principle of choosing the lesser of two evils I am confident that the merely indifferent parson is infinitely better than the parson who makes rules such as Mr. King criticises. The former at least does not do actual harm to ringers; the latter does. The former let them alone; the latter persecutes them. He sits in his study or his vestry and legislates about them without the smallest consideration for their good. It may be excellent to have a giant's strength, but it is tyrannous to use it like a giant. The man of the type I am speaking of never attempts to understand ringers, to learn their ways, to realise their affection for their Art and for their steeple, and to see how he can work upon all this to gain their confidence and help them in religious or intellectual difficulties or ignorance. He simply puts them at arm's length by making regulations which the smallest pains would show him to be impracticable, and thus alienates them altogether by practically driving them out of his tower without any advantage resulting to any human being, and exhibiting himself to them as

"Man, proud man!

Dress'd in a little brief authority,
Most ignorant of what he's most assured:—"

Mr. Papillon says he has not come across the fallacy to which I alluded. I congratulate him. I have heard of it ever since I joined the Exercise and have long been sick of it. And I cannot admit that I have set it up in the present controversy. It was set up in fact, though not in actual words, by the anonymous persons who so scandalously abused Mr. Newell. By the way Mr. Papillon, no doubt owing to his not having the correspondence before him when writing, mistakes what Mr. Newell's question was on which I looked forward to "interesting communications." Mr. Newell raised the question of ringers attending Church services. He did not ask people to discuss his particular case. The remarks on his case were started by the ill-conditioned persons who attacked him.

Both Mr. King and Mr. Papillon appear to deem it desirable

that ringers should attend church services, among other reasons, to set an example. This does not seem to me to help matters. If a man were to go every day at noon to the Thames Embankment and sit on one particular seat for half-an-hour, and, when asked why he did so, replied, "To set an example," the enquirer would want a great deal more than this before seeing any reason for being influenced. If the reason to be given by a ringer for attending service is to be because it is his duty as a ringer, it is not very obvious of what use this is likely to be to people who are not ringers, or, indeed, to ringers either. A ringer must need some much better reason than this to give for the faith that is in him. I should be the last to deny the great power of good example, but I take it it is one of the conditions of that power that it must be founded on a conviction of right which induces a man to do that which sets the example. A man who sets out merely to set an example without any underlying convictions is not likely to succeed in setting an example of anything, except, perhaps, of insincerity.

Mr. Papillon and Mr. Drake refer to ringers leaving church after ringing as causing a scandal; but it seems to me that too much may be made of this argument. I have never contended that ringers should not attend church, but that their duty is only that of other laymen, and that therefore they are not bound to attend the services for which they ring. I gave several instances of what I meant in my last letter, and it seems hardly worth while to give more, although I easily might. I may perhaps give one. If a man habitually brought his children to a children's service in the afternoon and rang for evening service, it would be absurd to consider whether people would be scandalised by his walking out after ringing, and to constrain him to stay for service if he did not wish to.

This brings me to Mr. Robinson's letter, for which I heartily thank him. I shall take leave, with his kind permission, to flatly contradict what he says at the beginning of his letter, because I thoroughly agree with what he says at the end of it. With every respect I re-affirm with emphasis my statement that the contention that it is the duty of ringers to attend the services for which they ring, is a specious fallacy and a miserable fallacy. Mr. Robinson's own statement later in his letter clearly shows that the duty of clergy and laity to attend church services arises from the relation of human beings to the Divine Being. But the relation of human beings to the Divine Being cannot depend on whether they happen to be ringers or not, any more than whether they happen to be plasterers or not, or tinsmiths or not; the greater must include the less, and the duty which ringers have laid upon them to attend Divine worship is therefore no more and no less than that laid upon other human beings. I object to the fallacy because it does not give us the REAL reason for church attendance, and therefore what reason it does give is misleading and inadequate; and those who seek to induce men, whether ringers or not, to attend church services, or to attend them more regularly, must seek to do so by rationally commending to their minds and consciences the duty of man as man.

A time is coming for each one of us when our place in the steeple where we now ring for Divine worship will be vacant, when the other belfries which know us now will know us no more, when our surviving friends will ring for us the ringers' last good-bye—that solemn muffled peal which we now ring for our brothers as they in their turn pass away before us; and when that time comes we shall beyond all doubt inevitably be brought face to face with the whole truth of everything affecting our lives and ourselves. And if in the meanwhile we are to be exhorted about a subject involving so momentous a consideration as the relation of the human to the Divine, let us not be mocked by delusive superficialities, but helped by thoughtful and careful dealing with fundamental truth.

R. A. DANIELL.

SIR,—I have read with much interest my friend Mr. Daniell's letter under the above heading. His letters are always interesting and, as a rule, instructive. Will you allow a humble clerical member of the Exercise to make a few remarks upon that letter? In the first place I would say that Mr. Daniell does not do himself justice in the letter—perhaps he wrote it in a hurry. He has treated some quite distinct points as if they were identical—some of his arguments are faulty, and he has finally

answered his question in a way which is surprising in the case of a well-instructed Churchman. This last point, to which I shall refer later, was probably an unintentional slip, due, I imagine, to haste; and apart from that his conclusions appear to be based on common sense, and to be such as ought to commend themselves to sensible church people, though they should be reached from different premisses.

In the second paragraph of his letter Mr. Daniell speaks of "the desirability of Church attendance on the part of ringers," and "the duty of ringers to attend the services for which they ring" as the same thing, which they certainly are not, unless it is shown that it is the duty of ringers. If it is their duty it is no doubt desirable that they should perform it, but it may be desirable without being an essential duty. The third paragraph presents a very faulty argument, and for this reason: Ringing for Sunday Services and ringing for races or weddings are things quite distinct. The one is a call to the service, the other simply an expression of pleasure or joy. It is merely a coincidence that the same instruments are used. The next paragraph contains a curious argument also, which is difficult to follow, but it really does not affect the matter under consideration, and I pass over that and one other statement to which exception might be taken, and come to the last paragraph and the question which Mr. Daniell propounds—"Why should laymen attend Church Services?" It is a simple question, and one which admits of a simple answer. The reason however is one which is sadly neglected by a vast number of even regular church-goers. To very many the reason for going to church is "to get good" (I pass over the case of those who attend because it is customary or respectable) or to hear the sermon. The result of this idea is that if a man doesn't like the parson or his preaching, or if the music or ritual doesn't please him, he stays away or strays away to some other church than his own, or it may be to a Dissenters' Meeting House, where he can hear his own pet doctrines declaimed with unction. The simple reason for attending Church Services, is that we should meet together and join with our neighbours in God's House for the worship of God. God, in His goodness, adds a blessing to the individual soul, but the purpose of Public Worship is the offering of the "sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving" by the faithful in the parish as a corporate body. In a word we ought to go to church to give something in the first place, not to get something, which is the selfish view so common in these selfish and utilitarian days. Mr. Daniell, to my astonishment and regret appears to countenance this false view, and in so doing, as I have said, answers his question, and answers it wrongly. He says "Human beings being differently endowed may be benefitted some by more, some by less, attendance at Divine worship," apparently meaning that the idea of personal gain should be the ruling idea in the mind of every Church-goer! This surely he will correct. May I be allowed to answer Mr. Daniell's question by the following direct statements?

1. It is the duty of the creature to bow before the Creator.
2. It is the duty of the Christian to worship the ever-blessed Trinity.
3. It is the duty of the Churchman to join with his fellow-parishioners in the public worship of the church to which he belongs.

These three statements ought to be sufficient to answer the question proposed, but I would give another one. "No man liveth to himself," and the ringer who deliberately and habitually walks away from the service to which he has summoned the parish is doing a vast amount of harm, for which he will have to answer. No one would suggest that every ringer should be compelled to attend every service, but his conscience alone ought to be sufficient to tell him that it is his duty to take his part in the worship of God.

There is one other point, and I will close this somewhat long letter. Mr. Daniell speaks of "Church Services" and "Divine Worship" in a general way, and I am afraid that the average ringer in hearing these expressions generally thinks of morning and evening prayer, and perhaps the Litany. Let us divide the question "Why should ringers attend Church Services?" into two parts and give the answer.

(a) Why should ringers attend Morning or Evening Prayer? Because the Church of which they are members appoints those services for their use; and as loyal sons of the Church they will not call the people together, and then walk away saying

"There! there's the Church and the Service, but you won't catch me there in a hurry."

(b) Why should ringers attend the Holy Communion? Because the Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church to which they belong, has ordered it; and they will, as His faithful disciples, fulfil His command "Do this in remembrance of Me," and so, in His own way, "show forth the Lord's death till He come."

E. W. CARPENTER.

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SIR,—Mr. Daniell, when dealing in your columns with the irrelevant and ungentlemanly attacks of Mr. Newell's critics, expresses views with which, I opine, all fair-minded readers are in agreement. But he proceeds to make, what I think, every professed Churchman will consider an extraordinary pronouncement on the original question. That question was, Are Church-Ringers duty-bound to attend the services of their church? Mr. Daniell calls the affirmative answer to the query a "miserable fallacy." Strong words; but such are superfluous, except to hide weak logic. He proceeds, "It is impossible that ringing for something (the italics are mine) can create a duty to take part in the thing for which the ringing is performed." Quite so! But this is not a question of "ringing creating a duty," but the reverse. As I understand it, the duty created the ringing; and the man who becomes a church-ringer regardless of that fact places himself in a demonstrably false position. Again: "The work we undertake is over and done with before service commences, and when over, we are just as other ordinary laymen are." I agree, again. But where is Mr. Daniell leading us. To this great and solemn fact—that every "ordinary layman," if he be a Christian at all, is called by God and the Church to worship with his fellow-believers; and, most certainly, ringers are not exempted. Ah! may I ask, just here, if Mr. Daniell suggests something he deems it inexpedient to state boldly? Does he hint that, provided a man be an efficient campanologist, that of itself constitutes a good and sufficient *entree* to the church tower? No matter, though he be a scoffer, a professed atheist, or a notoriously loose liver, so that he strikes well and makes few mistakes, he may be addressed with "Hail comrade, well met," in God's House, without the slightest reference to the predilections of the owner. If not this, what does Mr. Daniell mean when he says—"Mr. Egby seems to think that by ringing we profess to attend church. I entirely dissent from this, and decline to profess anything." I do not know, Sir, where Mr. Daniell rings, but it would be rather interesting to know exactly for what he rings. But I am aware of what he seems to forget, viz., the tower is consecrated—"set apart"—as well as the chancel, and that to the service of God, wholly and entirely. If Mr. Daniell is ignorant of this fact, he may be excused; but as soon as he becomes cognisant of it, he will be acting a dishonest part if he goes there again while declining "to profess anything."

Again, what analogy is there between the ringers' attendance at church service and at a race-meeting. I have shewn that a non-churchman has no right to be a church ringer. Every honest ringer then is a churchman, and that makes his attendance at service a duty, while the attendance at the race-meeting is entirely optional.

But Mr. Daniell seems himself to perceive the unsoundness of his argument, and he tries to bolster it up by a plentiful use of that little big word "all." He imagines—nobody else, I think, has done so—a cast-iron rule, binding the poor sweating, toiling ringer to attend "all" the services for which he rings. And he goes on to instance cases which would, I admit, prove legitimate barriers to attendance while they operated. But Mr. Daniell, in his anxiety, proves too much. Does it not occur to him that the very obligation he felt to search out and parade these occasional hindrances to church worship suggests that even he cannot defend the absence of the ringer when these and cognate excuses are wanting. Suppose the converse case of a ringer who has not to see to aged parents; who has not to keep house while his wife attends; who has not to tread the policeman's lonely round, etc. Mr. Daniell demonstrates by implication, that all such ringers should be at church. Let me conclude with a case in point. I know a church where the good Vicar said explicitly that he would be satisfied with his ringers' word

of honour to attend regularly—unless hindered by such things as those mentioned by Mr. Daniell—one of the services on the Sabbath, and they were left *carte blanche* as to which it should be. Mr. Newell knows the Church, too. Was not such a request in every sense proper and reasonable? Yet, I think, the majority refused.

HENRY EGBY.

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SIR,—After the excellent letters that appeared last week there is probably little that is fresh to be said concerning the matter at issue. Possibly Mr. Daniell only wished to treat the question philosophically, but in any case it is a pity he left off so ambiguously. The Church has a right to expect that those who ring her bells shall bear in mind that their duties are those of church workers, and that they should endeavour to behave as such. If a ringer is an unbeliever in any shape or form, either in Christianity or the Church, let him for consistency's sake, if for no higher reason, refrain from ringing the Church's bells, more especially when calling people to worship is involved. Mr. King has alluded, not without reason, to the neglect of the clergy in not looking after their ringers. This may be true to some extent, but there are faults on both sides. In parishes where there are Guilds there is no doubt a better tone of churchmanship among the ringers than where there are none. It is sincerely to be hoped that the weighty words of the Rev. F. E. Robinson will have the effect of raising ringers from the state of indifference in this matter into which so many of them have fallen.

BERNARD JEALOUS.

SHOULD SMOKING BE ALLOWED IN CHURCH TOWERS?

SIR,—This is a question which perhaps has never before been asked in the columns of your most valuable compendium, and which ought to be considered with the greatest care possible by both the clergy of churches, and also captains and foremen of church towers. It is no doubt a most weighty question, and one which I should like ringers to pass their opinion upon through the columns of "THE BELL NEWS." Having been a ringer myself for some considerable time now, I can say with the strictest confidence to all that I have been an eye-witness to persons smoking in church towers not only just before they leave the tower but during the time ringing is in progress. Now I contend that such conduct in church towers is most disgraceful, and conduct which ought to be put a stop to immediately. I contend that if the captain of a tower where smoking is allowed to take place was a thorough good churchman, and regarded the tower as it really is part of the church, he would not allow such acts to be committed, and if he is a man that does not object to smoking in a tower then I say that such a man ought never to be allowed to hold the position of captain. I also say that it is not altogether the fault of the captain, but really is more the fault of the Vicar or the incumbent of the church where the ringers are allowed to smoke, for it is the duty of the clergy to see and know how ringers conduct themselves while in the towers. I wish to ask ringers if they believe themselves to be fully justified in smoking in church towers, and if not to absent themselves from such habits. There is no doubt about it, that the clergy do not interest themselves half so much as they ought in the doings of their ringers, and in many cases do not enter the belfry once in a year. It is inevitably the duty of all clergy of parishes to know the names of their ringers, and also see that their conduct in the tower is befitting to the church. A church tower is not a smoking-room, nor yet a place of amusement. Ringers are apt, I believe, to make ringing more of a pastime and recreation than the real purpose it is intended.

In conclusion let me ask again—Is it proper to smoke in a church tower? and I trust that the clergy may also attend to the conduct of towers and see that the ringer who fills the position of captain is worthy of the position. I trust I shall see some opinions passed upon this subject, and hope those ringers who are guilty of this action upon which I have spoken, will point out to me where they get their foundation for smoking in the tower.

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HARRY G. BEAMS 4.	GEORGE PRICE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

This peal, which is a variation of Penning's five-part, is now rung for the first time.

HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 12, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY STEFF Treble.	ROBERT WALLWORK .. 5.
THOMAS P. BRANDWOOD .. 2.	JOSEPH BANKS 6.
JOSEPH FOSTER 3.	THOMAS WALLWORK .. 7.
JOHN H. ENTWISTLE .. 4.	JAMES H. BANKS Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and Conducted by JAMES H. BANKS.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 12, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-ON-THE-HILL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES SWAINSON Treble.	JAMES MOULTON 5.
WILLIAM SCONCE 2.	HENRY DEW 6.
JOHN SCONCE* 3.	WILLIAM MOULTON .. 7.
ARTHUR PRINCE 4.	JOHN TOMLINSON Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOULTON.

*First peal. First peal on the bells, and was performed by the ringers of St. Mary's parish church, Without-the-Walls, Chester.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, January 12, 1901, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. Treble.	CHARLES DICKENS .. 5.
JOHN BARBER 2.	HARRY WITHERS .. 6.
PHILIP W. DAVIS 3.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 7.
WILLIAM T. ELLIS 4.	THOMAS REYNOLDS Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells.

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 12, 1901, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK PARSONS Treble.	LEWIS HOLLINGWORTH .. 5.
GEORGE TOMLIN 2.	CHARLES DRAPER .. 6.
FRED HOLLINGWORTH .. 3.	SAMUEL MASKERY .. 7.
HARRY HOLLINGWORTH .. 4.	WILLIAM EARLE Tenor.

Composed by A. E. BAMES, of Melbourne, Australia, and
 Conducted by F. HOLLINGWORTH.

First peal by the treble man. This peal is now rung for the first time. The figures will appear in due course. Rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas Hollingworth, President of the above Society, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. S. Maskery and C. Draper hail from Derby.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1901, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE THOMPSON Treble.	JOHN WARDMAN 5.
WILLIAM FOX 2.	JOHN W. THOMPSON 6.
REV. REGINALD STOWELL* 3.	*HENRY GEORGE 7.
BENJAMIN GREATORREX† .. 4.	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by ALBERT E. THOMPSON.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells. Messrs. Thompson hail from Derby; George from Ripley; the remainder are of the local band.

MARGATE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1901, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lbs.

WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. Treble.	PHILIP H. PIERCE 5.
REV. A. L. BRINE 2.	ARTHUR H. SAXBY 6.
HARRY BARTON 3.	GEORGE WILLSHIRE 7.
BEN REED 4.	HARRY WELLARD Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

Treble hails from Ospringe, 3rd from Deal, 4th and 7th from Quex Park, Birchington, 5th from Canterbury, tenor from St. Lawrence, 2nd and the 6th are local. This is the first peal since the re-hanging of the bells, also the first since 1805, the previous one to that being rung in 1824. The easy go of the bells reflect great credit on the skilful way that Messrs Taylor and Co., re-hung them, which had been unringable for so many years. 3rd and 4th were elected members of Kent County Association previous to starting.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S

NOAH HOLYOAKE Treble.	SAMUEL SPITTLE 5.
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 2.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT 6.
JOHN W. SMITH 3.	JOHN GOODMAN 7.
HENRY PRICE 4.	JOHN GODFREY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

Mr. J. Godfrey, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Pershore.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 12, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FIVE-PART.

WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. Treble.	WILLIAM PAGE 5.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	HERBERT KNIGHT 6.
THOMAS HORTON 3.	JAMES E. GROVES 7.
WILLIAM K. SMALL 4.	OLIVER JAMES Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

First peal of Sredman Triples on the bells. The ringer of the treble is from Handsworth; 2 and 3 from West Bromwich; 4 from Tipton; 5 from Worcester; 6 and 7 from Wolverhampton; the tenor man from Bromsgrove.

BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 12, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN WARD* Treble.	ALFRED E. REEVES 5.
ALICE WHITE 2.	HENRY WHITE 6.
CHARLES HOLDAWAY .. 3.	CHARLES GILES 7.
ERNEST BRUCE 4.	*FRANK H. MILLS Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES GILES.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. H. Mills.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 14, 1901, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES N. FROSSELL .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE 6.
GEORGE BAKER 3.	GEORGE A. KING 7.
GEORGE SMART 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. F. Attree, who received the usual congratulations after its completion. This composition is now rung for the first time.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 14, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, York, Durham, Bristol, Lichfield, Worcester, and Chichester. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN CAVILL† Treble.	THOMAS J. WATTS 4.
JOHN LUCKEY 2.	GEORGE JORDAN 5.
GEORGE GRAY 3.	WILLIAM WATTS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

†First peal in seven Surprise methods. The peal was rung to commemorate the 68th birthday of J. Cavill. This makes the conductor's 50th 720 Worcester Surprise.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY).

On Tuesday, January 15, 1901, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ARTHUR FRANKUM† .. Treble.	JOHN H. GRUNDY 5.
GEORGE FOSTER† 2.	WILLIAM T. LIGHTFOOT .. 6.
ALFRED H. PULLING† .. 3.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE 7.
GEORGE GUNNER† 4.	FRANK BLONDELL Tenor.

Composed by A. T. KING, and Conducted by FRANK BLONDELL.

First peal in the method on the bells. †First peal of Major.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 16, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

HENRY TUCKER Treble.	CHARLES CHAPMAN 5.
FRANK HOPGOOD 2.	ALFRED E. REEVES 6.
AMBROSE OSBORNE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
CHARLES GILES 4.	A. WHATMORE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—The peal of Stedman Caters rung at St. Albans has been sent without date and time of performance.

Date Touches.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(ICKLETON BRANCH).

ELMDON (Essex).—On Saturday, December 1st, a date touch of Doubles, 1900 changes, in 1 hour, being a 6-score each of Oxford, Canterbury, April Day, three 6-scores and 40 of Old Doubles, seven 6-score and 60 of Grandsire, each 6-score called differently. F. Bowtell 1; E. Webb, 2; P. Webb, (conductor), 3; A. Lilley, 4; J. Webb, 5; F. Crick, 6. Tenor 11 cwt. in G. First date touch on the bells.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Tuesday evening, November 27th, at St. Peter's church, for practice, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Newman, 1; W. Button, 2; S. Wolfe, 3; G. Burch, 4; F. Bumpstead, 5; R. Stannard, 6; H. Dransfield, 7; W. Schofield (conductor), 8. Also a course of Stedman Triples, and a course of Kent Treble Bob Major, on handbells. W. Newman, 1-2; J. Kettle (a blind man), 3-4; H. Dransfield, 5-6; R. Stannard, 7-8. H. Dransfield belongs to Salford.

HARWICH (Essex).—On Thursday, October 18th, for practice, 120 Stedman Doubles, with the tenor covering. A. Redwood, 1; G. Knock, 2; G. Thompson, 3; G. Moss, 4; A. Morris (conductor), 5; C. Ellis, 6. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Durrant, 1; A. Redwood, 2; C. Ellis, 3; G. Knock, 4; G. Moss, 5; G. Thompson, 6; A. Morris (conductor), 7; F. Borrett, 8. On Sunday, November 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Durrant, 1; A. Redwood, 2; G. Ramplin, 3; G. Knock, 4; G. Moss, 5; G. Thompson, 6; A. Morris (conductor), 7; F. Borrett, 8. Composed by A. N. Wood.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTH.

LONDON.—On Sunday, November 4th, at the residence of Mr. J. Judd, on handbells retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes. A. F. Harris, 1-2; H. P. Harman (conductor), 3-4; C. F. Winny, 5-6; J. Judd, 7-8. Longest length upon handbells by Messrs. A. F. Harris and J. Judd.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

WEST RETFORD.—On Wednesday, November 14th, 1900, 720 Bob Minor. F. Phillips, 1; A. Palfreman (first 720 in any method), 2; H. Hurst, 3; C. Metcalfe, 4; G. R. Winter, 5; C. Crawford (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, November 28th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Palfreman (first 720), 1; A. Palfreman, 2; F. Phillips, 3; C. Metcalfe (conductor), 4; G. R. Winter, 5; H. Hurst, 6. *First 720 as conductor.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants.)—On Sunday evening, September 2nd, for Divine service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Harper, 1; J. Gould, 2; P. M. Hannam, 3; J. J. Symons, 4; A. D. Stone, 5; A. C. Collins, 6; E. C. Newman (conductor), 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. Also on Sunday morning, September 9th, for Divine service, 404 Grandsire Triples. W. Cramb (first 504), 1; P. M. Hannam, 2; J. Harper, 3; J. J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; J. Harris, 6; E. C. Newman, 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. Also for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Harris, 1; P. M. Hannam, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. J. Symons, 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; E. C. Newman, 6; A. C. Collins (conductor), 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. Also on Sunday morning, September 16th, for Divine service, with the bells half-muffled, showing a token of respect to the late Thomas Taylor, who passed away, Monday, September 10th. For twelve years he was the verger of the parish church. 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Cramb, 1; P. M. Hannam, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. Harper, 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; E. C. Newman, 6; J. Harris (conductor), 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. Also on Sunday evening, September 16th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. *F. S. Wilson (first quarter-peal), 1; P. M. Hannam (first quarter-peal on an inside bell), 2; G. Groves, 3; J. J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; J. Harris, 6; E. C. Newman, 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. *Hails from St. Mary's, Abergavenny. Also on Sunday evening, September 23rd, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. S. Wilson, 1; J. Harper, 2; G. Groves, 3; J. J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. T. Matthews, 5; J. Harris, 6; J. Gould, 7; H. C. Ingram, 8. Also on Sunday evening, October 14th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Cramb, 1; J. Harris, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. J. Symons (conductor), 4; E. C. Newman, 5; A. C. Collins, 6; J. Gould, 7; J. T. Matthews, 8. Also on Sunday evening, November 11th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Cramb, 1; P. M. Hannam, 2; C. Groves, 3; J. J. Symons (conductor), 4; J. Harper, 5; J. T. Matthews, 6; E. C. Newman, 7; H. C. Ingram, 8.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BARNET (Herts.)—On October 6th, the day of the funeral of A. J. Chidwick, one of the local members, the bells were rung muffled, as a token of respect by members of the above Association, the following members taking part: A. T. King, F. A. Milne, E. Dolton, A. E. Dolton, W. F. Dolton, J. Wittey, W. J. Baldwin, J. Sumpter, J. R. Sharman, A. Glasscock, W. J. Dell, J. Wicks. On October 15th, for practice, 500 Grandsire Triples. W. F. Dolton, 1; E. Marshall, 2; W. J. Dell, 3; J. Sumpter, 4; J. Armstrong, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6; J. Miller, 7; E. Dolton, 8. Also two courses of Stedman Triples. E. Marshall, 1; J. Armstrong, 2; W. J. Dell, 3; J. Sumpter,

4; C. H. Martin, 5; F. A. Milne, 6; J. Miller, 7; A. T. King, 8. Also a touch of Grandsire Triples. J. Cornell, 2; the rest as before. On October 26th, on the back six, 120 Grandsire Doubles. W. Baldwin, 1; J. Sumpter, 2; A. T. King, 3; F. A. Milne, 4; W. Dell, 5; W. Dolton, 6. On November 18th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. J. Baldwin, 1; J. R. Sharman (conductor), 2; J. Wittey, 3; J. Sumpter, 4; W. J. Dell, 5; F. A. Milne, 6; W. F. Dolton, 7; A. T. King, 8. On November 19th, 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by J. Armstrong. Also 336 Bob Major, conducted by J. Miller.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH).

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, October 14th, at Holy Trinity church, 576 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; W. Walton, 2; R. Hartley, 3; T. Burrows, 4; D. Campbell, 5; N. Townend, 6; R. Ashworth, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. Also 672 Oxford. J. R. Eastwood, 1; D. Campbell, 2; W. Walton, 3; R. Hartley, 4; T. Redman (conductor), 5; N. Townend, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; R. Ashworth, 8. On Sunday, October 21st, 640 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; D. Campbell, 2; W. Walton, 3; T. Burrows, 4; R. Hartley, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; N. Townend, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, October 28th, 720 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; D. Campbell, 2; T. Burrows, 3; R. Hartley, 4; N. Townend, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. Also 672 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; W. Walton, 2; T. Burrows, 3; R. Hartley, 4; D. Campbell, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Redman (conductor), 7; T. Townend, 8. On Sunday, November 4th, 720 Bob Minor. T. Burrows, 1; W. Walton, 2; R. Hartley, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 8. Also 448 Bob Major. T. Burrows, 1; W. Walton, 2; N. Townend, 3; D. Campbell, 4; R. Hartley, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, November 11th, 720 Bob Minor. T. Burrows, 1; W. Walton, 2; R. Hartley, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; N. Townend, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. Also 640 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; W. Walton, 2; N. Townend, 3; R. Hartley, 4; J. W. Stirk, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, November 25th, 720 Oxford. J. R. Eastwood, 1; T. Burrows, 2; R. Hartley, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; N. Townend, 5; T. Redman, 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. R. Eastwood, 1; W. Walton, 2; R. Hartley, 3; R. Ashworth, 4; N. Townend, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Thursday, November 29th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. J. R. Eastwood, 1; T. Burrows, 2; R. Ashworth, 3; R. Hartley, 4; N. Townend, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PORTISHEAD (Somerset).—On November 29th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples. J. Nesbitt, 1; G. Tippet, 2; J. Wyell, (first on a bob bell), 3; A. Gale, 4; S. Moore, 5; W. Gillingham, 6; *E. Knight (conductor), 7; C. Urch, 8. *First as conductor.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, December 1st, at St. Margaret's church, for practice, 960 Oxford Treble Bob Major. A. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; H. J. Button, 3; C. Bailey, 4; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 5; C. Samson, 6; J. M. Button, 7; E. Bailey, 8. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

WIRKSWORTH (Derbyshire).—On Monday evening, November 12th, for practice, 800 Bob Major. F. Turner, 1; Rev. A. T. Beeston, 2; Rev. R. Stowell, 3; F. Johnson, 4; J. Wardman, 5; B. Greatorex, 6; H. George, 7; W. Fox (conductor), 8.

WARWICK.—On Thursday, November 29th, at St. Mary's church, for practice, 336 Grandsire Triples, with 9-7-8 covering. W. G. Dickens, 1; A. W. Brighton, 2; W. Collett, 3; H. Letts, 4; E. Brasington, 5; J. Jones, 6; E. H. Adams (conductor), 7; C. Kemp, 8; T. Rose, 9; G. Barnacle, 10. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. F. Salt, 2; A. W. Brighton, 6; the rest as before.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Sunday, November 25th, at St. Mary's church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. H. Harman, 1; J. G. Beaven, 2; H. G. Hill (conductor), 3; J. E. Sykes, 4; J. C. Harvey, 5; A. Phillip, 6; W. J. Aldridge, 7; G. Carter, 8.

MEMORIALS in "Latten" Brass and Marble; Church Fittings in Brass and Wrought Iron, by GAWTHORP, Craftsman to H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, 16, Long Acre, London. A special illustrated price-list for the Clergy and others post free on application.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

On Thursday evening, January 10th, the above society gave a farewell dinner at The Bull hotel to Mr. George Petrie, clerk of works at the new post office, who is about to move elsewhere. The hon. secretary, Mr. Arthur Coleman, presided, with Mr. James George, ringing master, in the vice-chair. Host Lane, a member of the society, provided an excellent dinner which was well served up, justice being done to all.

The Chairman called upon Mr. James George to give the toast of the evening, and also a small present, viz.:—a silver mounted pipe and case on behalf of members of the society as a token of esteem and good fellowship to their departing friend whose society all have much appreciated during his ten months sojourn with them.

Mr. Petrie said he was completely taken by surprise, and did not know how to find words to thank one and all for the kind remarks from the ringing master and also the present to him on behalf of the Society. With regard to the art of change-ringing he believed in a man when he took up the art to put his whole heart and soul in it, and not go about it like some do in a half-hearted way, viz.: come one week and miss the next, or perhaps when one just thinks of it, and turning up late at the meetings for practice. Such members will be found in all societies, and such apathy all must try their best to prevent—one and all.

After this Grandsire Triples and Bob Major was rung on hand bells, interspersed with songs, &c., but alas came too soon the hour of 11 o'clock, when all had to part, after having spent a most enjoyable and happy evening.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HURSTPIERPOINT BRANCH.

The annual dinner of the above branch was held on New Year's Day, at The Chinese Gardens, an excellent spread being provided by host Fuller, late of St. Peter's, Brighton. In the unavoidable absence of the Rector, the Rev. R. A. C. Bevan, the chair was taken by his colleague, the Rev. A. K. Boyd, being supported by several of the local tradesmen, including Messrs. Russell, Banks, Brooker, Morley, Myall, etc., also Mr. G. Williams, Hon. Dis. Secretary of the Sussex Association. The absence of Mr. W. B. Davey, through illness, Secretary of the local band, was regretted by all. The toast of the Queen and Royal Family was given by the Chairman, and drank with enthusiasm.

Mr. Morley then proposed "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," Corporal Lambert, a member of the local band, responding.

Mr. Williams, in proposing the toast of the Hurstpierpoint Bellringers, urged on them to do their level best to make themselves an efficient change-ringing band of the Association, as they were most fortunate in having such an excellent Rector, giving them every encouragement to make progress, as well as taking an active part himself; and with the assistance of Mr. Fuller, all those who had not already done so, ought to at least ring a peal this year. Mr. Fuller responded, saying he was sure they were making progress, although perhaps slowly.

The next toast, "The Visitors," was given by the Chairman, coupling the names of Mr. Williams and Mr. Banks. Mr. Williams, they all knew well, and he (the Chairman), was pleased to say what a great improvement there was in the ringing since the band had been under his instruction. Mr. Banks, he understood, had just come to reside in the parish, and he hoped they should soon get to know each other well. Mr. Williams and Mr. Banks responded.

Mr. A. Davey then proposed the health of the Chairman, who he regretted to say, was shortly leaving them for a new sphere of labour. The Chairman, in acknowledging the toast, thanked

Mr. Davey for his kind remarks, and although he should be shortly leaving them, he hoped to see them very often, as Mrs. Boyd's home was at Hurstpierpoint. He was only going about eight miles distant, to Slangham, and he and Mrs. Boyd would be pleased to see the Hurstpierpoint ringers there any time, although they had only five bells at his new church at present.

The health of the Rector was proposed by Mr. Williams. The Host (Mr. Fuller), by Mr. Morley.

Between the toasts, and during the evening, songs were rendered by Messrs. A. Gander, Russell, Stenning, Ringsland, Sparks, Fuller, Sayers, and Private Smith (Sussex Volunteers), who has just returned from South Africa. Mr. Spark's song, "Famgan's Fare, highly delighted the company, for which he was encored. Tunes were also rung on the handbells by Messrs. Mansbridge, T. Gander, A. Gander, and H. Kingsland. Also pianoforte solos by Mr. A. A. Fuller.

Obituary.

WALTER DAVIS.

(OF THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.)

His brother ringers deeply deplore the loss of their captain for many years, who died Thursday last at his residence in Thornbury, after a long and painful disease. Although very interested in ringing he has done very little inside ringing, preferring to ring the treble, which he has rung to two peals.

The first peal he helped to ring was in the Jubilee year, 1887, being the first peal by any of the local band. His last ringing was with his comrades at St. George the Martyr, London, August last being their annual outing. He was laid to rest in the cemetery, Monday, January 14th, amid a throng of sympathising friends.

Eight of the handbells he used to love to ring were tied in pairs with white ribbons and placed across the coffin. The cortege was met at the church gates by the Vicar, Rev. A. W. Cornwall, and Rev. A. H. Williams, curate. The opening sentences of the beautiful burial service was taken by the curate, also the Psalm, the Vicar taking the lesson. As the procession left the church the organist played a funeral march.

The remainder of the service at the grave was conducted by the Vicar, at the conclusion of which four of the oldest members rung the hand-bells over the grave.

The coffin bore the following inscription: Walter Davis, died January 10th, 1901, aged 52.

The following rang on the tower bells immediately afterwards a 4-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells deeply muffled. W. Symes, 1; A. Burchell, 2; A. B. Phelps, 3; F. K. Howell, 4; C. Eddington, 5; T. Alsopp, 6; J. J. Poole (conductor), 7; W. Hollister, 8. First-quarter peal by ringers of treble and tenor.

SAMUEL HALL.

(OF RUGBY.)

The above change-ringer removed from Northampton to Rugby about two years ago, being very unwell at that time. For the last 18 months he suffered much from paralysis. His record as a peal ringer was not great although he was much attached to the art. He was born Nov. 24th, 1855, and died December 11th, 1900, being 45 years of age. He was much respected by all ringers that knew him, and leaves a widow and two children to mourn their loss.

Mr. W. H. Jenkin, the popular and respected village blacksmith at Madron, who is now nearly 83 years of age, was much admired by a goodly number of spectators at the Madron church belfry after the watchnight service on Monday night, on account of the steady way in which he rang the fifth bell, round after round, with the younger members, three of whom were his two sons and one a grandson. Captain Jenkin also fell his bell at the close, which is no easy work for one of such years.—*The Cornishman*.

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MILD AND BITTER.

When Shipway compiled his "Campanologia," he said of London Surprise: "It seems to have received some partial practice by the Ancient Society of College Youths; and was dropped, probably because of its intricacy," etc. What would Shipway have said, I wonder; had he lived to see last week's "BELL NEWS" containing that brilliant performance of Silent London Surprise!

I raise my hat and make my most profound bow to the boys of Rochester Row, for they are champions—with a big C. When I was informed of their feat—thro' my private secretary—I naturally expected some sort of footnote, but as they are too modest, it shall never be said that your humble servant did other than give honour it's due. Whoa! Pegasus.

Bravo;
Rochester Row.
Your silent peal of London
Is top of the poll;
And ages may roll,
But it never will be undone.

The College Youths thus start the century exceedingly well, and in my opinion this peal is the finest feat of change-ringing on tower bells ever accomplished.

Some men are born great, some achieve, and some have greatness thrust upon them. It is fairly brought thrust on Father Newell of Reading. Who would have thought that his innocent little homily would have caused such a stir and heavy correspondence, the like of which we had not seen since Le affaire Kidlington or the "Bob Lead" puzzle? I have a sporting friend who has read the correspondence carefully week by week and who summarises in the following callous manner: "Have a little bit on Daniell, he is all wool and a yard wide."

I see by the note to a Birmingham peal that the Master of St. Martin's Guild has called within the space of four months everything from Minor to Maximus! This is good business. I happen to know the worthy Master, but as he doesn't know me I have not the slightest compunction in strumming my harp in his honour:—

William Short—St. Martin's Guild,
Good old sort—Sturdy build,
Mine is hot—This with me
You have got—Ability.
With good old port—May you be filled
And so you ought—(and something grilled.)
You call and ring—and never shelve
Anything—to Treble Twelve
Good old sort of sturdy build
Is Master Short of Martin's Guild.

There, my masters, is something ode and paid. I really think the price of the paper will have to be raised to keep up the dignity of my office. Here you have a real live poet at your pleasure, inspired by the Elixir of the Muses, and the finest Hybean Juice Burton-on-Trent ever produced. You cannot expect Shakespear for a penny, besides, he is dead—altho' were my friend William alive I would not be averse to shewing him how these things are jerked, which might enable him to save his Bacon, so to speak. Bell-ringing and poetry are well mated. If anyone should think otherwise I would respectfully beg of him to "Glue his nose" on to the next paragraph.

Whilst welcoming electricity as a motive power for

trains or trams, let us utter a protest against the needless wounding of æsthetic feeling by the proposal of an Essex clergyman to ring church bells by electricity. Does this gentleman simply regard church bells as useful machines for calling people to church? Is the poetry of bell-ringing, is the beauty of the labour it entails, lost on him?"—*Home Counties Magazine*.

Well, I should answer in the affirmative, or rather; echo answers it with the three last words of the paragraph, and not only is it lost on him; but on many more clergy and churchwardens who care not a fig as long as church bells can give utterance to the Sunday chime. In these cases it would be considered irreverent to suggest that still further improvement might sometimes be made by the delivery of a good sermon by phonograph or telephone!

Any doubts regarding the new century ought now to be set at rest. Whether it started last year or this no man knows with certainty, and there is just as much reason on either side.

Still, whatever opinion my readers may be, there is no doubt that we are now in the 20th cycle.

Like many other mortals, we ringers all I hope made some good resolution. I don't mind confessing that I did. When a man has lived between thirty and forty years, and has seen how the beauties of nature in all its forms have been debased by the curse of drink; it is enough to give him pause. I have a (cadaverous-looking) friend who pictured to me the ecstatic bliss of a teetotaler's life, combined with vegetarianism. I might mention that he sleeps with window open all winter and glories when the snow lies on the foot of his bed. He also delights in supping off a jug of cold water and an apple; and—in short—he converted me.

After we had rang the new century in, the first house I entered I had to encounter the flowing bowl, but I resisted. Day after day I fought the battle of temperance intact, without a hole in my armour. Friends enquired after my health as tho' they suspected some disease was gnawing my vitals—but I knew. Night after night I retired on my jug of cold water in about as cheerful a mood as a prisoner does. Then the blizzard came! I shall put it down to the blizzard. I was ready to perish, and therefore a fit and proper subject for something with more body in it than *agua pura* possesses. Man alive! It was TERRIBLE!! I withstood it all until twenty-five minutes past twelve on the 6th inst., when the head of mine host appeared above the curtain on the lookout (for this is the law and the profits), I telegraphed him that it was unconditional surrender.

Total abstinence may be a glorious thing. There may be beatitudes in it unknown to the stomach that needs encouragement, but tho' like Barkis, the spirit is willing, my flesh is weak; and a dinner off a knob of ice and a pickled onion won't agree with the internal administration of

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The Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with the above Society will be held to-day, Saturday, January 19th, at the parish church, Stafford, where a short service will be held at 5 p.m. Committee meeting at 5.30.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street West, Bromwich.

The Yorkshire Association.—The 25th annual meeting will be held at Sheffield, to-day, Saturday, January 19th. Service in the parish church at 4 o'clock with sermon by the Rev. Canon Nolieth, of Beverley, at which the Ven. Archdeacon Eyre, Rev. F. G. Sandford, Rev. C. F. Knight, and other clergy, will assist. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Wostenholm Hall, Queen-street, followed by the business meeting in the same place. The rings at the parish church; All Saints, Brightside; St. Mary's, Norfolk Row; Norton; and Walkley, will be at the disposal of visitors. The local Hon. Sec. is Mr. John Milligan, 251, Springdale Road, Walkley, Sheffield, to whom all communications respecting the day's arrangements should be sent. It is hoped there will be a large attendance to celebrate the "silver jubilee" of the Association.

BEN T. COPLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

14, Hillside Terrace, Bradford.

The St. James's Society, London.—The Society having appointed Monday, January 21st, to receive the report of the Auditors, and to proceed to the election of officers, the attendance of members is particularly requested on that date, at St. Clement Danes, and afterwards at the meeting-room.

R. A. DANIELL, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at The Tamworth Arms, Moor-street, Birmingham, on Tuesday, January 22nd. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As important business will come under consideration, the attendance of every member is earnestly requested.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—The annual meeting and election of officers for the ensuing year, will be held on Thursday, January 24th. Ringing at 8 p.m. Members are requested to attend.

C. J. IRISH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Worcestershire and District Association.—The next quarterly and Committee meetings will be held, by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. H. H. Dibben, at Brierley Hill, on Saturday, January 26th. The tower and bells will be open during the afternoon. Service in the church at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow in the schoolroom. All subscription are due at this meeting, according to rule 8. A free tea will be provided for all members forwarding their names to me not later than Wednesday, January 23rd.

36, Simms Lane, Netherton. JOHN SMITH.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Pudsey, on Saturday, January 26th. Meeting-house, The Royal hotel. A peal will be attempted at 2.30 prompt. Business meeting at 6.30. Handbells provided.

HV. GAYTHORPE, *Hon. Sec.*

1, Elm Avenue, Bramley.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham Branch.—The usual quarterly meeting, will be held at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, on Saturday, January 26th. Tower open for ringing from 3 to 8 p.m. Committee meeting at 6 o'clock. Members' subscriptions are now due.

P. E. BEX, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Barnehurst, Bexleyheath.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Loughborough, on Saturday, January 26th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30, tea at 5 o'clock, both in the Fearon Hall. The tea will be free, but will only be provided for those who have notified Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., not later than Thursday, 24th inst., of their intention to be present.

W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

Cotgrave, Notts.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Southover, Lewes, on Saturday, January 26th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45, kindly provided by the Rector, the Rev. D. Lee Elliott. Members intending to be present, should let me know by Wednesday, 23rd.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

2, Grove Street, Brighton.

N.B.—The meeting at Crawley, postponed from November 12th, 1900, will be held on Saturday, February 9th.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Great Marlow on Saturday, January 26th. Service in church at 5 p.m. Preacher—Rev. A. T. C. Cowie, Rector of Clewer. Tea in Boys' Schoolroom, 5.45. Business Meeting, 6.30. The bells will be available for ringing before the service and after the meeting. The number from each tower that will be present should be sent as soon as possible to Mr. W. E. Yates, Temple View, Station Road, Marlow.

H. C. BELL, *Branch Secretary.*

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, January 26th. Tower open at 3. Committee Meeting at 4.15. Tea at 5.15 at The Bell inn. Members partaking of tea will be required to pay 6d. each, as it is impossible to procure a meat tea at Staplehurst for less than 1s. 6d. per head. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending, whose subscriptions for the current year are paid. Members intending to be present are requested to inform the District Secretary not later than Wednesday, January 23rd.

W. LATTE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting of the Association will be held at Lightcliffe on Saturday, January 26th. Bells ready from dinner. Business meeting at The White Horse at 6 o'clock.

WRIGHT INGHAM, *Sec.*

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Gloucester, on Saturday, January 26th. Service in Cathedral at 4 o'clock. It is specially hoped members will make a point of attending. Meat tea at 4.30, at Garrett's Restaurant, sixpence to those sending notice to Hon. Sec. before January 21st. Business meeting after tea, the Archdeacon of Gloucester presiding at both. Ringing at Cathedral (8), from 2 till 4; S. Michael's (10), 7 till 8; Crypt (8), 8 till 9.

REV. H. E. TILNEY BASSETT, *Hon. Sec.*
26, Long Street, Devizes, Wilts.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Almondsbury on Saturday, January 26th. There will be a short service held during the afternoon, followed by a business meeting.

C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Reading, on Monday, January 28th. St. Mary's tower open at 6.45 p.m., for short touch, followed by service at 7 p.m. Meat tea at Abbey Cafe, at 7.30, followed by business meeting and smoker. Price to members of branch, one shilling each. Names by 23rd inst., to

A. W. PIKE.

43, St. Bartholomew's Road, Reading.

The Essex Association.—There will be a district meeting of the above Association at Great Bentley on Saturday, February 2nd. Tea and business meeting at 5 o'clock. Members proposing to attend must notify me by the previous Tuesday.

HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Asst. Sec.*

Great Totham.

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Stokesley on Saturday, February 2nd. Tea (tickets 9d. each) at The Golden Lion at 5 p.m. The tower (six bells) will be open all day. Members intending to be present kindly inform the Secretary before January 29th. Subscriptions for 1901 are now due.

REV. W. P. WRIGHT, *Hon. Sec. and Treas.*
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FALSE COMPOSITION.—Mr. H. Dains and other correspondents write to say that the peal of Treble Bob by Mr. Charge, published last week, is false.

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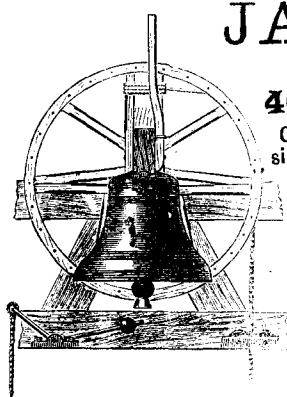
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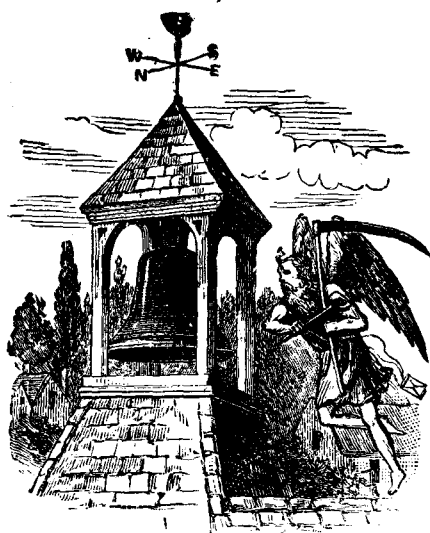
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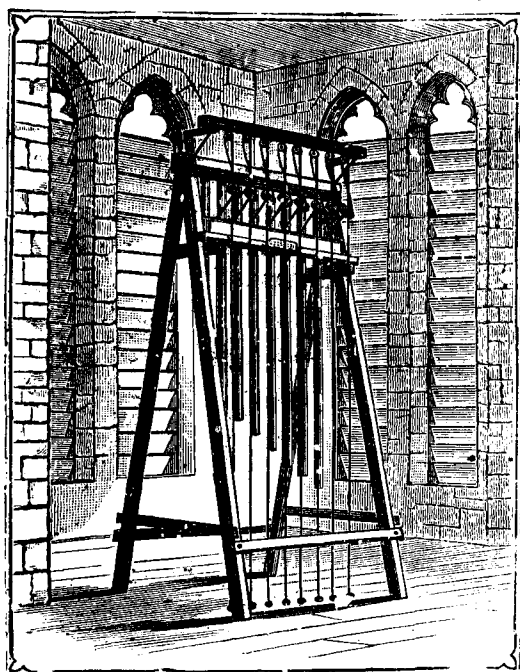
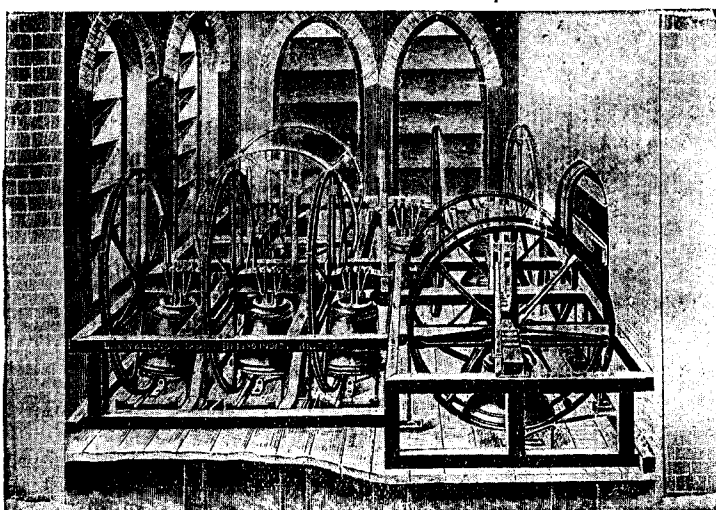
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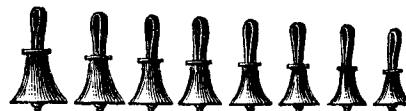
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING.

PRESENTATION TO MR. WILLIAM SNOWDON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

"Dull morning, sir."

"Yes, it doesn't look very promising."

"No, sir; I fear we shall have a downfall soon, either rain or snow."

This passed between myself and the courteous guard of the Great Central train as I "boarded" it on Saturday last, in commencement of my journey to the busy town of Sheffield. Dull, grey, and heavy-laden, the clouds seemed to lower, and betoken anything but pleasant weather. And then I remembered how, with youthful simplicity, forgetfulness, or whatever you like to call it, I had left my gingham at home, and started off without the sheltering protection of even a walking stick to ward off the *aqua celi* should it come down upon my devoted person, with all the uncomfortable results of a "drenching."

However, there was no time for soliloquies or regrets, as the moment for starting was just at hand. So confiding my little luggage to the care of the aforesaid guard, I took my seat in the comfortable corridor carriage, against which the rain might pour, and the storm might vent its fury in vain. Replying affirmatively to the query "All right for Sheffield and beyond," the whistle sounded, and we were soon travelling at high speed on the iron path. Then I fell into my old habit of ruminating—can't help it, you know; must be a constitutional weakness. As I gazed around me at the comfortable—even luxurious compartment—though a common third class—and saw the many ingenious contrivances invented for the comfort of its occupants, I could not resist a comparison between the amenities of travelling to-day as compared with those of even a quarter-of-a-century ago. Without a doubt, the Great Central's transformation from the old familiar "M.S. and L." has been followed by a wonderful transformation in the elegance and comfort of railway travelling; its rolling stock being almost faultless, its punctuality proverbial, and its officials the very essence of courtesy. More power to it!

But I am digressing—or as Rugby footballists would express it, a bit "off side," so I must resume. We rolled along, mile after mile, through deep cuttings, then emerging into the open with views of urban and rural scenery. Here and there we passed large collieries with their sordid surroundings, swift moving ropes round fast spinning wheels at the shaft heads, bringing up the "black diamonds" from the bowels of the earth, and depositing them in the long rows of trucks which covered the railway sidings. Only a glimpse, however, could we get of this, for the train sped on its way without consideration of the varied scenes through which it passed, intent only on reaching its destination at the prescribed time. So I reached Sheffield, and was soon fully occupied in threading my way along a crowded platform to the bridge which was labelled "way out!"

I reached outside, to find the guard's prognostication

only too correct. There was a "downfall," and no mistake. The elements appeared to be not content with merely sending down "the dew from heaven;" the celestial fluid seemed to come wholesale—whole streets of water at a time.

"How far is it to Matilda Street!" I asked a well-wrapped-up Jehu, standing by, under the sheltering glass roof.

"A mile-and-a-half, sir," he replied.

This settled it, and a minute later I was seated in the hansom with the drenched horse in front, and an almost equally drenched driver behind on my way to the works of our old and esteemed friend Charles Henry Hattersley. On arriving, the warmth of the welcome from "brother Harry" and his two big sons soon dispelled all thoughts of the untoward atmospheric surroundings. Almost sooner than it takes to tell it, I was walking amid piles of silverware, and electro-plate of every description, in various stages of completion. Tea sets, cruets, sugar basins, candelabra, and in fact all the concomitants of a silversmiths' establishment were there in profusion almost bewildering. But my immediate object was "a private view" of the present he had been making on behalf of the Yorkshire Association for its worthy president. This was a beautiful set in solid silver comprising a massive three-light candelabra with two smaller candlesticks of similar design—Corinthians—which were really beautiful, and of which to say that the design and workmanship were most creditable to the maker, Mr. Hattersley, is a very mild way of putting it. The occasion was the silver jubilee of the Association, and most appropriately the present was a mass of silver moulded into these elegant shapes.

But time was on the wing; and I had to tear myself away, lest I should be remiss in my duties as chronicler of the important events of the day. Escorted by a most obliging guide I then wended my way—still through the downpour—to Cambridge Street, and was glad when I found myself in The Sportsman inn, in the genial company of the Sheffield local committee and several visitors who had arrived previously. After a brief stay, occupied mainly in warm hand-shaking, I left for the Wostenholme Hall, in Queen Street. There I found the spacious room in course of preparation for the tea. The president and auditors, I was told, had just finished their examinations of the books, and adjourned for dinner. So I did likewise—that is so far as the latter is concerned.

On emerging from the hotel, after a substantial feed, feeling on good terms with myself and the rest of mankind, I heard the sound of the parish church bells. The rain had, fortunately, ceased its pouring, so I sauntered leisurely towards that grand old edifice—worthily the pride of that great Yorkshire town. Time for service commencing was close at hand, so I entered and joined with the rapidly gathering congregation. As I sat, I could not resist musing. My thoughts went back to the first Association service in that venerable place fifteen years ago, when the late Rev. J. H. Fish, M.A., President of the Midland Counties' Association, preached so eloquent a sermon, to be followed—alas! in such a brief space by



yours truly
Wm. Snowden

the death of Jasper Snowdon, the Yorkshire President, and the preacher of the day—a double loss to the Exercise, which is felt even yet, and will continue to be felt for many years to come.

But my ruminations were cut short by the sweet sound of the organ, as Mr. Handforth, the talented organist,



SHEFFIELD PARISH CHURCH.

commenced his opening voluntary. The bells overhead ceased their swinging; the clergy and choir took their places, and the sound of the never-dying "Old Hundredth" was soon reverberating "through chancel and aisle." Then followed prayers by the Rev. O'Connor Fenton; the special Psalm cl. "O praise God in His holiness;" the special lesson read by the Ven. Archdeacon Eyre; the *Nunc Dimittis*; and the recital of the Apostles' Creed. The large and thoroughly efficient choir then rendered Sir John Goss's anthem "Praise the Lord" in most pleasing and edifying fashion; then at the conclusion of the shortened form of service we sang the hymn "When I survey the wondrous Cross," and the Rev. Canon Nolleth, of Beverley, ascended the pulpit to give the annual address.

Taking for his text Genesis xxviii. 33, the preacher commenced with a description of the Jewish service when the High Priest clothed in his robes of office designed by God's command, with their golden bells. How that when the service of sacrifice was being performed, the High Priest wore the simple white robe, but at its completion he donned the gorgeous robe, the sound of the bells on which denoted to the worshippers that the sacrifice had been completed. Thus we had the origin of bells. And so in our days do the bells tell of that sacrifice on Calvary which had set the whole world free. There were many lessons to be learned from the sound of the bells, which were so intimately associated with the Christian Church. When the early Christians in these times of persecution fled to the catacombs for safety, their hours of prayer were denoted in secret, but when liberty was given to them to worship openly, they sounded their bells to summon the faithful. So in our own country, the noble towers and heaven-pointing spires of our cathedrals and churches were built for the habitation of bells. He quoted from the venerable Bede; he told of the gift of heavy bells to Westminster Abbey by Edward the Confessor; and coming later, referred to the remark of the late Cardinal Newman as to the "sound of the bells,

which can never be forgotten." So for centuries in our land, next to the song of birds there had been no music like that of the bells. The Canon mentioned the old ringing Guilds of our country, notably the Ancient Society of College Youths, of which he was an honorary member, and which had a record of two-and-a-half centuries. Then with reference to the society under whose auspices they were assembling that day. The Yorkshire Association was celebrating the completion of a quarter of a century's existence. What was the use of belonging to it? That question was fully answered by the first rule which specified its objects to be, "the advancement of the true and lasting interest of change-ringers, and their Art, considered both in its scientific aspect and as a branch of Church work." This in itself was sufficient to justify the existence of the Association. Further, by its means a stimulus was given to individual members to excel in their Art. Through its meetings opportunity was afforded for mutual interchange of opinion, and the gaining of information. Through its influence, many improvements in bells, bell-hangings, and in the bell-ringers themselves, had been effected. It had brought forcibly to the notice of both clergy and laity the fact that church ringers were church officers; and that their status as such should be fully recognised. He concluded with an earnest exhortation to ringers to live in accordance with their position in the church, that in whatever they did they would do it for the honour and glory of God, and be ever ready to say with the Psalmist, "I was glad when they said unto me, I will go into the House of the Lord."

(To be continued in our next.)

ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD.

PRESENTATION TO MR. F. DENTRY.

The annual meeting of the ringers of All Saints' church, Maidenhead, was held on Wednesday, January 16th. The Vicar, the Rev. A. H. Drummond, presided, and there was a good attendance of ringers. At the conclusion of the ordinary business, the Vicar, in the name of the ringers, presented Mr. F. Dentry, the retiring foreman, with a silver-mounted ebony walking-stick, bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Frederick Dentry, by the Boyne Hill bell-ringers, Christmas, 1900." Mr. Dentry has been a member of this belfry for thirteen years, and for the past two years has been foreman. He is now leaving, as he is starting in business for himself at Twyford, where he takes with him the good wishes of his brother ringers. He will remain an honorary member of this belfry.

Two other parish ringers besides Mr. Dentry having resigned during the year, the three vacancies were filled by the election of Messrs. A. Martin, H. Gomm, and A. Wiggins. The Vicar, in welcoming the new members into the ranks of the parish ringers, said that he wished to take that opportunity of reminding them of the rule that all ringers should be regular in their attendance at the services of the church. It was not that he wished to complain of the past, but in view of the election of so many new members, he desired to urge them to maintain their standard of churchmanship. He always regarded the ringers as among his chief supporters, and he depended on them to set a good example to other men in the parish. The meeting then closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. F. J. Shepherd has removed from 3, Berwick Street, South Lambeth, S.W., to 29, Warner Road, Camberwell.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The next meeting of the Central Council will be held at Derby, on Whit-Tuesday, May 28th. Notices of motion should be sent in before 30th April, which is the last day on which they can be received. Hon. Secretaries of Societies are respectfully reminded that the contributions for the year 1901 became due on the 1st inst., and should be remitted *without needless delay*, at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative, to the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Council, together with information as to any change of representatives, and the names and addresses of such as have been appointed since the last meeting of the Council.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

CAVERSHAM, (Oxon.)—On Saturday afternoon, January 5th, eight members of the St. Peter's Society met at the church and rung a 560 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and a course of London Surprise Major, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. F. G. Saunders, of The Grove, Caversham. The interment took place in the Caversham cemetery, about one o'clock. The deceased gentleman was the donor of the treble bell in St. Peter's tower, in the year 1891, when two bells were added to complete the octave. The bells were also rung half-muffled for the Divine Services on Sunday.

SEVENOAKS (Kent).—On Sunday, October 14th, for Divine Service. 168 Grandsire Triples. E. Seymour, 1; C. Hazelden, 2; H. Jarvis, 3; D. J. Goldsmith, 4; J. Stevens (conductor), 5; H. J. Ford, 6; T. Groombridge, 7; A. Young, 8. Also 210. W. Paskin, 1; J. Chatfield, 8; the rest as before. On Monday, October 14th, for practice, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Paskin, 1; J. Stevens, 2; H. Jarvis, 3; D. J. Goldsmith, 4; C. Hazelden, 5; H. J. Ford, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; A. Young, 8. On Wednesday, October 17th, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Dixon, of Sevenoaks, to Mr. Janson, of Sidcup, 720 Grandsire Minor, 6-8 covering. E. Seymour, 1; H. J. Ford, 2; H. Jarvis, 3; J. Stevens, 4; C. Hazelden, 5; W. Paskin, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; A. Young, 8. Also another 720. W. Paskin, 1; E. Seymour, 6; J. Chatfield, 8; the rest as before. On Monday, October 22nd, for practice, 630 of Grandsire Triples. E. Seymour, 1; H. J. Ford, 2; H. Jarvis, 3; D. J. Goldsmith (longest length of Triples), 4; C. Hazelden, 5; J. Stevens, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; A. Young, 8. On Sunday, October 28th, 360 Grandsire Minor, 6-8 covering. E. Seymour, 1; H. J. Ford, 2; H. Jarvis, 3; J. Stevens, 4; C. Hazelden, 5; J. Chatfield, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; A. Young, 8. Also a 720. W. Paskin, 1; H. Jarvis, 2; D. J. Goldsmith, 3; J. Stevens, 4; C. Hazelden, 5; J. Chatfield, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; E. Seymour, 8. Also 210 Grandsire Triples. J. Ford, 1; C. Hazelden, 2; H. Jarvis, 3; D. J. Goldsmith, 4; J. Stevens, 5; H. J. Ford, 6; T. Groombridge, 7; J. Chatfield, 8. On Monday, November 5th, 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Stevens, 1; H. J. Ford, 2; H. Jarvis, 3; D. J. Goldsmith, 4; C. Hazelden, 5; E. Seymour, 6; T. Groombridge, 7; A. Young, 8. On Monday, November 25th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Paskin, 1; H. J. Ford, 2; H. Jarvis, 3; J. Stevens, 4; C. Hazelden, 5; C. Seymour (first 504 with a bob bell), 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; A. Young, 8. This is the first 504 ever rung by an entirely local band. On Sunday, December 9th, 447 Grandsire Triples. W. Paskin, 1; H. J. Ford, 2; H. Jarvis, 3; J. Stevens, 4; C. Hazelden, 5; C. Seymour, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; J. Chatfield, 8. Also 720 Grandsire Minor, 6-8 covering. E. Seymour, 1; H. J. Ford, 2; H. Jarvis, 3; J. Stevens, 4; C. Hazelden, 5; J. Chatfield, 6; T. Groombridge (conductor), 7; A. Young, 8.

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To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

A QUESTION FOR CLERGY AND RINGERS.

SIR,—I am very glad to see the letter of my old schoolfellow, Mr. Carpenter, in your last issue. The clerical members of the Exercise have been very coy in helping us about this subject. No doubt they are quite right, if they see fit, to hold peace even from good words. But the fact remains that to two simple questions about the duty of ringers and the duty of laymen, none of them returned any answer at all until some of them were moved to find fault with me for my statements in a letter to you, which would never have appeared but for the accident that Mr. Newell's second letter made it necessary, in fairness to him, that I should write it. And I think that ringers are therefore entitled to claim a good deal of indulgence from the clergy who criticise them, when even the ringing parsons do not readily respond to requests for instruction. It is no doubt true that among others, Mr. Carpenter last week and Mr. Robinson the week before have contributed letters of the highest value to your columns, but they do not do so in response to the original questions.

Now as to Mr. Carpenter. He says I have mixed up *desirability* and *duty*. If so I will substitute *duty* for *desirability*. I was not conscious of the confusion to which Mr. Carpenter points. I used the former term rather vaguely, because I was not sure what words Mr. Keeble had used, and I did not want to misrepresent him. But I accept the correction on condition that it applies to me in any case, but not necessarily to Mr. Keeble.

I do not see why my argument in my third paragraph is faulty. I hold that the duty of church attendance is the layman's duty, whatever that may be defined by wiser men than I to be, and therefore the ringing has nothing to do with it. But if ringing *per se* creates a duty of attendance I do not see how Sunday services are to be differentiated from other things for which we ring. I intended what I said to be a *reductio ad absurdum*, and it seems to me to be a legitimate one.

Mr. Carpenter criticises me by saying that certain words italicised by him, which I used, apparently meant that the idea of personal gain should be the ruling idea in the mind of every church-goer. I withdraw the words at once because I do not accept that idea. When I wrote them I had no intention of answering my question or predicating any particulars about the layman's duty. If I had, I should probably have avoided this mistake. What I was thinking about was that hard and fast regulations about the number of services each individual should attend do not fit in with the differing physical and mental constitutions of differing individuals, and I do not understand Mr. Carpenter to dispute this. Will Mr. Carpenter accept as an amendment this phrase—"Human beings being differently endowed are adapted some for more, some for less, attendance at Divine worship." If not, will he let us know in what way he seems it best to state the proposition?

I again thank Mr. Carpenter for his very instructive letter, which I hope will be widely and carefully read.

The criticisms of my letter by Mr. Egby would probably have been considerably condensed if before writing to you he had done me the honour to read my letter with anything more than the most superficial attention. Of course he need not have read it at all. But as he commented on it I am free to say that his method of criticism is somewhat singular. On the main question he seems to me not to have much difference with me in fact, but he leads off by mis-quoting what I said, in consequence of which he fails to realise my positions.

Mr. Egby says the question was—Are church-ringers duty-bound to attend the services of their church? and that I called the affirmative answer to the query a miserable fallacy. Now this is a gross misrepresentation. If Mr. Egby will refer again to my letter in yours of the 5th inst., he will see that what I described as a miserable fallacy was the doctrine that it is the duty of ringers to attend the service for which they ring: which is an entirely different thing. If Mr. Egby will read that letter of mine and also the one in your last issue in the light of this

correction, I think it possible that he will not feel bound to adhere to his lines of criticism. But if he decides to adhere to them, I will then break a lance with him with the greatest pleasure. I wish, however, to say that Mr. Egby has drawn my attention to an expression which I desire to correct, because it may fail to represent what I meant. When I said "I decline to profess anything," I had better have said "I decline *by the fact of ringing* to profess anything." The only profession I recognise is that referred to in the Baptismal service. When one begins to think how much—or, unfortunately how little—one has acted up to that, no profession on any other ground can be admitted to have any place at all.

R. A. DANIELL.

P.S.—It is news to me that there is in these days smoking in any tower. I should suppose such cases must be very rare, and where they exist, it must, I should think, be where the parson systematically neglects his ringers. Are these men change-ringers or stoney bands? Of course such a practice cannot be defended for a moment, and where it exists it should be summarily stopped.

SIR,—If we look at the rules of almost any Guild or Association of ringers, we shall find that one of the objects of this society is "To recognise the true position of Ringers as Church Officers," or words to that effect; and at our meetings and on other public occasions, we are for ever reminding people of the dignity and importance of ringing as a High Art, and of our right to be classed and considered with other Church workers.

Now, in any well-ordered parish, no one would be allowed to be a Sidesman, a District Visitor, a Sunday School Teacher, or a member of the choir who was not a communicant. That is the usual qualification for all Church workers, *except ringers*. We are placed on a lower level; in our case, alone, those in authority are satisfied with a lower standard of Churchmanship. It is not perhaps surprising that many clergy who know little of change-ringing, and in some few instances care less, should take up this position; but it has always seemed rather a strange thing to me that we ringers should be content with it.

To be a good ringer is an infinitely more difficult matter than to be a good sidesman; it demands as much energy and as much patience as District Visitor; (I speak from experience of both); it is much harder work and requires far more application than Sunday School teaching (again I speak from experience), and it is in no way inferior as an accomplishment to singing in a choir. Ringing, no less than these other things, is done for the glory of God, and why should a lower standard of Churchmanship be allowed for it?

We shall most effectively answer the question raised by Mr. Newell, and at the same time effectively uphold the dignity of our Art, if in this matter we become "a law to ourselves," and further, insist by every means in our power, that new members of our belfries should possess this same qualification as all other Church workers.

Of course it may be answered that there is a danger of people qualifying in order to become parish ringers; but the same may be said of any religious qualification; and I do not think the objection would operate more in one case than in the case of any other branch of Church work.

51, Crown Street, Reading.

HAROLD CHALMER BELL.

SIR,—My last letter, which appeared on January 12th, was written (and indeed in type) before I saw Mr. Daniell's letter, which appeared on January 5th, otherwise I should have made it more applicable to the points he raises. It hardly seems to me that the other correspondents have been quite fair to Mr. Daniell, in that they have all, in some way or another, ignored the presumptions which he takes for granted. I take it that his proposition is this: Granting that all church bellringers should be loyal and devout churchmen, and should attend church regularly, is it their duty to attend the services at the church at which they ring, and in particular that same service for which they ring?

He is quite right in stating that to answer this question we must first decide why a man should go to church at all. But he seems surprised that your clerical readers are not eager to publish their reasons. The fact is that such a discussion must raise,

as we shall see, questions that are only suitable for the columns of a decidedly theological publication. Nevertheless, as the matter has now been raised, I will endeavour to answer his questions as clearly as I can, and at the same time to avoid offending anyone's susceptibilities.

Man worships God, because it is the highest function for which he has been created. We were created for heaven, and our occupation then (the highest joy of which our nature is capable), will be to contemplate and worship God. Now we cannot learn how to worship God by reasoning about it; nor can we perceive the joy of worship in any way through our understanding: just as a ringer can never learn his Art by merely reading about it: nor perceive the full beauty of a method by merely pricking the changes. To know what ringing really is, he must practise it, and the more he practises (what at first perhaps seemed so useless) the more he loves it. So it is with worship in common: we cannot appreciate it till we become expert at it; nor can we love it unless we constantly practice it. The Catechism accordingly teaches us that it is our duty to God to worship Him; now we might call upon Him, and give thanks in private, but to worship Him means that we must act in common, for all worship is a foretaste of heaven, where we shall rejoice in our united worship. If, therefore, it is a duty to worship, there is no question of our coming to church because we feel inclined or not: or because our understanding tells us that it is a reasonable thing to offer worship to our Creator. Duty means a submission of the will: feelings and reason may help or hinder, but if we accept it as our duty, we mean that we have yielded our free-will to God in this matter. Least of all can we admit that the fact of the services being performed in a manner agreeable to us or otherwise, should influence our performance of that duty, as "An Amateur Ringer" suggests. Personally, if I had insisted that services should be agreeable to me before I would deign to attend them, I should never have worshipped at all. I had to recognize that a soldier cannot choose only those positions that are "agreeable" and that his duty is not altered by the worth of the officers set over him, though his feelings and his career may be affected by their abilities.

So far I suppose we are all agreed. But Mr. Daniell persists in pressing the further question: which are the services that it is our duty to attend. I can only give the answer I have always been taught, and have taught others. Namely, that we call it the Lord's Day because on that day we attend the Lord's service, *i.e.* the Holy Communion. That we can keep the Lord's Day by no other act than by attending that service, and that having attended that service there is no further obligation on us. Any further observances being acts of devotion, and not of duty. This obligation arises from the fact by the common law, or immemorial custom of the church, no one could be considered a loyal member of the church who omitted, when it was in any way possible, to be present at the Holy Communion service once every Sunday. Of course I know there are many who do not hold this, but I hope no one will write to defend or attack my position; though I do not see that any harm can ensue if other positions on this point are stated barely, as I have done, without any attempt to argue them.

I have had to define my position, both to answer Mr. Daniell's question and also to explain why in the belfries that I have had to control there has been no difficulty in this matter. For in such churches no one would be prepared to volunteer for church work unless he attended the Communion service regularly, and if he did that, nothing further would be required of him. Thus it will be seen that, as far as principle is concerned, I should agree with the old pre-reformation custom, still kept up in some places (as at Sibley in Leicestershire), where all the ringers meet every Sunday to ring the bells up for the ancient hour of the parish mass; but for morning and evening prayer that the requirement of the Prayer Book be observed, *viz.*: "the curate shall cause a bell to be tolled thereunto a convenient time before he begin, that the people may come to hear God's word, and to pray with him." (Note that nothing is said about this being a fulfilment of the duty of worship.)

Thus, as a matter of principle, I agree with Mr. Daniell, that there is no obligation on a ringer to attend the service for

which he rings. (I leave him to expose the fallacies in Mr. Carpenter's arguments.) But as a matter of expediency I cannot agree with him here. Now expediency must never subvert principle, but it may well supplement it. And in such a church as St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, when the Lord's service is not the principal one on the Lord's day, I should imagine expediency to be the only reason for such a rule. Thus it is inexpedient for a Conservative club to employ a Liberal, or one believed to be a liberal, as a messenger. And I know it for a fact that it is disturbing and a stumbling-block to worshippers (in churches where each service is considered of equal obligation) to see those who have summoned them to worship, themselves carefully to avoid attending that worship. Or again the belfry may need reform badly, and it may be expedient to be strict for a time in marking attendance at church. If the ringers are all young, such a rule may be a great help to avoid temptations. In all cases of course it should be interpreted liberally and allowances made for exceptions, such as have been referred to; so long as every one who sees the breach of the rule, will know the cause of its non-observance. For Mr. Daniell must remember that a bad example, even when unintentional, is contagious. Thus, I happen to know through some common friends, that Mr. Newell is careful in his case, to see that his band attend church regularly; but I know of similar cases where one who has had a good excuse, has been followed by others who had not, and who perhaps began by staying out for a few minutes' conversation with him, ending by staying away altogether; while the rest stayed away, perhaps, for no better reason than that they did not care to go into the church by themselves.

So that such a rule is hardly so inept as Mr. Daniell would believe. Nor is the prohibition of attendance at one church and work at another, at all so illiberal as Mr. Daniell suggests. It is entirely a matter of expediency, as some of your readers will know, when I have been attached to a church where there were no bells, I have often been able to help in the steeple of a neighbouring church, even on Sundays when sufficiently near. I have however always been careful to get the permission of both Vicars concerned; and had either ever refused, I should certainly not have considered him "an illiberal ass"; though I might deem his caution excessive.

In conclusion may I protest against Mr. King's assumption that belfry prayers on Sunday must necessarily meet with approval. In such matters, as with smoking and refreshments, I would put the belfry on the same level as the vestry. And I think both vestry and belfry prayers may become a substitute for, rather than a help to, devotion in worship. For secular performances and practice, where there is no other service, a short office is on occasion very well. There is however one point of difference between the belfry and other places for Churchwork. Even the door-keeper is in touch with the congregation, and though he does not hear a word, has taken his part in the service. The ringer in the belfry however is quite cut off, and must become one of the congregation before he can join in the worship.

H. DRAKE.

SIR,—Kindly allow me space in your columns to state our case as regards ringers attending church services after ringing. I have the pleasure to belong to a company which numbers fifteen ringers, nine out of these are members of the choir. We have no hard and fast rules about attending service, but it has become an unwritten rule with us for the last ten years, in fact ever since the formation of our Society to attend service after ringing. Take last Sunday night for instance, eight ringers were present to ring for service after ringing twenty-five mins., seven out of the eight descended the tower and took their places in the choir, the other rang the sermon bell five minutes longer and then joined in the service among the congregation. You will see by this that all who rang the bells attended the service; this is by no means an isolated instance, it is the exception rather than the rule for our ringers to leave the church after ringing, whether they are members of the choir not. I am of opinion, Sir, that when we use our influence towards increasing the number of such cases as mentioned above, we are engaged in a far more laudable enterprise than when manufacturing arguments in favour of ringers not attending church services.

Leicester Road, Leicester.

STOKER W. WEST.

POPLAR BELLS.

SIR,—As I am in part responsible for the silence of the Poplar bells on New Year's Eve, please allow me to say a word by way of explanation. I was asked a few months since by the Rector of All Saints, Poplar, to assist a young Guild of voluntary ringers, lately formed by him, in their endeavours to grasp the mysteries of change-ringing. Some of them have made very satisfactory progress, and were very anxious to ring open at the close of the year, but I discouraged the idea, as a sufficient number had not qualified to ensure the success of the experiment; and I think that I was right. They will make ringers right enough, if they will stick to it; but it is not advisable that they should attempt to run before they can walk, not one of them having ever handled a rope before. ARTHUR T. KING.

PEALS OF EIGHT BELLS AND OVER.

SIR,—I should like to support the suggestion that the names of towers where information has not been sent in been published, and I would further suggest that Secretaries who are responsible for these towers be asked to see that the returns are made forthwith. I heard of an instance only last Saturday, where a gentleman who acts as Secretary for the ringers of his parish, had only a few days before received his first form for making a return, and actually enquired of me why it was being asked for. Who is to blame in this case?

I should be very pleased myself to take a radius of ten miles, and if a list of those towers that had not been returned within that radius could be sent to me or published in "THE BELL NEWS," I feel sure that I could undertake to see that each tower had sent in its return in the course of a month. I think too there are plenty of others who would assist the authorities in this way, and so enable them to make their return a complete success.

J. F. BARLOW,

Hon. Sec. Chipping Deanery Branch, Oxford Diocesan Guild.

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—Would the ringers of the following places who rang peals on December 31st, kindly state at what time their respective peals were brought round, as it would be very interesting to know which band of ringers really had the honour of ringing the last peals in the 19th century. Tenterden, Kent; Taunton, Somerset; Tong, Yorks.; Twerton-on-Avon; Ipswich, Suffolk; Epsom, Surrey; Swindon, Wilts.; Reading, Berks.; East Retford, Notts.; Heston, Middlesex.

C. E. BIRT.

Obituary.

WILLIAM HAYWOOD.

It is with much regret that we have to announce the death of the above-named gentleman, who, after a long illness, borne with much patience, passed peacefully away at the residence of his grand-daughter, Mrs. Bunn, Gopsal Street, Birmingham, on Thursday, January 17th. Mr. Haywood was the last survivor of the young band of Stedman ringers formed by the late W. Chattel in 1841, and his earlier peals were rung with that celebrity. About 1846 he joined the St. Martin's Youths, and with the late Mr. H. Johnson stood in some notable performances, among others in May 1846 the first ringing of Thurstans' masterpiece, the four-part peal of Stedman Triples; November 1848, 7392 Stedman Cinques; in 1849 peals of Grandsire Cinques and Treble Bob Maximus. In 1859 he was one of the mixed band arranged by Mr. J. Perks who rang the then record peal of 10,047 Stedman Caters at Aston. For a number of years his name appeared in most of the St. Martin's Society's peals. Since the formation of the Guild the infirmities of age have prevented him taking part in peals, but he was always anxious to render what assistance he could in its interests. His quiet spirit of independence and unassuming genial manner gained him the respect of all who knew him. He was in the seventy-ninth year of his age.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1901.

A glorious long reign, with a peaceful end; a reign without fear; a reign free from any event calculated to jeopardise the dynasty; a reign with more than the esteem and love of her subjects: a reign wherein loyalty to herself and her house was proverbial. Such was the long reign of HER LATE MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA, a reign, it may be said, singular in such properties. To such a reign modern or ancient history presents no parallel, at least in every one of the characteristics here described. GEORGE III. and HENRY III. both reigned many years, but their tenure of power was chequered by many untoward circumstances from which the late reign was practically free. One of QUEEN VICTORIA's uncles was dubbed (ironically we should think) "the first gentleman of Europe;" it may with the greatest sincerity be asserted that she was the "first lady of the universe." The world has not forgotten her jubilee days, when not only subjects of the Empire came from every quarter of the earth, but princes and governors of states, some of them not immediately under her sway, journeyed to do her honour, and homage. "The Great Queen!" Queen of the vastest Empire the world has ever seen; of many nations and

tongues; people in every climate under heaven, acknowledged her as their supreme monarch. For more than sixty years did she thus reign—a period which no other monarch yet has occupied a throne. A foreign newspaper says she was “a Queen such as history has never seen, and compared with whom ALEXANDER the Great and the Roman Emperors were small.” Now in a green old age she is called to her rest, amid the fervid grief of people of every nation.

If we had looked upon Her Majesty as merely an emblem of the greatness of this Empire, it is a proud satisfaction to know that for so long a period she filled the position, and that without the least probability or suggestion of removal. What other ruler in these latter days, Continental or otherwise, has reigned one-half the number of years without fearing or in fact undergoing exile, deposition, or it may be assassination? The Queen never thought of the probability or likelihood of such things. True it is that one or two insane persons accosted her, and let off some powder, but nothing came of it beyond the incarceration of the offenders. From real danger of the sort Her Majesty was practically free. Therefore when we find that in very modern times the revolutionist or regicide has carried out with success his abominable purposes, we may certainly feel nothing less than a proud satisfaction that our deceased lady feared none of these things. Physical force revolutionists do not thrive in these islands; the atmosphere is unsuitable for them, and they soon wither away.

One effect of the peaceful reign of QUEEN VICTORIA may be noted in the comparative quiet, orderly, and peaceful accession to the throne of her successor, EDWARD VII. Under such circumstances, the governments of some foreign nations would have expected a political commotion of some kind. Our Empire is free from these things, because our rulers and people are wise, and free from that excitability which throws men off their balance.

Bell-ringers of the whole Empire will do their part in showing their sorrow for their deceased QUEEN; and they will also be to the front—none more so—in the pageantry appropriate to the accession of KING EDWARD.

“GOD SAVE THE KING!”

The Metropolis.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SOCIETY, LEYTONSTONE.

On Thursday, January 17, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, LEYTONSTONE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In the following methods: Huddersfield, Ringers', Cambridge and Victoria Surprise, Oxford Delight, Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY BOTTRILL* Treble.	JOHN MARDELL 4.
JOHN MOULE 2.	GEORGE HAYDEN 5.
WILLIAM MILLER 3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

*First peal of Minor. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

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(THE CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY, SOUTHGATE.)

On Thursday, January 17, 1901, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

HARRY MILLER Treble.	SIDNEY JONES 5.
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. 2.	JOHN E. MILLER 6.
WILLIAM TEGG 3.	SIDNEY WADE 7.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 4.	CHARLES BALE Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Bishop of London. This is the first peal rung by all members of the local society.

THE KENT AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

On Friday, January 18, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ISAAC GEORGE SHADE .. Treble.	HARRY HOSKINS 5.
JOHN JAMES LAMB 2.	HARRY FLANDERS 6.
WILLIAM BERRY 3.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. 7.
WILLIAM FOREMAN 4.	FREDERICK H. GOOCH .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON.

The quickest peal upon the bells. F. H. Gooch hails from Poplar, and this was his first attempt at a peal.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, January 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ARTHUR HARDY Treble.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 5.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 2.	ERNEST BRETT 6.
WILLIAM R. CROCKFORD .. 3.	HERBERT LANGDON 7.
THOMAS LANGDON 4.	WALTER LONGLEY Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Bishop of London. It was intended to have rung Stedman, but one of the band failing to appear, the above was substituted. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. Bainbridge-Bell, for the use of the bells. First attempt for a peal of Triples by the ringers of the 6th.

The Provinces.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, January 12, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5073 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 6.
GEORGE W. CARTMEL .. 2.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD† 3.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 8.
JOHN R. SHARMAN 4.	ERNEST PYE 9.
GEORGE N. PRICE 5.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal of Stedman Caters. This composition has the 6th in seconds place throughout, and the 4th and 5th each twenty-three courses behind the 9th, and is now rung for the first time.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 15, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5004 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN SMART Treble.	WILLIAM PALMER 6.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	FREDERICK M. BACON .. 7.
CHARLES SMART 3.	JOHN JAY, JUN. 8.
GEORGE A. KING 4.	KEITH HART 9.
ROBERT J. DAWE 5.	GEORGE BLEACH Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by KEITH HART.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, January 15, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Court Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES GALE Treble.	ALBERT SMITH 4.
ALBERT PHILLIPS 2.	GEORGE CARTER 5.
ALBERT LAWRENCE 3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

This is the first peal in seven methods on the bells, also by five of the band, and is the first peal in seven methods ever rung in the county by an entirely local band.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, January 15, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

HARMAR H. SOMERVILLE* Treble.	ALFRED TURLEY 5.
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ARTHUR PAINTER 4.	RICHARD W. FROST .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

*First peal.

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 16, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

JOHN SLOMAN Treble.	TOM W. CREED 4.
HENRY J. CREED 2.	ISAAC CREED 5.
JOHN CRIDLAND 3.	HARRY WAYGOOD .. Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

First peal in the method by all.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION,
AND THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER

On Wednesday, January 16, 1901, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

JOHN SMITH Treble.	RICHARD E. GROVE 5.
THOMAS J. SALTER 2.	*THOMAS R. BENNETT .. 6.
NOAH DAVIS 3.	JOHN CRANE 7.
ERNEST C. HUNT 4.	WILLIAM H. SMITH .. Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by R. E. GROVE.

*First peal in the method.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 17, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25½ in D.

WILLIAM SPIBY Treble.	ALBERT V. POTTER 5.
JOHN W. BARNES 2.	WALTER JAMES 6.
CHARLES DALBY 3.	RICHARD H. BARTRAM .. 7.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 4.	RICHARD YOUNG .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Rung half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Bishop of London, who was formerly Bishop of this Diocese. All are members of the local band, except the conductor, which is the 100th tower he has rang peals in, in eighteen counties.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 17, 1901, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

J. CLIFF† Treble.	*E. A. WEIGHTMAN 5.
J. FOREMAN† 2.	†J. E. R. KEEN 6.
J. LEIGHTON† 3.	E. FERRY 7.
J. W. ROBINSON† .. 4.	*OSWALD SIMM Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by E. FERRY.

*First peal. †First peal of Triples in the method. ‡First in the method, and first with a bob bell. Great credit is due to E. A. Weightman, who belongs to the new band of S. Paul's, Alnwick, and who had only rung two short touches of Triples previous to starting for the above peal.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 17, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. 14 lbs.

JOHN J. JONES Treble.	THOMAS W. RADFORD .. 5.
IOSIAH HARRIS 2.	FRANK BLONDELL 6.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JAMES HUNT 4.	BENJAMIN B. WICKENS .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 18, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

HARRY MILES Treble.	GEORGE BARTLETT 5.
WALTER LONGSHAW .. 2.	ALBERT TURNER 6.
JOHN LONGSHAW 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
RICHARD HARTLEY .. 4.	ALFRED MILES Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

EDWIN BRISTOW* .. Treble.	EDMUND LINDUP 5.
JOHN SMART 2.	JAMES GEORGE 6.
JAMES MATTHEWS .. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
EDWIN RAPLEY 4.	GEORGE GATLAND .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Major.

LANGHAM, RUTLANDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720s of Oxford Bob, Canterbury, and Grandsire, and four 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM SPIBY Treble.	WALTER JAMES 4.
CHARLES DALBY 2.	ALBERT V. POTTER 5.
RICHARD H. BARTRAM .. 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

This is the first peal on the bells. The band wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of bells, also Mr. F. Sewell for having everything ready.

SHERE, SURREY.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, January 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

ROBERT ROFFEY* Treble.	ERNEST ALLEN 5.
WILLIAM T. LIGHTFOOT† .. 2.	*ARTHUR FRANKUM 6.
GEORGE GUNNER 3.	*CHARLES HAZELDEN .. 7.
JOHN J. JONES 4.	HARRY FELLOWES Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. LIGHTFOOT.

*First peal in the method. †First peal as conductor. Mr. Hazelden was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting for the peal.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.)

On Saturday, January 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 17 cwt.

G. CHESHIRE* Treble.	J. S. NEEDHAM 5.
F. DEXTER* 2.	J. O. LANCASHIRE 6.
Z. POTTER* 3.	†A. MARTIN 7.
G. CLEAL 4.	*T. TAYLOR Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. CLEAL.

*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor. This peal which is now rung for the first time, is an eight-part composition, and was published in "THE BELL NEWS" of May 25th, 1898.

THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM STOWELL Treble.	JAMES J. POOLE 5.
FRED. G. MAY 2.	HENRY W. FUSSELL 6.
JOHN THOMAS 3.	HENRY T. HOWELL 7.
WILLIAM KNIGHT 4.	FRANK K. HOWELL Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by FRED. G. MAY.

First peal of Treble Bob Major by all except conductor and ringer of the 4th. First peal of Major on the bells.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

JOHN A. MOULT* Treble.	*FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. 5.
JAMES HUTCHBY 2.	HARRY WHITTLE 6.
THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 3.	RICHARD F. LANE 7.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 4.	THOMAS GRUNDY Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD F. LANE.

*First peal in the method. Messrs. Lane, Grundy, Burleigh, Colburn and Hutchby belong to Loughborough; Mould to Whitwick; Inglesant to Quorn; Whittle to Stamford. The band were complimented on their excellent striking.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS MANSFIELD .. Treble.	THOMAS NEWMAN 5.
GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 2.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. 6.
ERNEST E. DAVIS 3.	HENRY LOVELL 7.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER 4.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM JOHN SEVIER.

SONNING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(READING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR;
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt.

ERNEST BRUCE Treble.	CHARLES GILES 5.
ARTHUR W. PIKE 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
JOHN TUCKER 3.	AMBROSE OSBORNE 7.
ALFRED E. REEVES 4.	FRANK HOPGOOD Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

First Surprise peal by Messrs. Bruce and Tucker, and first on the bells.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1900, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lbs.

RALPH GILBERT† Treble.	WALTER GILBERT 5.
FREDERICK STUBBS 2.	FRANK KIRK 6.
WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 3.	*HARRY SHARMAN 7.
HENRY STUBBS 4.	FRED. GILBERT Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by F. GILBERT.

†First peal. *First peal in the method; also first peal in the method by a local band. This peal was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of March 24th, 1900.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

RICHARD PERKINS* .. Treble.	NOAH HOLLYOAK 5.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE 6.
WILLIAM POTTER 3.	JOHN PIPER 7.
FRED. PLANT 4.	JOSEPH SMITH Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

*First peal of Major. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to N. Hollyoake on his thirty-sixth anniversary.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

FREDERICK PALMER† .. Treble.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 5.
WALTER PERKINS 2.	JOHN J. MAWBY 6.
WILLIAM PETTITT 3.	*FRED. WILFORD 7.
WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 4.	JAMES GARRATT Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by J. GARRATT.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Bishop of London, who dedicated the tower and bells in 1893. The composition has the 6th ten times at home at the course-ends. †First peal in the method. *First peal of Major, and hails from Northampton.

APPLEDORE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDGAR BURDEN Treble.	CHARLES TRIBE 5.
ROBERT EDWARDS 2.	ALFRED HINDS 6.
FREDK. E. BURDEN 3.	GEORGE NEVE 7.
SIDNEY SAKER 4.	GEORGE JOHNSON Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT EDWARDS.

First peal on the bells since recasting and augmentation from six to eight by Warner and Sons. F. Burden hails from Rolvenden; Saker from Hastings; Johnson from Appledore; the rest from Tenterden.

NEW SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM HENSON* Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE 5.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2.	FREDERICK R. DEARING .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	KEITH HART 7.
FREDERICK W. STEELE† .. 4.	*BERT CHALLENGE Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday complement to F. W. Steele; also the conductor's 250th peal.

GODALMING, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

5024 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN H. GRUNDY Treble.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 5.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE 2.	THOMAS W. RADFORD 5.
JAMES HUNT 3.	FRANK BLONDELL 7.
ERNEST PYE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWES Treble.	SAMUEL HOLT 5.
WILLIAM SCHOFIELD 2.	JAMES JACQUES 6.
THOMAS OLDHAM 3.	DAN RENSHAW 7.
JAMES ARROWSMITH 4.	TOM WELLINS Tenor.

Conducted by DAN RENSHAW.

First peal by all the band except Messrs. Renshaw and Oldham. First peal away from the treble by T. Oldham. First peal by the local band, and first peal as conductor by D. Renshaw.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLDE BRANCH)

BLACKPOOL (Lancashire).—On December 27th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hour 12 mins. W. Wilkinson, 1; W. Worthington, 2; R. Clitheroe, 3; J. Eckley, 4; H. Threlfall, 5; T. Crookall, 6; J. Bolton, 7; J. Winter, 8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DRIGHLINGTON (Yorkshire).—On Sunday evening, January 13th, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1901 changes, in 1 hour 10 mins. J. Thornton, 1; J. Hepworth, 2; H. Clapham, 3; T. E. Hepworth, 4; L. Snowdon, 5; R. Thornton, 6; E. Wheeler (composer and conductor), 7; A. Muffett, 8.

LEYLAND (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, December 5th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1900 changes, in 1 hour 12 mins. O. Warden, 1; T. Crook (conductor), 2; J. Watkinson, 3; S. Watkinson, 4; T. Bowling, 5; E. Banister, 6; J. Banister, 7; J. Harrison, 8. Tenor 21 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANGMERING (Sussex).—On Monday, November 5th, 720 of Kent

Treble Bob. T. Hammond, 1; W. Hillman, 2; R. Linfield, 3; T. Parsons, 4; F. Finch, 5; C. Hills (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 25th, 720 of Plain Bob. T. Hammond, 1; F. Finch, 2; C. Hills, 3; H. D. Searle (Arundel), 4; C. Blackman (Arundel), 5; T. Linfield (conductor), 6. The bells were half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Corporal G. Wilkinson, a member of the choir, who died in South Africa, on November 17th.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On Sunday, November 11th, at the parish church, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Sinder, 1; W. J. Thomas, 2; C. Saker, 3; F. Mathis, 4; S. Saker (conductor), 5; C. R. Carter, 6; W. Franks, 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8. On Tuesday, November 13th, for practice, three courses of Bob Major. J. Sinden, 1; — Billenness, 2; F. Mathis, 3; L. Stapley, 4; W. J. Thomas, 5; S. Saker, 6; C. J. Hyland, 7; W. Franks (conductor), 8.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES (Sussex).—On Sunday afternoon, November 25th, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by the Editor of "BELL NEWS." S. W. Shoesmith, 1; J. S. Goldsmith, 2; A. S. Langridge, 3; W. Pelling, 4; C. Painter, 5; R. J. Dawe (conductor), 6; A. J. Turner, 7; J. F. Steadman, 8. This was rung before the service at which Mr. R. J. Dawe's infant daughter was baptised. On Wednesday evening, November 28th, an attempt was made for Thurstan's four-part peal of Stedman Triples, but it was unfortunately lost in the eighteenth part, reached in two hours and forty-eight mins., owing to the breaking of the 7th rope. G. Williams, 1; G. A. King, 2; A. J. Tuerner, 3; F. Bennett, 4; J. S. Goldsmith, 5; R. J. Dawe, 6; J. Steddy (Edenbridge), (conductor), 7; J. F. Steadman, 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

OXTON (Cheshire).—Recently at St. Saviour's church, for practice, a 720 Kent Treble Bob, 6-8 behind. C. Owens, 1; G. R. Newton, 2; J. Owens, 3; J. L. Grant, 4; W. Hughes, 5; J. W. Evans, 6; J. Hughes (conductor), 7; H. Brocklebank, 8. On Sunday, December 9th, for morning service, 576 Bob Major. J. Owens, 1; H. Brocklebank, 2; R. Birchall, 3; J. L. Grant, 4; G. R. Newton, 5; J. W. Evans, 6; J. Hughes, 7; W. Hughes, 8. For evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples. J. Owens, 1; H. Brocklebank, 2; R. Birchall, 3; G. R. Newton, 4; J. Hammond (West Kirby), 5; J. Hughes, 6; W. Hughes, 7; J. W. Evans, 8. Both the above touches were conducted by G. R. Newton, these being his farewell touches prior to taking up a vocation at Llangollen, North Wales. He is a most enthusiastic change-ringer, and has striven ardently to encourage the Art in the above tower. His brother ringers are extremely sorry to part with him, but wish him every possible success. No doubt, ere long, we shall hear of some achievement in the above named place.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Tuesday, November 13th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. F. Webb, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Warren, 3; W. Grimwade, 4; G. Sargent, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Monday, November 19th, 720 Double Court Bob. S. Sargent, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Warren, 3; C. Bearman, 4; F. Radley, 5; W. Grimwade (conductor), 6. Also 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. N. Smith, 1; F. Rudkin, 2; H. E. Hammond, 3; A. Chaplin, 4; W. Webb, 5; E. Radley (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, November 28th, 720 Bocking Treble Bob. N. Smith, 1; F. Radley, 2; W. Moore, 3; F. Warren, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; C. H. Howard (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Warren, 1; H. J. Collins, 2; W. Moore, 3; C. Bearman, 4; W. Radley, 5; W. Grimwade (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 9th, 720 New London Pleasure. A. Shufflebotham, 1; W. Moore, 2; F. Warren, 3; C. Bearman, 4; F. Radley, 5; W. Grimwade, 6.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On November 10th, 720 of Ringers' Surprise. F. Withers, T. H. Beams, J. Moule, J. Mardell, W. Miller (conductor), G. Hayden. On November 9th, 720 Plain Bob. G. Dawson, J. Philpot, W. Doran, W. Miller, T. H. Beams (conductor), J. Mardell. On November 11th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Withers, W. Miller (conductor), H. Bottrell, J. Mardell, W. Keeble, T. H. Beams. Also 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. F. Withers, T. H. Beams (conductor), W. Doran, W. Miller, J. Moule, D. Hayden. On November 21st, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. F. Withers, H. Bottrell, W. Miller, T. H. Beams (conductor), W. Keeble, G. Hayden. On November 25th, 720 Ringers' Surprise. F. Withers, W. Miller, W. Keeble (conductor), J. Moule, J. Mardell, G. Hayden. Also 720 Bob Minor. G. Dawson, H. Bottrell, T. H. Beams (conductor), A. Fenner, W. Miller, J. Moule. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Withers, H. Bottrell, T. H. Beams (conductor), W. Miller, W. Doran, W. Keeble.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Wednesday, December 12th, on handbells retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 35 mins. W. Pye (conductor), 1-2; G. R. Pye, 3-4; E. Pye, 5-6; W. Nash, 7-8.

And at St. Edward's church, on Sunday, January 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by the Editor, in 43 mins. H. Holgate (first quarter-peal), 1; W. Nash, 2; G. R. Pye (conductor), 3; W. Pye, 4; G. Roughton, 5; H. F. Dawkins, 6; W. Watson, 7; E. Pye, 8.

WOODFORD (Essex).—On September 29th, 720 of Double Oxford. H. Bottrell, 1; W. Keeble, 2; T. H. Beams (conductor), 3; J. Moule, 4; J. Mardell, 5; G. Hayden, 6. On Sunday, October 7th, 720 of Kent. F. Withers, 1; T. H. Beams (conductor), 2; J. Kimberley, 3; J. Moule, 4; J. Mardell, 5; H. Scarlett, 6. On Sunday, November 4th, a 720. F. Withers, 1; K. C. Fox, 2; H. Gowers, 3; J. Kimberley, 4; J. Mardell, 5; T. H. Beams (conductor), 6. There will be no more ringing at St. Mary's, church, Woodford, Essex, as the bells are to be repaired and quarter-turned.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Friday, November 2nd, at Christ Church, 720 Chester Surprise. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, November 4th, 720 Tulip. D. Brigg, 3; J. S. Lomas, 5; the rest as before. For evening service, 720 Duke of York. A. White, 3; the rest as before. On Sunday morning, October 11th, 720 Braintree Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; D. Briggs, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. S. Lomas (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Symphony, standing as before. On Monday, November 12th, 720 Chelsea Surprise. J. S. Lomas, 3; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6; the rest as before. On Friday, November 16th, 720 Rochester Surprise, standing as before. On Sunday morning, November 18th, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. L. Holt, 1; D. Briggs, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. For evening service, 720 Westminster Treble Bob. H. L. Cockroft, 2; the rest as before. On Sunday morning, November 25th, 720 Ringers' Surprise. L. Holt, 1; J. S. Lomas, 2; D. Briggs, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes, 6. For evening service, 720 Dewsbury Surprise. J. S. Lomas, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; the rest as before. On Monday, November 26th, 720 Oxford Surprise. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Friday, November 30th, 720 Albion Surprise, standing as before.

GRASSENDALE (Lancashire).—On Saturday, September 8th, 720 Bob Minor. T. J. Morris, 1; W. Hughes, 2; Rev. C. A. Clements, 3; J. T. Lowe, 4; F. C. Newton, 5; J. Allen (conductor), 6. On Sunday, September 9th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. J. Turner, 1; R. H. Green, 2; F. C. Newton, 3; T. J. Morris, 4; J. T. Lowe (first 720 in method as conductor), 5; J. Allen, 6. On Sunday, September 16th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Turner, 1; R. H. Green, 2; F. C. Newton, 3; T. J. Morris (first 720 as conductor in the method), 4; J. T. Lowe, 5; J. Allen, 6. On September 23rd, after evening service, 720 Bob Minor. J. Turner, 1; R. H. Green, 2; F. C. Newton, 3; J. T. Lowe, 4; T. J. Morris, 5; J. Allen (conductor), 6. On Sunday, October 14th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. C. Newton (conductor), 1; R. H. Green, 2; J. Allen, 3; J. T. Lowe, 4; T. J. Morris, 5; J. Turner, 6. On Sunday, October 28th, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Garnett, wife of Mr. Alex. Garnett, a former churchwarden, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Turner, 1; R. H. Green, 2; F. C. Newton, 3; T. J. Morris (conductor), 4; J. S. Lowe, 5; J. Allen, 6. On Sunday, November 11th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. F. C. Newton, 1; R. H. Green, 2; J. T. Lowe, 3; T. J. Morris, 4; J. Turner (first 720 as conductor in method on bob bell), 5; J. Allen, 6. On Sunday, November 18th, for evening service, 620 Bob Minor. J. Turner, 1; T. Jennings, 2; R. H. Green (conductor), 3; F. C. Newton, 4; T. J. Morris, 5; J. Allen, 6. On Sunday, November 25th, for evening service, 720 Violet Treble Bob Minor. J. Turner, 1; R. H. Green, 2; F. C. Newton (conductor), 3; J. T. Lowe, 4; T. J. Morris, 5; J. Allen, 6.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

HAZEL GROVE (Cheshire).—On Saturday, November 3rd, at St. Thomas's church, 720 Violet Treble Bob. W. Wilde, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. Also 360 each of New London, Violet, Kent and Oxford, standing as before. On Sunday evening, November 4th, for Divine Service, 720 Warnham Court. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Saturday, November 10th, seven 720s Violet, New London, Kent, Oxford, College Single, Warnham Court, and Plain Bob. W. Wilde, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Sunday morning, November 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. J. Shallcross, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. Also 720 College Single, standing as before. For evening service,

720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Dean, 2; A. Fernley, 3; J. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Sunday morning, November 25th, 720 New London Pleasure. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. For afternoon service, 720 College Single, standing as before. For evening service 720 Violet Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Dean, 2; J. Fernley, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On October 28th, at Christ church, 720 Bob Minor. H. Miller, 1; F. W. Ford, 3; W. Tegg, 4; A. Glasscock, 5; A. Miller, 6; S. Wade (conductor), 7; S. Jones, 8. On November 18th, 1260 Grandsire Triples. H. Miller, 1; J. Armstrong, 2; F. W. Ford, 3; J. Miller, 4; S. Jones, 5; W. Pickworth, 6; S. Wade (conductor), 7; C. Bate, 8. On November 25th, 1264 Bob Major. H. Miller, 1; A. Glasscock, 2; F. W. Ford, 3; J. Armstrong, 4; S. Jones, 5; W. Pickworth, 6; J. Miller, 7; S. Wade (conductor), 8. On December 2nd, 1280 Bob Major. H. Miller, 1; J. Miller, 2; F. W. Ford, 3; J. Armstrong (composer and conductor), 4; S. Jones, 5; W. Pickworth, 6; R. Charge, 7; S. Wade, 8.

WOOD GREEN (Middlesex).—On Tuesday, November 13th, 720 Bob Minor. F. W. Purton, 1; A. Glasscock, 2; W. Tegg, 3; J. Armstrong, 4; J. Miller, 5; S. Wade (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. H. Miller, 1; J. Armstrong, 2; F. W. Ford, 3; W. Tegg, 4; F. W. Penton (first 720 with a bob bell), 5; S. Wade (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Glasscock, 1; F. W. Ford (first 720 of Treble Bob), 2; J. Armstrong, 3; J. Miller, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; S. Wade (conductor), 6.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM.—On Thursday, January 17th, on the occasion of the funeral of the Bishop of London, a whole pull and stand was rung with the bells half-muffled. J. W. Driver (conductor), 1; J. Buckingham, 2; J. Herbert, 3; M. Smith, 4; A. Jones, 5; Alfred Jones, 6; J. Crombie, 7; H. Farman, 8; W. T. Elson, 9; S. How, 10. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 52 mins. A. S. Ough, 1; W. Charge, 2; J. Herbert, 3; J. Buckingham, 4; J. Crombie, 5; G. Thrussell, 6; H. Adams, 7; W. T. Elson, 8; C. Charge, 9; R. Burgess, 10. Composed and Conducted by W. T. Elson. On Sunday, January 17, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. C. Charge, 1; J. Herbert, 2; G. Thrussell, 3; J. Buckingham, 4; H. Adams, 5; W. T. Elson, 6; W. Charge, 7; M. E. Smith, 8. Composed and conducted by W. T. Elson. For Divine Service in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 52 mins. A. S. Ough, 1; J. Hinton, 2; W. Meaton, 3; J. Herbert, 4; J. Buckingham, 5; W. Charge, 6; W. Pickworth, 7; C. Charge, 8; J. Aldridge, 9; S. How, 10. Composed and conducted by C. Charge. All these touches were rung with the bells half-muffled.

BANGOR (North Wales).—On Saturday, November 10th, at St. David's church, the last 700 of Holt's Original. R. Carter, 1; Rev. T. L. Jones, 2; E. Taylor, 3; S. Taylor, 4; R. Hughes, 5; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 6; R. Nicholls, 7; W. Crane, 8.

MONK SOHAM (Suffolk).—On November 20th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 720 of Doubles, being four 6-scores of Grandsire, each called differently, 6-score of Morning Star, and 6-score of Evening Star. G. Abbott, jun., 1; A. Abbott, 2; T. Chappell, 3; G. Abbott, sen., 4; E. Abbott (conductor), 5. Also 6-score of Grandsire, Gog Magog, Morning Star, Evening Star, Plain Doubles and Old Doubles. A. Copping, 1; G. Chappell, 2; A. Abbott, 3; J. A. Read, 4; E. Abbott (conductor), 5.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Monday, January 8th, at St. Andrew's church, 503 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, 1; A. J. Gillings, 2; G. Petrie, 3; J. Coales, 4; A. Bramall, 5; T. Holmes, 6; J. George (conductor), 7; J. W. Shotton, 8.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On Tuesday, January 15th, for practice, 2160 Kent Treble Bob Royal. R. G. Greenwood, 1; T. Beckwith, 2; A. B. Barrett, 3; N. Kidd, 4; R. Alcock, 5; J. Waller, 6; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 7; J. W. Newton, 8; W. Newton, 9; T. Metcalfe, 10.

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The Worcestershire and District Association.—The next quarterly and Committee meetings will be held, by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. H. H. Dibben, at Brierley Hill, to-day, Saturday, January 26th. The tower and bells will be open during the afternoon. Service in the church at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow in the schoolroom. All subscription are due at this meeting, according to rule 8. JOHN SMITH.

36, Simms Lane, Netherton.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Pudsey, to-day, Saturday, January 26th. Meeting-house, The Royal hotel. A peal will be attempted at 2.30 prompt. Business meeting at 6.30. Handbells provided.

HY. GAYTHORPE, Hon. Sec.

1, Elm Avenue, Bramley.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham Branch.—The usual quarterly meeting, announced to take place at St. Alfege's, Greenwich, to-day, Saturday, January 26th, is postponed. P. E. BEX, Hon. Dist. Sec.

Barnehurst, Bexleyheath.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting announced to be held at Loughborough, to-day, Saturday, January 26th, is postponed indefinitely.

W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

Cotgrave, Notts.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The quarterly meeting announced to be held at Southover, Lewes, to-day, Saturday, January 26th, is postponed.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.

2, Grove Street, Brighton.

N.B.—The meeting at Crawley, postponed from November 12th, 1900, will be held on Saturday, February 9th.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Great Marlow, to-day, Saturday, January 26th. Service in church at 5 p.m. Preacher—Rev. A. T. C. Cowie, Rector of Clewer. Tea in Boys' Schoolroom, 5.45. Business Meeting, 6.30. The bells will be available for ringing before the service and after the meeting.

H. C. BELL, Branch Secretary.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—In consequence of the death of Her Majesty The Queen, the meeting announced to be held at Staplehurst, to-day, Saturday, January 26th, is (at the request of the Rector), postponed until February 9th.

W. LATTER, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting of the Association will be held at Lightcliffe to-day, Saturday, January 26th. Bells ready from dinner. Business meeting at The White Horse at 6 o'clock.

WRIGHT INGHAM, Sec.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting of this Association, announced to be held at Gloucester to-day, Saturday, January 26th, is postponed.

REV. H. E. TILNEY BASSETT, Hon. Sec.

26, Long Street, Devizes, Wilts.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Almondsbury on Saturday, February

2nd. There will be a short service held during the afternoon, followed by a business meeting.

C. H. GORDON, Branch Sec.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting announced to be held at Reading, on Monday, January 28th, is postponed.

A. W. PIKE.

43, St. Bartholomew's Road, Reading.

The Essex Association.—The meeting of the above Association at Great Bentley is postponed until the 16th February. Tea and business meeting at 5 o'clock. Members proposing to attend must notify me by the previous Tuesday. HENRY T. W. EYRE, Asst. Sec.

Great Totham.

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The meeting announced to be held at Stokesley on Saturday, February 2nd, will not take place.

REV. W. P. WRIGHT, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

Stokesley, R.S.O.

The Waterloo Society, London.—The annual business meeting will take place at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on Wednesday, January 30th, when the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. W. H. WEBBER, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will take place at Walton-on-the-Hill, on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.

REV. C. A. CLEMENTS, Secretary.

5, Marsden Road, Southport.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this Association, will be held at Kildgrove, on Saturday, February 2nd. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. J. Mason, 8, Cooper Street, Kildgrove.

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West Districts.—The next meeting of the above will be held, by kind permission of the Rev. Dr. Oliver, at the church of St. Mary, Ealing, on Saturday, February 2nd. Ringing to commence at 4.30 p.m. Ringers and friends are cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, Hon. Dist. Sec.

Lampton, Hounslow.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Macclesfield Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Prestbury, on Saturday, February 2nd. Tea at 5 o'clock.

JOSEPH NORBURY, Hon. Sec.

34, Water Street, Macclesfield.

The Hertford County Association.—A committee meeting, to consider the division of the Association into branches, will be held on Saturday, February 2nd, in St. Peter's belfry, St. Alban's, at 4.30 p.m. As the question is of great importance to the welfare of the Association, it is earnestly desired that every affiliated band will depute a representative to attend and lay their views before the meeting. After the business, the bells will be at the disposal of the ringers, by kind permission of the Vicar of St. Peter's.

E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—The next general meeting will be held at Leiston, on Thursday, February 7th. Dinner at The Black Horse at 1.30—2s. 3d. Hon. Members and friends; 1s. 3d. company members. Reduced rail fares only to parties of eight, from any one station. Notice in any case to be sent to the Hon. Sec. before February 1st.

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The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Walsden, on

Saturday, February 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30. All ringers are welcome.

JAS. JACQUES, Branch Sec.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—A special meeting will be held at Burley (6 bells), on Saturday, February 9th. A peal will be attempted at 2.30. Meeting-house, The Cardigan Arms. Business meeting at 6.30. Handbells provided.

HY. GAYTHORPE, Hon. Sec.

1, Elm Avenue, Bramley.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Swinton, on Saturday, February 9th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.

JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.

25, Hope Street, Pendleton.

The Midland Counties' Association.—Preparation of Annual Report.—Members whose addresses are incorrect in last annual report, or who have changed their addresses since election, are requested to notify me without delay. Notice of alteration of practice nights and names of correspondents should also if necessary be sent at once, also obituary notices.

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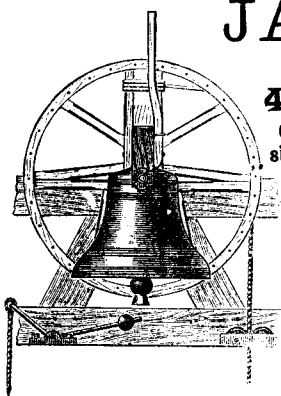
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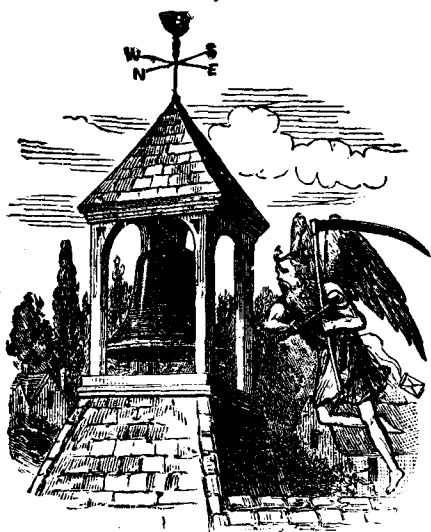
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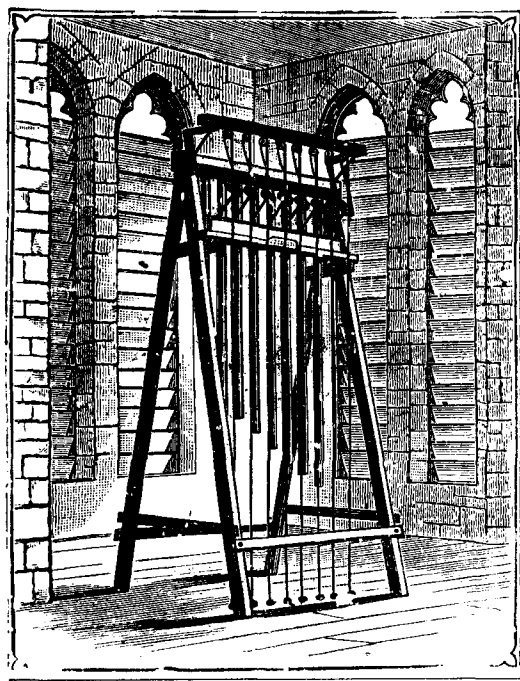
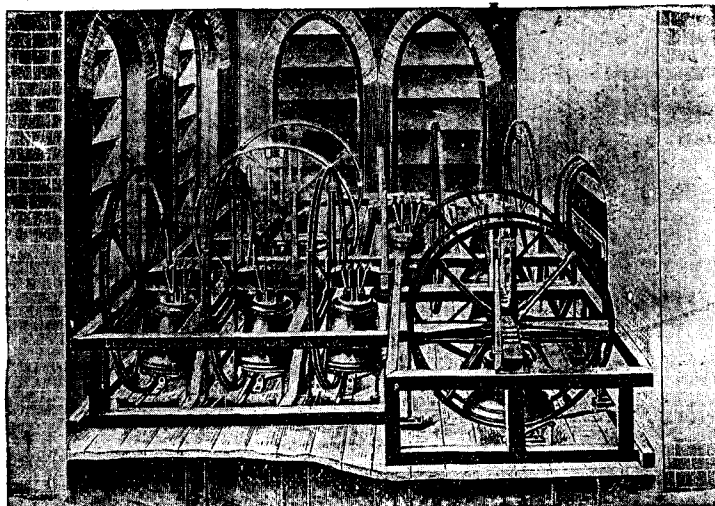
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING.

PRESENTATION TO MR. WILLIAM SNOWDON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

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The hymn "Onward, Christian Soldiers" concluded a very hearty service; and then, along with the rest, I wended my way to the Wostenholme Hall for tea. Here, tables were laid, steaming tea urns placed in position, and all in readiness, while the great room was speedily filled. At the call of the Archdeacon the singing of grace before and after tea was led by the choir.

Tea over, the company settled themselves for the annual meeting which followed immediately. Here Mr. W. Snowdon (President), occupied the chair, who was supported by the Ven. Archdeacon Eyre, the Rev. Canon Nolleth, Revs. F. G. Sandford, C. F. Knights, and O'Connor Power; Messrs. W. H. Howard, J. W. Taylor (Loughborough), T. Hattersley, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and adopted, the President said they were met once more on historic ground. It was at Sheffield fifteen years ago that their annual church services were commenced, which had been held without break from that time to the present. This was their fourth visit to that city round which clustered so many recollections in connection with the Exercise, and especially of the warm reception always received by the Association. He concluded by urging that the real churchmanship of ringers should always be kept well to the front.

The Rev. F. G. Sandford, M.A., Vicar of Sharrow, and Mr. J. T. Rew (Auditors), formerly moved and seconded the adoption of the balance-sheet and committee's report, the former, during the course of an interesting speech, paying high compliment to Canon Nolleth for the good work done by him at Beverley in connection with a new ring at St. Mary's and an improved ring at the Minster.

This report and balance-sheet, which was unanimously adopted, shewed that the Association numbered 1040 members, a nett again on the year of 28. During the year forty-four peals had been rung, which was just about the average of previous years. This list included Stedman Caters 1, Grandsire Caters 1, Bob Royal 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 5, Kent Treble Bob Major 17, College Single 1, Bob Major 10, Grandsire Triples 2, seven Surprise Minor extents 1, and five seven Minor extents. Meetings had been held at Earlsheaton, Wortley, and Horbury, all of which had been eminently successful. The balance-sheet shewed receipts for £37 15s. 6d., out of which £5 had been placed to capital account, which now stands at £234 2s. 7d.

There being no nominations for officers, the retiring ones (with the exception of Mr. J. H. Hardcastle, Steward, retired), were re-elected, and the roll-call shewed nearly all the officers and committee present.

Mr. F. Willey (Sheffield) moved, and Mr. A. Brearley (Sheffield) seconded a vote of thanks to the auditors and retiring officers, which was carried.

An invitation to hold the next meeting at Oxenhope, near Keighley, was accepted.

The President then moved a cordial vote of thanks to the Venerable Archdeacon Eyre, the Revs. C. F. Knight, W. J. Hall, T. Smith, and Dean Dolan, for the use of their bells; to the Rev. Canon Nolleth for his excellent sermon, and the organist and choir for the beautiful service in church. This was seconded by Mr. W. H. Howard (York), and heartily carried, in responding to which, Canon Nolleth referred in terms of praise to the new ring at St. Mary's, Beverley, with its 35 cwt. tenor. He expected the Minster bells would be ready about Whitsuntide. They would then have two of the largest and finest rings of bells in the county, and when the work was finished hoped to have the pleasure of inviting the Association to hold its meeting there. He also mentioned as a remarkable instance of modern science in bell-hanging that their great bell, weighing 5 tons 13 cwt., was hung so well that it could be easily rung by two men without causing the slightest oscillation in the tower.

Mr. Fitzclark (Rotherham) moved, and Mr. W. Illingworth (Ossett), seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Sheffield branch, which was carried amid loud cheers, and acknowledged by Mr. C. H. Hattersley.

On the motion of Mr. Howard, a vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business meeting.

PRESENTATION.

The Ven. Archdeacon Eyre then rose and expressed his pleasure at being the exponent of the Association in testifying to the valuable services rendered by Mr. William Snowdon as President during the past fifteen years. When the society suffered its severe loss by the death of its first President, Jasper Snowdon, its present President, at the unanimous request of the Committee, took his place; and while, he had no doubt, the Association had never ceased its regrets at that loss, it had been fortunate in the possession of so able and zealous a successor. Throughout the whole of those fifteen years, he was informed, Mr. William Snowdon had not missed a single meeting, either Committee or General, which he considered not only creditable, but a unique record. When Mr. William Snowdon commenced his office as President, the Association had a total of 469 members; it had rung 331 peals, and possessed a reserve fund of £111 6s. 3d. At the close of his fifteenth year, the membership stood at 1040, the number of peals had risen to 1109, and the capital to £234 2s. 7d. Without doubt much of this success had been accomplished through the untiring services of their President, who would naturally have infused some of his zeal into other officers and members. As to the beautiful present itself, which he was greatly pleased in being chosen to hand to Mr. Snowdon, it was gratifying to him to know that it was of Sheffield make, and specially so to think that it was the work of a Sheffield ringer whom they all held in such high regard. It seemed also to him exceedingly appropriate that on the silver jubilee of the Association they should mark the occasion and their high esteem of the President by a

testimonial of solid silver, so that the whole thing throughout seemed to fit in most aptly. He then, with many kindly expressions of good wishes, on behalf of the Association, asked Mr. Snowdon's acceptance of this beautiful token of their esteem and appreciation of his services as President.

Mr. Snowdon, on rising to acknowledge the gift, was received with loud cheers. After thanking the Archdeacon for his kind words, he referred to his late brother Jasper, and said that all he had done was with one huge regret that Jasper had not been there to do it himself; and it would have been a source of infinite delight to him had his brother been there that day to himself receive that handsome present. He felt they could claim that they had obtained increased recognition of the Association and its work; that it was in an excellent position, and with every prospect of still further progress. He urged that more attention should be paid by members to the higher methods, and particularly to a higher standard of Churchmanship, and that all would pull together for the grand old Church of England.

Mr. B. T. Copley (Hon. Secretary) moved, and Mr. J. T. Rew seconded a vote of thanks to the Archdeacon, which Dr. Eyre briefly responded to, and then the proceedings terminated.

As we emerged from the hall into the darkness of the street, the wind howled and whistled round the house-tops, but fortunately the rain had ceased, and so we wended our various ways, some to take part in or hear the ringing at the parish church and St. Marie's, Norfolk Row, others to wander along the streets of the city, and others, like myself, back to the local headquarters for social chat. Here there was a crowded company who were entertained with tunes and changes on handbells, and thus we "whiled away a cheerful hour" till it was time to turn our steps stationwards for our homeward journey. This came only too soon, and with others were soon speeding away from the city of Sheffield with remembrances of the hearty welcome, the sweet service in church, the generous tea, the practical business meeting, and the well-deserved recognition of the President's services fresh in our minds.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The next meeting of the Central Council will be held at Derby, on Whit-Tuesday, May 28th. Notices of motion should be sent in before 30th April, which is the last day on which they can be received. Hon. Secretaries of Societies are respectfully reminded that the contributions for the year 1901 became due on the 1st inst., and should be remitted *without needless delay*, at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative, to the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Council, together with information as to any change of representatives, and the names and addresses of such as have been appointed since the last meeting of the Council.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.*
Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

BISHOPSTROW, WILTSHIRE.

A large clock has just been erected upon the church tower, which strikes the hours and shews time on a large dial facing west. It has been made to Lord Grimthorpe's designs by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby. The same firm are making a large clock for St. Michael's, Bournemouth.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

The quarterly meeting in connection with this society was held on Saturday, January 19th, at the parish church, Stafford, when the following towers were represented: Christ Church West Bromwich, St. Mary's Handsworth, the old parish church, Smethwick, St. Luke's Blakenhall, St. Martin's Tipton, St. Peter's Wolverhampton, St. Matthew's Walsall, Cannock, Stafford, and Lichfield. The bells were set going about 3.30, and were kept going during the afternoon and evening, when some touches were brought round in Stedman, Grandsire, and Bob Major methods. A short service was held in the church at five o'clock, and a very interesting address was given by the Rector, after which an adjournment was made to the parish room and to the committee meeting, which was held in the Rector's private room. The minutes of the last meeting being read and signed by the chairman, the Rector was unanimously elected a honorary member, Messrs. A. E. Pegler and H. Middleton, of Birmingham, W. Page, of Worcester, and O. James, of Bromsgrove, who had previously been elected members before starting for peals, were duly ratified, and sixteen ringing members were also enrolled on the books of the society. It was also decided to hold the next meeting at All Saints, West Bromwich, on Saturday, April 20th. The committee then transferred themselves to the parish room, where they found other members to the number of thirty-six hard at work with the knives and forks, as the excellent meat tea was all ready laid on the tables, ample justice being done to the good things provided.

The Secretary announced what business had been done in committee, and Mr. W. R. Small proposed, and Mr. E. Woodhall seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, the address in the church, and also providing the members with such a beautiful tea. This was carried unanimously. The handbells were then brought into requisition, and a good touch of Grandsire Triples, and also a course of Grandsire Caters were well struck and brought round by the St. Peter's Wolverhampton band. Time being now exhausted, a move was made to the railway station for the return journey homewards, all being much pleased with their meeting.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The St. Stephen's branch, Westminster, wish to convey their thanks through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" for the congratulations they have received from several well-known ringers on the accomplishment of the silent peal of London Surprise; also to W. Baron, of the Royal Cumberland Youths, who obliged on two occasions to come and umpire, but who unfortunately was not at liberty the day we rang it. H. R. NEWTON, *Master.*

In connection with the above, Mr. F. Dench writes:—

"SIR,—As umpire of the silent peal of London Surprise Major, rung at St. Stephen's church, Westminster, I think it doing mere justice to the Exercise, also to the band, in publishing a true report in addition to the evidence you have already published. The composition, by J. Washbrook, is found in the Appendix. For the first eleven courses the striking was perfect, not the misplace of a single bell, till a slight hesitation a lead before the first bob B in the second part, broke the beautiful beat. In three or four changes all were settled to their work again; the ringing again going on to perfection till well into the 5th course of the last part, when a little uneasiness occurred that was soon rectified. Again, in the last lead of this course another little trip. These mistakes never amounted to a clash, only a wide and close blow or two and all was over, which in an ordinary peal, would have passed without notice, the bells running home

after the next three courses in fine style. Thus the first Surprise peal, non-conducted, was an accomplished fact. This, Sir, is a true and accurate statement of the peal in question. Not a nod, or a wink, or motion of any kind during the whole progress of the peal. This my friend, Mr. Perrin, can endorse, and I feel proud to have had the honour to umpire such a performance, that in my own opinion supersedes all previous records of silent peal-ringing.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the above society was held at Pudsey on Saturday, January 26th, but was not as well attended as usual, which was very easily accounted for, the day being very stormy, indeed some that did come said it was not fit to turn a dog out. Members from the following places braved the storm: Bradford, Calverley, Rothwell, Tong, and the local company. A muffled peal was attempted during the afternoon, but after ringing for close upon two hours it came to grief owing to two bells having changed places. The business meeting was held at The Royal hotel, the President in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The President then stated that the meeting at Headingley (St. Michael's), on Saturday, February 23rd, would be the nomination meeting, and hoped there would be a good attendance of members. The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, and the local company for their kind arrangements and hospitality (having provided luncheon for all the visitors), was moved by Mr. C. Pratt, seconded by Mr. C. D. Smith, and carried unanimously. Several touches were then rung on both the tower and handbells, including Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Grandsire Major and Triples, and Oxford Treble Bob Minor. It was now time for the visitors to brave the storms once more, after having spent a very enjoyable evening.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday evening, January 22nd, as soon as the sad news reached Caversham of the death of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, the tenor bell was tolled, the bells were afterwards rung half-muffled for half-an-hour, in rounds, plain courses of Grandsire Triples, and the Queen's change, all being slowly rung. On Sunday morning, February 27th, for Divine Service, a course of Cambridge Surprise, and a touch of Stedman Triples. For Divine Service in the evening, a touch of Grandsire Triples, and a course of Double Norwich. After service, a 504 of Stedman Triples. All the above were rung half-muffled, and the tenor bell tolled for the service, instead of the treble.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19th, six members of this Association drove to Langham, Rutlandshire, to attempt a peal on the newly-hung bells, also to welcome an old friend home from the front, R. W. Baker, Esq.; "go" being called at 6.15, and at 9.15 the welcome words "that's all," being the first peal on the bells, the go being all that could be desired. Afterwards a move was made to Host Marshall's, The Black Horse, where Col. Jervoyse had provided refreshments, which were readily accepted. Justice having been done, a vote of thanks was passed to Col. Jervoyse, for his kindness, and R. W. Baker, Esq. The handbells were then brought into use, and a 360 of Bob Minor attempted by: C. Dalby; H. Bartram; W. James; M. V. Potter; C. R. Lilley (conductor). Time being up, a move was made for an eight miles' drive, reaching home safely at 11.30, all having thoroughly enjoyed the outing, and all being pleased to meet the Langham band, trusting it will not be long before seven methods are attempted.

C. R. L.

Mr. John Smith, Hon. Sec. of the Worcestershire Association, writes:—"Will you please notify in your valuable paper, that the practice at St. Andrew's church, Netherton, Worcestershire, is Thursday, at 7.45, instead of Tuesday. Also would you kindly ask through your columns, if any member of the Exercise has copies of 'THE BELL NEWS' for May 16th and 23rd, 1896, Volume 14, as I should be pleased to receive and pay for same." Mr. Smith's address is 36, Simms Lane, Netherton, near Dudley.

THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Thursday, January 17th, a memorial service was held for the late Bishop of London at St. Mary Abbots, and before the service the usual whole pull and stand was rung, followed by a touch of Grandsire Caters. After the service 500 Grandsire Caters was rung. S. Davie, W. E. Garrard (conductor), T. Miller, H. G. Miles, J. T. Kentish, W. E. Judd, A. E. Bradley, A. F. Harris, W. Fox, and C. H. Phipps. On Tuesday, January 22nd, as soon as possible after receiving the sad news of the death of the Queen, the whole pull and stand was rung with the bells deeply muffled. G. Brush, R. A. Daniell, H. G. Miles, A. E. Bradley, G. R. Fardon, A. F. Harris, W. Fox, W. E. Garrard.

It might be interesting to state that most of the bells in the tower at the present time were here in 1819, when the late Queen was born in the adjoining palace, and were no doubt the first peal of bells Her Majesty heard.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

The sixth annual meeting of this society was held at The Campbell coffee tavern on Monday evening, January 21st last. The Rector, the Rev. A. V. Baillie (president) was unavoidably prevented from taking the chair on account of illness, to the great regret of all present. Mr. Frank Thomson (Rector's warden) was unanimously voted to the chair and was supported by Mr. William Brooke (parish warden), and also Mr. Richard Over (ex-churchwarden). The balance sheet and membership were reported to be in a satisfactory condition.

Mr. James George was unanimously re-elected ringing master, and Mr. Arthur Coleman hon. secretary and treasurer. Mr. R. Watson, Mr. A. Dubber were re-elected on the committee, with Mr. A. Bramall in the place of Mr. C. J. B. Cooke resigned. Mr. George, after returning thanks for his re-election, gave a brief review of the year's work, which was very satisfactory. Although the society had not rung a peal, it had made great progress in other methods, several quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples had been rung on the bells within the year, a number of long touches in the same method and Bob Major, including a few short touches of Stedman Triples. Amongst other business some new rules were incorporated with those of the society.

Mr. R. Over proposed and Mr. J. George seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding. A hearty vote of thanks was also unanimously passed to the ringing Master and hon. secretary for their services and untiring energy of the past towards the welfare of the society.

ST. MARY'S, BRIDGWATER.

On January 21st, the ringers of this church succeeded in ringing the 120 changes of Grandsire Doubles, this being the first rung by this company on the tower bells. The Art of change-ringing was first taken up in Bridgwater in the spring of last year. The endeavour to learn it has been encountered by all the usual difficulties in starting anything new; and the fact that there was no change-ringer in the town has made the attempt all the slower of attainment. It is to be hoped that change-ringing will now go forward uninterrupted in the town. On the 21st the ringers stood thus: *C. Kendal, 1; W. Bowden, 2; *C. Nainey, 3; *Rev. N. M. K. Warren, 4; †*A. E. Coles, 5; *S. Chinn, 6. †Conductor. *First time.

WYKEHAM CHURCH, YORKSHIRE.

Messrs. W. Potts and Sons, Clock Manufacturers, Guildford Street, Leeds, have just erected a new turret striking clock at the above church, which strikes the hours on the large or tenor bell, and shows the time upon one large external dial, which faces down the main street of the village towards Wykeham Abbey, the residence of the Right Hon. Lord Downe, the donor of the clock. The tower is some forty yards or so distant from the church, and formerly the bottom part of the tower was used as a lock-up for prisoners. Messrs. Potts and Sons are also making a chime clock for the ancient parish church of Lastingham, there being an ancient crypt under this church on the north Yorkshire Moors; and an illuminated clock with three dials for Scarborough.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

The Annual Meeting of the Wirral Branch of this Guild was held at Neston, on January 19th, at 6 p.m. Present: the Rev. Canon Turner, President, in the chair, Mr. Henry Bell, the Hon. Secretary, and twenty-five ringing members. Letters of regret were received from the Rev. Canon Blencowe and Mr. C. J. Bushell, at their inability to be present.

Resolved: That the report for 1900, which had been printed and distributed among the members present, be taken as read and passed, and a copy given to all members. The report shows that the Branch has again had a successful year, the number of members being 133. Eleven meetings have been held during the year, the average attendance being over 26.

Resolved: That the Rev. Canon Turner be re-elected President of the Branch.

Resolved: That Mr. B. G. Macandrew be re-elected Hon. Secretary for the year.

Resolved: That Mr. J. Pownall be elected assistant Hon. Secretary.

The President stated that he had received a letter from Mr. H. Woolcott, in which he tendered his resignation as Hon. Treasurer, and did not offer himself for re-election.

Resolved: That the resignation of Mr. H. Woolcott be accepted, and that a most hearty vote of thanks be given him for his long and voluntary services to the Guild.

Resolved: That Mr. B. G. Macandrew be elected Honorary Treasurer.

Resolved: That Messrs. J. J. Cliffe (Bebington) and W. Wilcox (Bidston) be the representatives of the Branch to serve on the Diocesan Committee.

Resolved: That the following be elected on the committee of the branch: Messrs. J. Cliffe (Bebington), W. Wilcox (Bidston), H. Marsh (Birkenhead), J. Dillon (Bromborough), W. Hughes (Liscard), W. Briscoe (Neston), W. Grimant (Oxton), Geo. Thomas (Rock Ferry), S. H. Wood (Wallasey), J. Pownall West Kirby), Wm. Bennett (Woodchurch).

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for their hospitality, and to the chairman for his kindness in presiding, brought the meeting to a close.

ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH.

After a brief illness of five weeks' duration, the Rev. Brooke Lambert, M.A., B.C.L., Vicar of Greenwich, passed away on Friday last, in his 68th year. He was appointed to this important Crown living by the late Mr. Gladstone, in September, 1880, in succession to the late Canon J. C. Miller, the founder of "Hospital Sunday."

Mr. Lambert was well-known for his deep interest in Poor Law administration, and his decease will be much felt in Greenwich.

After the first portion of the burial service had been said, in the presence of an immense congregation, on Wednesday, his mortal remains were, by his own desire, conveyed to the crematorium at Woking. The church was filled to its utmost capacity at both services, on Sunday (there is seating accommodation for nearly 1700 persons) when special reference was of course made to the losses sustained within a few days by the nation in the death of the Queen, and by Greenwich in particular in the demise of its senior cleric.

The following ringing was accomplished, with the bells half-muffled. For the morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (adapted from Thurstans's one-part) in fifty minutes: Isaac G. Shade (conductor), 1; John J. Lamb, 2; Harry Flanders, 3; William Foreman, sen., 4; Harry Hoskins, 5; William Berry, 6; Frederick W. Thornton, 7; Frederick H. Gooch, 8. And for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks'), 1260 changes, in fifty-three minutes. Isaac G. Shade, 1; John J. Lamb, 2; William Berry, 3; William Foreman, sen., 4; Harry Hoskins, 5; Harry Flanders, 6; Frederick W. Thornton (conductor), 7; William Foreman, jun., 8. Other touches of Stedman were also rung after each service, also on Wednesday, after the funeral, with the bells deeply muffled.

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TONG, YORKSHIRE.

The Annual Meeting of the Yorkshire Association at Sheffield drew together a large gathering of ringers from many places, and amongst those who attended was a party of six, viz.: G. Bolland (Vice-President), H. Oddy and T. Maude from Tong; Latimer and Cordingley (Pudsey), W. Stainthorpe, Treasurer, Birstall. Arriving early in the afternoon business matters first claimed attention, and the friends attended the service at the parish church, and were not behind in doing likewise at the tea which followed. Resorting later to the meeting house, some of the party took part in handbell ringing, which was a feature of the evening. Having previously heard of the existence of a splendid peal of eight bells at Norton in Derbyshire, they had arranged to stay the night and go next day to try them. Some of the Norton ringers were present at the meeting, and extended a hearty invitation to the ringers to do so. At The Talbot hotel in Arundel Street quarters were found for the night, and after supper permission was sought from the host for to use the handbells, to which he readily agreed, but regretted he had no bells, not being fully aware that such things formed part of the impedimenta of his guests. Several courses of Oxford Minor, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Major, followed, and a short and sweet "Sheffield lullaby" on the twelve bells, for our host's benefit, served to remind the performers that 'twould be well to adjourn to bed.

Breakfast was ready betimes next morning, as the 8.10 train was to convey the party to Heeley, and here we found Mr. E. James, the indefatigable Secretary of the Old East Derbyshire Association, awaiting to act as pilot up the ascent to Norton—two miles. On arrival at the church, which is dedicated to St. James, our attention was first directed to the "Chantry" Column on the green opposite, and the monument inside was also seen. Next was pointed out the clapper of the old tenor, fastened down to the floor, and which bears the following words imprinted upon it:—

I rang for the living,
I toll'd for the dead,
I gave the first greeting,
To those who were wed.
And still in God's House
I now stand at the door,
To open its portals
To rich and to poor.

Time was passing and the ringers eager to begin, so the bells were quickly pulled up and a preliminary touch of Oxford was rung by G. Bolland, T. Latimer, W. Stainthorpe, Cordingley, H. Oddy, W. Biggin (Norton), followed by short touches of Kent Treble Bob Major by J. Oates (Norton), Oddy, E. James, Latimer, Stainthorpe, Biggin, Bolland, Cordingley.

On emerging from the tower the visitors were agreeably surprised and delighted to receive a gift of chocolate from the wife of the Vicar, who congratulated them on their performance. Needless to say some of this souvenir was safely stowed away for home consumption. At short notice one of the Norton ringers, Mr. A. Slater, catered for dinner to the satisfaction of all, and later accompanied them to the church for a brief performance in the afternoon, when J. Atkins, A. Slater and W. Biggin supplied the vacancies for a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, and a second band included G. Oates, J. Mulligan, J. Holman, G. Holmes. To give the visitors a better opportunity of hearing the bells a local band kindly rang a touch of Grandsire Triples, and they unhesitatingly voted the bells a splendid peal. Returning to Sheffield in time for tea, Mr. James accompanied the friends, and also to St. Marie's Roman Catholic Church, where a service touch of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung upon this fine peal (tenor 26 cwt.) by Midgley, Oddy, James, Latimer, Cordingley, T. Sarel, Bolland, Oliver Dixon. At the conclusion of the ringing homeward steps had to be taken by the 7.8 train, and each one voted the outing a thorough success, the hearty co-operation of the local bands being much appreciated, and hopes expressed that the acquaintanceship might be renewed. The thanks of the visitors are tendered to the clergy for permission to ring.

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RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

On Wednesday evening, January 9th, the St. John's society held their annual social at The Ranmoor inn, commencing with a bounteous supper served in Mrs. Walker's best style, to which eleven lusty appetites did their best to appreciate until the host's appeal ("a little more wild duck, gentlemen") met with no other response than a sigh, although some could actually find room for some sweets. After the tables were cleared of that which we could not eat, and the cloth removed, Mr. R. Collier was voted to the chair and as soon as glasses were filled—and mark, Mr. Editor, there's not been any arsenic found as yet in Sheffield beers—the loyal toast was given from the chair and duly responded to. After which some tunes on the handbells and some capital songs were very pleasingly given. Other toasts included "The Ranmoor Society," Mr. and Mrs. C. Haynes, one of our members, and his good lady, who were united at Christmas; and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Walker. The vocal talent included Messrs. G. Walker, jun., J. Evinson, whose song "That roasted chicken" fairly took first honours; C. Haynes (St. Thomas') and F. Owen, who in addition to being an efficient accompanist, contributed some capital songs, his song "Silly Tommy" being very good. Our old lay friend Mr. J. Creswick also gave one of his recitations in his usual fluent style. However there was not time to call on all our talent before we all had to join in singing The National Anthem, this being the most enjoyable social the society has ever tried. S. T.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

On Saturday, the 19th ult., a pleasant gathering of the St. Peter's society took place at The Griffin. The band had intended being present at the last annual dinner of The Ancient Society of College Youths, but owing to unavoidable circumstances were unable to go, so it was arranged to have a C. Y's dinner "on their own." The arrangements were made in due course, and everything went off like the proverbial marriage bell. A peal of "London" was on the programme, but after one-and-a-quarter hour's excellent ringing, no bell could be got to a Stedman whole turn at lead, so this part was left for another time. At 7 o'clock other business was started, and with our genial Vicar the Rev. Cleaver, in the chair, supported by the Rev. Sawyer and Mr. J. Cooper (churchwarden), a very nice repast was served by host Best, and enjoyed by all. The tables cleared, harmony asserted itself, songs being rendered by several of the party, and some good selections given by the ringers on their fine set of handbells. Recitations were also much enjoyed, given by the Vicar and Mr. Cooper, whose healths were proposed by Mr. T. Newman. The Vicar in a few well-chosen words said how pleased he was to be amongst his ringers, and assured the company that it gave him much real happiness to know that not only were they a band to be proud of, as their past achievements had shewn, but that he felt sincerely he could trust them as worthy men in their every day life. Mr. Cooper also spoke to the same effect, and the evening drew pleasantly but rapidly to a close; 11 p.m. saw and heard the last good nights and hand shakes, and the wishes that it may not be our last local "College Youths dinner."

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

On Friday, January 11th, the churchwardens invited the ringers to supper at The Chapel hotel, a capital spread being provided by host Sexton. After the cloth was removed the usual loyal toast was given by the chairman, Mr. G. F. Beaumont, and later, that of "The Ringers." The rest of the evening was spent in pleasant conversation, with several touches and tunes on the handbells mixed in. A most enjoyable evening was spent, and everyone expressed the wish that, although it was the first it would not be the last of its sort.

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Hon. Sec. and Treasurer Winchester Diocesan Guild,
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THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

The election of officers for the above society took place at the annual meeting on Saturday, January 24th, when Mr. Arthur Hardy was elected Master; Mr. E. H. Oxenham, Secretary; Mr. F. J. Shepherd, Steward; Mr. C. J. Irish, Treasurer. Meetings for practice are held at St. Margaret's on every alternate Thursdays at 8 p.m., when the society would be pleased to welcome any ringers desirous of visiting that historical tower with its grand ring of ten.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1901.

THE events in connection with the Twenty-Fifth Annual Meeting of the Yorkshire Association on the 19th of January last, at Sheffield, comprised a most interesting and gratifying ceremony. This was the presentation to the President—Mr. WILLIAM SNOWDON—of an handsome testimonial. The members of the Association are to be highly congratulated at such a proceeding, not a whit less indeed than the recipient. Yorkshiremen are now and then thought to be deficient somewhat in those sentiments which beget such ceremonies as the one alluded to. But if they do in some people's opinion proceed slowly, they are sure and practical, taking care that what they do in such a direction shall be done well. The testimonial which they have just given to their President—who bears an honoured and well-known name among the Exercise—is of some value, and worthy of the occasion. It will no doubt have additional interest in the estimation of Mr. SNOWDON on account of its being a product of the county, and manufactured by a very popular and skilled member of the ringing community, a gentleman who possessed the confidence and high regard of our late friend JASPER SNOWDON in an equal ratio to that felt for him by his brother the reigning President.

Let it not be thought that there is any intention to be-

little or decry such things as testimonials in what follows. We should like to see in addition to such presentations, some lasting monument, for the benefit of posterity, of those whom we delight to honour; something by which their facial lineaments may be exhibited in an enduring and imperishable manner. A monument, or statue, in fact, is what we are aiming at, in some material which shall be lasting and enduring. Though some very good effects are produced by photography, it is not sufficient for the purpose we have in view. There are among our illustrious dead, many whom we should gladly seen portrayed in stone or marble.

The presentation of this testimonial is considered favorable to the publication of a portrait of the President of the Yorkshire Association. We hope therefore to publish this in a week or two for the special benefit of our readers, together with a selection of very valuable and original pictures, now in the hands of the engraver, and specially prepared for this journal.

The Metropolis.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 24, 1901, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, LEYTONSTONE,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Worcester, Chichester, and Victoria. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE HAYDEN Treble.	T. HERVEY BEAMS 4.
JOHN MARDELL 2.	WILLIAM MILLER 5.
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3.	JOHN MOULE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

This peal was rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to our late and highly revered Queen, and as a mark of condolence with our Royal Family in their great bereavement.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Friday, January 25, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

THOMAS LANGDON Treble.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD 5.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN 2.	WILLIAM R. CROCKFORD 6.
ARTHUR HARDY 3.	HERBERT LANGDON 7.
FERRIS J. SHEPHERD 4.	ERNEST H. OXENHAM .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of honour to our much-beloved and deeply lamented Sovereign Queen Victoria.

The Provinces.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 17, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM A. CAVE Treble.	JOHN BURFORD 5.
CHARLES H. GORDON 2.	FREDERICK G. MAY 6.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS 3.	GEORGE T. DALTRY 7.
WILLIAM KNIGHT 4.	FREDERICK J. COOPER .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE T. DALTRY

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER LOTT*† Treble.	CHARLES LUEY 5.
MORTON W. PIERCE† 2.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN 6.
GEO. G. JENKINS† 3.	†PHILIP H. PIERCE 7.
FRED. G. BRETT† 4.	*HARRY HARRIS† Tenor.

Conducted by MORTON W. PIERCE.

*First peal. First peal with a bob bell by G. Jenkins. †Belong to the St. Alphege company, Canterbury.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

On Wednesday, January 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

HENRY PRING Treble.	JOHN A. BURFORD 5.
JOHN THOMAS 2.	FREDERICK W. ELLES 6.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS 3.	RICHARD CLARK 7.
WILLIAM KNIGHT 4.	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor.

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE, and

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to our departed Sovereign, Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—THE HATFIELD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, January 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELREDA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

GEORGE SMITH Treble.	JOHN KENTISH, SEN. 5.
JOSEPH HOLLINGSWORTH 2.	RALPH SHEPHERD 6.
WILLIAM J. RUMNEY 3.	HENRY G. ROWE 7.
JOSEPH J. POWERS 4.	HENRY THARBY Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

Rung with the bells deeply-muffled in memory of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. H. G. Rowe hails from Markyate, Dunstable.

GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Thursday, January 24, 1901, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CRYPT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. Treble.	RICHARD A. JUDD 5.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER 2.	ROBERT A. BARRETT 6.
THOMAS NEWMAN 3.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER 7.
GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. 4.	JOSHUA STEPHENS Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

The above was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Her late Majesty Queen Victoria.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 24, 1901, in Four Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5052 CHANGES.

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qrs. 16 lbs.

HUGH D. DALL Treble.	†JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 6.
WILLIAM HOLMES 2.	ALFRED HILLIER 7.
ROBERT S. STORY 3.	*S. OCTAVIOUS FERRY 8.
ERNEST E. FERRY† 4.	†ROBERT RICHARDS 9.
JOHN FOREMAN* 5.	*OSWALD SIMM Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled for our late beloved Queen Victoria. *First peal of Caters and first peal in the method. †First peal of Caters in the method.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, January 24, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

GEORGE BULL Treble.	FREDK. G. ATTENBOROUGH .. 5.
JOHN BENSTEAD 2.	EDWARD I. STONE 6.
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY .. 3.	WILLIAM WAKLEY 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN 4.	GEORGE ROBINSON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute to the memory of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE NUNEATON SOCIETY).

On Thursday, January 24, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

FREDERICK ADAMS Treble.	HARRY ARGYLE 5.
HERBERT CURE* 2.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 6.
HENRY S. REEVES 3.	JAMES F. CLARKE 7.
GLADSTONE WINTER .. 4.	FRED. PALLETT Tenor.

Conducted by J. F. CLARKE.

†First peal. *First peal with a bob bell. This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to our late Queen Victoria.

WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD,
AND THE ST. BENEDICT'S SOCIETY, WOMBOURN.

On Thursday, January 24, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES'S VIARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lbs.

WILLIAM ROGERS Treble.	WILLIAM DEVEY 5.
JAMES BATE 2.	HORACE SADLER 6.
PERCY SADLER 3.	ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT .. 7.
WALTER E. SADLER .. 4.	*GEORGE HARRY SADLER .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT.

*First peal. First peal in the method by this Society. Rung with the bells muffled in memory of Her Majesty the Queen.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

On Friday, January 25, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR;
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER J. SMITH Treble.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 5.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN 2.	CHARLES WILKINS 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 3.	EDWIN BARNETT 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	HARRY FLANDERS Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to her late Majesty Queen Victoria; also for the late Rev. Brooke Lambert, of Greenwich. This composition is now rung for the first time.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

(ROSSENDALE AND BLACKBURN BRANCHES).

On Saturday, January 26, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SHEPHERD'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.

JAMES TAYLOR Treble.	WALTER TAYLOR 5.
GEORGE LORD 2.	JAMES B. TAYLOR 6.
SAMUEL LORD 3.	JOHN T. WRIGHT 7.
ORMEROD EASTWOOD .. 4.	JOHN WM. ORMEROD .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

The bells were deeply muffled with the exception of the tenor, which was muffled handstroke and open backstroke.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1901, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

WILLIAM WEEDON Treble.	WALTER WHITING 5.
STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. 2.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 6.
EDGAR HICKS 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 7.
JOHN CREASY 4.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect to Her late Majesty Queen Victoria. This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Bowell and Son, of Ipswich, the "go" of them being all that can be desired.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

S. COUPE* Treble.	*F. WAGSTAFF 4.
S. COUPE* 2.	J. SEVERN 5.
J. GOODWIN 3.	JOHN FLINT Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

*First peal. Rung with the bells deeply-muffled as a token of respect to Her Majesty the Queen. This is believed to be the first peal by the Association, and the first peal ever attempted by the local band.

HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1901, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt.

JOSEPH W. PARKER Treble.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 5.
GEORGE R. HOLMES .. 2.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON .. 6.
WILLIAM STOREY 3.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. 7.
WILLIAM T. ROBSON .. 3.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by THOMAS A. GOFTON.

First Surprise peal by all except Mr. Storey. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to our lamented Queen.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Saturday, January 26, 1901, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VIARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM WAKLEY Treble.	EDWARD I. STONE 5.
JOHN BENSTEAD 2.	ARTHUR WAKLEY 6.
WILLIAM J. SMITH 3.	GEORGE ROBINSON 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN 4.	FREDK. G. ATTENBOROUGH Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute to the memory of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 26, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VIARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN EVANS Treble.	WILLIAM NEWELL 5.
WILLIAM HORNE 2.	RALPH BIGGS 6.
ARTHUR EVANS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
CHARLES CHAPMAN .. 4.	REUBEN SAWYER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung with the bells muffled in honour of the late Queen Victoria.

BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 26, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

JOSEPH BANKS* Treble.	ROBERT FIDDIES 5.
WILLIAM GRUNDY 2.	RICHARD P. HEALD 6.
JOHN MOSCROP 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS 7.
THOMAS PEERS 4.	TITUS BARLOW Tenor.

Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

This peal was rung with the bells deeply muffled (the tenor open at backstroke), in memory of our late Sovereign, Queen Victoria. *First peal.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 26, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM DENNER Treble.	JOHN DENNER 5.
JOHN WORTHINGTON 2.	ALFRED POTTER 6.
JOSEPH POTTER 3.	JOHN POTTER 7.
WILLIAM LEVER 4.	MATTHEW BERRY Tenor.

Composed by J. ASPINWALL, and Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in respect to our late Queen.

CHESTER.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, January 26, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt, in E flat.

JOHN SCONCE* Treble.	WILLIAM MOULTON 5.
WILLIAM SCONCE 2.	JOHN TOMLINSON 6.
JAMES MOULTON* 3.	HENRY DEW 7.
HARRY JONES* 4.	*ERNEST SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY DEW.

*First peal of Stedman. The bells were fully muffled as a mark of deep respect to our late Queen Victoria. Performed by part of the local band.

DUBLIN.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, January 26, 1901, in Four Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 45 cwt.

THOMAS GRANT Treble.	RAWDON GREENE 6.
JOHN LAMBERT 2.	CHRISTOPHER MURRAY 7.
GEORGE SALTER 3.	ROBERT T. F. GREENE 8.
GEORGE LAMBERT 4.	RICHARD R. CHERRY 9.
GABRIEL LINDOFF 5.	ROBERT MURPHY Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and

Conducted by R. R. CHERRY.

This, a muffled peal, was rung as a last tribute to our departed Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.*On Saturday, January 26, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN BARBER Treble.	CHARLES DICKENS 6.
PHILIP W. DAVIES 2.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 7.
WILLIAM G. ELLIS 3.	WILLIAM H. BARBER 8.
ALF. PADDON SMITH 4.	WILLIAM SHORT 9.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 5.	HARRY WITHERS Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to our late Queen; also to W. Haywood, a respected member of the above Guild, the odd changes corresponding with the age of deceased. This composition has the 5th and 6th each twenty-two courses behind the 7th in the inverted titlums position.

RAWTENSTALL, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 27, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEO. E. ROLLERSON .. Treble.	GEO. HY. HARGREAVES .. 5.
JAMES ROLLERSON 2.	*HERBERT H. SHAW 6.
THOMAS COLLINGE* 3.	†JOHN SMITH 7.
JOHN HY. NUTTALL 4.	A. NEWMAN Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN SMITH.

†First in the method as conductor. *First peal in any method. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect for our late Queen Victoria.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, January 29, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HORACE SMITH* Treble.	NOAH HOLLYOAK 5.
WILLIAM R. SMALL 2.	SAMUEL J. HUGHES 6.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 3.	JOHN W. SMITH 7.
SAMUEL SPITTLE 4.	HARRY PRICE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

*First peal. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to our late Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria and Empress of India. This is W. R. Small's 260th peal.

Miscellaneous.**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, November 14th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for practice, 720 Evening Pleasure. G. Jordan, 1; J. Luckey, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Darton New Pleasure. J. Cavill, 1; Isaac Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; W. Watts, 4; G. Jordan, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. These are the first 720s in the methods by all the band, and first in the methods on the bells. On Wednesday, November 21st, for practice, 720 Darton Exercise. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and first in the method on the bells. Also 720 Duke of Wellington. J. Cavill, 1; T. Jordan, 2; J. Luckey, 3; W. Watts, 4; G. Jordan, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method as conductor, 6. Also on Sunday, December 2nd, for morning service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob (5th the observation). J. Cavill, 1; H. Little, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also on Wednesday, December 5th, for practice, 720 Royston Delight (9 bobs). J. Cavill, 1; T. J. Watts, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band, and first in the method on the bells. Also 720 Victoria Surprise. W. Watts, 1; H. Little, 2; Isaac Hammond, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. Jordan, 5; T. J. Watts (first 720 in the method as conductor), 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise. T. J. Watts, 1; H. Little, 2; W. Watts, 3; Isaac Hammond, 4; J. Luckey (conductor), 5; T. Jordan, 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GOSPORT (Hants).—On November 23rd, at Holy Trinity church, for practice, 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Leaf, 1; R. Gardner, 2; R. Brown, 3; T. Williams, 4; H. Westbrook (conductor), 5; H. Reynolds, 6; H. Slater, 7; L. Hurle, 8. On Sunday, November 25th, 336 Grandsire. A. Clark, 1; R. Brown, 2; R. Fuge, 3; T. Williams, 4; H. Westbrook (conductor), 5; R. Gardner, 6; H. Reynolds, 7; H. Ford, 8. On Sunday, December 9th, 224 Grandsire. A. Clark, 1; H. Reynolds, 2; R. Brown, 3; T. Williams, 4; H. Westbrook (conductor), 5; H. Ford, 6; R. Fuge, 7; L. Hurle, 8.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EWELL (Surrey).—On Tuesday, November 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. Sycamore, 1; H. Pederick, 2; J. Beams, 3; E. Grove, 4; H. Beams, 5; H. Greenhill (first quarter-peal as conductor), 6; C. Read, 7; G. Price, 8. Composed by J. S. Goldsmith, of Lewes.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

At the quarterly meeting held at Ordsall, on Saturday, January 12th, 720 Violet. A. B. Crawford, 1; H. Blagg, 2; R. Smith, 3; G. R. Winter, 4; R. Beeston (conductor), 5; C. F. Fowler, 6. 720 Oxford. A. B. Crawford, 1; C. Crawford, 2; G. R. Winter, 3; C. F. Fowler, 4; R. Beeston (conductor), 5; H. Blagg, 6. 720 Plain Bob. F. Phillips, 1; H. Hurst, 2; T. Brett, 3; B. Metcalfe, 4; D. Blagg, C. Crawford (conductor), 6. Another 720 Plain Bob. G. W. Metcalfe, 1; D. Blagg, 2; J. Belk, 3; H. Warburton, 4; G. R. Winter, 5; H. Blagg (conductor), 6.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FINEDON (Northants).—On Sunday, November 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 50 mins. J. Main, 1; T. Abbott, 2; A. Leonard, 3; A. Smeathers, 4; P. W. Manning, 5; W. B. Meadows, 6; W. Perkins (conductor), 7; G. Seath, 8.

IRTHLINGBORO (Northants).—On Sunday, November 25th, for evening service, 1344 Double Norwich. F. Palmer, 1; A. Tyler, 2; J. Mawby, 3; A. Perkins, 4; J. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 5; W. Pettitt, 6; J. Houghton, sen. 7; J. Garratt, 8. On Sunday, December 2nd, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major. J. Mawby, 1; A. Perkins, 2; C. Newman, 3; J. Houghton, sen. 4; J. Garratt, 5; W. Pettitt, 6; W. Perkins, 7; A. Tyler (conductor), 8. This is the longest length in the method by W. Perkins, who hails from Finedon.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA (Suffolk).—On Thursday, November 29th, 720 of Bob Minor, 18 bobs 2 singles. F. Pestell, 1; G. Godfrey, 2; D. Hayward, 3; R. Christian, 4; A. Fuller, 5; G. Orford (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Minor, 22 singles. R. Christian (conductor), the rest as before.

GREAT YARMOUTH (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, November 27th, for practice, 720 Bob Royal. H. Wright, 1; G. Godfrey, 2; R. Christian, 3; D. Hayward (conductor), 4; W. Blyth, 5; W. Secrett, 6; G. Orford, 7; G. Read, 8; J. Matthews, 9; R. Tooley, 10. Also 710 of Grandsire Caters. H. Wright, 1; G. Godfrey, 2; R. Christian, 3; D. Hayward (conductor), 4; W. Blyth, 5; W. Secrett, 6; G. Orford, 7; G. Read, 8; J. Matthews, 9; F. Pestell, 10. On Sunday, December 2nd, after evening service, 1152 Grandsire Caters. H. Wright, 1; G. Godfrey, 2; R. Christian, 3; D. Hayward (conductor), 4; W. Blyth, 5; W. Secrett, 6; G. Orford, 7; G. Read, 8; J. Matthews, 9; F. Pestell, 10.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday evening, November 12th, 1120 Bob Major. W. Roby, 1; H. Smith, 2; F. Parker, 3; J. Moore, 4; J. Fayers, 5; L. Leeks, 6; A. Symonds (conductor), 7; W. Moore, 8. Longest in the method by F. Parker and L. Leeks.

YATELEY (Hants).—On November 1st, at St. Peter's church, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Yeomans, 1; W. Filmore, 2; G. Bunch, 3; C. Hilton, 4; S. Riddle (conductor), 5; W. Tice, 6; J. Bunch, 7; H. Winter, 8. On Sunday, November 18th, for Divine Service, in the morning, 350 Grandsire Triples. H. Yeomans, 1; W. Filmore, 2; G. Bunch, 3; W. Tice, 4; S. Riddle (conductor), 5; C. Hilton, 6; J. Bunch, 7; H. Winter, 8. For evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples. H. Yeomans, 1; B. Hawkins, 2; G. Bunch, 3; S. Riddle (conductor), 5; C. Hilton, 5; W. Tice, 6; J. Bunch, 7; H. Winter, 8. B. Hawkins hails from Hawley. On December 6th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Yeomans, 1; W. Filmore, 2; G. Bunch, 3; S. Riddle (conductor), 4; C. Hilton, 5; W. Tice, 6; J. Bunch, 7; H. Winter, 8.

The following touches have been rung with muffled bells as marks of love and loyalty to Her late Majesty Queen Victoria:—

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HIGHAM FERRERS (Northants).—On Sunday, January 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. Everett, 1; G. Randall, 2; Geo. Warner, 3; W. Pettitt, 4; A. H. Martin, 5; W. Parker, 6; Thos. R. Hensher (conductor), 7; G. Brown, 8. Composed by W. Walmsley. Also 630 Grandsire Triples. A. Everitt, 1; G. G. Randall, 2; G. Warner, 3; G. Brown, 4; J. B. Martin (conductor), 5; W. Pettitt, 6; A. H. Martin, 7; S. Middleton, 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples, conducted by A. H. Martin. Rung with the bells deeply muffled excepting the tenor which was open one side.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WRITTLE (Essex).—Recently for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by J. Carter. H. Head, 1; W. Newman, 2; T. Lincoln, 3; W. Emery, 4; R. Wood, 5; W.

Lincoln (conductor), 6; A. Head, 7; F. Edwards, 8. On Sunday morning, January 27th, the last 700 from Holt's Original, and for evening service, a quarter-peal, composed by W. Walmsley, in 52 mins. T. Lincoln, 1; W. Emery, 2; R. Wood, 3; F. Radley, 4; H. Head, 5; A. Head, 6; W. Lincoln (conductor), 7; F. Edwards, 8.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, January 27th, at the parish church, for morning service, with bells fully muffled except tenor open at back, 504 Stedman Triples. R. Stone, 1; H. Selby, 2; G. B. Selby, 3; S. Wright, 4; J. Heath, 5; M. Whatley, 6; D. Wright (conductor), 7; G. Steer, 8. Also for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. H. Selby, 1; G. B. Selby, 2; S. Wright, 3; R. Stone, 5; rest as before. After service, 312 Stedman Triples. R. Stone, 1; G. R. Selby, 2; W. G. Granger, 3; J. Heath, 4; S. Wright, 5; D. Wright (conductor), 6; H. J. Selby, 7; G. Steer, 8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BURLEIGH (Yorkshire).—On Wednesday, January 23rd, 720 Bob Minor. C. Wadeson, 1; J. E. Senogles, 2; H. Haresnape, 3; W. Pennington, 4; E. Pennington, 5; S. F. Woodhouse (conductor), 6. On Saturday, January 26th, an attempt was made for seven 720s, but one of the ringers was unfortunately taken ill after ringing six 720s, in 2 hours 35 mins. C. Wadeson, 1; J. E. Senogles, 2; W. Pennington, 3; E. Pennington, 4; F. S. J. Pile, 5; S. F. Woodhouse (conductor), 6.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, January 27th, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 51 mins. A. S. Ough, 1; J. Hinton, 2; W. Charge, 3; J. Aldridge, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; H. Adams, 6; G. Thrussell, 7; C. Charge (composer and conductor), 8; R. Charge, 9; S. How, 10.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks.).—On Sunday, January 27th, at the church of St. Giles, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal Stedman Triples, in 50 mins. Alfred E. Reeves (conductor), 1; H. Coffee, 2; H. Tucker, 3; A. H. Evans, 4; Alfred W. Reeves, 5; E. Bruce, 6; Albert E. Reeves, 7; H. Dibley, 8.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, January 26th, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. B. A. Knights (first quarter-peal), 1; C. W. Nuttall, 2; G. Davies, 3; J. Hunt, 4; W. J. Thyng, 5; G. M. Farr, 6; A. Knights (conductor), 7; G. Mee, 8. Tenor 24½ cwt. This quarter-peal contains the 6th nine times wrong and the extent right, without singles. Composed by G. Hayward, of Bromsgrove.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, January 26th, for practice at St. Margaret's church, 960 of Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; H. J. Button, 3; C. Bailey, 4; E. Bailly, 5; C. Samson, 6; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 7; J. Button, 8.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday evening, January 22nd, on receipt of the news of the death of the Queen, 720 Imperial Treble Bob. G. Hobbs, 1; C. Preston, 2; G. Clarkson, 3; D. Preston, 4; W. Wheldon, 5; W. Twigg (conductor), 6.

ARMLEY (Yorkshire).—On Tuesday evening, January 22nd, on receipt of the news of Queen Victoria's death, 360 Oxford. Jos. Turner, 1; Jno. Cooper, 2; C. Taylor, 3; Jno. Thackray (conductor), 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Heckingbottom, 6; followed by another 360 in the same method with E. Kerry (late of Attleboro), 1; J. Peacock, 2; others as before. F. Gaunt, and C. Lockwood also took part in some round ringing. On Sunday, January 27th, for morning service, 720 Oxford. J. Peacock, 1; Jos. Thackray, 2; C. Taylor, 3; Jno. Thackray (conductor), 4; M. Broadbent, 5; J. Heckingbottom, 6. And for evening service, 360 Oxford. W. Walker, 1; J. Peacock, 2; C. Taylor, 3; Jos. Thackray, 4; Jno. Thackray (conductor), 5; J. Heckingbottom, 6. Also 240 Kent. J. Peacock, 1; W. Walker, 2; the rest as before. All the above were rung with the bells muffled, as a tribute of devotion to Her late Majesty. While ringing the latter touch (Kent), there were two heavy peals of thunder and two brilliant flashes of lightning.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

A QUESTION FOR CLERGY AND RINGERS.

SIR,—Whenever I get involved in your correspondence columns I am always glad to see anything over Mr. Drake's signature. I have learnt to know that he is always willing to assist the Exercise by his interesting contributions, and that, however firmly he holds his own views he is invariably fair to those with whom he has any difference of opinion, and brings a wide view to bear on any controverted subject. I feel therefore that in the first place I owe Mr. Drake an apology which I desire to make to the full for a remark in my last letter. It now appears that he had written his former letter before seeing my first one on this subject, but as his former letter did not appear till after my first, I did not realise that he had written it earlier. For his letter appearing in your last issue I return him my grateful thanks, because he has realised as, I am sorry to say some others, whether corresponding through your columns or otherwise, have not, what I have been striving after. It may very well be that, as I am neither a theologian nor a practised controversialist, the fact of my not having been understood by all your readers is owing to my own deficiencies; but in that case my obligation to Mr. Drake is the greater.

My proposition is what Mr. Drake understands it to be, and it is a great satisfaction to me that he says I am quite right in stating that to answer it we must first decide why a man should go to Church at all, and that as a matter of principle he agrees with me. If we now turn to Mr. Drake's fourth paragraph we shall find an instance of his characteristic fairness. He defines his own view of a layman's duty with no uncertain sound, but he finishes by stating his knowledge that other people do not in all cases agree with him; and his readiness to see the statements of those who do not see eye to eye with him, without arguing the matter. This certainly ought to appeal to us all. The Exercise is as wide as the Church. Among our members are probably to be found men holding all stages of Church views from the lowest to the highest. What we have to do is not to quarrel about what we may individually agree or disagree with, but to recognise the truths on which we are all agreed.

Now whether we or those qualified to instruct us agree or disagree with Mr. Drake's position in his fourth paragraph, I imagine all will be agreed with the reasons for worship which he gives in his third paragraph, as applicable to all acts of worship, and I beg your readers to consider these reasons very carefully. I think we shall all agree that he gives us a good reason for the duty of attending Divine worship. But he does more than this; he points out that duty means a submission of the will. We know this in ordinary life to our happiness or to our misery, according as we bend or fail to bend our desires to our duties; and certainly if this is true in the ordinary affairs of life it must also be true in the matter of attendance at Divine worship. Nor is this all. He points out to us that if we honestly try to do our duty in this matter, we shall, if we persevere, be led to enjoy and love it.

In the face of such an ennobling view of public worship as Mr. Drake gives us, how contemptible are such reasons as those I have combatted! To say no more of them one point lucidly appears. Mr. Drake gives us reasons for attending public worship which appeal to us as Christians in common with all our fellow creatures—with those who belong to us by the ties of kindred or friendship, and those who may be divided from us by misunderstanding or dislike. To attend Divine Worship because we are, however unsatisfactory, however sinful, however ignorant, yet, endeavouring in company with others to fulfil the highest function for which we are created, must be a stimulative ideal, compared with which doctrines about attending as ringers or as churchworkers, or to set examples are worse than nothing. Mr. Drake admirably points out that considerations of the latter character are merely those of expediency. Expediency may and does vary in different cases and individuals, but if we will base the duty of church going on fundamental truth I have no doubt that questions of expediency in each case will settle themselves. It is not by rules or theories of attendance at ser-

vices for which we ring that the minds and consciences of ringers can be affected, but by going to the root of Christian duty, which involves Christian liberty. Let us then clear out of the way all the fallacies we can—not only those I have referred to, but such things as sabbatarianism, and the notion that by attending church men profess to be better than others or than they themselves are, and by beginning at the bottom of Christian teaching let us be led without hypocrisy to rise by degrees where we need raising, in the spirit of those well-known lines—

"I held it truth, with him who sings
To one clear harp in divers tones,
That men may rise on stepping stones
Of their dead selves to higher things."

R. A. DANIELL.

SIR,—The clergyman who endeavours to make his ringers churchmen may succeed.

The clergyman who endeavours to make his ringers of churchmen may succeed.

Ringers as a body belong to the working class.

The Church has undoubtedly lost its hold on the working class.

The clergyman who imagines that ringing in itself will restore that hold and make ringers churchmen, will assuredly be disappointed.

The mere act of going to church is in no way a duty or an advantage if the right motive for going be lost sight of.

The imposition of religious tests when there is any interest to be served by shamming, has been shewn by history to defeat its own ends and pass the worst of men.

Excellent advice given to a body of men rarely has the slightest effect on individuals.

If you influence the individual the whole body becomes influenced.

From which it appears that a clergyman stands a very good chance of making his individual ringers churchmen, but that experience proves that you will not, and cannot make ringers as a body attend church simply by pious advice addressed to the whole lot.

Nevertheless, it takes considerably more trouble to convince eight men of their individual duties and responsibilities than to frame a few cast-iron rules for the band, and when they have no effect beyond creating trouble, to wash one's hands of the whole lot as a set of incorrigible rogues, and let things go on as they may.

My own experience, such as it is, goes to shew that in large towns, at any rate, as a rule, the authorities know little and care less about their ringers. I have rung for the last eighteen months fairly regularly for the services of the church which I attend, but so far as I am aware the Vicar and churchwardens have not so much as heard whether there be any such person as

J. A. TROLLOPE.

Ealing, W.

SIR,—Having read the letters on this subject, published by you, I have come to this conclusion, which I venture to think all will agree to, even those who have already written. That ringers should be more careful in selecting ringers, to choose those who are churchmen, and until this is so, it is better not to teach those doctrines which Mr. Daniell has been teaching.

Midhurst, January 28th, 1901.

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Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Branch.—A meeting of this branch announced to be held at Almondsbury to-day, Saturday, February 2nd, is indefinitely postponed.
C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will not take place at Walton-on-the-Hill, to-day, Saturday, February 2nd, as announced, but on February 16th.
REV. C. A. CLEMENTS, *Secretary*,
5, Marsden Road, Southport.

The Hertford County Association.—In consequence of the funeral of our late Queen Victoria having been fixed for to-day, Saturday, February 2nd, the Committee meeting proposed to be held in St. Peter's belfry, St. Alban's, has been postponed to the following Saturday, February 9th, at 4.30 p.m. The Secretary trusts this arrangement will be found convenient to all representatives.
E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this Association, at Kidsgrove, is postponed till Saturday, February 9th, in consequence of the funeral of Her late Majesty the Queen taking place this day, Saturday, February 2nd.
W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—The meeting of the above Association at Great Bentley is postponed until the 16th February. Tea and business meeting at 5 o'clock. Members proposing to attend must notify me by the previous Tuesday.
HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Asst. Sec.*
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The Norwich Diocesan Association.—The next general meeting will be held at Leiston, on Thursday, February 7th. Dinner at The Black Horse at 1.30—2s. 3d. Hon. Members and friends; 1s. 3d. company members. Reduced rail fares only to parties of eight, from any one station.

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Chester Diocesan Guild.—Macclesfield Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Prestbury, on Saturday, February 9th. Tea at 5 o'clock.

JOSEPH NORBURY, *Hon. Sec.*
34, Water Street, Macclesfield.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Crawley, on Saturday, February 9th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Unveiling of peal-tablet (recording the long peal 9312 of Superlative), by the Rector, at 5 p.m. Tea at Northgate Coffee Rooms afterwards. Members intending to be present will oblige by writing Mr. J. Rice, New Town, Crawley, not later than Friday, February 8th.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*
2, Grove Street, Brighton.

The Lancashire Association of Six-Bell Ringers.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chorley parish church, on Saturday, February 9th. Tower open for ringing during the afternoon and evening.

JAMES HIGSON, *Hon. Sec.*
40, Church Street, Blackrod.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Walsden, on

Saturday, February 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30. All ringers are welcome.
JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—A special meeting will be held at Burley (6 bells), on Saturday, February 9th. A peal will be attempted at 2.30. Meeting-house, The Cardigan Arms. Business meeting at 6.30. Handbells provided.

HV. GAYTHORPE, *Hon. Sec.*
7, Elm Avenue, Bramley.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Swinton, on Saturday, February 9th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.
JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*
25, Hope Street, Pendleton.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Staplehurst, on Saturday, February 9th, arrangements as previously announced. Members intending to be present must notify the district Secretary not later than February 6th.
W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West Districts.—The next meeting of the above will be held, by kind permission of the Rev. Dr. Oliver, at the church of St. Mary, Ealing, on Saturday, February 16th. Ringing to commence at 4.30 p.m. Ringers and friends are cordially invited.
C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Lampton, Hounslow.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—A general meeting will be held at Jarrow, on Saturday, February 16th. The bells of Christ Church (6), St. Peter (6), and also of St. Hilda (8), South Shields, will be at the disposal of members from 1 p.m. Committee meeting at Ben Lomond hotel, at 4.15 p.m. Tea at same place 5 p.m. 1s. to members, 1s. 6d. to non-members. Those intending to be present must notify Secretary before February 12th.
C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*
Wylam-on-Tyne.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.—The monthly meeting and tea of the above branch will be held in the schoolroom, Lower Bebington, on Saturday, February 16th, at 6 p.m. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 p.m.
B. G. MACANDREW, *Hon. Sec.*
West Kirby.

The Midland Counties' Association.—Preparation of Annual Report.—Members whose addresses are incorrect in last annual report, or who have changed their addresses since election, are requested to notify me without delay. Notice of alteration of practice nights and names of correspondents should also if necessary be sent at once, also obituary notices.
W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*
Cotgrave, Notts.

REPLIES TO C. BIRT.—The peal rung at St. Giles, Reading, on December 31st, 1900, was finished at 9.50 p.m.—The peal rung at Heston, on December 31st, was brought round at 10.55 p.m.—The peal of Grandsire Caters rung at East Retford, Notts., on December 31st, 1900, came round at 11.28 p.m.—The peal at Epsom, Surrey, commenced at 7.15 p.m. and terminated at 10.7 p.m.—The peal of Caters rung at St. Mary's, Taunton, Somerset, on December 31st, 1900, was finished at 10.38 p.m.

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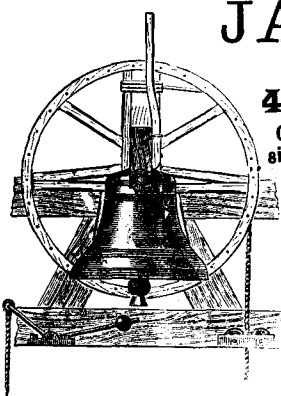
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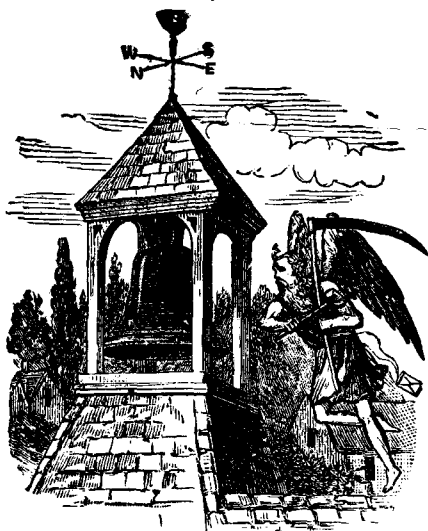
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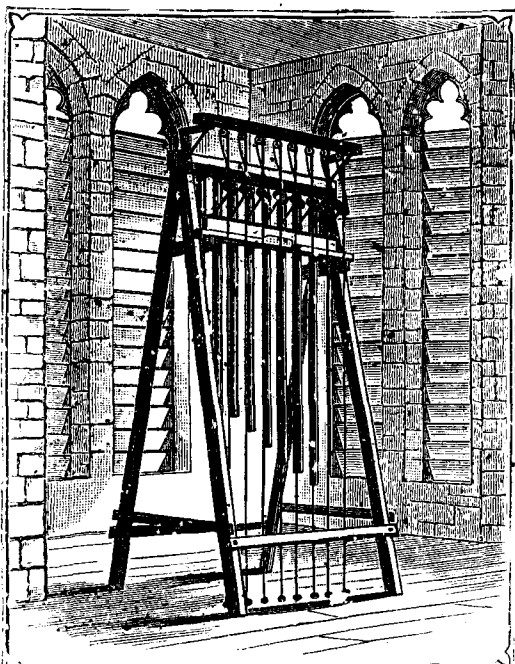
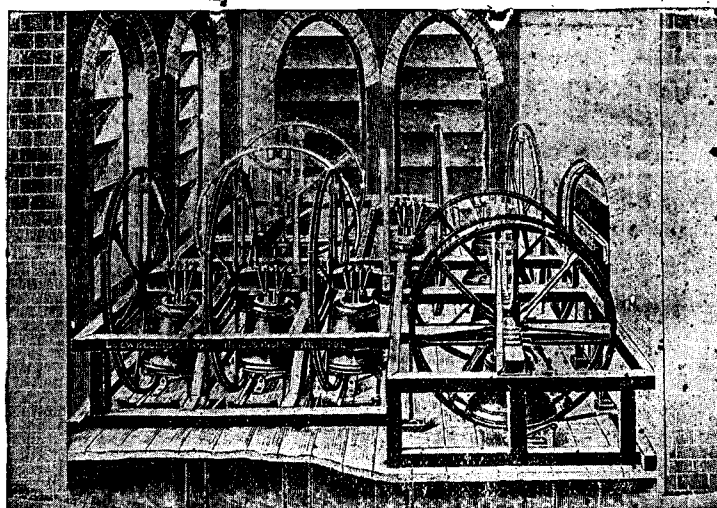
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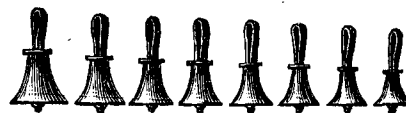
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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS' ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the above was held on Saturday, January 26th, 1901, at Brierley Hill, Staffs. The tower was open for ringing during the afternoon and evening by the kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. H. Dibben, with the bells half-muffled. At five o'clock evensong was said in the church and an address given by the Rector on the "Life, Character, and example of our late beloved Queen, VICTORIA," pathetically bringing out her obedience as a child, her devotion as a wife, her affection as a mother, her fortitude in bereavement, her wisdom as a ruler, her unfeigned love for her people, and her bright example to the world. The earnestness of the preacher procured the wrapt attention of his listeners.

After service an adjournment was made to the school-room, where a splendid tea was awaiting them, generously provided by the Rector. At the business meeting which followed, the Rector occupying the chair, a letter was read from the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Smith, stating that, having met with a severe accident he was unable to be present. At a later stage of the proceedings a vote of sympathy was passed, also regret at the cause of his absence. The acting secretary, Mr. S. Spittle, read the minutes of the last quarterly meeting, which, on the motion of Mr. J. Lewis, seconded by Mr. W. H. Godden, were confirmed, and signed by the chairman. Thirty-two new members were elected; eight from Hallow, near Worcester, four from Worcester, three from Hartlebury, two from Dudley, four from Tipton, six from Netherton, two from Leigh, and three from Brierley Hill.

On the motion of Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. B. Hill, Worcester was proposed as the place to hold the next annual meeting, which, after a long discussion, was carried.

Proposed by the master, Mr. J. Spittle, seconded by Mr. A. Parsons—"That a sincere vote of sympathy be conveyed from this meeting to His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward, and all the Royal Family, on the irreparable loss they and the empire at large, have sustained by the demise of our beloved sovereign lady, Queen VICTORIA. The members wish to further assure His Majesty of their devotion and loyalty. This was carried unanimously.

The Rector here announced that owing to another pressing engagement he was compelled to leave. He expressed his pleasure with the visit of the Association to Brierley Hill, and his willingness at any future time to give them a cordial welcome, and at all times his co-operation in what they, as a change-ringing society, were doing.

Mr. H. Godden was voted to the chair for the remainder of the business. The secretary read the annual report and balance sheet, which, on the motion of Mr. W. R. Small, seconded by Mr. H. Sheppard, were adopted. Mr. T. Salter proposed, and Mr. B. Hill seconded, that Mr. W. Page be appointed instructor to the Leigh Society; this was carried. On a motion of Mr. W. R. Small, seconded by Mr. S. Spittle, a hearty vote of thanks

was accorded the Rector for the service and address in church, his hospitality, and the use of the schoolroom and bells. A vote of thanks to Mr. Godden for presiding, to which he suitably responded, brought the meeting to a close. There were over fifty members from various parts of the district present.

ST. MARK'S, WINSHILL, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Saturday, February 2nd, the ringers of the above church opened their ring of six, after being silent for two years. The work of restoring them was entrusted to Messrs. Taylor and Co. (the founders), and W. B. Ollis, Esq., engineer to Messrs. Bass, Ratcliff, and Gretton, Limited, brewers, of Burton-on-Trent. The greatest praise is due to them, as the "go" of the bells is all that can be desired.

The bells have been taken away and tuned and rehung with all the latest improvements. The framework has been restored by Messrs. Bass and Co., and this firm supplied the muffles. On Saturday, February 2nd, at noon, a memorial service was held in the church (the same being draped in purple and black) to our late and much beloved Queen, conducted by the Rev. R. G. D. Frampton, and L. S. Noble (curate). There was a large congregation. It was for this service that the bells first rung. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Her late Majesty the Queen was rung. G. Wright, 1, W. Wylde, 2; F. Shephard (conductor), 3, W. Shepherd, 4; J. Woodward, 5; C. Golder, 6. The best thanks of the ringers are due to J. Gretton, Esq., M.P., for defraying all expenses; also to Mr. Ollis and the churchwarden, W. Walters, Esq., for the great interest he has taken in their proceedings, he having kindly promised a peal-board.

THE WITNEY (OXON.) RINGING SOCIETY.

The members of this Society were by no means behindhand in voicing the universal feelings of loyalty, respect and affection for our late Sovereign. On Tuesday, Jan. 22nd, according to the usual custom, the bells were being rung in honour of the Rector's birthday, and the quarter peal of Vicars' six-part had just come up, when the ringing of the signal bell brought the peal to an abrupt close, and the sounds of joy were changed to sounds of mourning, as the tenor bell tolled out its sorrowful message "The Queen is dead." From that time the bells were silent until Saturday last, the day of the funeral, when at half-past twelve the memorial service in the Parish Church was ushered in with three courses of Grandshire Triples with the bells deeply muffled, except the tenor, which was open at back stroke. At the close of the service a 5040 was rung by the following band, the bells muffled as before:—E. Baker, F. Pounds, G. Room, T. Bull, F. Powell, E. Monk, Rev. C. Jenkyn, H. Brooks. Unfortunately during the ringing the muffler on the 6th bell shifted, and this occurrence spoilt not only the effect, but also indirectly, the truth of what

would otherwise have been a good peal. On Sunday the bells were rung half-muffled for both services, a touch of 350 Grandshire Triples being brought round in the morning, and in the evening a 504 in very good style, the band being F. Pounds, E. Room, T. Bull, H. Brooks, F. Powell, Rev. C. Jenkyn, J. Monk, J. Brooks; and on Monday evening, being the day of the interment at Frogmore, a splendid quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, the bells half muffled as before. E. Baker, F. Pounds, G. Room, H. Brooks, F. Powell, J. Monk, Rev. C. Jenkyn, T. Bull. The steadiness of the ringing may be gathered from the fact that the time occupied was exactly one hour. The whole of the ringing was conducted by John Monk.

BLETCHLEY, DOOS.

On January 22nd, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Crane, H. Sear, W. Sear, L. Meager, A. N. Atkins, E. Marks, F. Hedges (conductor), V. Sear. On receipt of the news the death knell was rung for one hour, and afterwards the above was rung as a token of respect for Her Majesty Queen Victoria with the bells deeply muffled.

ST. MARY'S, WOOLWICH.

In connection with the death of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, the bells of St. Mary's church, Woolwich (with many others doubtless) have been rung muffled in sympathy with the national feeling in the loss of our Sovereign. When the news first reached Woolwich, just at evening service, the tenor was tolled for one hour, and on the following Sunday the bells were rung for Divine Service fully muffled. On the day of the funeral, February 2nd, a memorial service was arranged for in the church, at which the Mayor and Borough Council of Woolwich, including the Aldermen in State, attended. Preceding this service, touches were rung with the bells fully muffled, but immediately on the termination of the service, with bells half-muffled as a fitting tribute to the occasion, it was intended to go for a peal of Oxford Bob Triples by the local band, but unfortunately this came to grief after ringing 58 minutes. A. R. Sandiford, J. E. Beavan, W. Watchorn, H. G. Hill, R. G. Carter (conductor), A. Phillips, W. J. Aldridge, H. Beckford. Ringing, however, continued for about an hour longer. On the following day (Sunday), with bells half-muffled, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples was accomplished. A. R. Sandiford, J. E. Beaver, W. Watchorn, H. G. Hill, A. Phillips, R. G. Carter (conductor), W. J. Aldridge, H. Beckford. For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples were successfully brought round. H. G. Hill, J. E. Beavan, W. Watchorn, E. Wells, R. G. Carter, J. C. Harvey, W. J. Aldridge (conductor), H. Humphery. It is intended to preserve the "Royal Standard" which has been flying half-mast for so many days as a memorial of the event, with a suitable inscription.

HOLY TRINITY, GOSPORT.

The annual dinner of the choir and ringers of the above was held at The India Arms hotel, High Street, on January 15th, about 30 sitting down to an excellent spread provided by the Vicar, the Rev. Lee, M.A. The Vicar, in proposing the toast of "the ringers and choir," complimented them on the great improvement made in ringing and singing during the past year, and hoped to meet them at a good many more annual dinners in connection with the above. Mr. Colbran, the head schoolmaster of the boy's school, then proposed the health of the Vicar and Mrs. Lee, and was seconded by Col. C. M. Longmore. Mr. Cammack, the organist, responded for the choir, and Mr. H. Reynolds (foreman), responded for the ringers. The rest of the evening was spent in music and singing, the party breaking up about 11 o'clock, all having spent a most enjoyable evening.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

ST. MARY'S PEAL, TAUNTON.

SIR,—In "THE BELL NEWS" of the 26th of January, someone is asking for the time certain peals were brought round on the night of the 31st December, and I see Taunton is among the number.

Regarding this peal I have written to a local paper asking how it was the 9th did not go into the hunt, but have not received a reply.

The bells came into rounds two leads after the 9th made thirds place, they were ringing at the rate of 26 rounds a minute, yet the peal was rung in three hours seven minutes? I should like to have this matter thrashed out with the conductor through the valuable medium of your paper, as I think this thing occurs far too frequent among unscrupulous conductors.

SCIENTIFIC.

[We have received another letter on the above subject from another correspondent.—ED.]

INFORMATION WANTED.

SIR,—The question Mr. Birt has asked regarding the last peal rung in the 19th century, and the time of its coming round is interesting, but no account seems to be taken of the time of starting—let us for argument's sake take two different bands, naming them respecting "A." and "B." Suppose "A" started a peal at a certain time, and "B" started later and finished before it, which is quite possible, owing to the vast difference in the weight between sundry "rings" of bells, which of the two companies can take the honour of having rung the last peal?

W. E. PITMAN.

SHOULD RINGERS ATTEND CHURCH SERVICES?

Another Daniell come to judgment now!
Yet few perhaps to his decisions bow—
The Psalmist tells us even he was glad
To be called to the House of God—that there
He might pour out his soul in praise and prayer.
And the first Daniel would never lose a chance
In exile toward that loved place to glance—
Another Daniell, now, in this enlightened age
About attendance there, light argument would wage—
The ringer when his services are ended,
May leave God's services quite unattended.

"Why should we stay?" say they, "We've shown our Art."
"Why should we go?" they'd say, if they'd a heart—
Who would have thought such thoughts, now put in print
Would ever find a place?—but 'tis a hint
Why, when our great Associations meet
So few within the Church should find a seat!
Oh! no! their thoughts are set on something higher,
Their thoughts not for the Chancel but the Spire,
The ringing loft contains all they desire!
To many such the Church has but one end
And that the one where dangling ropes descend.
The Belfry Reform required is overhead
With good ropes in a circle neatly spread—

What sadder sight—what apathy profound—
What mockery of the holy, solemn sound!
Though "Come to Church, pray do not stay away"
The Bells in heavenly cadence seem to say,
That still some ringers by their action show
The "rounds" but echo the conductors "go"! STAND.

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PRESENTATION TO AN OLD RINGER AT HEYWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday evening, January 26th, 1901, the ringers of St. Luke's parish church, together with their wives and sweethearts and a few old ringers, sat down to a capital knife and fork tea. After ample justice had been done to the good things provided the following ceremony took place, the Rector in the chair, who in the course of his remarks said that bellringing was not only a very beautiful, but very useful occupation, and one of the things that brought joy to his heart when he came there at first (on New Year's eve, 1900), was to hear the beautiful peal of bells being rung in such a kindly spirit by his friends who were in the belfry, and he felt quite sure that he was voicing the opinion of the persons present that Mr. James Millett had been a faithful and arduous servant at St. Luke's church, in that real branch of church work. He thanked Mr. Millett most cordially for his long service; nobody regretted that that service had come to an end more than Mr. Millett did himself, but as they knew such things must come to pass. He then read the following letter from Mr. Churchwarden Kay:—

Dear Sir,—

I am much obliged for your kind invitation, which I regret, owing to a previous engagement, I am unable to accept. I have always had a very high opinion of Mr. Millett, and am pleased that you are acknowledging his long services in such a suitable way. Please assure him of my hearty good wishes.

After which the Rector called on Mr. Churchwarden Whatmough to make the Presentation.

Mr. Whatmough said he remembered Mr. Millett when he (Mr. Whatmough) was quite a youngster, and he had always been looked upon as the father of the ringers. He had rung the bells from the time they were put in—they were opened on May 28th, 1863. He was sure it must be gratifying to Mr. Millett to find, after his long service, that the ringers should subscribe towards a present for him. Mr. Millett, he thought, had been a fine example to all of them, because he had been so consistent, and he (Mr. Whatmough) was certain that he had great influence on the ringers. There was one characteristic amongst the ringers, and that was that the majority of them attended service after ringing for the same, and some of them were great Sunday School workers. That was a grand feature. He then presented Mr. Millett with an ebony walking stick and umbrella, with silver-mounted and ivory handles. The inscriptions, both on the stick and umbrella was: "Presented to Mr. James Millett by the Rector, Wardens, and Ringers of St. Luke's Church, Heywood, January 26th, 1901."

Mr. Millett, in acknowledging, said they had a better set of ringers at the present time than they had since the bells were first rung. He had seen all kinds of ringers in the tower since he went there, and he had outlived them all. He thanked them sincerely for the presents. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector and Churchwarden Whatmough. Owing to the death of the Queen the proceedings here ended.

ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Saturday, February 2nd, a memorial service was held at St. Mary Abbots for Her late Majesty Queen Victoria. Before the service, the usual whole pull and stand was rung, followed by 305 Grandsire Caters. After the service 503 in the same method. A peal was attempted in the evening, but was lost after ringing 3 hrs. owing to a change-course. Another attempt was made on February 5th when the peal was successfully rung. The ringers on Saturday were—H. G. Miles, R. A. Daniell, G. Brush, A. V. Selby, J. T. Kentish, A. E. Bradley, W. E. Judd, W. E. Garrard (conductor), W. Fox, and A. F. Harris. For evening service on Sunday, February 3rd, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major, being the first quarter-peal of Major by a local band. J. T. Kentish, A. V. Selby, H. G. Miles, A. E. Bradley, W. E. Judd, A. F. Harris, W. Fox, W. E. Garrard (conductor).

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday evening, November 12th, 1120 Bob Major. W. Roby, 1; H. Smith, 2; F. Parker, 3; J. Moore, 4; J. Fayers, 5; L. Leeks, 6; A. Symonds (conductor), 7; W. Moore, 8. Longest in the method by F. Parker and L. Leeks.

ST. ALBAN'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

The annual dinner of the above society was held at Edwards's restaurant, St. Albans, on Tuesday, January 15th. There was present a company of twenty-two, including the Revs. E. S. Phillips and G. O. Castleden (assistant clergy at the Abbey), E. P. Debenham, representing St. Peter's Society (St. Albans), and G. Steaften and E. Whish (previous members of the Cathedral Society) invalidated home from South Africa. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. H. L. Waddington (hon. sec.), the chair was taken by Mr. J. Earwicker (conductor). A capital spread was provided by host Edwards which gave great satisfaction. Afterwards the Dean of St. Albans put in an appearance, and a very enjoyable time was spent. A lengthy toast list was gone through, the first toast was "Church and Queen," proposed by Mr. G. Cartmel and responded to by Revs. E. S. Phillips and G. O. Castleden. The toast of the evening "The Cathedral Society," was proposed by the Dean, who warmly congratulated the ringers on the progress that had been made during the past year. Mr. Earwicker, who responded, thanked the Dean for his kind words, and stated that the past year had been the most successful one for some years. Five members had rung their first peal, and the best thanks of the society was due to Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, G. W. Cartmel, and H. Lewis for their able assistance, without which the success could not have been achieved. Mr. R. Hammond proposed the "St. Peter's Society," Mr. C. Debenham responding. Other toasts followed. A capital programme of songs interspersed the toast list, and two touches of Bob Major by Messrs. Cartmel, Buckingham, and Debenham on the handbells. Eleven o'clock arrived all too soon, the company finishing with Auld lang syne.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(STEYNING BRANCH.)

The annual dinner of this branch was held on January 10th, at The Norfolk Arms, when twenty-five ringers and friends sat down to a capital spread, provided by hostess Bateman. The chair was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Pridgeon) who was supported by the churchwarden, Mr. T. Duke, and Messrs. E. Tucker, E. Jocylen, and W. Green, sen., Mr. G. Gatland (captain) being in the vice-chair. The cloth being removed, the usual toast list was given by the chairman. The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces was proposed by Mr. Tucker and responded to by Sergeant F. Chalcraft of L Company 2nd Sussex Vplunteers. The next toast was that of the Steyning Branch of Change-ringers, proposed by Mr. Duke (churchwarden), who thanked the ringers very much for their services. The captain, in responding, also took the opportunity of thanking them for their support given him, and the punctuality recorded by them. The visitors was proposed by Mr. E. Rapley, and responded to by Mr. W. Green, sen., and the hostess and chairman concluded the list. The remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, those sustaining the programme being Messrs. T. Searle, T. Duke, F. Chalcraft, J. Smart, G. Gatland, J. Searle, F. Smart, H. E. Tucker, J. Woolgar, and A. Green; Mr. E. Jocylen acting as accompanist. Previous to the dinner an attempt was made for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but was lost after ringing 2600 changes in one hour and forty mins., owing to a change course. G. Phillips, 1; E. Bristow, 2; H. Green, 3; J. Smart, 4; C. Smart, 5; G. Gatland, 6; G. Smart (conductor), 7; G. Wood, 8.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT GLOUCESTER.—W. T. Pegler's 100 peals: Cambridge Surprise Royal 2; Cambridge Surprise Major 7; Superlative Surprise Major 2; Gloucester Surprise Major 3; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 10; Canterbury Pleasure Major 1; Stedman Caters 5; Stedman Triples 5; Grandsire Cinques 1; Grandsire Caters 6; Grandsire Triples 9, conducted 3; Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal 7; Kent Treble Bob Major 9, conducted 2; Bob Maximus 1; Bob Royal 4, conducted 2; Bob Major 14, conducted 3; seven 720 of Minor 8, conducted 7; Doubles 5, conducted 5. Total 100—conducted 5.

CANNINGTON, BRIDGWATER,

On Sunday week we rang on our fine and recently renovated ring of six, before and after Matins muffled peals, the bells double muffled, with the tenor open at the rope's stroke, and which had a fine and striking effect. Previous to starting Miss Florence Malet, the daughter of our much respected Vicar, kindly climbed the tower steps and tied a large black satin bow to each rope just below the tuftin, a similar token of mourning she attached to the handbells in their frames. On entering the belfry the men could not fail to recognise the fact that they had assembled for no ordinary purpose, but to ring with all due reverence and heartfelt sympathy a peal in loving memory of England's holiest, brightest, and best Monarch. The peals were repeated on the following Saturday, before and after the Memorial Service.

CHATTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

A large clock has just been erected in the parish church by John Smith and Sons, Midland clock works, Derby, and the same firm are now making a very large clock and chimes for Beverley Minster, which will strike the hours upon a bell of between five and six tons weight.

Obituary.

E. CHANDLER.

The following, containing such melancholy interest, has been received from our old friend Staff-Sergeant-Farrier Pye:—61st Howitzer Battery, Royal Field Artillery, Machadodorp, Transvaal Colony, South Africa.

No doubt a good many readers will be very sorry to hear of the death of the above Suffolk ringer, who died of enteric fever at Lydenburgh, South Africa, on November 29th, 1900. He was taken ill about October 6th, and on October 8th, at 7 a.m. an orderly came over to the battery to see if he had returned, as he was nowhere to be found. He had become delirious and got up about 2 a.m. out of the hospital tent, and was found a few hours later in a hospital in the town where he had been put by a sentry whom he came across, and when asked by the sentry where he was going, said "home." We had orders to march on the 10th, so I went and saw him the previous evening, when he was delirious, and had two orderlies over him who promised me that everything that could be done for him they would do. I heard no more from him until about a month later, when he wrote saying he was convalescent, and had been so ten days; so I wrote congratulating him on his recovery, and sent several copies of "THE BELL NEWS," which he always took a great interest in, and liked to see what our brother-ringers were doing at home. I heard no more from him until I heard of his death, so I fear he had a relapse. He had said to me on one or two occasions, "Well, when are we going home; as we are all getting tired of wild boar chasing." I don't know his ringing abilities, but he told me he could ring most of the Standard methods except Stedman; the latter I had taught him out here, so if it will not be indulging too much on your valuable space, perhaps a brief account of his career during the campaign might be interesting to some of his old friends. He was called up off the reserve and sent as a gunner to the 61st Howitzer Battery Royal Field Artillery at Woolwich, and left there with the right half battery on November 10th, 1899, for Liverpool, where we embarked in the ss. Montfort (the left half left a few days later in the ss. British Princess from the Royal Albert Dock), and sailed the following day, arriving at Cape Town on December 8th, from whence we sailed for East London, and disembarked to join General Gatacre a few days after his defeat at Stormberg. A few days after our arrival, owing to General Buller's defeat at Colenso, we received orders to join him at once, so we sailed back to East London, where we had to sling all our horses, guns, etc., on to lighters, and then sling them on to the ss. Templemore, which could not be got into dock. We arrived at Durban on the evening of the 21st, and entrained at once for Estcourt, where we had to wait for the fifth division to form. It was during this trip that he made himself known to me. We marched from there on January 9th with the fifth division under

Sir C. Warren towards the relief of Ladysmith. From Ladysmith we marched through the Biggarsburgh mountains, Dundee, Newcastle to Ingogo in front of Majuba Hill, from whence we marched through Botha's Pass across the north-east of the Orange Free State on to Charles Town. From there we marched to Wakkerstrom, Paardekop, and Standerton. After a stay at the latter place we started with Buller on August 1st on his last long march through Paardekop, Amesfort, Ermelo, Bergandal, where the Zorps (Johannesburg police) made a grand stand, and were nearly all annihilated. We bivouacked at night against their position after the battle, and marched next morning to Machadodorp, Lydenburgh, Denels Knuckles, Sabipalley, Pilgrims Rest, Kruger's Post, and back to Lydenburgh, where we arrived on October 2nd, 1900. The following is a list of engagements up to August 31st last, in which the above battery took part.

Date.	Place.	No. of rounds fired.
Jan. 17th, 1900	Potgieters	117
" 18th	"	167
" 19th & 20th	"	349
" 22nd	Potgieters and Spion Kop	294
" 23rd	"	124
" 24th	"	239
" 25th	Spion Kop	43
" 26th	"	4
Feb. 5th	Vaal Kranz	190
" 6th	"	209
" 7th	"	153
" 14th	Hussar Hill & Monte Christo	110
" 15th	"	16
" 16th	"	125
" 17th	"	151
" 18th	"	140
" 19th	Monte Christo	68
" 20th	"	43
" 21st	"	67
" 22nd	Groobelaar	261
" 23rd	"	374
" 24th	"	268
" 26th	Pieters	66
" 27th	"	146*
June 11th	Almond's Nek	109
Aug. 7th	Amesfort	55
" 22nd	Van Loytrs Vlie	33
" 24th	Geluk	39
" 26th	Near Bergandal	87
" 27th	Bergandal	84

Total 4131 rnds.

*This comprised the operations up to the relief of Ladysmith. These were all fired by the 61st Battery, it being the only Howitzer Battery that accompanied General Buller in his marches and actions. Each shell weighs 50 lb. and contains 10 lb. of Lyddite.

Since this period we only occasionally had the opportunity of getting into action, as the enemy would not make any stand unless they could catch us in a valley and themselves on the top of high mountains about seven or nine miles off, and our range is only about 5000 yards. They had us on four occasions like this; one morning shelling us out of our camp in the Crocodile valley when we had to do a bit of dodging before we could get in the hunt again, and by that time they had run out quick. Our gallant General Buller left us on October 6th at Lydenburgh, en route for England, with the good wishes of all his men, for never was a General better loved by those who served under him; never have I heard a single word said against him, but on the other hand all his men sympathised with him the early part of the campaign, knowing well what he had to contend with, and congratulating him on his success later on. He was always to be found in the fighting line. It was at this time that our bereaved brother was taken ill, he having been in all the above marches and engagements, and was looking forward to return to his friends, but the fortune of war willed otherwise, much to the regret of all his comrades, by whom he was well liked. He was buried at Lydenburgh on November 30th, 1900. May his soul return to the God who gave it.

A.P.

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Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On December 6th, at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1900 changes, in 1 hour and 8 mins. J. R. Eastwood, 1; W. Walton, 2; T. Burrows, 3; N. Townend, 4; R. Hartley, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. Composed by J. Lockwood.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, December 1st, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1900 changes of Bob Major, in 1 hour 16 mins. J. Horrex, 1; H. Parker, 2; H. Gladwell, 3; A. Symonds, 4; H. Smith, 5; L. Leeks, 6; W. Kinsey, 7; T. King (conductor), 8. This was rung in commemoration of Mr. J. Marven's 6000, which was rung on these bells, December 2nd, 1813, from which the touch was taken.

Miscellaneous.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

TAUNTON (Somersetshire).—On Monday, January 28th, at St. Mary's church, ten members of the St. Mary's Guild rung a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes in 47 mins. E. W. Poole, 1; J. Routley, 2; Bertie Van Trump, 3; F. Sadd, 4; J. Fowler, 5; J. Burge (conductor), 6; S. Wyatt, 7; W. Eveleigh, 8; E. Wyatt, 9; W. White, 10. This quarter-peal was rung in honour of the proclamation of His Majesty King Edward VII.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MISTLEY (Essex).—On November 28th, two 6-scores of Plain Bob Doubles, and two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with the tenor covering. T. Steward, 1; W. Bridges, 2; W. Honeywood, 3; G. Moss, 4; A. Fuller (conductor), 5; W. Berrett, 6. On Sunday, December 2nd, for evening service, 360 Double Court Minor. W. Harvey, 1; W. Bridges, 2; J. Souter, 3; W. Honeywood, 4; T. Steward, 5; A. Fuller (conductor), 6. Also 360 Plain Bob Minor. A. Wilby, 1; W. Bridges, 2; J. Souter, 3; W. Harvey, 4; T. Steward (conductor), 5; W. Honeywood, 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TILEHURST (Berks.).—On Saturday, December 1st, a guild practice was held, and in order to give the villagers a little extra practice in the Grandsire method, several members from Reading walked over to the above tower, and the result was that several good touches were rung as follows: 840 called by W. Newell; 504 by H. Goodger; and 350 by C. Chapman. Also several shorter touches were rung. Altogether a capital practice was enjoyed.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Sunday, December 2nd, at St. John's church, Waterloo Road, for Divine Service in the evening, 518 Grandsire Triples. H. Flowers, 1; E. H. Oxenham, 2; W. R. Crockford, 3; F. J. Shepherd (conductor), 4; A. Hardy, 5; F. G. Perrin, 6; W. S. Langdon, 7; H. Flowers, jun., 8.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Sunday, November 11th at St. Mary's church, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor. F. Jones, 1; C. Crampton, 2; C. Martin, 3; J. Barratt, 4; E. Pratchett, 5; H. J. Martin (conductor), 6. On November 11th, for evening service, 360 College Single. J. Barratt, 1; C. Martin, 2; H. J. Martin (conductor), 3; F. Pratt, 4; E. Pratchett, 5; C. Crampton, 6. On November 25th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Jones, 1; H. Martin (conductor), 2; F. Pratt, 3; C. H. Martin, 4; E. Pratt, 5; C. Crampton, 6. On December 2nd, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor. F. Turvey, 1; C. Crampton, 2; E. Pratchett, 3; J. Barratt, 4; H. J. Martin (conductor), 5; C. Martin, 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Jones, 1; C. Crampton, 2; F. Pratt, 3; H. J. Martin, 4; E. Pratchett, 5; C. H. Martin (conductor), 6. After evening service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Jones, 1; C. Martin, 2; F. Pratt, 3; H. J. Martin (conductor), 4; E. Pratchett, 5; C. Crampton, 6. On December 9th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 15 bobs. F. Jones, 1; H. J. Martin (conductor), 2; F. Pratt, 3; C. H. Martin, 4; E. Pratchett, 5; C. Crampton, 6. Also on handbells retained in hand, 120 Grandsire Doubles. C. H. Martin, 1-2-3-4; E. Pratchett (conductor), 5-6.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

MOSELEY (Worcestershire).—On Wednesday, November 21st, at the parish church, 3360 of Bob Major, in 2 hours and 5 mins. J. Neal, 1; A. Walker, 2; W. Short (conductor), 3; Thomas Miller, 4; W. Palmer, 5; H. Middleton, 6; W. H. Barber, 7; A. E. Pegler, 8. Also on Wednesday, December 12th, 3700 Bob Major, in 2 hours and 15 mins. J. Neal, 1; A. Walker, 2; W. Short (conductor), 3; J. Withers, 4; W. Palmer, 5; H. Middleton, 6; W. H. Barber, 7; A. E. Pegler, 8. These are the longest touches rung on these bells at Moseley, and were two attempts for a peal, the first attempt was lost through a change course, the other through the tenor going so badly. All the bells are sadly in want of re-hanging.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (Notts.).—On Sunday evening, December 2nd, for Divine Service, 420 Stedman Triples. A. T. Winter, 1; E. Collingburn, 2; T. H. Denman, 3; G. F. Clark, 4; T. Spurr, 5; H. Warburton, 6; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 7; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 8. Longest length in the method by all. Also a course of Stedman Caters. A. T. Winters, 1; E. Collingburn, 2; T. H. Denman, 3; G. F. Clarke, 4; G. R. Winter, 5; H. Haigh, 6; T. Spurr, 7; H. Warburton, 8; J. B. Joynes, 9; R. Miles, 10. First attempt at Stedman Caters by all except H. Haigh. On Thursday, December 20th, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. E. Collingburn, 1; G. F. Clarke, 2; A. T. Winter, 3; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 4; F. W. Abbott, 5; H. Warburton (conductor), 6; G. R. Winter, 7; G. Swannack, 8. On Sunday, December 30th, 504 Stedman Triples. A. T. Winter, 1; E. Collingburn, 2; G. W. D. Metcalfe, 3; G. F. Clarke, 4; H. Haigh, 5; G. R. Winter, 6; J. B. Joynes (conductor), 7; F. W. Abbott, 8.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks.).—On Sunday, November 25th, for evening service, 1260 of Oxford Bob Triples, in 43 mins. W. Cross, 1; G. Gutteridge, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; G. Basden, 4; J. Elderfield, 5; C. Clarke, 6; A. Brook, 7; J. Bonnington, 8.

TONBRIDGE (Kent).—On Sunday, November 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Chivers, 1; C. Cooke (first quarter-peal), 2; H. C. Corke, 3; G. H. Stonestreet, 4; W. Steed, 5; W. Wolfe, 6; A. Lawrence, 7; G. Rabbitt, 8.

WRAYSBURY (Bucks.).—On Saturday, November 24th, an attempt for a peal of Treble Bob came to grief after ringing two hours and forty mins. R. Flaxman; J. J. Parker; G. Basden; G. Martin; F. Gomm; J. Eldridge; J. J. Pratt; G. Alder.

The following touches have been rung with muffled bells as marks of love and loyalty to Her late Majesty Queen Victoria:—

BROMSGROVE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, January 27th, for Divine Service, 979 Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins.; the number of months the Queen had lived. F. Alcock, 1; O. James, 2; J. Edes, 3; T. Albutt, 4; G. Ward, 5; G. Hayward (composer and conductor), 6; G. Bourne, 7; J. Parry, 8.

BUNGAY (Suffolk).—On Sunday, January 27th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Bob Minor, with the tenor covering. E. Bird, 1; I. Folkard, 2; F. Hembling, 3; W. Felgate, 4; C. Woods, 5; R. Baker (conductor), 6; E. Lincoln, 7. Also for Divine Service in the evening, 896 Grandsire Triples. W. Spalding, 1; I. Folkard, 2; F. Hembling, 3; W. Felgate, 4; E. Lincoln, 5; C. Woods, 6; R. Baker (conductor), 7; A. Williams, 8.

CAMBERWELL (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, January 27th, at St. Ciles' church, after the solemn funeral service for the dead Queen, the bells were rung whole pull and stand by the local band. Flower; Flower, jun.; Peters; Oxenham; Miller; Shepherd; Gummer; Peters; Shepherd; Blackaby; H. Dawkes, Esq. Conducted by H. Flower.

ERDINGTON (Warwickshire).—On Saturday and Sunday, January 26th and 27th, 120 Stedman Doubles on back six, were rung several times. B. Wittell (conductor); T. Ward; W. Ward; E. Stringer; G. Swann; J. Jennings; A. Ward; J. Lomas.

MORRISTON, R.S.O. (South Wales).—On Tuesday, January 22nd, at St. John's church, several plain courses, also a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. W. Francis, 1; D. J. Clark, 2; W. Green, 3; W. Jones, 4; A. E. Jones (conductor), 5; C. Davies, 6. Tenor 9½ cwt.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1901.

No sane person—at any rate if he has the good fortune to peruse our columns during the present and following weeks—will question the loyalty which animates the members of the Ringing Exercise generally. This week we publish the records of a far greater number of peals than ever it has been our lot to chronicle, and they have all been rung with muffled clappers in memory of our late Sovereign Lady the Queen VICTORIA. And this is not all. We have been compelled to hold over until next week quite as many as will be found in this number, for which it will be necessary to add extra pages to our following issue. Neither is this all. The amount of muffled ringing all over the country, merely comprised in the reports of touches received, outnumbers the peals considerably. It will not be contended in soberness

that all this has been done merely for recreation or prestige. We all are anxious to attempt peals, and strive our utmost to secure them; but how many of these one hundred peals (or thereabouts), would have been entered upon had happier conditions obtained? Touches do not give to the performer that gratification or *kudos* which follows the successful accomplishment of a 5000, yet such ringing has been greatly *en evidence*, plainly showing sincere loyalty and something more. The trouble of "buffing" was never thought of, even when the bells were of the lowest number; the ringers were painfully actuated by the recent sad event, and they strived to their utmost to show what they could do to the memory of "The Great Queen."

There is a practical side to this which it will not be out of place to refer to. If peal-records should be allowed in the ringing-chamber, or in the body of the Church, they should certainly be erected for these memoriam peals. The erection of such records is, we may strongly point out, the duty of the Church authorities. We hope all ringers will bring this matter before them—incumbents, churchwardens, sidesmen, and wealthy parishioners. We may revert to this later.

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEPTFORD.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH LAW Treble.	THOMAS G. DEAL 5.
JOHN ROSE 2.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 6.
ARTHUR C. BEDWELL .. 3.	WILLIAM BEDWELL 7.
ERNEST H. NIXON 4.	GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BEDWELL.

The Provinces.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER.

On Wednesday, January 30th, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

ERNEST C. HUNT Treble.	THOMAS R. BENNETT .. 5.
JAMES PAGETT 2.	WILLIAM H. SMITH 6.
NOAH DAVIS 3.	JOHN CRANE 7.
THOMAS J. SALTER 4.	RICHARD E. GROVE Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and

Conducted by R. E. GROVE.

RAMSBOTTOM, LANCASHIRE.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 31, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PRITCHARD'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ROBT. H. WOLSTENHOLME Treble.	WALTER TAYLOR 5.
ROBERT LEACH 2.	ARNOLD S. ROSTRON .. 6.
JONATHAN WOLSTENHOLME 3.	JAMES B. TAYLOR 7.
ABRAHAM CLEGG 4.	JOHN H. HAYDOCK Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

FREDK. PALMER Treble.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. 5.
WM. R. HENSHER 2.	THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 6.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 3.	JOHN J. MAWBY 7.
W. PETTITT 4.	JAMES GARRATT Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.

The composition will be found on page 76 in the Central Council Appendix, 1895.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Four Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 41 cwt.

WILLIAM BURGAR Treble.	W. C. HUNT 7.
H. BOWER 2.	A. BREARLEY 8.
W. LOMAS 3.	E. WOODWARD 9.
J. HOLMAN 4.	S. SEED 10.
J. MULLIGAN 5.	T. SYLVESTER 11.
C. H. HATTERSLEY 6.	G. HOLMES Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

The figures of this peal, which has the 6th its extent at home, without the 2nd or 3rd being in 6th place, will be found on another page.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART REVERSED.

Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN FISHER Treble.	JOHN MATTHEWS 5.
HARRY G. JUDGE 2.	FRED WEBB 6.
FRANK WEBB 3.	JAMES FRANKLIN 7.
WILLIAM BENNETT 4.	WILLIAM FRANKLIN Tenor.

Conducted by H. G. JUDGE.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

FREDK. G. LEAKER* .. Treble.	RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 6.
ALBERT STOWELL* .. 2.	*JAMES RICHMOND 7.
FRED. G. MAY 3.	*WILLIAM STOWELL 8.
JOHN THOMAS* 4.	FRANK K. HOWELL 9.
JAMES J. POOLE* 5.	FRANK PRICE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by F. G. MAY.

*First peal of Caters.

FRIEZLAND, SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Yorkshire Delight, Kent, Merchant's Return, New London, Oxford, Violet. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH W. SHAW Treble.	JAMES DICKEN 4.
GEORGE H. WOOD 2.	JOSEPH WOOD 5.
OWEN WOOD 3.	JOHN T. DICKEN Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH W. SHAW.

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Four Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 7440 CHANGES;

Being sixty-two 6 scores.

FRANK WYATT Treble.	HENRY CHAPLIN 4.
HENRY J CREED 2.	TOM W. CREED 5.
ISAAC CREED 3.	JOHN CRIDLAND Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

First peal in the method by Messrs. Wyatt and Chaplin. This is the longest length by all.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S TWENTY-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

BRO. H. J. SELBY Treble.	*BRO. J. HEATH 5.
" S. A. WRIGHT* 2.	† " R. STONE 6.
" G. B. SELBY 3.	" D. WRIGHT 7.
" M. WHATLEY 4.	" G. STEER Tenor.

Conducted by BRO. D. WRIGHT.

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal of Stedman away from tenor. First peal of Stedman by an entirely local band. All the above are members of Court West Kent, No. 3420. Ancient Order of Foresters. Also rung for the late Miss M. K. Warde, the Squire's eldest daughter. Bros. S. A. Wright and J. Heath were elected members of College Youths previous to starting.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

JOHN W. BARNES† Treble.	†ALBERT V. POTTER 5.
CHARLES DALBY† 2.	†WALTER JAMES 6.
ERNEST J. GALE 3.	†CHARLES R. LILLEY 7.
RICHARD H. BARTRAM 4.	†WILLIAM SPIBY Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

This is the quickest peal upon the bells, and first peal in the method by a local band. †First peal in the method.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES TAYLOR Treble.	HARRY WALLS 5.
ORMEROD EASTWOOD 2.	WALTER TAYLOR 6.
JAMES ASHWORTH 3.	JOHN T. WRIGHT 7.
LAWRENCE TAYLOR 4.	JOHN WM. ORMEROD Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720s of Bob Minor, and three 720s of College Single, each called differently. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

J. MILNER Treble.	T. CLOUGH 4.
W. BUTLER 2.	W. HOPKINSON 5.
J. T. BUTLER 3.	J. P. TARLTON Tenor.

Conducted by J. P. TARLTON.

EWELL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(THE EWELL SOCIETY).

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE PRICE Treble.	HARRY G. BEAMS 5.
JOHN BEAMS 2.	*HENRY GREENHILL 6.
HENRY SYCAMORE 3.	CHARLES E. READ 7.
EDWARD T. GROVE 4.	*WILLIAM POPLER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

*First peal. This is the first muffled peal ever rung on the bells, and the first peal by a local company since December, 1893.

GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. Treble.	ERNEST E. DAVIS 6.
GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 2.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. .. 7.
RICHARD A. JUDD 3.	ROBERT A. BARRETT 8.
JOHN AUSTIN 4.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER 9.
THOMAS NEWMAN 5.	JOSHUA STEPHENS Tenor.

Composed by F. G. MAY, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

This is W. T. Pegler's rooth peal, reference to which will be found elsewhere.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, London, Superlative, Cambridge, Violet, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM LANE Treble.	MARCELLUS DIGBY 4.
GEORGE HAYES 2.	WILLIAM MARTIN 5.
FREDERICK J. RING 3.	WILLIAM HARPER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM MARTIN.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob Minor by all the band. Rung at the first attempt, and first in seven methods by the Association.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SPROUGHTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob.

HARRY J. MEE Treble.	ALFRED G. RIVERS 4.
GEORGE W. MEE 2.	CHARLES MEE 5.
FREDERICK MEE 3.	EDGAR PEMBERTON Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S. Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK PITSTOW .. Treble.	ERNEST A. PITSTOW 5.
E. LEONARD TAYLOR 2.	JOHN F. PENNING 6.
CHARLES FREEMAN 3.	ARTHUR F. JAMES 7.
NATHAN J. PITSTOW 4.	WALTER PARISH Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK PITSTOW.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720s each of Superlative, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury, Gfandsire, and Plain Bob.

EDMUND G. HOLLANDS .. Treble.	JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 4.
ALBERT J. DAY 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 5.
WILLIAM T. HYLAND 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

ANSTON, NOTTS.—THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 360 each of Arnold's Victory, Tanner's Pleasure, College Pleasure, City Delight, Killamash, Merchant's Return, 720 each of Duke of York, Violet, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM PLATTS* .. Treble.	ROBERT SMITH 4.
HERBERT TURNER 2.	SAMUEL SMITH 5.
CHARLES FOWLER 3.	HENRY STENTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES FOWLER.

*First peal.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S GUILD.)

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Each called differently. Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

FRANK CULLEN Treble.	WILLIAM H. THOMAS .. 4.
GEORGE THOMAS 2.	FRANK ISAACS 5.
JOHN THOMAS 3.	STEPHEN THOMAS .. Tenor.

Conducted by STEPHEN THOMAS.

First peal by 1st, 2nd, and 4th. First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all, and on the bells, and also in the city.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN CHIVERS Treble.	ALFRED LAWRENCE .. 5.
WILLIAM WOOLFE 2.	GEORGE A. CARD .. 6.
EDWARD MANKELOW .. 3.	THOMAS CARD .. 7.
WILLIAM STEED 4.	GEORGE RABBITT .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 480 each of Oxford, Plain Bob, and St. Dunstons, 720 Antelope, 960 Canterbury, 1920 Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN SEWELL Treble.	ALFRED PEARMAN .. 4.
WILLIAM MARRABLE .. 2.	WILLIAM LITTLECHILD .. 5.
ISAAC CAVILL 3.	†HENRY SHUTTLEWOOD .. Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CAVILL.

†First peal.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

TAYLOR'S VARIATION. Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

W. COMPTON Treble.	F. WADE 5.
W. T. PATES 2.	F. E. WARD 6.
A. W. HUMPHRIS .. 3.	T. PENDRY 7.
C. POCKETT 4.	J. BALLINGER .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. T. PATES.

OXTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH).

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

C. OWEN† Treble.	J. W. EVANS 5.
H. BROCKLEBANK† .. 2.	J. HUGHES 6.
J. OWEN† 3.	W. HUGHES 7.
J. L. GRANT† 4.	†S. MOSTON Tenor.

Conducted by J. HUGHES.

First peal on the bells, and rung by the local band. First peal in the method by all except the conductor. †First peal

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, February 2nd, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. Treble.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 5.
WILLIAM E. OAKLEY .. 2.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 3.	ERNEST HOLLOWAY .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. 4.	JOSEPH ALLEN Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSEPH BROOKES .. Treble.	JOHN DENNER 5.
JOHN WORTHINGTON .. 2.	JOHN POTTER 6.
ALFRED POTTER 3.	JOSEPH POTTER 7.
WILLIAM DENNER 4.	MATTHEW BERRY .. Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

ALFRED EVERETT .. Treble.	GEORGE BROWN 5.
GEORGE RANDALL .. 2.	WILLIAM PARKER .. 6.
WILLIAM PETTIT .. 3.	ALFRED HENRY MARTIN .. 7.
JOHN BLACKWELL MARTIN 4.	SEPTIMUS MIDDLETON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN B. MARTIN.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

THOMAS W. RADFORD .. Treble.	WILLIAM FREAKES .. 5.
EDWARD RADDON .. 2.	†JAMES HUNT 6.
JOHN J. JONES 3.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. 7.
CHARLES HAZELDEN .. 4.	*EDWARD G. HEATH .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

FOR BLACK AND BLUE SERGE FOR LADIES' DRESS
and Costumes, send to T. HAIGH, 14, George St., Huddersfield.

ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH VERITY Treble.	GEORGE W. STEEL 5.
ALFRED CHAPMAN 2.	WALTER CHAPMAN 6.
JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW 3.	STEPHEN STACEY 7.
THOMAS NICKOLS 4.	JOHN M. CHADWICK Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN M. CHADWICK.

BANGOR, NORTH WALES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANK HOBBS* Treble.	RICHARD NICHOLLS 5.
REV. T. L. JONES† 2.	JOSEPH GAYTON 6.
ROBERT WATSON 3.	RICHARD HUGHES 7.
JAMES MIDWINTER 4.	WILLIAM CRANE Tenor.

Conducted by REV. T. LEWIS JONES.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WILLSON'S VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

WALTER FERN† Treble.	HENRY PARTRIDGE 5.
JOHN T. ALLEN 2.	LEVI PARTRIDGE 6.
JOHN RAWSON* 3.	JOHN A. MOULT 7.
ALBERT WHITMORE 4.	†FRED. BOAM Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN A. MOULT.

†First peal. *First peal with a bob bell. First peal by an entirely local band.

RAMSBOTTOM, LANCASHIRE.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SHEPHERD'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ARTHUR RUSHTON* Treble.	JAMES B. TAYLOR 5.
ROBERT LEACH 2.	ARNOLD S. ROSTRON 6.
ROBERT H. WOLSTENHOLME†3.	JOHN H. HAYDOCK 7.
ABRAHAM CLEGG 4.	JOHN BOOTH Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES B. TAYLOR.

*First peal and first attempt. †First peal with a bob bell.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
VICARS'. Tenor 18 cwt.

A. COOPER Treble.	H. TINSLEY 5.
O. BROWN 2.	W. JOHNSON 6.
C. TYLER 3.	J. MALPASS 7.
E. J. TYLER 4.	T. COOPER Tenor.

Conducted by W. JOHNSON.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Sunday, February 3, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of College Treble, Tulip, Primrose, Arnold's
Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure and Duke of York.

Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK HALL Treble.	T. BETTISON 4.
HARRY GREAVES 2.	WM. HENRY TURTON 5.
JAMES EMSEN 3.	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor.

Conducted by T. BETTISON.

HEADINGLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, February 4, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR STOKOE* Treble.	HARRY WILLIAMS 5.
FRED. BLAKETH* 2.	*BENJAMIN SHAW 6.
ROBERT THOMAS* 3.	WALTER WOOD 7.
TOM FLINT 4.	HENRY LINDSAY Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WILLIAMS.

*First peal in the method.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 4, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.
Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM NASH Treble.	†GEORGE ROUGHTON 5.
WILLIAM PYE 2.	GEORGE R. PYE 6.
HARRY F. DAWKINS† 3.	WESLEY WATSON 7.
LEONARD W. COPSEY 4.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Composed by A. T. KING, and Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

†First peal of Bob Major. The above was attempted on Saturday, but came to grief after ringing 1 hour 35 mins. All belong to the local company.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(THE KING'S NORTON GUILD.)

On Monday, February 4, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALFRED PRITCHETT Treble.	JOHN WITHERS 5.
FRED. SUMNER 2.	JOHN S. PRITCHETT 6.
HENRY WITHERS 3.	WILLIAM PALMER 7.
THEODORE PRITCHETT 4.	WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT Tenor.

Composed by H. ROSTRON, and Conducted by W. S. PRITCHETT.

LEEDS, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.
Tenor 35 cwt.

FRANK RENTON† Treble.	ALFRED NAYLOR 6.
TOM LOCKWOOD 2.	JOSHUA WOODHEAD 7.
HARRY LOCKWOOD 3.	WILLIAM WOODHEAD 8.
GEORGE TINGLE 4.	FRANK WOODHEAD 9.
WALTER C. HUNT 5.	HARRY SMITH Tenor.

Composed by the late H. HUBBARD, and
Conducted by TOM LOCKWOOD.

†First peal.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal at Hackington on January 19th was rung in 2 hrs. 56 mins., not 2 hrs. 46 mins. as published.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

REV. H. C. BELL Treble.	ALFRED W. REEVES 5.
HENRY COFFEE 2.	ALBERT E. REEVES 6.
FREDERICK SWEETZER .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
ARTHUR EVANS 4.	ALFRED E. REEVES Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

The following nine Peals were rung by members of the Sussex County Association with bells muffled as a deep mark of respect to the memory of their late beloved Sovereign, Queen Victoria.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ALDRINGTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK TINDALL .. Treble.	*GEORGE A. STEELE 4.
ALFRED J. CHERRYMAN* .. 2.	FREDERICK F. TRUSLER .. 5.
MARTIN BROOMFIELD* .. 3.	FREDERICK W. STEELE .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. W. STEELE.

*First peal. This is the first peal on the bells by a local band, and the first peal of Bob Minor by all the band.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE BRIGHTON PARISH CHURCH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Four Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT ST. PETER'S, THE PARISH CHURCH.

THE EXTENT OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR (Tenors together), 6720 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE BAKER Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE 6.
ARTHUR A. FULLER 3.	GEORGE A. KING 7.
GEORGE SMART 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by the late WILLIAM HARRISON, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The above is the longest peal rung in Brighton since May 24th, 1779, and the ongest by all the members of the band.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 4, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE A. KING .. Treble.	GEORGE F. ATTREE .. 5.
GEORGE BAKER 2.	WILLIAM ALLFREY .. 6.
JOHN JAY, SEN. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	HENRY STALHAM .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE CRAWLEY BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT ELLIS Treble.	ALFRED D. MILLS 5.
JOHN RICE 2.	ROBERT JORDAN 6.
GEORGE THOMPSON .. 3.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. 7.
FREDERICK WICKENS .. 4.	GEORGE PAICE Tenor.

Composed by the late GEORGE NEWSON, and Conducted by JOHN RICE.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN NEWMAN .. Treble.	GEORGE H. HOWSE .. 5.
THOMAS PRICE 2.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 6.
JOSEPH SHARP 3.	BENJAMIN HOBBS .. 7.
EDWIN RANDALL .. 4.	*CHARLES BLOGG .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

This is the first peal ever rung on the bells. *First peal. †First peal away from the tenor.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE HENFIELD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM A. J. IVES .. Treble.	WILLIAM HILLMAN .. 5.
LAZARUS PAYNE 2.	CHARLES TYLER 6.
SAMUEL BURT 3.	*ALBERT HEASMAN, SEN. .. 7.
GEORGE PAYNE 4.	ARTHUR HODGES Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

*First peal away from the tenor.

MIDHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY MAGDALENE AND DENIS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE BOSWELL* .. Treble.	ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. 4.
HARRY CHURCHER* .. 2.	THOMAS STROUD 5.
THOMAS E. ELLIS .. 3.	JAMES LEE Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR B. BENNETT.

*First peal.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

STEPHEN W. SHOESMITH* Treble.	WILLIAM PELLING .. 5.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 2.	CHARLES PAINTER .. 6.
ALFRED S. LANGRIDGE .. 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. 7.
GEORGE H. HOWSE .. 4.	JOHN F. STEADMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

*First peal.

ST. LEONARD'S-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt

H. HARVEY Treble.	F. MEDHURST 5.
G. PENFOLD 2.	F. A. KENNETT 6.
T. R. THORP* 3.	G. WATSON 7.
E. BRANT* 4.	H. DENMAN Tenor.

Conducted by G. WATSON.

*First peal. Penfold hails from Pevensey and Brant from Clive Vale, the remainder belong to the local band.

The touches will be found on page 485.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Essex Association.—The meeting of the above Association at Great Bentley is postponed until the 16th February. Tea and business meeting at 5 o'clock. Members proposing to attend must notify me by the previous Tuesday. HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Asst. Sec.*
Great Totham.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Macclesfield Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Prestbury, to-day, Saturday, February 9th. Tea at 5 o'clock.

JOSEPH NORBURY, *Hon. Sec.*

34, Water Street, Macclesfield.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Crawley, to-day, Saturday, February 9th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Unveiling of peal-tablet (recording the long peal 9312 of Superlative), by the Rector, at 5 p.m.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

2, Grove Street, Brighton.

The Lancashire Association of Six-Bell Ringers.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chorley parish church, to-day, Saturday, February 9th. Tower open for ringing during the afternoon and evening.

JAMES HIGSON, *Hon. Sec.*

40, Church Street, Blackrod.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Staplehurst, to-day, Saturday, February 9th, arrangements as previously announced.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West Districts.—The next meeting of the above will be held, by kind permission of the Rev. Dr. Oliver, at the church of St. Mary, Ealing, on Saturday, February 16th. Ringing to commence at 4.30 p.m. Ringers and friends are cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Lampton, Hounslow.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—A general meeting will be held at Jarrow, on Saturday, February 16th. The bells of Christ Church (6), and S. Peter (6), will be at the disposal of members from 1 p.m. Committee meeting at Ben Lomond hotel, at 4.15 p.m. Tea at same place 5 p.m. rs. to members, rs. 9d. to non-members. Those intending to be present must notify Secretary before February 12th.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*

Wylam-on-Tyne.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.—The monthly meeting and tea of the above branch will be held in the schoolroom, Lower Bebington, on Saturday, February 16th, at 6 p.m. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 p.m.

B. G. MACANDREW, *Hon. Sec.*

West Kirby.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Market Drayton on Saturday, February 16th. Ringing at 2.45 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Newchurch on Saturday, February 16th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

W. CASS, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Walton-on-the-Hill on Saturday, February 16th. Bells ready at 4; tea at 5.30. Meeting at 6. Members intending, to be present are requested to let the Secretary know before the 12th inst. C. A. CLEMENTS, *Sec.*
5, Marsden Road, Southport.

The Sheffield District Society.—The next meeting of this Society will be held at Staveley, on February 16th, at 4 o'clock.

R. HARRISON, *Hon. Sec.*

Blackmore Street, Sheffield.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting of the above (for ringing only), will be held at Walmer, on Saturday, February 16th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.

E. E. FOREMAN, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Maidstone on Saturday, February 16th. The tower of All Saints will be open at 3 o'clock; committee meeting in the vestry at 4.30. Tea will be provided at Dawson's Restaurant, Bank Street, at 5.30 sharp. Members attending will be required to pay 3d. each towards the tea, as the rs. per head allowed by the Association will not cover the expense. Half railway fares will be paid up to 2s. Members intending to be present must notify me not later than Thursday, February 14th. All subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at or before the meeting.

A. PALMER, *Dis. Sec.*

Knightrider Street, Maidstone.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will take place on Monday, February 18th. Service in St. Mary's church at 7 p.m. Tea, meeting, and smoker at the Old Abbey Cafe, at 7.30. Tickets rs. each. Names to the Hon. Sec. by the 13th inst.

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The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Headingley (St. Michael's), on Saturday, February 23rd. Meeting-house, The Skyrack Inn. Bells at liberty till 9 p.m., business meeting 6.30. Handbells provided. All nominations for officers, as per rule 7, are due at this meeting. Will all members who have not paid their contributions kindly do so at once.

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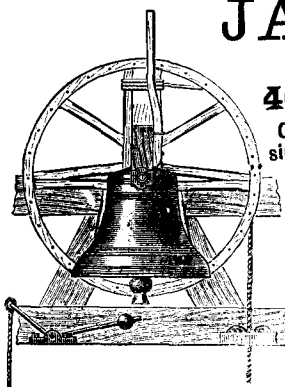
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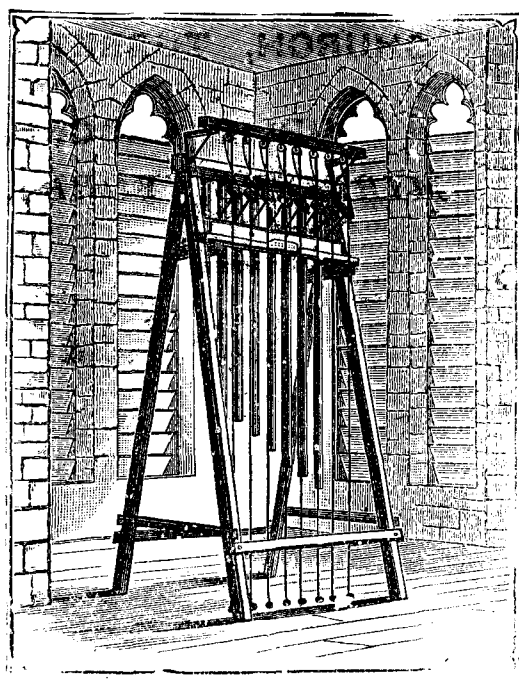
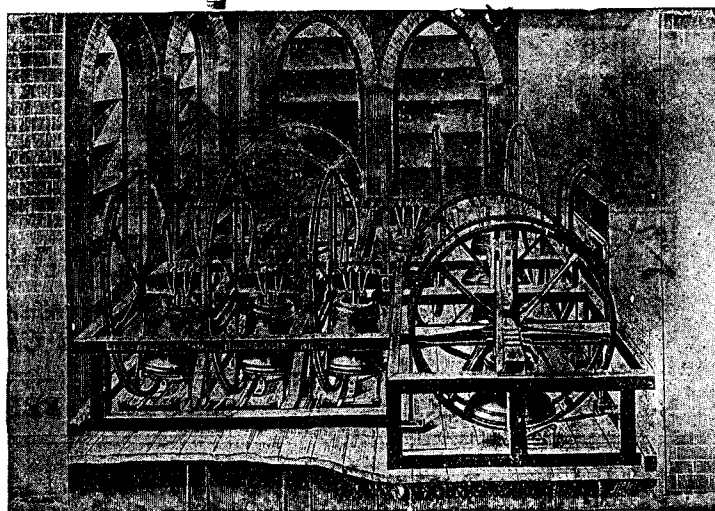
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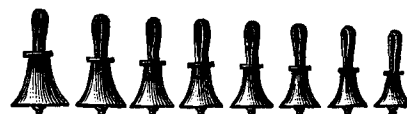
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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Leiston on 7th February, which was attended by only about 24 members, comprising representatives of the Leiston, Kelsale, Aldeburgh, Ipswich, Halesworth, Peasenhall, Blaxhall and Tunstall companies. The bells of the Parish Church, owing to the recent death of Queen VICTORIA, were, by the Vicar's orders, full muffled. At the dinner, which was served at 1.30 at The Black Horse inn, the Hon. Secretary took the chair, being supported by the Rev. R. B. Forster, curate of Leiston, Rev. J. H. Pilkington, Rector of Framlingham, Messrs. W. Taylor and J. M. Button (Leiston), J. Motts (Ipswich), and F. Lambert (Halesworth). The toast of "The King," given for the first time at a meeting of the Association, having been duly honoured, the business of the meeting was proceeded with, the Hon. Secretary explaining the position of the Association as to numbers and finances, and proceeding to emphasise his remarks made on previous occasions as to the desirability of strengthening the organisation of companies by better financial arrangements, which should provide for the formation of a Belfry Fund and its proper management. The payment of Association subscriptions should not come immediately out of the pockets of the individual members of a company, but should be a company payment out of the Belfry Fund. It would thus cease to be painfully and laboriously collected from individuals by the masters of companies or District Secretaries, as was now generally the case—a process constantly attended by great uncertainty and anxiety, to say nothing of the trouble involved. There could be no doubt that when the Association was first formed it was the intention that companies becoming affiliated to it should pay a *Company Subscription*, at the rate of a shilling a head, according to the number of ringers comprised in the company, not that every ringer should individually pay a shilling when asked for it, but that the lump sum should be contributed from the company's funds. He also wished to mention a fear that had been expressed that the recent action of the railway company in attaching impossible conditions to the granting of reduced fares to ringers would tend to break up the Association, and put a stop to its meetings. Taking the small attendance that day as an indication of the effect of the new regulations, it did seem that they would in some way have to modify their usual arrangements for meetings. If later trains were but available for the return of members to their homes, it would be possible to do as was done in the Midlands and other parts of the country, and substitute a cheap tea for the midday meal they were now obliged to have, but as members were obliged by the poverty of the train service to leave a meeting, wherever held, at 4 or 5 o'clock in the afternoon, a tea and business meeting at that time became impossible, and there seemed to be no alternative but to allow members attending a meeting some portion of their travelling expenses, a very difficult matter to arrange satisfactorily, and he would be glad to hear any suggestions as to the best course to pursue under the circumstances.

Mr. J. M. Button thought it would be better to have

only two meetings a year, the Annual as heretofore, and a half-yearly meeting at Easter, and that the District Secretaries should arrange for one intermediate District meeting in the year, half the expenses of which should be paid by the Association.

After discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Button should bring forward his proposal at the next Annual Meeting at Ipswich, with a view to its adoption by a more largely attended gathering. The meeting then proceeded to elect one Life-member, eight Honorary Members (including the new Archdeacon of Suffolk), Secretaries, Performing Members (including four sons of the Rev. W. F. Clark, Rector of St. Stephen's, Ipswich), and three Probationers.

ST. MARY'S, STOCKPORT.

At 8.30 on January 22, 1901, two hours after the death of Her late Majesty, the bells of the above church, deeply muffled, were sending forth their mournful tones to the music of 546 Bob Major, conducted by E. Reader, also 507 Stedman Caters, conducted by W. Gordon. On Wednesday, Jan. 23rd, muffled peals were rung, 503 Grandsire Caters, representing one touch Grandsire Triples, and the Queen's Change was very much used, also the old custom of ringing out the age of the deceased on the large bell was not forgotten. On Sunday morning, Jan. 27th, the birthday of Kaiser William and also the birthday of St. Mary's steeple keeper, 701 Grandsire Caters were rung in 27 mins. as a service peal, and in the evening, also for service, 1901 Grandsire Caters were rung in 76 mins. Cecil Darwin, Wm. Gordon, Joseph Barlow, Thos. Sale, J. A. Gordon, Alfred Birch, S. Mitchell, Wm. Gordon, jun., A. S. Gordon, J. W. Bayley. Both touches composed and conducted by Wm. Gordon, sen.

On Saturday, Feb. 2, 1901, on the occasion of the Memorial Service at the church, 1274 Grandsire Triples, conducted by Wm. Gordon, jun., were rung in 46 mins. Wm. Gordon, Wm. Gordon, jun., Cecil Darwin, A. Birch, S. Mitchell, J. A. Gordon, A. S. Gordon, J. W. Bayley. At the conclusion of the service, about 2 p.m., 546 Grandsire Triples, conducted by Wm. Gordon, sen., were rung with the bells half muffled by the ringers standing as above.

It is computed that the church on this occasion contained more worshippers than at any other previous time, the aisles were crowded by people standing, and hundreds could not gain admission.—W. G.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

The annual business meeting of the above Society took place on Wednesday, Jan. 30, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz: Master, Mr. Thomas Langdon; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Ferris J. Shepherd; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Chas. E. Malin; Stewards, Messrs. E. H. Oxenham and W. Shepherd.

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THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

A special meeting of the above Society was held at Burley on Saturday, February 9th, ringers being present from the following places: Armley, Bradford, Bramley, Calverley, Headingley (St. Michael's), Huddersfield, Leeds, Lightcliffe, Rothwell, Treeton, Wakefield, and local company. A peal was successfully accomplished during the afternoon, the report of which will be found on another page. Several touches were then rung by different bands, including Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent, &c., &c. Handbells were also brought into use at the meeting house and several touches of Major and Minor were rung. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and Wardens for the use of the bells and the local company for their kind arrangements was moved by Mr. J. W. T. Holgate, seconded by Mr. W. Abbshaw, and carried unanimously. Mr. F. Hullah responded on behalf of the local company, and promised to convey the unanimous vote of thanks to the Vicar and Wardens, this bringing a well-attended and pleasant gathering to a close.

SOULBURY, BUCKS.

Taking a walk towards Soulbury, situated two miles from Leighton, the first thing of interest is a drinking fountain and cattle trough erected by E. C. Lovett, Esq., to commemorate the Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, 1887, at the entrance of Liscombe Park, midway between Leighton and Soulbury. Proceeding across the footpath from the fountain, one soon has their first sight of All Saints' Church, Soulbury. As soon as I entered the village, the first care was to find someone who would show me over the church. Finding a very able guide in Mr. Andrews, jun., we were soon inspecting the interior, where we found many monuments in memory of the Lovett family for many generations past. The next thing was to mount the very worn steps leading up the tower, where, on arriving at the top, I found a peal of six bells. The four sound ones were of as fine a tone as ever I heard, but badly in want of re-hanging. They have not been rung for a great many years. On them are: 1st, Chandler made Me, 1697; 2nd, Robert Lovett, Esq., T.T.; H.K.; 1661 (cracked); 3rd, Richard Allen. C. W., 1661 (piece broken out); 4th, could not make the inscription out; 5th, Our Sancta Marieareta Pro Nobes, no date; tenor, Franvis Lovett, 1590, size across bottom, 44 ins.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The next meeting of the Central Council will be held at Derby, on Whit-Tuesday, May 28th. Notices of motion should be sent in before 30th April, which is the last day on which they can be received. Hon. Secretaries of Societies are respectfully reminded that the contributions for the year 1901 became due on the 1st inst., and should be remitted *without needless delay*, at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative, to the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Council, together with information as to any change of representatives, and the names and addresses of such as have been appointed since the last meeting of the Council.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.*
Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

THE OLD VETERAN, JOHN POLLARD.

Mr. Tomlinson, of Burnley, writes:—

I should be very pleased with you if you could find space in your valuable paper, of which I take every week, to publish the following, as I am sure it will be very interesting. Mr. John Pollard, one of our bell-ringers at the parish church, has had a most remarkable experience in connection with the reign of our late Queen. He was born on October 14th, 1819, in the same year as Her Majesty. He rang on her accession to the throne, on her Coronation Day and marriage, and since then has never failed to take his accustomed place in the belfry. On the occasion of her birthday celebrations he made his experience perhaps a record one; and by his taking part in the ringing of a muffled peal at the church on the receipt of the news of Her Majesty's death. In addition the veteran ringer pulled the ropes at the Queen's Jubilee, and again at her Diamond Jubilee. Then he has also rung on every Christmas Eve, and has helped to ring out the old and ring in the new year during the whole of the time Queen Victoria occupied the throne with but one exception, and that was owing to a severe illness. Notwithstanding his advanced age Mr. Pollard is still hale and hearty, and he took part in the ringing with his brother-ringers on the day of Her Majesty's funeral. The ringers that took part in the ringing for Her Majesty's funeral stood as follows: Thomas Holden, 1; Harry Tomlinson, 2; John Pollard (aged 81), 3; Albert Riley, 4; Sam Pollard, 5; James Pollard (son to old Pollard), 6; Hartley Keyworth, 7; Richard Mills, 8. Tenor 17 cwt. 22 lbs. Mr. Pollard takes his place in the belfry every Sunday, and has only missed once during the whole of the year 1900.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

Some weeks ago we gave a short account of what had been done with handbells by the Trinity Young Men's Bible Class at Trowbridge. We take the following further account from a local paper:—

"TRINITY YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.—On Sunday, January 27th, following after the death of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, twelve members rang a muffled peal in church, after the playing of the Dead March in *Saul*, and the whole class, numbering about thirty members sang the hymn, 'Peace perfect peace,' and between each verse the bell were rung twice, followed by two solemn strokes of the muffled tenor bell, and so on, till the hymn was completed. The large congregation remained standing until the ringers had ceased. It was originally intended to do this outside the church after evening service, but owing to the heavy gale at the time, the vicar having regard to the health of the young men, and Mr. Warden, their instructor wished it to be done inside. On Sunday last, after the close of the bible class, the young men again rung a muffled peal at the Park Street schoolroom."

We think it would be interesting to quote an entire letter from the instructor of these young men, Mr. Warden, who sends us the foregoing cutting. It is more copious than the newspaper account:—

"My Dear Sir,—I enclose you part of *The Wiltshire Times*. It contains the particulars of my young men's bible class handbell ringing, in a novel way. I had so arranged that they should ring outside the church building on the Sunday following the Queen's death, but the Vicar felt that as a very heavy gale of wind and rain was blowing at the time, he would rather we did it inside. So

the twelve muffled handbells were laid round the font at the west end of the church, and during the singing of the last hymn they took up their position, and the handbells, and with about eighteen others, duplicate ringers, who assisted in the singing of the hymn, "Peace perfect peace." Being young beginners, they rang, first, six strokes on the tenor muffled, then the whole-pull and stand about a dozen times, the queen's, tittimus, and again the whole-pull and stand. Then I had arranged for the singing of the hymn, and between each verse the whole-pull and stand twice, and so on till they sang the hymn through, and ended with a few rounds. Of course all bells were muffled. There was an immense congregation, and they stood breathlessly silent. I cannot describe the solemn effect, for I only thought of it on the Friday previous, and imagined it would be something quite out of the common, and so it was. Tower ringers say they have never before heard anything in ringing so solemn with the verses of the hymn, nor have I. You may like to note this or insert the paragraphs, which I think you will like.

W. WARDEN."

HORSLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 9th, a new organ was opened at the parish church, and during Saturday and Sunday several 6-scores of Grandsire, Manchester and North, were rung by the local ringers and a few friends from Ripley. The overplus of the Organ Fund, it is probable, will go towards a new Bell Fund, when there will be a ring of six second to none in the county.

RINGERS AT DINNER.

On Saturday, January 19th, 1901, the St. Mary's Society, Beddington, held their Annual Diner at The Plough, Beddington. Ringers and friends to the number of 40 sat down to a substantial dinner supplied by Host Saunders. The chair was taken by Mr. C. Bance, of Beddington, vice-chair by Mr. C. Kitchen, of St. Peter's Croydon. After the usual loyal toast, the toast of the evening, "The St. Mary's, Beddington, Society," was proposed by Mr. C. Kitchen, and responded to by Mr. C. Bance in suitable terms. The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Mr. C. Bance and responded to by Mr. C. Kitchen, who said he was very pleased to be in their company, that evening, as he had been on former occasions, for he knew quite well there was always a welcome for all ringers and friends to visit the Beddington ringers at any time, but he was sorry to find two of the oldest and most respected members absent through feeling indisposed, viz., Mr. E. Bennett and Mr. C. Gordon. He also was sorry to hear of the resignation of Mr. Bance, who is leaving Beddington through a change in business. Mr. Bance then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to host Saunders for the admirable way in which he had carried out the Dinner, everyone declaring they had enjoyed themselves thoroughly, to which Mr. Saunders suitably replied. Songs were sung during intervals by the following: Messrs. C. Kitchen, Easton brothers, Hamilton, Scotty, Hodges, Trappitt, Malpass, Baker and Rumble, Mr. Easton ably presiding at the piano.

H. J. R.

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Obituary.

EDMUND PRESCOTT.

On Sunday, January 27th, there was laid to rest all that was mortal that remained of Edmund Prescott of Hindley, who on the 23rd ult., met his death under most pathetic circumstances whilst following his employment as under-manager of the Abram Coal Company, Bickershaw, Wigan, at the early age of 32 years, and who by his pluck, perseverance and study gained the responsible position of under manager, and by his upright, straightforward and sterling qualities gained alike the respect of both master and employees, as was shown by the attendance of a large and sympathetic congregation, who attended the funeral service early on Sunday morning the 27th ult. at St. Peter's church, Hindley. Borne into the sacred edifice upon the shoulders of his fellow ringers, the organist played the Dead March in Saul, and upon leaving the church a funeral march by Chopin. The funeral service was most solemn and impressive and deceased's favourite hymn being sung "Thy will be done," and borne upon the shoulders of his brother ringers at the cemetery and laid to rest, the coffin being covered with wreaths from wife and children, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson (proprietor of the colliery), manager, secretary, and officials of the colliery, St. John's Ambulance Association (of which deceased was a member, relatives and friends and fellow ringers. Deceased was a most ardent ringer, reliable and safe, and was the eldest son of the late Joseph Prescott of Hindley, and a member of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild. On the 21st he had muffled the bells to ring a muffled touch to the late Mr. Martlew formerly a sidesman and churchwarden of the above church; also on the 22nd rung a muffled touch to the memory of our beloved Queen, and on the 23rd to meet his sad death. Deceased leaves a wife and three young children to mourn his loss. Muffled touches were rung on the bells of St. Peter's church, Hindley, and the Wigan parish church, as a tribute of respect to the deceased one all feeling they had lost a true friend.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

During the last fortnight the bells of St. Paulinus' church, have been deeply muffled in accordance with the National mourning for the Queen. On the day of the funeral a memorial service was held in the church at the same time as the ceremony in St. George's chapel, Windsor, after which a peal was attempted by members of the local band. After two hours and twenty minutes, however, this came to grief. The following took part: H. Audsley, G. Conyard, E. Barnett, jun., J. Saxby, P. E. Bex, Mark Jacobs, E. Barnett, sen., and W. Saunders.

Handbell Peal.

LEICESTER.—MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 29, 1901, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. WILLIAM WILLSON,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

SAMUEL COTTON ... 1-2.	WILLIAM WILLSON ... 5-6.
GEORGE CLEAL ... 3-4.	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 7-8.
CHARLES H. FOWLER ... 9-10.	

Composed and Conducted by J. W. MOORHOUSE.

Umpire—Mr. John Buttery. This is the first peal of Grandsire Caters rung in hand in the county of Leicester, and was rung as a farewell peal to the conductor, who is leaving Leicester for Wakefield, his native place.

BUCKNALL (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday evening, January 22nd, on receipt of the news of the death of the Queen, 720 Imperial Treble Bob. G. Hobbs, 1; C. Preston, 2; G. Clarkson, 3; D. Preston, 4; W. Wheldon, 5, W. Twigg (conductor), 6.

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The following Peals were rung with bells muffled as a deep mark of respect to the memory of our late beloved Sovereign, Queen Victoria.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 26, 1901, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

R. BENNETT Treble.	H. TUBB 6.
E. HOLIFIELD 2.	S. WHITE 7.
F. WHITE, SEN. 3.	G. HOLIFIELD 8.
H. HOLIFIELD 4.	R. WHITE 9.
H. WOODWARDS 5.	F. WHITE, JUN. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 29, 1901, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM GRUNDY ... Treble.	THOMAS PEERS ... 5.
WILLIAM DUCKWORTH ... 2.	RICHARD HEALD ... 6.
TITUS BARLOW ... 3.	WILLIAM BARLOW ... 7.
JOHN MOSCROP ... 4.	THOMAS ROBINSON ... Tenor.

Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 29, 1901, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JNO. SHEPHERD ... Treble.	A. W. WHITWORTH ... 5.
STANLEY PICKUP* ... 2.	JNO. A. BROWN ... 6.
J. T. STANDRING ... 3.	Z. LORD ... 7.
SAM KAY ... 4.	WM. ASHWORTH ... Tenor.

Conducted by J. SHEPHERD.

*First peal.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 30, 1901, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720s each of Surperlative, Rochester, Victoria, Cambridge, Ely, Coventry, and Huddersfield. Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT LITTLE* ... Tenor.	JOHN LUCKEY ... 4.
THOMAS J. WATTS ... 2.	†THOMAS JORDAN ... 5.
GEORGE GRAY ... 3.	WILLIAM WATTS ... Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

*First peal in seven Surprise methods. †First peal in seven Surprise methods with a bob bell.

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Thursday, January 31, 1901, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. Treble.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER ... 6.
FRANCIS E. HART ... 2.	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. ... 7.
RICHARD A. JUDD ... 3.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER ... 8.
JESSE GILLET ... 4.	ROBERT A. BARRETT ... 9.
THOMAS NEWMAN ... 5.	ERNEST E. DAVIS ... Tenor.

Composed by W. H. BARBER, and

Conducted by W. T. PEGLER.

The above is Ernest E. Davis's 100th peal. A reference elsewhere.

CAMBRIDGE.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 31, 1901, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 11 cwt.

J. JACKSON ... Treble.	F. PITSTOW ... 5.
J. TAYLOR ... 2.	*J. F. PENNING ... 6.
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 3.	W. EUSDEN ... 7.
G. TAYLOR ... 4.	W. B. KEMPTON ... Tenor.

Conducted by F. PITSTOW.

*First peal in the method.

EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six 6-scores each of Antelope, College, St. Mary's, Old, April Day, Plain, and Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN WRIGHT ... Treble.	A. S. STAGEMAN ... 3.
JOHN W. MALLET ... 2.	JESSE A. READ ... 4.
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER ... Tenor.	

Conducted by WILLIAM G. CRICKMER.

*First peal by Messrs. Wright, Mallett, and Stageman. First peal with a bob bell by J. A. Read. This is the first peal upon the bells.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720s each of Duke of York, Woodbine, Violet, Kent, Oxford, Plain Bob, and College Single. Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE HIBBERT ... Treble.	FRED. HOLT ... 4.
WILLIAM LOWERY ... 2.	WILLIAM MARSHALL ... 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... 3.	SAM RUTTER ... Tenor.

*Each member of the Band took a part in conducting: the ringer of 3rd took two 720s, and each of the others one.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in E. Flat.

THOMAS SPURR ... Treble.	ROBERT MILES ... 6.
ARTHUR T. WINTER ... 2.	HARRY WARBURTON ... 7.
ERNEST COLLINGBURN ... 3.	HERBERT HAIGH ... 8.
G. W. DENHAM METCALFE ... 4.	JOSEPH B. JOYNES ... 9.
F. WALTER ABBOTT ... 3.	GEORGE R. WINTER ... Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by JOSEPH B. JOYNES.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY).

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE WARD ... Treble.	EDMUND WILLIS ... 5.
ALBERT H. WARD ... 2.	SAMUEL MASKREY ... 6.
JOHN W. THOMPSON ... 3.	CHARLES E. HART ... 7.
CHARLES DRAPER ... 4.	GEORGE WHEELDON ... Tenor.

Conducted by C. E. HART.

EASTNOR, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORDSHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 6 scores each called differently.

H. WINTER Treble.	W. MYTTON 4.
R. BROWNING... .. 2.	E. TAYLOR 5.
T. WILLIAMS 3.	T. MYTTON Tenor.

Conducted by T. WILLIAMS.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 4, 1901, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF DARLASTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILFRED OVERTON ... Treble.	BERTRAM HEAD 5.
ALBERT T. BAKER 2.	JAMES W. HOWARD ... 6.
JOHN ELCOCK... .. 3.	JOHN OVERTON 7.
ERNEST FOXALL 4.	HARRY JONES Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JOHN OVERTON.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 4, 1901, in 3 Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720s each of London, City Delight, Killammarsh, Woodbine,
Oxford, College Exercise, and College Pleasure.

Tenor 11 cwt.

G. HOBBS Treble.	G. CLARKSON... .. 4.
D. PRESTON 2.	W. TWIGG 5.
J. PRESTON* 3.	C. PRESTON Tenor.

Conducted by C. PRESTON.

*First peal with a bob bell.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Monday, February 4, 1901, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

SYDNEY DAWSON ... Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY ... 5.
GEORGE DAWSON 2.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN ... 6.
WILLIAM HICKLING ... 3.	JOHN FLOWER 7.
THOMAS DRAPER 4.	ALBERT ED. THOMPSON Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, Bart., and
Conducted by ALBERT ED. THOMPSON.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 4, 1901, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

ROBERT SEWELL ... Treble.	JOSEPH FAYERS 5.
JAMES D. DREWITT ... 2.	LEWIN C. FERRIGE ... 6.
HARRY HORREX 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH ... 7.
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT ... 4.	ALBERT CALVER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

Great credit is due to the ringer of the treble, who has lately attained
his 76th birthday.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, February 4, 1901, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES E. GROVES ... Treble.	HERBERT KNIGHT ... 5.
WILLIAM R. SMALL ... 2.	REUBEN HALL 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN ... 3.	SAMUEL REEVES 7.
THOMAS HORTON 4.	FREDERICK HARRIS ... Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 5, 1901, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TEN-PART (No. 3).

W. FOSTER Treble.	T. BEADLE 5.
G. A. RANSOM 2.	F. G. GODDARD 6.
H. CHANDLER 3.	H. BROWNING 7.
J. BASDEN 4.	A. SANDERS Tenor.

Conducted by J. BASDEN.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(DERBY BRANCH.)

On Friday, February 8, 1901, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKAMUND

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOSEPH SMITH ... Treble.	THOMAS ANTHONY ... 5.
ALBERT ED. THOMPSON 2.	JOHN WM. THOMPSON... 6.
GEORGE THOMPSON ... 3.	JOHN NEWBOLD, SEN... 7.
THOMAS ALTON 4.	JOHN NEWBOLD, JUN... Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT ED. THOMPSON.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 9, 1901, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH J. PARKER ... Treble.	CHARLES GILES 5.
ARTHUR W. PIKE... .. 2.	HENRY TUCKER 6.
ARTHUR EVANS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON... 7.
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 4.	FRANK HOPGOOD Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by F. HOPGOOD.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1901, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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GEO. LAMBERT 3.	HENRY ODDY... .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1901.

WE give another instalment this week of the reports of muffled peals rung in memory of the late Queen; many more are to follow, as well as touches for the same object, and as many as possible will appear next week. Pressure has been brought to bear to influence us to enter the scheme for handbell prizes again. Past experience hardly warrants us to again enter upon such an occupation; nor is it one upon which we can look with equanimity or satisfaction. Measures of this sort, in fact, do not, in our opinion, give any credit to respectable journalism. Prize-schemes of this kind are an excrescence when connected with literary commercialism, and are better avoided. We have another proposal before us which while not partaking of these objections, will, we think, satisfy our readers, and this plan shall be submitted to them at the earliest moment. When the present strain upon our columns has closed, we shall be able to give full vent to one or two matters now pending. Our friends, both subscribers and otherwise, will do well to carefully peruse this paper during the next few weeks.

Those of our friends who have not seen the reports they have sent, we hope they will be patient under the circumstances. All will appear in due course.

The Metropolis.

The four following peals were rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to Her late Majesty Queen Victoria.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY MILLER Treble.	WILLIAM TEGG 5.
STEVEN ANSELL† 2.	SIDNEY JONES 6.
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. 3.	†JOHN E. MILLER 7.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 4.	*HENRY BALAAM Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN E. MILLER.

†First peal with a bob bell. *First peal. †First peal as conductor.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

WILLIAM H. FREEMAN .. Treble.	CHARLES T. HOPKINS .. 6.
JOHN H. WILKINS 2.	ABRAHAM G. FREEMAN .. 7.
CHARLES S. BURDEN 3.	WILLIAM PINSENT 8.
ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN. .. 4.	FREDERICK A. NUNN .. 9.
FREDERICK PERRIN 5.	ROBERT K. KNIGHT Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT, and

Conducted by FREDERICK A. NUNN.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.)

On Tuesday, February 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

SAMUEL DAVIE Treble.	ARTHUR E. BRADLEY .. 6.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 2.	WILLIAM E. JUDD 7.
GEORGE BRUSH 3.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 8.
ALBERT V. SELBY 4.	WILLIAM FOX 9.
JOHN T. KENTISH, JUN. .. 5.	JOHN JUDD Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

This composition has the 6th its extent behind the 9th in the tittums, and also behind the 8th in the handstroke home position.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

CHARLES H. WALKER .. Treble.	THOMAS CHANDLER .. 5.
CHARLES BEDWELL* .. 2.	THOMAS TAYLOR .. 6.
HARRY BARRETT 3.	HARRY WARNETT .. 7.
JOSEPH TOWN* 4.	†THOMAS CLEW Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WARNETT.

*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal. Great credit is due to Mr. T. Clew for the masterly way he rung the tenor. Unfortunately he has but one hand.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 5, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

FREDERICK W. THORNTON Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	HARRY FLANDERS .. 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM J. ALDRIDGE .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
WILLIAM PYE 2.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. 6.
HENRY G. HILL 3.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON 7.
WILLIAM FOREMAN 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. W. Brighton.

The Provinces.**TENTERDEN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, February 4, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

EDGAR BURDEN Treble.	ROBERT EDWARDS .. 5.
FREDERICK G. BURDEN .. 2.	ALFRED HINDS 6.
GEORGE CRAMP 3.	GEORGE NEVE 7.
HARRY BARTON 4.	CHARLES TRIBE Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

Rang in honour of the Accession of King Edward VII. to the throne. Messrs. Burden hail from Rolvenden; Barton from Deal; the rest are local men.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, February 9, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM JENNER* .. Treble.	ARTHUR GOWER 5.
HERBERT RANN 2.	ALBERT REED 6.
BENJAMIN HOBBS 3.	SAPPER T. J. ADES, R.E. 7.
ALBERT HOBDEN* 4.	EDWARD JENNINGS .. Tenor.

Composed by E. B. JAMES, and Conducted by HERBERT RANN.

The above is a ten-part peal with 22 singles. *First peal. †First peal away from tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Rann and Reed. Hobbs and Gower hail from Eastbourne, Rann from Brighton.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720s each of Oxford Treble Bob, Huddersfield Surprise, Victoria Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Superlative Surprise, and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN CAVILL Treble.	GEORGE JORDAN 4.
ISAAC HAMMOND 2.	THOMAS JORDAN 5.
JOHN LUCKEY 3.	WILLIAM WATTS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

This peal was rung as a wedding peal to Mr. J. Luckey's youngest daughter. In the evening the band were entertained at the residence of Mr. J. Luckey, and a very pleasant evening being spent, the ringers wishing the bride and bridegroom every happiness.

TIBSHELF, DERBYSHIRE.**THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, February 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Canterbury Pleasure, three of College Single, and two of Bob Minor. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

J. MILNER Treble.	J. FLINT 4.
H. TARLTON 2.	W. BUTLER 5.
J. T. BUTLER 3.	J. P. TARLTON Tenor.

Conducted by J. P. TARLTON.

J. Flint hails from Bolsover; the rest from North Wingfield. This is the first 5040 on the bells.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

EDWARD MAPP* Treble.	JOHN SMITH 5.
NOAH DAVIS 2.	*JOSEPH JOHNSON 6.
THOMAS ELCOCK 3.	*CHARLES BEAMAN 7.
THOMAS GRIFFITHS 4.	†WILLIAM HENRY SMITH .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. SMITH.

First peal of Major on the bells. *First peal of Bob Major. †First peal as conductor. The ringers of the treble, 3, 4, and 7 belong to Areley Kings; the 6th to Hartlebury; and, 5th, and tenor to Kidderminster.

BURLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720s each of London Scholars' Pleasure, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, Oxford. Tenor 7½ cwt.

FRANK HULLAH† Treble.	JOHN THACKRAY 4.
HY. GAYTHORPE 2.	W. CHAPMAN 5.
J. W. T. HOLGATE 3.	JAMES BARRACLOUGH .. Treble.

Conducted by HARRY GAYTHORPE.

†First peal and first attempt.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 10, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5.
CHARLES WILKINS 2.	GEORGE R. PYE 6.
ERNEST PYE 3.	HARRY FLANDERS 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 10, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE THOMPSON Treble.	GEORGE PAICE 5.
JOHN RICE 2.	EDWIN JORDAN 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	FREDERICK W. RICE 7.
ALFRED D. MILLS 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by JAMES PARKER, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Reference to the above will be made in the report of the quarterly meeting held here the day previous.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, February 11, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

JOHN FORD Treble.	JOHN R. SANDOVER 5.
THOMAS LAVER 2.	WILLIAM MOGRIDGE 6.
FERRIS SHEPHERD 3.	FRANK MURPHY 7.
WILLIAM BURROUGH 4.	WILLIAM LOWTON Tenor.

Conducted by FERRIS SHEPHERD.

the reception of the new Bishop of the Diocese.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCHES.)

On Monday, February 11, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being 720 each of Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Oxford Delight, Violet, Yorkshire Delight, Kent and Oxford

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE HIBBERT Treble.	FRED HOLT 4.
WILLIAM LOWERY 2.	WILLIAM MARSHALL 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 3.	SAM RUTTER Tenor.

Conducted by SAM RUTTER.

First peal as conductor. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells and by all the band. Rung to celebrate His Majesty King Edward VII.'s accession to the Throne.

The following peals were rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to Her late Majesty Queen Victoria:—

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, January 31, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM VERRY Treble.	WILLIAM H. GODDEN 5.
WILLIAM COOPER, JUN. 2.	CHARLES WILLIAMS 6.
THOMAS WESTWOOD 3.	THOMAS VERRY 7.
SAMUEL REEVES 4.	ALF. PADDON SMITH .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lbs.

GEORGE KIRK Treble.	HENRY STUBBS 5.
FRANK KIRK 2.	WALTER GILBERT 6.
FREDERICK STUBBS 3.	HARRY SHARMAN 7.
WILLIAM J. GILBERT 4.	FRED GILBERT Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by F. GILBERT.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court, and two 720s each of Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob.

HARRY DAVY Treble.	HARRY CATTERMOLLE 4.
GEORGE KEMP 2.	FREDERICK POTTER 5.
THOMAS DAVY 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

BROOKFIELD, GORTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS BLAKELEY† .. Treble.	WILLIAM BRAMMER 5.
CHAS. H. BLAKELEY 2.	JOHN W. TOPPIN 6.
EPHRAIM COLLINS 3.	JOHN FEARNHEAD 7.
HARRY WORTHINGTON 4.	CHARLES OLLIER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN FEARNHEAD.

†First peal.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

E. BOREHAM* Treble.	F. G. BIGGS 5.
JOHN EVANS 2.	R. M. HAWES 6.
H. STRATFORD 3.	R. H. BIGGS 7.
H. G. JAMES 4.	JOSEPH EVANS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

*First peal.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

STANLEY FIELDING Treble.	JOHN FITTON 5.
ROBERT BUCKLEY 2.	ROBERT DEARDEN 6.
JOHN W. FITTON 3.	ALFRED CLEGG 7.
JAMES F. WILD 4.	SAMUEL BRIERLEY Tenor.

R. Buckley was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for peal.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, BENGWORTH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being Forty-two 6-scores of Plain Bob, Canterbury, Grandsire and St. Dunstons.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE LAMPITT Treble.	FRANK COOK 4.
EDWARD TOLLEY 2.	FRED STYLES 5.
WALTER MALINS 3.	CHRIS HOPKINS Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

WHITLEY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, College Single, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ROBERT GOFTON* Treble.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 4.
ALAN F. DAVIDSON 2.	ROBERT S. STORY 5.
GEORGE R. HOLMES† 3.	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

First peal on the bells. *First attempt to ring a peal. †First peal of Minor.

Other muffled peals will be found on page 496.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The peal rung at Ramsbottom, and reported in our last issue, should read Saturday, February 2nd, not Thursday. —The peal rung at Higham Ferrers, and reported in our last issue, was rung in 2 hrs. 56 mins., not 3 hrs. 56 mins.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorkshire).—On Tuesday, December 11th, at Holy Trinity church, a date touch of Stedman Caters, 1900 changes in 1 hour and 20 mins. W. Sothwick, 1; T. Stockdale, 2; J. W. Stickney, 3; R. Chaffer, 4; F. Morrison, 5; W. Verity, 6; J. Disey, 7; G. T. Miller, 8; C. Jackson (composer and conductor), 9; J. W. Dale, 10. This touch has the 6th in 2nds place throughout.

OLDHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday morning, December 9th, at St. Mary's church, on the occasion of the 494th Dedication Festival, a date touch of Grandsire Caters, 1900 changes, in 1 hour 25 mins. D.

Whitworth, 1; S. Elson, 2; S. Thomas, 3; J. Priestley, 4; E. B. Shaw, 5; S. Stott (conductor), 6; F. Cocks, 7; S. M. Butterworth, 8; J. Davies, 9; H. Wright, 10. Composed by J. W. Bayley, of Stockport.

Miscellaneous.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday morning, December 2nd, for Divine Service at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes. B. S. Hill, 1; W. Page, 2; W. Powell, 3; A. Hill, 4; W. C. Jones, 5; A. Hadley (conductor), 6; G. Checketts, 7; E. Watkins, 8; W. H. Johnson, 9; T. Malin, 10.

HALLOW (Worcestershire).—On December 2nd, in the evening, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. A. Winterton, 1; G. Hinton, 2; A. Hill, 3; A. Hadley, 4; G. Checketts, 5; W. H. Johnson, 6; W. C. Jones (conductor), 7; T. Bullock, 8. Longest touch of Stedman by all except A. Winterton and W. C. Jones.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRADFIELD (Berks).—On Sunday, December 2nd, at the parish church, in an attempt for a peal, the following methods were rung: 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, and 720 College Single. V. Rowe, 1; F. Hopgood, 2; C. Giles, 3; J. Bower, 4; W. Horne, 5; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 6. Also for the evening service 720 Bob Minor. W. Barefoot, 1; J. Bower, 2; F. Hopgood (conductor), 3; A. E. Reeves, 4; C. Giles, 5; V. Rowe, 6. And 120 Stedman Doubles. W. Horne, 1; A. E. Reeves, 2; F. Hopgood, 3; F. Rowe, 4; C. Giles, 5; J. Bower, 6.

WANTAGE (Berks).—On Tuesday evening, December 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. P. Jones, 1; F. Bunce, 2; A. Gregory, 3; H. Gregory, 4; A. Gibbs, 5; C. Gregory, 6; F. May (conductor), 7; C. Lay, 8. First quarter-peal by P. Jones, and first attempt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST.—On December 4th, 120 Bob Doubles. G. G. Deane (first 720), 1; C. Best, 2; T. Ellis, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; T. Stroud, 5; H. Churcher, 6. Another 120. W. G. Daniels (first 120), 1; C. Best, 2; T. E. Ellis, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; T. Stroud, 5; H. Churcher, 6. Another 120. E. G. Boxall (first 120), 1; C. Best, 2; T. E. Ellis, 3; H. Churcher, 4; T. Stroud (conductor), 5; Rev. A. H. Simpson, 6. And another 120. W. R. Madgwick (first 120), 1; C. Best, 2; T. E. Ellis, 3; H. Churcher, 4; T. Stroud (conductor), 5; Rev. A. H. Simpson, 6.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EVESBURY (Hunts).—On Monday, December 3rd, 720 Plain Bob Minor, by members of the St. Neots and Evesbury Society. S. Irons, 1; S. J. Coleman, 2; L. J. Flint, 3; H. Fields, 4; S. W. Hawksford, 5; G. D. Coleman (conductor), 6. First by S. J. Coleman, L. J. Flint, and H. Fields, and first time as conductor by G. D. Coleman.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Wednesday, December 5th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Webb, 1; C. H. Howard (conductor), 2; H. Pilcher, 3; W. Farrow, 4; H. J. Collins, 5; E. F. Slade, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor. C. H. Howard (conductor), 1; F. Webb, 2; the rest as before. On Sunday morning, December 9th, for Divine Service, 1024 Kent Treble Bob. F. Webb, 1; W. Farrow, 2; H. J. Collins, 3; C. H. Howard (conductor), 4; H. Pilcher, 5; P. Holmes, 6; H. Coote, 7; E. F. Slade, 8. For evening service 1008 Bob Major. F. Webb, 1; W. Farrow, 2; C. H. Howard (conductor), 3; W. Moore, 4; H. Pilcher, 5; P. Holmes, 6; W. Grimwade, 7; E. T. Slade, 8. Tenor 12 cwt. 32 lbs. in F.

STIESTED (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, December 9th, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Webb, 1; E. Radley, 2; E. Chaplin, 3; Ed. Chaplin, 4; H. Coote, 5; A. Chaplin (conductor), 6. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

HORNCHURCH (Essex).—On Saturday, December 8th, on handbells retained in hand, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. C. Fenn, 1-2; R. Fenn, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (composer and conductor), 5-6; J. Dale, 7-8.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HORBURY (Yorks).—On Sunday, December 9th, for Divine Service, 1008 Bob Major. A. A. Fothergill, 1; W. H. Giggie, 2; E. Brooke, 3; J. Woffenden, 4; G. F. Pickles, 5; J. Smith, 6; G. Hunt (conductor), 7; E. Carr, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday evening, December 9th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. J. Harper, 1; P. Hannam, 2; J. Symons, 3; E. Newman, 4; F. S. Bayley, 5; A. Collins, 6; J. Harris (conductor), 7; J. T. Matthews, 8.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GAINSBOROUGH (Leicestershire).—On Monday, December 3rd, for practice at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. D. Tinker, 1; P. Bixby (conductor), 2; A. H. Wheeler, 3; R. Dawson, 4; F. T. W. Butler, 5; G. Wilson, 6. Also another 720 in the same method. W. Smith, 1; P. Bixby, 2; A. H. Wheeler, 3; R. Dawson, 4; F. T. Butler (conductor), 5; G. Wilson, 6. This is Messrs. Tinker, Wheeler, Wilson, and Smith's first 720 in the method; also first 720 as conductor in the method by F. T. W. Butler. W. Smith hails from Nettleham.

BATTLE (Sussex).—Recently at the parish church, after meeting one short for a peal, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins., on the back seven. J. Sinden, 2; W. J. Thomas, 3; W. Billennes, 4; J. Livermore, 5; C. R. Carter, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; W. H. Eldridge, 8.

BEDFORD.—On Tuesday, December 4th, at St. Peter's church, 120 Grandsire Doubles. W. Coals, 1; W. Stapleton, 2; W. Finedon, 3; W. E. Clark (conductor), 5; C. Robinson, 6. And another 120. W. Coals, 1; W. Finedon, 2; W. Stapleton, 3; T. Henshaw, 4; W. C. Clark (conductor), 5; C. Robinson, 6. On December 6th, 120 Grandsire Doubles. A. Robinson (conductor), 1; W. Stapleton, 2; W. Barker, 3; W. Finedon, 4; C. Finedon, 5; W. Coals, 6. And a 6-score of Bob Doubles. W. Coals, 1; W. Barker, 2; A. Robinson, 3; W. Finedon, 4; W. Stapleton (conductor), 5; C. Robinson, 6. And 360 Plain Bob. W. Coals, 1; W. Barker (conductor), 2; W. Clark, 3; W. Finedon, 4; W. Stapleton, 5; A. Robinson, 6. First 360 by the ringers of 1, 4, 5.

BURFORD (Oxon).—On December 9th, for evening service, 720 of Grandsire Minor. G. Hunt, 1; H. Timms, 2; T. Bond, 3; H. Bond, 4; C. Packer, 5; T. E. Glanville (conductor), 6; G. Parker, 7.

BUNGAY (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, December 4th, at St. Mary's church, 1316 Grandsire Triples. I. Folkard, 1; W. Pelgate, 2; F. Hembling, 3; E. Smith, 4; E. Lincoln, 5; C. Woods, 6; R. Baker (conductor), 7; A. Williams, 8.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, December 9th, for Divine Service, 1259 Grandsire Cateters in 47 mins. A. Savage, 1; C. W. Nuttall, 2; G. M. Farr, 3; D. Farthing, 4; W. J. Thyng, 5; A. Knights, 6; H. Haigh (Retford), 7; J. Hunt, 8; A. Craven, 9; G. Mee, 10. Tenor 24½ cwt.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, December 9th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. J. Ward, 1; F. W. Ford, 2; W. Dixon, 3; T. Langdon, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6. Also after evening service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Dixon, 1; F. W. Ford, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; W. Pickworth, 4; A. Jacob (conductor), 5; T. Langdon, 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday evening, December 2nd, for Divine Service at St. Giles' church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cateters. F. Hopper, 1; H. Blundell, 2; H. Key, 3; T. Harris, 4; F. Wilford, 5; W. Farey, 6; E. Haxley, 7; W. Roberts, 8; A. Stewart (conductor), 9; J. Ereeman, 10. On Saturday, December 1st, at St. Sepulchre's church, a peal of Bob Major was lost after ringing 2 hrs. and 30 mins. A. Hensman, 1; T. Harris, 2; H. Rainbow, 3; A. Moore, 4; H. Blundell, 5; F. Wilford, 6; A. P. Hensman, 7; A. Stewart (conductor), 8. On Monday, December 3rd, at St. Peter's church, a peal of Grandsire Triples was stopped by the conductor thinking there was a change-course after ringing 1 hr. 30 mins. A. Smith, 1; W. Farey, 2; T. Harris, 3; F. Wilford, 4; A. P. Hensman, 5; H. Blundell, 6; A. Stewart (conductor), 7; W. Sturgess, 8.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Sunday, February 10th, on the occasion of a Confirmation being held by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Colchester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. G. B. Lucas, jun., 1; F. Perrin, 2; E. D. Lillywhite, 3; G. B. Lucas (conductor), 4; F. Butler, 5; F. Hull, 6; R. Elliott, 7; H. T. Wilkins, 8. After service 462 Grandsire Triples. G. B. Lucas, jun., 1; F. Perrin, 2; E. D. Lillywhite, 3; G. B. Lucas, 4; H. Bottrill, 5; R. Elliott, 6; F. Butler (conductor), 7; H. T. Wilkins, 8. Among the many candidates for confirmation were the son and daughter of Viscount Horn-castle, Mayor of Hackney.

The following touches have been rung with muffled bells as marks of love and loyalty to Her late Majesty Queen Victoria:—

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ALDREMASTON (Berks).—On Saturday, February 2nd a quarter-pea-

of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. W. Frankum, 1; H. Tillin, 2; G. Parris, 3; R. Frankum, 4; G. Nash, 5; H. Frankum, 6; G. Smith (conductor), 7; E. Allott (first quarter-peal), 8.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 2nd, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; H. J. Button, 3; C. Bailey, 4; E. Baily, 5; C. Samson, 6; J. Button, 7; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RAWTENSTALL (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, February 3rd, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 38 mins. A. Rushton, 1; R. Leach, 2; J. Wolstenholme, 3; A. Clegg, 4; J. B. Taylor (conductor), 5; A. S. Rostron, 6; J. H. Haydock, 7; M. Hartley, 8. Tenor 9½ cwt.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HEAVITREE (Devon).—On Sunday, January 27th, at the parish church, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. J. Ford, 1; T. Laver, 2; F. Shepherd, 3; W. Burrough, 4; W. Miffin, 5; F. Murphy, 6; J. R. Sandover (conductor), 7; W. Lowton, 8. Also on Saturday, February 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 54 mins. T. Laver, 1; J. Ford, 2; W. Mogridge, 3; J. R. Sandover, 4; W. Miffin, 5; F. Shepherd, 6; F. Murphy (conductor), 7; W. Lowton, 8.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HARWICH.—Recently 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Durrant, 1; A. Redwood, 2; G. Thompson, 3; G. Moss, 4; C. Ramplin, 5; A. Morris (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 13th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major. W. Durrant, 1; A. Redwood, 2; C. Ellis, 3; G. Knock, 4; G. Moss, 5; G. Thompson, 6; C. Ramplin, 7; A. Morris (conductor), 8. Composed by C. Fenn, of Barking. On Wednesday, January 23rd, 720 Oxford Minor was rung. W. Durrant, 1; A. Redwood, 2; G. Moss, 3; G. Thompson, 4; C. Ramplin, 5; A. Morris (conductor), 6.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ICKLETON (Cams.).—On Thursday, January 24th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Doubles, 1320 changes, in 51 mins. F. Bowtell, 1; E. Webb, 2; P. Webb (conductor), 3; A. Lilley, 4; J. Webb, 5; F. Crick, 6.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRIDGEND.—On Saturday, February 2nd, 720 Bob Minor. W. Hummel, 1; R. Evans, 2; J. Evans, 3; J. Cox, 4; R. Bunston, 5; J. Hurford, 6. Also 360 in the same method with H. Jenkins, 1; the rest as before.

BURY (Lancashire).—On Saturday, February 2nd, at St. Mary's church, an half-peal of Grandsire Triples, (Reeves's variation of John Holt's ten-part) in 1 hour and a half. B. Woodcock, 1; W. R. Duckworth, 2; W. Mitchell, 3; E. Isherwood, 4; C. Bradbury, 5; S. Greenhalgh, 6; E. Viggers, 7; J. Ramsbottom (conductor), 8. Longest length by E. Viggers.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Sunday, February 10th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 980 Grandsire Triples, in 34 mins. was rung. T. Allen, 1; F. J. Steele, 2; A. Clowes, 3; G. Woods, 4; T. Austin, 5; H. Page, 6; S. Churton (conductor), 7; J. Titterton, 8. The above touch contains the number of changes the late Queen Victoria had lived months, and was composed by C. Smart, and taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of February 2nd, 1900.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Saturday, February 2nd, at the church of St. Giles, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 50 mins., being ten 6-scores each called differently, and 60 changes. A. Clark, 1; G. Valentine, sen., 2; W. Tucker (conductor), 3; W. Bonham, 4; G. Cowley, 6.

THRAPSTON (Northants).—On Saturday, February 2nd, 720 Bob Minor. A. Baxter, 1; W. Booth, 2; H. Short, 3; D. Redhead, 4; J. Nickerson (conductor), 5; W. Yates, 6; J. Carter, 7; R. Bland, 8. First 720 by Messrs. Booth and Short. On Sunday, February 3rd, 360 Bob Minor. J. Nickerson, 4; D. Redhead, 5; the rest as before. Also 720 Bob Minor. A. Baxter, 1; W. Booth, 2; H. Short, 3; D. Redhead, 4; J. Nickerson, 5; W. Yates (first 720 as conductor), 6; J. Carter, 7; R. Bland, 8.

TENTERDEN (Kent).—Recently, for practice at St. Mildred's church a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins. W. E. Pitman, 1; F. Burden, 2; G. Cramp, 3; A. Hinds, 4; C. Tribe, 5; G. Neve, 6; R. Edwards (conductor), 7; H. Holdstock, 8. For morning and evening service on Sunday, January 27th, and for the special memorial service on Saturday, February 2nd, several touches of Grandsire Triples with the bells deeply-muffled, except the tenor, which was open at backstroke.

FROM DOLGELLEY.

The Dolgelley telegrams poured into the town on Tuesday announcing the sad news of the death of the Queen. The news cast gloom over all. The townspeople awaited the ringing of the tower bells, of a muffled peal as was the case on the death of the late Prince Albert, but although the town of Dolgelley is the county town, it was a hopeless expectancy. Where were the guild of ringers, and, also, when were those who were in authority?

The following letters have appeared in a local paper:—

SIR,—Allow me publicly, through your valuable paper, to express my great and sincere astonishment at the way the news of the Queen's death was received in the county town of Dolgelley. The feeling in the town was intense, deep, and sympathetic, and had been so for days. In all the Nonconformist chapels in the town sympathetic references to her Majesty's illness were made on Sunday, and especially on Monday evening; but not a word in reference to the late Queen's illness was uttered by the Rector of the Church of England, although several of the congregation expected to hear a word of sympathy towards her in her sad illness. When the news of her death came to the Rector, who has the sole control of the bells, which belong to the town, did not even order them to be muffled. The inhabitants of the town of Dolgelley cannot understand this seeming indifference of the Rector of the parish. LOYALIST.

SIR,—As an inhabitant of the good old town of Dolgelley, the county town of Merioneth, I should like to know the reason why the church bells were not tolled on the evening of the 22nd January. Some seven or eight months ago a muffled peal was tolled all one day, but the occasion of the death of our beloved Queen has been practically passed unnoticed. This must be an unique and exceptional incident. CHURCH BELLS.

SIR,—In no place in the wide realm over which her Majesty, our late Queen, held sway, was the sad intelligence of her passing beyond human recall received with more profound sorrow than by the inhabitants of Dolgelley. The news reached the town soon after 7 p.m. on Tuesday in the form of a telegram from the *Liverpool Echo* office, and this news, I am informed, was at once communicated to the Rector. People of all denominations, as well as churchmen, anxiously awaited the signal from the ancient church tower by passing bell or muffled peal, that would have conveyed in solemn form to all hearts, at least, a sad sympathy with the Royal family and respect for the memory of the illustrious and glorious dead. But no sign was given, the bells were mute, and by this act Dolgelley occupies the unenviable position of being the only county town in Great Britain which did not render this otherwise universal tribute of sorrow. Only at 9.30 on Wednesday morning, after all the private flags in the town had been hoisted at half-mast, there appeared on the church the national ensign. These facts have excited a considerable amount of comment and, I venture to suggest, with reason, especially as on ordinary days, saints' days, and Sundays, there is no lack of jangling of the bells. Whether the omission was the result of negligence or ignorance, it is one of those blunders that has excited the resentment of the loyal inhabitants of this town and of yours,

JOHN PROCTOR.

BUSINESS REMOVAL.—Mr. W. Greenleaf, Church Bell Hanger, formerly of Widemarsh Street, Hereford, has removed to Grove Road, in the same city.

QUIDENHAM (Norfolk).—On Monday, December 10th, at the church of St. Andrew, for practice, 1080 of Bob Minor, in 44 mins., with 25 bobs and 4 singles, without the bells coming round at the 720 end. W. Hensley, 1; J. Sage, 2; W. Kinger, 3; W. Kaylett, 4; W. Killington, 5; J. Woods (conductor), 6.

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Correspondence.

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To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

THE DEATH OF HER LATE MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA.

Sir,—May I venture to suggest that, as a means of taking their part and share in the period of National Mourning ordered out of respect to the memory of our late beloved Queen, ringers should abstain from all unnecessary ringing until Easter. Service ringing or chiming must, of course, be carried out as usual, but it would be a practical act of loyal self-denial on the part of the Exercise generally—to leave all Peal Ringing, at least, until Easter. The fact that we are now entering upon the season of Lent should add weight to my suggestion. E. DENNES,
Hon. Sec. Central Northants Association.

Wellington, Feb. 13th.

Sir,—Considering the great number of muffled peals rung to the honour of our late loved Queen, it has occurred to me that a complete collection would be esteemed by very many ringers, and would be a fitting manner of perpetuating the memory of one so noble and good. Almost every paper has issued specialities; and I feel certain that a Special Number containing all the peals rung would be readily purchased by hundreds of ringers. The financial part of the affair I do not understand, but I think if you mentioned it, you would soon get an opinion. JOHN F. PENNING.

MUFFLED PEALS—INFORMATION WANTED.

Sir,—I should like to ask the conductors of the various belfries where there is a peal of 8 or 10 bells, the way in which they have rung the bells at the death of our late Queen, also on the day and time of the funeral. There have been many different ways of ringing: some have rung as Mr. Palairt suggested in the daily paper, others have rung half-muffled; but there must be a correct way of ringing from first to last on these occasions. In many towers, as soon as the sad news was received, the minute bell was tolled for one hour, followed by a muffled peal, and in some cases an open peal afterwards for the King, and also for the Proclamation next morning. But is this the correct thing to do? Also on the following Sunday muffled peals were rung, half or fully muffled with the exception of the tenor, which was open at the back stroke. On the day of the funeral it seemed usual to toll the minute bell until 1 o'clock, followed by muffled peals for the rest part of the day. On the Sunday they were rung half-muffled, because the funeral was half over, but at the final interment only the minute bell was tolled. It has been very awkward to find out how to ring the bells, and I am sure it would greatly benefit ringers to know how they should have been rung, from first to last, and how long they should remain muffled after the funeral. E. WEATHERLEY.

Church Street, Market Drayton.

THE PEAL AT ST. MARY'S, TAUNTON.

Sir,—If "Scientific" will publish his name and address, I shall know who I have to educate. Otherwise, I shall treat his logic with that contempt which it deserves. J. BURGE.

THE WOBURN COMPANY.

This company was entertained recently at 20, Bedford Street by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Herbert. After an excellent collation had been done justice to, the company rang a course of Grand-sire Caters and a touch of Kent Treble Bob Royal on the hand-bells. Vocal and instrumental harmony prevailed until the wee sma' hours, and, before separating, hearty thanks were accorded to the host and hostess, as well as others who had contributed towards the evening's pleasure. The members present, in addition to the host, were: Messrs. Cyril and Ernest Herbert, S. Avis, M. Matthews, and W. Janes (Woburn); W. Chibnal (Woburn Sands); H. D. Harris (Husborne Crawley); M. Lane and W. Smith (Aspley Guise). The Rev. W. W. C. Baker (Ridgmont) was prevented by ill-health from attending.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West Districts.—The next meeting of the above will be held, by kind permission of the Rev. Dr. Oliver, at the church of St. Mary, Ealing, to-day, Saturday, February 16th. Ringing to commence at 4.30 p.m. Ringers and friends are cordially invited. The bells at Christ Church will be available from 3.30 till 5.30 p.m. C. EDWARDS, Hon. Dist. Sec. *Lampion, Hounslow.*

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—A general meeting will be held at Jarrow, to-day, Saturday, February 16th. The bells of Christ Church (6), and S. Peter (6), will be at the disposal of members from 1 p.m. Committee meeting at Ben Lomond hotel, at 4.15 p.m. Tea at same place 5 p.m. 1s. to members, 1s. 9d. to non-members.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, Hon. Sec. *Wylam-on-Tyne.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.—The monthly meeting and tea of the above branch will be held in the schoolroom, Lower Bebington, to-day, Saturday, February 16th, at 6 p.m. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 p.m. B. G. MACANDREW, Hon. Sec. *West Kirby.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Market Drayton to-day, Saturday, February 16th. Ringing at 2.45 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. J. MACKAY, Hon. Sec. *Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Newchurch to-day, Saturday, February 16th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. W. CASS, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Walton-on-the-Hill to-day, Saturday, February 16th. Bells ready at 4; tea at 5.30. Meeting at 6. C. A. CLEMENTS, Sec. *5, Marsden Road, Southport.*

The Sheffield District Society.—The next meeting of this Society will be held at Staveley, to-day, Saturday, February 16th, at 4 o'clock. R. HARRISON, Hon. Sec. *Blackmore Street, Sheffield.*

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting of the above (for ringing only), will be held at Walmer, to-day, Saturday, February 16th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. E. E. FOREMAN, Hon. Dist. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Maidstone to-day, Saturday, February 16th. The tower of All Saints will be open at 3 o'clock; committee meeting in the vestry at 4.30. Tea will be provided at Dawson's Restaurant, Bank Street, at 5.30 sharp. Members attending will be required to pay 3d. each towards the tea, as the 1s. per head allowed by the Association will not cover the expense. Half railway fares will be paid up to 2s. All subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at or before the meeting.

A. PALMER, Dis. Sec. *Knightbridge Street, Maidstone.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch

will take place on Monday, February 18th. Service in St. Mary's church at 7 p.m. Tea, meeting, and smoker at the Old Abbey Cafe, at 7.30. Tickets 1s. each. A. W. PIKE. *43, St. Bartholomew's Road, Reading.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Headingley (St. Michael's), on Saturday, February 23rd. Meeting-house, The Skyrack Inn. Bells at liberty till 9 p.m., business meeting 6.30. Handbells provided. All nominations for officers, as per rule 7, are due at this meeting. Will all members who have not paid their contributions kindly do so at once.

H. V. GAYTHORPE, Hon. Sec. *1, Elm Avenue, Bramley.*

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The anniversary Johnson Commemoration will be held on Saturday, March 2nd next. Ringing at St. Martin's from 3 to 5.30 p.m. Dinner will be served at the Old Royal Hotel, Temple Row, at 6.30 p.m., when Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart., will preside. Dinner Tickets free to qualified full subscribing members, and to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained by application not later than Wednesday, February 27th, to

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec. *61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.*

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Owing to the death of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, of Glorious Memory, it has been thought most fitting that, as a token of our loyal respect, the quarterly meeting arranged to take place at Earls Barton (by kind invitation of the Rev. R. R. Cobbold), on February 16th, should be postponed until later in the year. E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec. *Wellingborough.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The postponed quarterly meeting will be held at Greenwich on Saturday, February 23rd. Arrangements as previously announced. P. E. BEX, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Surrey Association.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at the Mission room, St. Peter's church, South Croydon, on Monday, February 25th. Bells raised at 3 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m.

CHAS. DEAN, Hon. Sec. *27, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.*

The Royal Cumberland Society.—No meeting will be held at the Chapel-of-Ease, Holloway, on Wednesday, February 20th. The next meeting will be held on the following Wednesday, February 27th.

A. JACOB, Hon. Sec. *10, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey.*

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at St. Margaret's Rochester, on Saturday, March 2nd. Tower open for ringing at 4.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 7 p.m. A. OSBORNE, Hon. Dist. Sec.

St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 2nd. Service in church at 5 p.m. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 p.m. W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec. *39, Vauxhall Street, Dudley.*

WALTHAM ABBEY (Essex).—On Saturday, December 15th, at the Abbey church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. R. Brown, 1; F. Carter, 2; G. Thurgood, 3; D. Tarling, 4; G. E. Pearce (conductor), 5; P. Colverd, 6; W. A. Alps (composer), 7; G. Cole, 8.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT GLOUCESTER.—Mr. Ernest E. Davis's 100 Peals.—London Surprise Major 1; Cambridge Surprise Major 8; Cambridge Surprise Royal 2; Superlative Surprise Major 3; Gloucester Surprise Major 3; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 11; Double Norwich Court Bob Caters 1; Double Oxford Bob Major 1; Treble Bob Maximus 1; Treble Bob Royal 4; Treble Bob Major 9; Bob Maximus 1; Bob Royal 4; Bob Major 16; Bob Triples 1; Stedman Caters 2; Stedman Triples 6; Grandsire Cinques 1; Grandsire Caters 5; Grandsire Triples 6; Canterbury Pleasure Major 1; Union Triples 1; Minor in five methods 3; Doubles in four methods 5.—Total 100. All Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association peals.

PENGE (Surrey).—On December 2nd, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, 720 Bob Minor. G. Wickens, 1; L. Wilson, 2; T. P. Richards, 3; J. Marshall, 4; E. Pobgee, 5; J. W. Battson (conductor), 6. On December 6th, 360 Bob Minor. S. Hopkins, 1; G. Wickens, 2; J. P. Richards 3; J. Marshall, 4; E. Pobgee, 5; J. W. Battson (conductor), 6. On December 13th, on the occasion of Mr. E. Edwards's 65th birthday, 720 Bob Minor. E. Edwards, 1; J. W. Battson, 2; T. P. Richards, 3; J. Marshall, 4; E. Pobgee, 5; G. Wickens, (conductor), 6.

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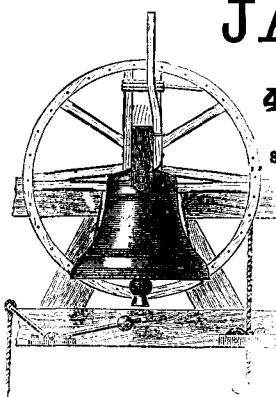
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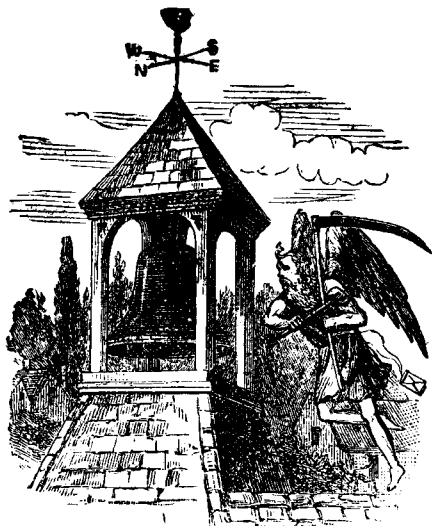
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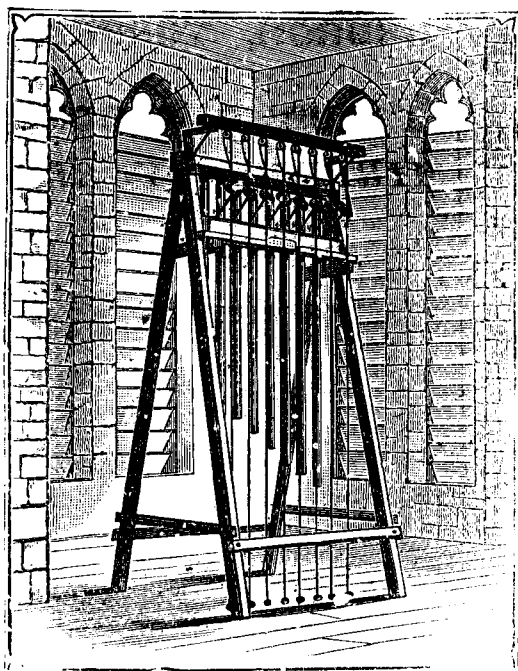
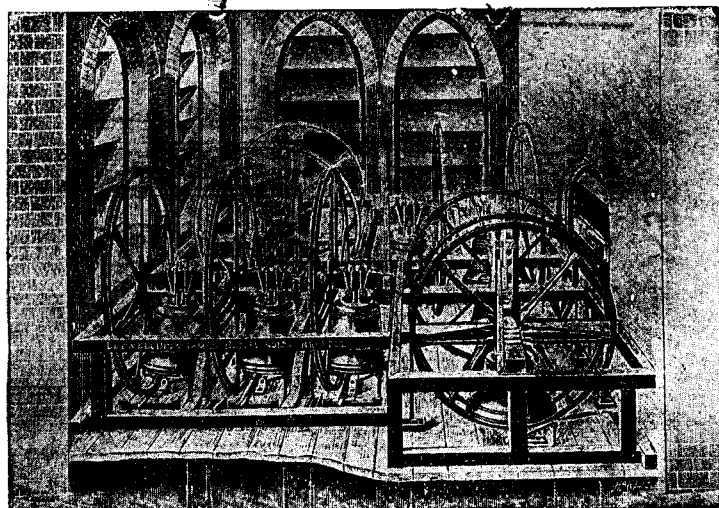
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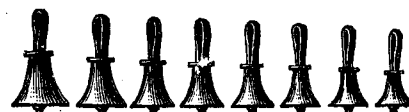
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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CENTRAL DIVISION.)

A Quarterly District Meeting, which was arranged for last October, but had to be postponed owing to illness near the church, came off at Crawley on Saturday, February 9th, and was attended by between thirty and forty members. The occasion was one of unusual interest, for it had been arranged that a handsome marble peal tablet given by the Association should be unveiled by the Rector of Crawley during the meeting, and which bore no ordinary record.

Shortly before the time appointed for tea, when the belfry was filled to its utmost limit, the Master of the Association (Mr. Geo. F. Attree) briefly remarked that he had on that occasion a most pleasant duty to perform, the event was unique in the history of the Association, and he felt that when a branch had accomplished so fine a performance as that recorded on the tablet that he was about to ask the Rector to unveil and accept from the Association, he was only giving honour where honour was due, for the performance up till now was an unsurpassed record in that method, and should it ever be beaten it would remain for all time as a performance one of the best.

The Rector (Rev. H. C. Barrett Lennard) then removed the Union Jack, and accepted the gift, remarking that he was proud to think that he had as ringers of his parish church so fine a band, and one able to do much good work, and he felt an extra interest in the tablet by the fact that the name of his late father was inscribed on it, he being also the late Rector of this church.

The inscription read out by the Rector ran as follows:—

The Sussex County Association of Change-Ringers. On Wednesday, December 26th, 1894, in 5 hrs. 20 mins., was rung in this tower by eight members of the Crawley Branch, a true peal of Superlative Surprise Major, 9312 changes. Tenor 13½ cwt. Edwin Jordan, *Treble*; John Rice, 2; Alfred D. Mills, 3; William Ward, 4; Frederick Dench, 5; Robert Jordan, 6; James Parker, 7; Frederick W. Rice, *Tenor*. Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and Conducted by James Parker. The above is the longest peal yet composed and rung in the method. J. B. Lennard, Rector. J. O. Conlan, C. B. Calfyn, churchwardens.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a plain course of Superlative was tapped off.

Tea was held at the Northgate Coffee Rooms, the Rector presiding, supported by the Master, Mr. J. O. Conlan, churchwarden, Mr. A. B. Bennett, Hon. Secretary, Mr. N. Boswell, and Mr. G. Williams, Hon. Div. Secretary, etc., thirty-three in all sitting down, representing the towers of Brighton (St. Peter's), Lindfield, Balcombe, Horley, East Grinstead, Midhurst and Crawley, also Messrs. G. Thompson and E. Dewey, of Reigate, life ringing members.

The usual short business meeting followed. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and passed the following additional members were elected: Messrs. A. Huggett, T. Tullett, J. Gleed and S. Chesson, active members of East Grinstead band, T. Jeffries and J. Sharp, active members, to St. Peter's, Brighton, band, G. Clayton Newington Esq., churchwarden of Balcombe, as an

honorary member, and the Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. B. Bennett, as a life member. The place and date to attempt the next quarterly peal in this Division was then discussed. Mr. Williams explained that this peal should have been attempted three months previous, but owing to this meeting having been postponed from October 26th last year it was left over.

It was then proposed by Mr. J. Rice, seconded by Mr. J. Gasson, that this peal should be attempted at Lindfield on Saturday, February 16th. Carried unanimously.

Mr. A. B. Bennett then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for granting the use of the bells, for presiding at the tea and meeting, also for his kindness and interest shewn in connection with the very interesting ceremony of unveiling the peal tablet in his tower that afternoon. He also thanked Mr. Churchwarden Conlan for his kind remarks of welcome to those present.

The Rector and Mr. Conlan suitably responded.

A surprise was in store for those who were present at the tea when Mr. N. Boswell (a local gentleman who takes a great interest in church work at Crawley) rose to address the meeting. He heartily welcomed the members of the Sussex Association to Crawley; he also felt very proud of the ability of the Crawley branch in what they had achieved in the past, the truth of which the record on the tablet which the Rector had unveiled that afternoon would testify. He would like to urge and encourage them to still do better, not only by weekly practices and peal performances, but for the Sunday services as well; and then he for one would be only too pleased to double his contribution to the band at the end of the year. And to show the members of the Association present that day how pleased they were to see them, he, in conjunction with the Rector, would, if they would allow, defray the expenses of the tea.

The Master, on behalf of those present, thanked Mr. Boswell for his very kind and practical remarks, and to him and the Rector for their kind hospitality.

The tower was again visited, and touches in various methods brought round, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major.

On the original date (October 26th) fixed for this meeting arrangements to attempt a peal of Superlative was made by the long peal band to commemorate the unveiling of the tablet, but on Saturday last it was found impossible to do so, the conductor of the long peal—Mr. J. Parker—having been ill for several weeks (but we are glad to hear is progressing towards recovery). A peal had therefore been arranged by Mr. J. Rice, the local Secretary, for the following day, Sunday, with the result that a good peal was brought round before the evening service. A 5056 composed by Mr. Parker was thought a fitting selection to commemorate the unveiling of this peal-tablet recording 9312 Superlative Surprise Major rang by the Crawley band on December 26th, 1894.

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The President proposed "That this general meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association shall record in the minutes of its proceedings the sincere and heartfelt regret of the members on the occasion of the decease of Her Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, and their sympathy with the King and the Royal Family in their bereavement."

This was carried in silence.

The President remarked that three muffled peals had been rung to the late Queen's memory, one of Stedman Caters at Newcastle Cathedral, Superlative Surprise at Hexham, and six Minor methods at Whitley.

Mr. Story proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded the Vicars and wardens of the churches in Jarrow for the use of their bells.

The Rev. G. Pybus responded. He said he was glad to hear some talk of 5000 changes being rung on Christ Church bells. He would be glad to grant the use of them on that occasion too.

The chairman mentioned that a new peal-tablet was to be placed in the tower of Gosforth church, and that he himself had undertaken the teaching of the new band. Also that the newly re-hung bells of Sunderland parish church were to be formerly opened on or about March 2nd, and the association had been invited to attend through the kindly hospitality of the Vicar, the Rev. T. Randell. Mr. Story also said a new peal of ten was in course of erection in the tower of Christ Church, West Hartlepool.

Several new members were elected, among whom were the following honorary members: the Revs. G. Pybus and J. M. E. Cooke, and Richard Clayton and Musgrove Ridley, esqs., of Wylam-on-Tyne. Several courses on the handbells were afterwards rung and a successful meeting closed.

A RINGER'S DINNER AND SOCIAL.

The ringers living within the Epping Forest district of Essex held their second annual dinner and social at The White Hart, Woodford, on Saturday, February 9th. Representatives of the towers of Chigwell, Leytonstone, Loughton, Wanstead, and Woodford were present to the number of about forty, under the presidency of Mr. A. J. Brown, churchwarden of Woodford. Host Finke put on the table a dinner worthy of his reputation, not the least admirable part of it being the service; so smoothly did everything work that one had only to study the menu, and order his own especial fancy and there it was before him.

But eating takes away one's appetite, and soon the murmur of voices showed that the repast was over. Adjourning to an adjacent room the social part of the programme was opened by the chairman giving "State and Church." At the conclusion of his remarks all joined in the National Anthem. How strange the alterations strike one at present. The "Navy, Army, and Auxiliary Forces" was the next toast, and to such a prominence has our forces been before the public for the past year-and-a-half that both the proposer, Mr. Fox and the responder Mr. Withers, had an easy task. Between those two speeches the

Woodford handbell ringers gave us "Tommy Atkins," and Mr. F. Noble sang "The Blind Boy." "Sailing," by Mr. Carter, was well received, following which came a choice selection by the "Chigwell handbell ringers." Mr. Yates followed with "Tableaux Vivants," and later gave us "Slap Dab," both comings being well rendered. Messrs. Wightman, Bacon, Keeble, Mardell, Moule, Doran, and Miller expounded change-ringing in touches of Grandsire Caters, Triples, and Treble Bob Major.

"The Ringing Societies" was proposed by Mr. W. Doran, and some of his remarks of a 26 years' experience of the district were well worth listening to. Before the captains of the various towers responded, Mr. Shuttle gave us "A Soldier and a Man," and Mr. Bacon "The Powder Monkey." The host of the chairman was the last two toasts on the lists, and in reply to the latter that worthy gentleman said how pleased he had been to preside over such a genial company, and trusted that as soon as the peal of six at Woodford were out of the bellhangers' hands (Mears and Stainbank are quarter turning, re-hanging and strengthening frame, their predecessors having cast and hung them 183 years ago), that as many as possible would come for a good pull. The duties of pianist were well carried out by Master Wallace, who for one so young showed a skill far beyond his years.

RAWTENSTALL, LANCASHIRE.

The ringers of St. Mary's parish church, along with their wives and sweethearts, mustered together on Saturday, February 9th, to commemorate the peal rung in memoriam of our Queen. The meeting place was The Central restaurant, kept by Mr. W. Taylor, who provided an excellent tea, consisting of veal and rabbit pies, hot joints of beef, mutton, and pork, the tables being tastefully set out with all possible sweetmeats of the confectionery art. After a good number of changes had been rung, the conductor looked round with the hope of calling "that's all," but found that the "treble man" had still a few "bobs" and "dodges" to make with the veal and rabbit pies, and although all eyes were now fixed upon him, he still continued his "excellent striking" on all the things round the table. (In fairness it must be stated he arrived a trifle late.)

The Vicar (Rev. D. S. Johnson) was present at the tea, and opened the after proceedings with a neat little speech, thanking the ringers for their kind hospitality, and hoping they would spend a pleasant evening, left to attend to other business in connection with the parish. An excellent programme was arranged including games and dancing. Mr. J. Greenwood sang "John Bull," "The British Navy," and "Here we are again," etc., in fine style, whilst Mr. A. Newman convulsed the party with his comic songs, "I wonder why," "Couldn't help it," and "A thing which he had never done before." A recitation, entitled "Queen of the May," by Master W. Smith was much appreciated. Songs were also rendered by Messrs. J. H. Nuttall and George and John Hargreaves. The pleasant evening was brought to a close about 11 o'clock by singing the National Anthem.

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The Annual Dinner, postponed from the usual date owing to the death of Her late Majesty the Queen, was held at the Lowther Hotel. An excellent dinner was provided by Mr. Breed, one of the York Minster band of ringers. Mr. Cundall took the chair, and Mr. W. H. Howard the vice-chair. The toast-list included "The King," with the National Anthem; "The Archbishop, Dean and Chapter"; "The Army and Navy," responded to by ex-Corporal Breed; "The Donors"; "The Visitors," responded to by Mr. R. Thompson, an ex-Minster ringer; "The Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers," responded to by Mr. Howard, senior vice-president; "The Press" (including the ringers' paper, "The Bell News"), and "The Host and Hostess." The toast-list was interspersed by songs by Messrs. Earnshaw, Breed, Howard, Goodall and Worth; and tunes and changes on the handbells by the members of the company helped, by which a very pleasant evening was passed. Mr. Goodall presided at the piano.—*York Evening Press*.

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On Monday last several members of the St. Margaret's Society were at the kind invitation of the Rector, the Rev. Canon Hensley Henson, entertained at supper at the Rectory. The Rector presided and was supported the Rev. Jocelyn Perkins (Minor Canon of Westminster), and also by the Rev. S. Kirshbaum (senior curate of Margaret's). After having partaken of the good things provided, the Rector in a few well chosen words made a touching reference to the lamented death of our good and beloved Queen Victoria; after which the toast, "The health of their Majesties King Edward and Queen Alexandra" was drunk with enthusiasm. The famous weed and pipe were freely indulged in, and several members of the company, viz., Messrs. W. Baron, Fraser, Shepherd, and Irish contributed songs. A hearty vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Hardy and seconded by Mr. Irish was accorded the Rector for the very kind manner in which he had met those present, and for the hospitable way he had provided for them that evening. The Rector replied saying that he appreciated the services of the ringers just as much as he did the services of others connected with the church, and hoped that they would always not only look upon the ringing as a pleasure but also as a part and parcel of God's service. He could only say that it had given him much pleasure to meet them that evening. On leaving the Rector very kindly presented each of the ringers with a copy of the sermon which he preached in Westminster Abbey, the Sunday after the death of Queen Victoria. C. J. I.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SIR,—Seeing the low ebb at which the above association had got as to peal ringing during the past year, I feel assured that a better result can be obtained for this present year. Therefore, if members who are interested in peal ringing will let me have their names and addresses at their earliest opportunity, I will arrange for peals to be rang at all the church towers in the diocese with eight bells, so that all may have an opportunity of an attempt. FREDK. ATWELL.

A REQUEST, ETC.

SIR,—I do not think I wrote so indistinctly as to justify your compositor in mistaking the word "seventeen" for "secretaries," in the last paragraph of the account of the Leiston meeting.

I also wish to point out that the church tower of Aldermaston, Berks., is not affiliated to the Norwich Diocesan Association, but to the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

May I take this opportunity of asking Mr. J. R. Pritchard (whose address I have lost), to send to me his collection of peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques. H. EARLE BULWER.

AN OLD BOOK.

SIR,—I have by me a book on ringing entitled "New Campanalogia; or a Key to the Art of Ringing, by William Jones, John Reeves, and Thomas Blakemore," on a rather elaborate title-page. I should be pleased if you or any of your readers could inform me whether it was published before the *Clavis Campanalogia* or after, and whether there are many copies of the book in existence. The book I have is in a very fair state of preservation except a leaf or two lost at the end; the last page is 274. From a footnote in the reprint of the *Clavis*, page 386, I fancied it must have been published previous to that work, only the book mentioned there is called the old *Campanalogia*. WILLIAM PEARSON.

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THE ST. MARY ABBOTS (KENSINGTON) GUILD.

The Annual Dinner of the above Guild took place on Thursday, February 14th, at St. Mary Abbots Club, Mr. R. A. Daniell in the chair.

After the chairman had given the toasts of "The King and Queen Consort," and "The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York," he gave "Prosperity to the Church of England" in a very able speech, in which he referred to some correspondents in "THE BELL NEWS," who to his surprise, had appeared to doubt whether he was even a churchman. He said that what he meant in his correspondence was, that a man did not go to church merely because he was a bell-ringer, or to learn bell-ringing, but for the reason which applies to all churchmen whether ringers or not.

The Vicar, the Rev. Canon Pennefather, replied in a felicitous speech, in the course of which he expressed his appreciation of the work done for the church of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, by the members of the St. Mary Abbots Ringing Guild.

A vote of thanks was then passed to Messrs. Garrard and Fox (instructor of the Guild and steeplekeeper respectively). These gentlemen replied in a few well-chosen words, Mr. Garrard giving an account of the past year's work, which was highly gratifying.

A vote of thanks was also passed to Mr. Archibald Harris, who had presented a board recording the first peal of Stedman Triples rung by the Guild.

Business was then proceeded with. During the evening a touch of Grandsire Triples and a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells were rung by R. A. Daniell, H. G. Miles, J. Judd, W. E. Judd, W. E. Garrard, A. F. Harris and W. Fox. A selection of songs terminated an interesting and enjoyable meeting.

Obituary.

HARRY G. MARTIN.

It is with great regret that we have to record the death of the above-named member of St. Peter's Society, Tunbridge Wells, which took place on Monday, February 4th, after a long illness of several weeks' duration, at the early age of 21 years. Deceased commenced to learn ringing in 1898, and made remarkable progress in change-ringing, he having mastered Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. He rang his first and only peal on October 9th, 1900, at St. Peter's church, being a peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. T. Groombridge of Sevenoaks. He had been in several other attempts for peals and it was not his fault that more of them were not successful. He was a regular attendant at both the weekly practices and Sunday ringing, and this combined with his bright cheerful disposition made him a general favourite with his brother ringers, and his death causes a blank that will not easily be filled. He was interred at the Borough cemetery on Saturday, February 9th. The Vicar of St. Peter's officiated. The rev. gentleman, who was very much affected, gave a short address at the grave side. Owing to a district meeting of the Kent County Association being held at Staplehurst on that day several of the ringers who had intended to be present were unable to do so, but they were represented by one of their number (Mr. H. Porter), and they also sent a beautiful wreath with a suitable inscription. On Thursday, February 7th, and also on Sunday, February 10th, for both morning and evening services the members rang the usual whole pull and stand twenty-one times with the bells deeply muffled, and on Tuesday, February 12th, a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted as a last mark of respect to his memory, but unfortunately came to grief about thirty-five minutes' excellent ringing. Deceased was a member of the Kent County Association, he having been elected on January 28th, 1899. W. L.

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The following touches have been rung with muffled bells as marks of love and loyalty to Her late Majesty Queen Victoria:—

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

BRAMLEY (Yorkshire).—On Tuesday evening, January 29th, a date touch, 1901 changes, in 1 hour 9 mins. 101 Kent, 240 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, City Delight, College Pleasure, Tanner's Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, and Violet, and 120 of Oxford. S. Helliwell, W. Brown, J. W. Chadwick, H. Gaythorpe (conductor), E. Newton, E. Renshaw.

DONCASTER (Yorks).—On Saturday, February 2nd, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples. H. Fevre, H. G. Wilson, G. Halksworth, H. Marwood (composer and conductor), C. Scott, C. Armitage, R. Bayles, W. Howard. Tenor 30 cwt.

Miscellaneous Touches.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Wednesday, January 23rd, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, Waterloo Road, the usual whole pull and stand. T. Langdon, C. E. Malim, W. R. Crockford, F. G. Perrin, F. J. Shepherd, H. Langdon, E. H. Oxenham, W. Longley. Afterwards touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Stedman were rung, with W. Shepherd standing in. On Monday, January 28th, at St. John's, Vassal Road, Brixton, the following muffled touches were rung: 336 Grandsire Triples. G. Wild, A. Hardy, F. G. Perrin, W. Shepherd, F. J. Shepherd (conductor), T. Langdon, E. H. Oxenham, W. Longley. 308 Grandsire Triples. W. Longley, G. Wild, F. G. Perrin, E. H. Oxenham, W. Shepherd, F. J. Shepherd, T. Langdon (conductor), A. Hardy.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—On Thursday, January 31st, at the church of St. Nicholas with St. Leonard, 1137 Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. A. Lewton, V. O'Brien, F. Leaker, A. Stowell, J. Richmond, F. G. May (conductor), W. Stowell, W. Bevan.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TETTENHALL (Staffs).—On Wednesday, Jan. 23rd, Sunday, Jan. 27th, for both morning and evening service, and on Saturday, Feb. 2nd, before and after service, 720s of Grandsire Minor were rung. E. A. Worboys, B. Dalton, jun., E. Genna, J. Rowe, W. Butler, G. Burrows (conductor).

BLOXWICH (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, January 23rd, 630 Grandsire Triples. E. J. Stafford, J. C. Adams (conductor), A. Painter, J. Birch, A. Turley, F. Edwards, J. Elton, R. W. Frost. Composed by T. Collinson. Also a quarter-peal in the same method in 44 mins. E. J. Stafford, F. Edwards, J. Birch, A. Painter, J. C. Adams (conductor), A. Turley, J. Elton, R. W. Frost. On Saturday, February 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. A. Painter, W. Barton, F. Edwards, A. Turley, J. Birch, J. C. Adams (conductor), J. Elton, R. W. Frost. Composed by J. S. Goldsmith.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Saturday, February 2nd, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. J. Judd, W. Fuller, R. Botting, W. H. Judd, J. Ansell, W. H. Street, G. Huggett (conductor), J. Short.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Wednesday evening, January 23rd, on the death of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, the bells were rung muffled with the usual whole pull and stand, and afterwards some Grandsire Doubles. Also on the following Sunday, for morning and evening services, the bells were rung muffled, and

also before and after the memorial service on Saturday, and in the evening an attempt was made for a peal of several different Treble Bob methods, but unfortunately one of the muffles came off after ringing two 700s, and the conductor called stand. M. Jenkins, J. Akehurst, E. Jordan, F. Tullett, C. Taylor, D. Jordan (conductor).

MERROW (Surrey).—On Tuesday, January 22nd, the knell was tolled for three-quarters of an hour, followed by six 6-scores of Grandsire Triples, in 26 mins. H. Mason (first 6-score), G. Nichols, W. H. Tunnell, E. Watkins, A. J. Boniface (conductor), J. Gilbert. Each 6-score was called differently. Also on Saturday and Sunday, February 2nd and 3rd, several 6-scores with A. Chuter, 1; the rest as before.

PORTSEA.—On Sunday evening, Jan. 27th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 49 mins. by the following members of the local band. P. M. Hannan, J. Harper, E. C. Newman, J. J. Symons (conductor), J. T. Matthews, J. Harris, F. S. Bayley, H. C. Ingram. On Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 620 Grandsire Triples. W. Cramb, J. Harper, P. M. Hannan, A. C. Collins, J. T. Matthews, J. J. Symons (conductor), E. C. Newman, H. C. Ingram. Also 504 Stedman Triples for the same service, as follows: J. Harper, P. M. Hannan, J. J. Symons, A. C. Collins, E. C. Newman, J. Harris, F. S. Bayley (conductor), J. T. Matthews. On Sunday morning, Feb. 2nd, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples, as follows: J. Harper, C. Groves, J. Harris, J. J. Symons, J. T. Matthews, P. M. Hannan, E. C. Newman (conductor), H. C. Ingram. Also on Sunday afternoon, for special service for men, containing the 2nd Hampshire Volunteers and members of various Friendly Societies, 511 Grandsire Triples were rung as follows: W. Cramb, J. J. Symons (conductor), C. Groves, J. Harper, J. T. Matthews, P. M. Hannan, E. C. Newman, H. C. Ingram. Also for evening Divine Service, 336 Grandsire Triples, as follows: W. Cramb, P. M. Hannan, J. Harper, J. J. Symons (conductor), J. F. Matthews, A. C. Collins, E. C. Newman, H. C. Ingrams.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ARMLEY (Yorkshire).—On Saturday, February 2nd, at Christ Church, for "In memoriam" service in connection with the late Queen Victoria's funeral, 720 Oxford. J. Peacock, W. Walker, J. Hey, Jno. Thackray, M. Broadbent, J. Heckingbottom. On Sunday, February 3rd, for morning service, 720 Woodbine. J. Peacock, W. Walker (first 720 in the method), Jno. Thackray, the rest as before. Also for evening service, 240 Oxford. W. Walker, J. Peacock, C. Taylor, Jos. Thackray, Jno. Thackray, J. Heckingbottom. Also 360 Violet. J. Peacock, 1; W. Walker, 2; M. Broadbent, 5; the others as before. With the exception of the 240 Oxford, all the above were conducted by W. Walker, the Violet being the first in the method by C. Taylor.

HORBURY.—On Saturday, Feb. 10th, for evening service, a date touch of Bob Major in 1 hr. 8 mins. W. H. Giggie, E. Brooke, G. Barstow, J. Woffenden, G. F. Pickles, J. Smith, G. Hunt (conductor), E. Carr. Tenor, 12 cwt.

LIGHTCLIFFE (Yorkshire).—On Saturday, February 2nd, at St. Matthew's church, 2592 of Kent Treble Bob Major, 81 leads, corresponding with the age of the late Queen Victoria, in 1 hour and 40 mins. W. Reeds, F. W. Bradley, J. Lawson, E. Barber, A. Jagger, W. Sherwood, T. H. Geldar, E. Williamson (conductor). Composed by A. Sykes, Huddersfield. Tenor 20 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GILLINGHAM.—On Saturday, February 2nd, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. All went well until the tenth course was reached, when a loud knocking at the belfry door brought it to an end. W. Easter, W. Bate, W. Hollier, C. Winsor, F. Hayes, L. Silver, W. Evans, W. Haigh (conductor).

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PEASENHALL (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 2nd, a touch of Plain Bob Minor. J. Mills, W. Bacon, H. Last, F. Rodwell, E. Rowe, W. Nichols. On Sunday, February 3rd, for morning service, 240 Plain Bob. Also for evening service, 720 Violet Treble Bob. H. Last, W. Bacon, A. Friend, E. Mills, E. Rowe, W. Nichols. All conducted by W. Nichols.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WATTHAMSTOW.—On Monday, February 4th, at St. Saviour's church, a start was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but a change-course occurring, and time not permitting a fresh start, a quarter-peal of Stedman was rung. W. B. Manning (conductor), F. Perrin, A. Coles, G. B. Lucas, E. D. Lillywhite, R. Elliott, F. Hull, C. Lyus.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BUCKNALL.—On Sunday, Jan. 27th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Ely Surprise. W. Twigg (conductor), W. Wheeldon, J. Preston, D. Preston, G. Hobbs, C. Preston. On Saturday, Feb. 2nd, for the Memorial Service held in memory of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, 720 City Delight, and after the service, 720 London Treble Bob. G. Hobbs, D. Preston, J. Preston, G. Clarkson, W. Twigg, C. Preston (conductor). On Sunday, Feb. 3rd, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 changes, being 240 each of London, City Delight, and Killamarsh Treble Bob, and for evening service, 940 changes, being 240 each of College Exercise, College Pleasure, Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob. W. Wheeldon 5th, the rest as before.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—On Sunday, January 27th, a course of Grandsire Caters. W. Spiby, T. Gillett, J. W. Barnes, E. J. Gale, C. Dalby, C. R. Lilley, W. James, J. Goodacre, R. H. Bartram, R. Young. For evening service 1134 Bob Triples. This touch consists of eighty-one leads, corresponding with the number of years of age of Queen Victoria. W. Spiby, J. W. Barnes, E. J. Gale, W. James, C. R. Lilley (conductor), C. Dalby, R. H. Bartram, R. Young.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Sunday, February 3rd, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Flinders, J. Hickman, F. Johnson, E. Hughes, G. Middleton, G. H. Johnson, H. R. Cobbin (conductor), V. Colton.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday, January 27th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. J. Cast, E. G. Fenn, J. Cottis (first with a bob bell), R. Fenn, G. W. Faulkner, A. J. T. Carter, C. Fenn (conductor), E. A. Davies. Composed by A. C. Hardy. On Saturday, February 2nd, for the memorial service, 168 Grandsire Triples, and three courses of Bob Major; after service, the whole pull and stand. In the evening, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, which came to an end after 2 hours and 35 mins. through a change-course.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM.—On Saturday, February 2nd, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Caters, but after ringing 2628 changes, in 1 hour 51 mins., the ringers were stopped, owing to the indisposition of Mrs. Crieghton, of Fulham Palace. W. Charge, E. Arthurton, F. G. Perrin, J. Aldridge, W. Pickworth, G. Thrussell, W. T. Elson (composer and conductor), C. Charge, R. Charge, S. How.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HELMESHORE (Lancashire).—On Wednesday, January 23rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. On Friday, January 25th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. On Sunday, January 27th, 594 Stedman Triples and 511 Darlaston Triples. On Tuesday, January 29th, 672 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. On Saturday, February 2nd, 360 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Woodbine. On Sunday, February 3rd, 560 Double Norwich and 720 Duke of York. The ringers taking part were: H. Steff, T. P. Brandwood, J. Foster, J. H. Entwistle, J. Banks, R. Wallwork, W. Haslam, T. Wallwork and J. H. Banks. R. Wallwork and J. H. Banks were the conductors.

BELFAST.—The following touches have been rung at St. Thomas' church: On Tuesday, January 22nd, 720 Bob Minor in 45 mins. On January 23rd, 25th, and 26th different touches of Bob Minor. For the memorial service on Saturday, February 2nd, a touch of 400 was rung. For evening service on Sunday,

February 8rd, 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins. R. J. Walsh, D. V. Crossley, A. McNeil, F. McNeil, N. Jackson (conductor), J. H. B. Hesse, J. Patterson, A. Crossley. Rung on the front six with 6-8 behind.

BIRCHINGTON (Kent).—On Saturday, February 2nd, at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing upwards of 3000 changes in 1 hr. 58 mins. A. Pointer, L. Willshire, A. H. Sayer, B. Reed, R. Wilson, A. Saxby, G. Willshire (conductor), T. Lees.

BUNGAY (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 2nd, before a memorial service at St. Mary's Church, 700 Grandsire Triples, W. Spalding, I. Folkard, F. Hembling, W. Kelgate, E. Lincoln, C. Woods, R. Baker (conductor), A. Williams. And after service 1316 in the same method by the same band.

DONCASTER (Yorks).—On Saturday, February 2nd, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. H. Fevre, C. Scott, G. Halksworth, H. Marwood (conductor), H. Brock, C. Armitage, H. S. Wilson, S. Holmes.

EDMONTON (Middlesex).—On Saturday, February 2nd, at All Saints church, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples which came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 20 mins. owing to a change-course. On Sunday, February 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 43 mins. A. W. Darlington, J. Waghorn, P. J. Darlington, R. Goodchild, W. Bennett, J. Parker (conductor), W. Ward, W. Anderson.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—On Saturday, February 2nd, at All Saints church, 1134 Oxford Bob Triples. J. S. Strutt, J. Wright, A. Strutt, G. Strutt, J. Strutt, J. Baldwin, J. Howes (composer and conductor), J. Chandler. This touch contains eighty-one leads. On Sunday, February 3rd, 924 Oxford Bob Triples. G. Naish, J. Wright, A. Strutt, G. Strutt, H. G. Naish, J. Baldwin, J. Howes (conductor), J. Chandler.

LONDON.—On Saturday, February 2nd, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, after the usual whole full and stand had been rung, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Deer, H. Green, W. H. Smith, E. Clements, T. H. Taffender (conductor), W. Humberston, F. Clements, W. Cobbett. This is the longest touch rung by an entire local band.

PRESTWICH (Lancashire).—On the reception of the sad news of the death of the Queen the local company rang the bells deeply-muffled. On the following Sunday, with the tenor open at backstroke, and on the day of the funeral the bells were rung in the same position. On Tuesday, February 5th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. J. Gratrix, A. Percival, J. Brooks, W. Stevens (conductor), H. Percival, J. Heywood.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Sunday evening, January 27th, at St. Andrew's church, 503 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, R. Watson, J. B. Fenton, J. Coales, A. Bramall, J. George (conductor), T. Holmes, W. West. On Saturday morning, February 2nd, 952 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, R. Watson, A. J. Gillings, G. Petrie, A. Bramall, A. Dubber, J. George (conductor), T. Holmes. On Saturday, February 2nd, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 2352 changes in 1 hr. 30 mins. the conductor called "stand" at the desire of the authorities in consequence of a service being held in the same church. A. Coleman, R. Watson, J. B. Fenton, A. J. Gillings, G. Petrie, J. George (conductor), A. Dubber, J. W. Shotton. Composed by J. Carter.

RUSHDEN (Northants).—On Saturday, February 2nd, 720 Bob Minor. J. Bailey, J. Baker, W. Hall (conductor), H. Clayton, W. Lowe, L. Chapman. Also 720 College Single. J. Bailey, L. Chapman, C. Green, W. Hall (conductor), W. Lowe, H. Clayton. Also 360 Bob Minor. J. Bailey, L. Chapman, C. Green, H. Clayton, W. Lowe, W. Hall (conductor). And 360 Oxford Bob. H. Clayton, J. Baker, W. Hall (conductor), C. Green, W. Lowe, L. Chapman.

TWICKESBURY.—On Saturday, February 2nd, at the Abbey, the touch before the service consisted of 980 Grandsire Triples, composed and conducted by Jos. Wathen. A 504 was also rung after the service in the same method by W. Hampton, W. E. E. Wathen, J. Wathen, S. Cleal, Jno. Hale, T. Devereux, E. Wallis, Wm. Haines, A. Bloxham.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1901.

THE whole of the peals rung with the bells muffled in honour of our deceased Queen, have including those in the present number, now been published. This week we give the reports of two pages of muffled touches for the same object. Perhaps it is hardly necessary to point out that there are a great many more to follow. All these will appear in due time.

The season of Lent is now with us, and it is to be supposed that peal performances will in many quarters halt for a while. The respected Honorary Secretary of the Central Northamptonshire Association made last week a very pertinent suggestion in connection with this and the Queen's decease. No doubt it would have been very appropriate to the fitness of things, and agreeable to a great many minds, that for a time no peals, except muffled peals, should have been rung. Of course like everything else sublunary, opinions on this would differ. But the suggestion was wise, notwithstanding.

The Metropolis.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

On Saturday, February 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5600 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN N. OXBORROW Treble.	HARRY R. PASMORE 5.
WILLIAM H. PASMORE 2.	JOHN W. GOLDING 6.
HENRY S. ELLIS 3.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE 7.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS 4.	HENRY R. NEWTON Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.
This is the first time the Extent has been rung in London

THE KENT AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

On Thursday, February 14, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BERMONDSEY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADR Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	ERNEST PYE 7.
JOHN R. SHARMAN 3.	WILLIAM BERRY 8.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4.	HARRY FLANDERS 9.
BERTRAM PREWETT 5.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
Rung on the occasion of the birthday of J. Porter, Esq., churchwarden, also on the 90th birthday of J. Flanders, father of the ringer of the 9th. This composition has the 5th and 6th their extent in 6th place, and the 2nd or 3rd never there, and is now rung for the first time.

The Provinces.**HALE MAGNA, LINCOLNSHIRE.****THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(NORTHERN BRANCH).

On Wednesday, February 6th, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six 720s of Kent and one 720 Bob Minor.

ROBERT W. WILKINSON*..Treble.	JOHN W. WOOD 4.
WALTER H. WOOD† 2.	JOHN R. GREEN 5.
THOMAS B. WOOD 3.	WILLIAM DICKINSON Tenor.

Conducted by W. DICKENSON.

*First peal, and was elected a member of the Guild before starting. †First with a bob bell.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, January 10, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s of Bob Minor, each called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt.

HENRY BASKETT Treble.	WILLIAM SAWYER 4.
ALDERMAN LING 2.	ROBERT SMY 5.
GEORGE SAVAGE 3.	HENRY PUTTOCK Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY PUTTOCK.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION AND
THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, KIDDERMINSTER.**

On Wednesday, February 13, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

JOHN ADDLETON* Treble.	JOHN SMITH 5.
ERNEST C. HUNT 2.	THOMAS R. BENNETT 6.
NOAH DAVIS 3.	JOHN CRANE 7.
WILLIAM H. SMITH 4.	RICHARD E. GROVE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by RICHARD E. GROVE.

*First peal

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, February 16, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS PEERS Treble.	HENRY SHUKER 5.
WILLIAM LEVER 2.	TITUS BARLOW 6.
JOSEPH LOWE 3.	JOSEPH POTTER 7.
ALFRED POTTER 4.	JOHN POTTER Tenor.

Composed by EDWARD TIMBRELL, of Chipping, and
Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, February 16, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

Tenor, 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

FREDERICK PALMER Treble.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER 5.
JAMES HOUGHTON, jun. 2.	WALTER PERKINS 6.
JOHN J. MAWBY 3.	JAMES GARRATT 7.
WILLIAM PETTIT 4.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW and Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

The composition was taken from the Appendix for 1895, 3rd peal on page 105.

HORBURY, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 16, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR A. FOTHERGILL* Treble.	GEORGE F. PICKLES 5.
ELI BROOKE 2.	*JAMES SMITH 6.
HERBERT ROWLEY 3.	†GEORGE HUNT 7.
JAMES WOFFENDON* 4.	*ERNEST CARR Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by GEORGE HUNT.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. First peal in the method by all.

BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS PEERS Treble.	WILLIAM LEVER 5.
JOSEPH POTTER 2.	HENRY SHUKER 6.
ALFRED POTTER 3.	JOHN POTTER 7.
TITUS BARLOW 4.	PETER NUTTALL Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

First peal in the method by Messrs. Shuker and Nuttall. This is the conductor's fiftieth peal, reference to which will be found on another page.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, February 16, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lbs.

FREDERICK W. RICE Treble.	JOHN RICE 5.
HENRY STALHAM 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
GEORGE TOMSETT† 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
EDWARD DEWEY 4.	*EDMUND PATCHING Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

†First peal with a bob bell. *First peal

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, February 16, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER J. SMITH* Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS 5.
WILLIAM PYE 2.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	† EDWIN BARNETT Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

*First peal of Cambridge. †First peal with a bob bell.

WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 16, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble.	THOMAS W. RADFORD 5.
GEORGE FOSTER 2.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE 6.
JOHN J. JONES 3.	JAMES HUNT 7.
JOHN H. GRUNDY 4.	BENJAMIN B. WICKENS Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(BURTON-ON-TRENT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 16, 1901, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

WALTER CANNER Treble.	JOHN BENSTEAD 5.
JAMES MOORHOUSE† 2.	EDWARD I. STONE 6.
WILLIAM J. SMITH 3.	GEORGE ROBINSON 7.
JOSEPH GRIFFIN 4.	JOSEPH CURTIS Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

This peal was arranged by N. J. Pitstow. †First peal in the method. Moorhouse hails from Wakefield, Yorks.; Canner and Curtis from Ashby; the rest from Burton-on-Trent.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 16, 1901, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

SAMUEL REEVES Treble.	JOHN JAGGAR 6.
WILLIAM R. SMALL 2.	REUBEN HALL 7.
HERBERT KNIGHT 3.	SIDNEY HODGES 8.
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 4.	JAMES E. GROVES 9.
ROBERT PICKERING 5.	ERNEST BROWN Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

Mr. A. Roberts was elected a member of the Society before starting for the peal.

DARFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Violet, Duke of York, London Scholars' Pleasure, and Arnold's Victory.

Tenor 20 cwt.

SAMUEL WOODCOCK Treble.	WILLIAM WOODCOCK, SEN. 4.
ROBERT J. RICKETT 2.	THOMAS JOHNSON 5.
WILLIAM WOODCOCK, JUN. 3.	WILLIAM MORRIS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WOODCOCK, JUN.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 18, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qrs. 16 lbs.

GEORGE HOLMES Treble.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 6.
WILLIAM HOLMES 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 7.
ROBERT S. STORY 3.	*S. OCTAVIUS FERRY 8.
JOHN FOREMAN* 4.	WILLIAM STORY 9.
ASA HOLMES 5.	*ERNEST E. FERRY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

Rung in honour of the Proclamation of King Edward VII. *First peal of Royal.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, February 18, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

GEORGE WIGGIN Treble.	ALFRED JOYNER 4.
HARRY MILLS 2.	SAMUEL REEVES 5.
ALBERT HUGHES† 3.	ERNEST BROWN 6.
JAMES E. GROVES 4.	GEORGE HUGHES Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

†First peal with a bob bell. S. Reeves belongs to West Bromwich, J. E. Groves to Wolverhampton, and the rest of the band are local.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CUTHBERT.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Woodbine, Violet, College Exercise, and Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt.

CHARLES CLARK Treble.	JAMES ANDERSON 4.
JAMES ROBINSON 2.	ANTHONY MEYERS 5.
WILLIAM BROWN 3.	WILLIAM SHERATON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHERATON.

The following peals were rung with the bells deeply muffled as a mark of respect to Her late Majesty Queen Victoria:—

WHITFIELD, GLOSSOP, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

FRANK GARSIDE† Treble.	ELI GARSIDE 5.
THOMAS JACKSON 2.	JOHN LAWTON 6.
WILLIAM HADFIELD 3.	EDWARD O. ROSTRON 7.
JOSEPH MARSDEN 4.	†JOSEPH DEWSNEP Tenor.

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY, of Saddleworth, and

Conducted by EDWARD O. ROSTRON.

†First peal.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REEVES'S VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM BALLS Treble.	EDGAR HICKS 5.
GEORGE PERRY 2.	JOHN CREASEY 6.
GEORGE WIGHTMAN 3.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 7.
GEORGE THURLOW 4.	WILLIAM SAWYER Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

FRANK MILLARD Treble.	HENRY PEARCE 5.
ALEXANDER EVANS 2.	HENRY J. POOLE 6.
EDGAR E. BURGESS 3.	JOSEPH MADDOCK 7.
THOMAS DOBLE 4.	EDMUND HARRIS Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH MADDOCK.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES TANN Treble.	FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. 5.
HERBERT MATTHEWS .. 2.	HENRY ADCOCK 6.
JAMES BOUGHTON 3.	CHARLES TANN 7.
CHARLES BAKER 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAMES TANN.

BINGLEY, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 3, 1901, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

H. GREEN Treble.	H. BUTTERFIELD 5.
J. FOSTER 2.	T. LAWSON 6.
H. GILL 3.	W. FOSTER 7.
G. WHITAKER 4.	J. PERFECT Tenor.

Composed by W. GOODALL, and Conducted by J. PERFECT.

This is the first peal by all the band except T. Lawson, and the first peal on the bells by a local company.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 3, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s of Plain Bob each called differently.

Tenor 7 cwt.

P. C. SAYER* Treble.	S. RUSHEN 4.
H. E. SEAGER† 2.	*C. BALLARD 5.
H. I. BROWN 3.	T. HAMMOND Tenor.

Conducted by T. HAMMOND.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. This peal was attempted on Saturday, February 2nd, but failed after ringing 1 hr.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, February 4, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE, NORFOLK ROW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WM. MIDGLEY Treble.	HY. WARD 5.
T. G. SAREL 2.	J. A. DIXON 6.
JOSEPH MULLIGAN† .. 3.	G. O. DIXON 7.
FRANK BURGAR† 4.	†R. HARRISON Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by R. HARRISON.

Previous to starting, Mr. Sarel was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. †First peal in the method.

BUCKLAND DINHAM, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being Forty-two 6-scores.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN FRICKER* Treble.	EDWIN C. FRICKER 4.
EDWIN R. PRESCOTT .. 2.	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 5.
STEPHEN BROWNJOHN .. 3.	FREDERICK PRESCOTT .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

*First peal. This is the first peal on the bells.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 4, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

HY. LEWIS GARFATH, JUN.* Treble.	ALFRED WHITE 5.
HENRY LEWIS GARFATH, SEN. 2.	CHARLES FRY 6.
FREDERICK A. BARNETT .. 3.	EDWARD CLAPSHAW 7.
ALFRED JOHN LE CLERC .. 4.	*ALFRED BAIGENT Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY L. GARFATH, SEN.

*First peal.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, February 4, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CATEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

F. COPE, JUN. Treble.	J. KEY 6.
E. GALLIMORE 2.	H. MEACHAM 7.
P. W. DAVIES 3.	C. BARRETT 8.
A. BOWLER 4.	F. COPE, SEN. 9.
W. DEMPSTER 5.	A. C. MILLINGTON .. Tenor.

Composed by W. HALLSWORTH, and Conducted by F. COPE, SEN.

First peal of Caters by F. Cope, jun., A. Bowler, W. Dempster and J. Key. First with bob bell by E. Gallimore, and A. Millington's first peal. Also first peal of Caters by a local band.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 4, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 31 cwt.

D. WHITING Treble.	T. L. MOORHOUSE 5.
ALBERT SCOTT 2.	J. I. EASON 6.
F. MOORHOUSE 3.	T. H. ORMOND 7.
J. E. HARTLEY 4.	FRANCIS BARKER Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT SCOTT.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 4, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE WILSON* Treble.	WILLIAM PERVIN 5.
ANTHONY TRIGG† 2.	†JAMES WILSON 6.
HARRY WHITTLE 3.	†GEORGE DOUGHTY 7.
FRANK PERVIN† 4.	JOHN YATES Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

*First peal. †First peal of Triples with a bob bell. This is the first peal rung by an entirely local company. The ringers of the treble and 4th are 16 years of age.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION, AND
THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Monday, February 4, 1901, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

HERBERT SHEPPARD Treble.	NOAH HOLLYOAK 6.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE 7.
SAMUEL HUGHES 3.	ARTHUR SPITTLE 8.
HENRY GOODMAN 4.	JOHN GOODMAN 9.
EDWIN FELLOWS 5.	CHARLES ROLLASON Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by SAMUEL SPITTLE.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONARY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, February 11, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL REEVES Treble.	JOHN JAGGAR 5.
W. ROCK SMALL 2.	REUBEN HALL 6.
THOMAS HORTON 3.	JAMES E. GROVES 7.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 4.	FREDERICK HARRIS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, February 12, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR PAINTER Treble.	ALFRED TURLEY 5.
WILLIAM BARTON 2.	JOHN C. ADAMS 6.
JOSEPH BIRCH 3.	JOSIAM ELTON 7.
FRANK EDWARDS 4.	THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor.

Conducted by J. C. ADAMS.

This is T. J. Elton's fortieth peal.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Wednesday, February 13, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN NEAL Treble.	CHARLES DICKENS 5.
WILLIAM SHORT 2.	JOHN BARBER 6.
HENRY MIDDLETON 3.	BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. 7.
PHILIP W. DAVIES 4.	WILLIAM H. BARBER Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

Rung with the bells deeply-muffled on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the death of Francis Genders, donor of the above bells. This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

FREDERICK ALCOCK Treble.	GEORGE HAYWARD 6.
JABEZ EADES 2.	JOHN MASON 7.
OLIVER JAMES 3.	ALFRED MOORE 8.
THOMAS ALBUTT 4.	GEORGE BOURNE 9.
ALBERT JACKSON 5.	JAMES PARRY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HAYWARD.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 7, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN ROBT. EASTWOOD* .. Treble.	RENNIE HARTLEY 5.
WILLIAM WALTON† 2.	RICHARD ASHWORTH 6.
THOMAS BURROWS* 3.	THOMAS MOUNCEY 7.
NOAH TOWNEND 4.	TOM REDMAN Tenor.

Composed by JAS. LOCKWOOD, and Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

*First peal. †First peal in the method.

LIGHTCLIFFE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

W. REEDS Treble.	J. RUSHWORTH 5.
F. W. BRADLEY 2.	A. JAGGER 6.
J. LAWSON 3.	WM. SHERWOOD 7.
T. H. GELDAR 4.	E. WILLIAMSON Tenor.

Composed by T. HAIGH, and Conducted by E. WILLIAMSON.

COLNE, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY, BURNLEY.

On Tuesday, February 12, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

DAVID CAMPBELL Treble.	NOAH TOWNEND 5.
RENNIE HARTLEY 2.	RICHARD ASHWORTH 6.
WILLIAM WALTON 3.	THOMAS MOUNCEY 7.
THOMAS BURROWS 4.	TOM REDMAN Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

First peal on the bells. The band desire to thank the Vicar, and the local ringers for the use of the bells.

Miscellaneous.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

REIGATE (Surrey).—On Monday, December 3rd, 91 Treble leads of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins., in honour of Mr. G. Russell's 91st birthday, all the ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. J. Howards, 1; G. Thompson, 2; H. Ewins, 3; F. T. Hoad (conductor), 4; W. Argrent, 5; G. Crouches, 6; F. T. Hoad, jun., 7; G. F. Hoad, 8. Composed by E. Bennett, of Croydon.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, September 4th, at the parish church, 720 of Bob Minor, with 18 bobs and 2 singles, in 27 mins. J. Waite, H. Mitchnall, G. Smith, W. T. Pegler, C. Browett, A. A. Waite (conductor). On Tuesday, November 20th, 720 of Bob Minor, 18 singles and 3 bobs, in 27 mins. A. Howley, J. Waite, G. Smith, E. E. Davies, H. Mitchell (conductor), C. Browett. This 720 was rung in honour of the conductor's wedding day. On Tuesday, November 27th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, with 9 bobs, in 26 mins. E. E. Davies, C. R. Lilley, G. Smith, H. Mitchell, C. Browett, A. A. Waite (conductor).

UPTON ST. LEONARDS (Gloucestershire).—On Wednesday, October 10th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. W. Avery, T. Crissold, J. Morris, J. Austin, H. Mitchell, W. Staite, O. C. Lebane (conductor), J. Staite. This quarter-peal was rung in honour of Mitchell's birthday. On Thursday, December 20th, a quarter-peal in the same method, in 49 mins. W. Avery, H. Mitchell, J. Morris, T. Crissold, W. Smith, W. Staite, O. C. Lebane (conductor), J. Mills. This quarter-peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. John Dearman Birchall, J.P., son of the late Mr. J. D. Birchall, Esq., of Bowden Hall, in this parish, to Miss Adela Emily Wykenham, daughter of Mr. Phillip J. D. Wykeham, Esq., of Tythorpe House, Thame, near Oxon., which took place at Kinsey church, near Thame. The ringers were afterwards invited to tea, amongst a large number of parishioners in the schoolroom.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHIPPING NORTON (Oxon).—On October 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. A. G. Newman, 1; H. Miles, 2; A. S. Newman, 3; W. J. Stockford, 4; J. F. Barlow, 5; E. A. Jarvis, 6; W. Gibbs, 7; G. Landy, 8. On November 28th, 856 Grandsire Triples. F. Peirce, 1; A. S. Newman, 2; H. Miles, 3; W. J. Stockford, 4; E. A. Jarvis, 5; J. F. Barlow (conductor), 6; W. Gibbs, 7; F. G. Candy, 8. On December 17th, half-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hour 30 mins. F. Pierce, 1; A. S. Newman, 2; H. Miles, 3; W. J. Stockford, 4; E. A. Jarvis, 5; J. F. Barlow (conductor), 6; W. Gibbs, 7; F. G. Candy, 8.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On November 1st, 1006 Stedman Caters. W. J. Barker, 1; C. Chasty, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; J. A. Smith, 4; W. Hall, 5; B. Jealous, 6; J. Hills, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8; G. Valentine, 9; F. Webb, 10. Longest length in the method by all except C. W. Clarke, and C. Chasty. On November 4th, 216 Stedman Triples. S. J. Cullip, 1; J. Church, 2; W. Hall, 3; B. Jealous, 4; J. Hills, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; C. Chasty, 7; J. Sear, 8. On November 9th, 419 Stedman Caters. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; W. J. Barker, 2; F. Webb, 3; J. Church, 4; W. Hall, 5; B. Jealous, 6; C. Chasty, 7; J. Hills, 8; G. Valentine, 9; A. N. Wood, 10. Also 288 Treble Bob Major. J. Church, 1; F. Webb, 2; W. Hall, 3; J. A. Smith, 4; C. Chasty, 5; G. Valentine, 6; W. J. Barker, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. Also 336 Stedman Triples, with A. N. Wood, 1; the rest as before. On November 11th, 149 Stedman Caters. C. W. Clarke (conductor), 1; F. Webb, 2; S. J. Cullip, 3; J. Church, 4; W. Hall, 5; B. Jealous, 6; C. Chasty, 7; J. Hills, 8; G. Valentine, 9; F. Bird, 10. On November 27th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. J. Barker (conductor), 1; J. Hills, 2; W. Hall, 3; T. R. Hensher, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; G. Valentine, 6. On December 2nd, 336 Stedman Triples. A. N. Wood, 1; S. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Webb, 4; J. Hills, 5; B. Jealous, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; J. Sear, 8. On December 9th, 504 Stedman Triples. A. N. Wood, 1; B. Jealous, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; G. Valentine, 5; J. Hills, 6; F. Webb, 7; J. Sear, 8.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

HECKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, November 4th, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Houlden, 1; T. Woods, 2; J. Hilton, 3; J. Clark, 4; J. Holmes, 5; W. Woods, 6; E. Houlden, 7; W. Dickinson (conductor), 8. On Monday, November 5th, a plain course of Stedman Triples. J. Hilton, 1; T. Woods, 2; W. Houlden, 3; E. Houlden, 4;

J. W. Woods, 5; J. Clarke, 6; W. Dickinson, 7; J. Green, 8. First course of Stedman Triples by all. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. J. Hilton, 1; E. Houlden, 2; T. Woods, 3; J. Woods, 4; W. Dickinson, 5; J. Green, 6. Also 224 Kent. W. Houlden, 1; T. Woods, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; J. Woods, 5; J. Clark, 6; J. Green, 7; W. Dickinson, 8. On Sunday, November 11th, 224 Bob Major. W. Houlden, 1; J. Woods, 2; J. Hilton, 3; T. Woods, 4; F. Warrington, 5; J. Clarke, 6; E. Houlden, 7; W. Dickinson, 8. For evening service, 672 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Houlden, 1; T. Woods, 2; J. Hilton, 3; J. Clark, 4; F. Warrington, 5; J. Holmes, 6; E. Houlden, 7; W. Dickinson (conductor), 8. On Sunday, November 18th, 704 Kent. W. Houlden, 1; J. Holmes, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; T. Woods, 5; J. Woods, 6; J. Clark, 7; W. Dickinson (conductor), 8. On Sunday, November 24th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Houlden, 1; W. Dickinson, 2; J. Hilton, 3; J. Woods, 4; T. Woods, 5; J. Holmes, 6; J. Clark, 7; E. Houlden, 8. On Sunday, December 2nd, 784 Bob Major. E. Houlden, 1; J. Holmes, 2; J. Hilton, 3; T. Woods, 4; F. Warrington, 5; J. W. Woods, 6; J. Clark, 7; W. Dickinson (conductor), 8. Also 360 Oxford Treble Bob Major. W. Dickinson (conductor), 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; F. Warrington, 5; J. Holmes, 6; J. Clark, 7; W. Houlden, 8. On Sunday, December 9th, 448 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Houlden, 1; J. Holmes, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; F. Warrington, 5; J. Wood, 6; J. Clark, 7; W. Dickinson (conductor), 8. On December 16th, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Houlden, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; J. Holmes, 5; J. W. Woods, 6; W. Dickinson (conductor), 7; F. Warrington, 8. Also a plain course of Stedman Triples. J. Hilton, 1; T. Woods, 2; W. Houlden, 3; E. Houlden, 4; J. Woods, 5; W. Dickinson, 6; H. Nash, 7; F. Warrington, 8. On December 25th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. H. Nash, 1; T. Woods, 2; J. Hilton, 3; E. Houlden, 4; J. Woods, 5; J. Clark, 6; W. Dickinson (conductor), 7; W. Houlden, 8. Composed by J. Howe, Kingston-on-Thames.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LUDLOW, SALOP.—On Friday, November 9th, 490 Grandsire Triples. J. Palmer, 1; P. Lane (conductor), 2; R. Marston, Esq., 3; J. E. G. Bowen, 4; H. Price, 5; J. E. Groves, 6; A. Cherter, 7; E. Davies, 8. Also 584 Grandsire Triples. E. V. Deacon (longest touch), 1; F. Stokes (longest touch), 2; P. Lane, 3; J. E. G. Bowen, 4; H. Price, 5; A. Cherter, 6; J. E. Groves (conductor), 7; W. Nash, sen., 8. On Monday, November 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 minutes. J. Palmer, 1; J. E. G. Bowen, 2; R. Marston (ex-Mayor), 3; P. Lane (conductor), 4; H. Price, 5; J. E. Groves, 6; A. Cherter, 7; W. Nash, sen., 8. Several other touches were also rung during the instructor's (Mr. J. E. Groves) visit.

BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.—On Sunday, November 11th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. J. W. Howard, 1; A. T. Baker, 2; E. Foxall, 3; B. Head, 4; J. Elcock, 5; W. Overton, 6; J. Overton (conductor), 7; H. W. Overton, 8. First in the method by all. On Thursday, November 22nd, an attempt was made for a peal of Oxford Bob Triples, but a change course brought it to grief at halfway. A. J. Baker, 1; J. E. Groves (conductor), 2; E. Foxall, 3; B. Head, 4; J. Elcock, 5; W. J. Howard, 6; J. Overton, 7; H. W. Overton, 8. Also during instructor's visit numerous other touches were rung, including Grandsire Triples, Darlaston Bob Triples, and 600 of Grandsire Major, and last, but by far not the least, a start was made at Stedman Triples, which bid well for success.

LINTON (Kent).—On Sunday afternoon, December 9th, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 26 mins. G. Hadaway, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; H. Brown, 3; G. Pound, 4; F. Sharp (conductor), 5; F. Hodgkin, 6. Messrs. Hodgkin, Brown, and Sharp hail from Marden; Pound from Boxley; Hadaway belongs to the local band.

MARDEN (Kent).—On Sunday, October 21st, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles) in 27½ mins. J. Austin, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; E. C. Lambert, 3; G. Hadaway, 4; F. Sharp, 5; P. Hodgkin, 6. Also another 720 (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 27½ mins., standing as before. On Monday, December 3rd, 720 Bob Minor (fourteen singles and four bobs) in 27 mins. G. Hadaway, 1; E. Lambert, 2; E. C. Lambert, 3; F. J. Lambert, 4; F. Sharp, 5; F. Hodgkin, 6. And another 720 (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 27½ mins. F. Hodgkin, 1; D. Hodgkin, 2; E. Lambert, 3; E. C. Lambert, 4; F. Sharp, 5; F. J. Lambert, 9. All conducted by F. Sharp. The Messrs. Lambert hail from Horsmonden; Hadaway from Sinton; the rest are of the local company.

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The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at Headingley (St. Michael's), to-day, Saturday, February 23rd. Meeting-house, The Skyrack Inn. Bells at liberty till 9 p.m., business meeting 6.30. Handbells provided. All nominations for officers, as per rule 7, are due at this meeting. Will all members who have not paid their contributions kindly do so at once.

H.V. GAYTHORPE, *Hon. Sec.*

1, Elm Avenue, Bramley.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The postponed quarterly meeting will be held at Greenwich, to-day, Saturday, February 23rd. Arrangements as previously announced.

P. E. BEX, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at the Mission room, St. Peter's church, South Croydon, on Monday, February 25th. Bells raised at 3 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m.

CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*

27, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The anniversary Johnson Commemoration will be held on Saturday, March 2nd next. Ringing at St. Martin's from 3 to 5.30 p.m. Dinner will be served at the Old Royal Hotel, Temple Row, at 6.30 p.m., when Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart., will preside. Dinner Tickets free to qualified full subscribing members, and to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each, may be obtained by application not later than Wednesday, February 27th, to

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at St. Margaret's Rochester, on Saturday, March 2nd. Tower open for ringing at 4.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 7 p.m.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—By kind invitation of the Rector, members are invited to re-open the bells of Holy Trinity, Sunderland, on Saturday, March 2nd. Service at 3.30 p.m., dinner at 5 p.m. Intending visitors must advise Mr. Naisby, 8, Chester Terrace, Sunderland, before February 28th.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—District Meeting at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, March 2nd, when the tower of the parish church will be open from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30; business meeting to follow.

E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held on Saturday, March 2nd, at Fenton.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, March 9th, at All Saints, Hamer. Bells ready 3.30. Business meeting 6.30. All ringers cordially invited.

JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*

48, Church Street, Middleton.

St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 9th, not the 2nd, as previously stated. Tower open for ringing at 3.30. Service in church at 5 o'clock. A free tea will be provided. In order to avoid disappointment, all members intending to be present at tea, must send their names to me not later than Wednesday, March 6th. No provision will be made for those who do not. Subscriptions are due at this meeting.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

39, Vauxhall Street, Dudley.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—Quarterly meeting at South-over, Lewes, on Saturday, March 9th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Rector. Those intending to be present should let me know by February 27th.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

2, Grove Street, Brighton.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Philip's, Hulme, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock.

J. SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT BOLTON.—Mr. John Potter's 50 peals.—In four Minor methods 1, conducted 1; 7 Minor methods 2, conducted 1; Grandsire Triples 7, conducted 2; Bob Triples 2; Darlaston Bob Triples 2, conducted 1; Stedman Triples 13, conducted 3; Bob Major 4, conducted 2; Kent Treble Bob Major 8, conducted 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major 2, conducted 1; Duffield Major 3, conducted 2; Double Norwich Major 1, conducted 1; Superlative Surprise Major 3; Grandsire Caters 1; Stedman Caters 1.—Total 50.—Conducted 15.

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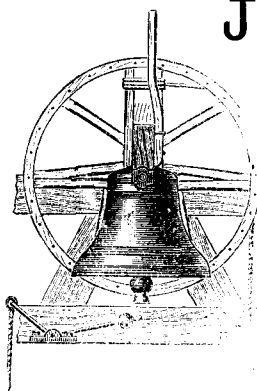
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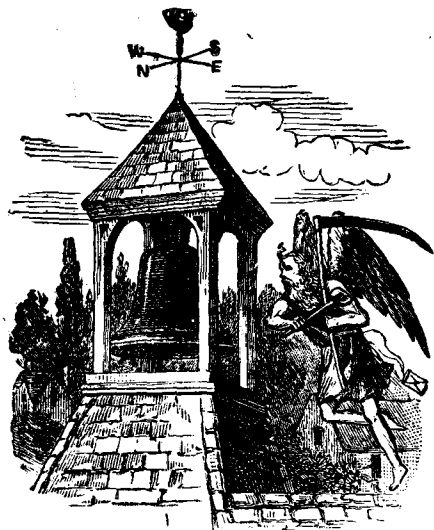
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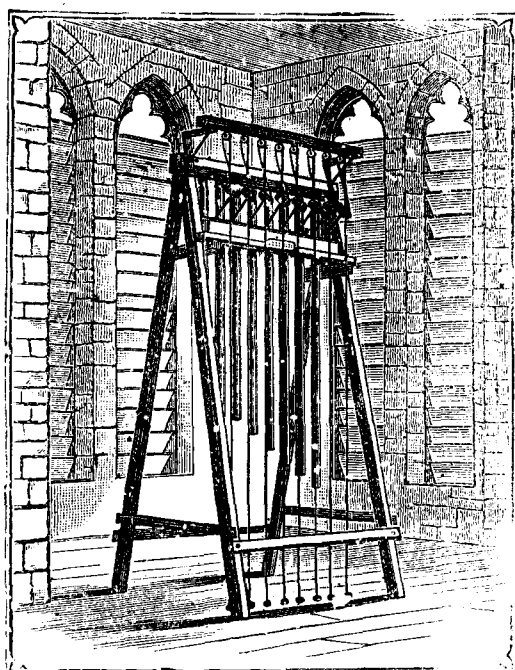
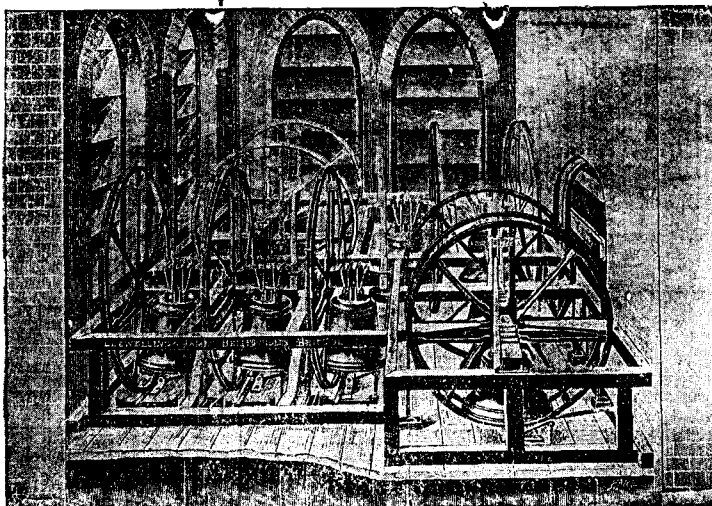
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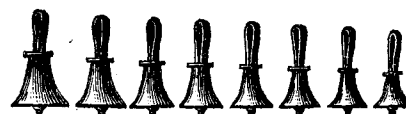
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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

One of the most successful Quarterly Meetings during the past three years was held at Guildford on Saturday, February 16th. Representatives or members attended from Basingstoke, York Town, Chiddingfold, Fareham, Portsea, Hawley, Ewhurst, Cranleigh, Shalford, Ashted, Shere, Merrow, Godalming, Alton, while the two local companies attached to St. Nicolas and Holy Trinity mustered in force. Owing to sickness near the church, the St. Nicolas ring of ten was only kept going for an hour, but at the other church further opportunities for combined practice were given and made the most of.

Through the kindness of the Rev. W. S. Sanders, the business meeting was held in the St. Nicolas parish club at 3.30, the Master, the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting at Bournemouth were read and passed. One hon. member and thirteen performing members were declared duly elected on the proposition of Mr. J. Hunt, seconded by Mr. M. Steer.

The Hon. Sec., the Rev. C. E. Matthews, then introduced the subject of the Hewett Memorial, which he said should be finally settled by the meeting. A list of subscriptions had appeared in "THE BELL NEWS," amounting to £11 1s. 9d., and the list was now closed. The expenses had only been six shillings, as Mr. Jones, their district Secretary for Guildford, had most kindly printed the necessary circulars gratis. An estimate for a Brass had been obtained for £7 10s. 0d., which, if accepted, would leave a balance in hand of £3 5s. 9d. It was for the meeting to decide how this balance should be spent.

Various propositions were made, a few being in favour of a small memorial on the grave, but it was pointed out that the fees for the erection of a small monument would swallow up the balance.

Mr. Pearce, of York Town, suggested that a photo of the brass should be taken and sent round to every band which had subscribed.

Finally it was determined that no memorial be erected in the Cemetery, but that the money collected be spent as far as possible upon the brass tablet.

The Secretary reported that the Rev. W. Lee, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Gosport, had generously allowed the Brass to be erected without any fee.

Mr. C. Willshire reported that peal No. 341, rung at Chiddingfold on June 17th, 1899, and conducted by himself, had proved to be false. He was very sorry, but felt it was his duty to report the matter in the interests of their Guild.

Notice was given by the Secretary of an addition to the rules. Since he had occupied the office of Treasurer there had been a little difficulty here and there about the subscriptions of performing members. He felt there should be some definite limit fixed, which should constitute membership or non-membership.

Gosport was chosen as the place of the next quarterly meeting, and the date was fixed for Saturday, April 27th, on which date it was hoped the Hewett Memorial Brass would be unveiled. The proceedings then terminated.

Forty-three members present then sat down to an ex-

cellent tea, which had been arranged by Mr. Jones. It is hardly necessary to add that the tea was as successful as the meeting. The hearty thanks of all present on the occasion are tendered to the Revs. Canon Grant and W. S. Sanders for their kind reception of the Guild.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. (LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

The Monthly Meeting was held at Christ Church, Walton, on Saturday, the 16th ultimo. A fair number of ringers attended from Liverpool, Garston, Tuebrook, West Derby, Bootle and Southport. Ringing commenced about four o'clock, various six-bell methods being rung. The members were much gratified by the presence in the belfry of the Rev. Canon Leigh, Rector of the parish, who at 5.30 most kindly invited the ringers to tea in the schoolroom. The business meeting was held after tea was over, the Vicar in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Garston was chosen as the next place of meeting, to take place in Easter week, Saturday, April 13th. Three new members of the local company were elected.

The Rector addressed the meeting and cordially welcomed those present. He regretted they had not a longer time together that day, as he would much like to have a short service in the church. He besought the ringers to have a due regard to their art as churchworkers, and trusted they would always in their ringing remember their loyalty as Christians to the Head of the Church.

Mr. Davies proposed, and Mr. Barton seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and his kind hospitality.

The Secretary, in supporting the motion impressed upon the whole Branch the necessity of giving notice when any member intended being present at monthly meetings where the Rector or Vicar was kind enough to provide tea. It was fair neither to him or the Incumbent to receive notice from perhaps half a dozen ringers, and then on the day find not less than twenty present. The meetings were always advertised fourteen days previous in "THE BELL NEWS," and if every ringer took a copy of that paper no mistake could arise. He besought them in common politeness to remember this in the future.

Ringling was afterwards resumed in the tower.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. (MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

The Annual Meeting of the above Branch was held at Prestbury, on Saturday, February 9th. There were twenty-two members present from the various towers. An excellent knife and fork tea was partaken of at The Black Boy, after which the business meeting was held, the President of the Branch, the Rev. S. A. Boyd, being in the chair. The Rev. W. F. Bonsey was also present. The Rev. S. A. Boyd was re-elected President, and J. Norbury Secretary and Treasurer. Several touches were rung on the tower bells during the afternoon and evening.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

The monthly meeting of the above was held at Lower Bebington on Saturday, February 16th. The ringers were favoured with a very fine afternoon, the sun shining brilliantly, and this fact together with the knowledge of the warm welcome always given the members by Canon Feilden, no doubt accounted for an attendance above the average, no less than thirty being present. A little ringing was done prior to the meeting and tea at 6 p.m, but when we met at the schoolroom we learned with much regret that Canon Feilden would be unable to be present, as he was suffering from a severe cold; the chair in his absence however was filled by the Rev. A. P. Wood.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Hon. Treasurer presented the accounts for the past year, which showed a creditable balance of £13 4s. 4d. in hand.

The meetings for the present year were then arranged, and after some discussion it was decided to hold the meetings every four weeks instead of every month.

The chairman was asked to convey to Canon Feilden the regret which the whole meeting felt at his absence, and the hope that he would soon be enjoying good health again, together with a hearty vote of thanks for his kind hospitality.

After the meeting a return was made to the church for another pull on the bells.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

The quarterly meeting of this branch was held on Saturday, February 16th, at Burgh, when members from Boston, Freiston, Skirbeck, and Kirton attended. Arriving at 1.30 and meeting a hearty welcome from some of the local ringers, the bells were raised in peal and a 504 Grandsire Triples was brought round, one of the locals ringing the treble. E. Clayton, J. M. Rylatt, A. O. Barber, F. Devoto, T. Boyers, W. F. Harwood, J. Blakley. After some Doubles with the locals a 1008 was brought round, conducted by J. M. Rylatt. A short service was held in the church which the ringers attended, then tea at The White Hart. After tea a business meeting was held in which the locals took great interest, and four of them joined the Association. After tea the tower was again visited, and a short touch of Bob Minor was rung by the Kirton men, there not being time for a 720 as they had to leave, the rest stayed till the mail train at 9.30 and rang a few more 120s of Bob Doubles with the locals, and a very successful was brought to a close.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the above was held on Saturday, February 16th. at Great Bentley. This place is the centre of an enthusiastic band of ringers, officered most ably by Mr. W. Nevard, and it was felt only right that a meeting should be held there to emphasise the fact. The Vicar, who has been an hon. member for some years, indeed joined the society at its formation in 1879, when he was curate of Barking, welcomed the ringers most warmly. Some good ringing was done there and at the adjoining church of Thorington. The business meeting at which both the Secretaries were able to be

present, took place after tea. Several new members were elected. The Secretaries wish it to be known that in future, peals for insertion in the peal-book should be sent with payment thereof direct to Mr. C. H. Howard, 37, Bank Street, Braintree, instead of the Assistant-Secretary.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A very pleasant afternoon was passed on February 9th in the belfry of St. Peter's church, the occasion being the opening of a peal-board recording three peals that have been rung on the bells. The Rev. H. Tilley gave a splendid address inviting the Bedford ringers to come as much as possible and learn the local band the art of change-ringing, and then drew away the curtain and brought to view the board, and accepted it as a gift to the church and an ornament to the belfry.

Mr. Manton then spoke on behalf of the churchwardens, and Mr. F. G. Crouch for the ringers.

The board was made by Mr. J. Church (Cople), to whom great credit is due, it being made of pine and wrote in Roman letters.

A move was then made to The Wheatsheaf, where the host and hostess had kindly provided a meat tea (gratis), and the evening was then spent in harmony, and ended with the National Anthem.

The following touches were rung in the afternoon: 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. J. Bird, C. W. Clarke, E. Coleman, J. Church, W. Freeman, W. J. Barker. 360 Oxford Bob. F. G. Crouch, W. J. Barker, W. Freeman, J. Church, C. W. Clarke, F. J. Bird. On Sunday morning, 720 Oxford Bob. F. Skevington, J. McGrath, F. J. Bird, J. Church, F. G. Crouch, C. W. Clarke (conductor). Also touches of Bob Minor.

A TRIO OF VETERANS.

On February 18th, 1846, Messrs. J. Comb, W. Cooter, and M. A. Wood rang together their first peal at St. Giles' church, Bloomsbury. The method was Grandsire Triples, and the conductor was the late George Stockham. In the long interval of fifty-five years since that peal was rung, most of those who took part in it have joined the majority, but the above three hale and hearty members still survive, and ring every Sunday at St. Matthew's church, Bethnal Green. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on Sunday evening, February, 10th, included the names of two of them, viz.—W. Cooter, 1; J. Scholes, 2; J. Bonney, 3; E. Hall, 4; M. A. Wood, 5; A. Barkus, 6; A. Hughes, 7; C. Kennedy, 8. On Monday, February 18th, Messrs. Comb, Cooter, and Wood, together with Mr. A. Barkus, met at the residence of Mr. A. Hughes for a pleasant evening to celebrate the fifty-fifth anniversary of their first peal. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on handbells. W. Cooter, 1-2; A. Barkus (conductor), 3-4; M. A. Wood, 5-6; A. Hughes, 7-8.

Mr. Wood still ventures to take his place in a 5000 on the tower bells, and we trust that these three old College Youths may be spared to spend together many more anniversaries of their performance in '46.

MARGATE (Kent).—Recently at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with 4-6-8 behind, in 47½ mins. G. Eves, 1; L. Shoobridge, 2; C. H. Player, 3; A. H. Saxby, 4; S. G. Twyman (conductor), 5; G. Enderby, 6; G. Willshire, 7; A. Kay, 8. Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lbs. First quarter-peal since the restoration of the bells.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NEW MILLS SOCIETY.)

Two years ago last November a gift of six new bells (tenor 13½ cwt.) by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough, was made to the parish church by James Hibbert, Esq., J.P., of Fern Bank, New Mills. The musical qualities of the bells have combined with the liberality of the donor to make the gift as popular a one as any yet made to the town. Change-ringing was unknown in the parish at that time, but two bands of ringers were at once formed, and with patient perseverance sustained by enthusiasm and encouraged by those in authority, substantial progress was made. A statement recently appeared in one of the local papers that the same gentleman had crowned his first gift by placing an order with Messrs. Taylor for two new trebles and so to compete the octave. Needless to say the information gave great pleasure, and the kindness and liberality of the donor is much appreciated. It is expected that the new bells will be ready for ringing immediately after Easter. In order that they might not be entirely strange to the difference between Minor and Major ringing when the time comes, arrangements were made for the second band of the local ringers to visit Reddish on Saturday, February 23rd, and to have a practice on the fine ring of eight there. Unfortunately these arrangements had to be cancelled almost at the last moment, owing to the preparations for the bye-election in the Stretford constituency being in full swing. Mr. Albert Barnes (Reddish), however, that there might be no disappointment, very kindly undertook the task of obtaining permission from the Rector of Birch-in-Rusholme to have access to his tower. In this he was successful, and together with Mr. Ryder of Birch, completed the other arrangements for the visit. This duly came off, and with the assistance of Mr. Barnes resulted in a very satisfactory practice of Bob Major, a 500, in addition to other touches, being rung. Encouraged by their experience there gained the band looks forward to its future work at Major ringing with confidence. It also desires to express its thanks to the Rectors of Reddish and Birch for permission to use their bells, and especially to Messrs. Barnes and Ryder for the very satisfactory arrangements they made, though at such short notice.

The following is a summary of the work done by the local band in their own tower since last October: 46 extents in nine Minor methods, made up as follows:—14 of Oxford, 8 of Violet, 6 of Duke of York, 5 of Woodbine, 3 of Kent, 6 of Plain Bob, one each of New London, Merchants' Return, College Single, and one extent in seven Treble Bob methods. Of these F. Holt and W. Lowery rang in 43, Rev. A. T. Beeston in 38, W. Marshall in 37, T. Ramsey in 35, S. Rutter in 31, J. H. Jackson and J. Robinson in 14, G. Hibbert in 8, J. W. Wilson, J. Ashton, and T. Brocklehurst (a visitor from Hayfield) in 3, J. G. Scattergood and David Brearley (a visitor from Bolsterton) in 2. Eight shared in the conducting: Rev. A. T. Beeston, 23; S. Rutter, 15; W. Lowery, 9; F. Holt, 7; W. Marshall, 5; T. Ramsey, 4; G. Hibbert and D. Brearley, 2. The above number of extents does not include three peals rung during the same time; one in four methods (two Plain and two Treble Bob), one in seven methods (two Plain and five Treble Bob), and one in seven Treble Bob methods. Altogether, therefore, 67 Minor extents have been rung in nine methods, by 14 ringers, eight of whom have conducted two or more extents.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.)

The annual meeting of the above was held at Staplehurst on Saturday, February 9th, and was attended by forty members from Benenden, Chiddingstone, Faversham, Headcorn, Maidstone, Penshurst, Sevenoaks, Seal Chart, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, and Westerham. Ringing commenced about 3 o'clock. At 5.30 the members sat down to an excellent meat tea provided at The Bell inn. The Rector of Staplehurst presided during the first part of the proceedings, but had to leave early to conduct a service. Before leaving, in reply to a vote of thanks for attending, the Rector said that it gave him great pleasure to meet the members again and welcome them to Staplehurst, and referred to the great loss the country had sustained in the death of Her late Majesty the Queen, and spoke of the part the bell

ringers of the country had taken in the national mourning by ringing their bells muffled. He wished them every success in their Art.

After tea the business meeting was held. Mr. T. Groombridge was voted to the chair. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed the district secretary read his annual report, which shewed a slight falling off in the number of both honorary and practising members.

Mr. W. Latter (Tunbridge Wells) and Mr. T. Groombridge (Sevenoaks) were re-elected respectively to the offices of District Secretary and Representative on Central Committee, with the thanks of the meeting for past services. Both briefly returned thanks for their re-election. Seven new practising members were elected, and it was decided that the meetings for the year should be held at Tonbridge in May, Eynsford and Shoreham in October, and the annual meeting at Penshurst in January, 1902. An unanimous vote of condolence with the Royal Family on the death of The Queen, and also a vote of congratulation to His Majesty King Edward VII. on his accession to the British throne, were passed, all the members standing, and singing the first verse of the National Anthem.

It was unanimously decided to send a strong protest to the Central Secretary against holding the Annual General Meeting of the Association on a Saturday, as it is much more convenient to members to hold it on Whit-Monday. The meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to the Chairman.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

The usual quarterly meeting of this district, which had been postponed owing to its being fixed for the Saturday after the death of the late Queen, was successfully held at Greenwich on Saturday, February 23rd. Ringing commenced about 4 o'clock, and was kept up till 8.0 p.m. with short intervals. There was a fair attendance of members, the towers of Woolwich, Hayes, Chislehurst, Crayford, St. John's, and others being represented, in addition to the local band.

A committee meeting was held in the vestry at 6.0 p.m., Mr. F. W. Thornton (Greenwich) in the chair. The minutes of the last committee meeting having been read and confirmed, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Lewisham on Saturday, April 27th, should the tower be available.

Messrs. E. Richards and J. C. Harvey (Woolwich), and A. Saxby and W. Saunders (Crayford) were re-elected.

Mr. J. Hack (Hayes) then proposed a most hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Willes and A. H. Langford, Esq., (the churchwardens of St. Alfege church) for the use of the tower and vestry on the occasion of the meeting. This was seconded by Mr. E. O. Masters (Woolwich), and after the chairman had mentioned that it was very difficult to get the tower, owing to the objections of local tradesmen, was unanimously carried. Touches of Treble Bob, Stedman Triples, Treble Bob Major, and Grandsire were rung during the afternoon and evening.

Obituary.

WILLIAM FIRTH.

It is with sincere regret that the Wakefield Cathedral Society have to record the death of an old and respected ringer in the person of William Firth, who passed away on February 3rd, aged 48, after an illness of only a fortnight. He had been a ringer at Hunslet and Wakefield upwards of thirty years. He came of an old family of ringers, his father and two brothers having been ringers at the Wakefield parish church. He was a member of the Yorkshire Association since 1883, and had rung several Association and other peals. The ringers attended the funeral and rang a course of Grandsire Caters at the graveside, and afterwards adjourned to the tower and rang a 504 and 168 Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled, as a last token of respect.

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To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

THE LAST PEAL OF THE 19TH CENTURY.

SIR,—A few weeks back the question was asked in "THE BELL NEWS" as to which was the last peal finished in the 19th century. Out of ten peals rung on December 31st, only five answers were sent, the peal of Grandsire Caters at East Retford being the last of the five, coming round at 11.28 p.m. No replies were received from Tenterden, Tong, Twerton-on-Avon, Ipswich, and Swindon. If any of these peals were finished after 11.28 p.m. would one of the band kindly send a communication in time for the next issue of "THE BELL NEWS," as the ringers of East Retford have been promised a peal-board for the above peal, and, should such peal prove to be the last rung in the century, would like it to be recorded on the board.

Retford, Notts.

GEO. R. WINTER.

Re ST. MARY'S (TAUNTON) PEAL.

SIR,—In reply to J. B. I fully anticipated his asking for my name. Am sorry I cannot oblige, as my motto is "Live and let live." I do not see anything in my *nom de plume* to shirk from. If J. B. had a clear conscience he would have answered my previous letters, as I am absolutely certain that what I stated in them was correct, which he knows, but lacks the pluck to own. I might jog his memory to the following facts he has not answered: (1) How does he account for the 9th not going into the hunt? (2) How does he account for the bells coming into rounds two leads after the 9th made 3rds place? (3) Ought he not to have rang another eight leads to have brought the so-called peal to the full extent? (4) How does he account for ringing the so-called peal in 3 hrs. 7 mins., seeing they were ringing at the average rate of twenty-six rounds per minute?

SCIENTIFIC.

MUFFLED RINGING.

SIR,—Mr. Weatherley, in your number of the 16th inst., refers to the various methods of ringing on the death of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, and says that it would be a convenience if ringers knew what to do on such an occasion, because, if I rightly understand him, he is of opinion that there must be some proper course to adopt. This seems reasonable enough till we attempt to trace the history of funeral ringing, and I had hoped your last issue would exhibit some communication from the learned about it. However as no one has hitherto replied to Mr. Weatherley's question, I will endeavour to do so to the best of my ability, and at present it seems to me that Mr. Weatherley is mistaken, and that no one course is, or ought to be, more proper than any other.

First of all until some one brings some evidence to the contrary I am of opinion that no muffled ringing has ever been done before on the death or burial of a Sovereign of this Realm. I have never been able to find any mention of any. The mention of ringing on such occasions seems to be always of ringing for the accession of the new Sovereign. The veterans who rang when William IV. died are always, so far as I have seen, spoken of as ringing for the Queen's Accession, not for the King's death, and while writing I have just received a kind message from Mr. J. R. Haworth, the College Youths' veteran, in answer to a question I put to him through Mr. C. F. Winney. Mr. Haworth says, as I expected he would, that there was no muffled ringing for the death of William IV. And this makes it clear that I am right in saying that Queen Victoria was the first Sovereign for whom muffled ringing has been performed; for inasmuch as the death of William IV. was the third death of a Sovereign within a period of twenty years, if there had been any traditions of muffled ringing on such occasions they could not have been forgotten in 1837. It is therefore evident that, as there is no precedent for muffled ringing for a Sovereign, it cannot be said that any method recently adopted was either right or wrong.

Perhaps you may find space for me to add what little I know about the history of muffled ringing. The first notice I find is in the London Scholars' Book of 1702, the last paragraph of which book is as follows:—

"Having gone through (and laid down plain and easy Rules for Ringing) several most excellent and musical Peals for Mirth and Recreation, it may not be amiss if (for the Instruction of those that are not acquainted therewith) we say somewhat in brief of a Funeral or Dead Peal. It being customary not only in this City of London, upon the Death of any Person that is a Member of any of the Honourable Societies of Ringers therein (but likewise in most Countries and Towns in England, not only upon the Death of a Ringer, but likewise of any young man or woman) at the Funeral of every such Person to ring a Peal; which Peal ought to be different from those for Mirth, and Recreation (as the Music at the Funeral of any Master of Music, or the Ceremony at the Funeral of any Person belonging to military Discipline) and may be performed two different ways; the one is by ringing the Bells round at a set Pull, thereby keeping them up so as to delay their striking, that there may be the Distance of three Notes at least (according to the true Compass of ringing upon other Occasions) between Bell and Bell, and having gone round one whole Pull every Bell (except the Tenor), to set and stand whilst the Tenor rings one Pull in the same Compass as before, and this is to be done whilst the Person deceased is bringing to the Ground, and after he is interred to ring a short Peal of round Ringing, or Changes in true time and compass and so conclude;—The other Way is called buffeting the Bells, that is by tying pieces of leather, old hat, or any other thing that is pretty thick round the Ball of the Clapper of each Bell, and then by ringing them as before is shown, they make a most doleful and mournful Sound, concluding with a short Peal; after the Funeral is over (the Clappers being clear as at other times) which Way of buffeting is most practised in the City of London."

The next description I have come across is by Laughton in his MS. of which the following is a copy:—

"The Ramblers' method for ringing of funeral peals is as follows, viz.:

"After the balls of the Clappers are clothed with pieces of leather, called mufflers, which are the most properest things for that purpose, Ring ten or a dozen rounds to hear whether they strike equal or no—If they do not they must be altered by putting some tow under the clothing of such as strike too hard and putting on thinner mufflers to such as strike too soft, till they are made to sound equal—then about half an hour before the Corpse is brought to be buried, proceed in the following manner: Ring one pull rounds and stand all but the tenor, but let her be rung one pull by herself, then ring two pulls rounds and the tenor two pulls by herself, then three pulls and the tenor three, then four and the tenor four, then five and the tenor five, then six pulls round and the tenor to be rung as many strokes by herself as the person is years old that is to be buried; when that is ended ring the numbers backwards as you began withal, that is six, five, four, three, two and one, but the tenor must be rung the same numbers of pulls by herself between each number of rounds; after the last round is ended ring the tenor again by herself as many strokes as the deceased is years old; this is performing the exercise backward and forwards; then ring a Grandsire with the tenor behind, or a course of plain bob, or anything else what you please, though not to exceed six score changes in length; after that till the Corpse is brought into the Church or to the grave, ring only one pull round and the tenor one pull by herself; if the Corpse is brought into the Church first, then ring it out again in the same manner; while it is burying cut off the mufflers, and ring the Company out of the Churchyard with one pull round and the tenor one pull by herself continue that for 30 or 40 times and stand; then finish with a 720 of any peal that you can cleverly manage and cease the bells without standing.

"(Rung in this way at Islington for Wm. Ibbot a wheelwright d. æt. 36.)

"N.B.—Let the number of bells be what they will from three to six the exercise is to be performed after this manner: but if a dead peal is rung on eight ten or twelve bells then ring as many pulls as there is number of bells."

The ringing for Wm. Ibbot above referred to, took place on June 7th, 1734, and is thus recorded in Laughton's verse:—

For William Ibbot we met to ring
A dead peal at Islington for him,
'Tis the last respect that can be shown
To a ringer when he's dead and gone,
So 'twould be a pity to neglect it
For most ringers when they die expect it.
Besides in country or in town
There's many that like the solemn sound,

And to hear a funeral peal will come
Two or three miles to hear rung.

Now if we examine the foregoing extracts these points present themselves—

- 1.—Funeral ringing was not necessarily muffled in early days.
- 2.—It was not always or everywhere performed in the same way.
- 3.—It was performed actually at the interment of the corpse, and no hint is given of its being performed at any other time or place.
- 4.—It was performed for ringers, and (in 1702), mostly at the funeral of "any young man or woman."

These last words are somewhat curious. Why *young men or women only*? Does this suggest a survival of some early English funeral use? We shall be glad to hear from Mr. Drake about this. But at any rate these words confirm the view that funeral ringing was not performed for sovereigns or distinguished persons; for if the writers mentioned any person outside ringers for whom it was performed, it is unreasonable to suppose they would have confined themselves to young men and women, if such ringing was done for other classes. Laughton does not suggest it was done for any deceased persons except ringers, and I feel no doubt that Ibbot had been a ringer though not a member of the "Ramblers."

There is another point to notice, namely, that the original funeral ringing known to London writers was either open or fully muffled. Neither the authors of the *London Scholars' Book* nor Laughton refer to half-muffled ringing. Can anybody give us any information as to the date of the origin of half-muffled ringing? Mr. Haworth says it was introduced into London from the country during the late reign. Where did it come from?

I must stop at this; having already trespassed too largely on your indulgence. I hope to send a few concluding remarks next week, and at the same time, unless Mr. Pearson's question is answered in the meanwhile, to send a short list, with dates, of the ringing books prior to Shipway.

R. A. DANIELL.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9th, the committee of the Sheffield branch, who had been intrusted with the management of the annual meeting of the above association, met at the headquarters in Cambridge Street to wind up matters, and as the balance was on the right side, it was a very pleasant task to perform, thanks to the generous response for funds from the clergy and gentry of Sheffield and district, together with the energetic way in which every member of the committee performed their allotted duties. Such duties were made considerably lighter by having the valuable services of Mr. C. H. Hattersley as president at the meetings, and the able way in which the secretary, Mr. J. Mulligan, performed his duties, also Mr. T. Hattersley, as treasurer. Supper was laid for eighteen at The Sportsman inn, under the management of Mr. Lockwood, who had intrusted the catering to Messrs. Sheards of the Pinstone Street dining rooms (we had not that roasted chicken which S. T. writes about, nor wild duck). It was ox-tail soup, then turkey, duck, and chicken, beef, veal, mutton, jugged hare, rabbit, and as some will say "yes, there had been a big football match and Sheffield lost, which took their appetite away, so they gave the ringers a good feed." It's a ill wind that blows no one any luck, I wish there was such a match every day.) We did not get all the courses in, but brought the peal round.

The cloth being removed, the loyal toast was given by Mr. C. H. Hattersley from the chair, then tobacco being too common we sported a cigar each; talk about killing green fly it nearly killed me, until a friend made for the window.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Lockwood for the splendid spread he had on the table; also to Mr. T. Hattersley and Mr. J. Mulligan for the respective offices they had so ably performed, brought the business of the Yorkshire annual meeting of 1901 to a close. A pleasant night was spent with songs by Mr. F. Willey, Atkins, Sarel, Allen, and Ward, and tunes on the fine peal of Mr. J. Mulligan's handbells.

E. J.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

The annual meeting of the above took place on Monday, February 18th. At 7.0 p.m., a shortened form of evensong was held at the church of St. Mary, Reading, a short address being given by the Vicar, the Rev. Wm. Neville. At 7.30 p.m., sixty-five hungry souls sat down at tea, served up in excellent style at the Old Abbey restaurant, by Messrs. Sherval. Our respected chairman, J. M. Routh, Esq., again took his accustomed place, and with him we noticed, glad to say, the Vicars of two parish churches in Reading having rings of bells, viz.: Rev. R. D. Newhouse, with his curate, Rev. R. F. Hawkins (St. Laurence's), and the Rev. Wm. Neville (St. Mary's); nor were these all the parsons, for was not there the worthy Master of the Guild, (Rev. F. E. Robinson), the general hon. secretary (Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis), and yet another in the person of the Rev. E. Marshall, of Tilehurst. The repast finished and the toast of "The King" having been duly honoured, the business meeting commenced. Mr. A. E. Reeves, in the absence of the branch secretary (A. W. Pike) through indisposition, read the minutes of the last annual meeting, the same being duly passed.

The officers of the branch were all unanimously re-elected to the several posts, viz.: chairman, J. M. Routh, Esq.; hon. secretary and treasurer, A. W. Pike; representatives on general committee, Messrs. C. Chapman, C. Giles, and A. W. Pike. The hon. secretary's report for 1900 showed a falling off in numbers, viz., 101 as against 110, for 1899; but in peal ringing a great advance had been made; 21 peals being rung, ranging from Minor to a 5056 of Superlative Surprise; the list also included four peals of Double Norwich, eight of Stedman Triples, one Stedman Caters, and three of Treble Bob. The balance-sheet showed that £3 13s. 4d. still remained to the credit of the branch. The Rev. R. D. Newhouse (St. Lawrence's), in moving the adoption of the report said that although obliged to part with his ringers on principle, yet he trusted they would always meet as friends.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Mary's for his address and for the service; the Rev. Wm. Neville suitably responded, and wished success to the Guild.

In response to the toast of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the Master made a few pointed remarks on the likelihood of many of the best ringers, who did not belong to any tower, leading to an acute phase. He trusted the ringers concerned would reconsider their position.

The chairman having spoken of Mr. Pike's illness, (mumps and the hump), proposed the health of the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis; the rev. gentleman replying said he would stand by the Guild. He had tried to leave the secretaryship, but the members would not have it, so he would endeavour to continue. The numbers of the O. D. G. still kept up over 1300; 105 towers in union; 87 peals had been rung, the Master taking part in 46 and conducting 41. He suggested more money should be spent on instruction.

The chairman proposed the health of the Master, the Rev. F. E. Robinson; needless to say, this was drunk right royally, musical honors being accorded, a similar compliment being given to the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis. The health of the "Father" (good old annual) concluded the toast list.

During the evening songs were sung by Messrs. W. Newell, H. Goodger, F. Sweetzer, E. A. Reeves, R. Chapman, Good-enough, and the Chairman. Mr. H. Burley accompanied. At 11.0 p.m. the National Anthem brought to a conclusion, in the words of the hon. secretary of the Guild, the most pleasant gathering in the annals of the Reading branch.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 1901.

In a comment which appeared in this page a week or two ago, we referred to the number of muffled peals of 5000 and upwards which had been rung, in a loyal and affectionate spirit, to the memory of Her late Majesty QUEEN VICTORIA. In this an opinion was expressed, we think, that everyone of these peals should be *substantially* recorded either in the ringing-chamber or in the body of the church. The belief was also conveyed that the various church authorities would of their own accord, willingly, be induced to defray the expense of such memorials to our departed monarch. It is thought that ringers generally, and the leading parishioners also, would have no difficulty in pressing the adoption of this suggestion upon the Churchwardens, or failing them, could induce some loyal Churchman, or Churchmen, gladly, and with alacrity, to incur the cost.

A word of warning in connection with this will not be out of place. Records of the peals in question should be as near perfection, in appearance and appropriateness, as possible. No mistake ought to be made in any way. The average sign-writer may be a downright good fellow in his way, but in the pursuit of his calling he frequently disregards the canons of taste. Generally that is his misfortune, not his fault. He is as a rule quite innocent of Art, or design, or symmetry, while his notions of orthography and

punctuation are nearly always erratic, whimsical, defective, though sometimes very amusing.

We would have the records of these peals in a consistent and pleasing garb; worthy the object for which they have been rung, and the sacred edifice in which they are to be erected. We fear the *skill* of the individual above alluded to would not attain to the satisfaction of our requirements.

We ask our ringing brethren who have taken part in these memorial peals to endeavour to obtain from the Church authorities adequate provision for the erection of a WORTHY record. No ordinary peal-board ought to be sufficient for them. Something in strong metal, artistically and consistently designed, similar to that designed for the "James Hewett" memorial. And the artist of this "Brass," Mr. GAWTHORP, of London, seems to be the correct party to carry out the erection of peal records consistently, and in accordance with the occasion.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The next meeting of the Central Council will be held at Derby, on Whit-Tuesday, May 28th. Notices of motion should be sent in before 30th April, which is the last day on which they can be received. Hon. Secretaries of Societies are respectfully reminded that the contributions for the year 1901 became due on the 1st inst., and should be remitted *without needless delay*, at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative, to the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Council, together with information as to any change of representatives, and the names and addresses of such as have been appointed since the last meeting of the Council.

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The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 41 cwt.

JAMES PETTIT	Treble.	THOMAS LANGDON	7.
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GEORGE R. FARDON	6.	EDWARD P. O'MEARA	Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY W. HALEY, and
Conducted by JAMES PETTIT.

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On Saturday, February 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, HAMPSTEAD,

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REEVES'S VARIATION.

Tenor 27 cwt.

ERNEST PRYOR*	Treble.	FRANK SMITH	5.
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ERNEST BONFIELD†	4.	*WILLIAM MILES	Tenor.

Conducted by J. HANNINGTON.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. J. Kirkman, M.A., and at its conclusion the ringers were invited to the Vicar's residence and were handsomely entertained.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 21, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK	Treble.	ALFRED W. DARLINGTON	5.
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On Monday, February 11, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5018 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

JOHN CARTER	Treble.	FREDERICK MOODY	5.
WILLIAM P. BROOK*	2.	†JAMES JACKSON	6.
ARTHUR WALKER†	3.	WILLIAM PEARSON	7.
SAMUEL BROOK†	4.	†WALTER C. HUNT	Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WALTER C. HUNT.

*First peal of Major. †First peal. †First peal in the method.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, College Single, and Oxford Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOSEPH CHURCH	Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY	4.
CHARLES W. CLARKE	2.	FRANK WEBB	5.
WILLIAM J. BARKER	3.	WILLIAM FREEMAN	Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

BURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 19, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

H. WOODCOCK	Treble.	W. MITCHELL	5.
W. R. DUCKWORTH	2.	S. GREENHALGH	6.
E. ISHERWOOD	3.	†E. VIGGERS	7.
C. BRADBURY	4.	J. RAMSBOTTOM	Tenor.

Conducted by J. RAMSBOTTOM.

†First peal

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 19, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN W. HORWOOD†	Treble.	WILLIAM HEWITT	5.
JOSEPH J. ALLEN	2.	BENJAMIN BASSETT	6.
WILLIAM JAY	3.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM	7.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY	4.	HENRY R. JONES	Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

†First peal.

BRAMLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, February 19, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Tanner's Pleasure, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Violet, and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

SAM HELLIWELL† Treble.	HARRY GAYTHORPE 4.
WALTER BROWN* 2.	E. NEWTON 5.
J. W. CHADWICK 3.	J. W. T. HOLGATE Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY GAYTHORPE.

†First peal. *First peal away from treble.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D flat.

JAMES HORREX Treble.	JOSEPH FAYERS 5.
HUGH GLADWELL 2.	ARTHUR SYMONDS 6.
ERNEST H. KINSEY 3.	WILLIAM KINSEY 7.
HARRY SMITH 4.	THOMAS KING Tenor.

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by THOMAS KING.

Messrs. Horrex, Gladwell, and, Kinsey (2) hail from Felsham; Fayers from Preston; the rest belong to Lavenham.

HILLINGDON EAST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

FRANK WEEDEN Treble.	JOSEPH J. PRATT 5.
HERBERT J. AYRES 2.	WILLIAM HONOR 6.
HENRY WAITE 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER 7.
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 4.	GEORGE BELLAMY Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY H. CHANDLER.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE-UPON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

T. ALLEN Treble.	T. MOUNTFORD 5.
S. CHURTON* 2.	T. AUSTIN 6.
F. J. STEELE† 3.	H. PAGE 7.
A. CLOWES 4.	J. TITTERTON Tenor.

Conducted by S. CHURTON.

*First peal as conductor. †First peal.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(BATTLE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 19, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs.

JOHN SINDEN Treble.	JAMES LIVERMORE 5.
WILLIAM J. THOMAS 2.	CHARLES R. CARTER 6.
FRANK MATHIS 3.	WALTER FRANKS 7.
CHARLES J. HYLAND 4.	WILLIAM H. ELDRIDGE Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER FRANKS.

Rung in honour of the Accession of King Edward VII. to the throne of Great Britain.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 19, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

EDMUND LINDUP Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
GEORGE BAKER 2.	JOHN STEDDY 6.
ARTHUR A. FULLER 3.	GEORGE A. KING 7.
GEORGE SMART 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by JAMES WILDE, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This was Mr. Steddy's 50th peal, particulars of which will be found on another page.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

JOHN HARDING* Treble.	THOMAS MILES 6.
WILLIAM MESSAM 2.	WILLIAM MARKS 7.
JOHN WHITE 3.	EDWARD HULL 8.
HENRY WOOD 4.	ARTHUR DEAN 9.
JOHN HOYLE 5.	WILLIAM CROPLEY Tenor.

Composed by JOHN ROGERS, and Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

*First peal. First peal of Caters as conductor. Rung in honour of the Accession of King Edward VII. to the throne.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 19, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

THOMAS BULL Treble.	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN 5.
HARRY BROOKS 2.	JOHN MONK 6.
HENRY DRUCE* 3.	FRANCIS P. POWELL 7.
NOBLE SPINDLOW 4.	JESSE BROOKS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

*First peal.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 22, 1901, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES WILKINS Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
GEORGE CONYARD 2.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3.	†WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 7.
HARRY HOSKINS† 4.	HARRY FLANDERS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

†First peal of Double Norwich. This composition is now rung for the first time.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 31½ cwt. in D.

HARRY WHITTLE Treble.	WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE 6.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT 2.	FRANK BURLEIGH 7.
CHARLES H. FOWLER 3.	JOSEPH DAVIES 8.
THOMAS H. COLBOURNE 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON 9.
SAMUEL SMITH 5.	THOMAS GRUNDY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

This peal was arranged for Messrs. Hartshorne and Davies, who hail from Crewe and Derby respectively.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE WELLER Treble.	HAROLD D. SEARLE 5.
STEPHEN STONE 2.	GEORGE H. LEE 6.
ERNEST HOLDEN 3.	JOHN NETLEY 7.
PERCY H. DOICK 4.	*HARRY BURCH Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

*First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the wife of Mr. F. Luxford, who has been a member of this band for many years.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, February 23, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Ely, Rochester, and Coventry.

WILLIAM OSBORN* Treble.	GEORGE BURNHAM 4.
HARRY GREAVES 2.	THOMAS BETTISON 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT† 3.	WM. HENRY TURTON Tenor.

Conducted by T. BETTISON.

*First peal and first attempt. †From Treeton.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN DAVIS* Treble.	SAMUEL REEVES 5.
THOMAS DANKS 2.	ARTHUR GRIFFITHS 6.
GEORGE GRIFFITHS 3.	ERNEST BROWN 7.
JAMES CULLWICK† 4.	*THOMAS WHEATLEY Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell.

EARLSHEATON, YORKS.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, February 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

STANHOPE RIGG Treble.	GARFORTH TAYLOR 5.
GEORGE CRAWSHAW 2.	JOSEPH RUDDLESSEN 6.
WALTER IDLE 3.	WALTER BYRAM 7.
WILSON ILLINGWORTH 4.	DAVID STEPHENSON Tenor.

Composed by G. H. HARDY, and Conducted by GEORGE CRAWSHAW.

BLETSOE, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. in C.

JOSEPH CHURCH Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 4.
FRANK WEBB 2.	WILLIAM FREEMAN 5.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE 3.	JOHN W. BARKER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

First peal on the bells.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 23, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

JAMES PICKIN Treble.	JOSEPH SHONE 4.
JOSEPH WOODS 2.	JOHN HUGHES 5.
FRANK JONES 3.	JAMES DILLON Tenor.

Conducted by J. DILLON.

First peal on six bells by J. Shone.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

STEPHEN WIGHTMAN JUN. Treble.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN 5.
GEORGE PERRY† 2.	JOHN J. CREASY 6.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7.
GEORGE THURLOW 4.	WILLIAM SAWYER Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

†First peal in the method.

ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720s of Bob Minor, and three 720s of College Single, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

J. MILNER Treble.	T. CLOUGH 4.
J. FLINT 2.	W. BUTLER 5.
J. T. BUTLER 3.	J. P. TARTON Tenor.

Conducted by J. T. BUTLER.

J. Flint from Bolsover; the rest from North Wingfield. Rang as a birthday compliment to J. Milner, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

PUDSEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

W. BATEMAN Treble.	T. LATIMER 5.
WM. BIRKS 2.	GEORGE BOLLAND 6.
J. C. BOOTH* 3.	*H. WARD 7.
WM. BOLLAND 4.	PRATT CORDINGLEY Tenor.

Composed by W. GOODALL, and Conducted by PRATT CORDINGLEY.

*First peal. The Messrs. Bolland from Tong; the remainder belong to the local company.

ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 23, 1901, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH HAIGH Treble.	GEORGE W. STEEL 5.
ALFRED CHAPMAN 2.	WILLIAM ABBISHAW 6.
JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW 3.	WALTER CHAPMAN 7.
THOMAS NICKOLS 4.	JOHN M. CHADWICK Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by JOHN M. CHADWICK.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. G. W. Steel to Miss Mitchell.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(THE KING'S NORTON GUILD.)

On Saturday, February 23, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRED. W. SUMNER Treble.	JOHN WITHERS 5.
JOHN S. PRITCHETT 2.	WILLIAM PALMER 6.
ALFRED PRITCHETT 3.	WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT .. 7.
THEODORE PRITCHETT .. 4.	JAMES BETTERTON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM S. PRITCHETT.

HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 23, 1901, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.
Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, Merchant's Return, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.
Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY J. STEFF Treble.	JOSEPH BANKS 4.
THOMAS P. BRANDWOOD .. 2.	THOMAS WALLWORK 5.
ROBERT WALLWORK 3.	JAMES H. BANKS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES H. BANKS.

First peal of Minor on the bells, and by all the band.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 25, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE WILSON Treble.	WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 5.
HARRY WHITTLE 2.	FREDERICK W. HARTSHORNE 6.
THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 3.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. 7.
FRANK PERVIN 4.	GEORGE DOUGHTY Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. B. JAMES, and
Conducted by W. H. INGLESANT.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.
(THE KINGSTON SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, February 26, 1901, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
DR. A. B. CARPENTER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 33 cwt.

JAMES SYDNEY STRUTT* .. Treble.	HENRY GEORGE NAISH† .. 5.
JAMES STRUTT† 2.	JAMES BALDWIN† 6.
ALBERT STRUTT 3.	JOHN HOWES 7.
GEORGE STRUTT 4.	JAMES CHANDLER† Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HOWES.

*First peal and first attempt. †First peal in the method. This composition is now rung for the first time. For calling see Peal Appendix for 1895, page 46.

BIRMINGHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, February 26, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.
Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

ALBERT WALKER Treble.	HENRY MIDDLETON 7.
WILLIAM G. ELLIS 2.	JOHN BARBER 8.
CHARLES DICKENS 3.	JAMES GEORGE 9.
PHILIP W. DAVIES 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 10.
WILLIAM SHORT 5.	THOMAS REYNOLDS 11.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 6.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and is in the inverted Tittums and bandstroke home positions, and was rung half-muffled as a token of loyalty to Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, also on the 50th birthday of Mr. James George, of Pinner, father of the ringer of the 9th.

Handbell Peal.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, February 25, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH ROOM,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

GEORGE N. PRICE 1-2.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5-6.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 3-4.	CHARLES GEORGE 7-8.

Conducted by HERBERT P. HARMAN.

Umpires—H. Eden and B. Bassett.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal rung at Newcastle Cathedral on February 18th, 1901, should have been 5080, not 5083.

Miscellaneous.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HEAVITREE (Devon).—On Sunday, December 2nd, for evening service, two parts of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. W. Hancock, 1; W. Shepherd (conductor), 2; T. Laver, 3; W. C. Burrough, 4; F. Murphy, 5; J. R. Sandover, 6; F. Shepherd, 7; W. Lowton, 8. On Christmas Day, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. F. Shepherd (conductor), 1; W. Shepherd, 2; T. Laver, 3; W. Mogridge, 4; F. J. Shepherd, 5; T. Murphy, 6; W. Greenleaf (Hereford), 7; W. Nethercott, 8. Also for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal in the same method, in 50 mins. F. Shepherd, 1; F. J. Shepherd, 2; J. R. Sandover, 3; W. C. Burrough, 4; W. Miflin, 5; W. Shepherd (conductor), 6; F. Murphy, 7; W. Lowton, 8. Composed by E. Pitt, of Exeter. First quarter-peal as conductor by W. Shepherd. On handbells, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles and Minor. F. J. Shepherd, 1-2; F. Shepherd (conductor), 3-4; W. Shepherd, 5-6.

OTTERY ST. MARY (Devonshire).—On December 4th, for practice, and on the occasion of the visit of the Rev. M. Kelly, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Godfrey, 1; W. Godfrey, 2; J. H. Godfrey, 3; Rev. M. Kelly, 4; H. Channon, 5; J. E. Baker, 6; A. E. Pike (conductor), 7; J. Fisher, 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. F. Stuckey (longest touch), 1; W. Godfrey, 2; J. Fisher (longest touch with bob bell), 3; Rev. M. Kelly (conductor), 4; H. Channon, 5; J. E. Baker, 6; A. E. Pike, 7; J. Lovering, 8. Also a plain course of Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Channon, 1; W. Godfrey, 2; Rev. M. Kelly, 3; J. E. Baker, 4; J. H. Godfrey, 5; A. E. Pike, 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURFORD (Oxon).—On Wednesday December 5th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor, with the tenor behind. G. Cook, 1; H. Timms, 2; H. Bond, 3; T. Bond, 4; C. Packer, 5; T. E. Glanville (conductor), 6; G. Parker, 7.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

NORTH SHIELDS (Durham).—Recently at Christ Church, for practice, two 640s of Kent Treble Bob; several touches of 560 and upwards of Bob Major; also short touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, and Oxford Court Bob; three courses of Duffield Major, 826, and 672, and four 504s of Grandsire Triples.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Sunday, December 9th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for morning service, 720 Double Court Bob. J. Cavill, 1; H. Little, 2; G. Grry, 3; G. Jordan, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Wednesday, December 12th, for practice, 720 Ebor Treble Bob (9 bobs). J. Cavill, 1; Isaac Hammodd, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. Jordan, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Also 720 Canterbury Surprise. H. Little, 1; Issaac Hammodd, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. These are the first 720s in the methods by all the band, and first in the methods on the bells. Also 720 Christmas Eve. J. Luckey, 1; H. Little, 2; Isaac Hammodd, 3; W. Watts, 4; T. Jordan, 5; T. J. Watts (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 16th, for afternoon service, 720 Huddersfield Surprise. W. Watts (conductor), 1; H. Little, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. Jordan, 5; G. Jordan, 6. Tenor 16 cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Sunday, December 2nd, at Holy Trinity church, 672 Canterbury Pleasure Major. J. R. Eastwood, 1; T. Burrows, 2; W. Walton, 3; R. Hartley, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. First touch in the method by all and on the bells. On Sunday, December 9th, 640 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; W. Walker, 2; T. Burrows, 3; N. Townend, 4; R. Hartley, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; S. Redman (conductor), 8. Also 704 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; W. Walton, 2; T. Burrows, 3; J. W. Stirk, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Thursday, December 13th, 720 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; W. Walton, 2; T. Burrows, 3; R. Hartley, 4; T. Mouncey, 5; T. Redman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 16th, 704 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; W. Walton, 2; T. Burrows, 3; R. Hartley, 4; J. W. Stirk, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. Also 768 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; W. Walton, 2; T. Burrows, 3; N. Townend, 4; R. Hartley, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Sunday, December 23rd, 704 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; D. Campbell, 2; R. Hartley, 3; W. Walton, 4; N. Townend, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. On Christmas Day, 576 Kent. J. R. Eastwood, 1; W. Walton, 2; N. Townend, 3; D. Heys, 4; R. Hartley, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8. Also 768 Oxford. J. R. Eastwood, 1; D. Campbell, 2; N. Townend, 3; W. Walton, 4; R. Hartley, 5; R. Ashworth, 6; T. Mouncey, 7; T. Redman (conductor), 8.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COLWALL (Herefordshire).—On Monday, February 18th, 672 Grandsire Triples. J. Thomas, 1; G. James, 2; C. Thomas, 3; W. Evans, 4; G. Peacey, 5; W. Price, 6; J. Field (conductor), 7; W. Smart, 8. Longest touch by the ringer of the 2nd. Also 280. W. Evans (conductor), 1; W. Price, 2; G. Peacey, 3; J. Field, 4; C. Thomas, 5; J. Thomas, 6; H. Allen, 7; C. Hyde, 8. Also 336. W. Evans, 1; W. Price, 2; G. Peacey, 3; J. Field, 4; C. Thomas (conductor), 5; J. Thomas, 6; H. Allen, 7; W. Hughes, 8. The above were rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. C. L. E. Parker, Rector of Stockton, Warwick, son-in-law to the Rev. G. M. Custance, Rector of Colwall, who died the previous Saturday.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ABERGAVENNY (Monmouthshire).—On Thursday, February 21st, at St. Mary's church, 120 Grandsire Doubles. C. H. Baker, 1; W. Horsington, 2; R. P. Gwynne, 3; T. A. Williams, 4; F. S. Wilson (conductor), 5; D. L. Williams, 6. This is the first touch of change-ringing ever rung in Abergavenny by a local band.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, December 2th, for evening service at St. Matthew's church, Bethnal Green, 1260 Stedman Triples (Brooks'), in 45 mins. W. Cooter, 1; J. Bonny, 2; F. Tubb (Appleton), 3; M. A. Wood, 4; J. Scholes, 5; A. W. Barkus (conductor), 6; E. Hall, 7; C. Kennedy, 8. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD (Kent).—On Thursday, December 13th, at St. John's church, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Bedwell (conductor), 1; T. Deal, 2; G. Taylor, 3; J. Town, 4; E. H. Nixon, 5; H. Dickens, 6; W. Smith, 7; B. Miller, 8. On Sunday, December 16th, for evening service, 1040 Grandsire Triples. W. Bedwell (conductor), 1; T. Deal, 2; E. H. Nixon, 3; A. C. Bedwell, 4; W. J. Jeffries, 5; H. Dickens, 6; G. H. Daynes, 7; H. Young, 8.

BRAMLEY (Hants.).—On Sunday, December 16th, at the church of St. James, 720 Bob Minor. J. Ward, 1; J. Ballard, 2; Dora White, 3; C. Giles, 4; E. Bruce, 5; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 6. Another 720 Bob Minor. J. Ward, 1; A. E. Reeves, 2; Alice White, 3; E. Bruce, 4; C. Giles (conductor), 5; J. Ballard, 6.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, December 9th, at St. Stephen's church, for morning service, 540 Stedman Caters. F. W. Elles, 1; E. P. O'Meara (London), 2; R. Clarke, 3; J. Burford, 4; W. Knight, 5; H. Pring, 6; C. Horton, 7; C. D. E. Boutflower, 8; E. Bishop (Swindon), 9; W. J. Hinton, 10. For evening service, four courses Stedman Caters. W. J. Hinton, 1; F. W. Elles, 2; C. Horton, 3; J. Burford, 4; H. Pring, 5; W. Knight, 6; C. Tomkins, 7; E. Bishop (Swindon), 8; R. Clark, 9; W. Colston, 10. Also a short touch of Stedman Triples. W. F. Woodhams, 8; the rest as before. Also after service, at St. Mary Redcliff, two courses of Plain Bob Maximus. P. Came, 1; W. A.

Cave, 2; J. Burford, 3; W. Knight, 4; H. Pring, 5; J. Thomas, 6; F. W. Elles, 7; R. J. Wilkins, 8; E. Bishop, 9; C. Tomkins, 10; W. J. Hinton, 11; G. T. Daltry, 12.

HAILSHAM (Sussex).—On a recent Thursday evening, for practice, a half peal of Grandsire Triples, in 30 mins. P. Longley, 1; H. Finch, 2; C. Pragnell, 3; F. W. Harding (conductor), 4; S. Burgess, 5; S. Matthews, 6; H. Vine, 7; S. Bignell, 8. Longest length by all except the conductor.

PENSHURST (Kent). On December 4th, for practice, 840 Grandsire Triples. H. Seal, 1; A. Godley, 2; G. Turley, 3; E. Bridger, 4; G. Baker, 5; G. Izzard, 6; W. Spice (conductor), 7; J. Thorpe, 8. On December 11th, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Baker, 1; E. Bridger, 2; P. Longley, 3; W. Spice (conductor), 4; G. Baker, 5; H. Seal, 6; G. Edwards, 7; M. Lambert, 8. On December 15th, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major came to grief after ringing for 2 hours 53 mins, owing to a change course. A. Godley, 1; M. Lambert, 2; W. Spice, 3; J. Preston, 4; E. Mankelow, 5; J. Maynard, 6; P. Hodgkin, 7; W. Latter (conductor), 8. On December 16th, for morning service, 240 of Grandsire Doubles. M. Lambert, 1; G. Baker, 2; J. Ray, 3; H. Coomber, 4; W. Spice (conductor), 5; L. Lambert, 6; G. Izzard, 7; W. Kimber, 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Seal, 1; E. Bridger, 2; F. Whibley, 3; G. Edwards, 4; G. Baker, 5; P. Longley, 6; W. Spice (conductor), 7; J. Ray, 8. On December 18th, 168 Grandsire Triples. A. Baker, 1; G. Izzard, 2; H. Seal, 3; J. Ray, 4; G. Baker, 5; G. Izzard (Speldhurst), 6; W. Spice, 7; H. Bearman, 1.

WOODBURY (Devon).—Recently for practice, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Glanville, 1; W. Davey, 2; R. Davey, 3; F. Davy, 4; J. Glanville, 5; G. Lawrence, 6; W. Wilde, 7; H. Stokes, jun., 8. This is the first touch by all the band.

A RINGER'S BIRTHDAY.

On Monday evening, February 25th, a most enjoyable evening was spent at the Cafe de Paris Restaurant, Ludgate Hill, the occasion being the 50th anniversary of the birthday of Mr. H. S. Thomas. About twenty-four guests were invited, and these included some of Mr. Thomas's oldest personal friends and representatives of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and the Ancient Society of College Youths. This gathering in honour of Mr. Thomas had been arranged by two very old friends, Mr. H. A. Hopkins, and Mr. Raftery, and their efforts were rewarded with unbounded success. In the absence of Mr. Mason (through illness), Mr. Percy Collins proved a very genial and capable Chairman, and the vice-Chair was ably filled by Mr. R. A. Daniell. After dinner, the Chairman submitted the toast, "King, Queen, and Royal Family," and "The Guest of the evening, Mr. H. S. Thomas." In proposing the latter, he spoke of the unfailing geniality and generosity of Mr. Thomas and of those many other good qualities which cause all to admire and respect that gentleman wherever he is met. As a souvenir of this his 50th birthday, Mr. Thomas was then presented with a gold pen and pencil-case, which he suitably acknowledged and spoke in kindest terms of all those who were giving him such real pleasure on this occasion. He also told of the difficulties he had to contend with at St. Mary Battersea, in establishing a change-ringing band at that tower twenty-nine years ago, and of the first peal there rung by him in 1884, conducted by Mr. W. Baron. The other toasts were "The arrangers of the gathering," "The Chair and Vice-Chair," and "The Accompanist" (Mr. H. Gadsby). Songs were excellently rendered by Messrs. Marsh, C. Durrant, Beveridge, Collins, Daniell, H. S. Thomas, W. Baron, and H. R. Newton, and much laughter was evoked by Mr. Spicer's recitation "The Brahmin's Paradise." Solos on the piano were given by Mr. Gadsby and Mr. H. G. Thomas, and a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by Messrs. Daniell, Baron, Newton, Hopkins, and Cockerill, the latter also rang a course of Stedman Triples. The gathering was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld lang syne."

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St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The anniversary Johnson Commemoration will be held to-day, Saturday, March 2nd. Ringing at St. Martin's from 3 to 5.30 p.m. Dinner will be served at the Old Royal Hotel, Temple Row, at 6.30 p.m., when Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart., will preside. Dinner Tickets free to qualified full subscribing members, and to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at St. Margaret's Rochester, to-day, Saturday, March 2nd. Tower open for ringing at 4.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 7 p.m.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—By kind invitation of the Rector, members are invited to re-open the bells of Holy Trinity, Sunderland, to-day Saturday, March 2nd. Service at 3.30 p.m., dinner at 5 p.m.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—District Meeting at Hemel Hempstead to-day, Saturday, March 2nd, when the tower of the parish church will be open from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30; business meeting to follow.

E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held to-day, Saturday, March 2nd, at Fenton.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, March 9th, at All Saints, Hamer. Bells ready 3.30. Business meeting 6.30. All ringers cordially invited.

JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*

48, Church Street, Middleton.

St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 9th, not the 2nd, as previously stated. Tower open for ringing at 3.30. Service in church at 5 o'clock. A free tea will be provided. In order to avoid disappointment, all members intending to be present at tea, must send their names to me not later than Wednesday, March 6th. No provision will be made for those who do not. Subscriptions are due at this meeting.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

39, Vauxhall Street, Dudley.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—Quarterly meeting at South-over, Lewes, on Saturday, March 9th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Rector. Those intending to be present should let me know by February 27th.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

2, Grove Street, Brighton.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Philip's, Hulme, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock.

J. SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above, will be held on Saturday, March 9th, at Holmfirth.

Meeting-house, The Princess Royal. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. It is requested that as many members as possible attend this meeting, as there is some very important business.

WALTER IDLE, *Secretary.*

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at the church of St. Leonard, Heston, by the kind permission of the Rev. B. O. Sharp, on Saturday, March 16th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea at 6. Members and friends are cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT HEENE, WOTHING, SUSSEX.—Mr Steddy's 50 peals.—Minor Methods 2; Grandsire Triples 9, conducted 1; Stedman Triples 14, conducted 1; Stedman Caters 2; Bob Major 3; Treble Bob Major 10; Treble Bob Royal 1; Double Norwich Major 2; Superlative Surprise Major 7. Total 50.—Conducted 2.

CORRECTION.—The peal of Double Oxford Major published in "THE BELL NEWS" of February 9th, should be 5088 changes, not 5120, and also should be published as the extent of the 6th, in 5, 6, without the 2nd; not the extent of 6th in 5, 6. T. TEASDALE.

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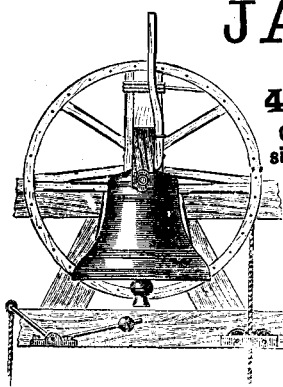
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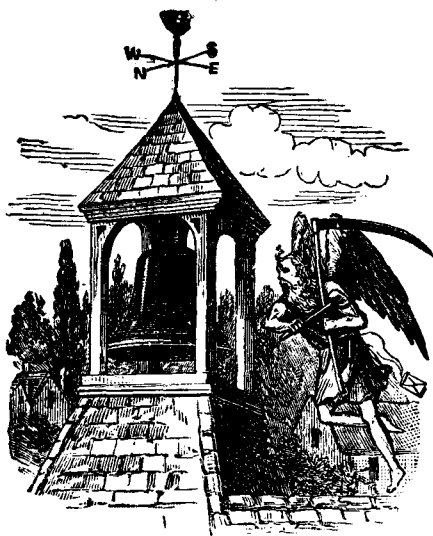
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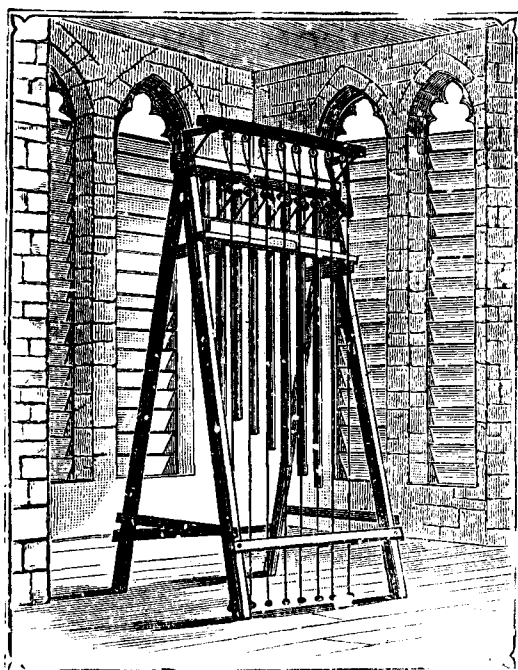
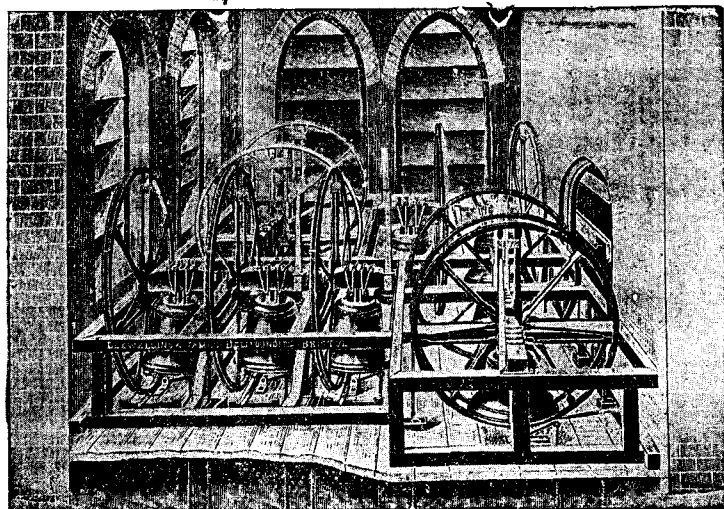
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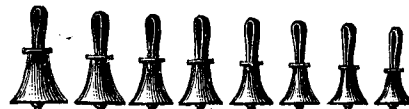
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ASSOCIATION FOR THE DIOCESES OF GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL.

The Annual Meeting was held at Gloucester on Saturday, February 9th. The members to the number of about forty attended evensong at the Cathedral. They afterwards assembled for tea at Garrett's restaurant, under the presidency of the Ven. Archdeacon Hayward, who presided at the business meeting afterwards. All the three Branches of the Association were represented at this meeting, and included members from Bristol, Bitton, Cirencester, Gloucester, Mitcheldean, Ruardean, Lydney, Ross, Painswick and Thornbury. In the unavoidable absence of the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, Hon. Secretary, the reports were read by the assistant hon. secretary, which shewed that good work was done by all, no fewer than fifty-five new members having been elected during the year, including twenty-four by the Bristol branch, eight by Cirencester, and twenty-three by Gloucester. The officers of each of the branches had been re-elected as follows: Rev. H. A. Cockey as chairman, and Mr. C. H. Gordon as Hon. Secretary for Bristol; Rev. J. S. Sinclair as chairman, and Mr. S. Moore as Hon. Secretary for Cirencester; and the Ven. Archdeacon Hayward as chairman, and Mr. J. Austin as Hon. Secretary for the Gloucester branch. As regards the Mastership of the Association no less than three names were proposed and voted on, but the choice of the meeting ultimately fell on the Rev. H. C. Courtney, of Westbury-on-Trym, near Bristol, who has lately come to reside in the diocese. During the past year the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, who has for some years yast been a most consistent and warm supporter of the Association, has gone to reside in Devizes, outside the diocese, and though the members did not wish to part with such an old friend and enthusiastic supporter of change-ringing, it was felt that the various duties falling upon the Secretary necessitated his residence in the diocese. The meeting therefore unanimously elected Mr. F. G. May (the late Master) of Church Road, St. George's, near Bristol, as Hon. Secretary, and he kindly consented to undertake the duties. Mr. F. E. Ward, of Cheltenham, was unanimously re-elected as Hon. Treasurer. A most cordial vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Mr. F. G. May and the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett for their services as Master and Hon. Secretary respectively.

The following is a record of the past year's ringing, etc., and by it it can be seen we have scored 40 peals, being an increase of 3 peals over the previous best; but the point value does not reach the high standard of 1898, when 37 peals were rung, giving us a grand total of 712 points, which still remains a record in points for the Association, whereas the point value is only 537 for the 40 peals rung, which is the highest number ever rung for the Association; the previous best years being 1891 30 peals, equal 380 points; 1894 34 peals, equal 410 points: 1898 37 peals, equal 712 points; 1899 34 peals, equal 520 points; and as before mentioned, 1900 40 peals, equal 537 points. Coming to the list of present members who have taken part in peals during the past year, it will be seen that

108 names figure in the list, and of that number 22 are first peals by young members. As regards the scientific side of the Association, we certainly seem to be in a more favorable position than ever before, for Bristol can now boast of ringing their first peal of Cambridge Major. We seem to have a good supply of conductors, no less than 13 having conducted peals. They are: Austin 14, Pegler 5, Daltry 3, Cave 3, May 3, Lilley 3, and Ricketts, 3. Messrs. Bond, Burford, Fussell, Ford, Dyer and Pendry 1 each. The full list of peals rung is as follows: Cambridge Surprise Major 3, Stedman Caters 3, Stedman Triples 3, Grandsire Caters 2, Grandsire Triples 9, Treble Bob Royal 2, Treble Bob Major 3, Bob Royal 2, Bob Major 6, Forward Major 1, Double Norwich Major 4, Minor methods 2. It will be seen that the well-worn method of Grandsire takes first place in point of number of peals rung, and may be accounted for by the large number of young members ringing their first peal. M.

ST. MARY'S, LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

These bells were recently augmented to eight, but have never been considered pealable, owing to the back bells going so badly. An attempt was made for a peal by a good band, including a few centurians, but the bells were called home at a quarter, when it was seen that some of our tongues were hanging out. Since that time the bell-hangers work on the back six has been completed by a local ringer, attention has been paid to details, and the bells are now in capital going order, which is proved by the fact that the peal was not only completed on Saturday last, but [at the first attempt a smash-up occurred after ringing 40 mins.; the bells were therefore going nearly 4 hrs., which certainly speaks for itself. The augmentation was largely due to the benevolence of Mr. T. F. Barnard, who bore the entire expense of the bell and its fittings, the other being by public subscription. After the peal the ringers were entertained to tea by the Vicar, the Rev. J. C. E. Besant, and they take this opportunity of thanking him for his kind forethought and for the use of the bells.

Here at Lydney we have a splendid answer to all the correspondence that has so recently filled these columns. The Vicar and his curate both are trying to become ringers, attend the practices, and also take a rope for half an hour before the services on Sundays. Not only this but they in every conceivable way take an interest in their church workers. The answer is therefore plain. We are like an army; we want some come on generals, not go on. D.

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, WOLVERHAMPTON.

A large clock with three dials is to be placed in the tower of this church. It will strike the hours and have all the latest improvements. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, are doing the work. A few years ago the same firm put up the large clock in the parish church, Wolverhampton.

A ROYAL RECOGNITION.

Readers of our journal for February 2nd may have noticed that a peal of Surprise Minor was rung by the Leytonstone society—Essex Association—in memory of our late sovereign. This was one of the earliest of the many rang for the same sad cause, and a record of the performance, printed upon a specially designed memorial card, was forwarded to His Majesty the King, who through his private secretary "accepts with thanks the unique memorial card and letter of condolence from the Leytonstone Ringers' Society."

Needless to say this letter of acceptance will be highly esteemed by the members, and that such royal recognition will act as an incentive to them in their endeavours to raise the necessary money for the addition of the two trebles.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Wednesday, January 9th, this society held its third annual meeting. T. Elcox was elected chairman. The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were adopted. The following were elected officers for the year: T. Elcox, Captain; T. Griffiths, Secretary; W. Martin, Treasurer. A vote of thanks to the officers for their services during the past year was proposed and carried. On Wednesday, January 16th, the ringers were entertained to supper by the Rector.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The next meeting of the Central Council will be held at Derby, on Whit-Tuesday, May 28th. Notices of motion should be sent in before 30th April, which is the last day on which they can be received. Hon. Secretaries of Societies are respectfully reminded that the contributions for the year 1901 became due on the 1st inst., and should be remitted *without needless delay*, at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative, to the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Council, together with information as to any change of representatives, and the names and addresses of such as have been appointed since the last meeting of the Council.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.*
Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

SUFFOLK RINGERS' VISIT TO LONDON.

On Saturday, February 9th, a few Suffolk ringers visited London for the purpose of having some ringing with their London friends. They met at the Chapel-of-Ease, Islington, and rung a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major. Wm. Howell, sen. (Sudbury), 1; S. Slater (Glemsford), 2; R. Theobald (Haxton), 3; G. Smith (Stanstead), 4; A. Howell (Hornsey), 5; Thomas Langdon (London), 6; Harry Stubbs (London), 7; A. Jacob (Hornsey), 8. Then a touch of Oxford Treble Bob Major by A. Jacob, 1; S. Slater, 2; W. Howell, 3; G. Smith, 4; A. Howell, 5; T. Langdon, 6; R. Theobald, 7; H. Stubbs, 8. Each touch contained 288 changes and were both conducted by A. Jacob.

On Sunday morning a visit was paid to the parish church, Hornsey, and for morning service the following touches were rung: 300 Kent Treble Bob. S. Slater, 1; W. Howell, 2; G. Smith, 3; A. Howell, 4; T. Langdon, 5; A. Jacob, 6. Then 180 Plain Bob. S. Slater, 1; W. Howell, 2; G. Smith, 3; T. E. Slater, 4; T. Langdon, 5; A. Jacob, 6. And 240 of Kent Treble Bob. W. Dixon, 1; W. Howell, 2; T. Langdon, 3; G. Smith, 4; S. Slater, 5; A. Jacob, 6. The ringing on Sunday morning was conducted by S. Slater. The Suffolk ringers returned home well pleased, thanking their London friends for meeting them.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN DIVISION.)

The quarterly meeting of the above society was held at Burgh on Saturday, February 17th, and was attended by ringers from Boston, Skirbeck, Kirtton, Frieston, Friskney, and Burgh. The company journeyed from Boston by rail to Burgh station, then having a walk of two miles to the church, where they were met by several members of the local company, who gave them a hearty welcome, and everything being in readiness, the bells (which are a nice ring of eight), tenor 25 cwt., were raised in peal, and a 504 of Grandsire Triples was brought round. The company then started for a longer touch, viz., 1008 in the same method, which was successfully brought round, the men standing as follows: E. Clayton, 1; F. Devoto, 2; A. O. Barber, 3; J. M. Rylatt (conductor), 4; F. Boyer, 5; W. T. Harwood, 6; F. Blakey, 7; G. Sevil, 8. Evensong was held at 4.0 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. W. White, after which an adjournment was made to The White Hart, where tea was provided, to which full justice was done by those assembled. The business meeting, which was of the usual character was held immediately after, presided over by the Rev. J. Cheales of Friskney (the president). The ringers again then handled the ropes when several peals of Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung by mixed companies on the front five bells, with 7, 6, 8 covering until 8.0 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal, and what was strange to most of us, the curfew bell was then rung; and upon enquiry we were informed that this custom has been observed in Burgh from Norman times; the bell is also rung at 5.0 a.m. during the summer months, and at 6.0 a.m. during the winter. There is also we were informed a sum of money left for providing a silk rope for the tenor bell, but some years back this was invested in a plot of land (called the ringers' pasture), which the local company have for gardens at a merely nominal rental; so that the tenor bell has to be rung with an ordinary hempen rope (perhaps some of your readers can give more information on this point.) The church, which is dedicated to S.S Peter and Paul, contains some fine old carved oak screens, and pulpit with sounding board; also a modern oak lectern, by a celebrity (Mr. Jacob Good), which was presented to the church by subscription in memory of Bishop Tozer, a former Vicar of the parish. Time and railway trains, like time and tide, wait for no man, and as we had a walk of two miles to the station, we had to bid our friends good-night and hurry to catch our train, and we take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar and the local company, for providing for our comfort and enjoyment, and hope to visit them again in the near future.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the above society was held at St. Michael's, Headingley, on Saturday, February 23rd, ringers being present from Armley, Bradford, Bramley, Burley, Calverley, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's), Huddersfield, Hull, Leeds, Wakefield, and local company. Touches of Treble Bob and Grandsire were rung before the business meeting, which was held at The Skyrack hotel, the president in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. T. Lockwood (Leeds), was nominated as president for the ensuing year. Mr. J. T. Eason (Wakefield) and Mr. W. Wood (Headingley) were elected auditors. The secretary then stated that the annual meeting would be held at Leeds on Saturday, March 30th. The vote of thanks to the Vicar, wardens, and local company was carried unanimously. The tower bells were then at liberty again and a well struck 1008 of Grandsire Triples was rung, J. T. Eason (conductor); and touches of Treble Bob, Grandsire, and Stedman Triples were rung by different bands. The handbells were also kept busily engaged at the meeting house, touches of Minor, Triples, Major, and Caters being well rung. Songs and recitations were also rendered by several of those present, which brought to a close a pleasant and enjoyable meeting.

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THE BATTLE COMPANY, SUSSEX.

The Very Rev. the Dean of Battle recently presided at the annual dinner of the members of the Battle company at The George hotel, when there were also present the Rev. Spencer Day, Mr. C. Martin (churchwarden), Messrs. J. Soan (sidesman) B. Weller (organist), W. Franks (conductor of the Battle company), C. J. Hyland, G. Eldridge, W. H. Eldridge, C. Carter, C. Dennis, A. Saunders, W. J. Thomas, F. Mathis (secretary), F. Lock, J. Livermore, and W. B. Billenness (Christ Church, Blacklands), G. S. Hooker, A. Smith, D. Potter, P. Down, J. Selmes, and T. Hutchison.

The National Anthem was heartily rendered.

Mr. C. J. Hyland proposed "The Bishop, Clergy and Churchwardens," referring in eulogistic terms to the late Bishop of London, and observing that their own Bishop was a broad-minded prelate. At the beginning of the year it was one of the grandest spectacles that had ever been witnessed in Battle when they had the united service for all denominations in the fine old church, and they were all pleased to see one of the Nonconformist ministers reading the lessons. It showed that in Battle church religion was not of a narrow-minded character. They as ringers had much to thank the Dean for. They had never approached him on any subject, but what he took it up in a broad and liberal spirit, and if it was for their benefit they got what they asked for. As churchwarden, Mr. Raper had evinced a deep interest in the belfry, which he had attended more frequently than any churchwarden that he knew of and they were all very pleased to see him, and would be glad to welcome his colleague there. They thanked the Dean and churchwardens for the comfort they had afforded them in having the belfry boarded round, and it was evident from that they appreciated the ringers' services.

The Dean, in responding, thought there was an improvement as regarded the belfry, and successive churchwardens had made additions to the comfort of the place. They had rehung the bells in the last few years, and had recast one of them, besides the lesser things that had been done. There was one point where there was probably room for improvement, and that was in the number of ringers. Nine was not quite sufficient, and he thought it was a great pity that some of the young men did not take up a pursuit which was vigorous and healthy, and which was also by no means a mere mechanical employment, but which required very careful and sustained attention during the ringing, and a considerable amount of study. And he would call their attention to one other point which they had been forcibly reminded of late, and that was the prominent place the church bells had in the history of the nation. They had had times of anxiety, he would not say disaster, in the great war which they hoped was now drawing to a close.

Mr. F. Lock, in submitting "Success to the Battle Company," said he considered the members to be to a certain extent volunteers. He had spent many hours in their belfry, and Mr. Franks was one of the most able leaders the Society could have. They would act wisely in retaining him in that office, for under his direction they were bound to make satisfactory progress, as they had always done.

Mr. Franks, in acknowledging the compliment, said that as leader he had merely done his duty. The advance made by the Society in bellringing was due more to the Divisional Secretary, Mr. S. Saker, whose untiring efforts on behalf of ringing in the eastern division were very highly spoken of. He was sorry to note that there were several towers in the division with good peals of bells, and more favourable for ringing in regard to weight than theirs, where the example set them in change-ringing work was not followed. They were in the hands of what were called stony ringers, who rang "churchyard bob" and "gravestone delight." That was not fair to a man like Mr. Saker, who had tried in such an indefatigable manner to work up the division, and he thought they might put their shoulder to the wheel. He had thrown out several suggestions to induce members to take more interest in what was going on, such as monthly practices and ringing of quarterly peals. That had been very successful where taken up, but this, unfortunately, had been done in only a few towns. With regard to their own peal-ringing, he was sorry they had not done quite so much as hitherto, having only rung two peals in their entirety, one for Sussex and one for Kent, which brought their points for Sussex

up to seven. It might have been thought that they had been lazy in the work, but much of their time had been devoted to other matters, such as monthly practice. With regard to the Kent peal, they were proud to get it in for Kent, because it brought together other ringers, and was conducive to bonds of friendship. He hoped this year they would have more of the Sussex members belonging to the Kent Society, as in that way they would derive a benefit with regard to points. In order to get a record in the Association Report, they must score ten points, the number for one peal being seven. They must congratulate one of their young bands, Christ Church at St. Leonards, because he understood this year they got into the point column, and great credit was due to their able leader, Mr. Watson. At Battle they were in want of ringers, as it was a great tax on nine men if they wished them to ring twice on Sundays, though they did it for the love of ringing. They could not all be always there, and they wanted at least a dozen to keep up the strength. It had been said that only one out of every ten made a good ringer, but if there were any young men who fancied they could do the work they would be welcome. He hoped this year they would be able to acquire more peals. The speaker urged upon the members the necessity of punctuality and regular attendance at practice, and thanked the subscribers for their liberal support.

Other toasts were "The Visitors," "The Vocalists and Instrumentalists," "Mr. Martin," and "Host and Hostess Wagstaff." Songs were contributed by members of the company, and handbell selections given by Messrs. W. Franks and W. J. Thomas.

PORTSEA, HANTS.

Ringers who have had the good fortune to pay a visit to the tower of St. Mary's, Portsea, will always remember the kindness and courtesy shewn by the foreman of the local ringers—Mr. J. Harper—who has held that position since the church was opened some eleven or twelve years ago. Such an event therefore as the marriage of one of his daughters would naturally be looked upon by his ringing friends as an opportunity not to be lost of shewing their respect for him and his family, who are always ready to assist him in welcoming his brother-ringers. Consequently Saturday, March 2nd, the day fixed for the tying of the nuptial knot between Miss Edith Harper, and Mr. Robert Campbell Pook (of Portland), found ringers on their way from Guildford, Fareham, Wickham, and Basingstoke to attempt, in conjunction with three of the local company, a peal of Treble Bob Major. The wedding was timed for 1.30, and as the happy couple with their friends left the church, the strains of the Wedding March sounding from the powerful organ, the bells rang out joyously to the tune of Treble Bob. After a short touch and a halt, ropes were adjusted, and at 2.25 a start was made in peal fashion. Then followed 3 hrs. 15 mins. good ringing, "That's all" announcing the success of the attempt.

No sooner were the bells silent than Mr. Harper appeared in the belfry, and although every one knew that his house was then full of friends, yet he insisted on the visitors accompanying him home, where they found a capital tea ready, and Mrs. Harper waiting to receive them. When this was over, there remained just time to thank Mr. and Mrs. Harper for their kindness, and to request them to convey to the bride and bridegroom (who had started for their honeymoon) the best wishes of the band for their future happiness, and they were soon again en route for their several destinations, well pleased with the result of their journey. Mr. and Mrs. Harper will entertain the local ringers during the coming week.

EAST BERGHOLT, SUFFOLK.

The villagers of East Bergholt are said to be distressed because the village bells are out of order, and the Rector has no funds to put them right again. A few years ago we gave an descriptive illustration of the belfry, the peculiarities of which are well known to most of our readers. According to village tradition the edifice was originally erected in another corner of the churchyard, but the chiming of the bells so annoyed the squire that he had it removed to its present position, that the church intervening might deaden the sound.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

MUFFLED RINGING—AND SOME RINGING BOOKS.

SIR,—In my letter last week I ventured to express the view that ringing of a muffled kind for a Sovereign of this realm was first done for our late Queen Victoria, and therefore no method of performance on the occasion can be said to have been either right or wrong. That the beauties of such ringing should be offered to Her memory was undoubtedly fitting, but it was no doubt offered in various styles of performance. Mr. Weatherley inquires what conductors did, but I think a more interesting and at the same time a more manageable question is "what are the methods of ringing for deaths or funerals which are usual in different parts of the country?" For I imagine that in the main the ringing for the Queen was performed in that manner which has grown to be customary in each neighbourhood. We know that there are varieties in performances. The London whole-pull-and-stand does not obtain everywhere—What are the customs at, say, Cambridge, Norwich, Birmingham, in Yorkshire, Devonshire? Will those who know kindly tell us? Also of uses elsewhere? There is one which has been brought to our notice in a way which seems to me to call for a protest—I mean the method of muffling everything but the back stroke of the tenor, which has been thrust upon the world at large through the medium of the Daily Press by Mr. Palairot, Master of the Salisbury Guild. I do not think it is reasonable in a matter about which there is no rule, for anyone to address people like Clergy and Churchwardens at large, who, unless they happen to be members of the Exercise are usually as ignorant of ringing matters as it is possible to be, and urge them to adopt one method of performance to the exclusion of all others. I can assure Mr. Palairot that we in London are not all, if any, admirers of his pet method. Having tried it on a 30 cwt. tenor, we at Kensington found it quite unsuitable to the tower and its surroundings, and in the opinion of ourselves and others, ringers and otherwise, of whom I have inquired, it is disagreeable in itself, and we were very glad to put the back-stroke muffle on. If this use of Sarum is a favourite in its own country, by all means let it be enjoyed there; but I do not know what authority Mr. Palairot can claim to more than his own opinion, or what moral right he has to, in effect, tell us all that we ought, whatever our local customs, to accept his judgment. We in London respectfully decline to do so. It is absurd to attach any importance to uniformity of performance; it is in no way necessitated by unity of spirit. The authorities who compiled the memorial services recognised this and accordingly provided alternative forms of service for the occasion; and there can have been no uniformity of performance of whichever form was adopted. In some churches, for instance, there would be more singing than in others. This is as it should be; everyone will agree that whatever his personal preference may have been he could only desire that each memorial service should have been performed in the way most suitable to enable it to express the feelings of the particular body of people assembling to take part in it. But the same reasoning applies to the ringing. That which inspired it, the sense of love and veneration of a world for one of the greatest and best of women who ever lived in it and departed from it, was the same at home and in the colonies wherever ringing took place. But to urge that in the place of that form of funeral ringing, whatever it be, which by its habitual practice in any neighbourhood has connected itself with people's feelings and thoughts, one special form should be universally adopted, whether approved of or not, whether suitable or not, is to urge that which calls for the strongest opposition. Unity of spirit is not in such a case, evidenced by uniformity of performance and may be damaged by it. I assert, therefore, that not only is there no rule as to what should be performed on such occasions as we have been considering, but there ought not to be any.

Mr. Palairot, in his letter to *The Times* raised another point by urging that bells should be rung in his method for morning service on the following Sunday. This was too much for Mr. Papillon, who wrote objecting, and suggesting half-muffled ringing on Sunday, giving ingenious and I may say beautiful reasons for his view. I, however, venture to think, and I am

not alone, those cases to be the best where neither of these courses was adopted and where ringing was altogether suspended for the time. There is a proper time for everything, and in my opinion the proper time for ringing of a nature suitable for death or burial is certainly not the time of calling to Sunday services. Muffled or half-muffled ringing for Sunday services is a modern piece of sentimentalism resting on no authority, and in my view objectionable as in opposition to Church principles by setting the servant above his Master. I admit that it might be an appropriate tribute to a deceased bumptious upstart such as Dickens has sketched for us in the character of Josiah Bounderby, of Coketown, but the greater the nobility of character of the deceased the more inappropriate is such a performance.

The plain fact is that in the matters with which I have dealt in this letter—matters indifferent in themselves—there are and always will be different opinions. While we each hold our own let us recognise the right of others to hold theirs, and whatever we do, let us refrain from pushing our particular views by originating a correspondence in the daily press.

Now as to Mr. Pearson. By way of answering him, perhaps it will be convenient to him and some others to frame a short list of the Treatises on ringing prior to Shipway, excluding books like "The School of Recreation," in which ringing is only partially dealt with amongst other subjects. The following is the list:—

1. *Tintinnalogia* by Fabian Stedman—1688.
2. *Campanalogia* by the same—1677.
3. *Campanalogia Improved* by J.D. and C.M.—1702, which I have referred to for convenience as "the London Scholars' Book." This was re-issued with some corrections from time to time—once by Monk, to whom reference is sometimes made, but these re-issues were mainly mere reprints, and though the book was, no doubt, up to date in 1702, the re-issues never were. This is the book, in one or other of its editions, referred to as the Old Campanalogia by the authors of the Clavis.
4. *The Clavis Campanalogia* by Jones Reeves and Blakemore, 1788. This book was reprinted, more than once I believe, and the title page altered in one case at least; but unless a copy of Jones Reeves and Blakemore's work bears the date 1788, it is a reprint.

R. A. DANIELL.

P.S.—Since writing the above Mr. Haworth has kindly sent me a message that half-muffled ringing was introduced into London between the years 1840 and 1850, by Mr. Lansdell, who came from Kent, a clever ringer, who joined the College Youths. Can any Kentish man favour us with the origin and history of this beautiful practice?

R. A. D.

FUNERAL RINGING.

SIR,—I fear I am quite at a loss to explain the curious statement Mr. Daniell mentions, as to its being customary to ring a funeral peal for a ringer or any other young man or woman. Would it imply that ringing was considered an athletic exercise suitable only for young men, and so they would ring for their companions, ringers or otherwise? I know of no pre-Reformation custom bearing on this point; but perhaps the depraved Renaissance sentiment which erected funeral urns and broken pillars over the graves of those who died in the prime of life, considered that the death of a young man was a more mournful event than that of a child or of the old, and so required more solemn accompaniments. This hardly seems a probable first cause of the custom, but it may have operated in support of the idea mentioned above to give this curious custom a certain vogue.

Verwood, March 5th.

H. DRAKE.

AN ERROR.

SIR,—The methods rung in the peal at Darfield, Yorkshire, on Saturday, February 16th, should read "New London Pleasure, Violet, Duke of York, London Scholars' Pleasure, Royston Delight, College Pleasure, and Arnold's Victory."

WM. WOODCOCK.

THE LAST PEAL OF THE LAST CENTURY.

SIR,—Re enquiry from Mr. G. R. Winter, of Retford, respecting last peal rung in 19th century. The peal at Tong was commenced at 11.40 p.m., 19th century, and finished at 2.35 a.m. (in the 20th century).

T. MAUDE.

The following touches have been rung with muffled bells as marks of love and loyalty to Her late Majesty Queen Victoria:—

Date Touches.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Saturday, February 2nd, at St. George's church, a date touch of Stedman Triples, 1901 changes. in 1 hour 14 mins., composed by T. Marshall. T. Jackson, C. Barber, J. Booth, H. Meakin, L. Meakin, J. W. Bayley, E. Reader (conductor), G. Marshall (longest length).

PRESTON (Lancashire).—On Monday evening January 28th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hour 10 mins. W. Banister, T. Dalton (conductor), T. Banister, W. Tuson, W. Sumner, T. Dalton, W. Walton, W. Dalton.

Miscellaneous Touches.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Hertfordshire).—On Sunday, January 27th, for morning service, 2 six-scores each of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, and for afternoon service, 360 Oxford Bob Minor. On Tuesday 29th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, conducted by A. Lawrence. On Thursday, 31st, 720 Bob Minor, conducted by G. Carter. On Saturday, February 2nd, for the memorial service, an attempt was made for a muffled peal, which was lost owing to a change-course, after ringing 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Court Bob, and College Single. C. Gale, A. Phillips, A. Lawrence, A. Smith, G. Carter, W. H. Lawrence (conductor). On Sunday, February 3rd, for afternoon service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, conducted by A. Lawrence.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday, January 27th, for morning service, a 630 Oxford Bob Triples. A. Humphrey, F. Sanders, T. Harford, G. Simpson, J. Craft, G. Huxley, G. Darling (conductor), W. James. Also after service, another 630, as before. On Saturday, February 2nd, an attempt was made to ring J. J. Parker's five-part peal of Oxford Bob Triples, which was lost through a change-course, after ringing 4900 changes. A. Humphrey, T. Harford, J. Hack, G. Simpson, J. Craft, G. Huxley, G. Darling (conductor), W. James.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINKFIELD (Berks.).—On Wednesday, January 30th, 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Blunden, J. Druce, D. Moir, G. Worsfold, J. Brant (conductor), W. Bailey. On Saturday, February 2nd, 480 Grandsire Doubles. F. Blunden, J. Druce, W. Bailey, D. Moir, G. Worsfold (conductor), J. Brant. On Sunday February 3rd, for Divine Service, in the evening, 720 Grandsire Minor, as before, conducted by J. Brant.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RAUNDS (Northants.).—On Sunday, January 27th, for morning service, 952 Grandsire Triples. R. Gilbert, W. J. Gilbert, F. Kirk, W. Gilbert, F. Gilbert (conductor), H. Copperwheat, H. Sharman, H. Stubbs. For evening service, 952 Grandsire Triples. G. Kirk, F. Stubbs, W. J. Gilbert, H. Stubbs, F. Gilbert (conductor), W. Gilbert, F. Kirk, A. Kirk. These touches were taken from Parker's twelve-part.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, January 27th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. H. L. Garfath, jun., A. J. Le Clercq, A. White, Jas Hawkes, H. L. Garfath, sen. (conductor), C. Fry, E. Clapshaw, T. Upshall. On Saturday, February 2nd, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire, but unfortunately came to grief just after passing the half-way single. H. L. Garfath, jun., Jas. Hawkes, F. A. Barnett, H. L. Garfath, sen. (conductor), A. J. LeClerc, C. Fry, A. White, E. Clapshaw. On Sunday morning, February

3rd, for Divine Service, 630 Grandsire Triples. G. Cranham (longest length), H. Garfath, jun., A. E. Smith, H. Garfath, sen. (conductor), A. LeClerc, C. Fry, E. Clapshaw, T. Upshall. For evening service, 630 Grandsire Triples. T. Upshall (longest length away from tenor), H. Garfath, jun., A. E. Smith, C. Fry, H. Garfath, sen., (conductor), A. LeClerc, E. Clapshaw, A. Baigent (longest length).

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BRADFORD (Yorkshire).—On Saturday, February 2nd, at St. Peter's church, before service, a half-peal of Treble Bob Major, consisting of 2592 changes, or 81 leads. this being the age of our late beloved ueen, in 1 hour 48 mins. J. W. Cundall, G. Titterton, F. Harvey, J. Hardcastle, J. Mawson, W. Bolton, S. C. Clark, J. Wotton (conductor). Composed by A. Sykes, of Huddersfield. After service, 980 changes of Grandsire Triples in 36 mins., this being the age in months of our late Queen. C. Barker, 4: the rest as before. Composed by C. Smart, Steyning, Sussex.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDSOMER NORTON.—On February 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. T. T. Hayward, R. J. Adams, F. Chivers, J. Hambleton, G. Miles, C. H. Shearn (conductor), H. Kenten, J. Sperring.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CREWE BRANCH.)

CREWE.—On Saturday, February 2nd, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Triples, in 49 mins. A. Walker, J. Simon, R. T. Holding, jun., J. Kettle, J. Dentith, G. Crawley, R. T. Holding (conductor), G. A. Crawley.

THE LANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Monmouthshire).—On Saturday, February 2nd, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but lost after ringing two hours. Afterwards touches of Grandsire Triples, and the usual whole pull and stand was rung for the memorial service, which was held at 2.30, attended by the Mayor and Corporation. After the service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Butler, J. Butler, H. Millard, H. Rogers, F. Attwell, J. W. Jones, J. Trowbridge (conductor), G. Pippin. The day's ringing concluded by ringing the whole pull and stand 81 times, the age of Her late Majesty.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts).—On Wednesday, January 23rd, at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. W. Rickett, A. Tucker, T. Newman, H. J. Tucker, W. Prior, W. W. Tucker, W. T. Prior, J. Sampford. On Saturday, February 2nd, another quarter-peal in the same method. T. Jordan, A. Tucker, T. Newman, W. Prior, W. Watts, W. W. Tucker, W. T. Prior, H. J. Tucker. In each of the above the first half was conducted by A. Tucker, and the last half by H. J. Tucker.

BROMSGROVE (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, February 2nd, 1134 Grandsire Triples, being eighty-one treble leads, the number of years our late beloved Queen lived. F. Allcock, J. Mason, J. Eades, T. Albut, G. Ward, G. Hayward (composer and conductor), G. Bourne, O. James. On Sunday, February 3rd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. G. Bourne, G. Hayward, J. Eades, T. Albut, G. Ward, O. James, J. Mason (conductor), J. Parry. For evening service 882 Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins. F. Allcock, O. James, J. Eades, T. Albut, G. Ward, G. Hayward (conductor), G. Bourne, J. Parry.

SHALFORD (Surrey).—On Sunday, January 27th, after evening service, 720 Bob Minor. P. Worsfold, R. Crowhurst, T. Streeter, E. Lucas, S. Radford, T. W. Radford (conductor). On Tuesday, February 3rd, 720 in the same method. P. Worsfold, E. Lucas, G. Elston, T. Streeter, E. Worsfold (conductor), J. Smithers.

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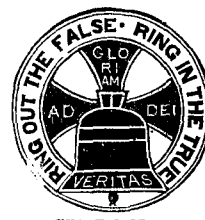
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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 1901.

LAST week we indulged in the hope that all the records of the peals rang which had reference to the death of the late Queen, would be erected in a manner appropriate to the circumstances. It has been notified that there may possibly be instances where it may be desired, in connection with the church tower, to place a memorial of much greater importance.

We have been told by a high authority that the erection of a church bell is a most fit and appropriate memorial to departed worth. This is really so. Then no event than the one in question is more appropriate for such treatment. It is thought that such an idea would greatly commend itself to the various Church authorities if it could be brought before them.

Our brethren will, we imagine, agree with the notion.

But they must grasp the suggestion without delay, and take all means within their power to mature it. Many ringers will see in the fruition of such a proposal the realisation of long-cherished hopes. There are many rings of bells wanting augmentation, and how seemly and appropriate it would be to read that a treble, or a tenor, or more bells had been erected as memorials to the Great Queen of the nineteenth century. We beg our friends to be on the alert; to be up and doing; and use their best endeavours in such a righteous cause.

Next week will be commenced in this journal a paper dealing with some "Churchwardens' Accounts," by a well-known member of the Exercise, comprising a host of interesting particulars relating to church bells. The following week's number will contain four splendid illustrations, fuller particulars of which will be found in our next.

The Metropolis.

THE ST. JAMES SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, March 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.
Tenor 25 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY Treble.	†THOMAS LANGDON 6.
GEORGE R. FARDON 2.	*HERBERT LANGDON 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN 3.	ARTHUR JACOB 8.
FERRIS J. SHEPHERD 4.	†THOMAS LANGDON 9.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 5.	ERNEST H. OXENHAM .. Tenor.

Composed by the late J. Cox, and
Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

*First peal as conductor. †College Youth. ‡Cumberland Youth.

The Provinces.

BACUP.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. (ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 25, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 9½ cwt.

F. HOWORTH Treble.	A. W. WHITWORTH 5.
J. A. BROWN 2.	J. SHEPHERD 6.
J. T. STANDRING 3.	Z. LORD 7.
S. KAY 4.	W. ASHWORTH Tenor.

Conducted by J. SHEPHERD.

Rung as a marriage peal to Councillor Edmund Lord, of Bacup.

TASBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 28, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 6-scores of Antelope, Plain Bob, and Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. Treble.	*A. E. FULLER 3.
HERBERT W. STANLEY .. 2.	*W. L. DUFFIELD 4.
FREDK. KNIGHTS, SEN. Tenor.	

Conducted by ALFRED W. BRIGHTON.

*First peal. First peal on the bells.

PUDSEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 1, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE BOLLAND Treble.	TOM LATIMER 5.
HENRY ODDY 2.	FRANK BIRKS 6.
CHARLES PRATT 3.	JOHN SMITH 7.
WM. BOLLAND 4.	PRATT CORDINGLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by WM. BOLLAND.

This is the conductor's fiftieth peal. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Copeland, wife of the Vicar.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Friday, March 1, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DERITEND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART.

HORACE F. STREET* .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT 2.	HENRY MIDDLETON .. 6.
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY* .. 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 7.
WILLIAM G. ELLIS 4.	*SYDNEY J. JESSOP .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal and first attempt, and was proposed members of the Guild previous to starting.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE RUMSEY Treble.	WILLIAM RUMSEY 5.
WILLIAM GROOM 2.	JAMES RUMSEY 6.
ERNEST GRIMES 3.	CHARLES BRUNNING .. 7.
SEDLY COLLINS 4.	ALFRED GRIMES Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WM. GRIMES.

First peal in the method by G. Rumsey, and rung at the first attempt. This composition has the 6th the extent in 5-6, it being six times each way in that position, and is now rung for the first time.

AMPTHILL, BEDS

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On Saturday, March 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

H. SEAR Treble.	F. WEBB 4.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 2.	A. ROBINSON 5.
W. J. BARKER 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PENNING'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble.	HARRY TURNER 5.
THOMAS KING 2.	GEORGE LILLEY 6.
HUGH GLADWELL 3.	FREDK. HUNT 7.
WILLIAM KINSEY 4.	ROBERT MOORE Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS KING.

First peal of Triples by Messrs. Gladwell, Kinsey, Turner, Lilley, and Hunt. Messrs. Symonds and King hail from Lavenham; Gladwell and King from Fels-ham; Turner, Lilley, and Moore belong to the St. James' company, Bury; Hunt to St. Mary's.

WORTLEY, NEAR SHEFFIELD, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

JOHN DRONFIELD Treble.	EDWARD ROBBINS 5.
JAMES H. BELL 2.	GEORGE W. DRONFIELD .. 6.
CLIFFE DRONFIELD 3.	JOHN PARKIN 7.
THOMAS W. MCKEGG .. 4.	THOMAS W. ROBBINS .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, of Rugby, and
Conducted by THOMAS W. ROBBINS.

This peal has the 5th and 6th twenty-two courses in 6ths place.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS ATTWELL Treble.	*ARTHUR J. BARTLETT .. 5.
GEORGE W. FOSTER 2.	JOHN H. GRUNDY 6.
WALTER G. BROCKHURST† 3.	*CHARLES HAZELDEN .. 7.
WILLIAM T. LIGHTFOOT .. 4.	THOMAS W. RADFORD .. Tenor.

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and Conducted by T. W. RADFORD.

*First peal of Major. †First peal of Major with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. J. Bartlett, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

PORTSEA, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

JOSIAH HARRIS Treble.	GEORGE GRAHAM 5.
HENRY WHITE 2.	JAMES HUNT 6.
GEORGE CHAPPEL 3.	JOHN W. WHITING 7.
JOHN SYMONS 4.	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by FREDERICK S. BAYLEY.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

FRED BLANTON Treble.	BOB THOMSON 5.
JACK PRICKETT 2.	JACK JONES 6.
JIM MORLEY 3.	JACK DAVIS 7.
JACK AUSTIN 4.	*JIM THOMAS Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and
Conducted by J. AUSTIN.

*First peal. A note will be found elsewhere.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS PEERS Treble.	TITUS BARLOW 5.
FRED. BANKS† 2.	†ALBERT HOLDING 6.
RICHARD P. HEALD 3.	†SAMUEL ARROWSMITH .. 7.
JOHN MOSCROP 4.	†JOHN ARROWSMITH Tenor.

Composed by S. BIDDLESTONE, and Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

†First peal.

MORTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 2, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS Treble.	CHARLES E. CHASTY .. 4.
ARTHUR J. HOLMES† .. 2.	GEORGE WELLS 5.
WALTER FREEMAN* 3.	*ROBERT BRIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT BRIGHTMAN.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor A Reference elsewhere.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION,
AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Monday, March 4, 1901, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

ARTHUR E. WHATMORE† .. Treble.	SAMUEL J. HUGHES .. 5.
WILLIAM POTTER† 2.	†NOAH HOLLYOAK 6.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT 3.	†JOHN PIPER 7.
FRED. PLANT† 4.	†JOSEPH SMITH Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

†First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The name of the conductor of the peal rung at Arundel on Saturday, February 23rd, was George H. Lee.—The peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major rung at Pontefract on February 11th, should read 5184 changes, and not 5018 as recorded.

Date Touches.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

COTGRAVE (Notts).—On December 31st, a date touch of Doubles in 1 hr. 20 mins., being 480 Old Doubles, 480 Plain Bob, 480 Canterbury, and 460 Grandsire. H. Marriott, 1; G. H. Simpson, 2; W. E. White (conductor), 3; W. White, 4; T. Squires, 5. Rung with the bells muffled.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

ANSTON (Yorks).—On Monday, December 10th, a date touch, 1900 changes, in 1 hr. 3 mins., being 100 Oxford, and 240 each of College Pleasure, Killamarsh, City Delight, and 360 each of Kent, Duke of York, and Merchant's Return. W. Platts, 1; H. Turner, 2; H. Stenton, 3; R. Smith, 4; S. Smith, 5; C. Fowler (conductor), 6.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LAWTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday evening, December 16th, for Divine Service, a date touch, 1900 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins., being 460 Plain Bob, 720 Oxford Bob, and 720 Grandsire. J. Hancock, 1; J. Wildblood, 2; J. Massey, 3; J. James, 4; J. Pierpoint, 5; W. Rigby (conductor), 6.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ALDRINGTON (Sussex).—On Wednesday, December 26th, at St. Leonard's church, a date touch of Bob Minor, 1900 changes, in 1 hour 7 mins. J. Dearing (longest touch), 1; G. A. Steele, 2; M. Broomfield, 3; A. J. Cherryman, 4; F. Trusler, 5; F. W. Steele (conductor), 6.

HASTINGS (Sussex).—On Wednesday, December 26th, a date touch of Treble Bob Minor, being 1180 of Kent and 720 of Woodbine, in 1 hour and 3 mins. G. Boswell, 1; C. Best, 2; T. E. Ellis, 3; A. B. Bennett (conductor), 4; T. Stroud, 5; J. Lee, 6.

SANDAL, WAKEFIELD (Yorks).—On December 24th, at the parish church, a date touch, 1900 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins., in the following methods: Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Violet, and Oxford. W. Moxin, 1; F. Dyson, 2; J. Brewin, 3; W. Reyner, 4; G. Moxon (conductor), 5; H. Robinson, 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

Miscellaneous.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WHORLTON-IN-CLEVELAND.—On January 5th, 720 Bob Minor. R. Greenwood, 1; Rev. M. B. Bird, 2; G. J. Clarkson, 3; J. Waller, 4; Rev. W. P. Wright, 5; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 6. And 720 Bob Minor. J. Titchener, 1; T. Beckwith, 2; T. Metcalfe, 3; T. Wrightson, 4; A. Barrett, 6; T. Stephenson (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. C. Hardy, 1; W. J. Titchener, 2; T. Metcalfe, 3; T. Kelley, 4; Rev. W. P. Wright, 5; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Newton, 1; J. W. Newton, 2; N. Kidd, 3; T. Beckwith, 4; T. Metcalfe, 5; T. Stephenson (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; J. H. Blakiston, 2; T. Metcalfe, 3; J. Waller, 4; Rev. W. P. Wright, 5; W. Newton, 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOURNEMOUTH (Hampshire).—On December 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Grist, 1; G. Colborne, 2; C. Lorfitt, 3; E. Waters, 4; F. Phillips, 5; F. Bristow, 6; C. Goodenough (conductor), 7; C. Merrifield, 8. On December 25th, for morning service, the last 742 of Holt's Original. C. Goodenough (conductor), 1; G. Colborne, 2; E. Merritt (Brighton), 3; E. Green, 4; F. Phillips, 5; T. Bristow, 6; E. Waters, 7; C. Merrifield, 8. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Grist, 1; E. Merritt, 2; C. Lorfitt, 3; E. Green (conductor), 4; F. Phillips, 5; E. Waters, 6; T. Bristow, 7; C. Goodenough, 8. Also 336 in the same method. C. Goodenough 1; E. Merritt (conductor), 2; C. Lorfitt, 3; S. Phillips, 4; E. Waters, 5; S. Merritt, sen., 6; T. Bristow, 7; S. Belber, 8.

SHALFORD (Surrey).—On Wednesday, December 12th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles). *H. Whitbourn, 1; T. Streeter, 2; W. Lightfoot, 3; E. Lucas, 4; G. Foster (conductor), 5; W. Trewin, 6. *First 720.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, December 16th, for Divine Service, 714 Grandsire Triples. H. Garfath, jun., 1; A. E. Smith, 2; A. Le Clercq, 3; F. A. Bennett, 4; H. Garfath (conductor), 5; C. Fry, 6; E. Claphaw, 7; H. Herrington, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LANE END (Berks).—On December 31st, just before midnight, a 720 of Bob Minor, 32 bobs and 2 singles. F. Goodchild, 1; W. Meakes, 2; W. Bishop, 3; F. H. Nash (conductor), 4; Rev. F. L. Nash, 5; T. Meakes, 6. On January 1st, just after midnight, a 720 of Bob Minor, 21 bobs and 12 singles. W. Bownes, 1; W. Meakes, 2; W. Bishop, 3; F. H. Nash, 4; F. Goodchild, 5; Rev. F. L. Nash (conductor), 6. The conductors are the Vicar and his son.

HAWLEY (Hants).—On Wednesday, December 26th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. M. Steer, 1; F. Hopgood, 2; J. Richardson, 3; E. Bruce, 4; F. Richardson, 5; W. Horne, 6; W. Lightfoot, 7; A. E. Reeves (conductor), 8. Also 181 Grandsire Triples. C. Pearce, 1; F. Hopwood, 2; J. Richardson, 3; E. Bruce, 4; F. Richardson, 5; C. Chapman, 6; W. Lightfoot (conductor), 7; M. Steer, 8.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Sunday morning, for Divine Service at the parish church, 168 Stedman Triples. T. Bull, 1; G. Room, 2; H. Brooks, 3; J. Monk, 4; F. Powell, 5; F. Pounds, 6; Rev. C. Jenkyn (conductor), 7; J. Brooks, 8. For evening service 210 Grandsire Triples. E. Baker, 1; F. Pounds, 2; G. Room, 3; H. Brooks (conductor), 4; T. Bull, 5; J. Monk, 6; Rev. C. Jenkyn, 7; J. Brooks, 8.

YORK TOWN (Surrey).—On Wednesday, December 26th, 288 Stedman Triples. A. E. Reeves, 1; W. Lightfoot, 2; J. Richardson, 3; F. Hopgood (conductor), 4; E. Bruce, 5; F. Richardson, 6; C. Chapman, 7; M. Steer, 8. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. William Elliot and Miss Ellen Blanche Eddenden. A peal of Treble Bob Major was attempted, but a change-course occurred after ringing 2 hours and 25 minutes.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday morning, January 13th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. A. Humphrey, 1; E. Dunn, 2; J. Town, 3; G. Simpson, 4; J. Craft, 5; G. Huxley, 6; G. Durling (conductor), 7; W. James, 8.

DEAL (Kent).—On Tuesday, December 11th, at St. Leonard's church, 720 Bob Minor in 23 mins. S. Mockett, 1; H. Denne, 2; E. Verrier, 3; A. Denne, 4; H. Newman, 5; H. Castle (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent (fifteen bobs) in 22½ mins. H. Newman, 1; H. Denne, 2; H. Castle, 3; G. Denne, 4; H. Sone, 5; T. Tabrett (conductor), 6. Rung on the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. J. M. Mowle,

a much respected parishioner, who was married at the above church on December 11th, 1850.

TENTERDEN (Kent).—Recently for practice, at St. Mildred's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. E. Pitman, 1; F. Burden, 2; G. Cramp, 3; A. Hinds, 4; C. Tribe, 5; G. Neves, 6; R. Edwards (conductor), 7; H. Holdstock, 8. On Christmas Eve, 168 and 252. F. Edwards, 1; the rest as before. On Christmas morning, 504 of Grandsire Triples. W. Cliff, 1; R. Edwards (conductor), 2; F. Edwards, 3; A. Hinds, 4; G. Cramp, 5; C. Tribe, 6; G. Neves, 7; H. Holdstock, 8. For the eleven o'clock service, 350 Grandsire Triples. W. Cliff, 1; R. Edwards, 2; F. Edwards, 3; G. Cramp, 4; C. Tribe (conductor), 5; A. Hinds, 6; G. Neve, 7; H. Holdstock, 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (Kent).—On Sunday, December 23rd, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. J. Perkins, 1; W. E. Pitman (Faversham) 2; J. Smith, 3; G. Smithers, 4; W. Latter, 5; H. J. Ford, 6; S. Perkins (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8. On Christmas Day, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. E. Mankelaw, 1; J. Perkins, 2; G. Smithers, 3; E. Allen (Guildford), 4; S. Perkins, 5; H. J. Ford, 6; H. Porter (conductor), 7; J. Muggridge, 8. This is H. Porter's first quarter-peal in the method as conductor.

TUNSTALL (Kent).—Recently at the parish church 720 Plain Bob. A. Day, 1; W. G. Kitchingham, 2; J. G. Grensted, 3; W. Walker, 4; G. Drakes, 5; W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor), 6. Also 720 Plain Bob. G. Harding, 1; W. Kitchingham, 2; A. Day, 3; E. Hollands, 4; J. E. Grensted, 5; W. Wilkins (conductor), 6. And 720 Plain Bob. G. Drakes, 1; W. Kitchingham, 2; W. H. B. Wilkins, 3; J. E. Grensted, 4; T. Jull, 5; A. Day (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob. A. Day, 1; J. E. Grensted, 2; W. H. B. Wilkins, 3; W. Hyland, 4; W. Kitchingham, 5; W. Walker (conductor), 6.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—On Saturday, December 15th, at St. John's church, Maddermarket, 720 Bob Minor. A. E. Fuller (Tasburgh), 1; H. Howlett (conductor), 2; W. Blyth, 3; H. W. Stanley, 4; *R. Duffield (Tasburgh), 5; G. Meyers, 6. On Sunday, December 16th, at St. George's church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Bales, 1; *A. E. Fuller (Tasburgh), 2; P. Artis, 3; P. Sadler, 4; A. Warnes (conductor), 5; G. Meyers, 6. *First 720 away from the treble.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BARNET (Middlesex).—On Monday, December 3rd, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. A. Baldwin, 1; A. Glasscock, 2; H. Miller, 3; J. Armstrong, 4; J. Sumpter, 5; A. T. King, 6; J. Miller (conductor), 7; W. T. Miller, 8. On Wednesday, December 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Baldwin, 1; J. Miller, 2; W. Dell, 3; J. Armstrong, 4; J. Sumpter, 5; F. A. Milne, 6; W. Dalton, 7; E. Dalton, 8.

SOUTHGATE (Middlesex).—On Saturday, December 5th, at Christ Church, 720 Bob Minor on the back six. A. Glasscock, 1; H. Miller, 2; J. Armstrong (conductor), 3; C. Millway, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; J. Miller, 6. Also 720 Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. A. Glasscock, 1; H. Miller, 2; W. Dell, 3; J. Miller (conductor), 4; C. Millway, 5; W. Pickworth, 6; J. Armstrong, 7; C. Polden, 8. On Thursday, December 20th, 720 Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. S. Wade (conductor), 1; S. Ansell, 2; A. Glasscock, 3; W. Tegg, 4; J. Armstrong, 5; C. Bale, 6; J. Miller, 7; C. Polden, 8. On Sunday, December 23rd, 720 Bob Minor with the tenor covering. A. Glasscock, 1; S. Ansell, 3; H. Miller, 4; J. Armstrong, 5; J. Miller (conductor), 6; S. Wade, 7; H. Balaam, 8. On Christmas morning, 720 Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. A. Miller, 1; A. Glasscock, 2; H. Miller, 3; J. Armstrong (conductor), 4; J. Miller, 5; H. Balaam, 6; S. Wade, 7; C. Bale, 8. Tenor 25 cwt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STEBBING (Essex).—On Sunday, December 16th, four of the Rayne ringers visited this place, and rang three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles and two 6-scores of Bob Doubles with the local company, conducted by J. T. Barker.

RAYNE (Essex).—On Tuesday, December 18th, for practice, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. E. Gentry, 1; A. Shufflebotham, 2; W. Farrow, 3; *E. Richardson, 4; G. Williams, 5. Also another 6-score in the same method. E. Richardson, 1; W. Farrow, 2; *E. Gentry, 3; A. Shufflebotham (conductor), 4; G. Williams, 5. *First 6-score with a bob bell.

LEYTONSTONE (Essex).—On December 5th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. H. Beams (conductor), W. Miller, H. Bottrill, J. Mardell, J. Moule, and G. Hayden. On December 9th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Withers, J. Moule, H. Bottrill, G. Dawson, W. Miller (conductor), and W. Keeble. And 720 Bob Minor. G. Dawson, J. Moule, W. Miller, F.

Withers, W. Doran, and W. Keeble (conductor). On December 12th, 720 Huddersfield Surprise. F. Withers, J. Moule, W. Keeble, W. Miller, J. Miller, T. Beams (conductor). On December 23rd, 720 Plain Bob. J. Philpot, T. H. Beams, H. Bottrill, F. Withers, W. Miller (conductor), J. Mardell. And 720 Plain Bob. G. Dawson, T. H. Beams (conductor), H. Bottrill, F. Withers, G. Hayden, W. Miller. Also 720 Kent. F. Withers, T. H. Beams (conductor), H. Bottrill, G. Hayden, J. Moule, H. Torble. On Christmas Day 720 Plain Bob. J. Philpot, W. Miller, H. Bottrill, F. Withers, J. Moule (conductor), G. Hayden. On December 27th, 720 Double Oxford. G. Dawson, J. Moule, H. Bottrill, W. Miller, H. Bottrill, W. Miller, T. H. Beams (conductor), W. Keeble. On December 31st, 720 each of Huddersfield and Cambridge. H. Bottrill, J. Moule, W. Miller, T. H. Beams, G. Hayden, W. Keeble (conductor). And 720 Victoria. H. Bottrill, T. H. Beams (conductor), W. Miller, J. Moule, G. Hayden, and W. Keeble.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DESBOROUGH.—On December 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. A. Turner, 1; C. Essen, 2; S. Burditt (conductor), 3; W. Deacon, 4; M. Coe, 5.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ALDRINGTON (Sussex).—On Christmas Day, for morning service, at the church of St. Leonard, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. G. Dray, 1; F. Trusler, 2; M. Broomfield, 3; A. J. Cherryman, 4; F. Tindall, 5; F. W. Steele (conductor), 6.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

BRAMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, December 16th, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 240 each of City Delight, Arnold's Victory, and College Pleasure. S. Helliwell, 1; W. Brown, 2; J. W. Chadwick, 3; E. Oddy, 4; E. Newton, 5; H. Gaythorpe (conductor), 6. For evening service 144 Duke of York, and 240 each of Kent and Violet. H. Gaythorpe (conductor), 4; E. Oddy, 5; E. Redshaw, 6; the rest as before.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EWELL (Surrey).—On Tuesday evening, November 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. Sycamore, 1; H. Pederick, 2; J. Beams, 3; E. Grove, 4; H. G. Beams, 5; H. Greenhill (conductor), 6; C. E. Ready, 7; G. Price, 8. This is H. Greenhill's first quarter-peal as conductor. On Christmas Day, for 8 a.m. service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. G. Price, 1; H. Pederick, 2; H. Sycamore, 3; J. Beams (conductor), 4; C. E. Read, 5; H. Greenhill, 6; H. G. Beams, 7; W. Poplett, 8. For 11 a.m. service, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Price, 1; J. Beams, 2; H. Sycamore, 3; C. Read (conductor), 4; E. Grove, 5; H. Greenhill, 6; H. Beams, 7; W. Poplett, 8.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Sunday evening, December 16th, for Divine Service, 548 Stedman Caters. J. Purser, 1; R. Burrow, 2; W. Pardoe, 3; J. Jaggard, 4; R. Pickering, 5; H. Knight, 6; W. J. Sevier, 7; J. E. Groves (conductor), 8; E. S. Hodges, 9; T. F. O'Connor, 10. After service a touch of Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHEFFIELD (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, December 16th, for Divine Service at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. T. Chown, 1; W. Hammond, 2; A. Gledstone, 3; G. Lewis (conductor), 4; J. Rowley, 5; E. F. Rippon, 6; W. Smithson, 7; J. Lloyd, 8.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Sunday, December 16th, at St. John's, Vassal Road, Brixton, 504 Stedman Triples. F. G. Perrin, 1; A. Hardy, 2; W. S. Langdon, 3; F. J. Shepherd, 4; G. Thrussell, 5; T. Langdon (conductor), 6; H. Langdon, 7; W. Longley, 8. Also 500 Grandsire Triples was attempted with W. Shepherd, of Heavitree, Devon, ringing, and F. J. Shepherd conducting.

ARUNDEL (Sussex).—On December 26th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Netley, 1; F. Luxford, 2; H. D. Searle, 3; G. H. Lee, 4; C. Blackman (conductor), 5; C. R. Lilley, 6.

BEDFIELD (Suffolk).—On December 26th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Clayton, 1; H. J. Creasey, 2; E. Collins (conductor), 3; C. F. Ling, 4; W. G. Crickmer, 5; D. Collins, 6. Also 360 Oxford Bob,

360 Double Court, and 360 Plain Bob. F. Collins, 1; H. J. Creasey, 2; W. G. Crickmer, 3; E. Collins, 4; E. Clayton, 5; D. Collins, 6.

CHEPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Sunday, December 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. Composed by T. Collinson, of Birmingham. E. Williams, 1; G. Hobson, 2; J. Morley, 3; J. Prickett, 4; W. Freestone, 5; R. Hughes, 6; R. Thompson (conductor), 7; B. Tamplin, 8. R. Hughes hails from Banger, North Wales, and late of Chepstow.

EARL SOHAM (Suffolk).—On Christmas morning, 1080 of Old, Plain, April Day, and Grandsire. J. Wright, 1; J. W. Mallett, 2; A. Leggett, 3; J. A. Read, 4; W. G. Crickmer (conductor), 6.

OLDBURY (Worcestershire).—On Friday, December 14th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. J. Lloyd, 1; J. Piggot, 2; S. Asbury, 3; E. Brown, 4; F. Bennett, 5; J. Tilley, 6; R. Hall (conductor), 7; A. Hughes, 8.

SPELDHURST (Kent).—On Sunday, December 16th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, on the occasion of the first visit of Major-General W. H. Mackinnon, cousin of the Rector, and late Colonel-Commandant of the C.I.V., to the parish after his return from South Africa, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 38 mins. F. Still, 1; G. Fuggle, 2; J. Baker, 3; G. Tinley, 4; R. Pelling, 5; A. T. Godley, 6; J. Maynard (conductor), 7; J. Thorpe, 8. On Christmas Eve, at midnight, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. F. Still, 1; A. T. Godley, 2; J. Baker, 3; R. Pelling, 4; O. J. Baker, 5; J. Thorpe, 6; J. Maynard (conductor), 7; G. Izzard, 8. On Christmas Day, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. F. Still, 1; G. Fuggle, 2; A. T. Godley, 3; R. Pelling, 4; O. J. Baker, 5; G. Izzard, 6; J. Maynard (conductor), 7; J. Thorpe, 8.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Sunday evening, December 2nd, for Divine Service at the church of St. Giles, 720 Grandsire Doubles called differently. A. Clark, 1; R. Valentine, 2; W. Tucker, 3; W. Bonham, 4; G. Cowley (conductor), 5; A. Giles, 6.

WICKEN (Northants).—On Saturday, December 15th, at St. James' church, 120 Bob Minor. E. Read, 1; W. Tucker, 2; E. Yates, 3; W. Bonham, 4; J. Read, 5; G. Cowley (conductor), 6. And a 6-score of Doubles. H. Tucker, 1; E. Yates, 2; G. Cowley, 3; W. Bonham, 4; R. Tucker, 5; A. Giles, 6. Also 720 Grandsire Doubles called differently. O. Morris, 1; E. Yates, 2; G. Cowley (conductor), 3; W. Tucker, 4; J. Read, 5; W. Bonham, 6. And three 6-scores called differently. H. Tucker, 1; G. Cowley, 2; W. Tucker, 3; W. Bonham, 4; E. Yates, 5; A. Giles (conductor), 6. Messrs. Read (2) are local men; the rest hail from Stony Stratford, Bucks.

WORLINGWORTH (Suffolk).—On December 26th, 720 Plain Bob. F. Collins, 1; H. J. Creasey, 2; W. G. Crickmer, 3; E. Collins, 4; E. Clayton, 5; D. Collins (conductor), 6.

PRESENTATION TO A LOCAL VOLUNTEER.

On Monday evening last, the workpeople in the employ of Messrs. Millar, Dennis and Co., Victoria Brassworks, together with a few friends, met together in the Woollsorters Rooms to present to Private A. W. Mason, of the Halifax Rifle Corps, who has volunteered for the front, with a handsome pair of field glasses, subscribed for by the firm and workpeople (supplied by a local firm). The chair was taken by Mr. Arthur W. Millar, who briefly called upon Mr. J. Hardcastle sen., to make the presentation. Mr. Hardcastle, in a very neat speech, spoke of the zeal and loyalty of our volunteers, and wished our local man, who was leaving a happy home to fight his country's battles, a safe and happy return to Bradford. We all felt proud of our fellow worker, and we should follow his future career with interest. He hoped to see him return covered with honour and glory. Private Mason briefly responded, after which the Chairman, in a few words spoke of work done by our local volunteers, of which he was an old member. He however regretted it had been necessary to call upon married men to volunteer for the front, he thought single men should have formed a strong contingent, as they were not bound by home ties so much, and when they joined the Volunteers they were perfectly aware of the duties involved in doing so. The toast of "The King and his Army," was given by Mr. J. Bannister, and heartily drank. Private Mason responded. Afterwards, the evening was spent in a social manner, songs being rendered very acceptably by J. W. Calvert, H. Kershaw, Messrs. A. J. and W. Stevens. Mr. J. Bottomley accompanied the songs in a highly creditable manner. The singing of "Auld lang syne," and three rousing cheers for Mason, brought the meeting to a close.

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BATTLE, SUSSEX.

At the parish church on February 5th, on the occasion of the funeral of the Rev. R.W. Loosemore, vicar of Salehurst, who died on February 1st (whilst at his school arranging for the memorial service of Her Majesty Queen Victoria), a 504 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled. W. H. Eldridge, 1; W. J. Thomas, 2; W. Bellinness, 3; S. Saker, 4; J. Sindén, 5; C. R. Carter, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; J. Dennis, 8. The following is taken from a local paper:—"The funeral of the late Vicar of Salehurst, the Rev. Robert Wood Loosemore, took place yesterday afternoon at the Salehurst parish church. Despite the wintry weather, a crowded congregation, representing not only his own parishioners but people from the surrounding districts, assembled in the old church and took part in a most impressive service. The interior of the sacred edifice, in conspicuous parts, was draped in black, with white rosettes. The coffin, followed by the sorrowing family, was borne from the Vicarage to the main door of the church, where it was met by the clergy and choir, churchwardens (Messrs. R. W. Burgess and L. M. Jackson), brothers of the Masonic Order, of which the deceased clergyman was an esteemed member, and other representative gentlemen of the parish and neighbourhood. The bearers were members of the ringers' band, and as the cortege entered the church the procession moved slowly towards the chancel, the Dean of Battle, Rev. E. R. Currie, reading the opening sentences of the Burial Service. On reaching the chancel, the coffin, covered with beautiful floral tributes, was placed in front of the altar rails, and then the hymn "God of the Living" was sung, and also the 90th Psalm. The lesson was read by the Ven. Archdeacon Sutton, and the Rev. C. W. G. Wilson conducted the remainder of the service, the Dean of Battle delivering a Masonic oration. The funeral procession was then reformed and made its mournful way to the churchyard, where the service was concluded, and the hymn "Jesus lives! no longer now." The coffin, which was borne to the grave by the ringers, was lowered by members of the choir to its final resting place. After the service, the Masons present threw their sprigs of acacia, and the children filed past and deposited little bunches of primroses in the grave. A muffled peal on the bells was afterwards rung. The chief mourners were the widow, five daughters, and two sons, Rev. P. W. Loosemore (Vicar of East Peckham), near Tonbridge), brother, and Miss Loosemore, niece. The floral tributes were numerous.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHOVER (Lewes).—On Saturday, January 12th, to celebrate the birthday of W. J. S. Goldsmith, a prominent member of this branch, a peal of London Surprise Major, 5088 changes, was attempted, but after an hour's ringing was lost through a change-course. A. J. Turner, F. Bennett, E. C. Merritt, G. A. King, R. J. Dawe, G. Williams, R. Hart, J. S. Goldsmith (conductor). A touch of Double Norwich was then brought round, after which, with several other members of the Southover band, were all entertained to an excellent supper at "Ye Old King's Head inn," by Mr. Goldsmith and his mother, the hostess of this well known establishment (especially to bell-ringers). And although the attempt for the peal was a failure, a very pleasant evening was spent in song and handbell ringing.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

At the invitation of the Rector through his daughter, the members of the St. Nicholas' Society held their annual supper at the Rectory, on Tuesday, February 12th. In the absence of the Rector (Rev. W. S. Sanders), the Rev. Mr. Wheeler occupied the chair, and the Rev. G. O. Assthorpe the vice-chair. After the toast of "The King," the Chairman proposed "The St. Nicholas' Guild," and said he was asked by the Rector to express his regret at not being able to meet them that year. Although the Rev. W. S. Sanders was returning to Guildford from Bath on the following day, he was under medical orders not to undertake any work, but to have complete rest for some time. The secretary (Mr. J. Hunt) responded to the toast, and expressed the hope of the ringers that the Rector would be soon restored to health. He then proposed the toast of the clergy

present, and wished they were ringers. Both gentlemen pleaded multiplicity of engagements in connection with the church as an excuse for not being oftener seen in the tower, and both also expressed their determination to at least learn to manage a bell in the near future. "The Winchester Diocesan Guild of Ringers," given from the chair, was responded to by Mr. Jones (district secretary), who said the Guild held the position of 6th on the ringing roll for all England, having gradually worked up from somewhere down in the twenties, and, although a large share of that was due to the Guildford district, he urged them to look out and train young men to follow on when those present had gone. During the evening songs were given by Messrs. Reading and Wood, selections on the handbells were rendered by the brothers Radford, and some change-ringing by the company. An enjoyable evening closed with "Auld lang syne" and "God save the King."

THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD, BRISTOL.

The sixth annual dinner of the above Society was held at Stuckey's Restaurant, Wine Street, on Saturday, February 16th, when forty members and friends sat down to an excellent spread. In the absence of the Rector, the chair was taken by the Rev. H. Courtney (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association), who was supported by the Rev. G. Hood, Messrs. C. E. D. Boutflower, H. Anstey (churchwarden), Codrington-Hobkirk, and F. E. Ward, of Cheltenham. There were present, Mr. F. K. Howell (Thornbury), Mr. J. D. Matthews, and other friends from Bath, while most of the City Societies were represented.

Dinner over, the chairman gave the toast of "The King," and feelingly alluded to the loss we had all sustained by the death of our late beloved Queen. Mr. F. G. May proposed the Clergy and churchwardens of St. Stephen's, and remarked that he thought there was no Society of ringers who had more support from the Clergy and Churchwardens than the St. Stephen's Guild. This was replied to by the Rev. H. Courtney and Mr. Anstey.

The toast of the St. Stephen's Guild was proposed by Mr. F. K. Howell, in a few well chosen remarks. The Secretary (Mr. Knight), in reply, gave an account of the past year's ringing, which included the first peal of Cambridge Surprise by a Bristol Band, and trusted the coming year would be even a more successful one.

Mr. Boutflower proposed "Our Conductor and Secretary," which was responded to by Messrs. W. Cave and W. Knight.

"The Visitors" were proposed by Mr. G. Staddon, in a humorous little speech, and was responded to by Messrs. F. E. Ward, Codrington-Hobkirk, J. D. Matthews, &c.

A capital musical programme had been arranged by Mr. F. Elles, and during the evening songs were sung by Messrs. Matt. Hall, R. J. Wilkins, J. Thomas and G. Pearce. F. Elles and — Jenkins, and glees were also sung by Mr. F. Plucknett's male voice choir, Mr. Plucknett presiding at the piano.

A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld lang syne."

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

SHROVE TUESDAY.—To prevent the possibility of any Wellingborough housewife forgetting to provide the usual supply of pancake, the old sixth bell was, according to ancient custom, rung from 10.45 to 11 o'clock. The sexton (Mr. Baxter), being unfortunately very ill, his deputy (Mr. West), kindly attended to the matter. Mr. Baxter has been laid aside since early in the year. Following on the sudden death of the clerk on New Year's Day, and the Vicar's departure for a London hospital about the same time, Mr. Baxter's being laid aside has been a misfortune not for himself, but for the Parish Church. His conscientious and punctual attendance to his various duties have gained him much respect, and makes his absence greatly felt.

NORTHALLERTON (Yorks).—On Sunday, February 3rd, for Divine Service at All Saints church, four 6-scores of Bob Doubles. A. Simons, J. Simons, A. Barker, J. Barnett, W. Thompson, R. Shuttleworth. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor. A. Simons, J. Simons, W. Thompson, A. Barker, J. Barnett (conductor), H. Stevenson, R. Shuttleworth.

Notices.

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The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held to-day, Saturday, March 9th, at All Saints, Hamer. Bells ready 3.30. Business meeting 6.30. All ringers cordially invited. *JAS. JACQUES, Branch Sec.*
48, Church Street, Middleton.

St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Dudley to-day, Saturday, March 9th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30. Service in church at 5 o'clock. Subscriptions are due at this meeting.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.
39, Vauxhall Street, Dudley.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—Quarterly meeting at South-over, Lewes, to-day, Saturday, March 9th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Rector.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.
2, Grove Street, Brighton.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Philip's, Hulme, to-day, Saturday, March 9th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock.

J. SMITH, Branch Sec.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above, will be held to-day, Saturday, March 9th, at Holmfirth. Meeting-house, The Princess Royal. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. It is requested that as many members as possible attend this meeting, as there is some very important business. *WALTER IDLE, Secretary.*
47, Vulcan Road, Deasbury.

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at the church of St. Leonard, Heston, by the kind permission of the Rev. B. O. Sharp, on Saturday, March 16th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea at 6. Members and friends are cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.—The monthly meeting and tea of the above branch will be held in the schoolroom of St. Saviour's, Oxtan, on Saturday, March 16th, at 6 p.m. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 p.m.

B. G. MACANDREW, Hon. Sec.
West Kirby.

The Sheffield District Society.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 30th, vice April 7th, at All Saints, Sheffield. Committee men please note. Meeting at Sportsman's Inn, at 8.30 p.m., to arrange towers for future fixtures, so that cards may be issued at annual meeting. *R. HARRISON, Hon. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Secretary is unable to send the annual report to Messrs. E. Allen, J. Carter, F. W. Eeles, B. Foskett, H. B. Kingsford, T. Lucas, R. Nicholls, S. Phillips, E. Trendell, Rev. J. R. Vincent, for want of address.

REV. R. H. HART-DAVIS, Hon. Sec.
Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT MORETON, LINCOLNSHIRE.—This is the first peal of Minor on the bells, a new treble being added by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, in 1892. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also the steeple-keeper for having everything ready. Messrs. Freeman, Wells and Brightman hail from Market Deeping, Holmes from Edenham, Hollis, from Bourne, and Chasty, from Peterborough, who was made a member of the above Guild previous to starting for the peal.

THE PEAL AT LYDNEY.—This peal was the Rev. E. Banks James's four-part, containing the smallest number of calls possible. It is now rung for the first time, in honour of the accession of King Edward VII. to the throne of Great Britain. Messrs. Morley, Prickett and Thomson hail from Chepstow, Jones from Newport, Blanton Newhaven, Davis and Thomas being members of the local band.

THE PEAL AT LAVENHAM.—The band who rung this peal would like to know if any ringer would, through the columns of "THE BELL NEWS," inform them if a Peal of Grandsire Triples has been rung on these bells since 1799.

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52364		I	2
24365	I		2
52643	2	I	2
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FALSE COMPOSITIONS.—The Peal of Bob Major, by C. R. Lilley, published last week, is false, in the 5th and 8th courses.—The Peal of Stedman Cinques, by William H. Barber, published last week, is also false. Several correspondents have apprised us of these.

BRIDGNORTH (Shropshire).—On Sunday, January 6th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. B. Head, 1; B. Baker, 2; J. Elcock, 3; E. Foxall, 4; J. W. Howard, 5; W. Overton, 6; J. Overton (conductor), 7; H. Jones, 8. The above band think satisfactory progress has been made by them in this method, as it was only in December last they commenced to practise Stedman.

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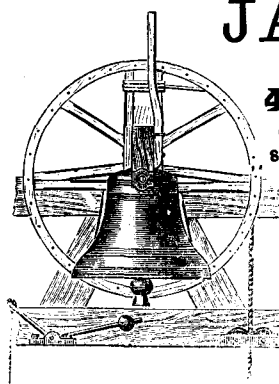
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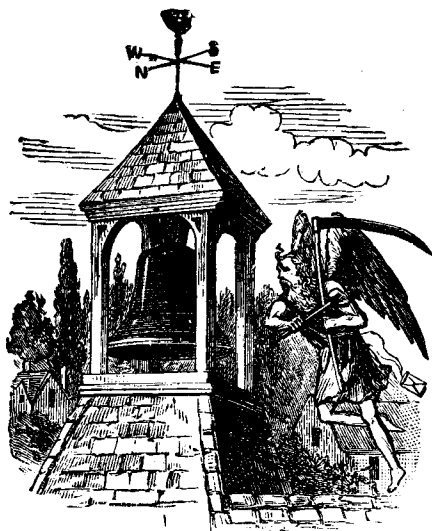
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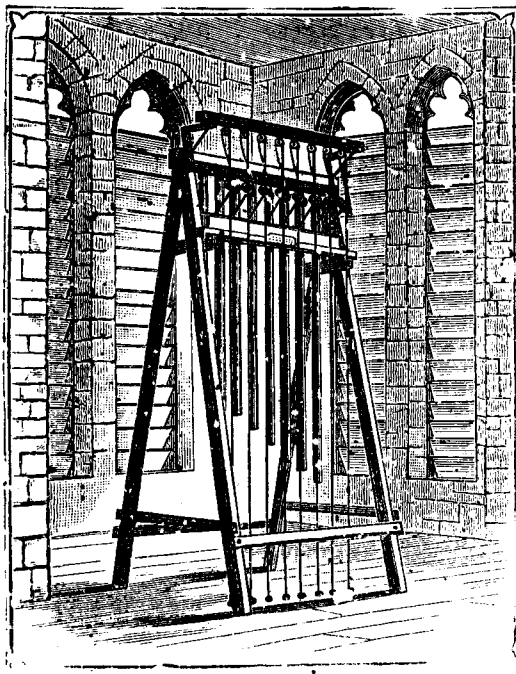
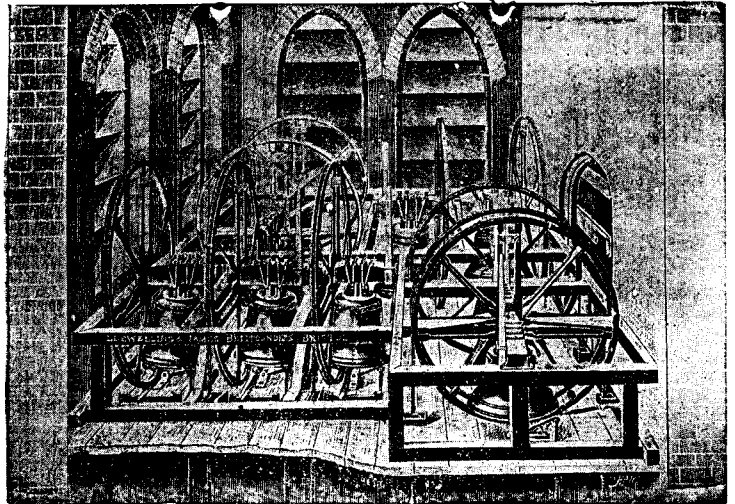
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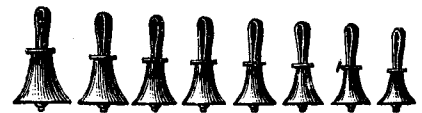
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RE-OPENING OF THE BELLS OF SUNDERLAND PARISH CHURCH BY THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

UNVEILING OF A PEAL TABLET BY THE PRESIDENT.

A thorough rehang of the bells in the tower of Holy Trinity church, Sunderland, has been done by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel foundry. The bells have been quarter-turned, new frames, stocks and wheels provided, new ropes, and the bells now go beautifully, consequent on everything being done in a workmanlike manner. The funds have been got together by the bell restoration committee, the Rev. Dr. Randell, chairman, and Mr. Chas. Wright, Hon. Secretary. The fund was started by the ringers themselves handing over their year's salary of £24. No expense has been spared, and the whole has been done under the watchful eye of the President of the above Association (Mr. R. S. Story), at the request of the committee.

Everything being in ship-shape order the Rector and ringers issued an invitation to the Association to formally re-open the bells on Saturday, March 2nd. The proceedings started at 2.30 with some short touches, till service time, when visitors were received at the church by the genial ringing master, Mr. John Naisby, and his co-workers. The service was well-attended by ringers and laity alike. The Rector (Dr. Randell) conducted the service, and a most appropriate and instructive address was delivered by the Rev. C. F. Ayerst, curate of St. Paul's, Hendon, Sunderland, an active member of the Association, from the text "As ye have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him."—Colossians ii. 6.

Most of the congregation then assembled in the belfry, when the Rector called on the President of the Association to unveil a peal tablet, which Mr. Story did in a few well-chosen words of praise and encouragement. The tablet is one of "marblette" of a very handsome design, and records the first peal rung by Holy Trinity ringers as a company—a peal of Bob Triples, conducted by John Naisby. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Annison and other ladies for their presence in the belfry, and to Mr. Story for so kindly unveiling the tablet, closed this ceremony. A course of Stedman Triples was then rung for the edification of the ladies.

At 5.30 p.m. a large number (about 56) were entertained to a most *recherche* dinner at Councillor Crisp's, Golden Lion Hotel. The Rector himself acted as "Master of Ceremonies," and had everything arranged to suit everyone's convenience and put everyone in friendly communication with his neighbour. Councillor R. B. Annison, J.P., occupied the chair, and was supported by the Revs. C. F. Ayerst and E. Willmer, of Cromlington, Messrs. R. S. Story, R. E. Chichester, C. L. Routledge, W. Story, Councillor Crisp, Captain Annison, and churchwardens Thompson and Tinmouth. The vice-chair was filled by the Rector, who had the support of Messrs. J. Naisby, T. Ditchburn, C. E. Wright, T. Hudson, W. Holmes, G. C. M. Ord, J. L. Browne, etc. Members were present from Newcastle, Bishopwearmouth, St. Ignatius, Sunderland,

Bishop Auckland, Chester-le-Street, Cromlington, North Shields, Whitley and Wylam.

The chairman proposed the loyal toast of "Church and King," which was heartily responded to. He then proposed the toast of "The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association," coupled with the name of the President. While admitting his ignorance of a great deal appertaining to the Association, and diffidence in speaking on a subject about which his hearers knew a great deal, he expressed the pleasure it gave him to find this body such a sociable and pleasant set of men. Speaking of their own ringers, with Mr. Naisby at the head, he referred to the handsome way in which they had come forward with one year's salary, which action had made the collection of the necessary amount so much less difficult. He wished the Association every success.

Mr. Story, in responding, congratulated the Rector and churchwardens on the excellent way in which they had carried out the work, and on the present condition of the bells, which were admitted by everyone to be in first-class order. They were also to be congratulated on having at their head a Rector who arranged things in such a manner as the dinner of which they had just partaken. The day had been a red-letter day as far the Association was concerned, the opening being a model one in every respect, and he begged to move a very hearty vote of thanks to the ringers who entertained them in so handsome a manner, and to the Rector and authorities for the way in which they had received them.

This was carried by acclamation, and suitably responded to by Mr. Naisby and the Rector, the Rev. T. Randell, D.D. The latter mentioned the assistance the Association had been, in that Mr. Story had surveyed the work of re-hanging, which had been completed so satisfactorily by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. He went on to say, that in view of the way in which his ringers had acted, he wished to raise the sum of £24 to hand over to them, so that they might get their belfry put in proper order. He then proposed "The Health of the Chairman," and mentioned the way in which he had assisted in gathering the money, and particularly Mrs. Annison's help.

In replying in an amusing and interesting speech, the chairman started the Rector's new list with the munificent sum of £5, which was highly appreciated by those present.

About fifty guests sat down, and it may be mentioned that the card of invitation of the ringers was unique, and along with the menu and toast lists will doubtless be preserved by most of those present as mementos of one of the pleasantest incidents in their ringing career.

After dinner the ringers returned to the belfry and finished the day's enjoyment by ringing more touches in various methods, a detailed account of which appears on another page.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD PEAL-BOOK.—A RECORD of Five Hundred and Twenty Peals rung by this Guild. Paper covers, 6d.; cloth do., 9d.—Blackwell, Reading; or the Hon. Sec. of the Guild—the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Dunsden Vicarage, Reading, Berks.

OPENING OF A NEW RING OF BELLS AT OADBY, LEICESTER.

Sunday, March 10th—the anniversary of the marriage of King Edward VII. and the Queen Consort—will long be remembered in Oadby, a village four miles from the centre of the ancient Borough of Leicester. For more than two centuries the steeple of the old church had contained a peal of four small bells, but Oadby, advancing with the times, aspired to the dignity of something greater, and if it could not be the proud possessor of an octave, it would do the next best thing.

Through the generosity of a local gentleman, Mr. George H. Hodges, the four old bells found their way to the celebrated bell-foundry of Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, whence emerged a sweet little ring of six. On the above date, set apart for the dedication, the Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Peterborough, the Hon. and Rev. Carr Glynn, consecrated the bells to the service of Almighty God, the church being filled to overflowing. Immediately at the close of the service, the bells were raised, and the first 720 rung by the following; G. Cleal, J. W. Taylor, S. Cotton, J. O. Lancashire, J. S. Needham, W. Willson (conductor). The weight of the tenor is 12 cwt. 3 qrs. 15 lbs.

Hanging in an iron frame, and fitted with Messrs. Taylor's latest improvements, it is almost superfluous to add that the bells and fittings leave nothing to be desired. As a tribute to the bellfounders' skill, it is already mooted that the completion of the octave by the addition of two trebles, is on the *tapis*—a consummation devoutly to be wished—and Oadby will then possess one of the handiest ring of bells in the County of Leicester. For evening service was rung a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, by W. Willson, J. O. Lancashire, S. Cotton, J. Buttery, J. S. Needham, G. Cleal (conductor).

Through the untiring efforts of the popular Vicar, the Rev. Kayns, M.A., nearly the whole of the cost has been already defrayed.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The next meeting of the Central Council will be held at Derby, on Whit-Tuesday, May 28th. Notices of motion should be sent in before 30th April, which is the last day on which they can be received. Hon. Secretaries of Societies are respectfully reminded that the contributions for the year 1901 became due on the 1st Jan., and should be remitted *without needless delay*, at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative, to the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Council, together with information as to any change of representatives, and the names and addresses of such as have been appointed since the last meeting of the Council.

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THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD OF BIRMINGHAM.

THE HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

This meeting, held on Saturday, the 2nd instant, had been in pleasurable anticipation with many for more than a year past, when it first became known that Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart., had given a provisional promise to preside, and doubtless this fact contributed largely to its success. We believe this to be the largest meeting of its kind held since the death of the late Henry Johnson, and certain we are that it will compare favourably in every other respect as well as in that of attendance. Close upon a hundred sat down to a capitally-served dinner in the large and locally celebrated room of Ye Old Royal hotel, and it was a generally prevalent opinion that the proprietary fully sustained its reputation for good catering.

Among the company immediately supporting the chairman were the curate and churchwardens of St. Martin's—the Rev. F. J. Key, M.A., and Messrs. Kendall and Evans—the Vicar and churchwardens of Aston—the Rev. Canon Sutton and Messrs. Eliot and Walker—and the various officers of the St. Martin's Guild; while around the room could be seen the well-known aces of ringers from Sheffield, Derby, Nuneaton, Rugby, Wolverhampton, Walsall, and the other towns immediately around Birmingham.

At the close of the dinner the Secretary mentioned apologies for non-attendance received from the Rev. Canon Robinson, Rector of Birmingham, Messrs. J. S. Pritchett, Wm. Butler, and John Perks, all of whom expressed great regret at their inability to attend.

In proposing the toast of "King, Church, and State," the chairman, Sir A. P. Heywood, soon had a firm grip of his audience, and in those earnest and measured tones which have made him so highly appreciated at gatherings of ringers, carried them with him through a rapid survey of the times of our late Sovereign. Reminding them that nearly two-thirds of a century had elapsed since the name of "King" had taken the place of "Queen" in this toast, he invited attention to the rapid evolution which had taken place in that wonderful period of time. Imagine the England of sixty-three years ago—practically without railways, tramways, telegraphs, or telephones! Giving statistics to shew the wonderful growth of the British Empire, he seriously asked his audience if they fully realised and felt entitled to say what this great England of ours is. Rapidly glancing at the improvement in the Church during that time, and the great impetus given to the social settlement and prosperity of the State first initiated by the Franchise Reform, he then diverged for purposes of comparison to a visit he had once made to the Royal Mint. As an engineer he had naturally felt considerable interest in the two engines which provided motive power for the many processes in that vast establishment, and insisting on the necessity that existed for the utmost nicety in the regularity of speed shewed how it was accomplished by that part of the engines known as the "governors." In like manner had her late Majesty's consummate tact and statemanship ensured such steady progress and prosperity during her reign. But not for this only had she so endeared herself to every one of her subjects. We all loved her for the noble example set before us of unselfishness and absolute purity of private life. With a brief reference to Birmingham and Birmingham's statesman, he gave the toast of the new king, from whom they might justly anticipate a line of conduct similar to his mother's, the Church, and the various nationalities serving to make up the State, coupling with it the name of the Rev. Canon Sutton.

This toast was received with enthusiasm, and as representing the Church, the Rev. Canon Sutton rose to say a few words. After referring to the pleasure it gave his wardens and himself to have such an opportunity of making the acquaintance of so large a number of ringers and members of the St. Martin's Guild at that meeting, he caused much amusement by the facetious way in which he described the excellence of everything connected with his parish and church, not excepting even his ringers. His short and lively speech, which was illustrated by very funny anecdotes, some of them bearing on the peculiarities

of the clergy, was concluded by a very earnest hope that the ringers who were engaged in summoning others to the services of the Church might themselves always be found attending those services.

In proposing the toast of the evening—"The Memory of the late Henry Johnson," the chairman stated that the members of the St. Martin's Guild did well to perpetuate his memory by these gatherings, if only for the fact that it served to emphasize those particular qualities for which Mr. Johnson was so pre-eminent—a keen sense of honour and absolute truthfulness. He asked the audience to honour the toast and repeat after him: "The late Henry Johnson, may his memory be ever with us."

Mr. Day, in giving the toast of "Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild," could not help noticing the absence of old faces, which had been so familiar to him in the past. He referred to the number of the Guild's recent performances, and, while stating that so far as he could judge the members of the Guild were keeping up that high standard of ringing which had been set in the past by their predecessors of the St. Martin's Society and the St. Martin's Youths, begged them in all their work to aim at quality rather than quantity. With his toast he coupled "The Health of the Secretary," Mr. Godden, eulogising his work for the Guild in a manner which evoked a hearty response from the company.

The Secretary responded, and in proposing "Kindred Ringing Societies," said that his toast could not but commend itself to the company because Birmingham ringers, owing to their peculiar geographical position, were necessarily mixed up with several societies, which almost overlapped one another at Birmingham, and consequently most of the audience were not only members of the St. Martin's Guild, but of other neighbouring kindred Societies. While acknowledging that they were all working for a common end, there was one point which he considered all his hearers should bear in mind. That was—that the loyalty of an individual was in the first instance due to the Association of his locality, and afterwards to the Association of his adoption. With his toast he asked to be allowed to couple the health of Mr. S. Spittle (Master of the Worcester and adjoining districts, and the Dudley Guild), Mr. S. Reeves (Secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford), Mr. J. Carter (Midland Counties and Birmingham and District Amalgamated Associations), and Mr. Willey (of the Yorkshire Association), asking the latter to acknowledge.

This toast was suitably honoured and pithily responded to by Mr. Willey, who, to judge by appearance, was a most welcome visitor.

Mr. S. Reeves gave "Success to the Ringing Papers—*Church Bells*, and "THE BELL NEWS," stating how much the Exercise was indebted to those papers, and especially the latter, in later years.

In giving "The Health of the Chairman," Mr. Spittle referred similar meeting he had attended at The Colonnade hotel in Birmingham some twelve years ago on the occasion of the eightieth birthday of the late Mr. Johnson. At that meeting representative ringers were present from all parts of the kingdom as guests of the present chairman, and he believed he was correct in saying that from what occurred then, the Central Council of change-ringers was formed with their chairman—Sir Arthur Percival Heywood—as President, and holding that office up to the present. Not only for the formation of that Council and the many benefits likely to accrue from its action were the Exercise indebted to their chairman, but among other things he might remind them of the invention of the "Duffield" method, and the admirable manual on that method which he had published. And while mentioning the latter point it would no doubt be further interesting to mention the fact that the members of the St. Martin's Guild were again turning their attention to that method, having so recently as the previous Saturday started for a peal of Duffield Royal at Aston which unfortunately came to grief after ringing two and three-quarter hours.

It is unnecessary to say that the speaker's appeal to the meeting was most heartily responded to, and the chairman's health with musical honours enthusiastically given.

In returning thanks the chairman, referring to the last speaker's remarks on the Central Council, stated how much he had been encouraged to press on with the idea by the success of the Birmingham meeting referred to. While he thought that

they might reasonably be satisfied with the progress already made by the Central Council, they must bear in mind that some time must necessarily elapse before they could expect it authority to come into full force. An instance of a direction in which the decision of the Council would be of the greatest assistance to the Exercise had only again recurred to him when speaking of the late Mr. Johnson's characteristics. It would be in the recollection of many present that at one of the Central Council meetings, he believed that at Bristol, they were asked to decide "What amount of deviation from absolute truth in ringing might be allowed for a recorded peal." Illustrating the complexity of this question, and the many difficulties surrounding it, he showed how necessary it was that the matter should be settled in some way or other. For instance, it had been suggested that whenever a peal was started for, which was in any way to create a record, the Council should appoint judges to listen to it. But how, it might be asked, was it possible to judge a peal when there were no standards in existence as to what constitutes a true peal?

The apt attention given to the Chairman during these and all the remarks made by him during the evening, together with the eagerness with which the various points were met, were perhaps the best tribute to their interest and the speaker's popularity.

During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by a musical programme, which included capital songs by Messrs. Manton, Blance, Willey, Maylott, and Needham, a course of Stedman Cinques, in hand, by Messrs. Russau, Kent, Miller, Barber, Witchell, and Short; and, as usual at these gatherings, Mr. Painter presided at the piano.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

On Tuesday evening, February 12th, the ringers had their annual supper, provided through the kindness of the Rector, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The Rector presided and made a neat speech, giving a hearty welcome to all who were fortunate enough to be his guests that evening, and trusted they would all have health and strength through the coming year. He was pleased to say the ringers gave him much pleasure in the past year for meeting together every Sunday to ring for the services, and he was pleased to say they not only came to ring, but came to church. He set he was going to set the ball rolling, and try and add a new bell and make them a peal of six. The ringers then gave some change-ringing, and some good songs were sung by Messrs. Symonds and Rose.

Mr. E. Youngs, in a few well-chosen words, proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector, which was heartily received, and all left feeling that a most enjoyable evening had come to an end far too rapidly, and that they had to be very thankful for such a kind Rector.

STRATFORD BELLS.

By F. B. F.

One Sabbath eve betwixt green Avon's banks,
In a dream-world, we hour by hour did float;
The ruffling swans moved by in stately ranks;
With soft, sad eyes the cattle watched our boat.
We, passionate pilgrims from the far-off land
Beyond the "vexed Bermoothes" oh, how dear
That strange, sweet picture, by the Enchanter's wand
Familiar to our spirits made, and near!
Then suddenly a loud and resonant sound
Thrilled from the skies and water; lo! the chimes
Of Stratford rang and rang; the very ground
Murmured, as with a deep-voiced poet's rhymes,
While swift melodious tone on tone was hurled.
'Twas Shakespere's music brimmed the trembling world.

The Century.

LATE NOTICE.

The Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Lightcliffe, on April 6th. Bells ready from dinner. Business meeting at The White Horse, at 6 o'clock.

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A CORRECTION.

SIR,—I must apologise to your readers for a slip in my last letter. The date of the *Tintinnalogia* is there given as 1688. Of course it should be 1668. Kindly allow me to make the correction.

R. A. DANIELL.

A LETTER FROM NEW ZEALAND.

SIR,—Would you kindly insert this as a direct contradiction to Mr. White's letter, which appeared under the heading of "An Australian Letter," in your issue of November 10th, 1900. Mr. White states that the Art of change-ringing is too difficult, and requires too much thinking for the Australian boys to master. Now, Sir, I will give you a few performances of the St. Peter's society, Ballarat, Victoria. This society was formed in September 1895. There were only three of us who could handle a bell, and I was the only one that had rung a bob bell before. Anyhow we got a band of young fellows together, and in eighteen months we rang fifty complete 720s in eight different methods, including a 5040, a report of which was sent to you. The methods rung by us were Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Bob Minor, Oxford Delight, Violet, New London Pleasure, Oxford Bob, and Grandsire Minor, besides ringing Doubles in the following methods: Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, and St. Simon's. The following are the ages and position in which the ringers stood in the 5040: J. Thomsette (17), 1; C. Fleay (18), 2; W. Strick (19), 3; J. Pattison (18), 4; H. Sandberg (30), 5; T. Biddle (20), 6. Conducted by T. Biddle. The first seven methods in the above list was rung in 2 hrs. 56 mins. on February 1st, 1897. I might state that it had been 101 degrees in the shade all day. I hope that these few facts will dispel from the minds of the ringers in the old country any ideas that the Australian youth cannot master the Art of change-ringing. I am now living in New Zealand, as the address below will show you. There is a lovely peal of ten in the Cathedral here, tenor 32 cwt., and I hope to pull off a peal of Grandsire Triples this year. Last year we commenced at the bottom rung of the ladder, and rang a 5040 Grandsire Doubles in 3 hrs. W. Lander, 1; W. Smart, 2; T. Biddle, 3; J. Andrews, 4; B. Jeffrey, 5; W. Jones, 6. Conducted by T. Biddle. The above was rung on July 21st, 1900, and was rung on the front six. And now Sir, I must conclude, hoping that the next time I write it will be to report a peal of Grandsire Triples, and also hoping that I have not intruded too much on your valuable paper which is eagerly read by all members in the tower.

Christchurch, New Zealand.

T. BIDDLE.

THE FATHERS OF THE ART.

SIR,—Mr. Daniell has brought to the notice of the Exercise so much valuable and interesting information about the Fathers of the Art, that I venture to express a hope that he may see his way clear to give us something like an authentic account of the lives of Annable and his more prominent contemporaries. All of us have read and heard at various times high-flown descriptions not only of Annable's knowledge and skill in ringing, which are undoubted, but of his considerable social position. But I somehow fancy that these glowing accounts, of which I have one before me, are only flourishes of rhetoric by much later and uninformed writers. Anyhow a life of Annable from the able pen of Mr. Daniell cannot fail to be most interesting, and I venture to suggest to him that if he has the materials to work upon, such a subject would be eminently worthy of his attention.

Ealing, W.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

MUFFLED RINGING.

SIR,—In response to Mr. Daniell's request I am sending particulars of our mode of muffled ringing in Norwich. To the general public this is by far the most effective and impressive of our steeple performances, and I trust others will respond to Mr. Daniell's invitation. "Other places, other manners," and we may find our particular style can be improved upon.

First—we never ring with bells muffled on both sides. In a town with any quantity of traffic this is an absolute waste of

time and energy, and to my mind is not nearly so effective as what we understand by half-muffled ringing. We ring the "whole pull and stand" in memory of departed members of our own company only; on all other occasions—whether for Royalties, distinguished citizens, or National mourning—the usual half-muffled style. For obvious reasons a distinctive way of shewing respect to departed members of the craft is desirable, and I should like to see the half-muffled "whole pull and stand" recognised as our own special token. The method of concluding our muffled peals in Norwich is somewhat unusual, I believe, but is decidedly effective. The last touch runs round, and after the rounds have been repeated a few times the treble is set up and two whole pulls of rounds rung on the remaining bells; the second is then set up and two more whole pulls of rounds, and so on all down the scale, no bell setting up until its turn has come and it has led the two whole pulls. As each bell sets up the remainder naturally widen out, and the time becomes slower; when all have lead their two whole pulls the tenor is immediately ceased and the age of the deceased is tolled upon her. Of course all this "tolls" best on a heavy ring of twelve—the effect when the great bells are slowly ringing round being very fine, especially at the last when the 11th is leading, the deep "11-12" sounding like a great "Amen." And now a word as to methods for muffled peals, and I am referring solely to rings of ten and twelve bells where, in the vast majority of cases, one is confined to Stedman, Grandsire, or Treble Bob. I shall doubtless be considered an heretic by many, but to my mind the latter is the best of all for the purpose, and I think anyone who has heard Treble Twelve rung half-muffled will agree with me. It must be struck perfectly of course, particularly when the little bells are behind—in fact if the little bells, when behind, are rung at a wider compass than the others, so much the more plaintive will the ringing sound. In Catens or Cinques this effect is quite upset by the tenor.

A few years ago I had to wait a short time at Ipswich station, and the St. Mary-le-Tower company were ringing Treble 12, half-muffled in their best style, which is saying something, as most of us know. I have had no doubts since as to the method for the most effective muffled ringing on the higher numbers.

10, Chester Street, Norwich.

CHARLES E. BORRETT.

SIR,—Mr. Daniell asks what are the customs with regard to muffled ringing at different places, and he mentions Cambridge in particular. It is very common to ring funeral touches here when any distinguished member of the University (such as the Head of a College) dies. The regular custom is to ring a touch fully muffled, then a touch half-muffled, finishing up with rounds and gradually leaving out one bell after another, from the treble downwards, till at last the tenor is left tolling alone, with alternate loud and muffled strokes. The effect is very beautiful and pathetic. The peal of Grandsire Triples which was rung at St. Andrew's church for our late Queen, is, so far as I know, the first complete peal of 5000 changes rung fully muffled in Cambridge.

A. H. F. BOUGHEY.

Cambridge, March 11th.

SIR,—It is to be hoped that the letters on this subject will result in more uniform practices among ringers, but whatever we may plan we may be met by a statement from the incumbent like this: "The bells are mine, and I shall have them rung how and when I like." The clergy must therefore approve our plans before any uniformity can be attained, and the Central Council would be the best medium for disseminating suggestions for the best manner of ringing on different occasions. The most impressive and solemn way of using bells I consider to be, chiming the whole peal muffled, very slowly, with an extra blow on the tenor between each round. For ringing set-changes, I consider the whole pull and stand while the tenor rings whole pull by itself, all the bells half-muffled, the most effective, and for change-ringing, bells half-muffled the best. Ringing with bells whole-muffled I dislike, and ringing with bells whole-muffled except tenor open one side, I consider abominable. There is a custom among some of the ringers here, after ringing a muffled peal to strike each bell three times if the deceased was a man, twice if a woman, and once if a child. The custom is dying out, and I think it ought to die. In the case of a nation's great loss, like that we have recently

sustained, the custom here would be to toll the tenor as soon as possible after the death, ring a muffled peal as soon as the ringers could be got together, and keep the bells muffled for the service-ringing until after the muffled peal on the day of interment.

G. T. DALTRY.

Bristol, March 9th, 1901.

SIR,—Since reading those interesting letters by Mr. Daniell on muffled peals I have been looking up a few old papers in my possession, and the enclosed is a copy of a printed circular giving particulars of a muffled peal rung at Leeds on the day of the funeral of King George IV., which perhaps will also be interesting to ringers of the present day. The circular of which the following is a copy was given to me by a much-respected old Huddersfield ringer named John Hanson, about 1864-5. He died on February 3rd, 1869, aged 78 years, having been a ringer at Huddersfield parish church sixty-two years. TOM HAIGH.

Copy of Circular.

NEW TREBLE BOB ROYAL.—On Thursday, the 15th of July, 1830, being the day appointed for the funeral of His Majesty King George the Fourth, the Amateur Society of Change-Ringers, Leeds, out of respect to their late beloved Sovereign, ascended the tower of the parish church a little after nine o'clock in the evening, and rung with the bells muffled a peal of New Treble Bob Royal, consisting of 5000 changes exact, which was completed at forty-three past midnight, occupying three hours and twenty-three minutes in the performance. Performers' names—Mr. Thos. Rafton, *Treble*; Mr. John Hudson, 2; Mr. John Thorp, 3; Mr. William Groves, 4; Mr. Christopher Iles, 5; Mr. Joseph Moxon, 6; Mr. John Mortimer, 7; Mr. Wm. Gaw-kroger, 8; Mr. Sam Smallpage, 9 (conducted the peal); Mr. James Naylor, *Tenor*. The above peal was composed for this occasion by Mr. Hugh Wright, of Leeds, formerly of Nottingham, author of 15,168 Treble Bob Major, Albion Surprise, etc., etc.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Daniell the following record may be interesting to him and the Exercise at large:—

Rang at St. Peter's, Bromley, on the 15th January, 1817, by the Society of Bromley Youths, a true and complete peal of Grandsire Triples, which is 5040 changes, with the bells muffled, in commemoration of W. Chapman deceased, being a ringer of the parish of Bromley 43 years, and rang upwards of 60 peals. This dumb peal was completed in 3 hours and 6 minutes. Thomas Giles, 1st; Rd. Chapman, 2; Wm. Sanger, 3; G. Stone, 4; Wm. King, 5; Jns. Allen, 6; Wm. Fuller, 7; Jno. Green, 8. Being the first dumb peal of this kind ever rang in the kingdom, conducted by J. Allen.

The above is a true copy of a peal-board in the tower of St. Peter's church, Bromley, Kent.

G. DURLING.

UNIFORMITY IN RINGING.

SIR,—I feel I must write to thank Mr. Daniell for his outspoken protest against uniformity. It requires a bold man with the courage of his opinions to say, nowadays (when every one is furiously determined on uniformity, and when tolerance is talked about, but in practice is unknown), what Mr. Daniell says: "Unity of Spirit is not . . . evidenced by uniformity of performance, and may be damaged by it."

In machinery that is for use rather than beauty, uniformity is greatly to be desired. But in anything that is beautiful, in our religion, in our art, in the customs and practices of our daily life, we approach nearest to that perfection of fitness wherein true beauty consists, by allowing as great a freedom as is possible. Else, what would have been an act graceful in its life, and power of adaptation, to the result desired, becomes a dead piece of formalism, a useless piece of machinery, employed not for its own sake, but as an unthinking following of others.

One of the great beauties of ringing is the wonderful variety of old customs, still preserved amongst us; and it is much to be regretted that in the advance of late years of the more scientific side of the Exercise, the artistic side is in danger of being lost. I am therefore glad to find that there are still so many ways of funeral change-ringing still practised. I was afraid that they had all dropped out in favour of the simple practice of muffling one side of the clapper; I have never heard any other kind myself.

As for muffled ringing for service, I cannot follow Mr. Daniell

if he condemns it absolutely. If the service is a funeral or Requiem of any kind it is surely appropriate that the bells should announce it by a funeral touch. If it is an ordinary service (with, perhaps, a funeral sermon) it is, as Mr. Daniell says, irreverent, and, as a practical point, misleading also.

H. DRAKE.

THE LAST PEAL OF THE LAST CENTURY.

SIR,—Referring to Mr. Winter's enquiry for the last peal rung in the nineteenth century, I don't think the peal at Tong, mentioned by Mr. Maude, should class as the last peal, inasmuch that it did not finish till the twentieth century. I.H.P.

SIR,—With regard to the peal of Double Norwich Royal rung at Ipswich, "Go" was called at 8.36 p.m. on the last day of the century, and the bells came round at 12.12 a.m. the following morning. Was this peal a nineteenth century, or a twentieth century one? W. ROUGHTON.

A 10,000 AT BRISTOL.

SIR,—In Snowdon's "Grandsire," page 142, is mentioned the date 1816, and a little lower down the words—"although I have inquired I have not been able to find any record or hear of any peal of 10,000 rung at Bristol at that time."

It may interest Mr. William Snowdon (if he is not already aware) to know that at Christ Church, Bristol, a 10,133 was rung on February 7th, 1815, conducted by W. Washer, which is recorded on a board in the tower, but is almost undecipherable, as is also one recording a 7325 of Grandsire Caters.

Bristol.

W. A. CANE.

ST. MARY'S (TAUNTON) PEAL.

SIR,—Before this correspondence closes I should like to say a few more words. I am very much surprised that "J. B." has not endeavoured to answer my charges, as it would have been his place to if he had a leg to stand on. He has set up my *nom de plume* as a defence—his doing this is quite enough for anyone to see that he cannot give us the explanation I ask for. In the face of these circumstances there can be no doubt that the peal was not true, and if this is the case I should like to know if the College Youths will revoke their record of the peal. If they still allow the record to stand the only course open to me is to place the matter before the Central Council, for them to decide, and this I shall do, as it is about time some one took such a matter as this up, to protect our Associations. Surely it is not a difficult matter for any capable conductor to answer the question I have asked; and his getting out of it in the way he has done is showing a pluck which I am glad to say we don't see much of nowadays. SCIENTIFIC.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1901.

A peal of Grandsire Caters is recorded as having been rung on the last day of the old year at the church of St. Mary, Taunton, Somersetshire. There is nothing extraordinary in this, of course, but the performance has been called into question by mere than one local ringer ; statements having been made concerning it which, if correct, are more than sufficient for its condemnation. It is unnecessary to repeat the assertions which one of the attacking parties makes relative to what bell did or did not go into the hunt so that the bells came round in a proper manner, devoid of the faintest suspicion. The conductor of this peal has read what its objector has to say concerning it, but declines to give him any answer, or any sort of satisfaction at all.

So the matter remains. The conductor can hardly be

blamed for keeping silence. His opponent has sheltered himself under the veil of anonymity, and therefore has no moral or technical right to call into question the performance. If he would have the courage to disclose himself, then there would be some good reason for his action. The conductor is perfectly justified in refusing to recognise an hidden enemy. The anonymous writer may console himself that the College Youths will not revoke an act they have not perpetrated; and the Central Council would be likely to decline to interfere in a matter which ought to be settled locally.

Next week we shall publish a portrait of Mr. WILLIAM SNOWDON, President of the Yorkshire Association. This will be printed on excellent paper, suitable for framing. The following week we shall publish four splendid photographs; three different views of St. Benet, Cambridge, and a full page photograph of the chapel of an American University, which has recently received a ring of eight bells.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 11, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

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Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The Provinces.

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1901, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

ARTHUR GODLY Treble.	EDWARD MANKELOW 5.
JAMES MAYNARD 2.	WILLIAM SPICE 6.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE 3.	PHILIP HODGKIN 7.
HARRY GOODWIN† 4.	WILLIAM LATTER Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by WM. LATTER.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and also by W. Spice. †First peal of Major. It is also E. Mankelow's fiftieth peal. Messrs. Godly and Maynard, who hail from Speldhurst, were elected members of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 5, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.

J. TAYLOR Treble.	D. EASTWOOD 5.
S. LORD 2.	W. TAYLOR 6.
J. ASHWORTH 3.	J. B. TAYLOR 7.
L. TAYLOR 4.	J. W. ORMEROD Tenor.

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

Rung on the occasion of the birthday of J. B. Taylor.*

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat

CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Treble.	CHARLES CHASTY 5.
ISAAC HILLS 2.	†FRANK HULL 6.
HARRY SEAR 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 7.
JOHN W. BARKER 4.	VALENTINE SEAR Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

†First peal of Stedman; also on the bells. It was intended to have rung Superlative. The ringers wish to thank Canon Maculy for putting the service off, and Mr. E. Franklin for making arrangements.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX AND HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, March 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN R. SHARMAN .. Treble.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 5.
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BERTRAM PREWETT .. 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Wilkins.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' BOB-AND-SINGLE.

J. ASHWORTH Treble.	J. B. TAYLOR 5.
O. EASTWOOD 2.	W. TAYLOR 6.
H. WALLS 3.	J. T. WRIGHT 7.
L. TAYLOR 4.	J. W. ORMEROD Tenor.

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

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ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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FRANCIS J. SHARPE .. 4.	*WILLIAM HOWARD Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal and first attempt. Rung on the eve of the thirty-eighth anniversary of the marriage of King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES GEORGE* Treble.	*GEORGE N. PRICE 5.
CHARLES T. P. BRICE 2.	JOHN W. GOLDING 6.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS 3.	HERBERT P. HARMAN 7.
HENRY R. NEWTON 4.	JOHN N. OXBORROW Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by JOHN N. OXBORROW.

*First peal in the method; also on the bells. Rung in honour of the anniversary of the wedding of their Majesties King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 5.
GEORGE PERRY 2.	JOHN J. CREASEY 6.
EDGAR HICKS 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7.
GEORGE THURLOW 4.	STEPHEN WIGHTMAN, JUN. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

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

On Saturday, March 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

EDWARD NICHOLS* .. Treble.	*RICHARD BURROW 5.
JAMES E. GROVES 2.	ELMER S. HODGES 6.
ROBERT PICKERING 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT 7.
JOHN JAGGAR 4.	THOMAS O'CONNOR Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal. ‡First peal as conductor.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE W. HEATHER* .. Treble.	EDWIN MATTHEWS 5.
WILLIAM S. SMITH 2.	LEWIN C. FERRIGE 6.
ALFRED BOXALL 3.	FRANK HOLDER 7.
ALFRED CLAYTON 4.	WILLIAM GRAY Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK HOLDER.

*First peal.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Canterbury Pleasure, and four 720s of Bob Minor, each called differently, Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

F. WAGSTAFF Treble.	J. T. BUTLER 4.
W. BUTLER 2.	J. SEVERNS 5.
J. GOODWIN 3.	J. FLINT Tenor.

Conducted by J. FLINT.

The brothers Butler hail from North Wingfield; the rest belong to the local band. Rung to commemorate the erection of a new stained glass window in the east end of the church, in memory of the late Baroness Bolsover, erected by her children. The window will not be dedicated until Lady Bentinck is able to attend, she now being away from home in Germany.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED POTTER .. Treble.	JOHN POTTER 5.
THOMAS PEERS 2.	JOHN LOWE 6.
TITUS BARLOW 3.	JOSEPH POTTER 7.
WILLIAM LEVER 4.	SAMUEL OAKES Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

WITLEY, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13½ cwt.

DAVID AYLING .. Treble.	FRANK BLONDELL 5.
JOHN H. GRUNDY 2.	THOMAS ATTWELL 6.
GEORGE FOSTER 3.	JAMES HUNT 7.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 4.	THOMAS MAYNARD Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

D. Ayling was elected a member of the above Guild previous to starting for the peal.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently

Tenor 12 cwt.

JNO. E. ASHCROFT .. Treble.	SIDNEY SPENCE 4.
STEPHEN J. JENKINS† .. 2.	†JOS. PRIESTLEY 5.
FREDK. JONES† 3.	FREDK. T. SPENCE Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. T. SPENCE.

†First peal. First peal on six bells by all except the conductor.

UPCHURCH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Superlative Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS WRAIGHT* .. Treble.	ALBERT J. DAY 4.
JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 6.
WILLIAM T. HYLAND .. 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

*First peal.

HELMSHORE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, March 12, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY J. STEFF .. Treble.	JAMES H. BANKS 5.
THOMAS P. BRANDWOOD .. 2.	ROBERT WALLWORK 6.
JOSEPH FOSTER 3.	THOMAS WALLWORK 7.
JOSEPH BANKS 4.	JOHN H. ENTWISTLE .. Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by ROBERT WALLWORK.

First peal in the method on the bells, by all the band, and by the above Branch.

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Miscellaneous.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On Christmas Day at the parish church, 1440 Bob Major in 53 mins. W. Smith, 1; W. D. Tinker, 2; W. Pattison, 3; J. C. Tinker, 4; J. T. Ladd, 5; A. H. Wheeler, 6; F. S. W. Butler (conductor), 7; H. W. Kirton, 8. Longest length in the method by all except H. W. Kirton.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH CROYDON.—On December 26th, at St. Peter's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Brooker (conductor), 1; J. Rumble, 2; W. Gammon, 3; W. Tiller, 4; F. Hermon, 5; C. Gordon, 6; G. Burt, 7; T. Hayward, 8. And 504 Oxford Bob Triples. T. Hayward, 1; W. Gammon, 2; J. Rumble, 3; W. Tiller, 4; G. Burt, 5; H. Brooker (conductor), 6; C. Gordon, 7; F. Hermon, 8.

BEDDINGTON (Surrey).—On December 27th, for practice at St. Mary's church, 252 Stedman Triples. A. Clayton (conductor), 1; J. Rumble, 2; A. Boxall, 3; W. Tiller, 4; C. Gordon, 5; A. Trappitt, 6; H. Brooker, 7; C. Bance, 8. And 656 Bob Major. A. Boxall, 1; J. Rumble, 2; H. Brooker (conductor), 3; C. Bance, 4; A. Trappitt, 5; W. Tiller, 6; A. Clayton, 7; C. Gordon, 8.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On December 25th, at Holy Trinity church, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original), in 46 mins. H. Head, 1; C. Willsheire, 2; W. Jelley, 3; B. Chorley, 4; R. Wood, 5; W. Lightfoot, 6; A. Pulling (conductor), 7; T. Maynard, 8.

MERROW (Surrey).—On Thursday, January 31st, on the occasion of the proclamation of King Edward at Guildford, six 6-scores in 22 mins. with A. Chuter, treble. This was the quickest 6-score on the bells.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUNDERLAND.—On Monday, March 3rd, at the re-opening of the parish church bells the following touches were rung: 308 Grandsire Triples. W. Peverill, 1; F. Naisby, 2; T. Smallwood, 3; T. Hudson, 4; R. Lovie, 5; H. Peverill, 6; W. C. Hunt (conductor), 7; T. Brass, 8. 252 Stedman Triples. R. Miller, 1; T. Hudson, 2; T. Smallwood, 3; R. Lovie, 4; H. Peverill, 5; J. Parker, 6; F. Naisby (conductor), 7; O. Simm, 8. 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. R. Story, 1; T. T. Gofton (conductor), 2; R. Pick, 3; R. C. Hudson, 4; J. Parker, 5; R. Pattison, 6; J. J. Leighton, 7; W. C. Hunt, 8. 224 Double Norwich. A. Holmes, 1; W. Holmes, 2; W. Story, 3; J. Parker, 4; T. T. Gofton (conductor), 5; R. C. Hudson, 6; C. L. Routledge, 7; J. J. Leighton, 8. 416 Double Norwich. T. T. Gofton (conductor), 1; W. C. Hunt, 2; J. A. Gofton, 3; J. Foreman, 4; J. E. Keen, 5; R. Lovie, 6; W. Holmes, 7; W. Robson, 8. 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Smallwood, 1; R. Pick, 2; R. C. Hudson (conductor), 3; J. Parker, 4; A. Holmes, 5; R. Patterson, 6; H. Peverill, 7; R. Lovie, 8. 262 Stedman Triples. R. E. Chichester, 1; T. Hudson, 2; A. Holmes, 3; W. Smallwood, 4; R. C. Hudson, 5; H. Peverill, 6; F. Naisby (conductor), 7; R. Patterson, 8. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

COGGESHALL (Essex).—On Saturday, June 5th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 960 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Potter, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; W. Dyer, 3; E. Beckwith, 4; J. Sadler, 5; J. Newman, 6; C. Rogers, 7; D. Elliott (conductor), 8. On Monday, January 7th, on handbells, 720 New London Pleasure. W. Dyer, 1; C. Norfolk, 2; J. Sadler, 3; E. Beckwith, 4; D. Elliott (conductor), 5-6.

HARWICH (Essex).—On December 2nd, for evening service, 720 Oxford Minor, in 28 mins. G. Knock, 1; A. Redwood, 2; G. Moss, 3; G. Thompson, 4; C. Ramplin (conductor), 5; A. Morris, 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

JARROW-ON-TYNE.—On February 16th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. C. L. Routledge, 1; G. R. Holmes, 2; E. Ferry, 3; A. Davidson, 4; T. Hudson, 5; A. Meyers (conductor), 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Gofton, 1; R. Story, 2; G. R. Holmes, 3; A. Meyers, 4; E. E. Ferry, 5; C. L. Routledge (conductor), 6. Tenor 8½ cwt. At Christ Church, 720 Oxford Bob. T. Hudson, 1; T. T. Gofton (conductor), 2; C. L. Routledge, 3; A. Pigg, 4; J. Leighton, 5; R. Story, 6. Also 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. O. Simm (first 720 of Treble Bob), 1; A. Meyers, 2; T. T. Gofton (conductor), 3; J. Parker, 4; J. E. Keen, 5; F. J. Harrison, 6. Tenor 17½ cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEYWOOD (Lancashire).—On New Year's Eve, for special 8 o'clock

service, to welcome the new rector, the Rev. E. B. A. Hughes, M.A., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. F. Fletcher, 1; A. Chadwick, 2; G. Walmsley, 3; Tattersfield, 4; S. Ashcroft, 5; J. Millett (conductor), 6; J. Partington, 7; J. Chadwick, 8. At 11 o'clock, 630 Bob Triples and 504 Union Triples, with the bells deeply muffled for the dying century. Afterwards Mr. James Millett struck 100 blows on the tenor, and with that he retires from active ringing, having rung the tenor since the bells were opened in 1863. He is the last of the old ringers, is 72 years of age, and finds it hard work to get to the belfry. He will shortly be presented with something to mark the event. After the last stroke of 12 153 Grandsire was rung to usher in the new year, in which Messrs. Jas. Millett and Jno. Harrison took part.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

WOODCHURCH (Cheshire).—On Monday, January, 7th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor, 18 bobs and 2 singles, in 24 mins. J. Taylor, 1; J. Johnson, 2; C. Taylor, 3; W. Williams, 4; A. Bennett, 5; W. Bennett (conductor), 6. Also 720 Bob Minor, consisting of 32 Bobs and 2 singles, in 24 mins. J. Taylor, 1; J. Johnson, 2; W. Duckers, 3; W. Williams, 4; A. Bennett, 5; W. Bennett (conductor), 6. Also 720 Canterbury Minor, 18 bobs and 2 singles, in 24 mins. J. Taylor, 1; J. Johnson, 2; W. Drucker, 3; G. Phillips, 4; A. Bennett, 5; W. Bennett (conductor), 6.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THORNABY-ON-TEES.—On December 31st, two 720s of Kent Treble Bob Minor. First 720—A. Hardy, 1; N. Job, 2; J. H. Pinkney, 3; T. H. Jones, 4; T. Kelley, 5; N. Kidd (covering), 6; W. C. Hardy (conductor), 7; J. Williams (covering), 8. Second 720—A. Hardy, 1; T. Kelley, 2; J. H. Pinkney (covering), 3; T. H. Jones, 4; N. Kidd, 5; N. Job (covering), 6; W. C. Hardy, 7; A. Mellowes (covering), 8. On Sunday, January 6th, 224 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Hardy, 1; N. Job, 2; J. H. Pinkney, 3; T. H. Jones, 4; T. Kelley, 5; N. Kidd, 6; W. J. Wright, 7; W. C. Hardy (conductor), 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WANTAGE (Berks.).—On Christmas Eve, 910 Grandsire Triples. H. Gregory, 1; A. Mayo, 2; A. Gregory, 3; A. Gibbs, 4; O. Gregory, 5; F. May, 6; R. Mayo (conductor), 7; P. Jones, 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46½ mins. P. Jones, 1; F. Bunce, 2; A. Gregory, 3; A. Mayo, 4; O. Gregory, 5; R. Mayo, 6; F. May (conductor), 7; C. Lay, 8. R. Mayo hails from Eastbourne, and A. Mayo from Reading.

BARKING (Essex).—On Sunday, January 7th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. C. Fenn (conductor), 1; E. Fenn, 2; G. Faulkner, 3; R. Fenn, 4; A. Carter, 5; T. Faulkner, 6; A. Hardy, 7; E. A. Davies, Esq., 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by the local company.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Wednesday, February 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Arrow, 1; W. Fuller, 2; J. Jones, 3; 5; W. H. Judd, 4; C. Webber, 5; J. Ansell, 6; G. Huggett (conductor), 7; W. Short, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Fuller, 1; J. Ansell, 2; J. Jones, 3; W. H. Judd, 4; R. Botting, 5; C. Webber, 6; G. Huggett (conductor), 7. T. Arrow, 8.

EVENLODE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, January 6th, 1260 of Grandsire Doubles, in 50 mins. R. Roberts, 1; R. Lydiatt, 2; A. White, 3; A. Curbey, 4; W. Large (conductor), 5. This is the first time change-ringing has been done on the bells since they were rehung.

LUTON (Beds.).—On January 9th, on handbells, at the residence of Mr. H. C. Pauli, a plain course of Bob Minor. H. C. Pauli, 1; H. Allen, jun., 2; E. A. Baxter, 3; D. Robinson, 4; R. Allen, 5; G. Kite, 6.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On Sunday morning, February 17th, for Divine Service, 720 Doubles, and 120 each of St. Simon's, The Dream, Fortune, St. Dunstan's, Grandsire, and Plain Bob. J. A. Berry (longest length), 1; E. Youngs, 2; W. Rose, 3; C. Nunn, 4; G. E. Symonds (conductor), 5.

THRAPSTON (Northants).—On Sunday morning, November 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. A. Baxter, 1; W. Yates, 2; R. Loveday, 3; D. Redhead, 4; J. Nickerson (conductor), 5; L. Chapman, 6. On Sunday, December 30th, 720 Oxford Bob. A. Barter, 1; J. Nickerson, 2; D. Redhead, 3; L. Chapman, 4; J. Betts, 5; R. Loveday (conductor), 6. Also 144 Bob Minor. A. Baxter, 1; L. Chapman, 2; D. Redhead, 3; R. Loveday, 4; J. Betts, 5; J. Nickerson (conductor), 6. And 360 Oxford Bob. W. Yates, 1; R. Loveday, 2; D. Redhead, 3; L. Chapman, 4; J. Betts, 5; J. Nickerson (conductor), 6. Also 120 Oxford standing as before.

CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS.

The value of the information afforded by Churchwardens' accounts cannot well be overrated, consisting as they do of facts noted down at the time they occurred, and entered in a perfectly natural way, without any attempt to produce artistic effect. In the present day many things would probably be grouped under the head of "repairs," unencumbered by much detail; but our forefathers were far more precise. Everything with them was entered with a degree of minuteness which is simply astonishing. They would even condescend to such a minute entry as "Wyer for a mendinge of a horelage—jd." All such carefulness of detail in the records of the past is our gain. Even in the matter of repairs to bells, it is always the clapper of a specified bell which is entered in the accounts as repaired, or a new wheel for this bell, or a new stock for that one.

The churchwardens' accounts which have been brought more especially to our notice on the present occasion, are not accounts which require much ingenuity to decipher. This has been already done. The accounts were published in 1896, and form the first volume of the publications of the Wilts Record Society. They relate to the churches of St. Edmund and St. Thomas at Salisbury, and range over a wide period, from 1443 to 1702. The work of transcription and collation was done by Mr. H. J. F. Swayne, of Wilton, an able and accomplished archæologist, who unfortunately died before giving to the world an introductory explanation of the mass of interesting information at his disposal. This, however, was subsequently done by his daughter with an ability and accuracy which could not have been surpassed even by her talented father.

We cannot refrain from quoting her remarks as to the general value of the information of such accounts. "They indicate," she says, "the passage from one phase of social development to another; the variations in the price of materials and labour; the localities from which material was obtained at different periods; the scarcity and value of money; the debasement and depreciation of the currency; the evolution of local government from the time when Trade Guilds were powerful; the history of poor relief from its rise with the dissolution of the religious houses; the early relationship between the Justices and the Parish Authorities with regard to the relief of the poor; the construction and maintenance of the highways; the provisions for public safety in case of fire, beginning with the curfew and passing on to leathern buckets, hydrants, and fire engines; the establishment of workhouses; and the growth of assessment and rating."

This is a pretty comprehensive list of objects to be gained by those who desire to peruse these records from their own peculiar standpoint of investigation. It has been our pleasure to dive into them with a view to extract what we can on a subject most familiar to our readers, viz.: that of the church bells of our home.

It is truly remarkable how in these accounts one of the most constant changes is that for repairing the bells. We have only to start in 1461 with St. Edmunds, and we straightway find in Latin the entry, *Solut' Joh'ni Smyth pro emend' delez clippers trium campanarum hoc anno—xjs iiijd.*, or "paid to John Smyth for the repair of the clappers of three bells in the present year—11s. 4d." To a Latin scholar, the quality of the Latin to be found in these early accounts would seem deplorable, and yet the same difficulties were encountered not so long ago in the old Exchequer office, where the custom was kept up of making all the entries in Latin—of a kind. We once heard the late Mr. H. W. Chisholm, the last chief clerk of the old Exchequer, tell the story of how a flutter was caused in the office when it came to reproducing in Latin the following entry—"cost of illuminating St. James' Park with gas." The combined wisdom of the department could get no nearer than this: "*Sumptus illuminationis de St. James Park cum gas*"; and this is about as near as some of our churchwardens could have got, even in the olden time.

In 1474, the "greate" bell was recast at a cost of £11 os. 6d, and on the other side of the account we find a receipt of xxs "*de vendic' remanentis fusille cenee tempore facture magne campane sic vendit' belliatori*" in other words, a sum arising from the sale of the remaining metal on the recasting of the great bell according to the condition made with the "bellyetter" or bellfounder, who would probably at this time have been one Henry Penker at Pynker. His name, however, does not appear in the accounts at this time; but in 1494 he is mentioned by name as having in hand the recasting of the fourth bell. For a new stock and the rehanging of the great bell in 1474 a sum of twenty shillings is charged. There was also at the same time a general overhaul of the bells; three clappers were mended, two new bawdricks bought, and new "pelewes" were cast for the "3 grettyst bellys." The recast bell was afterwards familiarly known as "Dawbeny's Bell," and the reason is not far to seek, seeing that a large contributor to the cost was a certain Walter Dawbeny. A similar appellation is found in the accounts of St. Thomas' church, where one of the bells is frequently spoken of as "Cole Taylor," no doubt to perpetuate the memory of a local benefactor—one Nicholas Taylor. Who this Walter Dawbeny was we may in some measure gather from an entry in the accounts for 1474-5 which runs thus: *Et Sol' pro factura j Stokke de novo empt' de Waltero Dawbeny pro quinta campana—iij s iiijd.*

From the frequent repairs to the bawdricks, clappers, frame and wheels, we can only surmise that the bawdrick was not then, as it now is, an iron staple lined with leather, but simply a band or belt of white "Hongre," or Hungary leather, as it is termed; and we can well imagine the damage that clappers continually flying out must have caused. From the frequency of the items for repairs, it is quite evident that no special ringing day was kept, without some considerable damage having to be repaired. We may follow with some amusement the variations in the spelling of the word bawdrick, more or less phonetic, according to the taste of the churchwarden of the day. Among many such, we find the following: bandrops, badricks, bad-rocks, ball rybbes, bald rybbes, banderikes, bawdrykes, baudericks, bawdrygges, badrix, and bawdrixes. The fundamental notion of a 'bawdrick,' is from the Latin *balteus*, a belt or thong, and as has been already said, it was originally a thong of leather, fastened by a buckle or pin. It is in the year 1607 that we find the first reference to an 'iron badrick,' and as all subsequent entries are for "leather for the bawdrick," or, as more precisely expressed in 1610, "leather to lyne the baudricke," we may assume, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, that the present form of an iron bawdrick lined with leather was in course of time evolved from the old plain gear-damaging leather thong.

We have taken advantage of the careful references to repairs to specified bells, to note the period at which the expressions "parva" and "magna" campana, change into the words "treble" and "tenor" respectively. We trace the first use of the word "treble" in the accounts of St. Edmund's church for 1575, and for 1584 in those of St. Thomas'. The word "tenor" does not appear till forty years after—viz. 1615 for St. Edmunds, and 1629 for St. Thomas'. Too much stress perhaps should not be laid upon this; but it would be interesting to know if in churchwardens' accounts elsewhere, these changes of expression are found in some measure to correspond.

What is known as a "dovetail" for the first time in 1628, is previously termed a "culvertail," the word "culver" being the equivalent of "pigeon" or "dove." It had evidently something to do with the mode of fastening the bell on the stock, before the bands and trussing nails were applied.

Again, the spelling of the word "gudgeon" is almost as variable as that of "bawdrick," for we find the entry in 1462 of "*in ereccione secunde magne campane ac factura unius 'gogyn' ad eandem—viijd*:" other modes of spelling being "gugeon," gudgine, godgin, goudgen, gugeing, and gugeeon.

(To be continued.)

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Notices.

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The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at the church of St. Leonard, Heston, by the kind permission of the Rev. B. O. Sharp, to-day, Saturday, March 16th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea at 6. Members and friends are cordially invited.
C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.—The monthly meeting and tea of the above branch will be held in the schoolroom of St. Saviour's, Oxtown, to-day, Saturday, March 16th, at 6 p.m. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 p.m.

B. G. MACANDREW, *Hon. Sec.*

West Kirby.

The Sheffield District Society.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 30th, vice April 7th, at All Saints, Sheffield. Committee men please note. Meeting at Sportsman inn, at 8.30 p.m., to arrange towers for future fixtures, so that cards may be issued at annual meeting. R. HARRISON, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—The quarterly business meeting of this society will be held on Thursday, March 21st. Ringing at 8 p.m. Members are requested to attend.

E. H. OXENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, March 23rd. Short service in church at 4 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting.

H. W. TOMKINS, *Hon. Sec. and Treas.*

Williton, Somerset.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held on Saturday, March 23rd, at St. George's church, Bolton. All ringers are earnestly invited to attend. Ringing to commence at 5 p.m. Business at 7.

H. W. MOSS, *Branch Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The annual meeting of the above Society will be held at St. Peter's Leeds, on Saturday, March 30th. Business—Report and balance sheet, election of officers. Bells at liberty from 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 p.m.
J. W. T. HOLGATE, *President.*

5, Ashcroft Street, Bramley, Leeds.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The Annual meeting of this Association will be held at Worcester, on Easter Monday, April 8th. Further particulars next week.

J. NO. SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

36, Simms Lane, Netherton.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Secretary is unable to send the annual report to Messrs. J. Carter, F. W. Eeles, B. Foskett, H. B. Kingsford, T. Lucas, R. Nicholls, S. Phillips, E. Trendell, Rev. J. R. Vincent, Rev. Vere Audry, Rev. C. A. Clements, F. W. J. Rees, W. Gould, for want of address.

REV. R. H. HART-DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

Dunsden Vicarage, Reading.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. C. R. Lilley has removed to 6, Gwyn Street, Bedford.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT WOLVERHAMPTON.—The ringer of the treble is seventy-five years of age, and now rings his first peal of Stedman. Mr. Nichols only recently commenced to learn Stedman, and receives the congratulations of his fellow-ringers on his successful accomplishment of a peal of Stedman at such an advanced age. It may not be out of place to mention that "Old Ned" is a Crimean veteran.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

NOVICE.—The advice is repeated: Never be too certain. The composer whom you applied to before us told you the same thing. You see we know all about it. We advise you also to give up attempting to obtain information.

Some touches have reached us conducted by T. Williams, without name of place. If this omission is rectified they will be inserted.

Compositions.

BOB MAJOR.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

(a) 5184.

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36524			2	
54263	2	-	2	2
24653	I	-		I
26543	I	-	2	2
62345	2			2
43265	I	-		2
42635			I	2
63425	I	-	2	I
35426	I			2
24536	I	-		2
25346			I	2
23456	I	-	2	2

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By GABRIEL LINDOFF, *Dublin.*

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42356	I	-		

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A CORRECTION.—Mr. C. Charge writes to say that the second peal of Treble Bob published by him in last week's "BELL NEWS," should have two bobs at H in the ninth course, and not one as published.

With respect to this and other peals, Mr. F. Dench writes: "The peals of Treble Bob Royal in your last issue, by Cornelius Charge, Fulham, have been published several times during the last 15 years. I think composers might take more precautions before publishing peals of Treble Ten, considering nearly all (if not all) peals have been obtained long ago."

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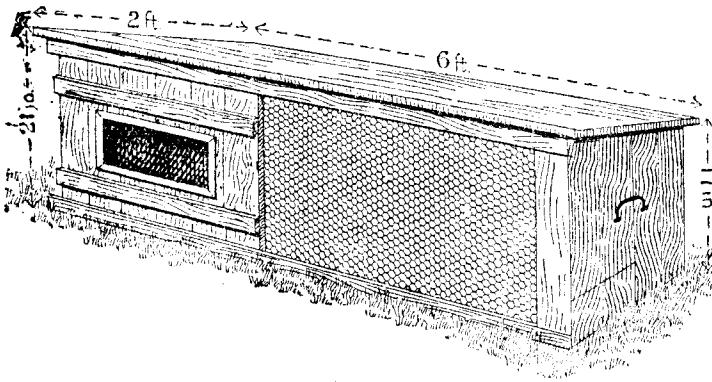
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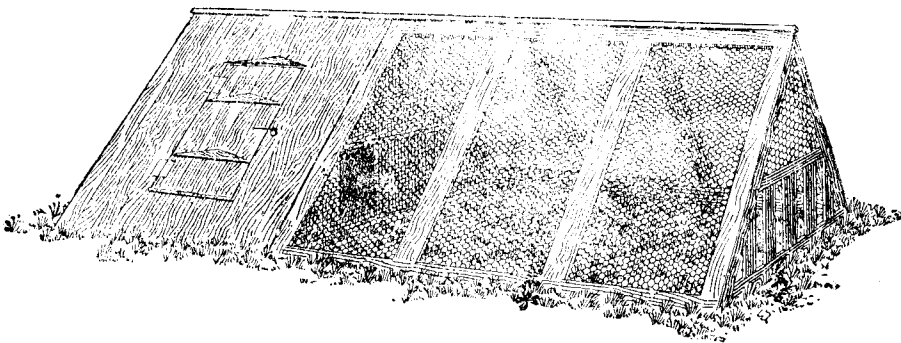
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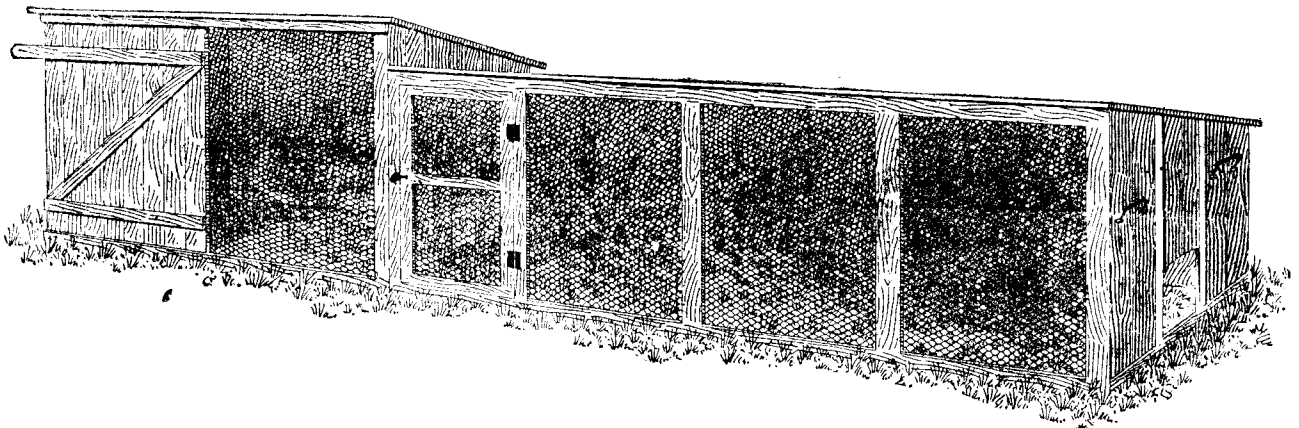
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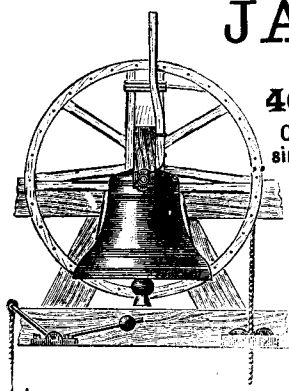
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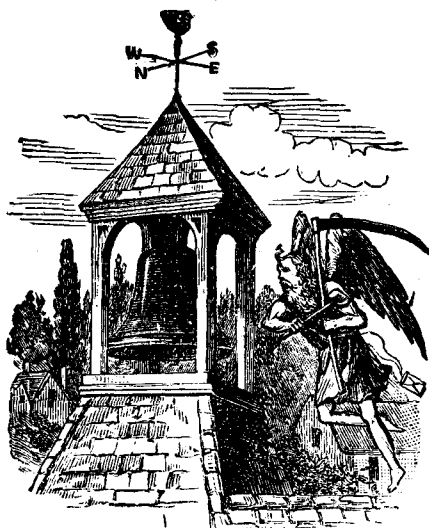
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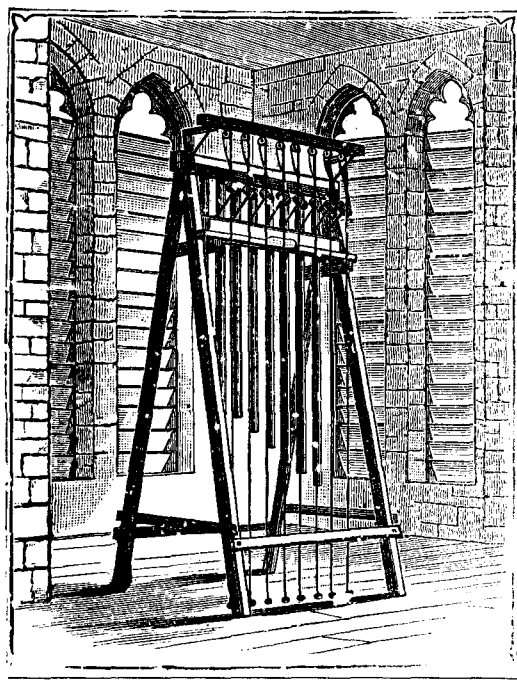
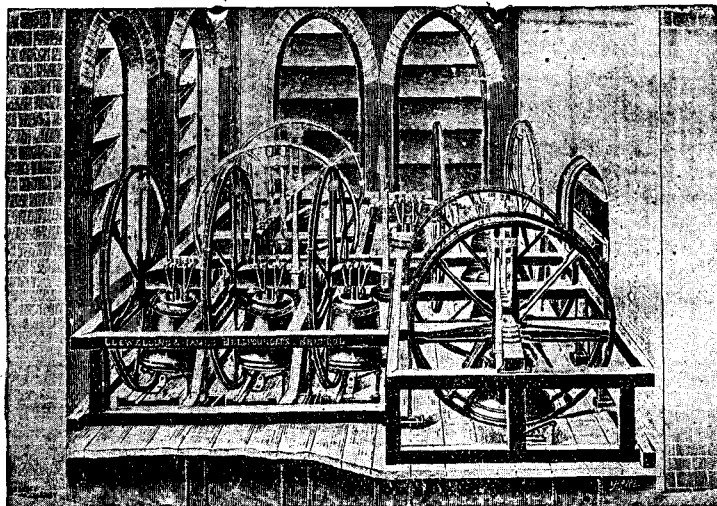
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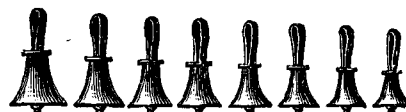
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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT LEWES.

A divisional meeting at Southover, Lewes, is always an attraction to the members of the above Association, and the fixture for Saturday, March 9th, was no exception to the rule. Representatives from Aldrington, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicolas), Eastbourne, East Grinstead, Heene, Hastings, Lindfield, Lewes, Pevensey and Rye, were present, and, but for one fact, the meeting could not have been more completely successful or enjoyable. Since the present Rector (the Rev. D. Lee Elliott) came into this parish, he has ever evidenced a keen interest in the ringers and ringing, and it was therefore the one point of regret that, owing to the death of his wife's much respected father, he was unable to be present at the first meeting which the Association had arranged at his church. The rev. gentleman very considerably set aside personal feeling, and refrained from postponing the meeting at the last minute, but as a mark of respect the bells were rung half-muffled.

During the afternoon touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung by the earlier arrivals, and at five o'clock a short, but bright and hearty service was held. A shortened form of evensong was used, and the hymns were sung, in addition to the organ, to a cornet accompaniment. An address suitable to the occasion, was delivered by the Rev. F. Gmelin, who drew from the parable of the labourers in the vineyard the lesson that it was possible for everyone, if only in some small manner, to labour for the Lord in the furtherance of His kingdom. Every Christian, whether holding an official position in the Church or not, was as much a labourer in the vineyard as any of those who had been specially set apart for the ministry. The ringers to whom he especially addressed himself that afternoon were labourers in the Lord's vineyard, because it was through them that the Lord's people were called together to the House of Prayer. It was through the solemn sound of the bells that their minds were prepared for Divine Service. Therefore they should not think lightly of the occupation, they should not forget that whilst ringing the bells they were really and truly doing good work for the Lord in His vineyard.

After the service the visitors were entertained to tea by the Rector, between thirty and forty sitting down in the Mission Hall. The Rev. F. Gmelin presided, and among those present were Mr. J. Hambrook, Mr. G. F. Attree (Master of the Association), Mr. G. Williams (Central Divisional Secretary), Mr. H. Evans (Western Divisional Secretary), etc. At the opening of the business meeting which followed, the Rev. F. Gmelin expressed his pleasure at having the opportunity of presiding over the gathering, although he very much regretted the cause which kept Mr. Elliott away.

A letter was read from the Rev. Lee Elliott, in which he stated that owing to the death of Mr. Willett, his

father-in-law, he was unable to be present at the meeting. He extended to the visitors a warm welcome to the church and parish, and expressed his hearty good wishes for the success and welfare of the Association.

On the motion of Mr. Attree, seconded by Mr. Williams, a vote of condolence was passed with the Rector and Mrs. Elliott in the sad bereavement they had sustained.

The Rev. D. Lee Elliott was elected an honorary member of the Association, and twenty-two active members were also elected. After the transaction of other formal business a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for his kind hospitality, and for granting the use of the bells and arranging the service.

A vote of thanks was also accorded to the Rev. F. Gmelin for his address and for presiding at the meeting.

After the meeting the visitors returned to the church where further touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, in addition to which touches of Bob Major and Treble Bob Major, and two courses of Bristol Surprise and London Surprise were brought round. Several of the ringers also took the opportunity of visiting the newly-opened parochial club, where they participated in the various games that are there provided.

(WESTERN DIVISION.)

The usual quarterly meeting of this division was held at Heene, Worthing, on Saturday, March 2nd. The tower was open at 3 o'clock, only five members putting in an appearance at the beginning. A 120 of Grandsire Doubles was first rung, and on the arrival of three more from Steyning, a 504 of Grandsire Triples was brought round, Mr. T. Stroud, of Midhurst, ringing the 5th, this being his first attempt at Triples. A course of Bob Major, and two more short touches of Triples, brought 5 o'clock, the hour appointed for tea. By this time a good muster had assembled, and a move was made to the church room, where Mr. Hales, the caterer, had a good tea in readiness. Those present were; the Rector, Rev. J. P. Fellows, Rev. G. R. Leefe, Vicar of Goring, Mr. Bishopp-Smith, Churchwarden, Mr. Tompkins, Treasurer, Messrs. Williams and Evans, divisional Secretaries, and representatives from the following towers, Angmering, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicolas), Goring, Heene, Midhurst, and Steyning, numbering 23. Mr. Bennett, the Hon. Sec., having to leave early for Brighton, on the business of the Association. Justice having been done to the good things provided, Mr. Tompkins proposed that the Rector take the chair, and business followed. The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed. The Chairman then rose, and made a very pleasing surprise, and said he was pleased to welcome the members of the Association to Heene, and if they would allow him, he was willing to defray the cost of the tea. With regard to the "Challenge Bell," he supposed the time would soon come when they must part with it. He hoped at some future time his band might be fortunate enough to win it again. The rev. gentleman here remarked that he must leave, as he had to conduct a service, and Mr. Tompkins was voted to the

chair. It may be mentioned that during the past year the "Challenge Bell" has been placed in a conspicuous part of the church, and has raised much curiosity. The following new members were then proposed and elected; Bolney, H. Courage, life member; Goring, Rev. G. A. Leefe, hon. member; and the following active members; Heene, T. Greenyer, H. Meetens, and H. Tulett; Midhurst, Rev. A. H. Simpson, E. G. Boxall, W. G. Daniels, G. G. Deane, W. R. Madgwick, and E. J. Pressling; Steyning, T. Searle and R. Bartlett; Warnham, J. Stanford and A. Coomber. Mr. Norris proposed that the next quarterly peal be again attempted at Chichester. The Secretary announced that the Vicars of Goring and West Tarring had kindly offered the use of their bells, if wanted. The Vicar of Goring, he was pleased to say, was present, and he hoped soon to see him taking a rope with them. The rev. gentleman replied that he would like to learn to ring, provided his ringers would see that he was not pulled up, he, also, should be pleased to welcome the Association to Goring. Mr. Tompkins proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector of Heene, for defraying the cost of the teas, also for the use of the bells; this concluded the business. The tower was again visited, and touches were rung in various methods, a visit also being paid to the West Tarring tower, where touches of Minor were rung till nine o'clock.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the members was held in the parish room in connection with St. Peter's church, South Croydon, on Monday, the 25th February, 1901, having been postponed to this date on account of the death of Queen Victoria. The business meeting, which was preceded by the usual tea, was attended by about forty-five members, the chair, in the absence of the Vicar, being occupied by his son the Rev. John Henry White, senior curate of St. Peter's. The Chairman warmly welcomed the members to St. Peter's and called upon the Secretary to read the minutes of the previous meeting which were duly confirmed. The Secretary read the Committee's Report and accounts for the year 1900, and proposed the adoption of the same. Mr. Henry Brooker (South Croydon) seconded and the proposition was carried unanimously. It was resolved on the motion of Mr. Hitching (South Croydon) seconded by Mr. Huggett (Betchworth) that the Committee as appearing in the report be the Committee for 1901. Mr. Daniels (Streatham) proposed, Mr. Miles (Epsom), seconded, that the Rev. A. S. W. Young (Rector of All Saints, Kingston-on-Thames) be re-elected Treasurer. The Rev. J. H. White proposed Mr. H. Bryant (Benhlton) seconded, that Mr. Chas. Dean be re-elected Secretary. Mr. Spence (Cheam) proposed, Mr. Pederick (Cheam) seconded, that Mr. Henry Brooker and Mr. William Canning be re-elected Auditors. These propositions were carried unanimously.

It was reported that since the last meeting fourteen peals had been rung in various methods, and it was resolved that they be recorded as peals by the Association.

The election as members of Mr. George Sayer, Ashted (Honorary) and Mr. Alfred Peeke (unattached) was ratified.

The following were elected members: Mr. John Calcutt, St. Peter's, South Croydon; Thomas Verrall, unattached; H. C. Evans, Benhlton, Sutton; George Wyatt, Ashted; W. Alan Gillett, Streatham; Arthur Hooper, Streatham;

H. J. McDougall, Streatham; D. R. McDougall, Streatham.

It was resolved that the next quarterly meeting should take place at Sutton on Easter Monday.

Mr. H. Brooker gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that an alteration be made in rule 1; in order to alter the name of the Association to "The Surrey County Association of Change-ringers."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman and Secretary concluded the meeting.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Thursday, February 14th, the members of this Society had their annual dinner at The Gresham restaurant, Westgate Street. Letters of apology were read from the Ven. Archdeacon Hayward, Rev. A. Phelps (curate of St. Michael's), Mr. J. Wintle (churchwarden), and Mr. F. G. May, who were unable to attend owing to other engagements. In the unavoidable absence of the President (Rev. Canon James), who is away on the continent owing to ill-health, Alderman Joseph Ward occupied the chair. Justice having been done to the good things provided, the Chairman asked the company "The Memory of the late Queen" in silence; after which "The Health of the King and Queen" was drank, and a verse of the National Anthem sung. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by Messrs. Pegler, Davis, Newman, Hart, and Brunsdon. The Chairman, in proposing "The Health of the President of the Society," hoped the time would not be long when they would have him among them again. Mr. F. E. Ward next proposed "The Health of the Churchwardens," and spoke of the good feeling that existed between them and the ringers, and hoped it would long continue.

A capital programme was then gone through, Mr. P. Hayes presiding at the piano, several of the company contributing to the evening's harmony. A very pleasant evening was spent.

CHELTENHAM RINGERS AND THE KING'S ACCESSION.

On behalf of the ringers of St. Mary's parish church, Cheltenham, the Master (Mr. W. T. Pates), forwarded last month an address to the King, most respectfully offering to His Majesty "our deep sympathy in the overwhelming sorrow that has befallen your Majesty and the other members of the Royal Family, and the incalculable loss sustained by the whole Nation and Empire in the death of our late beloved Sovereign Lady Queen and Empress Victoria, and adding it has given us the greatest pleasure in the past to ring joyful peals on St. Mary's parish church bells for our dearly loved Queen, but now it is our sorrowful duty to perform our last tribute to Her beloved memory. We also humbly beg leave to offer to your Majesty our solemn and earnest congratulations on your accession to the throne." Mr. Pates has now received the following reply from the Home Secretary: "Home Office, Whitehall, 4th March, 1901. Sir,—I am commanded by the King to convey to you hereby His Majesty's thanks for the loyal and dutiful message of the church bell ringers of St. Mary's parish church, Cheltenham, expressing sympathy on the occasion of the lamented death of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, and congratulation on His Majesty's accession to the throne. I am Sir, your obedient servant, CHAS. T. RITCHIE."

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Harry Barton has removed to 12, Goodwin Terrace, Downs Road, Walmer. Mr. A. Roberts has removed from Stourbridge to 31, Melbourne Street, Wolverhampton.

THE ANONYMOUS.

BY JINGLE.

Everything has its uses, and anonymity is a grand institution. I am an anonymous writer. So is the editor or leader-writer of the "Scaly Wail." So is the almighty "we" of the press; even so is "Plain Speaker." There are exceptions, but nearly all men who assume the responsibility of public criticism are anonymous. And why?

First, because it matters not whether it is Smith, Brown, Jones, or Robinson, who states what is an abstract fact and a palpable truth; and chiefly for reason that none but those who desire to advertise their personality would care to thrust themselves upon public attention.

Even my friend Shakespeare said "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet," and all my readers will admit that the Bard new something.

The great use of anonymity lies in calling attention to abuses without giving personal offence. For instance, I write a note to the Sanitary Inspector of my district thusly:—"Sir, while I am second to none in admiration of the pig when defunct, I beg to say that in its natural state distance lends enchantment to the view, while the aroma arising from its domestic environment is not to be compared to Eau-de-Cologne. Therefore with the sole intention of assisting you in your labours for sanitation I wish to intimate that if you will call in the neighbourhood of Blank Street, you will hear (or smell) something to your advantage (?)". This removes a nuisance and the PROBOAR does not know his benefactor! It's a grand herb!! Again, during the dog days, I slip a note into my landlord's letter-box saying that as a certain neighbour's dog is unfit to be at large, and is evidently resolved on a change of diet, I herewith inform him that unless the animal is kept chained up, there will be a few houses to let in this locality. Hey Presto! the thing is done. Selah! There is no doubt, my masters, that anonymity is a fine thing and a most useful weapon.

In its proper place.

A man may make a statement in print under an assumed name. He may send as apparent corroboration of his statement half a dozen other anonymous letters, and many readers would accept them as proof. If the statement concerns a certain individual, that person, not knowing who his opponents are, cannot cross-examine them. Hence, I think all fairminded men will agree that when an attack is made, the challenger should have the courage of his opinions and append his name, thus meeting his opponent on equal terms.

In this connection, I fully endorse what was written in the editorial of this paper concerning the correspondence reflecting on a peal of Grandsire Caters rung at Taunton on December 31st.

First, the report of the peal was printed in its proper place in the usual order of things.

Secondly, a gentleman writing under the nom de plume of "Scientific," asks why the 9th did not go into the hunt, and why the bells came round two leads after the 9th

made 3rds place? The writer saying he had written to a local paper but had received no reply!

It occurred to me at the time that the local paper was hardly the proper medium for one ringer to show up another, also that if the bells happened to be in the home-at-hand position (879) everything was all correct, as the last course would in all probability be "8 in with 3" and rounds would come up at hand two leads after the 9th 3rds. Thus I concluded that "Scientific" had "put his foot in it."

But, I find in Shipway the peal of 5021 by J. Reeves comes round from the tittum position by 9th in and out at 2! Therefore, if what "Scientific" says is true, the bells could not possibly have been run round as the 8th (in any case) would be (P.L.) down in the front (4-5) and Grandsire cannot come round at hand with a bob. There would be a general smash, and no bell beyond the treble in its proper place.

Did this actually occur?

Since the correspondence opened I have had placed in my hands certain information about this peal. I ought to say here that I do not consider "Scientific" has told the readers of this paper but half of what has occurred. Moreover, his statements contain a grave discrepancy.

After his letter to the local paper (*The Taunton Gazette*) the issue of January 16th contained this reply:—

"Sir,—In reply to the simple remarks of "Scientific" on bell-ringing in last week's *Gazette*, I am inclined to think he knows very little about scientific bell-ringing, or writes in a vindictive or jealous spirit for, he says "the 9th bell did not go into the hunt" which is incorrect, for it was in the hunt with the treble, and which could have been heard by anyone a mile away from the parade! I maintain that she did her work, and come round in her regular course and position."

On the 9th of February, "Scientific" said in "THE BELL NEWS" that he had not received a reply. Possibly he had not seen the *Taunton Gazette* for January 16th. Yet if he had not he could not have written again in reply, but I find in the *Gazette* his answer to the above, in which he reiterates his charge that the 9th was down *before* the treble, not *after* it. This is the sum and substance of the dispute up to date. I do not think there is any reader of this journal who deserves the name of ringer, who would uphold a false peal. I notice that "Scientific" says he will bring it before the Central Council. He can take it from me that it will be useless (at all events under a *nom de plume*). I am also in a position to know that the conductor of the peal has put himself in the hands of the Society—The College Youths—for any investigation.

What is there to prevent "Scientific" bringing his charges out in the light of day? He can depend upon it that he will have every opportunity and reasonable latitude in this paper. It is unfair to his opponent to keep his name secret any longer. Let me invite "Scientific" to come forward and he shall have fair play.

"Let us speak plain: There is more in names
Than most men dream of; and a lie may keep
Its throne a whole age longer, if it speak
Behind the shield of some fair-seeming name."

LOWELL.

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CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS.

(Continued from page 550.)

It may not be amiss to say here a word or two on the origin of the word "bellyetter," which finds a modern counterpart in that part of London known as "Billiter" Street. To yote was in early days "to pour," from the Anglo-Saxon word "geotan," and the expression is used in the St. Thomas' accounts when in hanging a door, we read of lead for "yotting" in the hooks of the door. In bellfounding, likewise, the term would be most appropriate, where the fundamental idea would be that of pouring bell metal into a mould. We are told in the introduction that the present Culver Street in Salisbury was in 1318 known as "Yottlebell" (*i.e.* bell-founder) street, but the authority for this is not given. It is sufficiently interesting, however, as pointing to the locality where many of the bells were in early days recast. When the recasting of a bell is recorded in these accounts, it is usual to give the weight before and after casting, the stipulation being that any extra metal is to be paid for. If on the other hand there were any "brass remaining of the yote" it was to be allowed for by the founder. Even the dust turnings when the bell was tuned were also sold.

Other terms in use may be found interesting. We constantly read of the following parts of the gear being repaired or replaced: the frame, pillows, bolster, chairs, bolts, locks, trussing keys, trussing nails, spraggs, wedges, the gudgeons, the brasses on which the gudgeon played, the jennettes, culver-tail, clacks and pollets. The bell "welys" are constantly undergoing repair, but no mention is made of the form of wheel till the year 1630, when it is specifically mentioned as a $\frac{3}{4}$ wheel. Other terms used in connection with repairs and replacements are—the stock, the collar of the stock, bolts, bands, straps, scrypes, twists, staples and cotterels: and there is besides a "vone" ordered for the chimes, whatever that may mean. The exact part played by each of these bell accessories may be left to the ingenuity of those interested, and it would certainly be interesting to know from some professional bellhanger of the present day how many of these terms have survived, and are of modern usage.

There is one item, in 1625, somewhat obscure, viz. "for the lent of a clapper at the buryall of Henry Mogridge." At this time the clapper of the tenor was broken and undergoing repair, so that the entry may have reference merely to the loan of a clapper to enable the bell to be rung, though this explanation is hardly conceivable when there was a choice of five other bells in the tower, any one of which could have done duty on the occasion of a funeral.

Another expression, not unfrequently used, is that of "shutting" as applied to the splicing of a rope. The same word is used for mending a broken clapper or a severed band. In the year 1500 there is an entry "pro le shittynge de le Kuyppele pro quinta campana viijd," which no doubt refers to the welding of some iron strap or coupling attached to the fifth bell. The term has descended to the present time in connection with metal work; and is equally applicable to the union of two pieces of rope as well as of metal; only the fact remains that in the present day, the expression has lost its force in the vocabulary of the belfry.

Until the time of Henry VIII., there was a charge for the "forthfare" bell, or the bell which was rung as the soul was passing out on its journey; or as it was rendered in Latin—*pro magna campana in extremis pulsante or pulsata, or tempore expirationis, or tempore exitus animæ*. The word "knyll" is for the first time used about the year 1500, but even here it is distinctly stated to be a "knyll in the hour of his dethe," and after this date the expressions "knyll" and "ffurthfare" are both used, sometimes the one and sometimes the other. There is, however, a peculiar entry in 1523:

"The forthfarris of the great bell—

Recd. off William Smythe for his wife's knyll, xxd. also reserveyd of Deu Carter for her husbanths knyll, xxd,"—a curious entry of "knylls" under the head of "forthfares."

Our impression is that even in those days knells and forth-

fares gradually became convertible terms. We never find them in conjunction, except in the entry quoted above; but in some years the churchwardens would enter up everything under knells, and in other years other churchwardens would write them up under forthfares. This confusion may even have existed in Bishop Hooper's time, who, in his injunctions issued in 1551 speaks in one place with no uncertain sound when he says, "that from henceforth no knells or forthfares be rung for the death of any man"—in spite of which he enjoins in another place that "in case they that be sick and in danger, or any of their friends, will demand to have the bell toll whilst the sick is in extremis, to admonish the people of their danger, and by that means to solicitate the hearers of the same to pray for the sick person, they may use it." Here is a seeming contradiction, and it appears to us, by what we can gather from these accounts, that it can only be explained in this way—that "forthfares" and "knells" were identical at this period, and that another name, such as the "passing" bell, or the "soul" bell was used to take the place of what should have been more properly comprehended under the term "forthfare." Be that as it may, there is no mention in these accounts of either knyll or forthfare after the year 1573, nor indeed of any ringing for many years after that date either at a death or funeral. A hundred years later, however, the practice was continued, and we read that the sexton had 6d. for "passing the great bell one hour." We even get some further details from the accounts of St. Edmund's parish under date of 1669, and we note charges made in that year for a one, two, three, four, seven, nine and fifteen hours knell. If such an infliction as a fifteen hours knell were at all common, property, one would think, in the neighbourhood of that particular church must have been considerably depreciated. Be this as it may, the sexton of St. Thomas' church was enjoined by the churchwardens in 1636 not to ring any knell on the death of any person "above the space of one houre," and if "after monition be shall eftsoonas offend therein, he be removed from his place of sexton." Two years later we find the following entry: "Joseph Gibbald (because he hath been disobedient to former orders in ringinge ye bells att knells and burials). . . shall have noe wages ye next quarter, and yf this admonition and punishment shall not amend him, but that hee transgresse in ye like manner, it is ordered that hee shall loose, and bee putt out of his sexton's place." The sequel is not vouchsafed to us, but the monition evidently had little effect upon the sexton of the neighbouring parish of St. Edmund, who was in full swing later with his fifteen hours knells.

The following entries are curious—in 1556 "John Hunte wyves moneth mynde" and in 1557 "Sir Harry's twelvemonthes mynde." They were simply in memoriam knells rung a month and a twelvemonth respectively after death; or, as it was briefly termed seventy years before in the case of one John Bruges or Brydges, "in anniversario."

The ropes used varied in weight and price from a 4 lb. rope for the Treble in 1644 at a cost of 1s. to a 28 lb. rope for the Tenor in 1641, costing 10s., the price of them being almost invariably entered in the accounts at so much a pound.

On June 9th, 1653, the bells of St. Edmund's parish were ordered to be taken down. The Vestry found the tower "to bee so clift with shaking," by means of the ringing of the belles, and that "wee cannot without great danger of the tower falling downe suffer any peale to be rung againe; and therefore to give ease to the said tower, it is now ordered that the churchwardens do take downe all the belles in the tower, except the greatest bell to call the people, together with the treble to ring at 5 a clocke in the morning, and that this bee done wth what speed possible that so the southwest pillar may be amended." As the tower fell on the 27th June, there was very little time to let down the bells and get them clear; but it was done, and three years after the bells were hauled up. We find the following entry: "Ropes to draw upp the timber and bells, and afterwards they served for bell ropes—£3 : 5 : 6." The pulleys from Wilton House were used for this purpose at a cost of sixpence for fetching and carrying them. The only light thrown upon the recasting of the bells at this time is an order of the Vestry under date 20 March 1655. Messrs. T. Abbott, Ric. Grafton, J. Parsons, & Amb. Ringwood are desired "to walke thorough the parish in such manner as they shall agree to

gather what money they can from such as will willingly contribute towards the new castings of the Belles and setting of them up." At the same time there is no doubt that they were recast by William Purdue and Nathaniel Bolter, as the initials (W P—N B) on the existing bells amply testify. The seventh bell bears the name of "John Strickland, Minister, August 1656," shewing that the bells were cast in the time of the Commonwealth. It is frequently said that nothing was done in the way of casting and bell restoration during that time, but we are informed by Mr. Gifford, of Salisbury, that he knows of forty-three bells cast at that period in the county of Wilts alone, and that there are many existing in the neighbouring counties, the old peal of five at Fordingbridge (now increased to eight), being an instance. As regards Mr. Strickland there is the following entry in the St. Edmund's accounts under date 20th September 1662. "Mr. Strickland being disabled by the late Act for uniformity to continue as Rector, Mr. John Sedgwick, of New Sarum, Clerk, is elected and commended to the Bishop for his institution and induction." The explanation of the absence of any particular entry in the accounts about the cost of recasting the bells may be this, that it was included in the general work of restoration—for we note that in 1655 the receipts were considerable. There "were receipts extraordinarie—for severall things sold since the fall of the tower—£73: 7: 4: Free Gift money—£61: 14: 2: Money uppon Bond—£150." Other receipts of "free gifts" amounted to £91: 1: 4; and there was a rate made for the Church "being ten years tax"—£144: 4: 5.

(To be continued.)

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.
To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

MUFFLED RINGING.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Daniell and others as to the way bells should be rung muffled, may I be allowed to say a few words? First as to ringing with the bells all muffled with the exception of the tenor (open at backstroke) as advocated by the Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Now, Sir, I do not agree with those who condemn this practice. My reasons are these: that at the time of our late beloved Queen's funeral I know of three towers where this method was carried out, one at a ten-bell tower, where it was done by the wish of the Vicar after reading Mr. Palaret's letter in *The Times*. I may here add that "stoney" was rung at this tower all day on the front nine with the tenor behind, and I believe gave great satisfaction to the Vicar and others who heard it. They also rang in the evening the whole pull and stand thus: first the bells were rung round eighty-one whole pulls, then they were rung one whole pull and the tenor one whole pull. This was done eighty-one times, and then to finish the tenor was tolled eighty-one whole pulls by itself. Here the tenor is 28 cwt. The other two towers are six-bell towers. Here they rang Grandsire on the front five and the tenor behind at one tower. At the other tower where I rang myself we rang two 720s, one of Oxford Treble Bob and one of Kent; this with a tenor of 14 cwt., and most of our company spoke highly in favour of this method of ringing. I do not know if Mr. Daniell has heard it tried on a light ring or not. He says he has tried it on a 30 cwt. tenor and strongly condemns it, but that is no reason why he should do so if he has not heard it tried elsewhere. He may probably approve of it if he heard it on a lighter peal. One reason of this is if you have say a 30 cwt. bell open one side it wants very powerful trebles to be heard at all when muffled both sides. I have never heard St. Mary Abbots bells so I cannot tell what they are like. Now as regards ringing wholly muffled, I quite agree with Mr. Borrett that it is a waste of time and energy in a place where there is a lot of noise and traffic. It does very well in a quiet country place as you can hear the bells much farther. Now as to ringing bells half-muffled, some say one side some say the other. I uphold open at hand, muffled at backstroke. A great many differ from this; they tell us that we lose all the most musical changes which of course we do. This I fully admit. But I strongly

object to this, my reason being that we should not ring bells muffled for our own pleasure only, but also for the gratification of the public at large. In the case of half-muffled ringing I think it should be done not to produce the most musical changes simply for own gratification, but to produce the most effect on the outside world. I do not know and I do not suppose anyone else does, whether when bells were first rung half-muffled if it was to produce the musical changes at the open stroke if it was done to give a more solemn effect. But I should say the latter. Now I submit that it is impossible to produce solemn effect with bells muffled at hand and open at back, as all will agree I think that you must have sound before the echo of that sound. What is the use of having the echo first and the loud note afterwards? In my opinion it is ridiculous ringing this way, and I hope to see this practice strongly condemned. As regards uniformity it is almost useless to think of it. I quite agree with what Mr. Drake has said, as there has always been and I believe always will be differences of opinion on this subject. I know of an instance myself, and I have no doubt many more there are that might be quoted, where I learnt to ring on a peal of six when we rang half-muffled it was at backstroke; but at two adjoining towers, now both peals of eight, they always rang, and do so now, muffled at hand. As to the method to be rung I think it depends on the way bells are muffled, even methods on half-muffled bells; but if the tenor is open either way I think it is best kept behind, although I have rung with it turned in.

A NOVICE.

SIR,—Muffled peals being "all the go" just now, I venture to encroach on your space, by stating that Sir Walter Scott in his *Waverley* refers to "a muffled peal being tolled at the neighbouring cathedral" (at Carlisle) at the execution of Fergus Mac Ivor. Certainly this work is only a novel, but was taken from facts, and the author must have heard one to have mentioned it. This happening about 100 years ago, and in Scotland, is my apology for writing.

J.

SIR,—The correspondence on this subject is instructive as well as interesting. The muffled ringing in Birmingham for the memorial service was fully muffled except the tenor, which was half-muffled. This had a solemn effect, the tenor answering as a minute bell. Half-muffled ringing is best for change-ringing. As regards methods I beg to differ from Mr. Borrett; either Grandsire or Stedman Cinques is far before Treble Twelve for music. You can also reverse the course—ends from backstroke to hand, a plan I think the late Henry Johnson adapted, but is not generally practised in Birmingham.

W. H. BARBER.

A MIX.

SIR,—Someone must have reported the peal of Minor rung at Bolsover on March 9th besides myself in "THE BELL NEWS." There are mistakes in it. It was rung by the East Derbyshire Association, and not the Old East Derbyshire Association. Also the weight of the tenor is 14½ cwt. in G., and not 16 cwt. in F sharp as published. It also states that the stained window for which the peal was rung will not be dedicated till the return of Lady Otaline Bentinck who is in Germany. Allow me to state that the dedication service was held on Sunday, March 3rd.

Hill Top, Bolsover.

JOHN FLINT.

[This is an instance of the want of system in sending reports. Two communications are received from two different writers; how in such case are we to determine which is the correct one?—Ed.]

* * One or two letters concerning the Taunton peal have come to hand, but no practical good will come of widening this correspondence. It is therefore closed.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of the above will be held at Walthamstow on Easter Monday. The towers of St. Mary's, St. Saviour's (10.30—4.30), Christ Church Wanstead, All Hallows, Tottenham, will be open for ringing. Tea will be provided at The Lord Brook hotel at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Members must signify their intention to be present to me not later than the previous Tuesday.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 1901.

AMONG our obituary notices this week is one wherein the writer—our old friend BENJAMIN KEEBLE, of Romford in Essex—appears to lament the omission of the courtesy invariably observed by ringers at the death of a departed brother. Our friend above-named is a true bred-and-born Essex man, and therefore he must be fully aware of the *soubriquet* which has been, from time immemorial, applied to natives of the county. Perhaps therefore the Romford ringers may have been bewildered and confused by the variety of the recently-expressed opinions upon muffled ringing which have appeared in our columns, and refrained attempting anything for fear of being criticised. Such fear may have led to the temporary obfuscation of their mental capabilities.

But if the absence of the usual courtesy to the memory

of a departed brother was the result of apathy and indifference merely, then the Romford men will merit, and also receive, the condemnation of every ringer. We believe that this omission of the usual muffled ringing is the very first of its kind, under such circumstances. And it is hoped, the last. Our ancient customs must not be allowed to decay, or become obsolete, but such neglect as the one before us, frequently repeated, is a step to that end.

The present number of "THE BELL NEWS" is accompanied by a portrait of MR. WILLIAM SNOWDON, President of the Yorkshire Association. There is no doubt about such a picture being welcome to everyone of our readers. As long as change-ringing lasts, the name of "SNOWDON" will be one well-known and honoured by its votaries. The close relationship of the present Yorkshire President to his predecessor in that office, will make this portrait doubly welcome, and doubly interesting. And those who have a close acquaintance with WILLIAM SNOWDON know his value, and his worth, and the high regard rightly entertained for him among the brotherhood.

With our next number will appear three beautiful photographs of different phases of St. Benet's church, Cambridge, taken solely for this paper, together with another full-page illustration, announced last week. The production of these illustrations have been somewhat costly, but the usual price of publication will not be increased.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The next meeting of the Central Council will be held at Derby, on Whit-Tuesday, May 28th. Notices of motion should be sent in before 30th April, which is the last day on which they can be received. Hon. Secretaries of Societies are respectfully reminded that the contributions for the year 1901 became due on the 1st Jan., and should be remitted *without needless delay*, at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative, to the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Council, together with information as to any change of representatives, and the names and addresses of such as have been appointed since the last meeting of the Council.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.*
Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

The Metropolis.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, March 16, 1901, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLLOWAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM .. Treble.	HARRY STUBBS 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	THOMAS LANGDON 6.
GEORGE R. FARDON 3.	HERBERT LANGDON 7.
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal of Bob Major by the ringers of treble, 6th and 7th.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1901, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, POPLAR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ERNEST PYE Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 6.
WILLIAM PYE 2.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON .. 7.
JOHN R. SHARMAN 3.	WILLIAM BERRY 8.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 9.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This composition has the 6th in 2nds place throughout, and the 4th and 5th each twenty-three courses behind the 9th, and is now rung for the first time.

The Provinces.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.

On Tuesday, February 26, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

PETER LONGLEY Treble.	THOMAS BURGESS 5.
HENRY FINCH 2.	JOHN MATTHEWS 6.
HENRY PRAGNELL 3.	HENRY VINE 7.
FREDERICK W. HARDING .. 4.	REUBEN BIGNELL Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. HARDING.

This is the first peal ever rung on these bells by a local band, and it was also the first peal by all except the conductor. The ringers deserve to be congratulated upon the perseverance they have shown in mastering change-ringing, and upon the success now attending their efforts.

RAMSBOTTOM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH)

On Thursday, March 14, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ROBT. H. WOLSTENHOLME Treble.	JOHN H. HAYDOCK 5.
ROBERT LEACH 2.	WALTER TAYLOR 6.
JONATHAN WOLSTENHOLME .. 3	JAMES B. TAYLOR 7.
ARNOLD S. ROSTRON 4.	MILTON HARTLEY Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

Rung with the bells deeply-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Thomas Wolstenholme, organist of the above church, who held the post for the last 35 years.

WORTLEY, SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS HATTERSLEY .. Treble.	THOS. ROBBINS 5.
CLIFFE DRONFIELD* 2.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6.
THOS. MCKEGG 3.	JOHN DRONFIELD 7.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 4.	DAVID BREARLEY Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by DAVID BREARLEY.

It was intended to start for a peal of College Single, but meeting one short the above was rung instead. *First peal of Treble Bob.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

FRANK PERVIN Treble.	EDWARD E. SMITH 5.
JOSIAH MORRIS 2.	WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 6.
FRANK BURLEIGH 3.	WILLIAM WILLSON 7.
JOHN H. SWINFELD 4.	CHARLES H. FOWLER .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by C. H. FOWLER,

WOBURN, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT OLD ST. MARY'S TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

CYRIL HERBERT* Treble.	*JOSEPH CHURCH.. .. 5.
ERNEST HERBERT* 2.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 6.
DOUGLAS HARRIS* 3.	JOHN W. BARKER 7.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 4.	HARRY SEAR Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

*First peal of Stedman, and also first on the bells. This is C. R. Lilley's 150th peal.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

On Saturday, March 16, 1901, in Two Hours and fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

AUGUSTUS POINTER Treble.	GEORGE WILLSHIRE.. .. 5.
EDWARD FOREMAN 2.	HARRY BARTON 6.
ALBERT H. SAYER 3.	PHILIP H. PIERCE 7.
HENRY CASTLE† 4.	THOMAS LEES Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

†First peal of Grandsire with a bob bell. *First peal. Further reference elsewhere.

HULL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE AND LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, March 16, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

J. DIXEY Treble.	†F. OSGERBY 5.
G. T. MILLER 2.	*D. W. BROWN 6.
TOM STOCKDALE 3.	C. JACKSON 7.
G. T. MARSHALL 4.	J. W. DALE Tenor.

Conducted by D. W. BROWN.

First peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight. *First peal as conductor. † Hails from Beverley. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 16, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT SEWELL Treble.	ALFRED CLAYTON 5.
JAMES DREWETT 2.	ALBERT CALVER.. .. 6.
WILLIAM S. SMITH 3.	LEWIN C. FERRIGE 7.
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.. .. 4.	JOSEPH FAYERS Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by JOSEPH FAYERS.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 18, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qrs. 4 lbs. in G.

FRANK TRUEMAN† Treble.	JOHN W. BARKER 4.
WILLIAM DAVISON 2.	FRANK WEBB 5.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

†First peal. 1st and 2nd belong to local band, the rest to St. Paul's, Bedford, and was the quickest peal on the bells.

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On Tuesday, March 19, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cumberland Exercise, Morning Exercise, Westminster, Imperial, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, and Duke of York. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOSEPH PRESTON Treble.	WILLIAM WHEELDON .. 4.
CHARLES PRESTON 2.	GEORGE HOBBS 5.
GEORGE CLARKSON 3.	DANIEL PRESTON Tenor.

Conducted by D. PRESTON.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, March 19, 1901, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt.

FRANK BLONDELL Treble.	GEORGE FOSTER.. .. 5.
RALPH WOOD 2.	JOHN H. GRUNDY 6.
WILLIAM JELLEY† 3.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 7.
HENRY HUTTON† 4.	THOMAS MAYNARD Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

†First peal.

PEAL CORRECTION.—Mr. Symonds, of Lavenham, writes: In reply to the band that rang the peal of Grandsire Triples on St. Mary's bells, Bury St. Edmunds, on March 2nd, 1901, I have just received information from my friend, Mr. S. Slater, of Glemsford, that a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells of St. Mary's church, Bury St. Edmunds, on Monday, April 5th, 1858, by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

Date Touches.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTNOR (Herefordshire).—On December 31st, for watch-night service, a date touch of 1900 changes, being 640 Grandsire, 1260 Stedman Doubles, in 1 hour 5 mins. W. Mytton, 1; R. Browning, 2; E. Phillips, 3; H. Winter, 4; T. Williams (conductor), 5; T. Mytton, 6.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STOWMARKET (Suffolk).—On a recent Sunday evening, for service, a date touch of Bob Major, consisting of 1901 changes, in 1 hour and 14 mins. W. Wellan, 1; C. Souter, 2; C. Alderton, 3; W. Souter (conductor), 4; E. Draper, 5; W. E. Tydeman, 6; J. Wade, 7; W. P. Rouse, 8. Tenor 24 cwt. Composed by E. Bennett, of Croydon.

WICKHAM (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, January 1st, a date touch of Minor, 1901 changes, consisting of 720 of Oxford Bob, 360 of College Single, 821 of Plain Bob, in 1 hour and 4 mins. H. Davy, 1; D. Mays, 2; G. Kemp, 3; H. Cattermole, 4; F. Potter, 5; G. Cattermole (conductor), 6.

PEVENSEY (Sussex).—On Monday December 31st, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, 1900 changes, being fifteen 6-scores and one 5-core, called differently, in 1 hour 1 min. S. Costick, 1; G. Penfold (conductor), 2; J. Bray, jun., 3; T. Beal, 4; H. Colbran, 5; G. Smith, 6. Longest touch by all except the conductor.

Miscellaneous.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BLOXWICH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday morning, December 2nd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 38 mins. J. C. Adams (conductor), 1; A. Painter, 2; J. Birch, 3; W. Barton, 4; A. Turley, 5; F. Edwards, 6; J. Elton, 7; R. W. Frost, 8. On Sunday, December 9th, 630 Grandsire Triples. H. Somerville, 1; W. Barton, 2; J. Birch, 3; A. Painter, 4; J. C. Adams (conductor), 5; A. Turley, 6; J. Elton, 7; R. W. Frost, 8. On Monday, December 31st, for midnight service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. F. Edwards, 1; W. Barton, 2; J. Birch, 3; A. Painter, 4; J.

C. Adams (conductor), 5; A. Turley, 6; J. Elton, 7; R. W. Frost, 8. This quarter-peal was rung with the bells half-muffled after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal for the closing of the old century. Composed by I. J. Attwater, of London.

WALSALL (Staffordshire).—On Wednesday, December 12th, 546 Grandsire Triples. B. Meeson, 1; E. J. Stafford, 2; W. Griffin, 3; W. Barton, 4; F. Hallsworth, sen., 5; J. C. Adams, 6; T. J. Elton (conductor), 7; F. Hallsworth, jun., 8. On Saturday, December 29th, 672 Bob Major. W. Griffin, 1; W. Barton, 2; J. Birch, 3; A. Painter, 4; J. C. Adams, 5; A. Turley, 6; J. Elton, 7; T. J. Elton (conductor), 8.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MILVERTON (Somerset).—On December 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. F. Collins, 1; H. Norman, 2; R. Scott (conductor), 3; F. Norman, 4; J. Richards, 5; A. J. Andrews, 6; W. Chapman, 7; R. Chapman, 8. This is H. Norman's first quarter-peal with a bob bell.

MIDSOMER NORTON (Somerset).—On Saturday, January 12th, an attempt was made for Holt's Original which came to grief after ringing 3600 changes in 2 hrs. 10 mins. T. T. Hayward, 1; E. C. Fricker, 2; W. J. Prescott, 3; J. Hambledon, 4; G. Miles, 5; C. H. Shearn, 6; H. Kenten (conductor), 7; J. Sperrin, 8. Tenor 25 cwt. E flat.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Sunday, January 6th, at St Alfege church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. I. G. Shade, 1; J. T. Lamb, 2; W. Berry, 3; W. Foreman, 4; H. Hoskins, 5; H. Flanders, 6; F. W. Thornton (conductor), 7; H. Gooch (Poplar), 8.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, January 6th, for Divine Service, 1259 Grandsire Caters in 48 mins. H. Farnan, 1; J. Hinton, 2; W. Meaton, 3; J. Buckingham, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; J. Aldridge, 6; H. Adams, 7; W. T. Elson (conductor), 8; W. Charge, 9; R. Burgess, 10. Composed by C. Charge, and contains the twelve 6-5s.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GAINSBOROUGH BRANCH.)

GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On New Year's Eve at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major with the bells half-muffled to commemorate the closing of the 19th century. T. Smith, 1; W. D. Tinker, 2; W. Wheeler, 3; J. C. Tinker, 4; J. T. Ladd, 5; G. Wilson, 6.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On December 31st, at the Cathedral, with the bells half-muffled, 1638 Grandsire Triples with 9-8-10 covering in 1 hr. 21 mins. F. Smith, 1; E. Andrews, 2; J. W. Elkins, 3; E. G. Lampard, 4; W. C. Lampard, 5; C. Russell, 6; W. Andrews (conductor), 7; W. S. Lampard, 8; D. Froome, 9; W. H. Loveland, 10. On Wednesday, January 2nd, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples with 6-8-10 covering. W. H. Loveland, 1; E. G. Lampard, 2; F. Smith, 3; E. Andrews, 4; W. Andrews, 5; C. Russell, 6; W. G. Lampard (conductor), 9; J. W. Elkins, 6; W. S. Lampard, 8; D. Froome, 10.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STREYNING (Sussex).—On December 31st at the parish church, for the watch-night service, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Lloyd, 1; E. Bristow, 2; C. Smart (conductor), 3; J. Matthews, 4; G. Phillips, 5; E. Rapley, 6; J. Smart, 7; G. Wood, 8. Also another 504 in the same method. A. Sturt, 1; J. Smart, 2; E. Bristow, 3; E. Rapley, 4; C. Smart (conductor), 5; J. Matthews, 6; G. Gatland, 7; G. Phillips, 8. And another 504. H. Green, 1; C. Smart (conductor), 2; E. Bristow, 3; G. Gatland, 4; J. Matthews, 5; J. Smart, 6; E. Rapley, 7; G. Lloyd, 8. This is the 300th 504 conducted by C. Smart. On New Year's morning, after service, 280 Grandsire Triples. G. Lloyd, 1; E. Bristow, 2; J. Matthews, 3; G. Gatland, 4; E. Rapley, 5; C. Smart (conductor), 5; J. Smart, 7; G. Wood, 8. On Wednesday, January 2nd, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. W. J. May, of London, to Miss May Brown, of Steyning, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Lloyd, 1; E. Bristow, 2; T. Searle, 3; E. Rapley, 4; C. Smart (conductor), 5; G. Gatland, 6; J. Smart, 7; G. Phillips, 8. Also another 504 in the same method. A. Sturt, 1; E. Bristow, 2; C. Smart (conductor), 3; G. Gatland, 4; E. Rapley, 5; J. Matthews, 6; J. Smart, 7; G. Wood, 8. On Sunday, January 6th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Lloyd, 1; E. Bristow, 2; J. Matthews, 3; J. Smart, 4; E. Rapley, 5; C. Smart (conductor), 6; G. Gatland, 7; G. Phillips, 8. For afternoon service, 504 in the same method. A. Sturt, 1; E. Bristow, 2; J. Smart, 3; J. Matthews, 4; G. Phillips, 5; G. Gatland, 6; C. Smart (conductor), 7; G. Lloyd, 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

HAZEL GROVE (Cheshire).—On Saturday, December 8th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. A. Barnes, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. First 720 in the method by the band. Also 720 Violet. J. Dean, 1; A. Barnes, 2; J. Fernley, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. First 720 in the method by A. Barnes, who hails from Reddish. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Dean, 1; A. Barnes, 2; S. Fernley, 3; J. Fernley (conductor), 4; A. Fernley, 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Sunday morning, December 16th, for Divine Service, 720 New London Pleasure. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Dean, 2; J. Fernley, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley, 5; G. D. Warburton (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 College Single. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley, 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Saturday, December 29th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Kellett, 1; A. Barnes, 2; J. Dean, 3; J. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob, standing as before. On Sunday December 30th, for Divine Service 720 Warnham Court. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. On Monday evening, December 31st, 720 Woodbine. J. Kellett, 1; J. Fernley, 2; J. Dean, 3; A. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley, 5; G. D. Warburton, 6. Also 720 Merchants' Return. For midnight service 720 College Single and 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Kellett, 1; J. Dean, 2; A. Fernley, 3; J. Fernley, 4; S. Fernley (conductor), 5; G. D. Warburton, 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHALFONT ST. PETER (Bucks.).—On Saturday, January 19th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. J. Clarke, 1; G. H. Gutteridge (conductor), 2; W. Clarke, 3; E. Harding, 4; A. Jordan, 5; E. Elderfield, 6. Also several more touches the same evening.

FULMER (Bucks.).—On Saturday, December 29th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. E. Elderfield, 1; G. Gutteridge, 2; J. Elderfield (conductor), 3; W. Clarke, 4; J. J. Parker, 5; C. Clarke, 6. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Jordan (first 720), 1; G. H. Gutteridge, 2; J. Elderfield, 3; W. Clark, 4; J. J. Parker (conductor), 5; C. Clark, 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Clarke. Three of the ringers belong to Farnham Royal.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTNOR (Herefordshire).—Early on Christmas morning, 1260 Stedman Doubles. W. Mytton, 1; R. Browning, 2; E. Phillips, 3; H. Winter, 4; T. Williams (conductor), 5; T. Mytton, 6. Also for Divine Service, 720 in the same method conducted by W. Mytton. On Sunday, January 6th, for evening service, 1260 Stedman Doubles, rung with the bells half-muffled. On Sunday evening, March 17th, for Divine Service, 1260 Stedman Doubles, in 43 mins. W. Mytton, 1; R. Browning, 2; E. Phillips, 3; T. Williams (conductor), 4; H. Winter, 5; T. Mytton, 6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—On January 1st, at the church of St. Nicholas with St. Leonard, 1439 changes of Grandsire Caters, in 1 hour 5 mins. V. O'Brien, 1; J. Thomas, 2; F. G. May (conductor), 3; F. Leaker, 4; G. Jayne, 5; A. Stowell, 6; J. Richmond, 7; J. Burford, 8; F. Price, 9; F. Cooper, 10. Tenor 36 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMBE (Kent).—On November 11th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Milhams, 1; A. Broom, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; W. Lane, 4; M. Digby, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On November 12th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Thompson, 1; A. Broom, 2; G. Hayes, 3; W. Lane, 4; F. J. Ring, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. On December 9th, 720 Superlative Surprise. A. Broom, 1; W. Lane, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; G. Hayes, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise. R. Copeling, 1; W. Lane, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; G. Hayes, 6. On December 25th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. A. Broom, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Broom, 1; W. Lane, 2; W. Harper, 3; F. J. Ring, 4; J. Broom, 5; G. Hayes (conductor), 6. On December 31st, for midnight service, 720 Superlative Surprise. J. Broom, 1; W. Lane, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin (conductor), 5; G. Hayes, 6. After service 720 London Surprise. W. Lane, 1; G. Hayes, 2; F. J. Ring, 3; M. Digby, 4; W. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

DOVER (Kent).—On Saturday, January 12th, at St James's church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 28 mins. J. Henley, 1; E. Potter, 2; A.

Denne, 3; G. Denne (conductor), 4; H. Sone, 5; H. Castle, 6. Also 720 Kent, in 27 mins. J. Henley, 1; A. Denne, 2; H. Castle, 3; G. Denne, 4; H. Sone, 5; H. Wood (conductor), 6. Tenor 12 cwt. First 720 in the method on the bells.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—On Christmas Day at St. Mary's church, two 1008s and 1120 Bob Major. S. Kerrison, 1; W. Peirce, 2; C. Kerrison, 3; J. Howard, 4; E. Easter, 5; G. Tovell, 6; F. Lambert (conductor), 7; A. Took, 8.

CHEDISTON (Suffolk).—The old year was rang out and the new year in with several 24s of Grandsire and Plain Bob Singles, and the bells fired by W. Cullingford, 1; T. Crane, 2; W. Cady, 3; L. Hammond, 4.

REDENHALL (Norfolk).—On Monday, January 14th, 1088 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Tann (conductor), 1; E. Lincoln, 2; C. Baker, 3; F. Smith, 4; W. Gobbett, 5; T. Smith, 6; W. Pope, 7; F. Borrett, 8. Also on handbells, a course of Grandsire Cinques. E. Lincoln 1-2; W. Ireland, 3-4; J. Smith, 5-6; J. Souser, 7-8; E. Poppy, 9-10; W. Gobbett, 11-12.

TUNSTALL (Suffolk).—On Sunday, March 3rd, at St. Michael's church, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Daniels, 1; J. Starling, 2; G. Savage, 3; R. Smy, 4; H. Puttock, 5; W. Sawyer, 6. On Tuesday, March 5th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. H. Baskett, 1; A. Ling, 2; G. Savage, 3; H. Puttock, 4; R. Smy, 5; W. Sawyer, 6. This is the first 720 of Treble Bob by the company.

CAMBERWELL (Surrey).—On Thursday, January 3rd, at the church of St. Giles, 336 Grandsire Triples for practice, on the back eight. H. Flowers, 1; W. Shepherd, 2; H. Langdon, 3; E. J. Webb, 4; F. J. Shepherd (conductor), 5; E. Brett, 6; E. H. Oxenham, 7; H. Flowers, jun., 8.

CHAPEL (Surrey).—On Monday evening, December 31st, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 360 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Akehurst, 1; E. Jordan, 2; F. Tullett, 3; M. Jenkins, 4; C. Taylor, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Also at midnight, two 360s of Oxford Bob. T. Weller, 1; J. Akehurst, 2; E. Jordan, 3; F. Tullett, 4; C. Taylor, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6.

CHELSEA.—Recently at St. Luke's church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. G. Baker, 1; J. Pryer, G. Langford, 3; E. Cassell, 4; W. Moss (conductor), 5; J. Willshire, 6; J. Baker, 7; A. Newman (first quarter-peal), 8.

GOLDHANGER (Essex).—On Sunday evening, December 23rd, for Divine Service, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Appleton, 1; S. Coltes, 2; G. D. Buckingham (conductor), 3; W. Wenden, 4; G. Wenden, 5; C. Mann, 6. This is the longest length by a local company on the bells, and by all the band except the conductor.

HENFIELD (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, December 16th, for Divine Service, 1008 Stedman Triples. *W. Markwell, 1; L. Payne (conductor), 2; S. Burt, 3; C. Tyler, 4; W. A. J. Ives, 5; G. Payne, 6; A. Heasman, 7; A. Hodges, 8. On Christmas Day 504 Stedman Triples. W. Markwell, 1; W. A. J. Ives, 2; S. Burt, 3; C. Tyler, 4; L. Payne, 5; G. Payne, 6; A. Heasman, 7; A. Hodges, 8. On December 31st, for midnight service, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Markwell, 1; W. A. J. Ives, 2; S. Burt, 3; C. Tyler, 4; L. Payne (conductor), 5; G. Payne, 6; A. Heasman, 7; A. Hodges, 8. After service to usher in the new year, 504 Stedman Triples. A. E. Lish, 1; W. A. J. Ives, 2; S. Burt, 3; C. Tyler, 4; G. Payne (conductor), 5; L. Payne, 6; A. Heasman, 7; A. Hodges, 8. *First 1008 away

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, December 30th, for evening service, 360 Bob Minor. J. Ward, 1; F. W. Ford, 2; W. Dixon, 3; T. Langdon, 4; W. Pickworth, 5; A. Jacob (conductor), 6.

KENDAL (Cumberland).—On December 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Dennison, J. Baxter, R. Everson, W. Tyson, W. Atkinson, B. Walker, C. W. Graham, W. Salmon.

LEEDS (Yorkshire).—On January 13th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 615 of Grandsire Cinques, in 28 mins. F. Renton, 1; T. Lockwood, 2; H. Tomlinson, 3; A. Windsor, 4; H. Lockwood, 5; G. Singer, 6; W. Walker, 7; A. Naylor, 8; J. Woodhead, 9; W. Woodhead, 10; F. Woodhead, 11; H. Smith, 12. This is F. Renton's, of Northern Union football fame as a referee, first touch of Cinques.

TETTENHALL (Staffordshire).—For early morning, on January 1st, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. E. Worboys, 1; B. Dalton, 2; E. Genns, 3; J. Rowe, 5; G. Burrows (conductor), 6. Tenor 14 cwt.

Obituary.

HARRY GAYTHORPE.

It is with sincere regret that the members of the Bramley (Leeds) St. Peter's Society have to record the death of a respected member in the person of Harry Gaythorpe, who passed away on Monday, March 11th, aged thirty-three years, after only one week's illness (pneumonia). He had been a ringer at St. Peter's Bramley for about fourteen years, and was a prompt and regular attendant at both practice and Sunday ringing; this, combined with his bright cheerful disposition, made him a general favorite with his brother-ringers. He had acted as Secretary to the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society for the past two years, having accepted the office when the society was at a very low ebb, and it is chiefly through his untiring efforts that it now enjoys its present prosperity. He was a life member of the Yorkshire Association, having joined in 1871, and had rung sixteen peals, the last so recently as the 11th of February, conducted by himself. The funeral took place on Wednesday, March 13th, at St. Peter's Bramley, the Vicar officiating. About fifty ringers attended, the following societies being represented: Armley, Bradford, Burley, Calverley, Headingley St. Michael's, Leeds, Pudsey, Rothwell, and Tong; also numerous friends and shopmates. He was carried to his last resting-place by the members of his own company. At the conclusion of the service at the graveside a course of Grandsire Major was rung on the handbells he loved so well by Messrs. C. Pratt (Calverley), Joe Thackray (Armley), G. Bolland (Tong), and J. Whitaker (Headingley); and 360 of Oxford on the church bells, deeply muffled, by J. Turner (Armley), S. Oddy (Tong), J. Brown (Bramley), P. Cordingley (Pudsey), M. Broadbent (Armley), and J. W. Chadwick (Rothwell). Beautiful wreaths were placed on the coffin by members of the Bramley and Burley societies, the workpeople of the Leeds Co-operative Society (boot dept.), and relatives and friends. He leaves a widow and one son to mourn his loss.

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GEORGE J. GARNETT (ROMFORD).

George Garnett died at the age of forty-one on the 5th day of March. He commenced ringing nearly thirty years ago, and for some years was a regular attendant either for ringing or chiming in Romford belfry. Upon the revival of the art at Romford, "G.G." as he was familiarly called, commenced to pick up a fair knowledge of change-ringing, and he quickly became a good hand at the treble in any plain method. Just at this period he was found to be suffering from eczema, and it was only on special occasions that he visited the tower. By trade he was a printer, and as such rang the tenor (notwithstanding his unfortunate malady) to the printers' peal in November, 1889, as is shewn upon a capital peal-board in the tower. In 1892 he underwent an operation (in the Cottage Hospital) for abscess in the jaw, and from this time his health had been more or less gradually failing, phthisis setting in as far back as August, 1898, since which time he had been a great sufferer. So far as his health permitted, he was at the beck and call of anyone upon occasions when help was required in the tower. He was one of those ever ready and willing to assist to the utmost any good cause, any measure on behalf of those requiring assistance, and as such his co-operation was often sought. The funeral took place on the 12th instant, and was attended by a number of his fellow-workmen. The only ringer who put in an appearance as a last token of respect being the writer. In the evening, two of his old comrades—Messrs. Perkins and Keeble—attended at the Romford belfry in the hope that the last token of respect would be paid to a departed brother, but alas! out of the long list of efficient and non-efficients who claim to be Romford ringers, no noted performance was upon the carpet, consequently not even half-a-dozen to ring a few rounds could muster to honour the memory of deceased. Poor George has left a widow and six young children all dependent on their mother. His fellow-workmen have raised a small fund which is to be paid to them weekly. If this should meet the eye of any member of the band that took part in the peal above referred to, together with any other benevolently-disposed friends, their contributions may be sent to B. Keeble, 2, Vine Street, Romford, Essex.

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Notices.

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Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead to-day, Saturday, March 23rd. Short service in church at 4 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting.

HV. W. TOMKINS, *Hon. Sec. and Treas.*
Williton, Somerset.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held to-day, Saturday, March 23rd, at St. George's church, Bolton. All ringers are earnestly invited to attend. Ringing to commence at 5 p.m. Business at 7.

HV. MOSS, *Branch Sec.*

The Waterloo Society, London.—The monthly business meeting of this Society will be held at St. John's, Waterloo Road, S.E., on Wednesday, March 27th. Ringing at 8.15 p.m. Members are particularly requested to attend.

F. J. SHEPHERD, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sheffield District Society.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 30th, vice April 7th, at All Saints, Sheffield. Committee men please note. Meeting at Sportsman inn, at 8.30 p.m., to arrange towers for future fixtures, so that cards may be issued at annual meeting. R. HARRISON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The annual meeting of the above Society will be held at St. Peter's Leeds, on Saturday, March 30th. Business—Report and balance sheet, election of officers. Bells at liberty from 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 p.m.

J. W. T. HOLGATE, *President.*

5, Ashcroft Street, Bramley, Leeds.

The All Saints' Society, Fulham.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, March 30th. The tower will be open to members and friends at 4 p.m. Tea in the church room at 6 p.m. Ringers intending to be present should signify the same not later Thursday, March 28th, to J. W. DRIVER.

387, New Kings Road, Fulham, S.W.

The Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Lightcliffe, on April 6th. Bells ready from dinner. Business meeting at The White Horse, at 6 o'clock. WRIGHT INGHAM, *Sec.*

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The Annual meeting of this Association will be held at Worcester, on Easter Monday, April 8th. A special service will be held in St. Andrew's church, at 2 p.m. The Rev. Canon Claughton will give an address and it is hoped there will be a good attendance of members at the service. The annual meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, at 2.45 p.m. The Very Rev. the Dean has kindly consented to preside. A meat tea will be provided, and it is earnestly requested that the Secretary of each Society, and unattached members in the Association will send in the number of members intending to be present, not later than Wednesday, April 3rd, so that proper provision may be made. The Cathedral tower will be open for ringing after evensong, 5 p.m. until 6.15. The towers of All Saints 10 bells, St. John's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas, and St. Swithun's 6 bells, will be open during the day for ringing. All out-

standing contributions should be paid at this meeting. The annual reports, etc., will be ready for distribution at this meeting.

JNO. SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

36, Simms Lane, Netherton.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Association will be held at Coity, Bridgend, on Easter Monday. Bells available from 11 o'clock. There will be a short service at 2 o'clock. The meeting immediately after. Tea will be provided.

REV. C. L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*

J. H. ALDRIDGE, *Assist. Hon. Sec.*

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—A whole day meeting will be held at Stokesley, on Easter Monday, April 8th. Dinner (members 1s., non-members 2s. each), at The Golden Lion, at 1 p.m. Members intending to be present, kindly inform the Hon. Sec. before Tuesday, April 2nd. Committee meeting after dinner. Whorlton-in-Cleveland tower (6 bells), will also be open. It is two miles from Potto station, and six from Stokesley by road.

REV. W. P. WRIGHT.

Stokesley, R.S.O. *Hon. Sec. and Treas.*

The Midland Counties' Association.—The annual meeting of this Association will be held at Leicester on Easter Monday, April 8th, to which all members and friends are cordially invited. The towers of St. Margaret's (10), St. Martin's (10), St. Mark's (8), and St. Saviour's (8) churches will be open for ringing from 10 a.m. Tea 1s. 2d. each, will be provided at the Victoria Coffee House, for all who give Mr. W. Willson of 112, Berners Street, notice, not later than Thursday, April 4th, of their intention to be present. For time of tea and meetings, see next week's "BELL NEWS."

The Hertfordshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans, on Easter Monday, April 8th, when the Cathedral tower and that of St. Peter's will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Divine Service at 5 o'clock at the Cathedral, when a special address will be given by the Dean of St. Albans. Tea at the Town Hall, at 5.45, business meeting to follow for election of officers. The report of the representatives of the various towers in union with the Association on the proposed division of the County into districts will come on for consideration and adoption if thought desirable. Members and visitors intending to be present, are requested to communicate with me by Wednesday, April 3rd, so that arrangements may be made for their convenience.

St. Alban's. E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this Association, will be held at Bucknall, on Saturday, April 13th. Members intending to be present, are requested to give notice to the Secretary not later than Tuesday, April 9th.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

95, High Street, Bucknall.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Secretary is unable to send the annual report to Messrs. J. Carter, F. W. Eeles, B. Foskett, H. B. Kingsford, T. Lucas, R. Nicholls, S. Phillips, E. Trendell, Rev. J. R. Vincent, Rev. Vere Audry, Rev. C. A. Clements, F. W. J. Rees, W. Gould, for want of address.

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NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT BIRCHINGTON.—This was intended as a Kent County Association peal, but forgetting to propose the ringer of the treble previous to starting, it has to go forth as a non-Association peal, much to the regret of all concerned. Barton and Castle hail from Deal; Pierce from Canterbury; Foreman from Hernhill; the rest belong to the Quex Park band.

Compositions.

The following letters arise out of figures of peals which have recently appeared:—

SIR.—The composition rung at Pontefract, February 11th, 1901, and published in your last issue, has been previously rung, viz: St. Peter and Mary, Stowmarket, January 12th, 1895, in the Oxford Variation, by the Norwich Diocesan Association, conducted by J. Motts (Ipswich); St. Peter at Arches, Lincoln, August 26th, 1896, by the North Lincolnshire Association, conducted by its composer, in the Kent Variation; and by the Midland Counties' Association, at Stanford, Notts., on January 5th, 1901, conducted by R. F. Lane (Loughborough).

FRANK G. BURLEIGH.

[Another letter to the same effect has been sent from Reading.]

SIR.—In reply to Mr. Dench re Treble Bob Royal, criticism is not claim. I am perfectly willing to give way to legitimate claim or to any one who can show where either peal is to be found, otherwise I shall consider them my peals.

C. CHARGE.

The Essex Association—The notice of Easter meeting will be found on another page.

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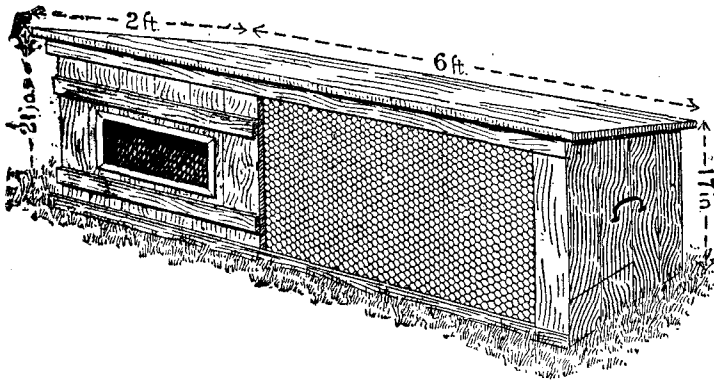
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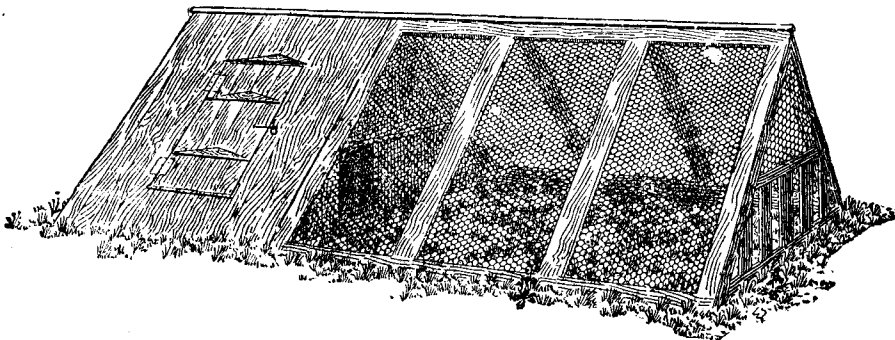
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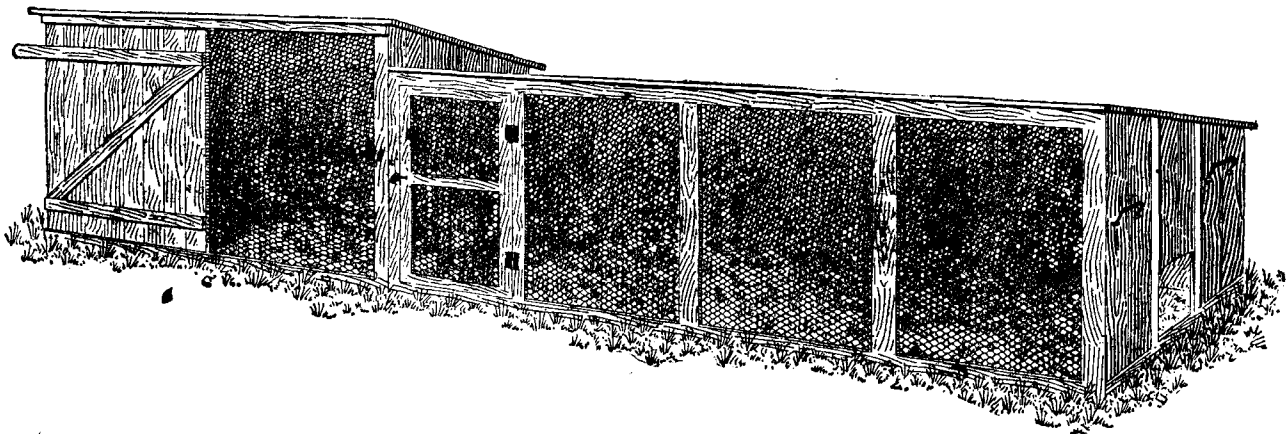
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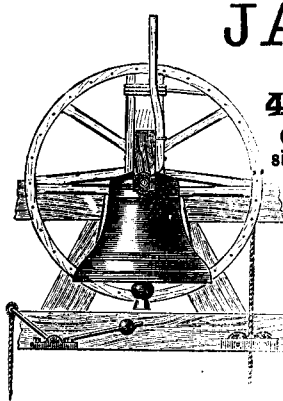
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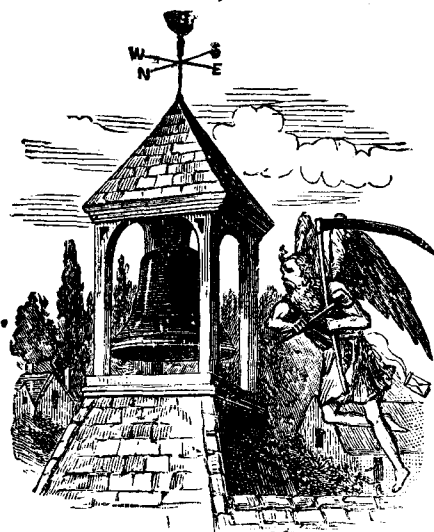
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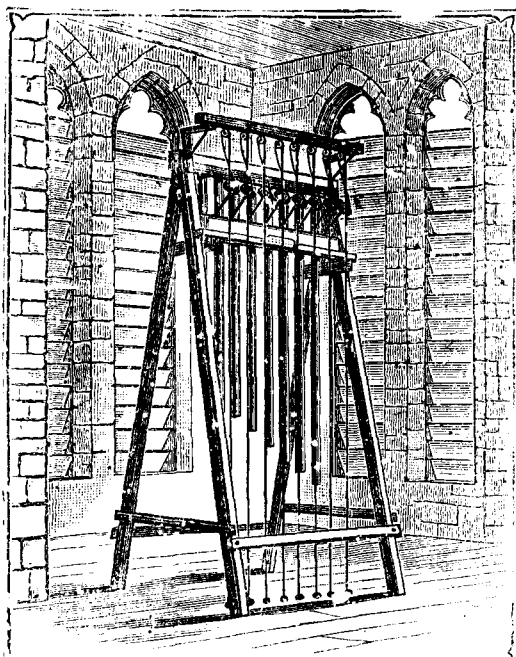
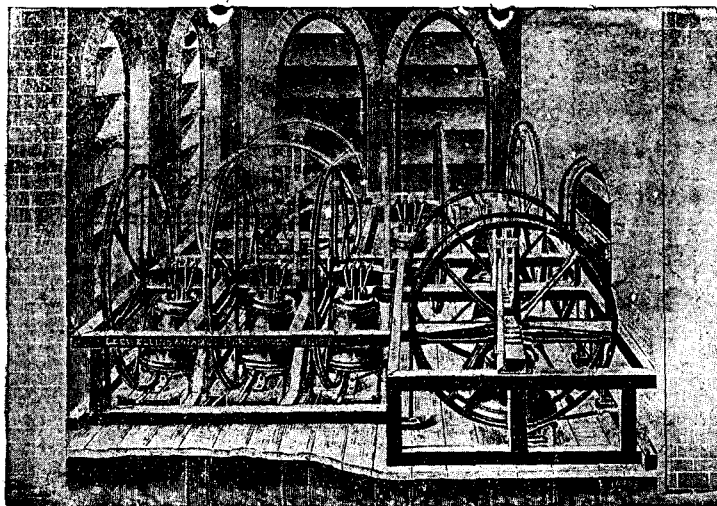
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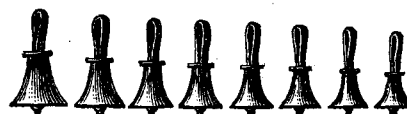
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ST. BENET'S, CAMBRIDGE.

The Birth which the Church celebrates on Christmas Day, was the commencement of a new era in the history of mankind, and the results of that Birth, as exhibited by the development of Christianity, constitute the most important part of the history of modern civilisation. The earlier centuries of our era show us the Christian Church working its way to acceptance throughout the Roman Empire, struggling with the barbarous peoples who successively overran Europe, and gradually obtaining acceptance by them also. The Church being composed of fallible human beings naturally presented various aspects of excellence or defect, sometimes strong, sometimes weak; sometimes inspiring mankind, sometimes inert or occupied with political disputes. If the record is somewhat disappointing to persons who think the Church should always have maintained itself at a high level, at least the history of Christianity affords strong evidence of the truth of its fundamental doctrines, because most of us cannot conceive how it could have survived everything to our own day unless that truth were a fact.

The tenth century has been said to be the darkest and most debased of all the periods of modern history—the midnight of the human mind, far out of reach of the faint evening twilight left by Roman culture, and farther still from the morning brightness of the new and higher civilisation. Violence, barbarism, ignorance and crime filled Europe, and men began to think that these things betokened the end of all things. A notion got about that the end of the world would come with the end of the century, and men's hearts failed them for fear.

However, the tenth century came to an end and the eleventh century began, and men found themselves and the world still existing. A reaction from despair set in, and a renewed energy was manifested in human affairs, which was shown, amongst other instances, by the development of Church Architecture. It was then that the style we call "Norman" came into being, whose grandeur we see revealed to us at Durham, Norwich and elsewhere. But buildings in this style were not begun in England till after the Norman Conquest in the year 1066, when William the Conqueror and his barons and bishops began to build castles, abbeys and churches of a similar nature to those in their native land. Specimens of this Norman Style of Architecture are to be met with throughout the country, and are usually distinguished by massiveness of design and round arches, and from this Norman Style the later medieval architectural developments arose. But the steeple of St. Benet's Cambridge, is not referable to any of these; its great interest arises from the fact that it is one of the few remaining steeples raised by our Saxon forefathers before the Normans came.

Cambridge is known far and wide as the seat of a University; but it was not as a university that it originated. The town existed first, and the university was afterwards settled there because of the convenience of the situation. In the far off days, Cambridge, being at the head of a water way communication with the conti-

nent by means of its river connection with King's Lynn, and also being on the only line of land traffic between East Anglia and the rest of England which fen and forest then left open, was a place of considerable trade importance. That trade importance lasted for centuries, and the oldest building remaining of its pre-Norman history is the tower of St. Benet's church.

It is not necessary for us to waste words in describing its appearance. The accompanying illustrations will do that better. Nor are we going to try to be minutely accurate about the date of its erection. We are not sure that the learned are unanimously agreed on this point. It will therefore be sufficient to say that this steeple is at least eight hundred and fifty years old, and probably older. The body of the Church to which it was originally attached was rebuilt in the thirteenth century, and has of course been repaired and modified since.

To write of the changes that have taken place since the old steeple first reared its head above the wharves on the river Cam would be to write a large volume of English history, and we must content ourselves with noticing a few matters of especial interest.

The steeple was in its early youth when the Norman Conquest took place, two of the consequences of which were that the English Church was brought into closer connection with the Papacy, and that England began to take its place in the politics of Europe at large. Then there was the foundation of the University at some obscure period before the thirteenth century, and the founding of the first College—Peterhouse—in the year 1281. The first notice of any bell connected with this steeple of which we are aware arises out of a dispute in 1273 between the University and the Rector of St. Benet's about the use of a bell for University purposes.

The next point we propose to notice is the connection with this church of certain Guilds or fraternities. Of these Guilds Mr. Atkinson says: "The fraternities always bore a religious dedication and attached themselves to a particular church. . . . The mutual help of the members both living and dead was their chief object. The fraternity made grants in money to members who were in poverty or sickness, they attended the funeral of a departed brother or sister, and offered up prayers for the soul. . . . The Guild derived its funds from the regular payments of the members and from bequests."

One of the Guilds attached to St. Benet's was the Guild of Corpus Christi, which seems to have been the most important of the Cambridge Guilds, and its name has been perpetuated by Corpus Christi College, which in conjunction with the Guild of St. Mary it founded in 1352. The College is situated immediately to the south of St. Benet's, and is connected with it by a gallery, which gave the members access to the services in the Church before the Society obtained a chapel of its own. The old Court of Corpus is one of the most interesting in Cambridge, and the north side of it is shewn in one of our illustrations with the upper portion of St. Benet's steeple appearing above it.

The Guilds, then, were religious, charitable, and sociable



INTERIOR OF ST. BENET'S LOOKING WEST. TOWER ARCH.



ST. BENET'S TOWER FROM THE N.W.



NORTH SIDE OF THE OLD COURT OF CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE AND ST. BENET'S TOWER.

bodies. Their members attended their religious functions, they helped one another and they had feasts when they met together for social enjoyment. They were admirable institutions, but the period of the Reformation came and they were suppressed and robbed like so many other bodies. People frequently talk of the Reformation as if it was one of the purest of human achievements, and suspect any one of a leaning towards Romanism who suggests any doubts on the point. Yet it is certain that few, if any, movements were ever accompanied by or made the cloak for greater scoundrelism, public robbery, and oppression of the poorer classes. Take as an example this suppression of the Guilds and confiscation of their property. To realise it let us suppose that upon some miserable pretext all the funds of the friendly societies and benefit clubs of to-day were to be taken from them and for the most part divided amongst the members of the cabinet, and their friends, creatures, and creditors. It may be that no price could be too great for ridding the English church and nation finally and for ever of the interference of the Bishop of Rome; but the price to the rank and file of Englishmen of that generation was an extremely heavy one.

We have made particular mention of the Guilds and their suppression because there can be no doubt that though the religious element of necessity disappeared, the spirit of the other elements remained and animated, among others, early ringing societies. We have recently had contributed to our columns by Mr. C. E. Borrett the rules of the Norwich Ringers' Purse. Do not these disclose the very spirit of the old Guilds? and it will be remembered that Mr. Walter Rye, an undoubted authority, distinctly refers to the similarity of the provisions in the two cases. And though those rules are not dated further back than 1716, it is impossible to doubt that a benefit society for Norwich ringers had existed long before that date and that it represented the spirit and traditions of the old Guilds of which such a city as Norwich must have contained many. The Bristol St. Stephen's ringers are an even stronger instance, for they have given up ringing altogether, and only their corporate life remains to them. We hope some members of the Bristol Exercise will follow Mr. Borrett's example and publish in our columns an account of this Society's history; and we have very little doubt that many old ringing societies in London and other large towns, though the connection may not now be in all cases traceable, are in their way perpetuating the traditions of the medieval guilds.

We now transcribe from Dr. Raven's *Church Bells of Cambridgeshire* (1869 edition) the legends of the six bells in St. Benet's tower.

1. Robard Gurney made me 1663. Thomas Graves, Tho. Fox, Churchwardens.
2. 1588.
3. OF . ALL . THE . BELS . IN . BENNET . I . AM .
THE . BEST .
AND . YET . FOR . MY . CASTING . THE . PARISH .
PAIDE . LEST . 1607.
TW . WB . CB . NS . TW . RS . MC. T.N.
4. Henry Marshall Junr., and William W. Hayward, churchwardens, 1825.
5. NON . NOMEN . FERO . FICTI . SED . NOMEN .
BENEDICTI . 1610. R.S.
6. John Draper made me in 1618.
This bell was broake and cast againe,
As plainly doth appeare
Wich time Churchwardens were
Edwarde Dixson for the one who stode close by his tacklin,
And he that was his partner then was Alexander Jacklin.

We have not ascertained whether any alterations have since occurred among St. Benet's bells, nor do we much care. The interest of them lies in the fact that here Stedman rang and taught his company. The fourth, of course, is a recasting since his day, and we do not feel sure whether the treble was in position when he was ringing here. As he served the office of Steward to the College Youths in 1663 he must have become resident in London by that year, but whether he left Cambridge before or after 1662 we are not aware. But certainly the other four bells were in use in his time and gave out under his direction, some at least of those methods of which he tells us so much, and, we may hope that beautiful system invented by him which is known—and always will be known and enjoyed as long as change-ringing endures—Stedman's principle. We have heard a good deal of late about Stedman's books and his great services to the Exercise, and it is unnecessary to dwell on them further now; we will only add the only other dates we have collected about his career. The *Tintinnalogia* was published in 1668, the *Campanalogia* in 1677, and he was Master of the College Youths in 1682. We do not know when he died.

We are afraid we must have tried the patience of our readers, and they will be relieved to hear that it does not occur to us to say much more. It is needless to point out the changes that have taken place in the world since the old steeple was first built. But notwithstanding all these changes men are still raising churches and steeples at the beginning of the twentieth century, animated by the same motives as those which animated their forefathers at the beginning of the eleventh. If those who raised the old steeple could return to earth to-day there is scarcely a subject which they could discuss with us, for there would be scarcely anything in their surroundings which they would understand. But they could tell us about Christmas, Easter, and Whitsuntide, and other Church festivals which they kept then as we do still, and for the same reasons. Among all other changes the Christian creed remains unchanged in anything essential, and the old steeple seems to tell us that it is as true that there is something permanent as that change is one of the laws of our being; and when the voices of its bells go forth in the dawn of a new century, is it altogether fanciful to imagine that part of their message to men may be summed up in those lines of Lord Tennyson—who, in his undergraduate days, lived for some time almost under the shadow of this ancient tower,

"The old order changeth, yielding place to new,
And God fulfils himself in many ways,
Lest one good custom should corrupt the world."

THORVERTON, DEVON.

It is now about six years ago that the Rev. Childs Clarke and his son, Mr. George Clarke, together with a few others of Thorveton, worked hard and succeeded in adding two new bells to the then existing ring of six, and making a very fine peal of eight. Mr. George Clarke from then took a great delight in ringing, and put himself to no small inconvenience to work up a band of change-ringers, but his labours were unsuccessful; and having an appointment in South Africa did not have as much music from the bells as he would have liked before going away. The war breaking out, Mr. Clarke offered, and his services was accepted by his Queen and country. He did his very best, but was at last invalided home for a time.

The sight of the old home and tower made him long for a pull, and by the kindness and trouble of Mr. Ridler, the genial station-master of Thorverton, a band was invited out from Exeter on March 16th, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by E. Sargent, C. Carter, E. Shepherd, W. Richardson, T. Mudge, J. Moss, F. Davey (conductor), and G. Clarke. Mr. Clarke was, needless to say, very proud of his first quarter-peal, and particularly so as it was to be his last pull before leaving again for South Africa. The afternoon being fine, several of the Exeter ringers proceeded on their cycles, and for the first time realised the benefit to be derived from their iron horses in the near future.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

In reply to the sincere vote of sympathy which was passed at the Quarterly Meeting held at Brierley Hill on January 26th, and was conveyed from the same to His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward, and all the Royal Family on the irreparable loss they and the Empire at large have sustained by the demise of our beloved Sovereign Lady, Queen Victoria, and the members wishes to further assure His Majesty of their devotion and loyalty, the following has been received:—

"Home Office, Whitehall, 25th February, 1901. Sir,—I am commanded by the King to convey to you hereby His Majesty's thanks for the loyal and dutiful message of the Worcestershire and Districts Change-Ringing Association expressing their sympathy on the occasion of the lamented death of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria. I am Sir, your obedient servant, CHAS. T. RITCHIE."

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

MUFFLED RINGING.

SIR,—The letters which have appeared in your columns since I last wrote have demonstrated the existence of differences both of practice and of opinion in this matter. That is just what I expected, and it seems to me that no one not yet qualified for a lunatic asylum can possibly insist that one use is of itself so much better than another that the Exercise at large is to be dragooned into accepting it. One writer has suggested that the Central Council should consider the matter. I think the Council will make an ass of itself if it does, and that it might as reasonably recommend that at every ringers' service the parson should preach from the same text as to make any recommendation in the direction of uniformity in funeral ringing. Of this I am certain, that no such recommendation would receive any attention in London or, I should suppose, in any centre of the Exercise where the practice actually in use is satisfactory to performers and hearers.

The statement that the 5000 at Bromley in 1817 was the first ever rung muffled is very interesting. Has any one heard of any other claim to the first performance of this nature? If so, will he kindly furnish particulars?

Your correspondent "J" cites Sir Walter Scott. It is true, as your correspondent says, that Scott speaks in *Waverley* of a muffled peal being tolled—a mode of expression which in itself shews that Scott did not know much about the matter. But though *Waverley* is a historical romance, it cannot be said that every detail is a fact worked into the narrative. I have looked at the notes to this book, and do not find any authority given for the statement, and when one considers the circumstances it seems incredible. Carlisle having fallen into the hands of the Duke of Cumberland—the patron saint, so to speak, of the

Cumberland Youths—trials for high treason took place, and Scott represents the execution of one found guilty. Now is it conceivable that the Dean and Chapter, who were a loyal body, would have allowed a muffled peal to be performed in the Cathedral tower for a condemned Jacobite rebel? The statement must, I think, be a picturesque touch of imagination, and nothing more. Sir Walter had no doubt heard of, and may have heard with his own ears, some muffled ringing, but at present I think if he actually heard it he must have heard it in England. I doubt whether in his time there was any ringing in Scotland except what may have been casually done by English visitors. If your correspondent has any positive knowledge on this point it will be interesting if he will communicate it to the Exercise through your columns.

AS TO ANNABLE.

In reply to Mr. Trollope, I do not suppose it possible that materials for Annable's biography exist, but I will consider whether anything can be done to supplement the rather vague notions that are in circulation about him, and to correct errors.

R. A. DANIELL.

A DISCLAIMER.

SIR,—The writing of the several letters which have recently appeared about the Taunton peal, and signed "Scientific," has been attributed to me. As I know nothing of the letters or the writer of them, and the accusation being made against me in such a manner as to do me an injury, I trust you will kindly publish this disclaimer.

T. DOBLE.

Taunton.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

SIR,—As a member of the St. Edward's (Romford) company I should like to correct the somewhat misleading statement of "B. K." in your last issue referring to the death of the late G. Garnett. With all due respect to the deceased, I may say that he was not recognised as a member of our band. I never remember his presence in the belfry on any occasion unless he was well paid for his services (that was at weddings). I am quite aware the two persons mentioned did turn up as stated, likewise some of the local band, but it was decided by the ringers in general that G.G. being only an occasional ringer was not entitled to that respect usually shown to a member of our band. With respect to the deceased's wife and family, they are deserving of all the sympathy which can be afforded them; but no good can certainly be done by casting an untruthful and unnecessary slur on the characters of the ringers of St. Edward's church.

A RINGER OF FIFTEEN YEARS.

NOTICES.

OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held at Norton on Easter Monday, dinner will be provided at The New inn, for those who send their name in not later than April 2nd. The usual sum of 2s. will be charged. Dinner on the table at 1.30. Meeting will be held at 2.30. Peal of eight bells. Visitors arriving in Sheffield can take the tram in High Street for Heeley, distant from Heeley to Norton church two miles.

E. JAMES, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MANCHESTER BRANCH.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, April 13th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7. Members are requested only to use that staircase leading to the tower. JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE-RINGERS.—LIVERPOOL BRANCH.—The next meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, April 13th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.

REV. C. A. CLEMENTS, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, April 13th, at Newhey. Bells ready from 2 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. Any ringer desiring tea, please write, Mr. S. Brierley, 139, Tirgrove, Rochdale, not later than Wednesday, April 10th. All ringers cordially invited.

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GROTON SCHOOL CHAPEL, GROTON, MASS., U.S.A.

On November 30th, 1900, this being the festival of thanksgiving, established by the first settlers in New England, eight members of the Old Colony Guild, making an early start from Boston, went by rail and *char-a-banc* to Groton School, thirty miles distant, to open informally the new ring of bells given by the late Walter Webb, esq., of New York, who unfortunately did not live to see the consummation of his generosity. Groton School, though founded as lately as 1884, has attained under its accomplished head-master, the Rev. Endicott Peabody, a high rank among preparatory institutions. Its well-proportioned solidly-constructed buildings are artistically grouped on an elevated plateau of three hundred acres, which commands an extensive vista including Mt. Wachusett in this state, and Mt. Monadnock in New Hampshire.

The imposing chapel, constructed at the expense of one of the Masters, and consecrated October 13th, 1900, was built from designs by Henry Vaughn, A.M., now of Boston, formerly of London, and a pupil of Bodley. The style of architecture is late decorated English Gothic, of which numerous examples, dating from the 14th and 15th centuries, are extant in England. The interior length from east to west is 120 feet. At the north-west corner is the tower with principal entrance from which an aisle leads to the choir-room and sacristy. Between the piers of the arcading provision is made for oak traceried screens and stalls. The altar and retable are of stone, and a richly-carved and canopied stone reredos is to be added in the near future. Both exterior and interior walls are of finely-cut buff Indiana lime-stone, and the floor is of black and white marble laid in squares and diamonds. The tower is 110 feet high to the top of the parapet with a ringing-chamber 18 feet square, heated by steam and lighted by electricity, and approached by a stone spiral stair-case continued in iron to the bell-deck.

The eight bells, attuned to the scale of E flat, with tenor of 22 cwt., were cast at the Whitechapel foundry of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and form a most harmonious musical ring; while the trebles excel in sweetness, the 6th bell attracts attention by reason of its mellowness and prolongation of sound. But complete justice cannot be rendered to these fine-toned bells while their cage is allowed to rest eleven feet below the sills of the arches, a mistake which admits of easy correction by jacking up the frame-work and supporting it on new beams and posts.

In no respect is the present day architect more open to criticism than through his failure to provide in designs for church towers for the reasonable requirements of bells and ringers. It would be of service to this profession as well as to the public if its attention could be called to the remarkable experiments of Prof. C. V. Boys in photographing sound waves, caused by detonating a nitro-compound, and in reproducing these waves by means of the cinematograph. Of no less importance is the supplementary work of Prof. Wood, of the University of Michigan, who has demonstrated how aerial sound waves are reflected or refracted upon encountering an obstacle such as a wall or lofty structure, by means of an instrument devised by him for this purpose. The paradoxical phenomenon, viz.: that in consequence of these recent discoveries sound waves can, under certain conditions, be made as distinctly visible as the ripples on a pond encircling the splash of a stone, and when properly illuminated can be photographed as readily as solid objects—helps to illustrate the importance of raising the bell-chamber to a height superior to that of all surrounding buildings and of providing capacious arches to offer free egress to the sound-waves. In this respect Spanish mediæval architects have furnished ideal structures in the beautiful *campanario* of Cordova's mosque,

the Giralda of Seville, the Gothic spires of Toledo and Burgos, and the lofty tower of Gerona's cathedral.

To return to the ringers, who, after spending sometime in adjusting the bell-ropes and tightening the iron stays of the cage, were entertained at a characteristic thanksgiving dinner, of which roast turkey formed the principal course. They then repaired to the tower for the work of the day, and the bells were set in motion in rounds and Grandsire Doubles with 6-7-8 covering. Though there was much commendable striking, I must, as a veracious correspondent, admit that at times the execution was faulty, owing mainly to the extraordinary height, twenty-two feet, of the ceiling, which has since been remedied by the introduction of guides. In other respects the "go" was perfect.

During this performance of about two hours, the ringers were encouraged by the presence of many Masters and boys who gathered in the ringing-chamber or stood upon the campus listening for the first time to scientific change-ringing. The ringers stood as follows: William Aston, 1; James Mallion, 2; William Shipp, 3; William Shipp, jun., 4; Margaret Homer Nichols, 5; Frank R. P. Staples, 6; John Wilkinson, 7; Frank J. Skinner, 8.

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CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS.

(Continued from page 557.)

In 1692, an order for burials was confirmed, under which the specified charges for ringing were for all the bells—7s. 8d.: one bell for every hour at funerals 3s.: sexton, for a knell for the great bell, every hour 2s., and for passing the great bell, one hour—6d.

"Drynce" was in these degenerate days allowed to ringers at public funerals, the cost of the same at "the buryal of Bishop Juel" in 1571 being four-pence, but the custom began long before this, the earliest entry of this kind traceable, or indeed of any sort of payment to the ringers being in the year 1500, when bread and beer were served out to them at a cost of 2s. 4d., the following entry being the first recorded payment in money, (6d.) to the ringers on the occasion of the Bishop's visitation. Apart, however, from funerals, the accounts shew that ale was often supplied to workmen engaged on repairs about the church. In 1665, "tobacco" and pipes were added to the beer; in short these little extra luxuries entered largely into the rewards for services of all kinds, and were by no means confined to ringers. Notwithstanding this, we read that the ringers were in the habit of importuning the congregation for tips, to the great annoyance of the parishioners. Their salaries were raised from 12s. to 18s. on special ringing occasions on condition that "they would forbear begging of any one in future."

One of the Salisbury founders engaged in the recasting some of the St. Edmund's bells was John Wallis, who recast the 3rd and 5th about the year 1580. Another was John Danton, as Lukis calls him—who in 1630 contracted to recast the 4th bell of St. Thomas' church. In the footnote under this date in the work from which we are now quoting, Mr. Swayne points out that the scribe who wrote the original accounts, made no difference between "u" and "n," and he further adds that in the parish register there is an entry of a marriage between T. Daughton and one Pantany Locket in September 1583. In the accounts for 1608, there is a reference to a "Widdow Dawton," and in 1625, there is a payment to J. Daton "for casting the brasses of the 5th bell and for 3½ lb. of mettle—12s." It seems likely enough that John Danton is a misnomer, and that the name should be John Dawton, Daton, or Dauton, or, better still perhaps, Daughton. For the purpose of this article, however we will accept Lukis' orthography and give the terms of the contract in 1630 with John Danton:—"that he is to cast the beli called the 4th bell, and to have xiiij s a hundred for casting of him and xs over and above; but if the said Danton add anything to the bell, he is to have xij d a pown d for it, but if he



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leave any of the mettle of the bell he is to allow this place but xd. a pownd." Strangely enough, the accounts for 1630 differ as to the bell which was recast, for we find in the month of December the entry "Casting the 5th bell weighing 19 hundred and a quarter and 12 lbs. at 14s. a hundred £13 * 3d., * agreed on in his bargain" and carriage of the bell 10s. Thirty-two years later, in January 1662, a contract was made with William Purdew "concerning the new casting of the six bells in this (St. Thomas') Church, who demands viij li in money and the remayneder of such metall as shall be left after they are new cast promising to make a verry compleat and tunable ringe of six bells to the note of St. Edmund's six bells or within a quarter of a note, and to undertake the whole charge of taking downe and setting up the said bells, stocking and wheeling of the same; and it is further agreed that in case the churchwardens and such other appoynted to assist them shall find it for the advantage of the parish that the remayning mettle shall amount to more than will satisfy him at (xs) per hundred, that then they be at liberty to choose either bargayne." Under date of 11 May 1663, there are the following particulars, viz.—"The waight of the old bells is 89 hun 12 po; the weight of the new 76 hun 3 qr. 47 po., and $\frac{1}{2}$ tynne & tynne glasse. 2 hun halfe 1 po. and qr. Left of the mettle, 13 hun 3 qr 19 po $\frac{1}{4}$. Mettle left which was chept from the third bell not yet wayed. Sold the above 13 hun 3 qr 19 po & $\frac{1}{4}$ to Purdy at 4 li 5s a hun, wch comes to 59 li 4s 9d. Memorandum that Purdy demandes for casting, iron worke, tynn and tynn glasse a sum which comes to £60 10 10. See that if this Account prove to be allowed of, there will be due to Purdy the bellfounder xxvi s 1d." That the original arrangement was ndhereS to, we may gather from an entry in the accounts for 1664-5—"Purdue for ye belles £8; a discharge from Purdew, 6d."

None of these bells now remain. The tenor was recast by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester. There is also an entry in the Vestry Book under date 25 July 1716, where, mentioning the agreement made on the 15th instant with Rudhall, it is further agreed that he shall now cast the second bell of the eight, and that he be allowed £7 for it, exclusive of carriage to and from Gloucester, and 1s. per pound for what the new bell shall weigh more than the old one (if anything) or to receive 1s. per pound for so much as the new bell shall want of weight of the old one. In 1771 all the bells of St. Thomas' Church except the tenor were recast by Robert Wells, of Aldbourne, and with Rudhall's tenor remain in the tower to this day—a truly grand ring of bells.

The whole of the bells recast by Wells were not necessarily those which had previously been cast been cast by W. Purdy in 1663, because, in the first place, the then ring of six had been increased to eight, the two additional bells having been supplied in all probability by Clement Tosier, who is referred to in the accounts for 1684 as having been paid in full "for the bells," and it is inferred that these were the added bells, from the significance of an entry of a sum received in the same year for the "new" bells. The present 5th bell bears the following inscription: "Gift of John Windham, Esq. MDCLXXXIII; Recast by R. Wells, Aldbourne, MDCCCLXXI." On turning to the accounts for 1683, we find a payment entered of £28 to "widow flory" (probably a corruption of Flower) for casting the bell; so that she must have recast one of Purdy's bells whilst carrying on the business of her late husband. It should be mentioned that the quarter jacks at St. Thomas' Church were cast in 1581 by John Wallis, whose initials as well as the date, are to be found on the bells.

As regards the St. Edmund's bells, we left them in 1656, a new ring of six by W. Purdy. These were increased to eight only so recently as 1884, when two trebles were added by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Of the other bells, what is now the 4th was recast by Robert Wells in 1774, and what is now the 6th was replaced by a bell cast by Messrs. C. and J. Mears in 1846. The rest of Purdy's bells remain.

We do not trace any charge for oil for lubricating the bells, till the year 1518. There are earlier entries for the purchase of "holy oyle," which was of course for a very different purpose. It is impossible to say what was used before this; but it is quite likely that the sexton stippled what was necessary out of the sum allowed him for "keeping the belles"; and it would only be when ringing became general on public occasions that

the necessity arose for lubrications of sufficient frequency to justify a separate entry of the cost of oyle, youlle, yele, yole, or yolle. In 1614, we find the kind of oil designated "salett oyle." Lard is mentioned for the first time in the accounts of the year 1523.

In recording the many occasions on which the bells were rung and the ringing paid for, these accounts are exceedingly interesting reading. There was ringing for instance "to morning prayer," "to sermon," on the dawnsynge day," and on "feastful dayes" in the morning. In the Rogation week, there were ceremonial processions for the purpose of offering up litanies or rogations for a blessing on the crops, and also for the purpose of beating the bounds. "It was a season of social concourse," says the writer of the introduction, "cakes and ale were distributed to the parishioners making the perambulation and one parish received the visit of another. The ringers and banner bearers of St. Edmund's were paid for bringing in St. Thomas' procession on the second day of the Rogation week." There was ringing at Ascension, Pentecost, and the feasts of our Lord God and Easter, also at Christmas Holidays and Candlemas, when the candles for the year were bought and hallowed, and occasionally on "mysomer yeve," in which last expression there is a delightful smack of broad Wiltshire dialect.

Of course, national events are the most frequent cause of the bells being rung. The ringers were paid to ring at the burial of Henry VIII.; at the accession of Mary; to celebrate the anniversaries of Elizabeth's reign; her escape from the Babington conspiracy; "when the newes came of the Queen of Scottes beheading"; "on the Tuesdaie and following for the great victorie against the Spanyardes by the mightie hand of God" in 1588; again in 1594 against the Spanish fleet: for the triumph in Ireland in 1601; on the day of "Gowrie's tresone," commemorated on 5 August; on the "daie of the papist's conspiracye"; for the birth of Prince Palgrave's (?) child in 1617, which probably refers to the birth of a son to Elizabeth, daughter of James I., who married Frederick V., Elector Palatine of the Rhine; on the safe return of the Prince in 1621 from Spain, and again when "newes came that the mache was broken off between the Prince and the Infanta of Spaine"; in 1651 for the victory at Worcester against the Scottes; in 1672, when the Earle of Shaston (whoever he may have been) came to town; in fact, news of victories by land and sea, special thanksgiving days for the same, the conclusion of peace after long campaigns; birthdays and coronation days of Kings and Queens; on St. George's Day—alas! so little observed in the present day; all these are set forth as occasions on which the bells properly expressed the feelings of the time.

Again, the bells were ordered by the Mayor to be rung when any important personage passed through the town; in 1552, for Elizabeth; in 1585, for the King of Portingalle; in 1605, for James I.; in 1610, for the Prince of Brunswick; in 1643, when the Marquis of Hertford came to town; but in 1644, there was a fine of 10s. for not ringing when the Marshall Generall of Lord Goring's army arrived; while on the other hand the ringers were paid in 1646, when Sir Thomas Fairfax came in; in 1669, the bells were rung for the "Tuskie Prince" (Cosmo Grand Duke of Tuscany).

Nor were purely local events forgotten. The ringers plied their art at the Whitsun dance, and for the Weavers' feast. In 1572, there is a payment "to the ringers yt ringed iii pelle when Mr. Hooper was buried"; in 1585, for the race; in 1646, when the Earl of Pembroke's horse won the cup on the race day; on the occasion of choosing Knights of the Shire in 1685, and on other occasions too numerous to mention.

There were occasions on which a fee of 1s. was charged to strangers for ringing. In 1651, there is the following entry—"received of a stranger for ringing of a peelee upon request by him made," and in 1652 "received of some strangers for ringing for pleasure."

Here we must reluctantly take leave of a volume which is replete with interest throughout. If our endeavours to extract information from it for the benefit of our readers will only serve to induce others to search elsewhere for like information, our labour will not have been in vain.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1901.

THE company at the parish church of St. Edward, Romford, Essex, have replied by a representative to the observations last week upon their neglect to ring a muffled peal out of respect to the memory of a deceased ringer. The rejoinder is not one of a convincing or satisfactory character, and the champion of the Romford company has hardly bettered the position. According to our correspondent of this week we now learn that being merely a change-ringer is not sufficient to entitle any one to the courtesy of a muffled peal at his decease. It is necessary he should be recognised as a bona fide member of the local company, and fulfil to the letter all the duties required of him. We do not hesitate to say that this is taking a most narrow-minded and unworthy view.

The old idea used to be—"once a ringer, always a ringer," and not one or two, but numerous instances we

have known where the memory of old ringers have been honored by a peal when death overtook them, though they had been lost to sight for many years, and in fact had never been seen by many ringers of succeeding generations. Several instances of this sort are within our own remembrance. There are doubtless many who were one prominent ringers, whose names are to be found on many a belfry wall, who from various causes have not "met" their ringing brethren for years. To say that such as these are not entitled to the "dumb peal" when the time arrives, because they are not recognised as belonging to the local band, seems to us a bit of effrontery.

We have an unpleasant statement to make to our readers with regard to the issue of engravings promised with this number. They were in the hands of a well-known firm who are specialists in such matters to execute for us. The importance of time was pointed out and assurances given. Unfortunately at the very last moment just before our issue was printed off, news came that they could not be ready for another twenty-four hours. Rather than delay our issue, we proceeded to publication. If when our friends get the pictures next week, and will place them in this number, they will be in order. The disappointment is as great to us as it is to our friends.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The next meeting of the Central Council will be held at Derby, on Whit-Tuesday, May 28th. Notices of motion should be sent in before 30th April, which is the last day on which they can be received. Hon. Secretaries of Societies are respectfully reminded that the contributions for the year 1901 became due on the 1st Jan., and should be remitted *without needless delay*, at the rate of 2s. 6d. for each elected representative, to the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Council, together with information as to any change of representatives, and the names and addresses of such as have been appointed since the last meeting of the Council.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.*

The Metropolis.

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Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

†First peal with a bob bell, and first attempt.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 22, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

GEORGE PRICE Treble.	JAMES EASTON 5.
JOHN BEAMS 2.	THOMAS MILES 6.
HARRY G. BEAMS 3.	CHARLES E. READ 7.
ALFRED E. BASSETT 4.	THOMAS EVERETT Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Thomas Everett, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE BRIGHTON PARISH CHURCH BRANCH.)

On Friday, March 22, 1901, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR FULLER Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE 6.
GEORGE BAKER 3.	GEORGE A. KING 7.
GEORGE SMART 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

Further reference to this peal will be made next week.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 23, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six 720s of Plain Bob, and one 720 of College Single.

Tenor 12 cwt.

STEPHEN J. JENKINS .. Treble.	SIDNEY SPENCE 4.
JNO. E. ASHCROFT 2.	JOS. PRIESTLEY 5.
FREDK. JONES 3.	FREDK. T. SPENCE Tenor.

Conducted by FREDK. T. SPENCE.

Rung to celebrate the birthday of Mr. C. R. Greenall.

HULL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE AND LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, March 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S MASTERPIECE. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lbs.

G. T. MARSHALL† .. Treble.	D. W. BROWN 5.
TOM STOCKDALE 2.	J. DIXEY 6.
WALTER C. HUNT*† .. 3.	C. JACKSON 7.
GEO. TINGLE*† 4.	J. W. DALE Tenor.

Conducted by C. JACKSON.

First peal in the method on the bells. *Hails from North Shields and Leeds respectively. †First peal of Stedman Triples.

BRAMLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Tanner's Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, and Oxford.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER BROWN Treble.	JOHN THACKRAY 4.
J. W. T. HOLGATE 2.	ERNEST NEWTON 5.
J. W. CHADWICK 3.	EDWARD REDSHAW Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. T. HOLGATE.

J. Thackray hails from Armley, the rest belong to the local company. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Harry Gaythorpe.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES PRATT Treble.	FREDERICK W. DIXON 5.
JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW 2.	GEORGE W. STEEL 6.
THOMAS B. KENDALL 3.	WALTER CHAPMAN 7.
WALTER POPPLEWELL 4.	JOHN M. CHADWICK Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN M. CHADWICK.

This composition has the 6th its extent in all positions, and the 4th eighteen times each way in 5-6. The ringers of the 2nd, 6th, 7th, and tenor hail from Rothwell; treble and 4th from Calverley; 5th from Guiseley; 3rd belongs to the local company.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble.	HUGH GLADWELL 5.
SAMUEL SLATER 2.	WILLIAM KINSEY 6.
CHARLES HONEYBELL 3.	SAMUEL EVANS 7.
FREDK. WELLS 4.	THOMAS KING Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by THOMAS KING.

The above is a one-part composition. *First peal in the method as conductor.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 23, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Violet, Woodbine, New London, Merchant's Return, and Kent, and two 720s of Oxford.

ALBERT BARNES† Treble.	FRED HOLT 4.
JAMES FERNLEY† 2.	SAM RUTTER 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 3.	†GEORGE WARBURTON Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.

†First peal of Treble Bob Minor. First peal on the bells.

FENTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH PRESTON Treble.	DANIEL PRESTON 5.
WILLIAM WHEELDON 2.	GEORGE WOODS 6.
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3.	WILLIAM TWIGG 7.
GEORGE CLARKSON 4.	CHARLES PRESTON Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by WILLIAM TWIGG.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

HARROLD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

FREDERICK J. BIRD Treble.	JOHN W. BAKER 4.
WILLIAM FREEMAN 2.	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 3.	†JOSEPH CHURCH Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

†First peal in 7 methods away from the treble.

TEYNHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, March 23, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford Bob, College Single, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob.

WILLIAM E. PITMAN† .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. WALKER 4.
JOSEPH E. GRENSTED 2.	ALBERT J. DAY 5.
WILLIAM T. HYLAND 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

†First peal of Minor.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALFRED SAUNDERS* .. Treble.	THOMAS BEADLE 5.
FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. 2.	JOHN BASDEN 6.
ERNEST V. BEADLE 3.	HENRY BROWNING 7.
GEORGE A. RANSOM 4.	ALFRED SHEARD Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

*First peal away from the tenor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a las tribute of respect to the late William Stanney.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 23, 1901, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PANT. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR G. JAMES .. Treble.	FRED. G. BIGGS 5.
JOHN EVANS 2.	R. M. HAWES 6.
E. BOREHAM† 3.	RALPH H. BIGGS 7.
RALPH COLES* 4.	B. PAGE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

†First peal with a bob bell. *First peal. This peal was rung muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Thos. Hussey, who was a ringer at Hughenden for forty years.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

PETER INCE Treble.	RICHARD P. HEALD 5.
FRED. HOUGHTON 2.	TITUS BARLOW 6.
THOMAS PEERS 3.	GEORGE PINCOTT 7.
FRED. MORRIS 4.	PETER NUTTALL Tenor.

Composed by JOHN ASPINWALL, and Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

ABERGAVERN, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1901, in Three Hours and One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANCIS S. WILSON Treble.	THOMAS RICKETTS 5.
ERNEST BISHOP 2.	FRANCIS PRICE 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE 3.	SIDNEY HILLIER 7.
THOMAS ROBINSON 4.	JAMES L. WELLS Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS PRICE.

This is the first peal on the bells.

ABERGAVERN, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 24, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor about 20 cwt.

ERNEST BISHOP Treble.	THOMAS ROBINSON 5.
THOMAS RICKETTS 2.	FRANCIS PRICE 6.
FRANCIS S. WILSON 3.	SIDNEY HILLIER 7.
ALFRED LAWRENCE 4.	JAMES L. WELLS Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS RICKETTS.

This is F. Wilson's first peal with a bob bell, and rung at his first attempt. A reference to the foregoing peals will be published next week.

ERITH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX AND KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

On Monday, March 25, 1901, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER J. SMITH Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS 5.
HARRY FLANDERS 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and

Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

BEVERLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 26, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

C. JACKSON Treble.	F. OSGERBY 5.
W. GIBSON* 2.	J. W. STICKNEY 6.
C. P. BRADLEY* 3.	WALTER C. HUNT 7.
A. GLEDHILL* 4.	*C. CONSTABLE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WALTER C. HUNT.

*First peal. This composition, which is in fifteen parts, is now rung for the first time.

Handbell Peal.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 25, 1901, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. E. HART,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART.

C. E. HART 1-2.	W. WALLACE 5-6.
A. H. WARD 3-4.	C. DRAPER 7-8.

Conducted by W. WALLACE.

Referee—E. WILLIS.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLDE BRANCH.)

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On December 13th, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of Minor, in 1 hr. 5 mins, being 100 Canterbury, 360 Oxford Bob, 360 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob, and 720 College Single. G. Maries (conductor), 1; E. Forshaw, 2; J. Moore, 3; W. Gillett, 4; E. Tipping, 5; W. Tomlinson, 6.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On Christmas Eve, at the church of St. Mary, a date touch of Doubles, 1900 changes, in 1 hour 10 mins., being 120 each of April Day Fortune, St. Dunstan's, Dream, Morning Star, St. Simon's, Canterbury, Stedman, 400 of Plain Bob, and 540 of Grandsire. W. H. Symonds, 1; E. Youngs, 2; W. Rose, 3; E. H. Symonds, 4; G. E. Symonds (conductor), 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Thursday, November 15th, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Smith, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; W. H. Lawrence, 3; A. Smith, 4; A. Phillips (conductor), 5; G. Carter, 6. On Sunday afternoon, November 18th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Carter, 1; J. Smith, 2; A. Phillips, 3; G. Carter, 4; W. H. Lawrence, 5; A. Lawrence (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, November 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. H. Carter, 1; J. Smith, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Smith, 4; A. Phillips, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Oxford Bob. C. Gale, 1; A. Phillips, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Smith, 4; G. Carter, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. After service 720 Court Bob standing as above. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells, also by all the band. On Tuesday, November 25th, 720 Plain Bob. H. Carter, 1; J. Smith, 2; W. H. Lawrence, 3; A. Smith, 4; G. Carter, 5; A. Lawrence (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob. H. Carter, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; W. H. Lawrence, 3; A. Smith, 4; A. Phillips (conductor), 5; G. Carter, 6. On Sunday morning, December 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 College Single. A. Wright, 1; A. Phillips, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Smith, 4; A. Lawrence, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 Court Bob. J. Heady, 1; A. Phillips, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Smith, 4; G. Carter, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. After service 720 Grandsire. A. Wright, 1; A. Lawrence, 2; J. Heady, 3; A. Smith, 4; A. Phillips (conductor), 5; G. Carter, 6. On Thursday, December 6th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. C. Gale, 1; J. Smith, 2; W. H. Lawrence, 3; A. Smith, 4; A. Phillips, 5; A. Lawrence (conductor), 6. Also 720 Court Bob. H. Carter, 1; A. Phillips, 2; A. Lawrence, 3; A. Smith, 4; G. Carter, 5; W. H. Lawrence (conductor), 6. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Gale, 1; the rest as before. On Thursday, December 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. Also 120 Stedman Doubles, standing as above. On Tuesday, December 18th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob standing as above. This is the first in the method on the bells.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—At the church of St. Nicolas, with the bells half-muffled, to ring out the old year, 608 Bob Major. R. Roffey, 1; E. Raddon, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; G. Redding, 4; T. W. Radford, 5; C. Hazelden, 6; S. Radford (conductor), 7; J. Hunt, 8. Also 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. W. Radford, 1; E. Raddon, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; G. Redding, 4; C. Hazelden, 5; E. Allen, 6; S. Radford, 7; J. Hunt (conductor), 8. To ring in the new year, 672 Grandsire Triples. J. Hunt, 1; R. Roffey, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; G. Redding, 4; C. Hazelden, 5; W. Freakes, 6; T. W. Radford (conductor), 7; E. Raddon, 8. On Thursday, January 10th, for practice, 224 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. R. Roffey, 1; E. Raddon, 2; C. Hazelden, 3; E. Allen, 4; S. Radford, 5; T. W. Radford, 6; F. Blondell, 7; J. Hunt (conductor), 8. On Sunday, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Hunt, 1; E. Raddon, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; C. Hazelden, 4; S. Radford, 5; E. Allen, 6; T. W. Radford (conductor), 7; E. Heather, 8.

BRAMLEY (Surrey).—On Saturday, January 12th, 720 Bob Minor in 22 mins. T. Streeter, 1; S. Radford, 2; T. W. Radford, 3; C. Hazelden, 4; E. Allen, 5; W. T. Lightfoot (conductor), 6.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

SMETHWICK (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, January the 18th, at the old parish church, with the bells muffled as a token of respect for the late Mr. W. Downing, J.P., and Mr. Henry Chance, for morning service, 236 Grandsire Triples, conducted by Joseph Piggott. Also a 420

conducted by Ernest Brown. For evening service, 350 of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Ernest Brown. After evening service, an attempt was made for a quarter-peal, composed by Mr. Tom Collinson, of Birmingham, and brought round in 45 mins. G. Wiggins, 1; T. Piggott, 2; A. Hughes, 3; J. Piggott, 4; E. Brown, 5; A. Joyner, 6; H. Mills (conductor), 7; W. Murray, 8. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells by a local band, and W. Murray's longest length.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On a recent Sunday evening, for Divine Service, 120 each of The Dream, Morning Star, and Grandsire Doubles. A. Berry, 1; Albert Berry, 2; W. Rose (conductor), 3; E. Youngs, 4; G. E. Symonds, 6.

WICKHAM SKREITH (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, January 8th, for practice, a 729 of Oxford Treble Bob. H. Collings, 1; E. Youngs, 2; G. Kemp, 3; H. Cattermole, 4; F. Potter, 5; G. Cattermole (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, January 13th, 720 Plain Bob Minor. H. Davey, 1; D. Mayes, 2; E. Youngs, 3; T. Davey, 4; H. Cattermole, 5; G. Cattermole (conductor), 6.

YAXLEY (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, January 6th, for Divine Service, 240 Grandsire Doubles. C. Nunn, 1; J. Mayes, 2; E. Youngs, 3; W. Rose, 4; G. E. Symonds (conductor), 5; A. Berry, 6.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Sunday evening, March 24th, for Divine Service at St. George's church, 1321 Stedman Caters in 56 mins. J. Booth, 1; T. Marshall, 2; T. Jackson, 3; J. W. Bayley, 4; H. Meakin, 5; L. Meakin, 6; J. Hankinson, 7; E. Reader, 8; R. F. Lane (conductor), 9; G. Marshall, 10. The above are all members of the St. George's company except the conductor who hails from Loughborough. First quarter-peal of Stedman rang in Stockport and by all the band except Messrs. Reader and Lane. Stedman Caters are rung regularly for service on Sundays at St. George's, where any visiting ringer will find a hearty welcome on practice nights—Monday.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHBOROUGH (Leicestershire).—On Friday, January 18th, at the parish church, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the late Bishop of London, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Caters, which came to grief after about one and a half hour's good ringing, through a trip in the slow. J. Hutchby, 1; W. H. Inglesant, 2; J. W. Taylor, jun. (conductor), 3; T. H. Colburn, 4; S. Smith, 5; J. Smith, 6; F. G. Burleigh, 7; H. W. Abbott, 8; R. F. Lane, 9; T. Grundy, 10.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Monday, December 24th, at St. Andrew's church, 630 Grandsire Triples. J. Coales, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; A. Dubber, 3; A. J. Gillings, 4; A. Bramall, 5; J. George (composer and conductor), 6; T. Holmes, 7; R. Clarke, 8. On Wednesday, December 26th, 672 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Dubber, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; W. H. Barber (Birmingham, conductor), 3; H. Argyle (Nuneaton), 4; T. W. Chapman (Nuneaton), 5; J. F. Clarke (Nuneaton), 6; J. R. Sharman (London), 7; J. George, 8. On Thursday, December 26th, for the wedding of the Rev. William Fenwick Stokes, Assistant-Master at Rugby School, and Miss Caroline Olga Sargent, of Rugby, 592 Bob Major. J. Coales, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; A. Dubber, 3; A. J. Gillings, 4; G. Petrie, 5; J. George (conductor), 6; T. Holmes, 7; W. H. Barker, 8. Also 265 Grandsire Triples. G. Petrie, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; A. Dubber, 3; A. J. Gillings, 4; W. H. Barber, 5; J. George (conductor), 6; T. Holmes, 7; C. Rowbottom, 8. Also 288 Stedman Triples. W. H. Barber, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; A. Dubber, 3; A. J. Gillings, 4; Rev. H. J. Elsee, 5; T. Holmes, 6; J. George (conductor), 7; J. Coales, 8. And 144 Stedman Triples. J. George, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; A. Dubber, 3; W. H. Barber (conductor), 4; A. Bramall, 5; T. Holmes, 6; Rev. H. J. Elsee, 7; J. W. Shotton, 8. Also 336 Bob Major. J. Coales, 1; J. B. Fenton, 2; A. Dubber, 3; W. H. Barber, 4; A. Bramall, 5; G. Petrie, 6; T. Holmes, 7; J. George (conductor), 8. And 252 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, 1; J. B. Fenton (conductor), 2; A. Dubber, 3; A. Bramall, 4; Rev. H. J. Elsee, 5; J. George, 6; G. Petrie, 7; T. Holmes, 8. On Tuesday, January 1st, 420 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, 1; G. Petrie, 2; F. Sear, 3; J. Coales, 4; A. Dubber, 5; J. George (conductor), 6; T. Holmes, 7; C. Rowbottom, 8.

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Obituary.

WILLIAM STANNEY.

I regret to record the death of the above named ringer, which took place on Friday, March, 15th, 1901, at the age of 63 years. Visitors to the Isleworth tower will remember poor old Bill, with his joke and hearty laugh, which, alas, we shall hear no more. Although only a tenor ringer he took a great interest in ringing, being one of the founders of the late South and West Middlesex Association, and later on of the Middlesex County Association. He was also a member of the Royal Cumberlands and Waterloo Societies. The funeral took place March 23rd, in the family grave at Ealing cemetery. Several ringers and friends were present at the graveside, notably among them the Master of the Middlesex County Association, Mr. J. Basden. Wreaths were sent by his fellow ringers, the Isleworth workman's club and other friends. In the evening members of the Middlesex County Association met at All Saints', Isleworth, and rung half-muffled, Holt's original peal of Grandsire Triples as a last tribute of respect to our old friend, who is gone but not forgotten. T.B.

THOMAS HUSSEY.

The members of the Hughenden Belfry greatly regret to record the death of the above, who passed away on the 18th March last in the seventieth year of his age. The deceased was a ringer at Hughenden church for over forty years, and was a member both of the College Youths and the Oxford Diocesan Guild, to the former of which many years ago he presented a carved oak box. Unfortunately, becoming crippled, he had not taken his place in the belfry for some years, though he continued ringing regularly every Sunday as long as nature would permit him, and when he could no longer stand to ring, he manipulated his bell whilst seated in a chair. So great was his enthusiasm for ringing that he had to be lifted into his chair when he rang before he would abandon his favourite recreation. On the Saturday following his death a muffled peal was rang as a last token of respect by his brother-strings, particulars of which will be found in the peal column.

BRISTOL CHANGE-RINGERS' CYCLING CLUB.

At a meeting held in the St. John's schoolroom, Bristol, on Wednesday, February 13th, 1901, it was decided to form a cycling club consisting of members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, residents in and around Bristol.

C. E. D. Boutflower, Esq., who was in the chair, said he thought it would be an excellent way to promote change-ringing around Bristol, and at the same time provide pleasant runs for those who chose to take part in them.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—Rev. H. C. Courtney, President; C. E. D. Boutflower, Esq., Treasurer; Mr. F. G. May, Captain; Mr. R. J. Wilkins, Vice-Captain; Mr. G. T. Daltry, Bugler; Mr. W. A. Cave, Secretary, 29, Victoria Street, Bristol.

The following is a list of members to date. Messrs. F. J. Cooper, R. Leaker, F. Leaker, V. O'Brien, A. Lewton, F. K. Howell, C. Sheam, J. Richmond, J. Thomas, S. Thomas, and W. Thomas.

There is no entrance fee for anyone joining before March 31st 1901.

The Vicar of St. Thomas has kindly granted the use of his parish room as the headquarters of the club.

It was left with the secretary to draw up a scheme of runs, rules, &c., and to submit them to the next general meeting which will probably be held the first week in April, as the runs commence the 18th April. The Opening run being to Long Ashton. W. A. C.

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The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The annual meeting of the above Society will be held at St. Peter's Leeds, on Saturday, March 30th. Business—Report and balance sheet, election of officers. Bells at liberty from 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 p.m. J. W. T. HOLGATE, *President*.
5, Ashcroft Street, Bramley, Leeds.

The All Saints' Society, Fulham.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, March 30th. The tower will be open to members and friends at 4 p.m. Tea in the church room at 6 p.m. J. W. DRIVER.
357, New Kings Road, Fulham, S.W.

The Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Lightcliffe, on April 6th. Bells ready from dinner. Business meeting at The White Horse, at 6 o'clock. WRIGHT INGHAM, *Sec.*

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The Annual meeting of this Association will be held at Worcester, on Easter Monday, April 8th. A special service will be held in St. Andrew's church, at 2 p.m. The Rev. Canon Claughton will give an address and it is hoped there will be a good attendance of members at the service. The annual meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, at 2.45 p.m. The Very Rev. the Dean has kindly consented to preside. A meat tea will be provided, and it is earnestly requested that the Secretary of each Society, and unattached members in the Association will send in the number of members intending to be present, not later than Wednesday, April 3rd, so that proper provision may be made. The Cathedral tower will be open for ringing after evensong, 5 p.m. until 6.15. The towers of All Saints 10 bells, St. John's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas, and St. Swithun's, 6 bells, will be open during the day for ringing. All outstanding contributions should be paid at this meeting. The annual reports, etc., will be ready for distribution at this meeting.

JNO. SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

36, Simms Lane, Netherton.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Association will be held at Coity, Bridgend, on Easter Monday. Bells available from 11 o'clock. There will be a short service at 2 o'clock. The meeting immediately after. Tea will be provided. REV. C. L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*

J. H. ALDRIDGE, *Assist. Hon. Sec.*

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—A whole day meeting will be held at Stokesley, on Easter Monday, April 8th. Dinner (members 1s., non-members 2s. each), at The Golden Lion, at 1 p.m. Members intending to be present, kindly inform the Hon. Sec. before Tuesday, April 2nd. Committee meeting after dinner. Whorlton-in-Cleveland tower (6 bells), will also be open. It is two miles from Potto station, and six from Stokesley by road. REV. W. P. WRIGHT.

Stokesley, R.S.O. *Hon. Sec. and Treas.*

The Midland Counties' Association.—The annual meeting of this Association will be held at Leicester on Easter Monday, April 8th, to which all members and friends are cordially invited. The towers of St. Margaret's (10), St. Martin's (10), St. Mark's (8), and St. Saviour's (8) churches will be open for ringing from 10 a.m. Tea 1s. 2d. each, will be provided at the Victoria Coffee House, opposite General Post

Office, for all who give Mr. W. Willson of 112, Berners Street, notice, not later than Thursday, April 4th, of their intention to be present. Committee meeting 3.30. Tea 4.15. The towers will be closed at 4 o'clock, and it is requested that members will assemble punctually for tea at the hour named.

The Hertfordshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans, on Easter Monday, April 8th, when the Cathedral tower and that of St. Peter's will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Divine Service at 5 o'clock at the Cathedral, when a special address will be given by the Dean of St. Albans. Tea at the Town Hall, at 5.45, business meeting to follow for election of officers. The report of the representatives of the various towers in union with the Association on the proposed division of the County into districts will come on for consideration and adoption if thought desirable. Members and visitors intending to present, are requested to communicate with me by Wednesday, April 3rd, so that arrangements may be made for their convenience.

St. Alban's. E. P. DEBENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this Association, will be held at Bucknall, on Saturday, April 13th. Members intending to be present, are requested to give notice to the Secretary not later than Tuesday, April 9th. W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*
95, High Street, Bucknall.

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Will all members who have not paid their subscriptions kindly send them at once. Will members also be good enough to consider and discuss in their respective belfries, the question of choosing a representative for the Central Council (as mentioned at the last annual meeting). It is most important that whoever may be elected that he should be able to represent the association from both the clerical and the ringers' point of view.

Wellingborough. E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Walthamstow, on Easter Monday. The towers of St. Mary's, St. Saviour's, (10.30—4.30), Christ Church, Wanstead, All Hallows Tottenham, St. John's, Leytonstone, will be open or ringing. Tea will be provided at The Lord Brook hotel, at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Members must signify their intention to be present to me not later than the previous Tuesday.

Great Totham. HENRY T. W. EYRE.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at the parish church, Barnet, on Easter Monday, April 8th, by kind permission of the Rev. D. W. Barrett. All ringers and friends of the Association are cordially invited. The bells will be available from 3 o'clock in the afternoon. ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Clay Cross, on Easter Monday, April 8th. Bells open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Service in church 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Every member invited. T. ALLIBONE, *Secretary*.

Wingfield, Chesterfield.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The opening of the new peal of eight bells in Gosforth church, Newcastle, will take place on Easter Monday. Lunch at 1 p.m. The belfry will be open all the morning. Members intending to accept the Rector's kind invitation to lunch must notify the secretary by Wednesday, April 3rd. A smoking concert will be held in The Metropole hotel, Clayton Street, Newcastle, on Friday, April 12th, at

7.30 p.m. All members or friends will be welcome. C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*
Wylam-on-Tyne.

The Sussex County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Brighton, on Easter Monday, April 8th. The towers of St. Nicholas and St. Peter's will be opened at 10 a.m. Service at St. Nicholas at 12 p.m. Luncheon at 1 p.m. in the Pavilion. Members and visitors intending to be present, are requested to give notice not later than Wednesday, April 3rd. A. B. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*
Midhurst.

Ely Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 8th. It is hoped that the following bells will be available for ringing: St. Mary-the-Great, ring of 12; St. Benet's, ring of 6; the Roman Catholic church, ring of 8; Old Chesterton (one mile), ring of 6; Fen Ditton (two miles), ring of 6. The bells at St. Andrew's church are reserved exclusively for an attempt for an association peal, which is being arranged for that morning. A substantial meat tea will be provided at the rooms of the Church of England Young Men's Society, in St. Edward's Passage, at 3.30; after which the business meeting will be held. Members and visitors intending to be present are requested to communicate with me not later than Tuesday, April 2nd.

REV. W. W. CRUMP, *Hon. Sec.*

Haddenham Rectory, Ely.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Annual Meeting at Bedford on Easter Monday. St. Paul's (10), St. Mary's (6), St. Peter's (6). Luncheon in All Hallows Lane Schoolroom at 1 p.m., tickets 1s. each to members. Business meeting to follow. Service in St. Paul's church at 5 p.m. Preacher—Rev. C. A. Wells, Rector of St. Peter's, Bedford. Local Secretaries are requested to send probable numbers attending as soon as possible to Mr. I. Hills, Pumping Station, Bedford.

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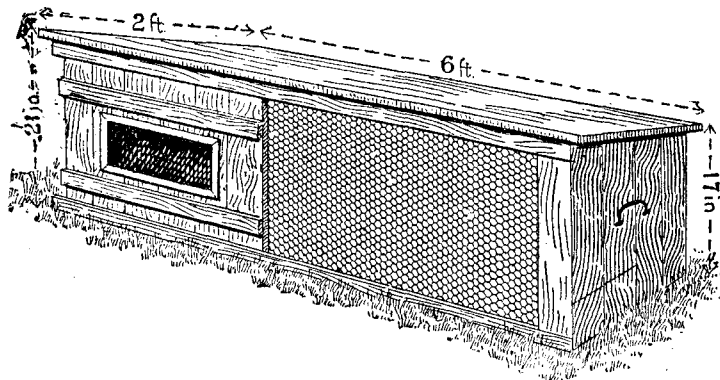
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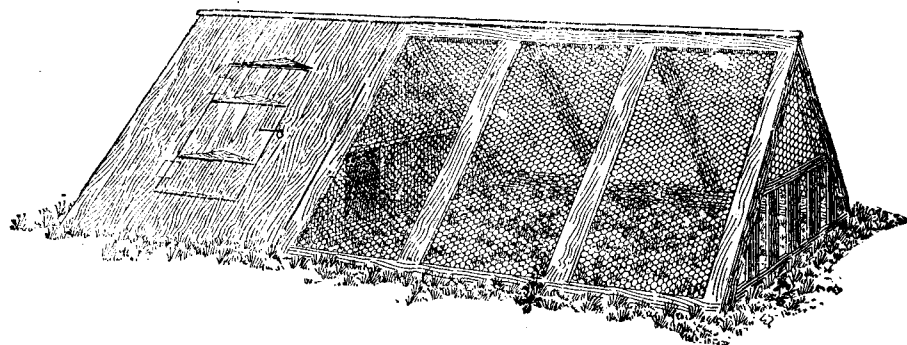
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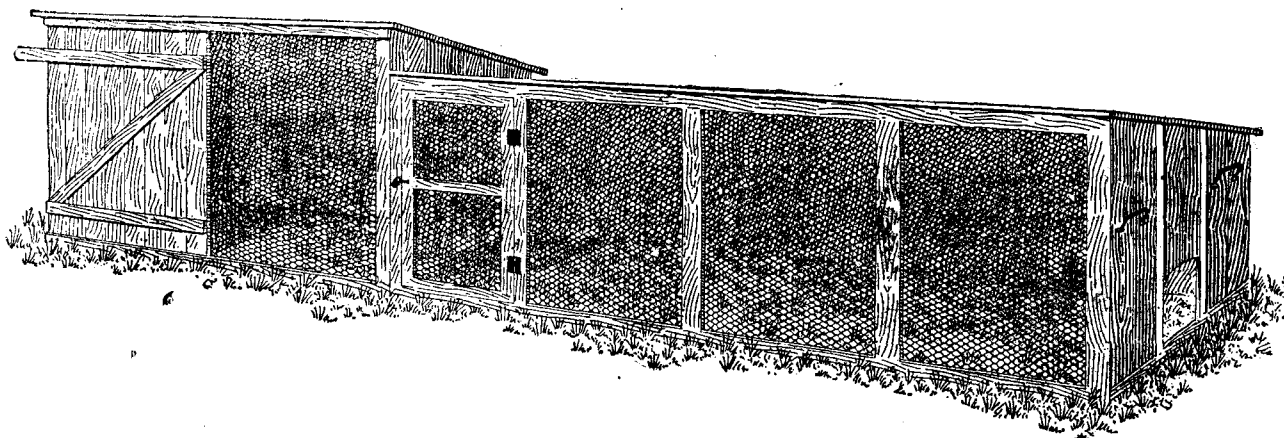
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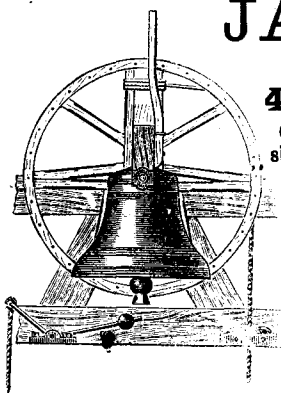
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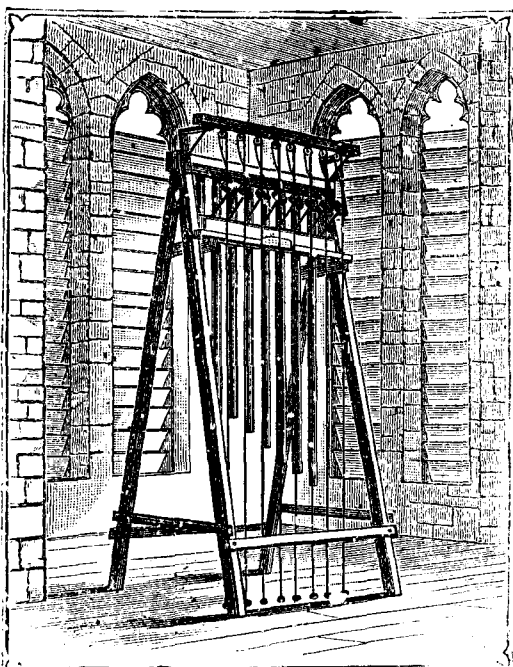
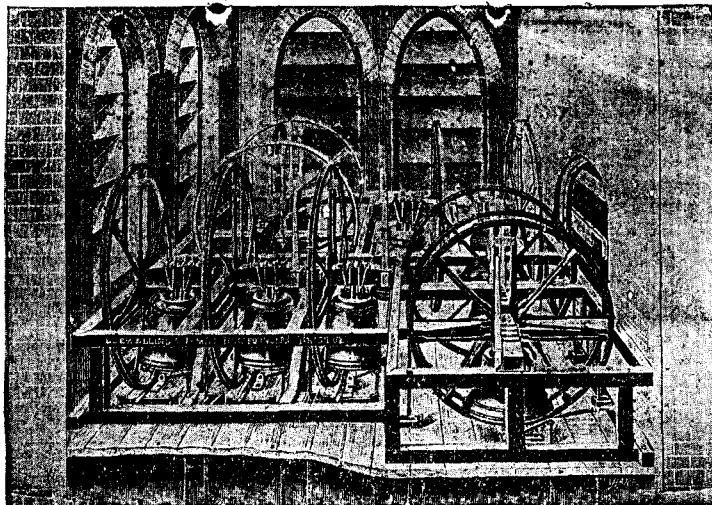
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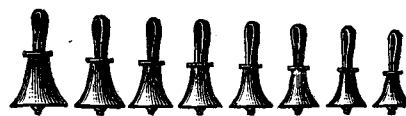
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THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

The annual meeting of this Guild was held at Dudley on Saturday, March 9th. The tower was open for ringing at 3.30. Mixed bands kept the bells going until 5 o'clock, when the Association service was said in church by the Rev. T. Mirams, curate of St. Edmund's, who kindly came forward at a short notice to fill the gap, the President (Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar), being unable to take the service through indisposition. The rev. gentleman at the close of the prayers gave a forcible address founded upon the argument of St. Paul in his first epistle to the Corinthians, tenth chapter, and part of verse 31: "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God," wherein he shewed that however plenary the service rendered, if rendered in the right spirit, was as acceptable to Almighty God as the most elaborate and ornate service which could be rendered, illustrating his subject by the example of the widow's mite compared with the costly offerings of the rich into the cofters of the temple, and the words of our Saviour, that a cup of cold water given in His name should not lose its reward; and further encouraging those present to faithfully persevere in their work of ringing those beautiful bells to call people to worship, whether they will hear or whether they will forbear, for who could tell what may be the result of the ringing of bells to those who may hear; to some it may be in sickness and sorrow, whose thoughts may be turned to the House of Prayer, and find peace and consolation through the sound of the bells, or to others reckless and careless, who at the sound of the bells may by the Providence of the Almighty Spirit be brought to consider their ways. These thoughts should serve to stimulate those present, so as to conduct their lives and perform their allotted duties, that in the words of the Apostle all should be done to the glory of God.

At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where a substantial tea was provided by Mrs. Maitland and Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Spittle and Mrs. Smith assisting Mrs. Rhodes at the tables. During the tea the Vicar managed to put in an appearance, and expressed his disappointment at not taking part at our annual meeting, but at our next meeting he should, if in good health, receive them with open arms, and make amends for his enforced retirement this time.

The whole of the officers were re-elected. Four new performing members were added to the roll. Oldbury was fixed for the place of the next quarterly meeting. The annual report, which was ordered to be printed with the balance-sheet, shewed eight peals rung during the year, and expressed a hope that the number of failures to secure peals would stimulate the members to greater exertions, and secure better results during the coming year. The financial condition of the Guild was so flourishing that it was deemed advisable to reduce the annual subscription to sixpence, which it was hoped would increase the number of members, and stimulate the objects for which the Guild was formed.

A vote of sympathy to the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar, and to Mr. John Smith, Hon. Secretary of the

Worcestershire Association, for the cause of their enforced absence, and a vote of thanks to the Rev. T. Mirams for conducting the service, and the able address he gave in church, and to Mrs. Maitland, Mrs. Rhodes, and the ladies for presiding, brought the meeting to a close.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The usual monthly meeting of the Wirral branch of the above Guild was held at 6.0 p.m. at the Conservative Club, Oxtun, present: the Vicar (Rev. E. D. Pollock) in the chair; the Rev. C. F. Sandys (Hon. Secretary), and thirty-three ringing members. As there were no representatives from Birkenhead, Liscard, Rock Ferry, or Wallasey, the remaining towers in the Guild came in good numbers to obtain so large a meeting.

The Vicar, in welcoming the ringers, referred to the difficulty of arranging a meeting, as there were many houses close to the church, and in the event of illness it was necessary to stop the bells. During the past year, although the Hon. Secretary had three times tried to arrange a meeting at Oxtun, it had been quite impossible to fix a date, as the bells had to be stopped for some months. He hoped, however, that during the present year a supplementary meeting might be held at Oxtun, if it was found impossible to arrange a meeting at one of the other towers.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality, and for his kindness in presiding, brought to a conclusion a most pleasant meeting.

The following methods were rung during the afternoon: Oxford Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Canterbury Minor.

WADDINGTON-IN-CRAVEN, WEST YORKS.

It has been decided to place a new Cambridge quarter-chime clock in the ancient church of Waddington, shewing the time upon two large external dials, to the memory of the late Mr. James Walmsley, New Hall, Waddington, who was a great benefactor to the church, and for many years acted as churchwarden, and whose family had been residents of the village for a great many generations. Messrs. W. Potts and Sons, Clock Manufacturers, Guildford Street, Leeds, have got the work well in hand, and which will soon be erected in the old church tower.

THE PARISH CHURCH, LEEDS.

On Easter Monday an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples will be made on the back eight, commencing at 9 a.m.
F. WOODHEAD, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Easter Monday twelve members of this society will attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques, 10,000 changes, at St. Michael's, Cornhill. Meeting-time 10 a.m.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of this society was held at Leeds on Saturday, March 30th, and was well attended, ringers and friends being present from Armley, Bradford, Bramley, Guiseley, the Headingleys, Huddersfield, Pudsey, Rothwell, Shipley, Tong, Wakefield, with the local company.

The business meeting was held at The Old Royal Oak hotel, the president in the chair.

In opening the meeting the president referred to the loss the society had sustained in the death of its late Secretary, Mr. Harry Gaythorpe, of Bramley, and on the motion of Mr. John Whitaker (Headingley), seconded by Mr. John Thackray (Armley), a vote of condolence and sympathy with Mrs. Gaythorpe and family was passed, all present reverently standing. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The balance-sheet, shewing the society to be in a sound financial condition, the funds in hand and at the bank amounting to £6 11s. 2d. was then adopted on the motion of Mr. J. T. Eason (Wakefield), seconded by Mr. J. Whitaker. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President—Mr. Tom Lockwood; Vice-President—Mr. John Whitaker; Treasurer—Mr. John Thackray; Hon. Secretary—Mr. J. W. T. Holgate.

Mr. T. Maude (Tong) proposed that the best thanks of the members be given to the retiring President (Mr. Holgate), for the able manner in which he had conducted the business of the society during the past five years. This was seconded by Mr. W. Abbishaw, and supported by Mr. T. Lockwood, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Holgate suitably responded, and assured all present that, having the welfare of the society at heart, he would do all in his power in the new duties he had undertaken as Secretary, to further its interests.

It was decided, providing the necessary permission be obtained, to hold the next meeting at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, the bells having recently been rehung and put in thorough going order.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for their kind arrangements was then passed, and responded to by Mr. Tom Lockwood, who gave all present a hearty welcome.

Several touches were rung on the tower bells during the afternoon and evening, and some excellent handbell ringing at the meeting-house.

A SUCCESSFUL OUTING.

On Saturday, March 23rd, Messrs. E. Bishop, A. Lawrence, T. Ricketts, and J. L. Wells, all of Swindon, Wilts., F. Price, of Bristol, and S. Hillier, of Devizes, journeyed to Abergavenny, where they were met by Mr. F. S. Wilson, who gave them a hearty welcome. The band were then driven in a waggonette to the town where they partook of a good breakfast, which was much appreciated after the long journey. The visitors then proceeded to the church tower, where they were met by Mr. Thomas Williams, the sexton, who had everything in readiness. The usual preparations being made, the band formed up, and the bells were set going to Grandsire Triples, and after ringing 3 hrs. 1 min. the peal came to a successful issue. By this time the ringers were once ready to replenish the inner man by a little liquid refreshment, after which all went for a good walk, and returned

in time to get to The Swan hotel at 7 o'clock where an excellent dinner was provided. Mr. E. H. Bretherton presided, and was supported by Mr. H. C. Evans in the vice-chair. After all had done justice to the spread, the chairman, before proposing any of the toasts, said that he much regretted that Mr. Thomas Probert, of the Mardy, who had always taken a keen interest in the bells, and had been connected with the tower of St. Mary longer than any one in Abergavenny, was unable to be present, owing to very sad bereavements sustained recently. He (the chairman) was quite sure that Mr. Probert's heart was with them, and that he would always take a deep interest in the members of the Abergavenny band.

The loyal toasts having been given, and that of "The Bishop and Clergy," the chairman proposed the toast of the evening, viz., "The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association," and in a few appropriate words wished the Association every success. The toast was responded to in an able manner by Mr. E. Bishop, who said that he was quite sure that the Association did everything in its power to help on the science of change-ringing, and hoped that the members of the Abergavenny ringing association would soon be able to ring Grandsire Triples.

A very enjoyable evening followed, and among those who helped towards the success of the same were Messrs. Lewis Morgan, E. Bishop, and A. Burston, all of whom sung some good songs, and Mr. W. Williams played some excellent violin solos, while Mr. Rosser presided at the piano and played some good selections. Handbells were also rung, a plain course of Grandsire Caters and some Grandsire Triples. Messrs. T. Robinson, T. Ricketts, and J. L. Wells also played some good tunes on the bells, which were much appreciated by all. The pleasant evening at last came to a close, and all separated, to meet again the following day for some ringing in the tower. Sunday morning the visitors met at the belfry and rung a good quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. Bishop. After the service was over it was proposed to go to the Little Skirrid mountain, which all agreed to do. The morning was a gloriously bright one, and all the visitors were more than charmed with the beautiful scenery. After returning from the walk it was time to have dinner. After that was over the band met again at the belfry, and soon started for the second peal, everyone being in good form. After ringing 2 hrs. 50 mins. the conductor's "that's all" was greeted with delight by all the band, bringing the second peal to a successful issue. In the evening the visitors had a capital send-off by the Abergavenny ringers. One and all wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. F. W. G. Whitfield, for the use of the bells, and Mr. Thomas William, the sexton, for having everything in readiness for the ringing. The satisfactory arrangements at Abergavenny were made Mr. F. S. Wilson.

COLD OVERTON, NEAR OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

A large clock is now being erected in the above parish church. It is fitted with all the latest improvements, and is to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe. There is one dial facing south, and a larger one facing east, and the hours are struck upon the largest bell. Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, are carrying out the work.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Portishead on Saturday, March 23rd. About twenty members put in an appearance from Bristol, Midsomer Norton, and Portishead. The bells of the parish church and those of Clapton were placed at the disposal of the members. Tea was provided at John's Temperance hotel, after which the usual business meeting was held, the Master presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and several new members were elected. It was decided to leave the arrangements for the next meeting, the annual, and due to be held at Wells, in the hands of the Hon. Secretary. The usual votes of thanks were passed, and the members returned to the tower where touches in various methods were rung.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

On Tuesday, April 2nd, an interesting ceremony took place at the church of St. John the Baptist, when a memorial tablet in memory of the late Queen Victoria was unveiled by Mrs. Ratcliff, of Stanford Hall, in the presence of R. H. Ratcliff, Esq., the Rev. C. L. V. Baker, Mrs. Baker, and the following ringers: Messrs. Whittle, Pervin (2), Doughty, Trigg, Wilson (2), and Needham. The following is the inscription on the tablet:

"THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE-RINGERS.—On Monday, February 14th, 1901, a peal of Grand-sire Triples (Carter's twelve-part), 5040 changes, in 3 hrs., was rung at this church by an entire local band, by the following members of the above Association: George Wilson, *Treble*; Anthony Trigg, 2; Harry Whittle, 3; Frank Pervin, 4; William Pervin, 5; James Wilson, 6; George Doughty, 7; John Yates, *Tenor*. Conducted by Harry Whittle. Rector—C. L. Vashion Baker; Churchwardens—Jacob Gibson, Harry Atkins. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Her late Majesty Queen Victoria."

WELLINGBOROUGH.—THE PARISH CLOCK.

The old clock in the parish church tower has recently been thoroughly cleaned, and various "wear and tear" defects made good. A new "quarter" barrel on an improved plan has also been constructed, working with more ease and accuracy than the old one. The striking parts of the clock, too, have received necessary attention. The original "quarters" dating from 1750 (when the present clock replaced what was probably a very ancient one), were what is termed "repeating quarters." They struck on the first four bells of the old peal of six. These remained in use until 1884, when the bells were increased to eight.

Mr. Harris, who then held the post of clockkeeper, made a new barrel out of a piece of the old 1640 bell-frame, removed at that time. He "pegged" it with the "Cambridge Quarters," striking on the second, third, fourth, and seventh bells of the ring of eight.

These musical quarter-chimes were, according to Lord Grimthorpe, invented by Dr. Crotch in 1780, from an air of Handel's. They were in that year put in the tower of the church of St. Mary, Cambridge, and were never copied elsewhere until forty years ago, when "Big Ben" and his four quarter bells were placed in the clock tower at Westminster. Since that time they have been very generally adopted.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

At a meeting of the above branch held at Walsden, on February 9th, it was resolved that a letter be forwarded to His Majesty King Edward VII., expressing sympathy on the death of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, and congratulations on His Majesty's accession to the throne, and the following reply has been received:—

"Home Office, Whitehall, 22nd March, 1901. Sir,—I am commanded by the King to convey to you hereby His Majesty's thanks for the loyal and dutiful message of the members of the Lancashire Association of Church Bell Ringers, expressing sympathy on the occasion of the lamented death of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, and congratulations on His Majesty's accession to the throne. I am Sir, your obedient servant, CHAS. T. RITCHIE."

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

We hear that the two new bells to complete the octave at the parish church will be in readiness for the Dedication Service by the Bishop of Colchester on Thursday next, April 11th, when the whole peal will be rung for the first time.

WITNEY, OXON.

On Sunday, March 10th, when the ringers assembled to ring for morning service they were surprised and delighted to find a set of new muffles in the belfry, the gift of an anonymous donor, whom they take this, their only opportunity, of thanking. The gift will be the more appreciated as only recently a peal was lost owing to the slipping of one of the clumsy substitutes hitherto in use.

During the past fifteen months eleven peals have been rung in this tower, viz., seven of Grand-sire Triples, and four of Stedman Triples; the average time occupied being 2 hrs. 56½ mins., and the average rate of striking 28.55 changes per minute.

NOTES TO PEALS.

The peal of Treble Bob Major rung at Fenton, Staffordshire, on Saturday, March 23rd, by members of the Stoke Archidiaconal Association, was the first peal ever rung on the bells, and the first peal of Major by J. E. Wheeldon and G. Woods, and first peal on eight bells by all the company. J. E. Wheeldon from Norton (late of Bucknall), G. Woods, unattached (formerly of Longton), the rest from Bucknall. It was also rung as a birthday compliment to G. Woods.

THE PEAL AT LEYTONSTONE.—This is believed to be the first peal of Surprise Minor ever rung by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and was rung at the first attempt. This peal was rung to celebrate the 23rd birthday of the conductor, the band wishing him many happy returns of the day.

THE PEAL AT ALNWICK.—This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and is believed to be the first by the Association by all single men. Ferry and Dixon from Newcastle, the rest belong to the local band, to whom great credit is due, as they only formed a guild last Easter, when some of them could not handle a rope. I have persevered, with the valuable help of Mr. Weightman, who is unfortunately leaving Alnwick shortly. Great credit is also due to B. C. Dixon, who belongs to the young band of S. James's, Burwell, Newcastle, and had never struck a blow in eight bells before. This peal was attempted March 16th, but came to grief after ringing 3070 changes. E. E. F.

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Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS.

SIR,—The churchwardens' accounts of this parish for sundry years between 1588 and 1648 are, like those of the Salisbury parishes referred to in your issues for March 16 and 23, full of entries about the church bells, which were perpetually getting out of order and were, apparently, repaired by local workmen. The earliest occurrence of the term "treble" is in 1598-9, in an item "for makynge of the trebell clapper 5s. 8d.;" but the "great bell" is not called "tenor" till 1638, when there is an entry "for bord to mend the tenner wheele, 8d.," followed in 1639 by one "for a stock for the little trebble, 4s." "One horse-hyde and one calves' skynne" is a frequent item for repairing the "bald-rycks" or "bawderykes;" for the making of five of which in 1597-8 was paid 20d. There are also charges for the "flight" of the treble clapper, and the "ey" or "eye" of various clappers. But what is meant by "Jaynge the neppells of the bells," for which there was paid to a smith, in 1588, as much as 46s. 8d.? It must have been a considerable job, whatever it was. Ropes were apparently supplied by the weight; e.g. "fower bell-ropes wayng 48 pounds at 3d. per pound, 12s.;" and "to hym (the same rope maker) more for a saunce bell rope, 18d." This last is an interesting trace of the use of the "Sanctus" or "Saunts" bell during the office of the Mass. It usually hung in a bell-cote on the gable of the chancel roof, or in some other convenient place, so that the rope came down into the church with easy access to the server at the altar.

One interesting set of items relates to the casting (i.e. I suppose, recasting) the "great bell" in 1597-8. These was paid to "John Dyer the bell-founder (described elsewhere as 'of Chelmysford') for casting of the great bell, £11 6s. 8d." and "for caryng of the great bell to Chelmsford and bryngyng her home again, 6s. 8d.;" "to Robt. Hothe for helping to lood (load) the great bell and waye her 2s. 6d.;" and "Goodman Dyer's dynner and his men's when he dyd take down the bell, 3s. 4d." It does not appear whether Dyer had a permanent foundry in Chelmsford, or whether (as is equally possible) he was one of the peripatetic founders who set up temporary furnaces in different centres, attracting customers from the country round. But the transaction is plain enough. The great bell was taken down with local assistance ("Robert Hothe and his ropes" are mentioned afterwards in connection with another re-banging job), carried into Chelmsford to be re-cast, and brought home again. And that the matter was of sufficient importance to require the personal attention of the churchwardens appears from their entry "for meet and drynck for Robert Hothe and ourselves when we carayed the bell to Chelmysford and at 2 other tymes when we did waye the bell, 3s. 6d." If our churchwardens now-a-days would supervise the bells a little more, we should not grudge them such a modest provision for "meet and drynck" on special occasions.

There are many curious entries in these accounts, with which I need not take up your space. A yearly payment of 16d. to a certain individual "for whippyng the dogges forth of the Church in tyme of devyne service" reveals a curious state of order. "That "for kylling a femall fox, 1s." shows that vulpecide did not then rank in country districts almost on a par with homicide. On the other hand payments to a "boye for helping the plumber," and for a penny loffe and fyve potes of bear for the plumber and the boye," show that labour in those days was even thirstier than it is now, and recall Prince Henry's exclamation over Falstaff's tavern bill—

"O monstrous! but one halfpennyworth of bread to this intolerable deal of sack!"

Some of the items are for help to wayfarers: e.g., "to a traveller that had a pass—his father taken by the Turks"; to one "that had a passe to go to the bathe and 3 others that was taken by the Turks and desseased" (? leprous); or "to a lame man shotte with a cannon at Edge Hill" (i.e. in Nov. 1642)—an entry that brings us into contact with history. The "Turks" were no doubt the Barbary or Algerine pirates who then infested European waters, and were not finally suppressed

till about 1830. There are also many entries dealing with assessment and rating—among them, one of a recalcitrant lady ratepayer:—"Md. (i.e. memorandum) that Mrs Elliott denyeth directly to paye her rate of 6s. 8d." There is no subsequent entry to show that she ever paid it, and probably she stuck to her refusal.

I must stop, though further quotation is tempting. I fully endorse your correspondent's estimate of the interest and importance of these old accounts; and I hope that he has much more to tell us about them.

T. L. PAPILLON.

Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford.

FUNERAL RINGING.

SIR,—It is not often one meets with such clear evidence in support of a conjecture as is afforded in the most interesting articles on "Churchwardens' Accounts" to my theory of the origin of the term "Passing Bell." I am unable to refer to my article, as the issues for August last seem to be out of print; at any rate having lost my own copy I have been unable after several applications to obtain any further copies of those numbers. But my point was this, that I did not believe that there ever was a custom of ringing a "passing bell" before the sick man was actually dead, but that it being originally rung as a call to all to pray for a soul just departed, those who objected to such prayers would try to abolish it. And when they could not do this, would endeavor to employ it to call people to pray for the man before he were actually dead. Now on page 556 in the article on "Churchwardens' Accounts" is a quotation from Bishop Hooper's Injunctions of 1551, in which he gives exactly the advice I conjectured he would give. This advice however, for obvious reasons could not easily be carried out in practice, and so the old "knell" forthfare" or "passing bell" remains, as ever, the bell rung to call people to pray after the soul has fared forth from the body, and is "passing" to its state of expectation, or waiting for its final abode. This interpretation entirely removes the confusion and seeming contradiction which the writer of the article finds, for "knell" and "forthfare" become objective and subjective names for the same thing.

The writer of the article mentions that the loan of a clapper to ring the tenor for a funeral is "hardly conceivable" when there were five other bells available. It seems to me, I must confess, most natural. In many places the custom of reserving certain bells for certain work is so rigid that, were a funeral knell to be rung on the wrong bell, people would take no notice of it, thinking it only to be someone practising, or similarly employed. For my part I believe that the origin of having more bells than one in the tower, was that people might be warned what service was about to be held, by the particular bell that was rung, and the way in which it was rung. The Act of Uniformity destroyed much of the variety of the old services, and also the use of the different bells; this would explain why in pre-Reformation times Churchwardens and others were more particular in noting which particular bell was being repaired, or spoken of.

Another very interesting remark in the article is the reference to the expression "shutting," i.e. closing the broken ends, or splicing a rope. The writer says that at the present day it is not used in the belfry. It is however very familiar to me: e.g. in Gloucestershire I found it so exclusively in use, that ringers did not understand the term "splicing."

Although "A Novice" says he agrees with me, he hardly practises his agreement! For he hopes to see a practice, different from his own, "strongly condemned." Now I would ask him why should the muffled change be made merely the echo of the unmuffled? It has never seemed so to me; rather the muffled change is, with its deadened sound, a symbol of death; and the unmuffled a symbol of life after death—the Resurrection. A lesson that nature is ever teaching us, especially—as now—in the spring; and Art is most beautiful and effective when it emphasizes the lessons of Nature and Creation.

H. DRAKE.

Verwood, Dorset, March 26th, 1901.

THE PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE RUNG ON THE 22ND ULT. AT BRIGHTON.

SIR,—A lead of this method (by the Rev. E. Bankes James) was first published in "THE BELL NEWS" (without a name) on

December 11th, 1897. It is a double Treble Bob method, on the lengthening lead plan, and contains no consecutive places. It has a clean proof scale, and the tenors are parted for fifty-two changes only in each course. It is the first method published with these qualities combined. For complexity in ringing, all the band agree that Bristol Surprise stands first, and London Surprise must for ever take a back seat.

G. BAKER.

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TOLLING THE CENTURY OUT.

SIR,—Some time ago it was suggested by a gentleman in "THE BELL NEWS" about tolling out the old century. I have watched in the paper, but have not seen if it was done his way anywhere. Perhaps it might be of a little interest to know it was done so at the little village of Ickleton, Cambs., which is as follows: a short touch with bells muffled up till about 11.50 p.m.; then take off muffles and toll one hundred times on the tenor, finishing as the clock strikes twelve midnight; then another touch to ring in the new century. All this was done here except muffling, as we had no muffles (we have since got a new set). Our way was as follows: 120 of Old Doubles rang slowly, then the tenor was tolled 100 times, finishing as the clock was striking twelve; then 360 of Grandsire to ring in the new century.

P. WEBB.

A QUERY.

SIR,—Are the church authorities justified in floating flags on church towers; and if so, which is the correct flag to float?

FURNESSIAN.

THE LATE GEORGE GARNETT, OF ROMFORD.

SIR,—One of the band who took part in the printers' peal in sending me a donation for the family of the above, writes in strong terms upon the apparent apathy of the local company to honour the memory of the deceased. Having in your editorial comment last week referred to the general principle and weakness of the defence set up, I will not quote from the communication of my friend beyond joining with him in the hope that no other company will manufacture such an unwritten law. There is however one sentence in the letter which appeared in your last, which in justice to one who has after years of suffering gone over to the great majority, that I earnestly ask the writer to withdraw. I have known the Romford belfry over twenty-eight years. Others in their imagination may have done as

much, but I have not known a single individual do more voluntary work—without the slightest recognition—than our departed friend. Why cast a slur on his memory by saying he was well paid?

B. KEEBLE.

Obituary.

TOM PRINCE.

The Wakefield company regret to have to announce the death of one of their oldest members—Tom Prince—who passed away at his residence at Horbury on Sunday, March 24th, in his 53rd year. The deceased had been a change-ringer at Wakefield for upwards of thirty years, and was much respected by all who knew him. The ringers attended the funeral at Horbury, and rang a course of Grandsire Triples at the graveside, and afterwards adjourned to the Cathedral and rang a few touches with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to their late comrade.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

On Thursday, March 21st, the Witley ringers repaid the visit of the Chiddingfold ringers to Witley by going to Chiddingfold. Proceedings started with a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles by the Witley ringers, and then a touch of Grandsire Triples was attempted but unfortunately lost. However the bells were set going to Bob Major, and after one stop 160 was successfully accomplished. Then 112 Grandsire Triples was rung, after which a well-struck 280 was accomplished. Then "go" was called for Stedman Doubles, and a well-struck 120 was the result. Ringing being over tracks were made for Mr. W. H. Cook's well-known establishment, Ye Olde Crown inn, where the rest of the evening was spent in harmony, songs being contributed by the following: Messrs. Attwell, Luff (2), Lightfoot (2), Rothwell, and the Secretary, Mr. Gardner. Also 168 Grandsire Triples by Messrs. Brockhurst, Bartlett, Attwell, and Luff (conductor). It is to be hoped that this will not be the last of these meetings, as all can enjoy a little friendly practice.

The following is a list of the touches rung: A course of Grandsire Triples. T. Champion, G. Luff, P. Raynford, J. E. Russell, D. Ayling, H. Mullard, W. G. Brockhurst, W. Mitchell. Also 280. G. Luff, W. T. Lightfoot, A. Ashdown, T. Attwell, A. E. Bartlett, H. Mullard, A. J. Bartlett (conductor), W. G. Brockhurst. Also 112. T. Champion, W. Mitchell, G. Luff, A. J. Bartlett, D. Ayling, J. E. Russell, A. Ashdown (conductor), H. Remnant. And 160 Bob Major. G. Luff, H. Mullard, A. J. Bartlett, A. E. Bartlett, T. Attwell, A. Ashdown, W. G. Brockhurst, W. T. Lightfoot (conductor). Also 120 Stedman Doubles. T. Attwell, W. G. Brockhurst, A. J. Bartlett, A. Ashdown, W. T. Lightfoot (conductor), G. Luff.

NOTICES.

OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held at Norton on Easter Monday. Meeting will be held at 2.30. Peal of eight bells. Visitors arriving in Sheffield can take the tram in High Street for Heeley, distant from Heeley to Norton church two miles.

E. JAMES, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—MANCHESTER BRANCH.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, April 13th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7. Members are requested only to use that staircase leading to the tower. JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL BRANCH.—The next meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, April 13th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6. REV. C. A. CLEMENTS, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—ROCHDALE BRANCH.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, April 13th, at Newhey. Bells ready from 2 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. Any ringer desiring tea, please write, Mr. S. Brierley, 139, Tirgrove, Rochdale, not later than Wednesday, April 10th. All ringers cordially invited. JAS. JACQUES, Branch Sec.

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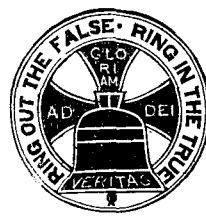
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SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 1901.

THE Easter festival, always regarded, even in the dark ages of ringing, as the period *par excellence* for meetings of ringers, reunions, and so forth, appears to still maintain its character, if our congested notice-page is any criterion. There are many other arrangements for meetings between various companies, and also, without doubt, attempts for peals and other gatherings, none of which are made public—for Easter Monday. Perhaps among the announcements in this number the one which will be most interesting, is that indicating that the College Youths intend breaking the record in Stedman Cinques by starting for a peal of 10,000, at the church of St. Michael, Cornhill. This announcement would have been much more interesting if the names of the company intending to essay the feat had been published also. Such procedure is not

common we admit, but there is no logical reason against it. At first sight the notice of a peal of Stedman Triples to be attempted at Leeds does not signify a great deal, but when the weight of the bells upon which it is to be rung is taken into consideration it is quite another matter. Our readers will join us in the hope that these attempts may be crowned with success; and not only they, but all others entered upon by our friends throughout the whole of the Exercise.

LATE NOTICE.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Horbury, on Saturday, April 13th. Meeting at The King's Arms at 5 o'clock.

WALTER IDLE, Secretary.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 28, 1901, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. Treble.	SIDNEY JONES 5.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 2.	FRANK C. NEWMAN 6.
HARRY MILLER* 3.	†GEORGE CHARGE 7.
WILLIAM TEGG 4.	SIDNEY WADE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

*First peal with a bob bell. †First peal of Major. This peal which contains the full combinations of the 4th, 5th, and 6th with the 2nd and 3rd never in 6ths and 2nd never in 5ths, is now rung for the first time.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

(THE ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SOCIETY, LEYTONSTONE.)

On Thursday, March 28, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, LEYTONSTONE,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY BOTTRILL* .. Treble.	WILLIAM MILLER 4.
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2.	JOHN MOULE 5.
WILLIAM H. DORAN† .. 3.	JOHN MARDELL Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Reference to this peal elsewhere.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, March 29, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MATFELON, WHITECHAPEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WALTER J. WILLIAMSON* Treble.	SIDNEY PARMENTER 5.
HENRY SPRINGALL 2.	FRANK HULL 6.
JAMES SCHOLES 3.	ARTHUR W. BARKUS 7.
EDWARD WALLAGE 4.	EMMANUEL HALL Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR W. BARKUS.

*First peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY .. Treble.	FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	ARTHUR R. JACOB 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

The Provinces.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 26, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ASPINWALL'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

JAMES C. ECKERSLEY .. Treble.	THOMAS WORTHINGTON .. 6.
GEORGE BROWN 2.	GEORGE RHODES 7.
ALFRED GARSIDE 3.	†HARRY EAGLES 7.
JOHN F. ECKERSLEY 4.	HARRY RIDGE Tenor.
JOHN JONES 5.	*WILLIAM BUSBY Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES C. ECKERSLEY.

†First peal away from tenor. *First peal.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, March 27, 1901, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

SAMUEL REEVES .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. SMALL 6.
THOMAS J. ELTON 2.	*JOHN C. ADAMS 7.
FRANK HALLSWORTH .. 3.	JOSEPH LAWTON 8.
WILLIAM GRIFFIN 4.	WILLIAM H. BARBER 9.
HARRY MIDDLETON 5.	CHARLES ASTINS Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria; also as a last token of respect to Messrs. Wesley, Walker and J. Astbury, three old Walsall ringers.

ALNWICK, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

BENJAMIN C. DIXON* .. Treble.	*WILLIAM G. BEARDALL .. 5.
CHARLES J. C. GREY* .. 2.	ERNEST E. FERRY 6.
FREDERICK G. BEARDALL* 3.	EDWARD A. WRIGHTMAN .. 7.
THOMAS APLEYBY* 4.	*ANTHONY HUTCHINSON .. Tenor.

Composed by T. MORRIS, and Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

*First peal.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 25 lbs.

WILLIAM ROCK SMALL .. Treble.	JAMES SMALL 5.
SAMUEL BAKER† 2.	†EDWARD JONES 6.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT 3.	EDWARD GOODREDS 7.
WILLIAM FISHER† 4.	REUBEN HALL Tenor.

†First peal. The ringers of the 1st, 5th, and 6th are of the local band; 2nd, 4th, and 7th hail from Coseley; the 3rd from Dudley; and 8th from West Bromwich.

HULL, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qrs. 18 lbs.

J. W. CUNDALL .. Treble.	T. NEILL 6.
T. F. EARNshaw 2.	D. W. BROWN 7.
G. WORTH 3.	J. DIXEY 8.
G. T. MARSHALL 4.	C. JACKSON 9.
T. H. HAIGH 5.	F. MERRISON Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by CHARLES JACKSON.

This composition has the 6th in 2nds place throughout, and the 4th and 5th each twenty-three courses behind the 6th. The ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th hail from York, the rest from Hull. First peal of Stedman Caters by the ringers of the 4th, 7th, 8th, and tenor.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

GEORGE PHILLIPS* Treble.	EDWARD RAPLEY 5.
GEORGE GATLAND 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE 6.
JAMES MATTHEWS 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	†GEORGE LLOYD Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal away from the tenor. †First peal. This was rung after meeting one short for Stedman Triples.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES L. WELLS* Treble.	THOMAS ROBINSON 5.
GEORGE C. ILES 2.	THOMAS RICKETTS 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE 3.	CHARLES J. GARDINER 7.
OWEN W. LAYNG 4.	†SIDNEY PALMER Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS RICKETTS.

*First peal away from tenor. †First peal.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 30, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

SAMUEL BREEZE Treble.	JOSEPH CLIFFE 4.
FRANK JONES 2.	EDWIN BREEZE 5.
HENRY MARSH† 3.	JAMES DILLON Tenor.

Conducted by J. DILLON.

†First peal. Also first peal on the bells.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 30, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE R. HOLMES Treble.	WILLIAM T. ROBSON 5.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 2.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON 6.
JOSEPH W. PARKER 3.	ROBERT S. STORY 7.
ROBERT C. HUDSON 4.	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by W. T. ROBSON.

Handbell Peal.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 1, 1901, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. CHARLES E. HART, 19, MOLINEUX STREET, DERBY,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART, No. 3.

CHARLES E. HART 1-2.	WALTER WALLACE 5-6.
ALBERT H. WARD 3-4.	CHARLES DRAPER 7-8.

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

Referee—Mr. E. Willis, who had a copy of the peal and marked off each lead.

Date Touches.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

KIDSGROVE (Staffordshire).—On December 23rd, for evening service, a date touch of 1900 changes, in 1 hour, being 460 of Woodbine, 720 of Oxford, and 720 of Kent. F. Johnson, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer (conductor), 3; H. Dean, 4; J. Mason, 5; G. Siddons, 6. Longest length by F. Johnson, and longest length with a bob bell by J. Mason.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

KELVEDON (Essex).—On December 25th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, and also another 720 for afternoon service. W. Brinkley, 1; W. Elliott, 2; J. Elliott, 3; H. Elliott, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Keeble (conductor), 6. On January 13th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. G. Hum, 1; E. Hayward, 2; C. Rogers, 3; H. Elliott, 4; H. Evers, 5; W. Keeble (conductor), 6. Tenor 21 cwt.

WALTHAMSTOW (Essex).—On Monday, January 14th, at St. Saviour's church, for practice, 704 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Bottrill, 1; J. Mardell, 2; W. B. Manning, 3; J. Moule, 4; W. Keeble (conductor), 5; G. Hayden, 6; F. Hull, 7; G. B. Lucas, 8.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LOUGHTON (Essex).—On Tuesday, November 20th, at the parish church, 576 Double Norwich. W. Keeble (conductor), 1; W. Miller, E. Bacon, 3; J. Moule, 4; W. Doran, 5; G. Carter, 6; W. Clark, 7; J. Mardell, 8. Also 252 Stedman Triples. H. Bottrill, 1; E. Bacon (conductor), 3; J. Rann, 5; J. Mardell, 6; W. Keeble, 7; W. Clark, 8. On Tuesday, November 27th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Dawson, 1; J. Moule, 2; E. Bacon, 3; G. Carter, 4; W. Clark, 5; W. Keeble (conductor), 6. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Moule, 1; E. Bacon, 2; J. Rann, 3; G. Carter, 4; W. Clark, 5; W. Keeble (conductor), 6. First in the method on the bells, and first in the method by 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th. On Tuesday, December 18th, 704 Oxford Treble Bob Major. H. Bottrill, 1; J. Mardell, 2; E. Bacon, 3; J. Moule, 4; J. Rann, 5; G. Carter, 6; W. Clark, 7; W. Keeble (conductor), 8. First in the method by all the band except the conductor. Also 504 Stedman Triples. E. Bacon (conductor), 1; H. Bottrill, 2; W. Doran, 3; J. Mardell, 4; W. Keeble, 5; G. Carter, 6; J. Rann, 7; J. Moule, 8. On Tuesday, January 8th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Moule, 1; E. Bacon, 2; J. Rann, 3; G. Carter, 4; W. Keeble (conductor), 5; G. Hayden, 6. Tenor 20 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, January 13th, at All Saints church, two courses of Grandsire Caters. A. Burridge, 1; W. Mannering, 2; S. Jeffery, 3; R. Simmonds, 4; G. Pound, 5; W. R. Baxter, 6; A. Palmer, 7; A. Tawney, 8; J. Mannering (conductor), 9; R. Kinsworth, 10. On Tuesday, January 15th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 49 mins. A. Burridge, 1; W. Mannering, 2; S. Jeffery, 3; W. R. Baxter, 4; A. W. Tawney, 5; A. Palmer (conductor), 6; T. Mannering, 7; J. Bonny, 8. First quarter-peal by 1, 3 and 4.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

WIRKSWORTH (Derbyshire).—On Monday evening, November 12th, for practice, 800 Bob Major. F. Turner, 1; Rev. A. T. Beeston, 2; Rev. R. Stowell, 3; F. Johnson, 4; J. Wardman, 5; B. Greatorex, 6; H. George, 7; W. Fox (conductor), 8. On Monday evening, December 3rd, 720 Bob Minor. Rev. R. Stowell, 1; F. Johnson, 2; C. Allsop, 3; B. Greatorex (first 720 as conductor), 4; J. Wardman, 5; W. Fox. Also another 720, conducted by C. Allsop. On Sunday, December 16th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. F. Turner, 1; Rev. R. Stowell, 2; C. Allsop, 3; B. Greatorex, 4; J. Wardman, 5; F. Johnson (first 720 as conductor), 6. For evening service, another 720. F. Turner, 1; J. Wardman, 2; C. Allsop, 3; B. Greatorex, 4; F. Johnson, 5; W. Fox (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 30th, for evening service, 672 Bob Major. F. Turner, 1; C. Allsop (first of Major as conductor), 2; Rev. R. Stowell, 3; B. Greatorex, 4; J. Wardman, 5; A. Gell, 6; F. Johnson, 7; W. Fox, 8. On Tuesday, December 31st, ringing out the nineteenth century, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1344 changes, in 53 mins. F. Turner, 1; C. Allsop, 2; Rev. R. Stowell, 3; B. Greatorex, 4; J. Wardman, 5; A. Gell, 6; F. Johnson, 7; W. Fox (conductor), 8. Also 336 Bob Major, to welcome the new century, conducted by C. Allsop.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

NESTON (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, October 3rd, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Tilley, 1; J. Edwards, 2; J. Meador, 3; W. Williams, 4; W. Briscoe, 5; J. Dillon (conductor), 6; T. A. Evans, 8. Also on Wednesday, November 21st, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. J. Tilley, 1; J. Edwards, 2; J. Meador (conductor), 3; W. Williams, 4; J. Booth, 5; W. Briscoe, 6; T. A. Evans, 8. On Thursday, January 10th, at St. Mary's church, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. T. Metcalfe, 1; J. Edwards, 2; J. Tilley, 3; J. Meador, 4; W. Williams, 5; W. Briscoe, 6; J. Booth (conductor), 7; T. A. Evans, 8.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

KIDSGROVE.—On Sunday, October 21st, for evening service, 360 of New London Pleasure. F. Johnson, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer, 3; F. Dean, 4; H. Dean, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 11th, for evening service, 360 Woodbine. F. Johnson, 1; J. Mason, 2; A. Archer (conductor), 3; G. Buckley, 4; F. Dean, 5; H. Dean, 6. On Sunday, November 18th, for evening service, 720 of Grandsire Minor, 36 bobs and 2 singles. F. Johnson, 1; G. Buckley, 2; J. Mason, 3; F. Dean, 4; H. Dean, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 16th, for evening service, 720 of Woodbine. F. Johnson, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer, 3; H. Dean (conductor), 4; J. Mason, 5; G. Siddons, 6. Also after service, 360 Grandsire Minor. F. Johnson, 1; J. Mason, 2; A. Archer, 3; G. Buckley, 4; H. Dean, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6. On Christmas morning for service, 720 of Violet. J. Mason, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer, 3; F. Dean, 4; H. Dean, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 30th, for evening service, 720 of New London Pleasure. J. Mason, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer, 3; F. Dean, 4; H. Dean, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6. Also after service, 720 of Violet. F. Johnson, 1; the rest as before. On Monday, December 31st, for watch-night service, 720 of Woodbine. F. Johnson, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer, 3; F. Dean, 4; H. Dean, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Sunday, December 23rd, at the Cathedral, for evening service, 1176 Plain Bob Trples. H. Walker, 1; A. Hallett, 2; H. Parkins, 3; J. Earwicker, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5; G. Wright, 6; W. H. Buckingham, 7; Bert. Arnold, 8. On Christmas day, for 7 o'clock morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original. H. Walker, 1; A. Hallett, 2; H. Parkins, 3; J. Earwicker (conductor), 4; W. H. L. Buckingham, 5; G. Wright, 6; W. H. Buckingham, 7; Bert. Arnold, 8. On Boxing day, for morning service, 1732 Plain Bob Triples. H. L. Waddington, 1; H. Walker, 2; H. Parkins, 3; J. Earwicker, 4; W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor), 5; G. Wright, 6; W. H. Buckingham, 7; Bert. Arnold, 8. This is the longest touch in the method by all except the conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ALDERMASTON (Berks).—On Sunday evening, January 20th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Frankum, 1; H. Tillin (first quarter-peal), 2; G. Parris, 3; R. Frankum, 4; G. Nash, 5; H. Frankum, 6; G. Smith (first quarter-peal as conductor), 7; W. Tillin, 8. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

BIDSTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday morning, November 25th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Parkinson, 1; W. Wilcox, 2; C. Rimmer, 3; G. Rogers, 4; G. Povall, 5; J. Povall, 6. For evening service 720 Plain Bob. J. Parkinson, 1; H. Rogers, 2; C. Rimmer, 3; W. Wilcox, 4; G. Povall, 5; J. Povall, 6. On Sunday evening, December 2nd, 720 Plain Bob. H. Rogers, 1; J. Griffiths, 2; C. Rimmer, 3; W. Wilcox, 4; G. Povall, 5; S. Walter, 6. On Sunday morning, December 9th, 720 Plain Bob. H. Rogers, 1; W. Wilcox, 2; C. Rimmer, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; G. Povall, 5; J. Povall, 6. On Sunday morning, December 23rd, 720 Plain Bob. J. Parkinson, 1; H. Rogers, 2; C. Rimmer, 3; W. Wilcox, 4; G. Povall, 5; G. R. Rogers, 6. On Sunday, December 30th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Parkinson, 1; H. Rogers, 2; J. Griffiths, 3; W. Wilcox (conductor), 4; G. Povall, 5; J. Povall, 6. On Sunday evening, January 13th, 720 Plain Bob. J. Parkinson, 1; H. Rogers, 2; C. Rimmer, 3; W. Wilcox (conductor), 4; G. Povall, 5; J. Povall, 6.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Monday, December 24th, three 224s of Grandsire Triples. V. Sear, 1; H. Sear, 2; W. Sear, 3; L. Meager, 4; A. N. Atkins, 5; E. Marks, 6; F. Hedges (conductor), 7; H. Thurlow, 8. On December 31st, 350 Grandsire Triples. V. Sear, 1; F. Hedges, 2; W. Sear, 3; L. Meager, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; E. Marks, 6; H. Sear (conductor), 7; A. N. Atkins, 8. Also 224. W.

Sear, 1; H. Sear, 2; F. Sear, 3; L. Meager, 4; A. N. Atkins, 5; E. Marks, 6; F. Hedges, 7; V. Sear, 8. And 240 Grandsire Doubles. H. Sear, 1; W. Sear, 2; F. Sear, 3; L. Meager, 4; F. Hedges (conductor), 5; F. Robinson, 6; A. Atkins, 7; H. Thurlow, 8. On Wednesday, January 2nd, 168 and 224 Grandsire Triples. V. Sear, 1; H. Sear, 2; W. Sear, 3; L. Meager, 4; A. N. Atkins, 5; E. Marks, 6; F. Hedges (conductor), 7; F. Goodman, 8. On Sunday, January 6th, 224 Grandsire Triples. A. N. Atkins, 1; H. Sear, 2; W. Sear, 3; L. Meager, 4; W. Tucker, 5; E. Marks, 6; F. Hedges (conductor), 7; V. Sear, 8. And 240 Grandsire Doubles. W. Sear, 1; H. Sear, 2; L. Meager, 3; E. Marks, 4; W. Tucker (conductor), 5; V. Sear, 6.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On November 21st, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. A. G. Nicholas, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. A 720 Bob Minor. W. H. Dennison, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; the rest as before. A 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Huddleston, 1; W. H. Dennison, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. Another 720 in the same method. W. H. Dennison, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. The above was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss E. A. Garden. On November 29th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. A. J. Nicholas, 1; E. Riley, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. E. Riley hails from Armitage Bridge, near Huddersfield, Yorks. On December 2nd, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. T. Townson, 1; W. H. Dennison, 2; J. Huddleston, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On December 23rd, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. A. J. Nicholas, 1; W. H. Dennison, 2; J. Huddleston, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. On December 24th, 720 Bob Minor. A. J. Nicholas, 1; W. H. Dennison, 2; J. Huddleston, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. P. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure, standing as before. On December 25th, 720 Bob Minor. W. R. Williams, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Stuart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6.

GREAT HORWOOD (Bucks).—On Saturday, January 5th, the Bletchley ringers visited this place and rang 720 Grandsire Doubles. W. Sear 1; L. Meager, 2; A. Atkins, 3; E. Marks, 4; F. Hedges (conductor) 5; J. Marks, 6.

HARROLD (Beds).—On December 18th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Lefevre, 1; J. McGrath, 2; C. Orpin, 3; E. Coleman, 4; F. G. Crouch, 5; F. J. Bird (conductor), 6. On December 26th, 720 Oxford Bob. F. Booth, 1; J. Lett, 2; F. Mynard, 3; F. Hopper, 4; H. Lett, 5; W. Freeman (conductor), 6. A 720 College Single. J. Lett, 1; J. Lovell, 2; F. J. Bird, 3; W. Mynard, 4; W. Freeman, 5; H. Lett, 6. A 720 of Doubles. J. Lefevre, 1; J. McGrath, 2; J. Fry, 3; F. J. Bird (conductor), 4; F. G. Crouch, 5. And 360 of Minor and Oxford Bob.

ISLIP (Northants).—On Sunday, December 23rd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, 32 bobs 2 singles. A. Allen, 1; J. Allen, 2; F. Knight, 3; G. Hewitt, 4; J. Betts, 5; R. Loveday (conductor), 6. On Christmas Eve, 720 Bob Minor, 18 bobs 2 singles. J. Allen, 1; A. Allen, 2; G. Hewitt, 3; R. Loveday, 4; F. Knight, 5; J. Betts (conductor), 6. On Christmas morning, for early service, 360 Bob Minor. A. Allen, 1; J. Allen, 2; G. Hewitt, 3; F. Knight, 4; J. Betts, 5; R. Loveday (conductor), 6. For morning service, 360 Bob Minor. W. Knighton, 1; A. Allen, 2; F. Knight, 3; G. Hewitt, 4; J. Betts, 5; R. Loveday (conductor), 6. Also another 360. W. Knighton, 1; M. Booth, 2; A. Allen, 3; G. Hewitt, 4; J. Betts, 5; R. Loveday (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 30th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, 28 bobs and 18 singles. A. Allen, 1; R. Loveday (conductor), 2; F. Knight, 3; G. Hewitt, 4; J. Nickerson, 5; L. Chapman, 6. On Tuesday, January 1st, for service at the re-dedication of the spire, 720 Bob Minor 32 bobs 2 singles. W. Knighton, 1; A. Allen, 2; G. Hewitt, 3; F. Knight, 4; J. Allen, 5; R. Loveday (conductor), 6. After service, 720 Bob Minor, 30 bobs 2 singles. W. Knighton, 1; G. Hewitt, 3; R. Loveday, 4; W. Knighton (first 720 with a bob bell), 5; J. Betts, 6.

LINDLEY (Yorkshire).—On Tuesday evening, January 17th, at St. Stephen's church, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Sykes, 1; S. Woodhouse, 2; J. Barraclough, 8; B. Shaw, 4; C. Craven, 5; A. Crosland, 6; Thomas Haigh, 7; Walter C. Hunt (conductor), 8.

THRAPSTON (Northants).—On Sunday, December 30th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob, 38 bobs 22 singles, with 7-8 covering. A. Baxter, 1; J. Nickerson, 2; D. Redhead, 3; L. Chapman, 4; J. Betts, 5; R. Loveday (conductor), 6; J. Carter, 7; M. Booth, 8. For afternoon service, 360 Oxford bob. W. Yates, 1; R. Loveday, 2; L. Chapman, 3; D. Redhead, 4; J. Betts, 5; J. Nickerson (conductor), 6; J. Carter, 7; H. Short, 8.

The following touches have been rung with muffled bells as marks of love and loyalty to Her late Majesty Queen Victoria:—

Miscellaneous Touches.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, January 27th, several touches of Bob Major was rung. Also for evening service 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. G. Rumsey, Sedly Collins, A. W. Grimes, J. Rumsey, W. Groom, W. Rumsey, G. Rowe (jun.), W. Grimes (conductor). Also another course in the same method with C. Bruning, the rest as before. On Saturday, afternoon, February 2nd, an attempt was made for a peal of Treble Bob Major, but after ringing upwards of 3000 changes in two hours it came to grief, owing to a change course. W. Grimes (conductor), W. Groom, George Rowe, jun., Sedley Collins, W. Rumsey, J. Rumsey, C. Bruning, A. W. Grimes.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Wednesday evening, January 23rd, at St. George's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 51 mins. H. Meakin, J. Booth, T. Jackson, C. Barber, T. Marshall, J. Hankinson, J. Mottershed, E. Reader, J. W. Bayley, G. Marshall, J. W. Bayley (conductor). Also on Sunday evening, February 24th, 504 Grandsire Caters. G. Astbury, J. Booth, T. Jackson, C. Barber, H. Meakin, T. Marshall, J. Hankinson, J. W. Bayley, E. Reader (conductor), R. Sear. On Monday evening for practice 720 Bob Major. C. Barber, S. Fernley, G. Astbury, T. Marshall, H. Meakin, J. Mottershed, J. W. Bayley, E. Reader. R. Sear hails from Bletchley, S. Fernley from Hazel Grove.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BARNET (Herts).—On January 27th, after evening services, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. L. Baldwin, W. F. Dolton, J. Wittey, J. Sumpter (conductor), E. Marshall, F. A. Milne, J. R. Sharman, A. T. King. Also 336, A. T. King, J. Wittey, W. F. Dolton, J. Sumpter, E. Marshall, F. A. Milne, J. R. Sharman (conductor), E. Dolton. On February 2nd, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. J. Baldwin, J. Wittey, F. A. Milne, J. Sumpter, W. J. Dell, J. K. Sharman (conductor), W. F. Dolton, A. T. King. On February 11th, for practice, 336 Bob Major. A. T. King, E. Marshall, J. Wittey, J. Sumpter (conductor), W. J. Dell, F. A. Milne, A. E. Dolton, W. F. Dolton.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SWAINSWICK (Bath).—On Saturday, February 2nd, ten 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles each called differently. A. W. Snell, J. Taylor, W. C. Rickets (conductor), H. C. Hallet, G. W. Hutchings, J. Brown.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, January 27th, an attempt was made for a peal of Oxford Bob Triples, but came to grief after ringing 2786 changes in 1 hr. 48 mins. F. Parsons, G. Tomlin, L. Hollingworth, H. Hollingworth, W. Earle (conductor), C. Draper, J. Warren, F. Hollingworth. C. Draper hails from Derby: the rest are local.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Saturday, February 2nd, previous to the memorial service at the parish church, 1260 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Webb, W. Farrow, C. H. Howard (conductor), H. J. Collins, H. Pilcher, W. Hammond, H. Coote, F. Slade. After service 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor with 7-8 covering. F. Webb, W. Farrow, C. H. Howard (conductor), H. Collins, H. Pilcher, W. Hammond, H. Coote, B. Wiffen. On Sunday morning, February 3rd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor with 7-8 covering. H. Collins, F. Webb, W. Farrow, C. H. Howard (conductor), H. Pilcher, E. F. Slade, H. Coote, B. Wiffen. For evening service 504 Kent Treble Bob with 7-8 covering. W. Farrow, G. Williams, W. Grimwade, H. Collins, H. Pilcher, P. Holmes, C. H. Howard (conductor), B. Wiffen.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorkshire).—On Saturday, February 2nd, at St. James's church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Marshall, J. Patchett, F. Moulson, S. Mills (first 720), J. W. Stickney (conductor), G. S. Marshall.

SEDBERGH (Yorkshire).—On February 2nd, half-peal of Bob Minor, consisting of 360 and three 720s (32 bobs 2 singles, 42 singles, and 18 bobs and 28 singles), in 1 hour and 27 mins. H. Haresnape (longest length), J. E. Senogles, W. Pennington, E. Pennington, F. S. J. Pile, G. F. Woodhouse (conductor). Tenor 16 cwt. in 1.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, January 27th, at the church of St. John, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. H. Dickens, J. Rose, G. H. Daynes, E. H. Nixon, T. G. Deal, J. Law, W. Bedwell (conductor), W. J. Jeffries. On Sunday, February 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. H. Daynes, J. Rose, T. G. Deal, A. C. Bedwell, E. H. Nixon, W. J. Jeffries, W. Bedwell (conductor), J. Law.

THE LANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CALDICOT.—On Saturday, February 2nd, 1200 Grandsire Doubles, with 4-6-8 covering. A. Pippin, W. Margettes, C. King, W. Williams, G. King, A. Payne, A. Lewis (conductor), O. Jones.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FINEDON (Northamptonshire).—464 Bob Major. W. Warner, E. Chapman, J. T. Tompkins, T. Abbott, P. J. Manning, A. Smeathers, W. Perkins, W. R. Hensher (conductor). 336 Bob Triples. J. Main, W. Warner, A. Leanard, E. Chapman, J. T. Tompkins, W. R. Hensher, W. Perkins (conductor), W. Day. 209 Grandsire Triples. J. Main, W. Perkins, A. Leanard, E. Chapman, J. T. Tompkins, A. Smeathers, W. R. Hensher (conductor), J. Packwood. 168 Grandsire Triples. W. Warner, A. Leanard, E. Chapman, W. Perkins, A. Smeathers, P. Manning, W. R. Hensher (conductor), J. Packwood. 308 Grandsire Triples. J. Main, W. R. Hensher, J. T. Tompkins, E. Chapman, P. Manning, T. Abbott, W. Perkins (conductor), W. Day.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH (Northamptonshire).—540 Stedman Triples. A. Perkins, W. R. Hensher, J. Houghton, jun., C. Newman, W. Pettitt, T. R. Hensher, A. Tyler (conductor), F. Palmer. 742 Grandsire Triples. F. Palmer, J. Garratt, J. J. Mawby, A. Perkins, C. Newman, J. Houghton, jun., W. Pettitt, J. Houghton, sen. 504 Stedman Triples. J. Mawby, J. Houghton, jun., A. Perkins, C. Newman, W. Pettitt, J. Garratt, A. Tyler, F. Palmer.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Sunday, February 3rd, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. J. Judd, W. Fuller, W. H. Judd, W. Jones, C. Webber, W. H. Street, Geo. Huggett (conductor), W. Short.

CAMBERWELL (Surrey).—On Sunday, January 27th, at the church of St. Giles, the usual whole pull and stand was rung. H. Flowers, sen., H. Flowers, jun., H. Peters, E. H. Oxenham, J. Miller, W. Shepherd, H. Gummer, P. W. Peters, F. J. Shepherd, W. Blackaby. Several other touches were rung with H. Dawkes standing in.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On January 30th, a quarter-peal of Doubles in the following methods: Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, April Day, Morning Star, The Dream, St. Dunstan's, Fortune, Canterbury, Gog and Magog. J. Mayes, E. Youngs, W. Rose, C. Nunn, G. E. Symonds (conductor).

WITNESHAM (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 2nd, at St. Mary's church, a 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. Gardham, A. Fleming, H. Webb, G. Pyett, W. Dye (conductor), J. Sadler. Also a 360.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD PEAL-BOOK.—A RECORD of Five Hundred and Twenty Peals rung by this Guild. Paper covers, 6d.; cloth do., 9d.—Blackwell, Reading; or the Hon. Sec. of the Guild—the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Dunsden Vicarage, Reading, Berks.

Notices.

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The Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Lightcliffe, to-day, Saturday, April 6th. Bells ready from dinner. Business meeting at The White Horse, at 6 o'clock.

WRIGHT INGHAM, Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The Annual meeting of this Association will be held at Worcester, on Easter Monday, April 8th. A special service will be held in St. Andrew's church, at 2 p.m. The Rev. Canon Claughton will give an address and it is hoped there will be a good attendance of members at the service. The annual meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, at 2.45 p.m. The Very Rev. the Dean has kindly consented to preside. The Cathedral tower will be open for ringing after evensong, 5 p.m. until 6.15. The towers of All Saints 10 bells, St. John's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas, and St. Swithun's, 6 bells, will be open during the day for ringing. All outstanding contributions should be paid at this meeting. The annual reports, etc., will be ready for distribution at this meeting.

JNO. SMITH, Hon. Sec.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Association will be held at Coity, Bridgend, on Easter Monday. Bells available from 11 o'clock. There will be a short service at 2 o'clock. The meeting immediately after. Tea will be provided.

REV. C. L. PRICE, Hon. Sec.
J. H. ALDRIDGE, Assist. Hon. Sec.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—A whole day meeting will be held at Stokesley, on Easter Monday, April 8th. Dinner (members 1s., non-members 2s. each), at The Golden Lion, at 1 p.m. Committee meeting after dinner. Whorlton-in-Cleveland tower (6 bells), will also be open. It is two miles from Potto station, and six from Stokesley by road.

REV. W. P. WRIGHT.

The Midland Counties' Association.—The annual meeting of this Association will be held at Leicester on Easter Monday, April 8th, to which all members and friends are cordially invited. The towers of St. Margaret's (10), St. Martin's (10), St. Mark's (8), and St. Saviour's (8) churches will be open for ringing from 10.0. Committee meeting 3.30. Tea 4.15. The towers will be closed at 4 o'clock, and it is requested that members will assemble punctually for tea at the hour named.

The Hertfordshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans, on Easter Monday, April 8th, when the Cathedral tower and that of St. Peter's will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Divine Service at 5 o'clock at the Cathedral, when a special address will be given by the Dean of St. Albans. Tea at the Town Hall, at 5.45, business meeting to follow for election of officers. The report of the representatives of the various towers in union with the Association on the proposed division of the County into districts will come on for consideration and adoption if thought desirable.

E. P. DEBENHAM, Hon. Sec.

The Essex Association.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Walthamstow, on Easter Monday. The towers of St. Mary's, St. Saviour's, (10.30—4.30), Christ Church, Wanstead, All Hallows Tottenham, St. John's, Leytonstone, will be open for ringing. Tea will

be provided at The Lord Brook hotel, at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.

Great Totham. HENRY T. W. EYRE.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at the parish church, Barnet, on Easter Monday, April 8th, by kind permission of the Rev. D. W. Barrett. All ringers and friends of the Association are cordially invited. The bells will be available from 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Clay Cross, on Easter Monday, April 8th. Bells open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Service in church 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Every member invited.

T. ALLIBONE, Secretary.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The opening of the new peal of eight bells in Gosforth church, Newcastle, will take place on Easter Monday. The belfry will be open all the morning. A smoking concert will be held in The Matropole hotel, Clayton Street, Newcastle, on Friday, April 12th, at 7.30 p.m. All members or friends will be welcome.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, Hon. Sec.
Wylam-on-Tyne.

The Sussex County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Brighton, on Easter Monday, April 8th. The towers of St. Nicholas and St. Peter's will be opened at 10 a.m. Service at St. Nicholas at 12 p.m.

A. B. BENNETT, Hon. Sec.

Ely Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 8th. It is hoped that the following bells will be available for ringing: St. Mary-the-Great, ring of 12; St. Benet's, ring of 6; the Roman Catholic church, ring of 8; Old Chesterton (one mile), ring of 6; Fen Ditton (two miles), ring of 6. The bells at St. Andrew's church are reserved exclusively for an attempt for an association peal, which is being arranged for that morning. A substantial meat tea will be provided at the rooms of the Church of England Young Men's Society, in St. Edward's Passage, at 3.30; after which the business meeting will be held.

REV. W. W. CRUMP, Hon. Sec.
Haddenham Rectory, Ely.

The Bedfordshire Association.—Annual Meeting at Bedford on Easter Monday. St. Paul's (10), St. Mary's (6), St. Peter's (6). Luncheon in All Hallows Lane Schoolroom at 1 p.m., tickets 1s. each to members. Business meeting to follow. Service in St. Paul's church at 5 p.m. Preacher—Rev. C. A. Wells, Rector of St. Peter's, Bedford. Local Secretaries are requested to send probable numbers attending as soon as possible to Mr. I. Hills, Pumping Station, Bedford.

W. W. C. BAKER, } Hon. Secs.
I. HILLS, }

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this Association, will be held at Bucknall, on Saturday, April 13th. Members intending to be present, are requested to give notice to the Secretary not later than Tuesday, April 9th.

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.
95, High Street, Bucknall.

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Will all members who have not paid their subscriptions kindly send them at once. Will members also be good enough to consider and discuss in their respective belfries, the question of choosing a representative for the Central Council (as mentioned at the last annual meeting). It is most important that whoever may be elected that he should be able to re-

present the association from both the clerical and the ringers' point of view.

Wellingborough. E. J. DENNES, Hon. Sec.

The Surrey Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 8th, at Sutton. The bells at Sutton (8), and at Cheam (6), will be available from about 2 o'clock. Tea will be served at the Shaftesbury Hall, 129, High Street, Sutton, at 6 p.m.

CHAS. DEAN, Hon. Sec.

72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Macclesfield Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. James's, Higher Sutton, on Saturday, April 13th. Tea at 5 o'clock.

J. NORBURY, Branch Sec.

34, Water Street, Macclesfield.

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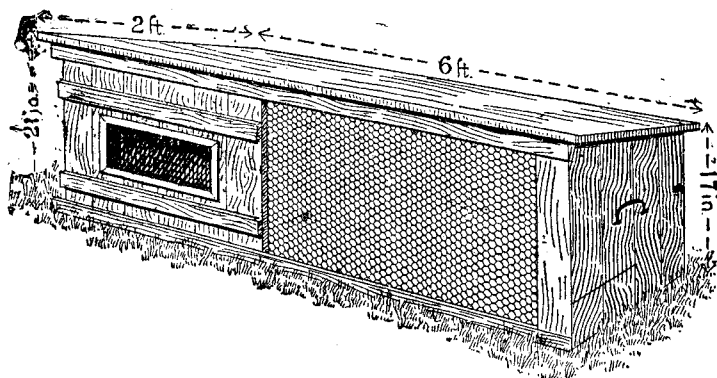
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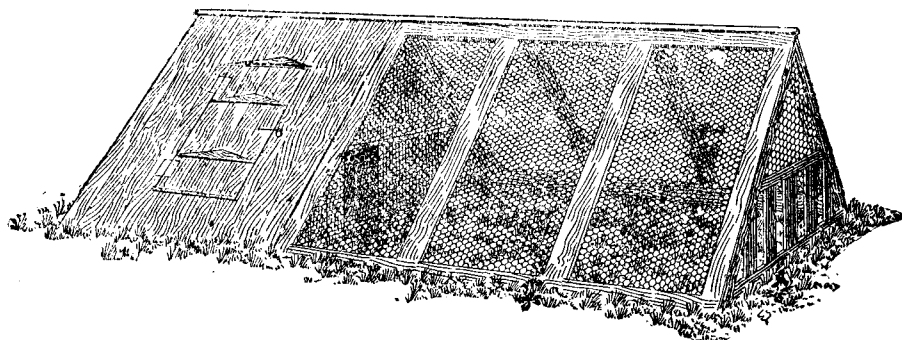
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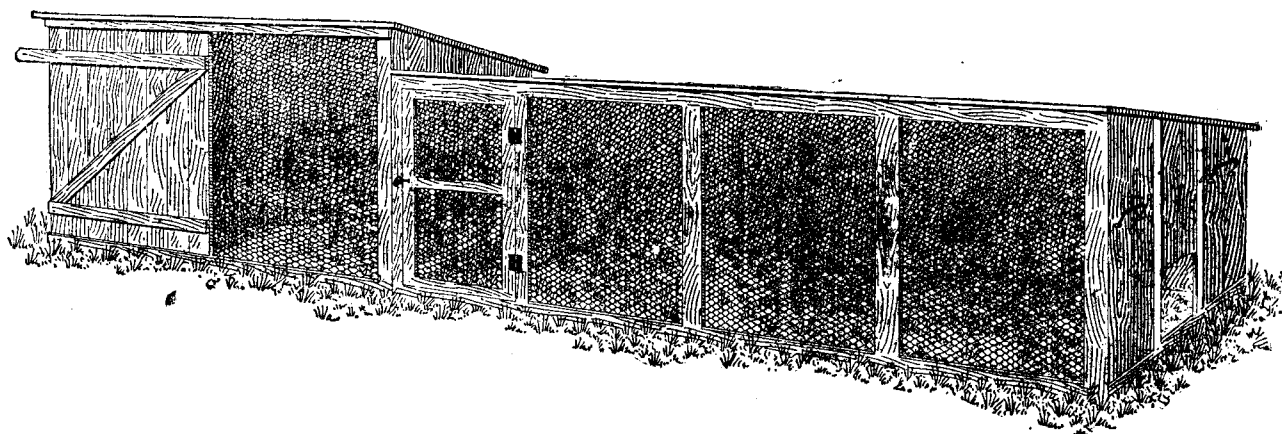
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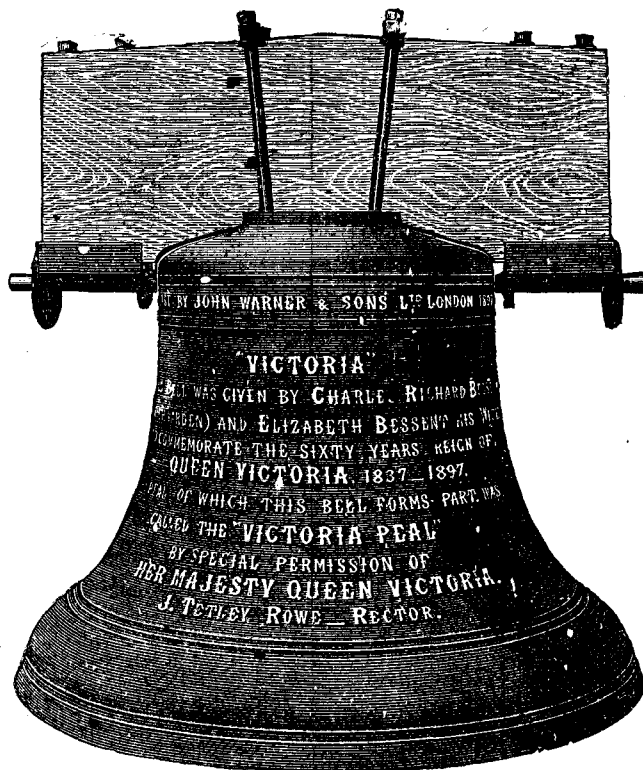
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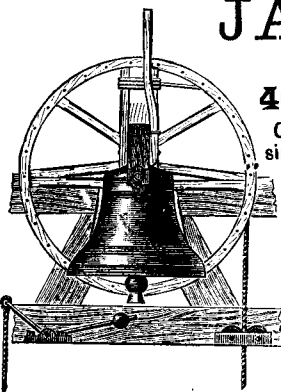
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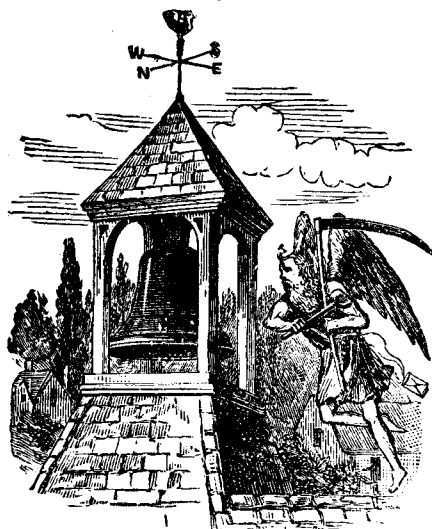
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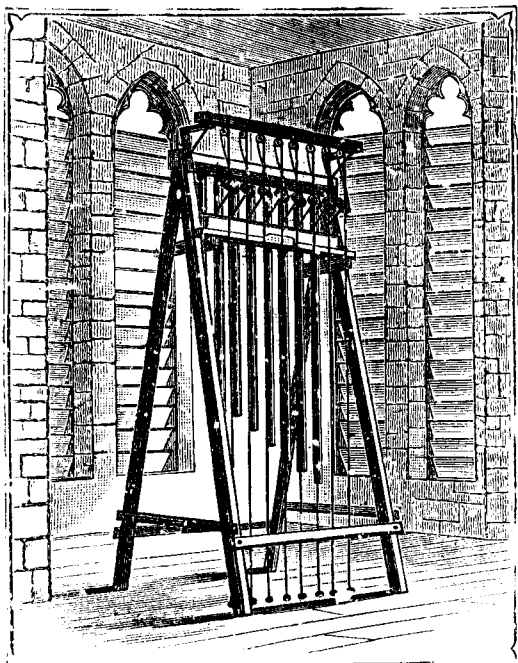
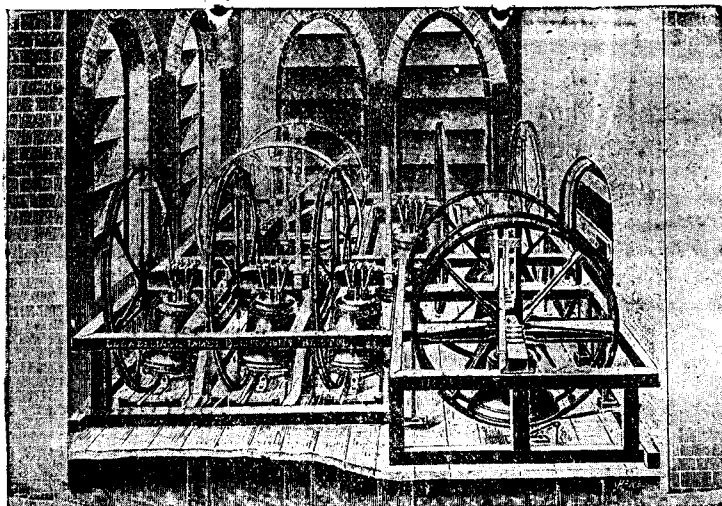
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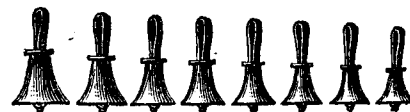
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DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT PADIHAM, LANCASHIRE.

"To the Praise and Glory of God," the new ring of bells at St. Leonard's church, Padiham, were dedicated on Easter Sunday. It does not need much introduction on our part in dealing with the ceremony. From time to time we have, says the *Burnley Express*, chronicled the facts relating to the scheme for augmenting and recasting the bells, the bazaar which raised the necessary money for the object in view, the taking out of the old bells, and the arrival of the new. In brief, the old six bells, with a tenor bell of 9 cwt., have been recast, retaining their former inscriptions, with a tenor bell of 16 cwt. The 7th and 8th bells are additions, and have been dedicated as a memorial to the late Colonel Starkie, whose interest and generosity to the church of Padiham can never be known. The desire that the bells should be hung and set in time for Easter, so that they should "their Easter anthem pour" in new melody, was granted, for on Sunday the sound of the bells was heard and enjoyed with marked satisfaction. The interval that has elapsed between the removal and re-installation has only deepened the conviction that church bells are not merely a pleasant institution, but a necessary one. The town has missed them sorely, and the fact that they have given place to Canterbury chimes, and an illimitable change of bell-ringing, is almost one for public rejoicing.

A commemorative feature of the alteration is a tablet placed upon the pillar inside the church which forms one of the supports to the tower. This is engraved as follows: "To the praise and glory of God, and in pious memory of Colonel Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, M.A., J.P., D.L., C.A., P.G.M., of Huntroyde, patron of this living, born January 10, 1825, died April 13, 1899, the seventh bell and the tenor bell were added to the old peal of six bells in the tower of this church, the cost of which was defrayed by the united efforts of the parishioners and friends. Easter, A.D. 1901." This inscription is surmounted by the Starkie crest.

The service on Sunday evening was a memorable one. A large congregation assembled in response to the call of the bells, and special hymns were sung. When evening prayer had been concluded, the choristers, followed by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Haworth), the Rev. F. Gallaher, and the wardens and sidesmen, walked from the chancel to the foot of the tower during the singing of the hymn, "Hark the concert of the bells." There Mr. Wilkinson (vicar's warden), addressed the Rev. H. Haworth, as follows: "We, the churchwardens of the church of St. Leonard, Padiham, hereby request you, as Vicar of this parish, to dedicate to the glory of God, and the use of this church, this peal of bells." Mr. W. Shutt (people's warden), handed to the Vicar a rope connected with the bells, and in a solemn manner the Rev. H. Haworth dedicated the bells, after which a Psalm was sung, and the ringers rang a short touch. This, heard from the interior,

was subdued and exceedingly musical. After the singing of the second ceremonial hymn (during which the processionists resumed their places in the chancel), the Vicar gave his address. The bells again rung as the people left the church.

The Vicar took his text from Zechariah xiv., part of v. 20, revised version: "The bells, holy unto the Lord." The rev. gentleman preached a most interesting sermon, at the conclusion of which he said: "Our own bells, which were six in number, are now eight. The six old bells have been re-cast. They bear the same inscriptions as before, with the names of the donors. The voices of the new peal are now richer and louder in tone than those of the former, and the possible changes have been increased from 720 to 40,320. The expense of the new peal will be liquidated by money raised at our successful bazaar held in December last, so that the bells being free from debt we have been able to dedicate them at once for sacred uses. Two of them are put up to the memory of our late dear Squire, Colonel Starkie, whom we all deeply lament, and whose memory will long remain green and be cherished amongst us. A brass tablet to this effect is erected on one of the pillars under the tower. Our new peal will ring in and out the years, the centuries, as they come and go. They will call many generations to public services in the house of God. They will hasten the willing and rouse the slothful. They will summon the people to worship. Like heralds they will proclaim the Catholic faith from their lofty tower on the wings of the wind. They will multiply our joy and deepen our sorrow. They will take part in national life. They will ring for us as individuals, they will ring for us as Catholics, and they will ring for us as Englishmen. They will constantly resound to the praise and glory of God. They have been solemnly dedicated this Easter Day to the worship of our church as fresh accessories—dedicated to their renewed office of ringing out the old and ringing in the new, whether the new be merely change or more substantial progress. We may or may not be better than our fathers, but since we are not anything like so good as might be, a constant necessity is laid upon us of beginning a new life. And surely this glorious Easter Day is a fitting time for such a beginning of a new life. Then let the bells ring out sin and all forms of sorrow as the consequence of sin. Let us sweep away the estrangement between man and man, and allay all quarrels, whether national or personal. Let us abolish corruption, wherever found, in society, in commerce, in government, and administration. Let the bells ring in a new era of justice, correcting wrong and supporting right. Let us admit the faith, sufficient for all human needs, bringing truth and grace and love. Let us welcome the Christ as the light of the world and the resurrection life, communicated to those who believe, to their unfailing happiness."

The six bells removed and re-cast had been in the belfry of Padiham Church since 1868. Prior to that they were in the old belfry, where they had hung from March 21st, 1842, in which year they were rung for the first time by the Whalley bell-ringers. The treble bell and the

second one were made from the bells found in the belfry before them, and in 1843 the six bells were completed. The third was bought by public subscription—chief of the subscribers being the Rev. S. J. C. Adamson, Mr. Thos. Robinson, Mr. Rd. Riley (Hapton), Mr. John Jackson (Simonstone), and Mr. Chris. Lawson (Higham)—the fourth given by Miss Janet Kay-Shuttleworth, the fifth presented by Mr. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, and the sixth given by Messrs. John Dugdale and Brothers. Their respective weight were: 6th, 9cwt. 8lbs.; 5th, 6cwt. 3qrs. 14lbs.; 4th, 6cwt. 1qr. 17lbs.; 3rd, 5cwt. 16lbs.; 2nd, 4cwt. 2qrs.; and 1st, 4cwt. 19lbs. The cost was £236 5s., and wheels, clappers, carriage, and hanging, brought the total to £315 7s. 8d. The first peal rung by Padiham ringers was on Monday, October 2th, 1876, the following being the executants: Messrs. A. Parkinson (conductor), T. Duxbury, J. J. Riley, Wm. Holgate, J. J. Parkinson, and R. W. Hargreaves. At the time of the change the majority of the ringers had officiated for twenty years, and two of them were of the original sextet. They were Messrs. J. Duxbury, Chris. Parkinson, J. F. Wagner, Ed. Pollard, G. F. Pollard, and R. W. Hargreaves (superintendent). Just before the old bells were removed the ringers performed a hitherto unaccomplished feat on the Padiham bells, which was a most suitable winding-up to their long service. This feat was the ringing of 5040 changes, 720 in each seven methods, in 3 hrs. 14 mins.

The new bells have a total weight of 68 cwt., the tenor being 15 cwt. 3 qrs. Their tone is perfect, and the Padiham people believe they now have the finest toned bells in the county. The workmanship of the founders is faultless, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, a centuries-old firm, have carried out their duties admirably. Last week a letter was received from Mr. Wm. Whitaker, of Leeds, formerly of Padiham, enclosing a cheque for £10 for the bell fund. Mr. Whitaker was an old ringer, and the pioneer of change-ringing at Padiham church. He has always taken a great interest in the bells, and a good many years ago expressed a hope, at a meeting of ringers, that the peal would early be increased to eight bells. Unfortunately he was unable to come over on Sunday. At 5.30 on Easter Day the old ringers, assisted by the bell-hanger and Mr. James Bertwistle, rang touches of Plain Bob Major, and during the morning Mr. Wm. Holgate was also one of the eight. At the dedication Mr. T. H. Thompson assisted in ringing a short touch, and as the congregation left the church, the ringers from Holy Trinity church, Burnley, rang 500 Kent Treble Bob.

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.

The peal of Treble Bob Major rung on these bells on the 8th instant, was the first ever performed upon them, having just been augmented from six to eight. The two new trebles are partly the gift of the Earl of Albemarle as a thank-offering on his safe return from South Africa. These bells were cast by Messrs. Warner, and complete one of the best octaves for their weight in the county.

The members of the Norwich Diocesan Association will be glad to know that this completion of the work at Quidenham is largely owing to the hard work and perseverance of John Woods, one of the last of the famous Kenninghall company of twenty-five years ago. On Monday his brother-ringers were delighted in being able to congratulate him on his sixty-seventh peal, rung in the sixty-seventh year of his age, and to pat him on the back for his labours, which are certainly an example to all.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Clay Cross on Easter Monday. There were present members from Ashover, Bolsover, Clay Cross, South Normanston, Tibshelf, Ault Hucknall, and North Wingfield. The following rev. gentlemen were present: H. S. Oldham (Clay Cross), C. J. Boden (North Wingfield), L. Butler (Ault Hucknall), and G. H. Legge (Tibshelf).

Divine Service was held at St. Bartholomew's church at 4.20 p.m., and a most impressive sermon was preached by the Rev. G. H. Legge. Afterwards a tea was provided in the schoolroom, to which upwards of forty sat down.

After tea a meeting was held, the Rev. H. S. Oldham presiding. The Secretary (Mr. T. Allibone) submitted the report of the working of the Association for the past year, and the financial statement, which showed that there was a balance in hand of £7 17s. 5d., after meeting all expenses, and such report was considered highly satisfactory. It also showed a membership of one life member, seven honorary members, and ninety ringing members.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was as follows: President: Rev. A. V. Colston, Vicar of Bolsover; Treasurer: Rev. C. J. Boden, North Wingfield; Secretary: Mr. T. Allibone.

Meetings were arranged for the ensuing year as follows: Pentrich in June, Normanton in September, and Shirland in December. The next annual meeting was arranged to be held at Bolsover.

It was unanimously resolved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the rev. gentlemen for their past services and support of the Association, and for the very excellent sermon preached by the Rev. G. H. Legge.

During the day the bells were kept going in various methods.

ST. NICHOLAS' CATHEDRAL, NEWCASTLE.

[FROM *The St. Nicholas' Cathedral Magazine*.]

The beautiful ringing of our noble peal of bells is often much admired, but our good ringers, from the nature of their task, and their exalted position in the tower, are not often themselves in evidence. Unlike the good children we have heard about, they are "heard," but not "seen." We welcome all the more gladly the following suggestion, which the Vicar with much pleasure commends to our readers and churchpeople generally, and which he will himself gladly support:—

"It has been proposed to place a tablet on the tower wall of our Cathedral to commemorate the muffled peal of Stedman Caters, 5052 changes, which was rung upon our bells on the occasion of the death of our late beloved Queen Victoria. The cost of this tablet would be about £20. A small committee has been formed to act with our churchwarden, Mr. A. J. Robinson, to raise funds. If any of the congregation will kindly help, subscriptions may be handed to Mr. J. Knott, Cathedral Vestry. There are several interesting peal-tablets in the belfry of the Cathedral; the last erected commemorates the peal rung at the Jubilee of George III. It might be better to place the proposed tablet on the tower wall within the church, where it could be seen by all comers."

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AN AUSTRALIAN LETTER.

DEAR SIR,—On behalf of the St. Paul's Cathedral (Melbourne) Society of Bellringers, I am forwarding you an account of some of our doings during Christmas-tide and the New Year. On December 26th (Boxing-day) we decided to have an outing, and as Ballarat is one of the few places available for ringing in Victoria, we paid a visit to that City. Leaving Melbourne by the 7.45 a.m. train we arrived in Ballarat at 11.20, a move was at once made for the Town Hall where there is a most musical peal of eight bells by "Mears," and we were cordially welcomed by the local Society. After a hearty luncheon had been partaken of an adjournment was made to the ringing-chamber, and the bells having been raised in peal the following touches were successfully obtained: 434 Grandsire Triples. W. Shenton, 1; E. Behan, 2; A. Fitzgerald, 3; J. Freeman, 4; J. T. R. Trotter, 5; J. L. Murray (conductor), 6; W. Woollard, 7; J. Davis, 8. 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Shepherd, 1; E. Behan, 2; A. Fitzgerald, 3; J. Freeman, 4; J. Trotter, 5; J. Murray, 6; W. Woollard (conductor), 7; W. Moore, 8. 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Shepherd, 1; W. Shenton, 2; H. Sandberg, 3; A. Fitzgerald, 4; J. Trotter, 5; E. Behan (conductor), 6; J. Murray, 7; H. Lynch, 8. The 3rd and 8th men in the last touch belong to the local society. Attempts for a quarter-peal and a 672 of Grandsire Triples was made but both failed. After a little conviviality and several toasts had been honoured, a visit was made to St. Peter's Church, where the Rev. T. W. Griffiths was very pleased to see us, and kindly placed the bells at our disposal, but owing to them being in a state of disuse for some time, we were unable to record any touches, although an attempt was made for a 720 of Minor. During the afternoon several of our band took a walk round the city, which is most picturesque. As it was now getting near the time for our departure, we wended our way to the station where the iron horse was waiting, and which landed us in Melbourne at 10.30 p.m., after spending a most enjoyable day. The following touches have also been rung at St. Paul's belfry. December 30th, 672 Grandsire Triples. J. Shepherd, 1; A. Fitzgerald, 2; E. Behan, 3; J. Freeman, 4; A. E. Barnes (conductor), 5; J. L. Murray, 6; W. Woollard, 7; E. Knott, 8. Time 26½ mins. New Year's Eve, December 31st, 1900, 434 Grandsire Triples. J. Shepherd, 1; E. Behan, 2; A. Fitzgerald, 3; J. Freeman, 4; A. E. Barnes, 5; J. Murray (conductor), 6; W. Woollard, 7; J. Davis, 8. 630 Grandsire Triples. W. Moore, 1; A. Fitzgerald, 2; J. Murray, 3; E. Behan, 4; A. E. Barnes (conductor), 5; J. Trotter, 6; J. Freeman, 7; E. Knott, 8. New Year's Day, January 1st, 1901, Inauguration of Australian Commonwealth, 672 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Barnes, 1; J. Shepherd, 2; A. Fitzgerald, 3; E. Behan, 4; J. Murray (conductor), 5; J. Trotter, 6; J. Freeman, 7; E. Knott, 8. 1260 Grandsire Triples, quarter-peal. J. Shepherd, 1; E. Behan, 2; A. Fitzgerald, 3; J. Murray, 4; A. E. Barnes (conductor), 5; J. Trotter, 6; J. Freeman, 7; E. Knott, 8. Time 52½ mins. An attempt for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was made, but failed when five leads from home owing to an interruption. W. Shenton, 1; E. Behan, 2; A. Fitzgerald, 3; A. Barnes, 4; J. Murray (conductor), 5; J. Trotter, 6; J. Freeman, 7; W. Moore, 8. January 16th, 1901, 324 Grandsire Caters. T. Perry, 1; W. Shenton, 2; J. Shepherd, 3; A. Fitzgerald, 4; E. Behan, 5; J. J. Murray, 6; J. Trotter, 7; A. Barnes (conductor), 8; W. Woollard, 9; E. Knott, 10. First touch by the Society with the young members. The following touches have been rung with the bells muffled in memory of our late most Gracious Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, the death of whom we most deeply regret to hear. January 23rd, 1901, 434 Grandsire Triples. W. Lander, 1; A. Fitzgerald, 2; W. Albinson, 3; E. Behan, 4; J. Freeman, 5; J. Murray (conductor), 6; W. Woollard, 7; W. Moore, 8. 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Lander, 1; W. Shenton, 2; A. Fitzgerald, 3; E. Behan (conductor), 4; J. Trotter, 5; J. Murray, 6; J. Freeman, 7; W. Moore, 8. Mr. Lander and Mr. Albinson are visitors. January 30th, 1901, 593 Grandsire Caters. W. Shenton, 1; J. Shepherd, 2; E. Behan, 3; A. Fitzgerald, 4; A. E. Barnes (conductor), 5; J. Freeman, 6; J. Trotter, 7; J. Murray, 8; W. Woollard, 9; E. Knott, 10. 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Lander, 1; A. E. Barnes, 2; A. Fitzgerald, 3; J. Murray, 4; J. Freeman, 5; E. Behan, 6; J. Trotter, 7; W. Moore, 8. Saturday, February 2nd, 1901, being the day of the funeral of Her late Majesty the Queen Victoria, the bells were rung during the morning for the service in the Cathedral, and in the after-

noon from 2 till 5.30 p.m., the bells being deeply muffled. February 3rd, 1901, 336 Grandsire Triples. T. Perry, 1; J. Shepherd, 2; J. Trotter, 3; E. Behan (conductor), 4; J. Freeman, 5; J. Murray, 6; W. Woollard, 7; E. Knott, 8. Bells half-muffled.

In concluding this letter, I may say that the majority of our band are quite new to the Art of Change-ringing, but as they are showing a great interest in it, I trust that at a later date I shall have the pleasure of sending you some better performances than what are contained in this.

J. T. R. TROTTER, Hon. Sec.
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STANSTED, ESSEX.—A YEAR'S RECORD.

This company's summary for the year 1900 consists of 211 complete 720s, viz.: twelve each of Woodbine Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, eleven of Huddersfield Surprise, ten of Cambridge Surprise, nine each of Superlative Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, seven each of York Surprise, Coventry Surprise, and London Scholars' Pleasure, six of Rochester Surprise, five each of London Surprise, Ely Surprise, New London Pleasure, Oxford Delight, and Double Oxford Bob, four each of Durham Surprise, College Exercise, and Double Court Bob, three each of Bristol Surprise, Worcester Surprise, Chichester Surprise, Violet Treble Bob, College Single, and Oxford Bob, two each of Wells Surprise, Lichfield Surprise, Lincoln Surprise, Ringers' Surprise, Dewsbury Surprise, Victoria Surprise, Morning Exercise, Victoria Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Minor, one each of Carlisle Surprise, Smithfield Surprise, Chelsea Surprise, Albion Surprise, Canterbury Surprise, Cumberland Surprise, Forward Minor, Canterbury Pleasure, Royal Delight, College Double Bob, Duke of York, Bocking Treble Bob, College Pleasure, Grandsire Minor, City Delight, London Treble Bob, Stansted Double Bob, Double Bob Minor, Westminster Treble Bob, Stansted Court Bob, Imperial Treble Bob, Morning Star, Burton Treble Bob, Killamarsh Treble Bob, Evening Star, Tulip Treble Bob, Primrose Treble Bob, Stansted Delight, Morning Pleasure, Sandal Exercise, Arnold's Victory, Braintree Treble Bob, Ringers' Pleasure, Burton Pleasure, Double Canterbury Pleasure, Coronation Exercise, Stansted New Bob, Jubilee Court Bob, Richmond Court Bob, Imperial Treble Bob (reversed), Tanner's Pleasure, Evening Pleasure, Darton New Pleasure, Duke of Wellington, Royston Delight, Ebor Treble Bob, and Christmas Eve. Of the foregoing 154 were conducted by W. Watts, 37 by T. J. Watts, 13 by J. Luckey, and 6 by G. Jordan. Total number of 720s rang by each member of the company: W. Watts, 206, J. Luckey, 182, G. Gray, 162, T. Jordan, 157, G. Jordan, 137, T. J. Watts, 128, I. Hammond, 117, H. Little, 85, J. Cavill, 65. It will be seen that the above 211 720s have been rung in eighty-one different methods, viz., 24 Surprise, 38 Treble Bob, and 19 Plain. Total number of changes successfully brought round during the year 1900—176,884. This company has met forty-four times for practice; T. Jordan has attended 42, W. Watts, 41, J. Luckey, 40, G. Gray, 39, T. J. Watts, 39, I. Hammond, 35, G. Jordan, 32, J. Cavill, 60, H. Little, 22. For Sundays they have met to ring for service 107 times; W. Watts has attended 105, J. Luckey, 102, G. Gray, 100, J. Cavill, 74, H. Little, 74, G. Jordan, 73, T. Jordan, 69, I. Hammond, 44, and T. J. Watts, 37. They have all met sixteen special times: W. Watts, 14, T. Jordan, 12, G. Gray, 11, T. J. Watts, 11, J. Luckey, 10, I. Hammond, 9, J. Cavill, 7, H. Little, 6. Altogether this company has had a very successful year's ringing. This includes six long peals.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—On November 21st, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. A. G. Nicholas, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; W. H. Dennison, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrows (conductor), 6. A 720 Bob Minor. W. H. Dennison, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; the rest as before. A 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Huddleston, 1; W. H. Dennison, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R. Jackson (conductor), 5; J. Burrows, 6. Another 720 in the same method. W. H. Dennison, 1; J. Huddleston, 2; T. P. Jackson, 3; T. Suart, 4; T. R.

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INFORMATION SOUGHT.

I am a Londoner. I always have been since I made my first appearance in the world. And while, as such, I have doubtless acquired knowledge on some points more readily than a countryman would, there are many things which a countryman learns much more readily than I. Take, for instance, grass. I know grass when I see it. But then all grass is not the same grass. There are varieties of grass, or—as it is otherwise expressed—grasses. On a recent trip into the country, as I sat on a stile and surveyed a landscape of grass, I asked myself what I knew about it, and I had to answer—scarcely anything. It was very lovely to gaze at, but I could not help feeling how much more I should have appreciated what I saw had I had some knowledge of the structure and varieties of grass, what I might have learned by recognising by the kinds of grass I saw as to the nature of the soil on which they grew, and, no doubt, many other things about the nature and conditions of grass. The general aspect would have remained the same, but it would have been much more interesting to me had I been able to assist my sight with more knowledge. Of course this is a simple instance of the commonplace that we enjoy the things of which we have some reasonable knowledge more than those of which we know little or nothing, and as I had just been inspecting an interesting old church from the examination of which I had derived much pleasure, I could not help wishing I knew as much about grass as I did about Church Architecture—though, indeed, my knowledge of this is only elementary. It then occurred to me to wonder whether we of the Exercise, as a body, know sufficient about English Church Architecture to place us in a better position to appreciate an ecclesiastical building than I am in to appreciate grass.

Now we ringers practise our Art almost exclusively in churches, and in these days of easy communication, and especially since the cycle has come amongst us, some of us are always touring about over the country. We all know a church when we see it. But can we read it? Do we bring to bear upon it the necessary knowledge to form some opinion as to the date of its erection and its subsequent history?

I expect most of us do not, and certainly those who don't are missing something which would materially add to the pleasure of ringing excursions. It is very pleasant to be able to read a building, if only to a limited extent, to trace the historical growth of a church through the middle ages from the parts shewing Norman Architecture to the latest medieval development, and to see how our ancestors were ceaselessly at work, adding and rebuilding. Some buildings, of course, are all of one date, but, more often perhaps than not, they shew us, as they stand now, the gradual development of centuries; and it should interest us to feel that we are carrying on in our way the development of progress in the National Church; because it was as national ecclesiastical architecture was dying out that our national art of change-ringing was making its beginning; and it has gone on ever since, growing to be

what it is now, and what it will, we hope, still more be in the hands of posterity when we are all dead and gone.

Mr. Trollope some time since favoured us in these columns with a drawing of the tower of St. Mary's, Cambridge, and I am wondering whether he would be willing to contribute to these columns some papers elucidating the elements of our national Church Architecture, with such illustrative drawings as he may deem expedient. If he should see his way to do so, I am sure he will find many to thank him.

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ST. MARY'S, CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.

On Sunday, January 27th, while the Royal Standard was flying at half-mast on the top of the tower as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Queen, a violent gale sprang up, which hurled the flag-staff, the massive oak cupola containing the bell on which the clock strikes the hours, and a portion of the octagonal bell turret upon the roof of the south aisle, the masonry crashing through the roof seriously damaging the ancient font. The estimate for completing all necessary repairs amounts to the sum of £200.

On February 2nd, a united memorial service was held in this church as a last token of respect to our late beloved Queen at twelve o'clock, when the church was filled to overflowing, many finding it impossible to gain admission. Various touches were rung before and after the service with the bells deeply muffled except the tenor, which was open at backstroke. W. Underwood (conductor), 1; H. Thompson, 2; G. Rice, 3; H. Evans, 4; G. Maxim, 5; P. Newman, 6. G. Maxim took part in the wedding peal for the late Queen on the bells of St. Gregory, Pentlow, Essex, and for the 1887 Jubilee at Foxearth and Melford towers, and for the 1897 Jubilee at Cavendish tower, and although not a member of the present company, he was asked to take a rope to complete his record for England's greatest monarch, and also for a great number of her birthdays.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

RINGING AT CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR, QUEEN'S DEATH, AND RE-OPENING OF THE RESTORED CHURCH.

As most readers of "THE BELL NEWS" are aware, our parish church was closed on the 2nd of May, 1898, for almost rebuilding, of which I will give you more later on. We rang for five Sundays after the above date when our Architect, the late Sir Arthur Blomfield, gave us orders to cease ringing. The bells were silent until last Christmas and new year, when, owing to our agitation, together, with that of the public, the restoration committee succeeded in gaining for us permission to ring the new century in. But on the news arriving of the Queen's death, no question of permission was asked for such a national calamity. The bells were muffled on both sides, and rung until midnight. As the Corporation always pays for ringing in connection with Royalty, either rejoicing or sorrowing, I arranged with Alderman F. Hill, for the third time Mayor of Macclesfield, for the tenor to be tolled one hour, from 6.30 to 7.30, and the whole peal for the next hour every night until the day of the funeral, when we rang full muffled touches from 8 to 1 o'clock with the tenor open at backstroke from 2.30 to 3, which I may

say was described as "rats," or, in other words, a miserable failure, it being the first time, and the last I hope I shall hear of such a thing being done again in Macclesfield, at any rate. We rang half-muffled from 4 to 6 and 7 to 9, and for the last hour, and also on the following day (Sunday) we rang at the usual service hours, with the whole peal of ten half-muffled, all the other being on the back eight. Am sorry to say that one of our band, W. W. Steel, is stricken with illness, which has prevented him from following his employment for several months. Our company are much indebted to J. Minshull and J. M. Davenport, unattached ringers residing in Macclesfield, who have kindly assisted us many times during the three years that have elapsed from our church being closed, as we have had monthly practices at Prestbury, three miles distant, where there is a nice peal of eight with a tenor 18½ cwt. in F. We have always been welcomed by the Prestbury ringers, who have been very sociable, and willing to do anything for us. We had a farewell practice there on March 26th, when we entertained our ever-obliging brother-strings to a substantial supper at The Black Boy, in Prestbury. Afterwards a social evening was spent, songs, speeches and two presentations filling in the time, all too short. The senior member of the Prestbury company—Mr. J. D. Wheelton—was the recipient of a black ebony walking stick, with an ivory handle, and a massive silver band, on which was neatly engraved—"Presented to J. D. Wheelton by the ringers of St. Michael's, Macclesfield, 1901." The same gentleman was also presented with a reversible silver medal, with his monogram neatly engraved on one side. Mr. Wheelton was so taken by surprise that it was with difficulty he found words to express his thanks. Several members of our company spoke of Mr. Wheelton as a true-hearted ringer and a gentleman. Our restored parish church will be re-opened on April 24th by the Lord Bishop of Chester. We shall give our ringing friends an "open day," probably May 4th, of which due notice will be given, when we hope to see all who can make it convenient to come and have a pull on our nice ring of ten, tenor 20 cwt. in E.

88, High Street, Macclesfield. W. WALMSLEY, Conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

On Saturday, April 6th, six ringers from Chorley parish church journeyed to Blackrod and rang a 720 of Bob Minor in 24½ mins., after the bells being closed for about seventeen years. T. Holt, 1; W. Heaps, 2; T. Lofthouse, 3; R. Taylor, 4; J. Marsden, 5; T. Lucas, 6. The visitors wish to thank Mr. J. Higson and the Blackrod ringers for the refreshments provided, and for making the visit so successful.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.
To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS.

SIR,—I have but little to say on the interesting letters of the Rev. T. L. Papillon and the Rev. H. Drake in the current number of "THE BELL NEWS." It is tempting to try and account for the origin of the word "neppell," and I hazard quite experimentally the following:—

I have noticed that the initial "n" in the accounts under review frequently gets chipped off the article which precedes it

and becomes attached to the noun. I notice these as examples amongst many: "a norgyn player," "a nother loke for ye vestery dore," "kepinge of the quyer dore a nester daye," and if this has happened with the word "neppell" I would suggest that the rest of the word is a corruption of epaule (shoulder), and may illustrate the word "polletts" (clearly "epaulettes" in another form) which I referred to in my notes. It is very unsafe to go for derivations unless we know what the word was originally intended to imply, and it would be interesting to learn whether these terms could ever have applied to what we may term the "shoulder" bands for helping to fix the bell on the stock. Another local illustration of what I have been saying is to be found in the river Nadder (an adder), which can only have been so termed from its winding proclivities. The terms "notch" and "newt" are also cases in point, and there are many others.

Whilst on the subject of derivations I may mention that in the St. Edmund's church accounts the churchyard is always called the "litton," and the reason is not far to seek. We know what a "lych gate" is, derived from the German leiche, "a corpse," and we have only to carry this one step further and get lych town or litton, that is to say "corpse town" or churchyard.

I regret that my imperfect knowledge should have led me to say that the word "shutting" as applied to the closing of the broken ends of a rope was not now to be found in the vocabulary of the belfry, and it is interesting to have elicited this fact alone.

I am inclined to agree with Mr. Drake that the origin of having more bells than one in a tower was "that people might be warned what service was about to be held, by the particular bell that was rung and the way it was rung," with this proviso, that the bells were hung in sequence of tone, and so as to be rung in rounds for church festivals. The main fact which influences me in coming to this conclusion is that until 1500 there is no mention of any payment for the bells being rung on any public occasion. After this date the occasions rapidly increase, and with them would come a natural evolution of a system of changes, at first call-changes, no doubt, gradually developing into those methodical changes which Stedman says had been in vogue for some fifty or sixty years before he gave to the world his own marvellous principle, so simple in conception, so difficult in execution. I cannot help thinking that the use of the words "treble" and "tenor" will be found to mark the rise of change-ringing.

As regards "knylls" and "forthfares" I note Mr. Drake's observations; but I think we must have more light thrown upon them by others before we can be said to have quite unravelled the tangle; his remarks however are valuable as helping towards a solution.

THE WRITER OF THE ARTICLES.

TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

SIR,—I note the figures of a 5184 peal of Treble Bob Major given as belonging to Mr. G. Lindoff, on page 551 of your issue of March 16th are exactly the same as those given by the late Jasper W. Snowdon in his compilation of peals in this method in your paper for July 1881, nearly twenty years ago. I also note the performance as reported on February 21st last is a Yorkshire Association one, and I hope the conductor, Mr. Walter C. Hunt, will return the composition as belonging to me, and shall feel obliged for the attention.

H. DAINS.

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MUFFLED RINGING.

SIR,—The several letters that have appeared under the above heading are indeed very interesting, and it occurs to me if a collection of peal performances of 5000 changes and upwards (that is first peals upon each number of bells—seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven and twelve), and the various methods upon which the peals were rung could be published, additional interest would be added to this very solemn subject. Would it be possible to prevail upon our highly esteemed friend, Mr. R. A. Daniell, to use his able pen in this direction?

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SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1901.

REFERENCE was made last week to an effort which was to be essayed on the following Monday to supersede the present record in Stedman Cinques. It will be remembered that an announcement appeared to the effect that twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths would attempt a 10,000 in this method at St. Michael's, Cornhill. Our readers will, we are sorry to say, look in vain for the record of such a performance in this number. We have received no direct information whatever concerning this attempt, but in a somewhat roundabout way the intelligence is current that about three hours was the period of ringing. About the Leeds peal no information whatever has been vouchsafed.

The "longest length" of Stedman Cinques is therefore we suppose in abeyance till another holiday period,

for it cannot be doubted that a further attempt will be made at the first opportunity to secure the 10,000. St. Michael's, Cornhill, is an ideal place for such an affair, for many reasons; but it has been somewhat unlucky of late. Some years ago the "length" was well cut into by members of the above Society, but when the company might have been considered to have had the peal in their possession a mishap occurred, and a splendid trial ignominiously collapsed. Who does not recollect the circumstance, and some of its unpleasant episodes?

That such a performance is any great difficulty to achieve by the members of the Society in question is not entertained for one moment. Perhaps the consciousness of some of the band in their skill and ability for the feat militated against success; they may have looked upon the work too cheaply, as it were, and neglected the necessary precautions against a "trip." They will soon try again we hope, and be successful. The injunction—"Whosoever thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" is however a splendid adage for all peal-ringers.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1901, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

BENJAMIN FOSKETT Treble.	GEORGE R. FARDON 6.
ALLEN H. TABER 2.	†THOMAS LANGDON 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN 3.	REUBEN CHARGE 8.
ARTHUR HARDY 4.	*WILLIAM CHARGE 9.
JOHN BASDEN 5.	CORNELIUS CHARGE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

†First peal of Royal. *First peal in the method; also of Royal. The figures of this peal was published in "THE BELL NEWS" of November 24th, 1900, and is now rung for the first time. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Driver, the ringers wishing him many happy returns. This is the conductor's fiftieth peal.

The Provinces.

BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1901, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6016 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

WALTER HOBBS Treble.	*THOMAS JORDAN 5.
GEORGE JORDAN 2.	WILLIAM WATTS 6.
GEORGE DENT 3.	†WILLIAM T. PRIOR 7.
HENRY G. MILES* 4.	HENRY J. TUCKER Tenor.

Composed by the late H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

ALFRED D. MILLS Treble.	GEORGE PAICE 5.
JOHN RICE 2.	WILLIAM WARD 6.
EDWARD C. MERRITT 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
FREDERICK W. CRIPPS 4.	FREDERICK W. RICE Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 8, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED FOX Treble.	WILLIAM J. SMITH 5.
CHARLES HOUNSLOW 2.	HARRY JUDGE 6.
JOE HOWES 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
WILLIAM BENNETT 4.	WILLIAM FINCH Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 35 cwt.

FREDK. G. LEAKER Treble.	C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER 6.
ALBERT STOWELL 2.	JAMES RICHMOND 7.
JOHN THOMAS 3.	JOHN BURFORD 8.
FRANCIS E. WARD 4.	FRED. G. MAY 9.
HENRY T. HOWELL 5.	WILLIAM STOWELL Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by FRED. G. MAY.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM GRIMES Treble.	JAMES RUMSEY 5.
F. E. W. MEADOWS 2.	WILLIAM RUMSEY 6.
WALTER WHITING 3.	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7.
GEORGE THURLOW 4.	HENRY W. BALDREY Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM GRIMES.

The ringers of the treble, 5th, 6th, and 7th hail from Debenham; 2nd from Otley; 3rd from Helmingham; 4th from Framsdon; 5th from Brandeston.

BORDEN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 23 cwt.

HARRY WALLIS Treble.	RICHARD STAINES 5.
WILLIAM GOLDING* 2.	EDWARD FOREMAN 6.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE 3.	WILLIAM TASSELL 7.
GEORGE WILLSHIRE 4.	GEORGE WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

First peal.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1901, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

J. C. EDEN Treble.	C. E. BARTLETT 5.
F. J. LEWIS 2.	H. C. BOND 6.
F. LEWIS* 3.	H. T. GARDNER 7.
F. PROTHEROUGH 4.	H. CLUTTERBUCK Tenor.

Conducted by H. C. BOND.

*First peal. This is the first peal by a local band since 1868.

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DORKING, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Monday, April 8, 1901, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM W. THORNE .. Treble.	THOMAS W. RADFORD .. 5.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT .. 6.
CHARLES HAZELDEN .. 3.	JAMES HUNT .. 7.
JOHN J. JONES .. 4.	FRANK BLONDELL .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE WITNEY SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 8, 1901, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt.

FREDERICK POUNDS .. Treble.	FRANCIS P. POWELL .. 5.
NOBLE SPINDLOW .. 2.	JOHN MONK .. 6.
THOMAS BULL .. 3.	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN .. 7.
HARRY BROOKS .. 4.	JESSE BROOKS .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

This is the first peal of Grandsire on the bells.

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1901, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES E. BORRETT .. Treble.	GEORGE HOWCHIN .. 5.
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 2.	JOHN SMITH .. 6.
JOHN TITE .. 3.	JOHN WOODS .. 7.
FREDERICK DAY .. 4.	JOHN SOUTER .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

Reference to this peal will be found on another page.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Monday, April 8, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALBERT G. WARNES .. Treble.	GEORGE SMITH .. 5.
EDWARD WARD .. 2.	EDWARD FRANCIS .. 6.
HERBERT W. STANLEY* .. 3.	PHILIP SADLER .. 7.
WILLIAM BALES .. 4.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FREDERICK KNIGHTS.

*First peal of Treble Bob.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 8, 1901, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAG,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 16 cwt.

BASIL T. SHILLAKER* .. Treble.	WALTER FREEMAN .. 4.
ARTHUR J. HOLMES .. 2.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 5.
GEORGE HOLLIS .. 3.	ROBERT BRIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT BRIGHTMAN.

*First peal. Bemrose hails from Peterborough; Hollis from Bourne; Holmes from Edenham; the rest belong to the local company. The ringers wish, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the Rector, the Rev. W. W. Howard, M.A., for kindly granting the use of the bells on this and former occasions.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

On Tuesday, April 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS .. Treble.	ALBERT LINCOLN .. 5.
WILLIAM TAYLOR .. 2.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 6.
SAMUEL CORNISH .. 3.	EDWARD SHERWOOD .. 7.
WALTER WIFFEN .. 4.	FREDERICK WATLING .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

Messrs. Cornish, Wiffen, and Motts hail from St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich; Taylor and Lincoln from Leiston; Nevard from Great Bentley; Sherwood from Wickham Market; Watling from Saxmundham.

PEAL CORRECTION.—In the report of the peal of Surprise Minor rung at Leytonstone on March 28th, and published in last week's "BELL NEWS," the following methods were omitted which are now published: London, York, Durham, Worcester, Coventry, Cambridge, and Victoria.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FLYDE BRANCH.)

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—Recently at St. John's church, 1900 changes, consisting of 100 of Grandsire, 360 Oxford Single, 360 Canterbury Pleasure, 360 College Single, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 1 hour 5 mins. W. Bamber, 1; C. H. Kerr, 2; J. Tipping, 3; R. Seddon, 4; E. Tipping (conductor), 5; T. Allanson, 6. Longest length by all.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

KIDSGROVE (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, December 23rd, for evening service, a date touch of 1900 changes, in 1 hr., being 460 of Woodbine and 720 of Oxford and Kent. F. Johnson, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer, 3; H. Dean, 4; J. Mason, 5; G. Siddons, 6.

BRETENHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday, April 1st, at the parish schoolroom, a date touch was rung on handbells, in 50 mins., consisting of 720 New London Pleasure, and 360 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Double Court, and 101 of Plain Bob. T. Levett (conductor), 1; J. Francis, 2; G. Levett, 3; F. Pearl, 4; A. Grimwood, 5; W. Proctor, 6. T. Levett hails from Hitcham, the rest belong to the local band.

WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, January 20th, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Paul's, church, Wood Green, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1901 changes. A. Cooper, 1; C. Taylor, 2; E. J. Taylor, 3; E. Turner, 4; W. Johnson (composer and conductor), 5; H. Tinsley, 6; J. Mulpass, 7; J. Jukes, 8. Tenor 18 cwt. in F. This touch has the twenty-four 6-7s.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Sunday, March 17th, 168 Stedman Triples, twice over. F. Pounds, 1; T. Bull, 2; H. Brooks, 3; G. Room, 4; F. P. Powell, 5; J. Monk, 6; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 7; J. Brooks, 8. On Sunday, March 24th, for evening service, 252 Stedman Triples. F. Pounds, 1; T. Bull, 2; H. Brooks, 3; G. Room, 4; F. Powell, 5; J. Monk, 6; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (conductor), 7; J. Brooks, 8. On Thursday, March 28th, as a birthday compliment to F. P. Powell, 434 Grandsire Triples. F. Pounds, 1; T. Bull, 2; G. Room, 3; J. Monk, 4; H. Brooks, 5; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, 6; F. Powell (conductor), 7; J. Brooks, 8.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STOKESLEY.—On April 2nd, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. P. Clarkson, 1; W. Clarkson, 2; A. C. Bowes, 3; J. W. Whittle, 4; H. H. Bowes, 5; Rev. W. P. Wright (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in the method by a local band, and by all except the conductor.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DAKINGTON (Durham).—On Sunday, December 2nd, for Matins, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. C. Naisbitt, J. Baxter (conductor), W.

Patton, T. Clark, W. D. Lister, G. T. Williams, G. Tait, W. H. Porter. For evensong, 688 Plain Bob Major. J. Moscrop, W. Patton, G. T. Williams, W. D. Lister, T. Clark, J. Clark, J. Baxter, T. Scollick, W. H. Porter (conductor). On Sunday, December 16th, for evensong, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major. T. Scollick, W. Patton, W. D. Lister, G. T. Williams, T. Clark, J. Baxter, G. Tait, W. H. Porter (conductor). On Tuesday, December 18th, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Raynor (first touch), W. Patton, W. H. Porter, G. Tait, J. Baxter (conductor), W. D. Lister, J. C. Naisbitt, G. F. Williams. On Christmas Day, for Matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Scollick, J. Baxter, W. Patton, G. Tait, J. C. Naisbitt, W. D. Lister, W. H. Porter (conductor), J. Bolton. On December 31st, for watch-night service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Moscrop, W. D. Lister, W. Patton, G. Tait, T. Clark, J. Baxter (conductor), W. H. Porter, G. F. Williams. On Tuesday, January 8th, 560 Grandsire Triples. A. Raynor, W. Patton, F. C. Naisbitt, J. Baxter (conductor), T. Clark, W. D. Lister, W. H. Porter, G. F. Williams. On Tuesday, January 15th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Moscrop, Private T. Crawford, R.H., G. J. Lungley, W. D. Lister, F. C. Naisbitt, G. W. Park, W. H. Porter (conductor), A. Raynor.

WHITLEY.—On Thursday, March 21st, on handbells retained in hand, 720 Oxford Bob. J. E. Gofton, 1-2; T. T. Gofton (conductor), 3-4; J. A. Gofton, 5-6. On Friday, March 22nd, on handbells, 1080 of Minor, being 360 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single. J. E. Gofton, 1-2; J. A. Gofton (conductor), 3-4; T. T. Gofton, 5-6. This was rung on J. E. Gofton's 15th birthday.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday, March 31st, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, in the afternoon, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 12 bobs. C. H. Howard (conductor), 1; A. Shufflebotham, 2; G. Williams, 3; A. Head, 4; W. Grimwade, 5; H. Head, 6. After service, 720 Bob Minor. A. Shufflebotham, 1; W. Moore, 2; G. Williams, 3; A. Head, 4; H. Head, 5; W. Grimwade (conductor), 6. Tenor 18½ cwt. A. and H. Head hail from Writtle.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEVERLEY (Yorkshire).—On Saturday, January 19th, at the Minster, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. F. Stephenson, 1; C. P. Bradley, 2; A. Moody, 3; F. Osgerby (conductor), 4; A. Gleadhill, 5; W. Gibson, 6; G. Ford, 7; G. C. Constable, 8. F. Osgerby and A. Gleadhill belong to St. Mary's, the rest to the Minster company.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins. A. Savage, 1; W. J. Thyng, 2; W. Nuttall, 3; B. A. Knights (first quarter-peal of Caters), 4; D. Farthing, 5; A. Knights (conductor), 6; G. M. Farr, 7; J. Hunt, 8; G. Davies, 9; G. Mee, 10. This quarter-peal contains all the 65s in the tittums and inverted home positions. On Easter Monday, an attempt was made for 7200 Kent Treble Bob Royal, but after ringing 4160 changes, in 2 hours 45 mins., a change-course occurred, which brought the peal to grief. A. Craven, 1; F. Bugar, 2; W. Bugar, 3; W. J. Thyng, 4; D. Brearley, 5; A. Knights (conductor), 6; J. Holman, 7; A. Brearley, 8; G. Davies, 9; T. Sylvester, 10.

OXENHOPE (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, January 20th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor, with 18 bobs and 2 singles, in 27 mins. W. B. Smith (conductor), 1; A. Howley, 2; J. Nicholson, 3; A. Smith, 4; A. Pickles, 5; J. Almond, 6. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F. sharp. This is the first 720 rung by a full band of St. Mary's ringers. We have all rung 720 before, with bands composed of men from other towers. This is a very fine ring of six, by J. Shaw, Son and Co., of Bradford, being cast at their foundry in 1899, and opened on Whit-Saturday in that year. We are very much indebted to ringers from neighbouring towers for their kind help and instruction.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM (Middlesex).—On Sunday, March 31st, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. Arthur Jones (first quarter-peal), 1; J. Herbert, 2; J. Aldridge, 3; C. Charge, 4; J. W. Driver, 5; W. Charge (first as conductor), 6; R. Charge, 7; Alfred Jones (first quarter-peal), 8.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On January 21st, at the parish church, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, with the tenor covering, in 27 mins. A. E. Bassett, 1; S. Wilson, 3; G. Pederick, 4; J. Easton, 5; W. Sanders, 6; T. Miles (conductor), 7; T. Everett, 8. W. Sanders has been a ringer for upwards of 60 years, and is now over 77 years of age. He took part in the ringing of the old year out and the new year in in 1840-41, at the parish church, Cheam, Surrey.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

KIDSGROVE (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, October 21st, for evening service, 360 New London Pleasure. J. Mason, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer, 3; F. Dean, 4; H. Dean, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6. On Sunday, November 11th, 360 Woodbine. F. Johnson, 1; J. Mason, 2; A. Archer (conductor), 3; G. Buckley, 4; F. Dean, 5; H. Dean, 6. On Sunday, November 18th, 720 Grandsire Minor. F. Johnson, 1; G. Buckley, 2; J. Mason, 3; F. Dean, 4; H. Dean, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 16th, 720 Woodbine. F. Johnson, 1; G. Buckley (conductor), 2; A. Archer, 3; H. Dean, 4; J. Mason, 5; G. Siddons, 6. On Sunday, December 23rd, 360 Grandsire Minor. On December 25th, 720 Violet Treble Bob. J. Mason, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer, 3; F. Dean, 4; H. Dean, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 30th, 720 New London Pleasure, standing as before. After service, 720 Violet. F. Johnson, 1; others as before. On Monday, December 31st, 720 Woodbine. F. Johnson, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer, 3; F. Dean, 4; H. Dean, 5; G. Siddons, 6. On Tuesday, January 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Johnson, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer, 3; F. Dean, 4; H. Dean, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 6th, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Johnson, 1; G. Buckley, 2; J. Mason, 3; A. Archer (conductor), 4; H. Dean, 5; F. Dean, 6. On Sunday, January 13th, for evening service, 240 Woodbine Treble Bob, standing as in the Oxford, conducted by H. Dean. On Sunday, January 20th, 360 Woodbine. F. Johnson, 1; G. Buckley, 2; J. Mason, 3; F. Dean, 4; H. Dean, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6. On January 22nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Johnson, 1; G. Buckley, 2; J. Mason, 3; W. Priestman, 4; F. Dean, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 27th, for evening service, 720 Violet Treble Bob. J. Mason, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer, 3; F. Dean, 4; H. Dean, 5; G. Siddons (conductor), 6. Rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to her late Majesty Queen Victoria. On Sunday, February 2nd, for the Queen's funeral, 360 Woodbine. F. Johnson, G. Buckley, J. Mason, F. Dean, H. Dean, G. Siddons. After service 720 Woodbine, standing as before.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HORSLEY (Hants).—On Sunday, February 3rd, for Divine Service, 216 Grandsire Minor. R. T. Hunt, 1; G. Downe, 2; F. Pinnick, 3; Rev. H. Wheat, 4; W. Jones (conductor), 5; H. Westbrook, 6.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FROME (Somerset).—On Saturday, January 19th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 3780 changes, in 2½ hours, it unfortunately came to grief. F. Rebbeck, 1; W. Bishop, E. C. Fricker, 3; T. Recketts, 4; W. J. Prescott (conductor), 5; C. Shearn, 6; H. Kenten, 7; A. Langford and T. Eveleigh (longest length), 8. This is the first attempt on the bells since 1890.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—On Tuesday, January 1st, at the church of St. Nicholas-with-St. Leonard's, 1439 Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. 5 mins. V. O'Brien, 1; J. Thomas, 2; F. G. May, 3; F. Leaker, 4; G. Jayne, 5; A. Stowell, 6; J. Richmond, 7; J. Burford, 8; F. Price, 9; F. Cooper, 10. Tenor 36 cwt.

ARMLEY (Yorkshire).—On Sunday, March 24th, for morning service at Christ Church, 720 Oxford. C. Lockwood (first 720), 1; Jos. Thackray, 2; C. Taylor, 3; Jno. Thackray, 4; M. Broadbent (conductor), 5; J. Heckingbottom, 6.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, February 10th, for evening service, at St. Peter's church, 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. Facey, 1; A. Robinson, 2; W. Finedon, 3; F. Lowe, 4; W. Stapleton (conductor), 5; C. Robinson, 6. Also 120 Bob Doubles. C. Finedon, 1; A. Robinson, 2; W. Finedon, 3; F. Lowe, 4; W. Stapleton (conductor), 5; C. Robinson, 6. Also two courses of Plain Bob Minor. J. Facey, 1; F. Lowe, 2; C. Finedon, 3; W. Finedon, 4; A. Robinson, 5; W. Stapleton, 6; Tenor 13 cwt.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Wednesday, March 6th, 1260 of Oxford Bob Triples, in 44 mins. F. Webb (first quarter-peal), J. J. Parker, G. Gutteridge, W. Clarke, J. Elderfield, G. Basden, C. Clarke, J. Borington.

WALTHAM ABBEY (Essex).—On Saturday evening, December 29th, at the Abbey church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. S. E. Joyce, 1; G. E. Pearce, 2; F. Carter, 3; G. Thurgood, 4; D. Tarling, 5; E. Wallage, 6; W. A. Alps (conductor), 7; G. Cole, 8.

WILLESBOROUGH (Kent).—On January 9th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Minor, with 38 bobs 22 singles, in 24 mins. G. Willis, W. Hills, 2; L. Woodworth, 3; E. Waghorn, 4; H. Goodwin (conductor), 5; E. J. Dixon, 6. Messrs. Willis, Woodworth, Waghorn, Goodwin, hail from Ashford, Hills and Dixon to the local band.

The following touches have been rung with muffled bells as marks of love and loyalty to Her late Majesty Queen Victoria:—

Date Touches.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2nd, at the church of All Saints, Northampton, a date touch of Stedman Triples, 1901 changes, in 1 hour 14 mins. W. Allen, G. A. Hensman, H. Rainbow, A. Arnold, A. P. Hensman, A. Moore, W. Farey (conductor), H. Blundell. This is the longest length of Stedman in Northampton by a local band, and the longest length by all excepting Arnold. This touch was composed by T. Marshall, of Stockport, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 5th.

Miscellaneous Touches.

THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Sunday, February 3rd, at the church of St. Margaret, Westminster, 377 Grandsire Caters. E. H. Oxenham, W. Charge, W. Shepherd, A. Hardy, F. G. Perrin, F. J. Shepherd, W. Pickworth, W. T. Elson, C. Charge (conductor), R. Charge. Also 269 Grandsire Caters. W. J. Laxton, W. Shepherd, F. J. Shepherd, C. Charge, F. J. Perrin, W. Charge, W. Pickworth, W. T. Elson (conductor), R. Charge, E. H. Oxenham. Tenor 28 cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

READING (Berks.)—On Sunday, February 3rd, at the church of St. Mary, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Pickering, W. Rowe, N. Cox, C. Cox, C. Giles, J. Swain, A. Osborne (conductor), R. Barkus. Also 209 Grandsire Triples. H. Pickering, R. Chapman, C. Cox, V. Rowe, C. Giles (conductor), J. Swain, A. Osborne, E. Searle. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. A. E. Reeves, C. Cox, E. Bruee, J. Swain (conductor), C. Giles, C. Chapman, A. Osborne, E. Searle.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD (Notts.)—On the following evening, (Wednesday), 1458 Grandsire Caters, in 1 hour 5 mins. A. T. Winter, E. Collingburn, G. F. Clarke, T. Spurr, F. W. Abbott, T. H. Denman, G. R. Winter, H. Warburton, J. B. Joynes (conductor), G. W. D. Metcalfe. On Sunday morning, January 27th, 252 Stedman Triples. A. T. Winter, E. Collingburn, G. R. Winter, G. F. Clarke, H. Haigh (conductor), H. Warburton, J. B. Joynes. R. Miles. On the Sunday morning following the funeral, 504 Stedman Triples. A. T. Winter, E. Collingburn, G. W. D. Metcalfe, G. R. Winter, H. Haigh (conductor), H. Warburton, J. B. Joynes, R. Miles.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex.)—On Sunday, January 20th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for morning service, 720 Huddersfield Surprise. J. Cavill, H. Little, G. Gray, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, W. Watts (conductor). Also for afternoon service, 120 each of Superlative, Rochester, Victoria, Cambridge, Ely, Coventry, and Huddersfield. H. Little, T. J. Watts, G. Gray, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, W. Watts. On Saturday, February 2nd, in the afternoon, 720 York Surprise. J. Cavill, G. Jordan, G. Gray, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts (conductor). Also 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. G. Jordan, H. Little, G. Gray, W. Watts, J. Luckey (conductor), T. Jordan. Tenor 13 cwt.

EPSOM (Surrey.)—On Saturday, February 2nd, and Sunday, February 3rd, for Divine Service, several 120s of Grandsire Doubles. On Monday, February 4th, 504 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's ten-part. G. Price, T. Miles (conductor), J. Deams, A. Peeke, J. Easton, C. Read, A. Gower, T. Everett. Also 980 Grandsire Triples, in 36 mins. S. Wilson, T. Miles (conductor), J. Deams, A. Peeke, J. Easton, A. Gower, C. Read, W. Radcliffe. Composed by C. Smart, of Steyning, Sussex, and

containing the number of changes the late Queen had lived months. Also 252 Stedman Triples, conducted by S. Wilson.

PENHURST (Kent.)—On February 2nd, 504 of Grandsire Triples, a peal was attempted but unfortunately a change-course occurred after one hour's ringing. The ringers taking part in the above were Messrs. Lambert, Edwards, Ray, J. Baker, A. Baker, Bridger, Seal, Kember, Maynard, Izzard, Jones, Butcher, Longley, Goodwin, and Spice. Conducted by W. Spice.

QUIDENHAM (Norfolk.)—On Saturday, February 2nd, at the church of St. Andrews, 1080 Bob Minor. E. J. Kemp, J. Sage, R. Haylett, W. Hensley, W. Killington, J. Woods (conductor), 6. The above was rung without the bells coming round till the third half-peal end, and contain 25 bobs and singles. Also on Sunday 3rd, a 720 Bob Minor with J. Woods and K. Haylett (conductor), the rest as before.

SELLY OAK (Worcestershire.)—On Saturday, February 2nd, 503 Grandsire Triples. H. Withers, J. Nix, A. Cole, J. Dowler, T. Lewis, E. Bryant, F. Clayton (conductor), A. Chambers. Also a quarter-peal, in 42 mins. J. Eaton, F. Clayton, A. Cole, J. Nix, T. Lewis, E. Bryant (conductor), J. Dowler, A. Chambers. Longest length by J. Eaton, and A. Chambers.

SOUTHWARK (Surrey.)—On Saturday, February 2nd, at St. Saviour's church, the usual whole-pull-and-stand. H. Flowers, T. Mash, F. Eager, T. Cooledge, W. Mash, J. Mash, T. Ellis, W. Perry, O. Cork, T. Coxhead, G. Marsh, L. Rayfield. Tenor 51 cwt. 2 qrs.

ST. MARY'S, CHEPSTOW.—RINGERS' DINNER.

On Monday, March 14th, the Vicar of Chepstow (the Rev. E. J. Hensley, M.A.), entertained the ringers of the above church and a few friends to an excellently-served hot supper at The White Hart temperance hotel. The chairs were occupied by the Vicar and Mr. T. S. Davies (churchwarden).

After supper, a full box of cigars was passed round, and a social evening commenced. The Vicar, rising to propose the health of the foreman ringer, Mr. Morley, complimented him on the manner in which the place was kept. Although some people could not see anything in so much labour for so much noise, he personally liked the bells, and should have become a change-ringer but for his defective sight. The ringers were performing a duty in calling the people to church. Mr. Morley had for the last forty years spent most of his spare time in the church tower, and he hoped that he would have health and strength for many years to continue his duties therein. At the present time he had a young company of ringers in hand, who no doubt would in time render a very good account of themselves. Thirteen years ago, when he (the Vicar) first took charge of the parish, the bells were so much out of order that for nine months they were stopped for want of money for repairs. Now they are all in splendid tone and in good going order, and he promised them a new set of ropes.

Mr. T. S. Davies, on behalf of the ringers, then thanked the Vicar for so kindly entertaining them. All that he need say of their esteemed Vicar was that he was A Man! Many years ago a gentleman replying to his (the speaker's) enquiry for a Vicar, answered: "You want a Vicar, do you? You have a miserable church, a poor living, a cantankerous people!" The Vicar, well understanding this, came, and what have we now? still a poor stipend, but the people were not cantankerous; and the church is made beautiful. One of their Vicar's first efforts was the restoration of the bells.

The health of the Vicar was drank with musical honours, and Mr. Morley's in a like manner. During the evening, Mr. W. A. Weeks gave a little conjuring, and several songs very well rendered. The National Anthem brought a very pleasant evening to a close at 11 o'clock.

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Notices.

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The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this Association, will be held at Bucknall, to-day, Saturday, April 13th. Members intending to be present, are requested to give notice to the Secretary not later than Tuesday, April 9th. W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*
95, High Street, Bucknall.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Macclesfield Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. James's, Higher Sutton, to-day, Saturday, April 13th. Tea at 5 o'clock. J. NORBURY, *Branch Sec.*
34, Water Street, Macclesfield.

The Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.—The monthly meeting and tea will be held in the boys' schoolroom, Wallasey, to-day, Saturday, April 13th, at 6 p.m. The tower will be open for ringing from 4 p.m.

B. G. MACANDREW, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held, by the kind permission of the Rev. F. T. Jemmett, at the church of St. Catherine, Feltham, to-day, Saturday, April 13th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6. Members and friends are cordially invited. C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Heavy Woollen District Association.—The monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Horbury, to-day, Saturday, April 13th. Meeting at The King's Arms, at 5 o'clock. WALTER IDLE, *Secretary.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next Meeting will be held at Garston, to-day, Saturday, April 13th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.
REV. C. A. CLEMENTS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting of this branch will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester to-day, Saturday, April 13th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7. Members are requested only to use that staircase leading to the tower. JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held on Saturday, April 20th, at All Saints church, West Bromwich. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Short service in church at 5 o'clock. Committee meeting in the vestry at 5.30. Tea will be provided at 6 o'clock, for all those sending in their names before the 16th inst. to S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The North Notts Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at Retford, on Saturday, April 20th. The business meeting will be held in the West Retford Church schoolroom, at 3.30 p.m. Divine Service in West Retford Church at 4.15 p.m. Tea at The Newcastle Arms, at 5 p.m. Members of kindred Associations will be heartily welcome. Tea free to members, one shilling per head to visitors. B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. James's, Waterfoot, on Saturday, April 20th. WM. CASS, *Branch Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, on Tuesday evening, April 23rd. Chair

to be taken at 8.30. The attendance of every member is requested. W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
61, Roland Rd., Handsworth.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Padiham, on Saturday, April 27th, to re-open the augmented peal.
THOS. DUXBURY, *Branch Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at Lewisham, on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 6. All subscriptions still unpaid are now due.
P. E. BEX, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Barnhurst, Bexleyheath.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Martin's church, Kentish Town (Gospel Oak), on Saturday, April 27th. All ringers and friends of the Association are cordially invited. The bells will be raised about 4 p.m. A subsequent meeting will be held on May 11th, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, by kind permission of the Rev. Canon Henson, of which date members are requested to take note. ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Sefton, on Saturday, April 27th. Full particulars by circular.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM, }

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Gosport, on Saturday, April 27th.
REV. C. MATTHEWS, *Hon. Sec.*

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Will all members who have not paid their subscriptions kindly send them at once. Will members also be good enough to consider and discuss in their respective belfries, the question of choosing a representative for the Central Council (as mentioned at the last annual meeting). It is most important that whoever may be elected that he should be able to represent the association from both the clerical and the ringers' point of view.
Wellingborough. E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—For the future, the business meetings of this Society will be held monthly (instead of quarterly as before), at the Society's meeting-room, at The Green Man, commencing on Thursday, April 18th. Ringing at 8 p.m.
E. H. OXENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. (STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Sunday, March 10th, at St. Mary's church, for Divine Service at 10 a.m., 576 Grandsire Caters, and at 6 p.m., 593 Grandsire Caters. C. Darwin, 1; W. Gordon, 2; J. Barlow, 3; T. Sale, 4; J. A. Gordon, 5; A. Birch, 6; S. Mitchell, 7; W. Gordon, jun., 8; A. S. Gordon, 9; Jas. W. Bailey, 10. Both touches were composed and conducted by W. Gordon, in honour of the 28th anniversary of the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales, now the King and Queen. On Tuesday evening, April 9th, for practice, 1397 Stedman Triples, in 57 mins. W. Gordon (conductor), 1; T. Sale, 2; J. Barlow, 3; W. Gordon, jun., 4; S. Mitchell, 5; A. Barnes, 6; A. S. Gordon, 7; J. W. Bailey, 8. Mr. Barnes from S. Eliza beth's, Reddish, Stockport, all the rest are St. Mary's company.

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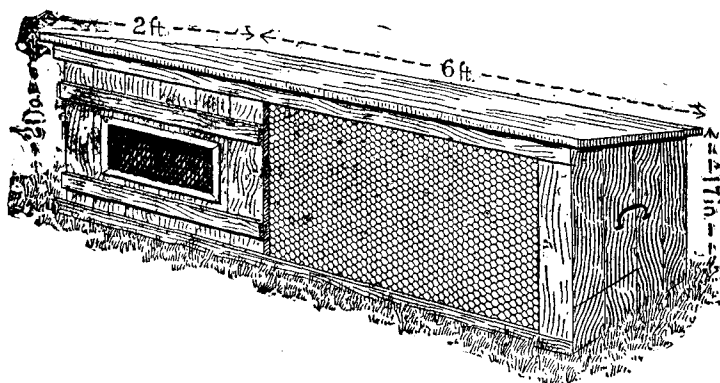
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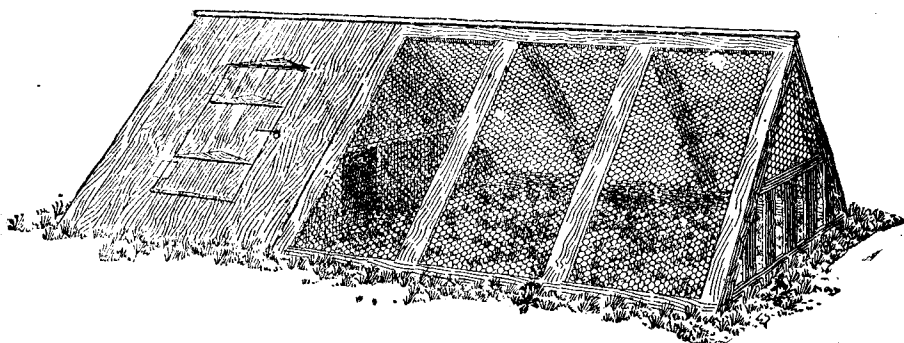
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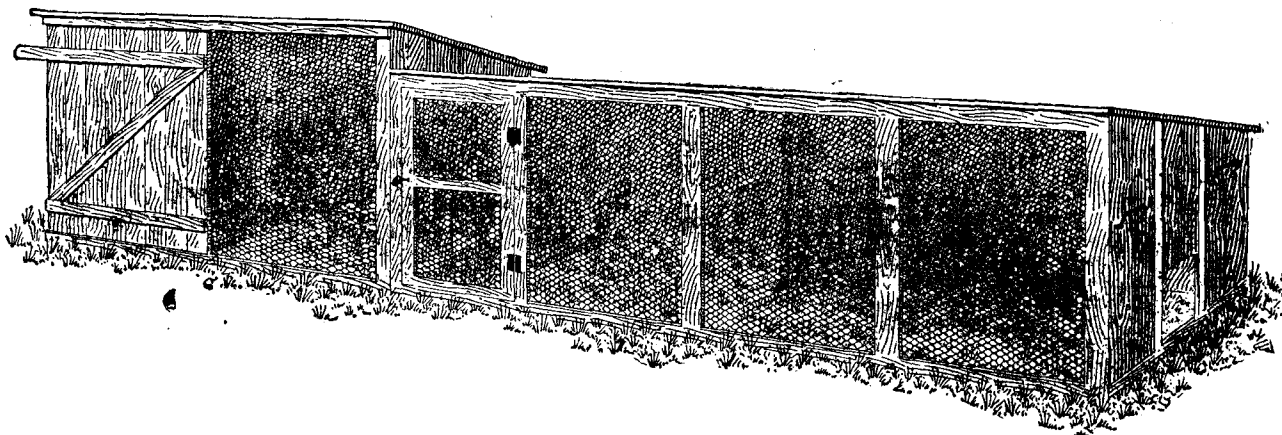
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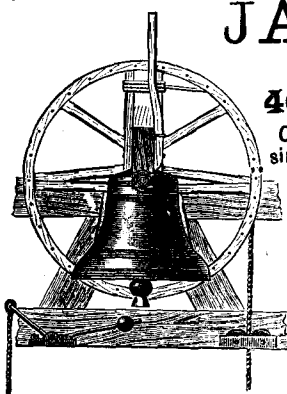
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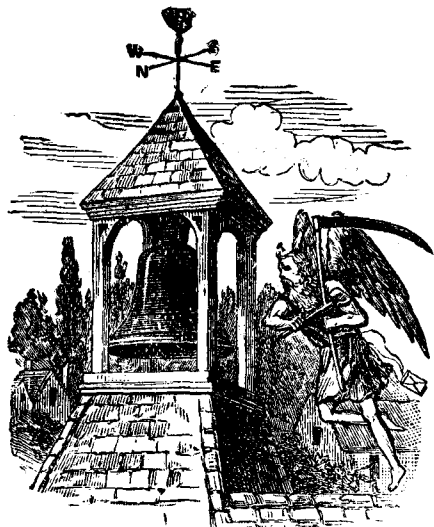
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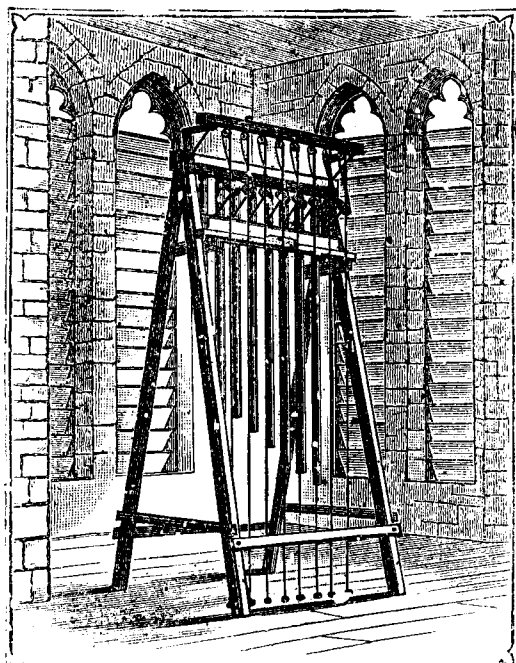
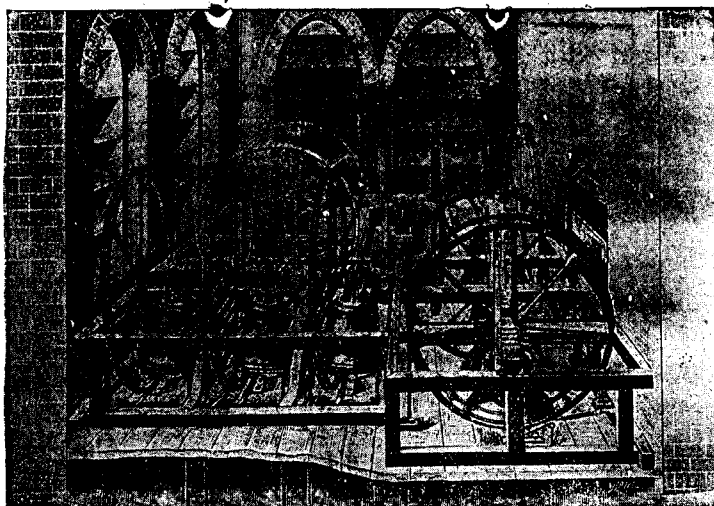
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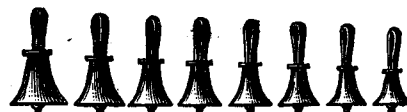
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OPENING OF A NEW RING OF EIGHT AT GOSFORTH, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

On Easter Sunday, the new ring in the tower of All Saints, Gosforth, cast by Messrs. Taylor, were formally dedicated by the Rector, the Rev. W. M. Maddison. The tenor weighs 22½ cwt., and the whole peal is hung in H frames placed on iron girders let into the wall. Messrs. Taylor have made an excellent job of it, the tone and go of the bells giving entire satisfaction to all concerned. The tower being more than equal to such a peal, there is a minimum of vibration or movement. They should prove an excellent ring for peal-ringing as soon as some deadening material is placed between the ringers and the bells, and the ventilation, &c., of the belfry arranged. All these little matters are being attended to by the energetic Rector and the Rev. J. M. E. Cooke, Curate and Guild-Master, and judging from the very complete and excellent way in which every detail of the church is done there is no room for doubt that this will shortly become a model belfry in every respect. A large number of young men are already advancing in instruction under the President of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, Mr. R. Story, with the assistance of Mr. John Foreman, the Vicar of a neighbouring church (St. George's, Jesmond) having kindly placed his belfry at the disposal of the learners during the last few weeks. With the opportunities they will now have in their own belfry a quick advancement in the art is to be expected.

The tower was erected in the Jubilee year, 1897, by the munificence of Mr. Cochrane, of Gosforth, in memory of his son, and the bells were given by his son (Mr. Cecil Cochrane) and daughter (Miss B. Cochrane) in memory of their mother. The bells are suitably inscribed with these details, while the tenor also bears the motto:—

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

The ordinary morning service was shortened to gain time for the dedication of the bells. Just before the sermon the clergy, choir, and churchwardens proceeded down the chancel to the west end of the church, taking up a position under the tower, the processional hymn being the well known "Old Hundredth." The ceremony was rendered with much feeling by the Rector, and at its conclusion, as the procession reformed and worked back to the chancel, the bells rang out for the first time to the tune of a course of Stedman Triples. R. S. Story, 1; G. R. Holmes, 2; R. S. Chichester, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; J. Foreman, 5; J. W. Taylor, 6; W. Holmes, 7; E. E. Ferry, 8. Inside the church, which was crowded, the bells sounded very sweet and clear. The sermon was preached by the Rector, who took for his text Luke xxiv. 6: "He is not here, but is risen." As the congregation dispersed the ringers rang a short touch of Stedman Triples followed by a 704 of Kent Treble Bob Major, and for evening service almost the same band met and rang a quarter-peal of Stedman.

On Easter Monday the members of the Association were invited to complete the opening, when a large number attended. Several touches of Stedman Triples,

Kent Treble Bob Major, etc., were rung during the day, and everyone expressed satisfaction with the bells. The visitors were very kindly entertained to a hot lunch at the Assembly Rooms at 1.30 p.m., the Rector taking the chair, and the Rev. J. M. E. Cooke the vice-chair. About forty sat down and thoroughly enjoyed their meal, the day being somewhat cold and very windy. Mr. R. Story (President of the Association) proposed, and Mr. S. O. Ferry (vice-president) seconded, a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and Wardens for their kindly hospitality, and assured them of their willingness to be of any assistance to their belfry in the future. This was approved by hearty acclamation, and the Rector, in replying, explained the history of the church to some extent, particularly the tower. They had now one of the handsomest churches in the North of England. He went on to refer to the position of the Ringer as a church-worker, laying particular stress on this point, which he contended should always be kept in view by both the ringers and the authorities. He concluded by thanking the Association for its assistance at the opening, in the matter of instruction and their presence there on that day.

The opening was one of the most satisfactory carried out under the auspices of the Association, no hitch or accident occurring on either Sunday or Monday to mar the proceedings.

OPENING OF HORNCHURCH BELLS.

Two years ago last December was the last occasion on which the grand peal of six bells—tenor 20 cwt. in E—hanging in the tower of St. Andrew's, Hornchurch, sent forth their melodious sounds in changes. Such were the condition of the frame and fittings then that the ringers resolved not to ring again until they had been put in going order.

Two years—what a time it seems to look back upon or forward to! and yet those who were fortunate to be present on the 11th inst. could not say that the time had been wasted. In fact to the clergy, churchwardens, ringers and lovers of bells generally the second Thursday in April, 1901, will long be remembered as the day of consummation of a great work successfully accomplished.

When at the close of 1898 it was found impossible to continue ringing with the bells in their bad going state, the vicar, Rev. —Johnson, and his churchwardens readily gave their sanction to a subscription being raised to remedy the evil. So successful was this appeal to the public that greater visions began to float before the eyes of the energetic collectors, and these visions took the tangible shape of two trebles. The result of their efforts was that some time back a local firm of engineers were commissioned to do everything necessary to the strengthening of the frame, new bearings, ironworks, &c. to make the bells run well, and they have carried out their part of the contract in an apparently able manner. To Messrs. Mears and Stainbank was entrusted the work of casting two trebles, and when it is said that they are equal to the old six, cast at the same foundry 122 years ago, and that

and that they have the celebrated Whitechapel 'ping' about them, it will be readily understood that Hornchurch now possesses as good an octave as any in Essex.

For the dedication service—conducted by the Right Rev. The Bishop of Colchester and local clergy—the old six were rang by the local band. Then followed the service as issued by the "Church Newspaper Company." Immediately after the dedicatory prayers the whole peal was rang in rounds, during which time a collection was taken, following which came the Bishop's address, in which he pointed out the various lessons to be learnt from the bells and the occasions upon which they rang, and that their sounds should always lead us—ringers and listeners alike—to higher thoughts. The singing of a hymn and the benediction from the bishop concluded the service, and as the clergy and congregation left the sacred edifice the bells again pealed forth. The local ringers, augmented now by a few invited friends, continued ringing till 4.30 when a move was made to the schoolroom where a most bountiful tea was provided, and to which ample justice was done.

Tea over, a short toast list was gone through. These included Vicar and churchwardens, The Ringers, The Subscribers, and the Visitors. All the speakers bore testimony to the gratification at taking part in such an affair, and the excellent work that had been accomplished. Speeches over, the ringers again visited the tower and indulged in ringing for some time. Then to the meeting house where the handbells and chat caused a pleasant hour to pass all too quickly.

The principal change ringing done was: A course of Bob Major, 518 Grandsire Triples, a course each of Kent, Double Norwich, and Stedman and 3 leads of Kent. Those taking part in the ringing were T. H. Beams, J. Dear, W. Doran, W. Dudley, R. Fenn, C. Fenn, G. Hayden, C. T. Hopkins, W. Keeble, J. Moule, W. Nash, and A. J. Perkins, together with the local ringers.

THE PEAL AT TEWKESBURY.

On Easter Monday, April 8th, eight members of the St. Michael's Juniors journeyed to Tewkesbury to attempt a peal on the Abbey bells. On arrival, the visitors were met by J. Wathern, who was very pleased to have a band attempt a peal on the bells, also Mr. A. Edwards and Mr. Holmes, of Cirencester, who had journeyed over to listen to the peal. On arrival at the tower (which is one of the largest in England, and would accommodate four peals of eight on one level), the visitors found everything in readiness for them. After raising the bells, in which Mr. Edwards took part, a few rounds were rung to try the ropes. All being ready, a start was made, and successfully brought round in 3 hours 11 minutes. Mr. Wathern and several other Tewkesbury ringers congratulated the band on ringing an excellent peal. After lowering the bells, the band adjourned to The Bell hotel, where, through the kindness of Mr. Wathern, a splendid tea was provided, and needless to say was done justice to. Mr. Austin, on behalf of the band, thanked Mr. Wathern for having made such excellent arrangements and hoped to pay a visit again on some future occasion.

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The meeting which should have been held at Stokesley, in February, and was postponed by the death of the late Queen, was held on Easter Monday, and was attended by upwards of thirty members from Guisborough, Middlesbrough, Richmond, Stokesley, Stockton, and Thornaby. Ringing commenced at 10.0 and was kept up with great vigour all day, in fact the bells which are a light ring of six, were never cool except during the interval for dinner at the Golden Lion, where twenty-eight members sat down at one o'clock, the president Mr. G. J. Clarkson occupying the chair, supported by the Rev. W. P. Wright, the secretary. The vice-chair was occupied by Mr. J. H. Blakiston, vice-president. The toast of "The King" having been duly honoured, several new members were elected. The company then dispersed leaving the committee to make arrangements for the annual meeting at Ripon. In the meantime a brake was provided to take a party to Whorlton-in-Cleveland. Canon Wright, who had been unable to attend the dinner, was fortunately able to be present at a tea which was generously provided by the secretary. At the conclusion of the tea the president expressed to Canon Wright the pleasure it afforded them all to see him amongst them on the occasion of their first visit to Stokesley. Canon Wright in replying expressed a hearty welcome to the association to Stokesley. He had always felt a love and appreciation for bells and was fully aware of the usefulness of such associations as the Cleveland and North York, which had already done a great deal of good. Not having time to devote to the Art himself he took credit for the ardent support accorded to it by his son. During the day five 720s of Minor were rung at Stokesley and one at Whorlton, particulars of which will be given in another column.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Essex association was held at Walthamstow, on Easter Monday. In addition to the towers of St. Mary's and St. Saviour's, those of the surrounding neighbourhood were open for ringing, but the attendance was considerably short to what the Easter Monday meeting of the association has of late years proved to attract. Tea was served at the Lord Brooke, at which there were present the Rev. T. L. Papillon, Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Rev. —. Allwork, and some thirty members. At the business meeting which followed, in reply to Mr. B. Keeble, of Romford, the hon. secretary and treasurer of the association said he had communicated with the vicar of Hornchurch respecting the opening of the bells there as announced in "THE BELL NEWS" of the previous week. The vicar, who was away for the benefit of his health, had replied that the arrangements were in the hands of the churchwardens, and that only invited ringers would be admitted to the tower at the opening. In the course of a short discussion by three or four members one remarked that had not the question been raised he should have gone to the opening apparently to find that he could not get access to the tower. To shut one out upon such occasions did not say much for those who called themselves brother-ringers. Mr. Keeble said the object he had in asking the question was to prevent any of his friends taking a fruitless journey to Hornchurch.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

IN REPLY TO MR. DAINS.

SIR,—In your columns we seem to pass from grave to gay, from lively to severe, and one of the biggest jokes I have come across for a long time is Mr. Dains's letter in your last issue. He suggests that I should publish a complete list of peals of 5000 and upwards rung with muffles. As the first claim to a performance of this kind was stated recently in your columns to be made in 1817, it is evident that to comply with Mr. Dains's request I must investigate all the peal records throughout the country for upwards of eighty years. I feel sure my respected friend was winking the other eye while he wrote that letter. Indeed I wonder how a man who could get as far as that suggestion managed to stop at it. Why, oh why, while he was about it, did not he urge me to pay off the National Debt, or to go forth on foot, armed with a bow and arrow, to capture De Wet?

I agree that such a compilation as Mr. Dains suggests would be interesting: but it is a thing that can only be done by co-operation. I am willing to co-operate in this way—I will get out a list of muffled peals rung by the Cumberland Youths and the St. James' Society. I dare say Mr. Cockerill will do the same for the College Youths peals, and also the Hon. Secretary of the Waterloo Society for that company's peals, and I am sure that I may count on Mr. King to do likewise for the Middlesex Association. This at least will, I expect, account for the Metropolitan section, and I propose that each of us, when we have prepared our lists, send them off to 47, Richmond Road, where Mr. Dains can edit them and forward them to you for publication with the benefit of any comments of his own. If this is done, I have no doubt that our country brethren will add their information.

R. A. DANIELL.

CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS.

SIR,—The articles and correspondence on this subject which have lately appeared in your columns have been very interesting and instructive. Will you kindly allow me space for a few remarks.

Mr. Drake claims the extracts which have been given us as confirming his view that the passing bell—a bell sounded before death—was not used in pre-reformation days. The inference I draw is the other way. We are told, among other expressions, that these bells at Salisbury were sounded "in extremis." This is a term which I have always understood—and I have endeavoured to assist my understanding by asking others more learned than myself, who confirm my view—to mean at a time when the physical conditions of an individual are such that soul and body appear to be about to part company. Therefore it appears to me that unless Mr. Drake can distinguish the use of the words "in extremis" in this particular connection from what they ordinarily mean, we have in these old accounts an authoritative reference to a bell sounded before death, which though described in other words is really the same as the "Passing bell" of post-reformation times. I bear in mind Mr. Drake's exposition of the "particular judgment," but, surely, the parish priest did not wait to assist a parishioner to pass through it till death had actually taken place. Was it not always one of the functions of the parish priest to supply to dying persons the appropriate offices of religion? And if so, what could be more natural and appropriate than that neighbours and fellow-parishioners should be warned by the sounding of a bell to offer up their prayers for someone with death at his elbow, for whom the parish priest was performing, or was about to perform, the last rites before death, the intention of which rites would surely include supporting the dying man through the particular judgment. There seems no reason why people who prayed for a person dying should not also pray for him when dead and passing through the particular judgment, but it is not quite plain to me why persons should not be warned to pray at all before the deceased was actually dead and passing through the particular judgment. Therefore while I think that the extracts from the Salisbury accounts confirm my view of the passing bell being an old institution, I do not

think they are inconsistent with Mr. Drake's theological position. I wonder whether the Writtle documents go back far enough to enable Mr. Papillon to enlighten us on this matter. If they do, will he kindly help us?

Arising out of these articles there is another matter which seems worth mentioning, namely, the application of the terms "Treble" and "Tenor" to bells. The word Treble, as far as I can make out from the dictionaries of Grove and Skeat, came into general use for the highest singing voice during the sixteenth century, and therefore its application to the highest crying of a ring of bells first appears in the Churchwardens accounts cited by the writer of the articles and by Mr. Papillon at about the time we might naturally expect. Having thus attached one musical term to bells it was natural enough in course of time to attach another, and accordingly Tenor makes its appearance some years later in both places, though the term Tenor as a musical term is of greater antiquity than Treble. Can anyone give us a good reason for the lowest voiced bell to have been called Tenor rather than Bass, which would have been more in accord with musical example? In Grove's Dictionary we read—"The tenor bell is the lowest in a peal of bells, and is possibly so called because it is the bell upon which the ringers hold or rest,"—a statement which is absurd. It seems to me just possible that Tenor was applied instead of bass because the general tone of the lowest bell suggested rather the quality of a tenor voice than that of a bass voice. But this is merely speculation. Both Treble and Tenor are used by Stedman, so that both were generally accepted terms in the early days of change-ringing. By the way, Stedman also uses the word "sally." Can anyone give us the origin of this term?

R. A. DANIELL.

P.S.—On reading over the above I wish to add a word about bells at deaths. When we were discussing this subject some months since I hazarded the opinion that the passing bell was chimed, and the bell after death was rung. This was plainly the case in Dowe's arrangements at St. Sepulchre's, and I do not see why this should not be a relic of pre-reformation practice. The bell sounded at Salisbury "in extremis" might well be chimed, and on notice of death having actually occurred the sexton might well ring it up. The process would thus be continuous and reconcile Mr. Drake's view of what was done with mine.

R. A. D.

A SLOVENLY HABIT.

SIR,—A ringer from the provinces almost always notices among the many very good features of London and suburban ringing the shockingly untidy habit of clashing the bells down anyhow after ringing for service, and before the service is begun. The majority of church-goers scarcely ever put in an appearance till just as the service begins, and consequently what they hear is hardly calculated to give them the best impression of their bells and ringers. The habit is comparable to an organist who having played his best to empty pews turns round and sits on the keys while the congregation is assembling. The discord in the one case would scarcely be greater than in the other. The sensible way would be either to cease the bells properly, or better still, to ring quite up to time and cease them after the service is over. Customs die hard, especially bad ones, but at a time when the opponents of ringing in large towns are neither few nor unimportant it is surely unwise to disgust our friends and put a stick into the hands of our enemies by a bad habit which is so easily remedied.

J. A. T.

BRISTOL SURPRISE.

SIR,—I am always pleased to see a new method being rung or even a good old one brought off the shelf, and congratulate the Brighton gentlemen on their performance. The concluding paragraph of Mr. Baker's letter seems to put London Surprise into the easy-to-ring method list. Will that gentleman kindly publish the rule that the band applied to the method to ring it so successfully, so that we may compare notes and see if it is not possible to make it quite as easy as London, and more interesting.

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Position to date.			Treble Bob.		Grandsire.		Minor Mths.		Plain Mths.		Surprise.		Stedman.		Total value in points.	Average points per peal.																					
	Jan. to Nov.	Dec.	Total	Maximus	Royal.	Major.	10 T. B. M. M.	7 T. B. M. M.	Cinquies.	Caters.	Major.	Triples.	Doubles.	London S. Maj.			Cam. Sur. Major.	Sup. Sur. Major.	St. Stephen's Surprise Major.	7 Surprise Minor methods.	Cinquies.	Caters.	Triples														
VALUE IN PTS. PER PEAL																																					
1 Oxford Diocn. Guild..	72	13	85	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	43	1438	16'917														
2 Ancient Soc. Coll. Yths	40	5	45	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	1146	25'46														
3 Kent County Assocn...	50	8	58	—	2	8	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	1001	17'258														
4 Middlesex Cty. Asscn	48	7	55	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	979	17'8														
5 Sussex County Assn...	37	8	45	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	900	20'0														
6 Norwich Dio. Asscn...	51	10	61	1	1	11	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	7	836	13'7														
7 Lancashire Assocn....	47	8	55	—	1	8	—	—	—	—	—	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	707	12'854														
8 St. Martin's Gld. Birm	24	6	30	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	652	21'73														
9 Essex Association....	33	8	41	—	—	5	—	4	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	649	15'829														
10 Winchester Guild....	37	6	43	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	639	14'86														
11 Glos. & Bristol Asscn.	34	7	41	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	9	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	546	13'317														
12 Surrey Association....	37	7	44	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	17	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	473	10'75														
13 Midland Cties. Asscn..	27	8	35	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	12	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	471	13'457														
14 Yorkshire Association.	30	7	37	—	—	17	—	6	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	448	12'1														
15 Worcs. & Dists. Assn.	16	5	21	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	347	16'523														
16 Centl. Northamp. Ass.	13	2	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	342	22'8														
17 Bath & Wells Assn...	19	5	24	—	—	7	—	4	—	—	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	317	13'2														
18 Durham & Newtle Ass.	18	4	22	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	305	13'863														
19 Soc. Archdty. Staffs...	14	4	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	243	24'3														
20 Hertford Cty. Asscn...	16	2	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	215	20'1														
21 Chester Dio. Guild....	16	1	17	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	201	18'8														
22 Royal Cumbl. Yths...	13	1	14	—	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	188	18'5														
23 Cleveland & N. York..	9	—	9	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	95	81														
24 Waterloo Soc. London	9	2	11	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	160	39														
25 Bedford Association..	8	3	11	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	38	21														
26 Ely Diocesan Assn...	5	2	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	15														
27 St. James' Soc. Londn	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	7														
28 Devonshire Guild....	6	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	232	—														
29 Heavy Woollen Dists.	2	1	3	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—														
30 North Notts. Assn....	3	2	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—															
31 Hereford Dio. Guild...	2	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—															
32 Lincoln Dio. Guild....	2	1	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—															
33 Irish Association.....	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—															
34 Old East Derby Assn.	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—															
35 Salop Guild.....	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—															
Independent Societies...	30	3	33	—	—	2	—	1	—	2	—	14	4	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—															
Totals..	776	148	924	3	15	97	7	16	2	33	1	186	17	6	7	8	4	30	2	62	3	3	1	7	70	18	22	14	13	51	1	5	6	49	164	14055	15'211

The first 18 Societies have each rung 15 peals or upwards during the year. The number at the bottom of this column is the average value in points of the 924 peals rung during the year.

The peals of Royal, Major, and Triples, in plain methods comprise: Bob Royal, 7; Bob Major, 70; Bob Triples, 7; Darleston Bob Triples, 2; Oxford Bob Triples, 9. The peals of Doubles:—*1 method; 4, 1 twelve; 3 seven; 2 five; 1 four; 1 one method; b, five methods; c, five methods; d, 1 three methods, 1 two methods; e, two 1 method; f, 1 method; g, 7 methods; h, 1 five, 1 three; three 1 method. The 33 peals by independent Societies, were rung in the following counties. Essex, 1; Gloucester, 6; Kent, 5; Lancashire, 1; Leicestershire, 6; Middlesex, 3; Northamptonshire, 2; Staffordshire, 1; Suffolk, 1; Sussex, 1; Warwickshire, 2; Worcestershire, 2; Yorkshire, 2.

The greatest number of changes in one peal was the 9312 of Superlative Surprise Major, by the Central Northampton Association. One peal of Kent Treble Bob Major contained 8288 changes, rung by the Yorkshire Association, and a peal on six bells by the

and nights, the average time for each peal being 3 hours 3'414 minutes.

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Bath and Wells Diocesan Association contained 7200 changes in ten methods, the remaining 921 peals contained less than 6000 changes each.

A record made during the year was the Silent peal of Stedman Caters on handbells, by the Midland Counties Association.

The 186 peals of Grandsire Triples were made up as follows: Holt's ten-part and variations, 52; Holt's Original, 40; Taylor's Bob and Single, 30; Davies's five-part, 12; Parker's twelve-part, 11; Hollis's five-part, 9; Vicars's, six-part, 5; James's ten-part, 4; other peals, 23.

The 164 peals of Stedman Triples: Thurstans's four-part and variations, 144; Thurstans's one-part, 11; other peals, 9.

The 115 peals of Treble Bob Maximus, Royal, and Major:—In the Kent Variation, 103; In the Oxford Variation, 12.

The time occupied in ringing the 924 peals was 2824 hours 35 mins., or 117.69 days

	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900
1 Oxford Diocesan Guild	2	1	3	2	1	1
2 Ancient Society of College Youths	7	5	2	4	4	2
3 Kent County Association	5	7	7	8	3	3
4 Middlesex County Association	—	—	25	18	9	4
5 Sussex County Association	1	2	1	1	2	5
6 Norwich Diocesan Association	3	4	5	9	5	6
7 Laneshire Association	8	10	4	5	7	7
8 St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham	14	21	13	20	16	8
9 Essex County Association	16	16	11	10	12	9

The following table shows the number of peals rung annually since the publication of "THE BELL NEWS."

1881	156	1885	500	1889	797
1882	244	1886	556	1890	699
1883	330	1887	646	1891	878
1884	419	1888	759	1892	802

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THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Friday, February 1st, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. On Saturday, February 2nd, 640 in the same method. F. H. Ancock, W. Rhodes, J. Morton, W. Price, G. Norman, S. Robinson (senr.), G. Marsden, S. Robinson jun. (conductor). On Sunday, February 3rd, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. H. Ancock, W. Rhodes, J. Morton, W. Price, W. Collier, S. Robinson (sen.) G. Marsden, S. Robinson jun. (conductor). On Monday, February 4th, 240 Oxford and 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor, on the back six. F. H. Ancock, W. Rhodes, J. Morton, S. Robinson (sen.), G. Marsden, S. Robinson (jun. conductor). On Sunday, February 10th, 230 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. F. H. Ancock, W. Rhodes, W. Price, S. Robinson (sen conductor), W. Collier, S. Robinson (jun.).

BOCKING (Essex).—On Sunday, January 27th, 720 Bob Minor. N. Smith, F. Radley, W. Moore, C. Bearman, S. Sargent, W. Grimwade (conductor). On Saturday, February 2nd, 720 and 360 Bob Minor. F. Radley, W. Moore, F. Warren, C. Bearman, S. Sargent, W. Grimwade (conductor).

GARSTON (Lancashire).—On January 23rd, 1008 changes, representing Her Majesty's age in years, months, and days, consisting of 48 of Violet, 240 of Kent, and 720 of Oxford. F. C. Newton, R. H. Green, J. Turner, J. T. Lowe, T. J. Morris, J. Allen (conductor).

Giles, J. E. Groves, G. H. Lee, W. Marks, J. R. Pritchard, W. T. Robson, F. Shepherd, G. Wightman and J. Wyatt, 4. In addition to these, there were 31 who conducted 3 peals; 49 who conducted 2 peals; and 180 who conducted 1 peal. Also 1 Silent peal of Stedman Caters (on handbells), and 1 peal published without a conductor's name, making a total of 323 persons who acted as conductors during the year.

Number of peals on handbells, 27; on church bells, 897. They were rung as follows: January, 68; February, 77; March, 75; April, 59; May, 85; June, 66; July, 30; August, 47; September, 75; October, 89; November, 105; December, 148—Total 924.

Increase on the year previous (1899)—12.

In reckoning totals of points, peals of over 7000 and under 10000 changes, count as 2 peals. The following table gives the first 18 Societies and their relative positions from 1895 to 1900 inclusive, points being first used in 1895 to determine the premier position.

	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900
10 Winchester Diocesan Guild	12	9	14	12	15	10
11 Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association	10	13	12	7	11	11
12 Surrey Association	13	14	20	16	17	12
13 Midland Counties Association	6	3	8	6	6	13
14 Yorkshire Association	4	6	9	11	8	14
15 Worcester and Districts Association	19	12	6	3	10	15
16 Central Northampton Association	23	18	10	14	14	16
17 Bath and Wells Diocesan Association	25	20	22	25	20	17
18 Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association	9	8	18	19	31	18

1895	705	1897	905
1896	859	1898	1002
1897	766	1899	912
1898	791	1900	924

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HORLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, January 27th, at St. Bartholomew's church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. F. Voice, 1; J. Kenward, 2; T. Whitmore, 3; S. Kenward (conductor), W. Edwards, 5; A. Songhurst, 6; G. Apps, 7; T. Post, 8. On Saturday, February 2nd, for the memorial service, a quarter-peal Grandsire Triples. E. Taylor, 1; J. Kenward, 2; T. Whitmore, 3; A. Songhurst, 4; W. Edwards, 5; S. Kenward (conductor), 6; F. Voice, 7; T. Post, 8. On Sunday, February 3rd, for evening service, 980 Grandsire Triples, composed by C. Smart, of Steyning, Sussex. F. Voice, 1; J. Kenward, 2; T. Whitmore, 3; A. Songhurst, 4; W. Edwards, 5; G. Apps, 6; S. Kenward (conductor), 7; T. Post, 8.

LINSLADE (Bucks).—On Wednesday, January 23rd, at St. Barnabas' church, three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. G. Wright, F. Vicars (conductor), A. Cheshire, W. Willis, C. White, W. Neale. On Sunday, January 27th, for morning service, a 6-score. H. Webster, F. Vicars (conductor), G. Wright, T. Willis, C. White, W. Willis. And for evening service, another 6-score. H. Webster, F. Vicars (conductor), A. Cheshire, F. Willis, C. White, W. Neale. And another 6-score with W. Willis (conductor), the rest as before. On Saturday, February 2nd, a 6-score. H. Webster, W. Willis (conductor), G. Wright, T. Willis, C. White, W. Neale. And another 6-score with F. Vicars (conductor), the rest as before. Tenor 7 cwt.

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STOWMARKET (Suffolk).—On Saturday, February 2nd, 1008 Bob Major. W. Welham, F. Allard, C. Souter, G. Melbourne, E. Draper, W. E. Tydema, T. W. Souter, W. P. Rouse. Also several touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major with C. Alderton and J. Wade. After the memorial service the usual whole pull and stand and 720 Bob Major. W. Souter (conductor), C. Souter, C. Alderton, G. Melbourne, E. E. Draper, W. E. Tydema, G. Wade, W. Rouse.

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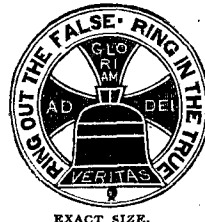
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SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 1901.

RINGERS' ASSOCIATION FOR RUTLAND.

On Easter Monday, a meeting was held at the Church-room, Oakham, for the object of forming a Bellringers' Association for the county of Rutland. There was a good attendance, including representatives from Oakham, Uppingham, Langham, Somerby, and Exton, and amongst those also present were the Revs. F. Baggallay (Oakham), G. E. Britten (Somerby), and S. Hartley (Exton). It was understood that Ashwell was willing to join the Association, but their delegates were unable to arrive in time for the meeting. The Rev. F. Baggallay was voted to the chair. On the proposition of Mr. Preston, seconded by the Rev. G. E. Britten, it was unanimously decided that a Change-ringers' Association for the county should be formed, and the Chairman then read the draft rules, which were considered seriatim, and subsequently, on the motion of Mr. Gregory, Mr. F. Towell seconding, these, as amended by the meeting, were adopted. The Rev. G. E.

Britten proposed, Mr. Gregory seconded, and it was unanimously agreed, that the Ven. the Archdeacon of Oakham (who was prevented from attending the meeting through a prior engagement) be elected President of the Association, and on the proposal of Mr. R. W. Baker, seconded by Mr. Preston, Mr. G. Welch, of Oakham, was appointed secretary and treasurer. The following six change-ringing members were appointed on the Committee in accordance with rule 4, viz.: Messrs. R. W. Baker (Langham), F. Towell, E. W. Higgs (Oakham), Preston (Somerby), Gregory (Uppingham), and Watson (Ashwell). It was left with the foregoing to elect six honorary members of the Committee, and the Committee will choose the Vice-Presidents and Master. Forty-one names were handed in for membership of the Association, and doubtless other villages in the county than those named will before long become affiliated to it.

After the meeting an adjournment was made to the parish church, when two 360s of Grandsire Doubles were rung on the bells.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful quarterly meeting was held at Coity, Bridgend, on Easter Monday, April 8th, 1901, at 2.30 p.m., at which the Venerable Archdeacon Edmondson presided. Previous to the meeting at 2 o'clock, shortened evensong was held in Coity church at which the Archdeacon gave the men an earnest address. There was a large number of the members present, about forty. It was proposed and carried unanimously that the next quarterly meeting be held at Usk about the the first week in July. Two towers joined the Association and twenty-one new members. A discussion then followed as to the advisability of having certificates of membership, and it was resolved that the hon. secretary should see Diocesan architect and surveyor, and ask him to draw up a suitable design for the diocese and that the same, together with its cost, be brought forward at the next meeting. The Archdeacon said he was very glad to welcome the Association to Coity, and to see such a satisfactory attendance of members. The hon. secretary asked the Archdeacon to accept from him on behalf of the members their sincere thanks for the keen interest he was taking in the work of the Association, for becoming a life member and for presiding that day as well as for the hearty reception and hospitality he had extended to those present. Later on a discussion followed as to the advisability of arranging for a holiday trip on August Bank Holiday instead of the usual quarterly meeting. The hon. secretary said he supported the proposition cordially as he thought a pleasant long day trip would afford better opportunity for the men to get to know each other, and to cement the friendship between them which was already being formed. Messrs. Atwell, Jones and Thomas were chosen to act as a Committee, and were desired to go thoroughly into the matter and to formulate a scheme of the same to be presented at the next meeting. An excellent tea was afterwards kindly provided for the men, and a hearty vote of thanks were accorded Mrs. Phillips and her helpers for their kind hospitality and services. After tea the bells of the church rung out merrily and some changes were gone through. Thus concluded a very pleasant day and a thoroughly successful meeting.

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The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 13, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS THE MARTYR,
LOWER THAMES STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILLARS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

JAMES PETTIT Treble.	MATTHEW A. WOOD 6.
EDWIN HORREX 2.	HERBERT LANGDON 7.
EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. 3.	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 8.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 9.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 5.	WALTER PRIME Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY W. HALEY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM T. COCKERILL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, SNOW HILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILLARS, 5035 CHANGES.

Tenor 33 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 6.
CHARLES WILKINS 2.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	ERNEST PYE 8.
GEORGE N. PRICE 4.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE 5.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

The Provinces.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 6, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. Treble.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 5.
JOHN R. SHARMAN 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
First peal in the method on the bells.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 7, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN R. SHARMAN Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 6.
HARRY BARTON 2.	JOHN W. STEDDY 7.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 3.	GEORGE R. PYE 8.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4.	ERNEST PYE 9.
CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 5.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
†First peal of Royal. The band wish to thank P. H. Powell Cotton, Esq. for his kind hospitality towards them after the peal. First peal of Royal on the bells.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 7, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILLARS, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 6.
WILLIAM PYE 2.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 8.
HARRY BARTON 4.	ERNEST PYE 9.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5.	THOMAS LEES Tenor.

Composed by the late GEORGE NEWSON, and
Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

LITTLEBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Superlative, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury, Grandsire, and Plain Bob.

EDMUND J. HYLAND .. Treble.	ALBERT J. DAY .. 4.
JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 2.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 5.
WILLIAM T. HYLAND .. 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

This is the first peal on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also for his kind hospitality after the peal.

BEKESBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720s each of Double Oxford Bob, College Single, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury and Plain Bob.

JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. WALKER .. 4.
EDMUND J. HYLAND .. 2.	ALBERT J. DAY .. 5.
WILLIAM HYLAND .. 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

This is the first peal on the bells, and the ringers thank the vicar for the kind way in which they were entertained and also for the use of the bells, which go as well as could be desired, and also to the ringers for having everything in readiness.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt. in C.

GEORGE R. PYE .. Treble.	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 7.
HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. 8.
ERNEST PYE .. 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 9.
JOHN W. STEDDY .. 5.	WILLIAM PYE .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

First peal of Royal on the bells. The above is T. Groombridge's 1202nd peal, a list of which will be found elsewhere.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1901, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN BLAKE* .. Treble.	PERCY H. DOICK .. 5.
STEPHEN STONE .. 2.	JOHN NETLEY .. 6.
ALFRED GREENFIELD .. 3.	GEORGE H. LEE .. 7.
HUGH W. HERRINGTON .. 4.	*CHARLES S. CHILDS.. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE H. LEE.

*First peal.

MARGATE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 8, 1901, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 23 cwt.

ERNEST PYE .. Treble.	WILLIAM PYE .. 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE .. 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 6.
JOHN W. STEDDY .. 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 7.
GEORGE R. PYE .. 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Monday, April 8, 1901, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 23½ cwt.

JESSE GILLET .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 5.
JOHN AUSTIN .. 2.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. 6.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 3.	ERNEST E. DAVIS .. 7.
HENRY MIDDLETON .. 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by FRED. G. MAY, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

This composition is a four-part peal with the 5th and 6th each twenty-two courses in 6ths place.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

(THE ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY, BIRMINGHAM.)

On Monday, April 8, 1900, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 23½ cwt.

THOMAS PIGOTT .. Treble.	WILLIAM VERRY .. 5.
CHARLES MACKENZIE .. 2.	†WILLIAM G. ELLIS .. 6.
JOSEPH PORTER .. 3.	THOMAS MILLER .. 7.
JOSEPH PIGOTT .. 4.	ALBERT HACKLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. G. ELLIS.

†First peal as conductor.

THORNABY-ON-TEES, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

W. HARDY* .. Treble.	†T. BECKWITH .. 5.
N. KIDD .. 2.	REV. W. P. WRIGHT .. 6.
R. GREENWOOD* .. 3.	T. METCALFE .. 7.
J. CLARKSON† .. 4.	T. STEPHENSON .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by T. STEPHENSON.

*First peal. †First peal of Treble Bob. Rev. W. P. Wright hails from Stokesley; T. Metcalfe from Middlesbrough; Hardy and Kidd belong to Thornaby; the rest to Stockton.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 9, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES F. TURNER .. Treble.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. 5.
GEORGE R. PYE .. 2.	ERNEST PYE .. 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 3.	JOHN W. STEDDY .. 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. The band wish to thank the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore for his hospitality towards them after the peal.

GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Tuesday, April 9, 1901, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor about 27 cwt.

FRED. G. MAY .. Treble.	JOHN AUSTIN .. 5.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 2.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 6.
ERNEST E. DAVIS .. 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 7.
FRANCIS E. WARD .. 4.	WILLIAM J. SEVIER .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

RYE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, April 10, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

SYDNEY SAKER Treble.	GEORGE WATSON 5.
WILLIAM BILLENESSE* .. 2.	FREDERICK LOCK 6.
FRANCIS A. KENNETT .. 3.	JAMES LIVERMORE 7.
GEORGE PENFOLD 4.	*WALTER TOMSETT Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WATSON.

*First peal. Messrs. Saker, Lock and Livermore belong to Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings; Kennett and Watson to Christ Church, St. Leonard's; Penfold to Pevensey; Billenses and Tomsett to Rye.

GORLESTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 11, 1901, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720s each called differently.

HARRY WRIGHT Treble.	DENISON HAYWARD 4.
WILLIAM T. BLYTH 2.	ABEL FULLER 5.
JOHN GODFREY 3.	GEORGE ORFORD Tenor.

Conducted by DENISON HAYWARD.

First peal on the bells. First peal by the 1st, 3rd, and 5th ringers.

BUCKNALL STAFFORDSHIRE.
STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 11, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge, Worcester, Chichester, York, Durham, Bristol and Lichfield.

JOSEPH PRESTON Treble.	DANIEL PRESTON 4.
CHARLES PRESTON 2.	GEORGE HOBBS 5.
WILLIAM WHEELDON .. 3.	WILLIAM TWIGG Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HOBBS.

First peal of Surprise as conductor.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 11, 1901, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.
Tenor 21 cwt. in D.

EDWARD HULL Treble.	*ERNEST W. ALLEN 6.
GEORGE W. CARTMEL .. 2.	ARTHUR HALLETT 7.
ARTHUR HULL 3.	†HARRY J. FEWELL 8.
E. P. DEBENHAM 4.	WILLIAM T. LIGHTFOOT .. 9.
W. G. LIVERMORE .. 5.	†WILLIAM W. FIELD Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX, and

Conducted by EDWARD PECKY DEBENHAM.

†First peal. *First peal of Caters. †First peal of Caters and first peal with a bob bell. *First peal of Grandsire Caters. E. W. Allen hails from Guildford; W. T. Lightfoot from Chiddingfold, Surrey; W. Field belongs to the St. Michael's society, St. Albans; the others to the St. Peter's society.

TREETON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 12, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 240 each of Coventry Surprise, Rochester Surprise, Ely Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Morning Exercise, Ebor, College Treble, Tulip, Primrose, College New Treble, College Exercise, London Scholars, College Pleasure, Tanner's Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, Killamarsh, Duke of York, Violet, Kent, and Oxford.
Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN TINKLER* Treble.	WM. LAMBERT 4.
THOS. WHITWORTH .. 2.	W. J. NICHOLSON 5.
J. H. BROTHWELL .. 3.	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor.

Conducted by WM. LAMBERT.

*First peal.

FEERING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1901, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM E. HUNWICK .. Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
JAMES MOTTS 2.	DAVID ELLIOTT 6.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
WILLIAM ELLIOTT 4.	JAMES NEWMAN Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

PENTRE RHONDDA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1901, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qrs. 8 lbs.

WILLIAM NORTHEY* .. Treble.	ALLEN ROWLEY 5.
JOHN W. JONES 2.	WILLIAM COOMBS 6.
FREDERICK ATTWELL .. 3.	JOHN CLUTTERBUCK .. 7.
JOHN HARRIS 4.	BENJAMIN TILLEY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM COOMBS.

*First peal. Further reference elsewhere.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 13, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

FREDERICK PALMER .. Treble.	ANDERSON TYLER 5.
WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 2.	HENRY STUBBS 6.
WALTER PERKINS 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN. .. 7.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 4.	JOHN J. MAWBY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.

This is H. Stubbs's 50th peal, and the conductor's 40th peal of Norwich.

PRESTBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 14, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

SAMUEL GOODWIN* .. Treble.	ALFRED BOWERS 5.
JOHN M. DAVENPORT .. 2.	A LESLIE MAY 6.
JOSEPH NORBURY 3.	WILLIAM MAYERS 7.
WILFRED MATTHEWS .. 4.	*REV. W. H. BONSEY .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. MATTHEWS.

*First peal. This peal, which is a twelve-part composition, is now rung for the first time. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th ringers belong to Macclesfield.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 15, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

HARRY EVANS Treble.	GEORGE NORRIS 3.
REUBEN STANDING .. 2.	HARRY MEETENS 6.
JOHN PAICE 3.	EDMUND LINDUP 7.
ALFRED W. GROVES .. 4.	FREDERICK LINDUP Tenor.

Conducted by EDMUND LINDUP.

PEAL CORRECTION. — Mr. J. Motts writes: "The peal rang at Southwold on Tuesday, April 9th, was by members of the Norwich Diocesan Association. I omitted that in my letter to you. Please correct the same in your next issue."

Date Touches.

STOWMARKET (Cambridgeshire).—On Sunday evening, January 6th, for service, a date touch of Bob Major, 1901 changes, in 1 hour 14 mins. W. Welham, 1; C. Souter, 2; C. Alderton, 3; W. Souter (conductor), 4; E. E. Diaper, 5; W. E. Tydeman, 6; G. Wale, 7; P. Rouse, 8. Composed by E. Bennett, of Croydon.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, December 9th, for evening service, 1259 Grandsire Caters in 48 mins. A. Savage, 1; C. W. Nuttall, 2; G. M. Farr, 3; D. Farthing, 4; W. J. Thyng, 5; A. Knights, 6; H. Haigh (Retford), (conductor), 7; J. Hunt, 8; A. Craven, 9; G. Mee, 10.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH (Middlesex).—On Sunday, April 7th, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Harding, 1; J. Basden (conductor), 2; E. V. Beadle, 3; C. Edwards, 4; T. Beadle, 5; F. Goddard, 6; W. Meaton, 7; G. A. Ransom, 8. Rung as a farewell compliment to J. Aldridge, who is leaving for South Africa.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THORNABY-ON-TREES.—On February 20th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Mellowes (first 720), J. H. Pinkney, 2; S. Kelley, 3; A. Hardy, 4; N. Kidd, 5; W. J. Wright (conductor), 6.—On March 6th, 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Hardy, 1; N. Kidd, 2; A. Barrett, 3; J. Clarkson, 4; W. Newton, 5; S. Metcalfe, 6; W. J. Wright, 7; T. Stephenson (conductor), 8. On March 27th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Stephenson (first 720), 1; A. Mellowes, 2; W. Newton, 3; W. J. Wright, 4; F. Cooke, 5; T. Stephenson (conductor), 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

GRASSENDALE (Lancashire).—On Sunday evening, December 16th, 720 Oxford. F. C. Newton, 1; R. H. Green, 2; J. Turner, 3; J. T. Lowe, 4; T. J. Morris, 5; J. Allen (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, December 23rd, 720 Woodbine. F. C. Newton, 1; R. H. Green, 2; J. Turner (conductor), 3; J. T. Lowe, 4; T. J. Morris, 5; J. Allen, 6. First 720 in the method by all. On Sunday evening, December 30th, 720 Violet. J. Turner, 1; R. H. Green (conductor), 2; T. Jennions (first 720 in the method), 3; J. T. Lowe, 4; T. J. Morris, 5; J. Allen, 6. On December 31st, 720 Oxford. F. C. Newton, 1; R. H. Green (conductor), 2; J. Turner, 3; J. T. Lowe, 4; T. J. Morris, 5; J. Allen, 6. On Sunday, January 6th, 720 Kent. F. C. Newton (conductor), 1; R. H. Green, 2; J. Turner, 3; J. T. Lowe, 4; T. J. Morris, 5; J. Allen, 6. On Sunday, January 20th, for evening service, 720 Kent. J. Turner, 1; R. H. Green, 2; F. C. Newton, 3; J. T. Lowe (conductor), 4; T. J. Morris, 5; J. Allen, 6. On Monday, January 21st, for practice, 720 Oxford. F. C. Newton, 1; R. H. Green, 2; T. Jennions (first 720 in the method with a bob bell), 3; J. T. Lowe, 4; T. J. Morris, 5; J. Allen, 6. On Sunday, February 3rd, for evening service, 720 Violet. J. Turner (conductor), 1; R. H. Green, 2; F. C. Newton, 3; J. T. Lowe, 4; T. J. Morris, 5; J. Allen, 6.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

MORETON.—On Easter Sunday morning, 720 Canterbury (twenty-six bobs and ten singles). J. Stanley, 1; H. Rogers, 2; C. Rimmer, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; W. Wilcox (conductor), 5; G. R. Rogers, 6. On Wednesday, April 10th, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Wilcox, 1; J. W. Parkinson, 2; H. Rogers, 3; J. Griffiths, 4; G. Povall, 5; J. Povall, 6.

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KIDSGROVE (Staffordshire).—On Sunday morning, February 27th, for Divine Service, 720 Woodbine. F. Johnson, 1; T. Buckley, 2; A. Archer (conductor), 3; J. Mason, 4; F. Dean, 5; H. Dean, 6. On Sunday, February 17th, 360 Woodbine and 360 Oxford. On Sunday morning, March 10th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent. F. Johnson, 1; G. Buckley, 2; J. Mason, 3; A. Archer, 4; F. Dean, 5; H. Dean, 6. After evening service 720 Violet. J. Mason, 1; G. Buckley, 2; A. Archer, 3; F. Dean, 4; H. Dean, 5; T. Siddons (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 31st, for morning, service, 720 Oxford. F. Johnson,

1; G. Buckley, 2; J. Mason, 3; A. Archer, 4; F. Dean, 5; H. Dean (conductor), 6. For evening service 720 Woodbine, standing as above, conducted by A. Archer.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEPTONSTALL (Yorks).—On Wednesday, January 9th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Grandsire Minor, 720 Duke of York, 720 Violet and 720 New London. The above were rung in an attempt for a 5040 in seven methods, which was lost through a change-course in the sixth 720, after ringing 2 hrs. 35 mins. T. Robertshaw (conductor), 1; W. Ingham, 2; J. W. Foster, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; R. Nowell, 5; F. P. Powell, 6. On Sunday, January 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Robertshaw, 1; J. Armstrong, 2; J. W. Poster, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; R. Nowell, 5; F. P. Powell (conductor), 6. And 360 College Single. T. Robertshaw (conductor), 1; J. Robertshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; R. Nowell, 5; F. P. Powell, 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Tuesday, January 22nd, an attempt for Vicars' peal of Grandsire Triples, on the occasion of the Rector's 76th birthday, was abandoned after 1260 changes had been rung, owing to the receipt of the sad news of Her Majesty's death. E. Baker, 1; F. Pounds, 2; H. Druce, 3; N. Spindlow, 4; T. Bull, 5; J. Monk (conductor), 6; F. P. Powell, 7; H. Brooks, 8.

THEALE (Berks).—On Monday, February 18th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. H. Stevens, 1; F. Clark, 2; R. Frankum, 3; H. Frankum, 4; W. Clark, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6. *First 720 as conductor. Messrs. Frankum (2), and Smith hail from Aldermaston.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE (Sussex).—On December 24th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Sindén, 1; W. J. Thomas, 2; C. R. Carter, 3; C. J. Hyland, 4; W. H. Eldridge, 5; H. Elliott, 6; W. Franks (conductor), 7; A. Saunders, 8. On New Year's Eve at 11.30 p.m., 350 Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled, to commemorate the passing of the nineteenth century, the new century being ushered in with a well-struck 504 in the same method, the members taking part being Messrs. Carter, Dennis, Eldridge, Franks, Hyland, Mathis, Saunpers, Sindén, and Thomas.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, March 9th, for practice at St Margaret's church, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Button, 1; W. Taylor, 2; A. J. Lincoln (conductor), 3; S. Bailey (longest length in the method and second attempt), 4; H. J. Button, 5; C. Samson, 6; J. M. Button, 7; E. Bailey, 8. Rung with the bells closely muffled, by the Rev. B. W. Raven's orders, as a continued tribute of respect to the late departed Queen.

THE ALBION SOCIETY, SHIFNAL, SALOP.

SHIFNAL (Salop).—On Sunday evening, February 17th, for Divine Service, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. Kelly, 1260 Bob Triples. E. Bingham, 1; J. W. Bell, 2; J. E. Meredith, 3; J. Kelly, 4; W. Harris, 5; J. Bishton, 6; J. Bradney (conductor), 7; T. Gwilliam, 8.

GREAT HALE (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, December 4th, a half-peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor, being three 720 and a 360, each called differently. W. H. Wood, 1; T. Humberstone, 2; C. Ward, 3; R. Masters, 4; T. Taylor, 5; J. R. Green (conductor), 6. First half-peal by all and on the bells. On Sunday, December 16th, for evening service, 720 Duke of York. J. R. Green, 1; Walter H. Wood, 2; C. Ward, 3; R. Masters, 4; T. Humberstone, 5; T. T. Taylor (conductor), 6. On Sunday, December 30th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Wilkinson, 1; T. T. Taylor, 2; C. Ward, 3; R. Masters, 4; W. H. Wood, 5; J. W. Wood (conductor), 6. On Sunday, January 13th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Wilkinson, 1; R. Master, 2; J. R. Green, 3; W. H. Wood, 4; T. T. Taylor, 5; T. Humberstone (conductor), 6.

HORLEY (Surrey).—On Sunday, January 20th, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Taylor, 1; J. Kenward, 2; E. Dewey, 3; S. Kenward (conductor), 4; W. Edwards, 5; A. Songhurst, 6; G. Apps, 7; T. Post, 8.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, January 13th, at St. Mary's church, after evening service, 720 Bob Minor. A. Jacob (conductor), 1; F. W. Ford, 2; F. H. Purton, 3; W. Pickworth, 4; T. Langdon, 5; H. Stubbs, 6.

WALTHAM ABBEY (Essex).—On Sunday morning, February 3rd, with the bells muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. T. Mitchell, 1; F. Perrin, 2; F. Carter, 3; G. Thurgood, 4; G. E. Peace, 5; P. Colverd, 6; W. [A. Alps (composer and conductor), 7; G. Cole, 8.

Notices.

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Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held to-day, Saturday, April 20th, at All Saints church, West Bromwich. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Short service in church at 5 o'clock. Committee meeting in the vestry at 5.30.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The North Notts. Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at Retford, to-day, Saturday, April 20th. The business meeting will be held in the West Retford Church schoolroom, at 3.30 p.m. Divine Service in West Retford Church at 4.15 p.m. Tea at The Newcastle Arms, at 5 p.m. Members of kindred Associations will be heartily welcome. Tea free to members, one shilling per head to visitors.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, on Tuesday evening, April 23rd. Chair to be taken at 8.30. The attendance of every member is requested.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Padham, on Saturday, April 27th, to re-open the augmented peal.

THOS. DUXBURY, *Branch Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at Lewisham, on Saturday, April 27th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 6. All subscriptions still unpaid are now due.

P. E. BEX, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Barnhurst, Bexleyheath.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Martin's church, Kentish Town (Gospel Oak), on Saturday, April 27th. All ringers and friends of the Association are cordially invited. The bells will be raised about 4 p.m. A subsequent meeting will be held on May 11th, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, by kind permission of the Rev. Canon Henson, of which date members are requested to take note.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Sefton, on Saturday, April 27th. Full particulars by circular.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM, }

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Gosport, on Saturday, April 27th.

REV. C. MATTHEWS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Abingdon Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held in the church rooms, Oak Street, Abingdon, on Saturday, April 27th. There will be a service at St. Nicholas church, at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the church rooms at 5.15, after which the ordinary business will take place.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Holbeck (St. Matthews), on Saturday, April 27th. Bells at liberty from 3

o'clock to 9 p.m. Business meeting at The Spotted Cow inn, at 7 p.m.

J. W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*

5, Ashcroft Street, Bramley, Leeds.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 27th. Tea at the Co operative Hall, Silver Street, at 4.45 p.m., free to members who have paid their subscriptions for the current year. Non-members 1s. each. The towers of the churches in the city will be open for ringing in the afternoon and evening.

GEO. CHESTER, *Hon. Sec.*

Granville House, Carline Road, Lincoln.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Gosport, on Saturday, April 27th (8 bells), and St. Mary's, Portsea (8), available after 3. Unveiling of the Hewett Memorial Brass at Holy Trinity, Gosport, at 3 p.m. Meeting 3.15. Tea provided.

CHAS. E. MATTHEWS, *Hon. Sec.*

Bursledon Vicarage, Southampton.

The Lancashire Association.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Todmorden on Saturday, May 4th. Further particulars by circular.

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The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District. The annual meeting of this district will be held at Ospringe, on Saturday, May 4th. Further particulars next week.

E. E. FOREMAN, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Great Marlow on Saturday, May 4th. This will also be the Spring Meeting of the Guild. Ringing to commence at 2 p.m. Service in church at 5 p.m. Preacher—Rev. A. T. C. Cowie, Rector of Clewer. Tea in the Boys school-room at 5.45. Business meeting at 6.30. Those intending to be present are requested to send their names to me on or before May 1st.

W. E. YATES, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*

Temple View, Marlow.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A Quarterly General Meeting will be held at North Elmham on Wednesday, May 8th. Dinner at The King's Head at 1.30 p.m., at 2s. 3d. for Honorary and 1s. 3d. for Company Members. Notice of intention to be present should, in every instance, be sent to the Hon. Secretary before Thursday, May 2nd.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—For the future, the business meetings of this Society will be held monthly (instead of quarterly as before), at the Society's meeting-room, at The Green Man, commencing on Thursday, April 18th. Ringing at 8 p.m.

E. H. OXENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

Central Northamptonshire Association.—Will all members who have not paid their subscriptions kindly send them at once. Will members also be good enough to consider and discuss in their respective bellfries, the question of choosing a representative for the Central Council (as mentioned at the last annual meeting). It is most important that whoever may be elected that he should be able to represent the association from both the clerical and the ringers' point of view.

Wellingborough. E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT CANTERBURY.—Mr. T. Groombridge's 102 peals.—Minor methods 5, conducted 5; Grandsire Triples 8, conducted 4; Grandsire Caters 1; Oxford Bob Triples 3, conducted 1; Bob Triples 1; Bob Major 3, conducted 1; Stedman Triples 17, conducted 8; Stedman Caters 6; Stedman Cinques 2; Double Oxford Bob Major 1; Double Norwich Major 9; Oxford Treble Bob Major 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 32, conducted 12; Kent Treble Bob Royal 5, conducted 2; Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1; Superlative Surprise Major 6; Cambridge Surprise Major 1.—Total 102—conducted 33.

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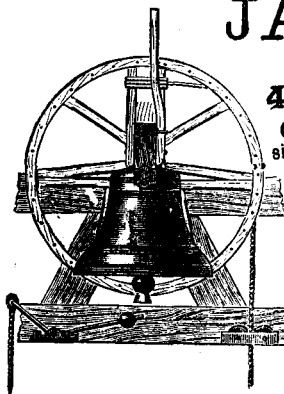
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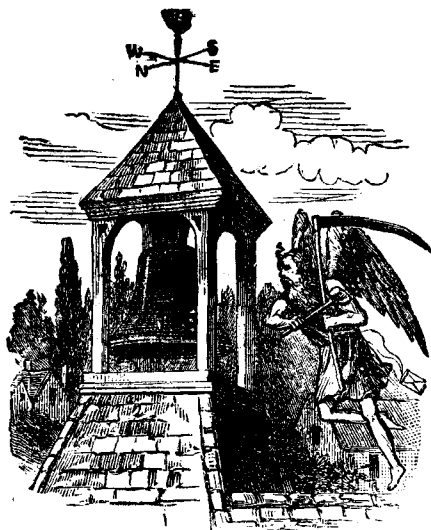
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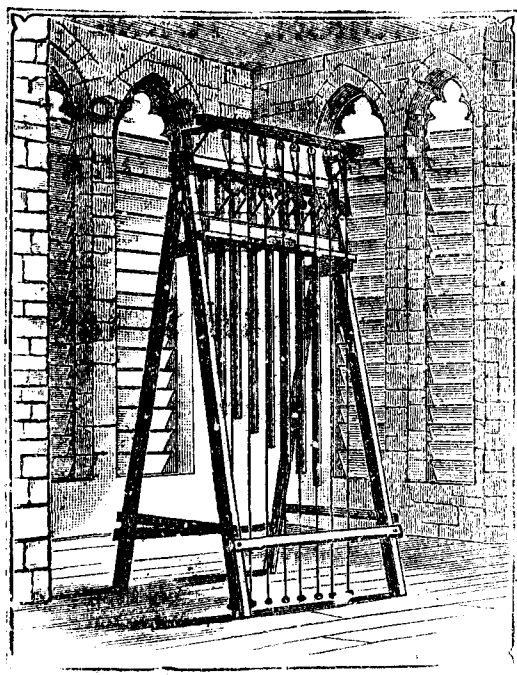
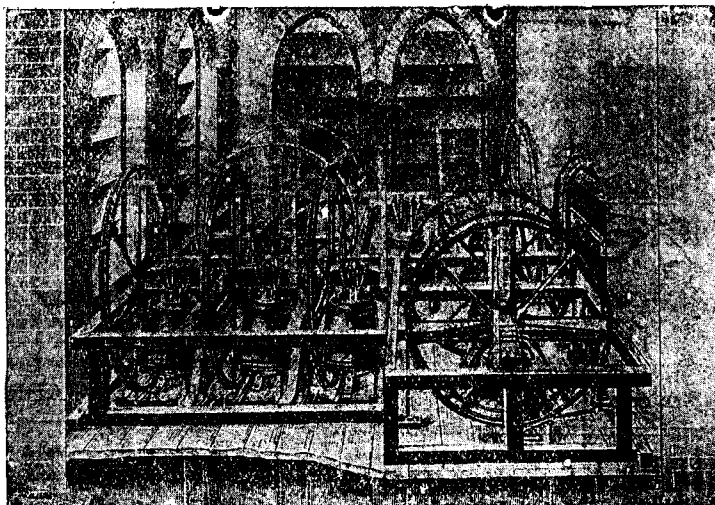
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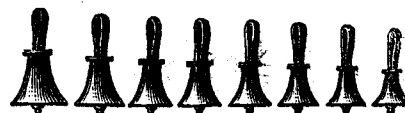
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DEDICATION OF CHURCH BELLS AT EXTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.

The Venerable Archdeacon of Taunton, Dr. Ainslie, recently attended at St. Peter's church, Exton, for the purpose of dedicating a new bell hung in the church tower in memory of the late Mr. W. L. Chorley, and re-dedicating the third bell in the peal, which had been recast at the cost of the Rector (the Rev. F. K. Warren) and his sister, Miss Warren, of Heavitree, Exeter, in memory of their mother. This peal, which before consisted of five bells, now has six, all of very nice tone. The work of renewing and rehangng the bells was entrusted to Mr. J. Sully, of Stogumber, and it has been carried out in a thoroughly satisfactory style.

The dedication ceremony was an interesting one, and was largely attended, not only by parishioners, but by people from the country round, so that at the appointed hour, half-past two o'clock, the church was not only full, but some were unable to find admittance, and this although the day was an inclement one, the weather being stormy and wet. Before the commencement of the service, the organist, Miss Gravely, played some voluntaries by Mendelssohn, and the service commenced with the singing of the hymn, "Onward, Christian soldiers," during which the clergy moved in procession to their places, those present being the Rev. F. K. Warren (Rector of Exton), Rev. W. M. K. Warren (St. Mary's, Bridgwater), Rev. R. Newman (Hawkrigge), Rev. Prebendary Anderson (Winsford), Rev. W. J. Batchelor (Kingsbrompton), Rev. R. T. de Carteret (Cutcombe), Rev. J. B. Philby (Dulverton), Rev. H. E. Dunn (Upton), and the Ven. Dr. Ainslie. The churchwardens, Messrs. P. Evered and R. Norman, were also present. The first part of the service was the ordinary evensong, conducted by the Rev. W. M. K. Warren. The first lesson, Numbers x. 1-11, was read by the Rev. F. K. Warren, and the second, St. John ii. 13-22, by the Rev. Prebendary Anderson. The Archdeacon took up the service, and, proceeding to the belfry at the west-end of the church, said the special dedicatory prayers, and Psalm cl. was sung to a chant by Barnby in C. The following members of the local band then entered the belfry and rang a short touch, the congregation standing: Messrs. G. Boaden, 1; W. Hoyle, 2; C. Phillips, 3; T. Phillips, jun., 4; W. Phillips, 5; T. Phillips, sen., 6. At the conclusion a special hymn, "Not idle are the fleeting sounds," was sung.

The sermon was preached by the Archdeacon, who took for his text, Isaiah lxx. 12 and 24: "When I called ye did not answer, when I spake ye did not hear. It shall come to pass that before they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking I will hear."

Another special hymn, "Lift them gently to the steeple," was sung, during which a collection was made for incidental expenses in connection with the bells. The Archdeacon having then pronounced the Benediction, the service was brought to a close with the recessional hymn, "When morning gilds the skies."

Several bands of ringers were in attendance to try the

bells, these, besides the Exton ringers, coming from Winsford, Kingsbrompton, Dulverton, Minehead, Dunster, and Bridgwater, so that from the conclusion of the service until very late in the evening the bells were sending out merry peals with scarcely an interval. The Dulverton ringers rang several touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, and the Minehead and Dunster band a date touch of Bob Minor in 1 hr. 2 mins. T. Elliott, G. Stacey, G. Atkins, J. Grabham, J. Jones, H. Moore (conductor). The ringing was very good, and excited considerable interest. With the Exton ringers, Mr. R. Howe, of Dodington, a well-known ringer some twenty-five years at Exton, took a hand.

After the service a public tea was held in the school-room close by, and was very largely attended, there being several sittings down. The arrangements were carried out by a committee of ladies, consisting of Mrs. Evered (president), Miss Warren, Mrs. C. Phillips, Mrs. Bulled, Mrs. G. Baker, Miss Willis, and Mrs. R. Norman, Mr. W. G. Phillips and Mr. H. Howe also assisting. Everything passed off in a most satisfactory manner.

It should be mentioned that the altar in the church bore a new and handsome cloth, kindly given by Miss Warren, of Heavitree, Exeter.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, WATERMOOR, CIRENCESTER.

DEDICATION OF TWO NEW BELLS.

The two new bells placed in the tower of Holy Trinity Church, in memory of the late Mr. Thomas Lewis, by members of his family, were dedicated on Easter Eve. The addition of the new treble and second bells has long been desired, not only by the ringers, but it was generally felt that the addition of two lighter bells to complete the octave would have an enormous effect on the music of the peal, a fact that was strongly evidenced on Easter Sunday, when the bells were rung for the first time, the beauty of their tone being greatly admired. The new bells, like the others, were cast and hung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and give every satisfaction. The bells were rung on Easter Sunday by the members of the Watermoor band, and in the evening the parish church ringers attended by invitation, and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. F. W. Bond, 1; F. J. Lewis, 2; F. Gardner, 3; F. Protherough, 4; C. Bartlett, 5; H. C. Bond (conductor), 6; H. J. Gardner, 7; H. Clutterbuck, 8. Also on Thursday, April 18th, a peal of Grandsire Triples 5040 changes (J. J. Parker's five-part) was rung in 3 hours and 6 min, F. W. Bond, 1; F. J. Lewis (conductor), 2; H. Nettle, 3; A. C. Harmer, 4; F. Protherough, 5; F. Lewis, 6; H. C. Bond, 7; H. Clutterbuck, 8. Messrs. Lewis, Nettle and Harmer belong to the Watermoor band, and Messrs. Bond, Protherough and Clutterbuck to the parish church.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual general meeting of members of the above association was held this year at Cambridge, on Easter Monday, April 8th, 1901. About fifty ringing members attended, representing most parts of the diocese. The well-known ring of twelve bells at Great St. Mary's church were kindly placed at the service of the association, as also were the Major rings at St. Andrew's and the Roman Catholic churches. Permission was also given to use the bells at St. Benet's Church, famous for their association with Fabian Stedman, but unhappily they were found to be unringable and in a very deplorable condition. Visits were also paid during the morning to the rural towers of Old Chesterton and Fen Ditton, each containing a sweet-toned little ring of five. An attempt was made at St. Andrew's Church to score a peal of Stedman Triples, under the able leadership of Mr. Fred Pitstow, but it unfortunately came to grief owing to the breaking of one of the ropes, and had to be postponed.

The usual business meeting was held in the afternoon at the rooms of the Church of England Young Men's Society (in Edward's Passage), where a capital tea, with a plentiful supply of cold beef and ham, had been prepared, and was duly disposed of. Mr. Fred Pitstow presided in his usual genial manner, supported by the evergreen treasurer, the Rev. Kenelm H. Smith and his equally popular and energetic colleague, the Rev. W. W. Crump, and other well-known ringers. After the minutes and other formal matters had been dealt with, including an apology from the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey for non-attendance in consequence of illness, the secretary read the annual report for the year past, which showed that on the whole the condition of the association continues satisfactory and progressive, although not quite so flourishing as its ardent supporters could wish. Since the last annual meeting four district meetings had been held at Sudbury, Huntingdon, Glemsford, and St. Neots. The work has been greatly developed during the year in the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon, a point on which its vigorous secretary (Mr. Howe, of Ramsey), and his committee are to be cordially congratulated. Seven peals had been rung (as compared with nine last year), being one each at Bury St. Edmunds, Ickleton, Monks Eleigh, and Sawston, and three at Lavenham. Stress was laid on the desirability of ringers doing all in their power to increase the interest of the clergy (and other influential churchmen) in the work of the association by an assiduous performance of their duties on Sundays. In those parishes where the only actuating motives to ringing are pleasure or profit, it is against human nature (quite apart from higher considerations) to expect both sympathy and financial help from clergy and other honorary members. The report concluded with an expression of regret that the railway company had now withdrawn the privilege enjoyed for many years, of granting reduced fares to ringers attending the regular meetings of the Associations.

The balance sheet was then read by the treasurer, whose facetious comments on the various items elicited great applause and laughter. The expenses during the year had amounted to about £22, and the balance in hand had increased from £5 to nearly £8. After a few words of commendation from the Auditor (Mr. A. H. Osborne, of Bury St. Edmunds), the report and balance sheet were adopted and ordered to be printed as usual. A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring officers, after which their successors were appointed for the ensuing year. The Revs. K. H. Smith and W. W. Crump were unanimously re-elected as treasurer and general secretary, and the following gentlemen were elected secretaries for the four archidiaconal districts:—Isle of Ely: Mr. R. M. Croft (Wilburton, Ely); Mr. Percy Webb (Ickleton), Huntingdon: Mr. O. G. Horne (Ramsey), and Sudbury: The Rev. H. B. Woolley (Bury St. Edmunds). It was arranged that the next annual meeting should be held at Huntingdon, and after the election of many new members the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman, and also to those local clergy who had kindly granted the use of their bells during the day.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual festival of this Association was held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, and in every respect was the most successful that has been held for years. The attendance from all over the county was large, and the variety of methods employed

in ringing in the towers of the Cathedral, St. Peter's, and St. Michael's, together with the quality of the ringing, was somewhat exceptional. The secret of this lay in the fact that able ringers were strongly represented, and they were therefore capable of ringing anything. The following methods were rung in the towers mentioned: Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Royal, Stedman Caters, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, College Single, Stedman Doubles, etc. At five o'clock the usual service was held at the Cathedral, when the Very Rev. the Dean of St. Albans (the Rev. W. J. Lawrance) and the Rev. G. D. Castleden officiated.

The ringers, with a few friends, then adjourned to the Town Hall where, by kind permission of the Mayor, an excellent meat tea was laid in the Council Chamber by Mr. W. Bugler, of the Market-place. The Mayor presided, and was supported by the Dean of St. Albans, the Revs. G. D. Castleden and A. H. Longley. Mr. F. W. Silvester, Mr. E. P. Debenham (hon. sec. of the Association), Mr. G. W. Cartmel (assistant hon. sec.), and many of the members were present. Mr. E. P. Debenham presented the annual report, which dealt with the last year's gathering and the various meetings held and peals rung by members of the Association during the year. The question of the Division of Hertfordshire into districts has had earnest attention during the past twelve months, and at the district meeting at Hatfield a committee was formed to deal with it, and to make recommendations thereon. At a meeting held at St. Albans on Saturday, February 9th, when all the officers and representatives from nine towers were present, resolutions to that effect were past.

The statement of accounts showed that the year began with a balance in hand of £4 16s. 4d., and that the receipts amounted to £13 4s. 4d. The expenditure reached a total of £9 1s. 6d., leaving a balance in hand of £4 2s. 10d.

The Dean mentioned that he was glad to hear that the Luton band had joined the Association. He was pleased that they were near in a campanological sense as well as a geographical.

The remainder of the report was then adopted.

The following officers were then elected; President, Canon Wigram; hon. sec., Mr. E. P. Debenham; assistant hon. sec., Mr. G. W. Cartmel; auditor, Mr. E. E. Huntley. Several new members were also elected.

Mr. E. P. Debenham moved a vote of thanks to the Dean, and the Vicars of St. Peter's and St. Michael's for the use of the Cathedral, St. Peter's and St. Michael's towers, and also to the Dean for his able address. Mr. Huntley seconded, and it was carried with hearty acclamation.

The Dean, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to welcome them all to the Cathedral, and it gave him particular pleasure to hear how thoroughly the whole cause of change ringing was prospering in the county. He could see a spirit of enthusiasm growing, and this was especially noticeable when so many young people joined.

The meeting then terminated with a vote of thanks to the Mayor for presiding, his worship having discharged the duties of chairman with geniality and good fellowship.

Afterwards a touch of Stedman Triples was rung on the handbells by the following band: G. W. Cartmel, 1-2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3-4; G. N. Price, 5-6; H. Lewis, 7-8.

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THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held at Norton on Easter Monday. Members were present from Staveley, Eckington, Killamarsh, Treeton, Ecclesfield, Sheffield, Ranmoor, Wingfield and Norton. Dinner was provided at The New Inn by Mr. A. Slater, a member of the local ringers, the business meeting was presided over by Mr. J. P. Tarlton. The Secretary read a long list of minutes, being the result of a lively meeting held at Eckington, the members on this occasion being in a different frame of mind.

The Chairman was able to quickly dispose of the agenda; Mr. S. Thomas was elected President in place of Mr. W. Hopkinson, the latter having faithfully fulfilled the office for three years. Mr. G. Marsden was re-elected Treasurer, the hon sec. also being allowed to commence on his Twelfth year's duty.

A Committee, consisting of one member from each tower, was elected. In reading the balance sheet for the year ending December 31st, 1900, the secretary reminded the meeting that this being their annual stocktaking, they would all want to know how things stood, and he was sorry to say that it had not been, like some of our large iron and steel works had had, a prospering year with good dividends, theirs had been the reverse. Subscriptions had not come up to the usual standard, and the expenses had been unusually heavy, the printers having put the war tax on the annual reports, therefore a small sum was due to the secretary instead of having a balance in hand.

The Bank account was intact with a little interest added, so we are still solvent. Mr. J. Mulligan suggested that the Committee should collect subscriptions at their respective towers, which would be doing something worthy of their office.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the host and hostess for the admirable way in which they had catered for the members.

Mr. Slater having replied, Mr. Mulligan moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Tarlton for the able way in which he had conducted the meeting.

Mr. Tarlton, in reply, hoped the Association would still go on and prosper.

The bells were kept going by mixed bands during the day. The Sheffield friends also rendered some tunes and changes on the handbells, for the use of which the local members wish to thank Mr. J. Dixon, who kindly lent his bells for the meeting.

THE DARLINGTON AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Easter Tuesday several members of this society paid a visit to Kirkby Stephen. The parish church of this beautifully situated Westmoreland town possesses a fine-toned ring of eight bells, tenor about 16 cwt. in F. It is evident they are well looked after, as notwithstanding the long draught of rope (about fifty or sixty feet, with a space of forty feet to the first floor), we experienced no difficulty in ringing them.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, were rung during the day. In the afternoon the tower was ascended, and the magnificent view from the top greatly admired, the snow-capped mountain tops standing out very distinctly after the refreshing showers of the morning. The interior of the church was also inspected, and proved to be well worthy of the time given to it, being of great interest both to the antiquarian as well as the ordinary sightseer.

At five o'clock an adjournment was made to The Black Bull hotel, where an excellently served dinner was done full justice to.

Another visit to the church, and a pleasant walk in the evening twilight to the railway station brought to a close one more of the many enjoyable excursions held by this society.

W. H. P.

WITNEY, OXON.

On Easter Monday the Witney ringers, by the generosity of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, their accomplished steeple-keeper, enjoyed their annual outing. An early start was made, and after a somewhat windy drive of some seventeen miles, Stow-on-the-Wold, their destination, was reached. After a slight lunch the tower was mounted, and the splendid bells, splendid both in tone and "go," were soon sending forth their voices in that musical method—Grandsire Triples. A good peal was

accomplished in 3h. 19min., and by the time this was over most of the participants were ready for the substantial repast which awaited them. An early start was made, in order to allow time for a touch at Burford on the way back, and a very well struck 420 and 168 were in due course brought round there. The remaining seven miles of road flew quickly by, beguiled by the harmonious efforts of the conductor, and one or two other members of the band, and Witney was reached in good time, all having spent a most enjoyable day, and uniting in thanking Mr. Jenkyn for his generosity, and in wishing him many happy returns of the day—by a fortunate coincidence his birthday.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

Eight members of the above guild had arranged to attempt two peals on Easter Monday, at Ranmore, Dorking, and Dorking parish churches. The bells at the former church have recently been rehung. After 2 hrs. and 40 mins. of good ringing the attempt came to an end, owing to the bad go of the tenor. On an inspection being made of the bells it was found the tenor was low on one side, and the headstock fairly shone with the continual friction. The rector was informed of this and expressed surprise at it, but seeing the bells had not had such a test as this since their rehanging he thought we were right in stopping and drawing his attention to it. The band stood as follows: T. W. Radford, 1; S. Radford, 2; J. J. Jones, 3; F. Bennett, composer and conductor, 4; C. Hazelden, 5; J. Hunt, 6; W. W. Thorne, 7; F. Blondell, 8. The ringers, after the attempts, retraced their steps to Dorking, and there rang a peal of Plain Bob, which has appeared in its proper place. J. H.

AN APPEAL.

SIR,—May I, through your columns, ask any persons who are interested in church bells to help in the following matter: My friend and neighbour, the Rector of Thuxton-with-Garveston, has, with great energy undertaken and nearly completed the restoration of his two churches, a work worthy of all praise. In Garveston church, a fine bell cast by the Bury St. Edmunds community, weighing 13 cwt. 2 qrs., bearing date 1400, and having the inscription, "ORA PRO NOBIS SANCTA MARIA," pleads for itself silently but eloquently from the floor of the church, where it now stands beside the font, showing the crack which has rendered it useless for the present. Economy and the heavy restoration expenses have suggested the sale of the bell for the value of its metal, which would probably be £40, with expenses to be deducted. Love of the church, and regard for that which has been dedicated to the service of the church, takes the opposite view, and pleads for the recasting of this fine bell for its own church. Two bells are at the present time hanging in the tower, their notes being B flat and G, in the key of F. It is therefore proposed to make two new bells, A and F, using the metal of the cracked bell for this purpose with such additional metal as will be necessary. A new frame will be required, and this will be so planned that at a future time it would be possible to add the two upper bells in the full peal of six. The estimated cost of the work now suggested is something under £100. A generous offer has been made by the Bishop, who has promised £5 if the bell can be re-cast: and to this sum £11 has already been added. The deanery and the neighbourhood know well the admirable work which is being done for the church in these two parishes, and a hearty response has been made to the appeals of the Rector; but since the music of church bells travels far and wide, and is not confined by the boundary of either parish or deanery, it seems fitting that an appeal for help may be made to the lovers of church bells wherever they may live. May I then ask if any of the readers of your widely circulated journal will like to have a hand in this interesting work of restoration. In this case, subscriptions towards the Garveston Bell Fund may be sent either to the Rev. A. J. Alpe, Garveston Rectory, Attleborough, Norfolk; or to myself, at the address given below. Acknowledgements will be made to all subscribers.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this association was held at Brighton on Easter Monday, fifty members being present. The towers of St. Nicholas and St. Peter's were opened for ringing at 10.0 a.m. At noon the special service at St. Nicholas' was sung by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, the Rev. C. W. Bond (Vicar of St. Nicholas') reading the lessons; and a most excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. C. H. Ridsdale from Psalm xcvi. 1.

At one o'clock luncheon was served in the Royal Pavilion, the only toast being that of the Church and King, proposed by the Master (Mr. Attree). Then the business meeting began, the Rev. J. J. Hannah (Vicar of Brighton) taking the chair. Mr. Attree stated that he had been requested to ask the Bishop to preach the sermon, but the Bishop was unable to attend because it was Easter Monday, so it was afterwards considered advisable to consider if the annual meeting should in future be held on some other day.

Mr. Attree, in giving a resume of the work of the association during the past year, said the association had only rung 47 peals, still those were of a high quality. In January of this year the 1000th peal had been rung at St. Nicholas', Brighton, and he hoped the association would soon increase its members from 640 to 1000. This could soon be done if those belfries which did not belong to the association would join. At present eleven towers (8 bell) twenty-six (6 bell) towers in the Diocese were not affiliated.

The president, the Lord Bishop of Chichester, and the vice-presidents were again re-elected. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies moved the re-election of the Master. Mr. Tompkins seconded, and in supporting the motion the chairman said Mr. Attree's enthusiasm for ringing had made the Sussex Association known throughout the land, and had placed it in the foremost position among the other similar associations in the country. As most of those present, were well aware the Church Congress was to meet this year at Brighton. To that body's own great loss for many years past they had refused with great pertinacity to consider at the congress the subject of "Bells, bellringers and bellringing," but on this particular occasion the reproach would be rolled away, for one of the subjects to be discussed by the congress was "Bells, bellringers, and bellringing." Few of them knew perhaps how entirely that consummation was due to the Master. He (the chairman) was supposed to be more or less responsible for the programme of the Church Congress, because he had the misfortune to be chairman of the committee, but from the first instant that the rumour began to get about that the congress was likely to come to Brighton, Mr. Attree, who was one of his churchwardens, had kept the subject before him and had continually pressed him to get it into the programme. In season and out of season Mr. Attree took good care that he should not forget the subject, and having the fear of the churchwarden before his eyes he succeeded in getting the matter put down for discussion. He believed a great deal of good would come from the discussion, and for it they would have to thank Mr. Attree.

The other officers were again re-elected:—Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Tompkins; hon. Secretary, Mr. A. B. Bennett; hon. district Secretaries, Mr. Saker, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Evans. And on the motion of Mr. Bennett (secretary) by the Rev. C. W. Bond, the balance sheet, which showed a balance of £15 19s. 8d. and the report were adopted.

Mr. Saker (for Mr. Franks, Battle), moved: "That in cases where ringers are members of more than one band (active or honorary) the points they are entitled to for ringing peals shall be retained by or belong to the band or Guild that is entitled to the credit of the peal;" Mr. Saker himself suggesting as an addition to this—"The test of membership for this purpose to be the payment of a subscription or annual contribution to the funds of the band claiming the peal."—Both suggestions were rejected, Mr. Attree remarking that he found that where bands were not strong they were only too glad to get members from outside.—Mr. Tompkins moved the following new rule:—

The challenge bell shall be competed for annually by the towers belonging to the Association. The tower obtaining the highest number of points to hold the bell for one year. No tower shall hold the bell for two years in succession.

—The Rev. C. D. P. Davies seconded, and said it seemed a

pity that the trophy should go from year to year to one tower, and the rule would have the effect of encouraging other towers. It was agreed to; and Mr. Tompkins then moved:

A separate account shall be kept of all the moneys received from life members, and the receipts shall be invested at interest by the Hon. Treasurer in the names of trustees nominated by the Committee, and no payment shall be made from it unless authorised by a majority of the members present and voting at a general meeting.

This was also seconded by Mr. Davies, and carried.—Mr. Goldsmith proposed that a tablet be erected in St. Nicholas church in commemoration of the ringing of 1000 peals. This met with some opposition on the ground that the Association could not afford the expense, but it was eventually carried, Mr. Attree declining to entertain the idea that the Association was financially in a bad way.—On the motion of Mr. Bennett, hearty votes of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Prebendary Hannah for taking the chair, the Rev. C. W. Bond for kindly granting them the use of St. Nicholas church, and to the preacher of the day, the Rev. C. H. Ridsdale; and the auditors were also thanked.—Mr. Bond and Mr. Ridsdale replied.—A special vote of thanks was also given to Mr. Attree.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Easter Monday was again utilised by members of the Bedfordshire Association of Change-Ringers for its annual meeting in Bedford. All-Hallows' School was kindly lent by the Rev. Lambert Woodard, and luncheon was served there early in the afternoon to about 100 guests. The Mayor (Ald. Burridge) having an engagement at Finedon to open a bazaar, the chair was occupied by the Rev. Canon Haddock, and among others who supported the Vicar of Clapham were the Rev. W. W. C. Baker (Vicar of Ridgmount), Mr. E. Ransom, Dr. Pauli (of Luton), Mr. C. Derwent Smith, and Mr. I. Hills; among representatives from Aspley Guise, Bletchley, Bromham, Clapham, Cople, Emberton, Harrold, Leighton Buzzard, Olney, Thurlough, Turvey, Wellingborough, and Woburn, as well as St. Paul's and St. Peter's, Bedford. The annual report was read by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker and was adopted.

On the motion of Mr. C. Herbert, seconded by Mr. Derwent Smith, the Rev. W. W. C. Baker and Mr. Hills were re-elected as hon. secretaries, and both testified their thanks, with an expression of their desire to do their best in office. Mr. Baker asked for an opinion as to their reverting to a former custom of having a lunch instead of a tea, as it had been considered more convenient for representatives of towers outside Bedford; the Chairman thinking a midday meal more acceptable and rational, proposed that such should henceforth be adopted; Mr. Herbert seconded this motion, which was carried, and the change was felt to be for the better. Several new members were nominated, and Dunstable or Leighton was selected for the next quarterly meeting. Thanks were voted to the Vicar of St. Paul's for the use of the All Hallows School on the motion of Mr. Baker, and seconded by the Chairman; and, on the proposition of Mr. Hills, gratitude for his presidency was expressed to Canon Haddock, who, in briefly acknowledging the compliment, said he had done so with great pleasure. Full choral evensong at St. Paul's was special in celebration of the anniversary, and a sermon with a significant bearing for bell-ringers was preached by the Rev. C. A. Wells, whose text was taken from Colossians iii. 23, 24: "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ."

AN OCTOGENARIAN BELLRINGER.

Sunday, April 21st, being the 80th anniversary of the birth-day of Mr. James Robert Haworth, this veteran attended the St. Paul's Cathedral belfry on that day for the afternoon ringing. Mr. James Pettit, the conductor, on behalf of the ringers, wished Mr. Haworth many very happy returns of the day. Mr. Haworth, who is still hale and hearty, took part in the ringing at St. Paul's on St. George's Day, Tuesday last.

This was the first time these bells had been rung in honour of our patron saint,

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

PEAL CLAIMS.

SIR,—I note the composition I mentioned last week has again been rung as belonging to Mr. G Lindoff, and in this latter case the performance was conducted by Mr. James Motts at Stowmarket, and is given on page 34 of the Norwich Diocesan Association's annual report for 1895. Perhaps Mr. Lindoff will take note of this, as I would have written him privately, but his address is mislaid at present. I also note that the peal given on page 68 of the Midland Counties' Association report, rung at Stoney Stanton in October 1899, conducted by Mr. A. R. Aldham, belongs to me, but over Mr. Arthur Craven's name. I really don't know if this peal has been rung previously or published, but it is a companion peal to that given over Mr. J. S. Wilde's name on page 87 of the Central Council Appendix for 1895. The following is a 5083 from the same source and tribe or family.

23456 M B W H

26354 2 I

62453 2 2

25634 -

53624 I -

32546 -

23645 - I 2

First rang on May 1st, 1896, by the Kent County Association, conducted by Thomas Card. H. DAINS.

47, Richmond Road, Islington, N.

"BRISTOL SURPRISE."

SIR,—On behalf of St. Peter's Society, Brighton, I write to thank Mr. Cartwright for his congratulations re the completion of the first peal of Bristol Surprise, rung by members of the above Society.

In regard to Mr. Cartwright's query as to what rule the band applied to the method to ring same, I am afraid, Sir, you will not be able, in "THE BELL NEWS," to illustrate our system of ringing Surprise Methods.

When we are starting a new method, each member is supplied with a diagram of the plain course in full, on which signs are given showing where the treble is passed, or dodged with, and the starting place of each individual bell. I enclose herewith for your inspection diagrams of a plain course each of "London" and Bristol Surprise.

To anyone who understands a method in diagram (no figures or rules are given), it needs but a cursory glance to show the vast difference between "London" and "Bristol"; in "London" there is a considerable amount of plain hunting, "Bristol" is SURPRISE from beginning to end. The method, too, being on the lengthening lead plan, five bells are shifted at a bob, which makes it still more complicated.

I was the only member of the band who from the first maintained that "Bristol" was more difficult than "London," and a letter was published by me in "THE BELL NEWS" on April 16th, 1898, drawing attention to the method; this was before we started practising same.

In Mr. G. Williams we possess a conductor second to none. His words after the peal was finished were: "It was no good to try to tell anyone else, you only got wrong yourself if you did." This was also my experience, and all the band expressed the opinion that we had rung no method previously that required the undivided attention it was necessary to give to secure the first peal of Bristol Surprise.

The peal was rung at the seventh attempt, the previous attempts having met with scant success.

In conclusion, I may say that if Mr. Cartwright will write to me direct, giving his address, I shall be pleased to send him diagrams of "London" and Bristol Surprise, as used by the St. Peter's Society, Brighton, and I have little doubt that after inspection he will be inclined to agree with me that "Bristol" stands first, and in the future "London Surprise" must take second's place for complexity in ringing, the old adage being

particularly applicable in this case, "the proof of its complexity is the ringing of Bristol Surprise."

GEORGE BAKER.

[We have communicated with Mr. Baker relative to the publication of the diagrams referred to.]

RAISING AND FALLING.

SIR,—I would like to ask "J. A. T." what is in his opinion the most sensible way to cease bells properly, as I cannot see that one way is more right than another. I presume he means ceasing or lowering of the bells in peal, but let me kindly inform him that if he thinks that to be the right way, it is not always the best way, and I cannot see where or why that should be the right way. It is another case of uniformity as lately urged by some correspondents with regard to muffled ringing; some fancy one way and some another. It is quite true old customs do die hard, and I have no doubt that clashing bells down anyhow, sometimes three and four at a time, has had a lot to do with raising so much opposition to change-ringing. I have heard complaints about it myself, and I think it ought to be stopped, especially in a thickly-populated place. It does not take very little more time to lower them singly, which certainly cannot be so unpleasant to hear, nor will it cause so much opposition.

A SUBURBAN RINGER.

TOLLING THE OLD CENTURY OUT.

SIR,—Your correspondent Mr. P. Webb raises the question as to whether the above was done in any other place. At Hythe, it may interest some of your readers, such was the case. Mr. W. Fright, sen. (aged 76), the oldest member of our band, tolled the tenor 100 times, and then a few rounds were rung, after which a 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung. The first bell struck in the new century was rung by Mr. Fright's son. Mr. Fright, sen., rang at the coronation of Queen Victoria, also at the jubilee celebrations of 1887 and 1897, and at the proclamation of Edward VII. Is this a record? A. R. MANNING.

TREBLE AND TENOR.

SIR,—I think that a possible reason why the largest bell of a ring is called the "Tenor" and not the "Bass" is that the use of the term treble as signifying the third part in choral singing does not go back more than 250 or 300 years. Previously the term was in church music applied to the air, which was no doubt mostly sung by the highest male voices. As a result of this change of meaning, there are, I believe, several versions of the well-known Tallis' Responses in common use in which the music which Tallis wrote for the air is sung as the third part of the harmony because in the original copies of the music it is marked "Tenor." Now to the best of my knowledge the term was only applied to a particular part of Church music and not to a particular quality of voice; and as that particular part of music was the air, that is the principal part to which all the rest must be made to harmonise, so it is reasonable to suppose that when men wanted to apply a name to that bell which is the keynote of the ring, and to which all the rest must harmonise, they used a term similar to that in use in Church music. I have seen accounts in which the largest bell is spoken of as the Bass, the others as 1st Treble, 2nd Treble, and Tenor, but as that was well into the time when choral music was divided as now into four parts, that does not affect my theory. I dare say it was something of this sort that was in the mind of Sir George Grove when he wrote the definition quoted by Mr. Daniell in your last issue, though as it stands it is as Mr. Daniell says, utterly absurd. Mr. Daniell's theory of the largest bell being called the Tenor because it was thought to be more similar in quality to a tenor voice than to a bass, is too fanciful to be worth much, and if I am right about the early use of the term of course it fails at once.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

29, Denmark Road, Ealing, W.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Daniell's letter regarding the terms Treble and Tenor, I think the reason that the lowest bell is called Tenor, is because that in former days the chief part in music was the tenor, same as the treble is at the present day, and perhaps the tenor may be called the chief bell of a peal.

J. W. KNESHAW.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1901.

MR. EZRA CARTER.

A subscription list on behalf of the above-named member of the Ancient Society of College Youths has for some weeks been open to London members, and it has been resolved that the help of "THE BELL NEWS" be solicited to bring this case before the notice of all ringers who know the member above-mentioned.

Through a breakdown in his nervous system Mr. Carter has been incapacitated from following his occupation since September last. No member of this Society has been more ready to help others in time of trouble than Ezra Carter.

Donations will be gladly received by any of the following Committee: Messrs. W. E. Garrard, E. Horrex, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, J. Pettit, H. Springall, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, or W. T. Cockerill, "Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

Since the foregoing was put in type we have just received in-

formation that poor Ezra Carter died on the morning of the 24th inst. We are asked to notify that any subscriptions received will be handed over to his widow. The interment will take place at his native village of Bocking on Thursday, May 2nd.

INTERESTING PRESENTATION.

A Smoking Concert was held in the Metropole Hotel, Newcastle, on the 12th inst., the chair being taken by Councillor Robinson, churchwarden at St. Nicholas' Cathedral. During the evening the President of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association (Mr. S. Story) presented a double gold albert chain to Mr. E. E. Ferry as a mark of esteem and regard from several members of the Association. Mr. Story said that Mr. Ernest Ferry had done his duty and more, and had spared neither time, labour, or expense in promoting the welfare of the Association especially in regard to peal ringing. He had earned the esteem and goodwill of every member of the Association. Mr. Ferry's health was drunk with great enthusiasm and with musical honours. In replying, Mr. Ferry said they had quite taken the wind out of his sails—he didn't think he deserved it—he had done his part and did it with pleasure—it was a hobby with him. He thanked the company most heartily for their kindly appreciation of his work for their hearty good wishes, and also for the beautiful present given him that night. The interval between speeches were filled in with songs and recitations, Mr. Winston being particularly good in his drawing room entertainments. The latter also acted as accompanist throughout. The Chairman sang "Sally in our Alley," and Mr. John Simm gave his old favorite, "The brave old Oak." Mr. C. L. Routledge gave "The Old Grey Fox," and "The Business Girl," and sang "Six little Wives" as an encore. The Messrs. Ferry rendered a duet in excellent style, as also did Messrs. Deas and Anderson, of Gosforth. They also sang solos, and the ball was kept rolling merrily till 11 p.m. Mr. S. O. Ferry, in his usual happy style, proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman. He said they were particularly happy in the selection of one for that night as Mr. Robinson was not only a thorough musician but he took a keen interest in their bells. If they were striking badly on Sunday they might be quite certain that Mr. Robinson heard them and criticised them. This in itself was an incentive to good striking. He referred to the interest Mr. Robinson was taking in the new peal board to be erected in St. Nicholas' Cathedral to commemorate the memorial peal to our late beloved Queen. The toast was received with acclamation and musical honours. Councillor A. J. Robinson responded and thanked the members of the Durham and Newcastle Association for their appreciation of his efforts in the chair. He referred to the part he had taken in the erection of the new peal at the Cathedral and the new Major bell—he made it a hobby, and he was glad they thought he had been successful in the selection of a founder for his bells.

THE NEW BELLS AT GOSFORTH, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—It should have been stated in our last that the donors of the new bells were Mr. Cecil A. Cochrane and Mrs. McAllum.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 22, 1901, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, ENFIELD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY MILLER	Treble.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH	5.
WILLIAM TEGG	2.	FRANK C. NEWMAN	6.
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK	3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE	7.
JOHN ARMSTRONG	4.	SIDNEY WADE	Tenor.

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This is the quickest peal of Major on the bells.

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TODMORDEN.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt.

A. W. WHITWORTH	Treble.	Z. LORD	5.
J. T. STANDRING	2.	J. H. BARNES	6.
J. S. LOMAS	3.	W. ASHWORTH	7.
J. SHEPHERD	4.	J. BREARLEY	Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by Z. LORD.

First peal in the method on the bells. Messrs. Lomas, Barnes, and Brearley hail from Christ Church, Bacup; Whitworth, Standring, Shepherd, Lord, and Ashworth from St. Saviour's, Bacup. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 18, 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANCIS HYDE	Treble.	TITUS BARLOW	5.
THOMAS PEERS	2.	JOHN POTTER	6.
ALFRED POTTER	3.	JOSEPH POTTER	7.
WILLIAM LEVER	4.	*TIMOTHY BRADDOCK	Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

*First peal.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 18, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S.

S. CHURTON	Treble.	*J. BEARDMORE	5.
T. ALLEN*	2.	I. MOUNTFORD	6.
J. STEELE*	3.	H. PAGE	7.
A. CLOWES	4.	T. ROSE	Tenor.

Conducted by H. PAGE.

*First peal in the method. This is T. Allen's first peal inside in any method and J. Beardmore's first peal away from the tenor. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Riley for having everything in readiness. The above band hail from St. Peter's, Stoke-on-Trent.

REDHILL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 18, 1901, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qrs.

EDWARD DEWEY	Treble.	EDGAR KENWARD	5.
GEORGE THOMPSON	2.	THOMAS SPARKS	6.
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Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

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CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Thursday, April 18, 1901, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

F. W. BOND	Treble.	F. PROTHEROUGH	5.
F. J. LEWIS*	2.	FRED. LEWIS	6.
H. NETTLE†	3.	H. C. BOND	7.
A. C. HARMER	4.	H. CLUTTERBUCK	Tenor.

Conducted by F. J. LEWIS.

*First peal as conductor. †First peal. This composition was taken from "THE BELL NEWS" of January 24th, 1891.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1901, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. Treble.	JOHN H. SWINFELD.. .. 5.
CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 2.	THOMAS H. CHAPMAN .. 6.
HENRY BRIGGS 3.	HARRY ARGYLE 7.
ALFRED MILLIS.. .. 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ARTHUR R. ALDHAM.

This is the quickest peal of Major on the bells. It has 4-5-6 their extent in 6ths place, in three equal parts.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE 5.
GEORGE GATLAND 2.	JOHN SMART 6.
JAMES MATTHEWS 3.	GEORGE SMART 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	GEORGE SEARLE.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

FRANK SMITH Treble.	TITUS BARLOW 5.
WILLIAM LEVER 2.	HARRY CHAPMAN 6.
JOSEPH BROOKS 3.	JOSEPH POTTER 7.
THOMAS PEERS 4.	JOHN POTTER Tenor.

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, of Chipping, and Conducted by
JOSEPH POTTER.

This peal has the 4th, 5th, and 6th their extent in 6ths place.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 20, 1901, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Grandsire, two of Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

JACOB HANCOCK.. .. Treble.	JOHN JAMES.. .. 4.
JAMES WILDBLOOD 2.	JAMES PIERPOINT 5.
GEORGE BADDLEY 3.	WILLIAM RIGBY.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM RIGBY.

First peal by 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th. First peal on the bells, which were hung in 1713.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN J. MAWBY Treble.	WALTER PERKINS 5.
HENRY STUBBS 2.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER 6.
JAMES NICKERSON 3.	REGINALD LOVEDAY.. .. 7.
WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 4.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN

First peal in the method on the bells, and first in the method by Messrs. Nickerson and Loveday, who belong to the local company.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1901, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

L. L. LOMAS Treble.	W. F. HARTSHORNE 5.
T. ALTON 2.	W. HICKLING 6.
J. W. THOMPSON.. .. 3.	J. NEWBOLD.. .. 7.
J. DAVIES 4.	A. E. THOMPSON.. .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by A. E. THOMPSON.

Mr. W. F. Hartshorne, hails from Crewe, for whom the peal was arranged.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

G. HAYES Treble.	A. OSBORNE.. .. 5.
F. HAYES 2.	W. HAIGH 6.
C. WINDSOR 3.	W. HARPER.. .. 7.
W. EASTER.. .. 4.	L. SILVER Tenor.

Composed by G. PATRICK, and Conducted by L. SILVER.

GODALMING, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 20, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES HUNT Treble.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 5.
THOMAS W. RADFORD .. 2.	JOHN H. GRUNDY 6.
G. FOSTER 3.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 7.
C. HAZELDEN 4.	FRANK BLONDELL Tenor.

Conducted by G. FOSTER.

First peal as conductor and first attempt.

LYTHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1901, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER (R.C.),

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire, Canterbury, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. in G.

GEORGE MARIES Treble.	WILLIAM GILLET 4.
EDWARD FORSHAW 2.	JAMES MOORE 5.
CHARLES PENDLEBURY .. 3.	WILLIAM TOMLINSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE MARIES.

First peal by C. Pendlebury, also first peal in seven methods by all, and rung at the first attempt.

ARMLEY, YORKS.

On Saturday, April 20, 1901, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, City Delight, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, Violet, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIE WALKER Treble.	JOHN THACKRAY.. .. 4.
J. W. T. HOLGATE 2.	MATTHEW BROADBENT .. 5.
BERTIE COWLING 3.	JOSEPH HECKINGBOTTOM .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. T. HOLGATE.

Reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

WORTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1901, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS WHITWORTH .. Treble.	*W. J. NICHOLSON 5.
DAVID BREARLEY 2.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 6.
ARTHUR BREARLEY 3.	WALTER ALLWOOD 7.
THOMAS BETTISON 4.	SAM THOMAS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by S. THOMAS.

*First peal of Major.

GOSFORTH, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. ROBSON .. Treble.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON 5.
GEORGE R. HOLMES 2.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 6.
WILLIAM STORY 3.	WILLIAM HOLMES 7.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 4.	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor.

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

First peal on the new bells.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 20, 1901, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER G. WEST .. Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLY 5.
WILLIAM TUCKER 2.	HARRY SEAR 6.
WALTER SEAR (age 15 yrs.) .. 3.	JOHN W. BARKER 7.
CHARLES W. CLARKE 4.	VALENTINE SEAR Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

First peal away from tenor by W. West. First peal by W. Sear. First peal as conductor on eight bells by J. Barker. Messrs. Clark, Lilley, and Barker hail from Bedford, Tucker from Stoney Stratford, Bucks., West from Sherrington, the rest belong to Bletchley.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April, 22 1901, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

ARTHUR HALLETT* .. Treble.	FRANCIS SMITH 5.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 2.	WILLIAM J. THORN 6.
HARRY PARKINS* 3.	WILLIAM HEWITT 7.
JOSEPH EARWICKER* 4.	*EDWARD WHITBREAD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

*First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the conductor's birthday.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN SMITH Treble.	WILLIAM WHISKINS 5.
ERNEST LINCOLN 2.	JOHN TITE 6.
CLEMENT MORE 3.	FREDERICK DAY 7.
WILLIAM SALTER 4.	JOHN SOUTER Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

This peal was kindly arranged for E. Lincoln, who wishes through "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the band for meeting. F. Day hails from Eye, E. Lincoln from Bungay; the rest are local men.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION, AND THE FRAMLAND SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, April 23, 1901, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.

WM. SPIBY Treble.	ALBERT V. POTTER 5.
J. W. BARNES 2.	WALTER JAMES 6.
CHAS. DOLBY 3.	RICHARD H. BARTRAM .. 7.
ERNEST J. GALE 4.	RICHARD YOUNG Tenor.

Conducted by R. H. BARTRAM.

First peal of Triples by an entirely local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Treble Bob Royal at Canterbury which appeared last week, the weight of the tenor should read 30 cwt. and not 21 cwt. as stated.—The peal which was rung on April 8th at Bekesbourne and reported in last week's issue, should have read 2 hrs. 50 mins., not 3 hrs. 50 mins. as published.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—The peal at Gateshead is sent without the number of changes and dedication of church.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEPTONSTALL (Yorkshire).—On New Year's Eve, a date touch, 1900 changes, consisting of 220 Grandsire Minor, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 240 each of New London, Duke of York, Violet, and Woodbine Treble Bob, and 360 Kent Treble Bob, in 1 hour 15 mins. T. Robertshaw, 1; W. Ingham, 2; J. W. Foster, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; R. Nowell, 5; F. P. Powell (conductor), 6.

Miscellaneous.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEPTONSTALL (Yorks).—On Wednesday, December 26th, 720 Duke of York Treble Bob. T. Robertshaw (conductor), 1; J. Robertshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; R. Nowell, 5; F. P. Powell, 6. On Sunday, December 23rd, 720 Grandsire Minor, (Johnson's 720). J. Robertshaw, 1; W. Ingham, 2; J. W. Foster, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; R. Nowell, 5; F. P. Powell (conductor), 6. Also 360 New London Treble Bob. T. Robertshaw (conductor), 1; W. Ingham, 2; J. W. Foster, 3; F. Robertshaw, 4; R. Nowell, 5; F. P. Powell, 6. On Sunday, December 30th, 720 New London Treble Bob, standing as above. On January 1st, 720 Bob Minor. L. Bates (first 720), 1; J. Robertshaw, 2; J. Armstrong, 3; W. Ingham, 4; R. Nowell, 5; F. P. Powell (conductor), 6.

MYTHOLMROYD (Yorks).—On Sunday, December 24th, 360 Woodbine and 120 Kent Treble Bob. J. Grave (conductor), 1; G. Sutcliffe, 2; J. W. Foster, 3; W. Carter, 4; R. Nowell, 5; F. P. Powell, 6.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STOKESLEY.—On Easter Monday, April 8th, on the occasion of the general meeting of the Association, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Hall, 1; J. W. Whittle, 2; T. W. Kelley, 3; L. A. Hardy, 4; J. H. Blakiston (conductor), 5; A. McFarlane, 6. 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. P. Clarkson, 1; W. Clarkson, 2; J. W. Whittle, 3; H. H. Bowes (conductor), 4; F. A. Mellanby, 5; R. Borrows, 6. 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. P. Clarkson, 1; W. Clarkson, 2; J. H. Blakiston, 3; J. W. Whittle, 4; F. P. Howcroft, 5; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 6. 720 Bob Minor. J. Clark, 1; H. H. Bowes, 3; J. P. Clarkson, 4; Rev. W. P. Wright, 5; R. Borrows (conductor), 6. 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. McFarlane, 1; R. Haswell, 2; J. P. Clarkson, 3; H. Ord, 4; T. Metcalfe (conductor), 5; W. G. Haswell, 6. 120 Stedman Doubles. Rev. W. P. Wright, 1; R. Borrows, 2; A. McFarlane, 3; W. Rudd, 4; J. H. Blakiston, 5; S. Walker, 6. 120 Stedman Doubles. T. Metcalfe, 1; A. McFarlane, 2; Rev. W. P. Wright, 3; W. Rudd, 4; J. H. Blakiston, 5; S. Walker, 6. 120 Stedman Doubles. T. Metcalfe, 1; A. McFarlane, 2; J. A. Carter, 3; W. Rudd, 4; J. H. Blakiston, 5; S. Walker, 6. Also several other touches of Plain Bob and Treble Bob. Also a 720 of Kent Treble Bob and 360 Plain Bob, at Whorlton-in-Cleveland by members of the Association during the afternoon,

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ALNWICK (Northumberland).—On Sunday, December 16th, for morning service, 720 of Bob Minor, with the treble at lead and tenor covering, 9 bobs 6 singles. G. R. Holmes, 1; J. C. Grey, 2; J. W. Collier, 3; T. Appleby, 4; W. Beardall, 5; F. G. Beardall, 6; E. Ferry (conductor), 7; A. Hutchinson, 8. For evening service, 252 Bob Triples. C. J. C. Grey, 1; G. R. Holmes, 2; J. W. Collier, 3; T. Appleby, 4; W. Beardall, 5; F. G. Beardall, 6; E. A. Weightman, 7; A. Hutchinson, 8. Conducted by E. Ferry, and first touch of Triples by all except G. R. Holmes. On Saturday, February 23rd, 1764 of Bob Triples. C. J. C. Grey, 1; J. W. Collier, 9; F. G. Beardall, 3; T. Appleby, 4; W. G. Beardall, 5; E. Ferry (conductor), 6; E. A. Weightman, 7; A. Hutchinson, 8. Also 720 Bob Minor. A. Hutchinson (first 720), 1; C. J. C. Grey, 2; J. W. Collier, 3; W. G. Beardall, 4; F. G. Beardall, 5; E. A. Weightman (conductor), 6. On Sunday, March 17th, for morning service, 420 of Bob Triples. J. Eaglesham (first of Triples), 1; F. G. Beardall, 2; W. G. Beardall, 3; T. Appleby, 4; C. J. C. Grey, 5; E. A. Weightman, 6; E. Ferry (conductor), 7; A. Hutchinson, 8. For evening service, 360 Bob Minor, with two tenors covering. A. Hutchinson, 1; E. Ferry (conductor), 2; W. Beardall, 3; T. Appleby, 4; C. J. C. Grey, 5; F. Beardall, 6; E. A. Weightman, 7; M. Riddlestone, 8. On Sunday, March 31st, for morning service, 252 and 161 Bob Triples. A. Hutchinson, 1; B. C. Dixon (first touch of Triples with a bob bell), 2; W. G. Beardall, 3; T. Appleby, 4; C. J. C. Grey, 5; F. G. Beardall, 6; E. A. Weightman (conductor), 7; E. Ferry, 8. For evening service, 252 of Bob Triples, standing as before. Holmes hails from North Shields; Ferry, and Dixon from Newcastle, the rest are of the local band.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Wednesday, March 20th, at the Cathedral church of St. Nicholas, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, short courses. E. Ferry, 1; W. Holmes (conductor), 2; R. Richards, 3; H. Dall, 4; A. Holmes, 5; E. Foreman, 6; J. Keen, S. T. Ferry, 8; F. Harrison, 9; T. Simm, 10. On Wednesday, March 27th, 514 Stedman Caters. W. Holmes, 1; E. Ferry, 2; J. Simm, 3; E. Foreman, 4; A. Holmes, 5; E. Wallis, 6; S. T. Ferry, 7; J. Keen, 8; F. Harrison, 9; R. Richardson, 10. Also on Sunday, February 3rd, for Divine Service, 423 and 328 Stedman Caters. Sunday, February 10th 435. Sunday 17th, 440 and 315 Stedman Caters. On Sunday, March 3rd, 503 Grandsire Caters. On March 17th, 503 Grandsire Caters, and 379 Stedman Caters. On Sunday, March 24th, 503 Grandsire Caters, and 315 Stedman Caters. The Grandsire Caters were conducted by E. Wallis, and J. Keen, the Stedman, by R. Richards and W. Holmes.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, January 20th, at the church of St. Nicholas church, for Divine Service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Jay, jun., 1; H. Rann, 2; G. Bleach, 3; F. Morris Bacon, 4; J. Fox, 5; W. Palmer, 6; K. Hart (conductor), 7; R. Fentiman, 8. Before service in the evening a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1407 changes, in 53 mins. J. Jay, jun., 1; K. Hart, 2; W. Palmer, jun., 3; E. C. Merritt, 4; W. Palmer, sen., 5; R. J. Dawe, 6; F. Morris Bacon, 7; R. Stredwick, 8; J. S. Goldsmith (conductor), 9; G. Bleach, 10.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—On Easter Day, for Divine Service in the morning, 396 Grandsire Cinques. C. E. Borrett (conductor), 1; J. A. Trollope (Ealing, 2; W. Bales, 3; H. W. Stanley, 4; H. Howlett, 5; F. J. Howchim, 6; G. Howchim, 7; E. Francis, 8; A. G. Warner, 9; F. H. Knights, 10; G. Smith, 11; S. Smith, 12.

SAXLINGHAM (Norfolk).—On Sunday, March 31st, for service, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. W. Fulcher (first 720), 1; Rev. R. Pitt, 2; J. Wilson, 3; H. W. Stanley, 4; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 5; A. Aldis, 6. Also another 720. W. Fulcher, 1; H. W. Stanley, 2; J. Wilson, 3; F. Fulcher (first 720), 4; G. Aldis (first 720), 5; C. E. Borrett, 6.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BACUP (Lancashire).—On Sunday, December 2nd, for morning service, at Christ church, 720 Huddersfield Surprise. J. S. Lomas, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; D. Briggs, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise. L. Holt, 1; J. S. Lomas, 2; the rest as before. On Monday night, December 3rd, 720 Treeton Surprise. H. L. Cockroft, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; the rest as before. On Sunday morning, December 9th, 720 York Surprise. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 Worcester Surprise, standing as in the above. On Monday, December 10th, 720 Smithfield Surprise, standing as in the above. On Friday, December 14th, 720 Winchester Surprise,

standing as in the above. On Sunday evening, December 16th, 720 Chichester Surprise. J. S. Lomas, 2; D. Briggs, 3; rest as before. On Sunday morning, December 23rd, 720 Durham Surprise. H. L. Cockroft, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; rest as before. For evening service, 720 Bristol Surprise, standing as in the morning. On Christmas Eve, 720 Lichfield Surprise. A. L. Hardman, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; D. Briggs, 2; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. S. Lomas (conductor), 6. For service on Christmas morning, 720 Coventry Surprise, standing as before. On Sunday morning, December 30th, 720 Superlative Surprise. J. H. Barnes, 3; rest as before. For evening service, 720 Bocking Treble Bob, standing as in the above. On January 4th, 720 Canterbury Surprise. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. On Sunday morning, January 6th, 720 Morning Exercise. J. S. Lomas, 2; D. Briggs, 3; rest as before. On Sunday morning, January 13th, 720 Burton Treble Bob. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. For evening service, 720 London Treble Bob, standing as before. On Monday, January 14th, 720 Westminster Surprise, standing as before. On Sunday morning, January 20th, 720 Arnold's Victory. J. S. Lomas, 2; D. Briggs, 3; rest as before. For evening service, 720 Imperial Surprise. H. L. Cockroft, 2; rest as before. On Monday, January 21st, 720 Morning Pleasure. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. First on the bells and first by all the band. On Sunday evening, February 10th, 720 College Pleasure. D. Briggs, 3; J. S. Lomas, 5. On Monday, February 11th, 720 London Surprise. J. S. Lomas, 3; J. Brierley, 5; rest as before. On Friday, February 15th, 720 Royal Bob. L. Holt, 1; H. L. Cockroft, 2; J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; J. Brierley, 5; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. First on the bells and first by all the band. On Sunday evening, February 17th, 720 Cumberland Exercise. D. Briggs, 3; J. S. Lomas (conductor), 6. On Monday, February 18th, 720 Duke of Wellington. J. S. Lomas, 3; J. H. Barnes (conductor), 6. First on the bells and first by all the band. On Friday, February 22nd, 720 Stedman's Double Slow Course, standing as in the above. First on the bells. On Sunday morning, February 24th, 720 Plain Bob, (six bobs and thirty singles). D. Briggs, 3; J. S. Lomas, 4. On Monday, February 25th, 720 Royal Delight. J. S. Lomas, 3; E. J. Cockroft, 4; rest as before. First on the bells. Also 720 Plain Bob, (twenty-five bobs and ten singles). J. Brierley, 3; T. Halstead, 4; J. H. Barnes, 5; J. S. Lomas (conductor), 6; rest as before.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Easter Sunday, at St. George's church, for 7 a.m. Holy Communion Service, a 720 of Bob Minor, on the front six, in 28 mins. J. Booth, 1; S. Marshall, 2; G. Astbury, 3; J. W. Bailey, 4; J. Mottershead, 5; E. Reader (conductor), 6. For 10.30 morning service, 533 Stedman Caters. J. Booth, 1; G. Astbury, 2; S. Marshall, 3; C. Barber, 4; H. Meakin, 5; J. Mottershead, 6; J. Hankinson, 7; J. W. Bailey, 8; E. Reader (conductor), 2; G. Marshall, 10. For 6.30 evening service, 509 Stedman Caters, standing as before.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CORRY (Glamorganshire).—On Easter Monday, April 8th, on the occasion of the quarterly meeting, 720 of Kent Minor. T. Harford, 1; R. Evans, 2; J. W. Jones, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; D. Thomas, 5; J. Cox (conductor), 6. Also 720 of Plain Bob Minor. E. Fowler, 1; W. Biss, 2; T. Evans, 3; R. Bunsdon, 4; D. J. Harford, 5; D. Thomas (conductor), 6.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELSHPOOL.—On Sunday, March 10th, at the parish church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. C. Williams, 1; A. Jones, 2; T. J. Bratton (conductor), 3; G. Williams, 4; W. Jones, 5; A. Grice, 6; W. Maddox, 7; F. Grindley, 8. Rung in honour of the anniversary of His Majesty King Edward VII's marriage. Also for evening service, a course of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Major, standing as before.

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5040.

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237546 3

s 562437 I

s 735246 2

627435 I

Continued—

s 456327 I

734256 I

627534 I

s 546327 I

s 375246 I

623475 I

376254 3

s 673254 4

426573 I

354726 I

s 763254 I

427563 I

634752 2

276534 I

342657 2

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5024.

23456 W B M H

64235 - - -

23645 - - -

62345 - - -

36245 - - -

24365 - - -

32465 - - -

43265 - - -

26354 - - -

35264 - - -

23564 - - -

52364 - - -

52436 - 2 -

43526 - - -

54326 - - -

35426 - - -

42356 - - -

34256 - - -

25346 - - -

32546 - - -

53246 - - -

45236 - - -

32456 - s

Repeated.

5056.

23456 W B M H

64235 - - -

23645 - - -

62345 - - -

46325 - - -

32465 - - -

43265 - - -

24365 - - -

24536 - 2 -

53246 - - -

25346 - - -

32546 - - -

Three times repeated; single half-way and end.

Notices.

The charge for the insertion of notices in this page is one Penny per line (five words may be reckoned to a line). Repetitions at half that rate. Notices should come to hand not later than Wednesday morning.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Padiham, to-day, Saturday, April 27th, to re-open the augmented peal.

THOS. DUXBURY, *Branch Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at Lewisham, to-day, Saturday, April 27th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 6. All subscriptions still unpaid are now due.

P. E. BEZ, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Barnehurst, Bexleyheath.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Martin's church, Kentish Town (Gospel Oak), to-day, Saturday, April 27th. All ringers and friends of the Association are cordially invited. The bells will be raised about 4 p.m. A subsequent meeting will be held on May 11th, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, by kind permission of the Rev. Canon Henson, of which date members are requested to take note.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Sefton, to-day, Saturday, April 27th.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM,

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Abingdon Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held in the church rooms, Oak Street, Abingdon, to-day, Saturday, April 27th. There will be a service at St. Nicholas church, at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the church rooms at 5.15, after which the ordinary business will take place.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Holbeck (St. Matthew's), to-day, Saturday, April 27th. Bells at liberty from 3 o'clock to 9 p.m. Business meeting at The Spotted Cow inn, at 7 p.m.

J. W. T. HOLGATE, *Hon. Sec.*

5, Ashcroft Street, Bramley, Leeds.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln to-day, Saturday, April 27th. Tea at the Co operative Hall, Silver Street, at 4.45 p.m., free to members who have paid their subscriptions for the current year. Non-members 1s. each. The towers of the churches in the city will be open for ringing in the afternoon and evening.

GEO. CHESTER, *Hon. Sec.*

Granville House, Carline Road, Lincoln.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Gosport, to-day, Saturday, April 27th (8 bells), and St. Mary's, Portsea (8), available after 3. Unveiling of the Hewett Memorial Brass at Holy Trinity, Gosport, at 3 p.m. Meeting 3.15. Tea provided.

CHAS. E. MATTHEWS, *Hon. Sec.*

Bursledon Vicarage, Southampton.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The annual meeting will take place to-day, Saturday, April 27th, at the parish church, Ashton. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.

JAMES ADAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—As the St. Paul's Cathedral bells will not be available, the next meeting of this Society will

be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Tuesday, April 30th, at 8 p.m. A business meeting will be held afterwards at The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

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Clapham, S.W.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—On Friday, May 3rd, after the usual practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, a special meeting will be held at the Society's headquarters, Bedford Head hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand, for transaction of very important business. All members who can make it convenient are invited to attend.

A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*

10, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey, N.

The Lancashire Association.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Todmorden on Saturday, May 4th.

A. E. WREAKS

J. WILSON

J. SHEPHERD

Hon. Secs.

The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District. The annual meeting of this district will be held at Ospringe, on Saturday, May 4th. The towers of Faversham and Ospringe will be open from 3 p.m. Tea at The Anchor, Ospringe Street, at 5.30. Business meeting after tea. Members intending to be present at tea, please notify not later than Thursday, May 2nd. Subscriptions, which became due on January 1st, should be paid at or before the meeting.

E. E. FOREMAN, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Great Marlow on Saturday, May 4th. This will also be the Spring Meeting of the Guild. Ringing to commence at 2 p.m. Service in church at 5 p.m. Preacher—Rev. A. T. C. Cowie, Rector of Clewer. Tea in the Boys school-room at 5.45. Business meeting at 6.30. Those intending to be present are requested to send their names to me on or before May 1st.

W. E. YATES, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*

Temple View, Marlow.

The Sheffield District Society.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row, on Saturday, May 4th.

R. HARRISON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Norton, on Saturday, May 4th. Members intending to be present must send notice to Mr. E. J. Wheeldon, 14, West Street, Milton, not later than Tuesday, April 30th.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A Quarterly General Meeting will be held at North Elmham on Wednesday, May 8th. Dinner at The King's Head at 1.30 p.m., at 2s. 3d. for Honorary and 1s. 3d. for Company Members. Notice of intention to be present should, in every instance, be sent to the Hon. Secretary before Thursday, May 2nd.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at the Unitarian Chapel, Gorton, on Saturday May 11th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 7 o'clock.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

25, Hope Street, Pendleton.

The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—For the future, the business meetings of this Society will be held monthly (instead of quarterly as before), at the Society's meeting-room,

at The Green Man, commencing on Thursday, April 18th. Ringing at 8 p.m.

E. H. OXENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT ARMLEY.—This peal was arranged for B. Cowling, an old and respected member of the Christ Church band, who now resides at Selby, and was rung on the tenth anniversary of his first peal. Also as a farewell peal to W. Walker, who has left the company and the parish, being the third withdrawal from this tower within fifteen months. The thanks of the company are here given to Mr. Holgate, of Bramley, who stood in to make up the band.

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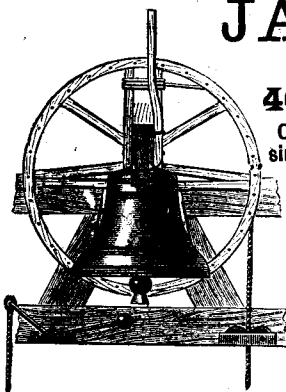
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