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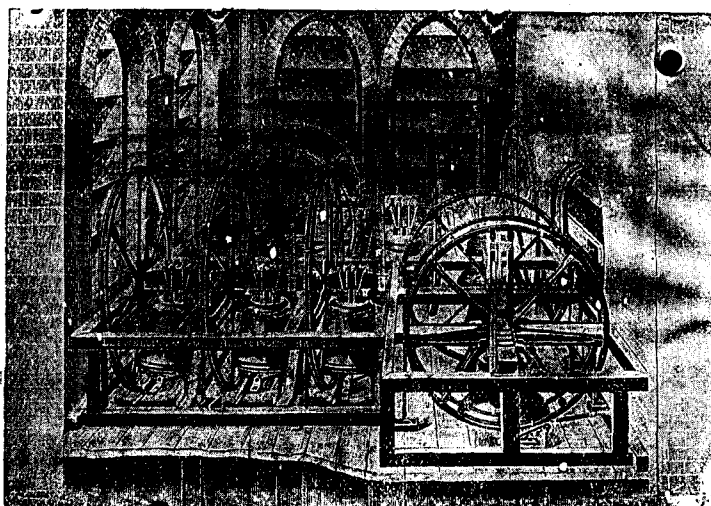
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DEDICATION OF THE TOWER OF SALT BURN PARISH CHURCH.

On Saturday last the Archbishop of York visited Saltburn and dedicated the new tower which had been added to the Parish Church. In addition to the tower, a handsome peal of bells have found a resting place therein, whilst a clock has been provided as a memorial to the late Queen Victoria. The tower is built of stone, and stands at the west end of the church. Of a massive and dignified outline, it is a striking object in the landscape between Redcar and Huntcliffe. Twenty-nine ft. square at the base, it tapers to 22½ ft. at the top, and rises to a height of 113 ft. from the ground. The lower stages are plain. There are small windows to the ringing chamber, and openings for the clock faces on three sides. There is a west window, which is seen through the new internal archway from the interior of the church. The belfry stage is particularly striking, being formed with three windows, each 27 ft. in length, on each face of the tower. Above is a massive embattled parapet, terminated with large pinnacles at each angle and smaller pinnacles between. The cost has been about £3,400. The bells are from Messrs. Taylor's foundry. The Marquis of Zetland, with his usual generosity, laid the foundation stone on August 7th, 1900, and gave £1,000 towards the project, and it says not a little for the liberality of the parishioners that the tower was dedicated free of debt. The clock has cost £250, the collecting of which sum voluntarily devolved upon Captain Pentland. The whole of this sum has not as yet been realised, but the subscriptions up to Saturday do not fall much short of £200. Doubtless the remainder will soon be given. Mr. A. J. Dorman, of Grey Towers, Nunthorpe, is the donor of the peal of eight bells, which serve as a memorial to his brother, the late Mr. Robert Page Dorman, a former parishioner of Saltburn. The tunefulness of the peal was heard to advantage on Saturday, when eight members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association rang prior to the service.

At three o'clock the service commenced, the choir leading the way singing "All people that on earth do dwell." The Rev. T. D. MacLagan, Vicar of Ruswarp, son of the Archbishop, carried the crosier. Many of the clergy of the neighbourhood were present. During the service his Grace proceeded to the basement of the tower, and there performed the dedication ceremony. The bells are to be dedicated at a later date. Taking his text from the 1st Epistle to the Corinthians, 15th chapter 20th verse, "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept," his Lordship preceded his sermon with a few congratulatory remarks. He said: "Before beginning my sermon, there are a few words I wish to say to you with reference to the occasion which brings us here to-day. I am told that this tower is intended as a memorial of the 25 years of ministry of your parish clergyman. I trust you will give him to-day your most earnest prayers, not only that God may long preserve him still to minister amongst you, but that He may give to him ever increasing blessing in his work for Christ.

I have also to tell you that happily this tower has been built and completed, and leaves no debt behind it. It is an announcement which I have very rarely the privilege of making on occasions of this kind. Not only has the money been raised for the completion of the tower, but there is a certain balance over for the erection of a porch, which is very much needed in this church, and especially during the crowded season of the year. I hope that before long you will have completed this good work also. I congratulate you on your completion of your beautiful church by the building of the tower." A collection was taken, which will be divided between the Tower and Clock Funds, and the service shortly afterwards terminated, this being signalled by another merry peal.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

This Association held a general meeting on Easter Monday at Robin Hood's Bay. The gathering was most enjoyable and highly successful in every way, and the pleasure was not a little enhanced by the lovely weather which favoured the outing.

Robin Hood's Bay is one of those old-world fishing villages on the north-east coast which has not yet been spoilt by the tide of modern day fashions, and its presiding genius is its worthy and excellent Vicar, who for forty years has guided, trained, and comforted the good people of Bay Town. Let it not, however, be thought that things are behindhand here. Everything connected with the church is of the best, and a handsome one it is, built by the present Vicar, and in its tower hangs a ring of eight bells.

On March 31st these bells were swinging merrily, to the enjoyment of the inhabitants, for the Vicar told us that evening that a sick parishioner whom he had been visiting that afternoon, and who is now confined to the house, said how much the music of the bells had helped to brighten the sick room.

At 12.15, forty-eight members sat down to an excellent dinner as the guests of this worthy Vicar, Rev. R. Jermyn Cooper. It is not always that an association is so kindly and generously treated, and, therefore, such an occasion marks a red letter day in its history.

At the conclusion of dinner Mr. Cooper made a very felicitious speech in welcoming those who were his guests that day, and spoke of his early love for bells and the pleasure they had always afforded him, and that he determined if ever he had a church of his own that he would endeavour to have a peal of bells if possible.

The Vicar gave the toast of "The King."

The President of the Association (G. J. Clarkson, Esq.), then proposed, in very happy terms, the health of the Vicar, and a very hearty vote of thanks to him for his great kindness that day. This was seconded by the hon. secretary, Rev. W. P. Wright, and carried with acclamation, the whole company singing, "For he is a jolly good fellow." This, of course, caused the reverend gentleman to once again rise to his feet and reply. At

the close of the afternoon tea was provided for members out of the Association funds, and, after more ringing, the visitors dispersed to their various houses by the last (but by no means late) train. The N.E.R. apparently does not think it good to grant ringers too many facilities for travelling about the North Riding.

After tea the whole of the members of the new company recently formed at Saltburn were elected members. But more about Saltburn (if all be well) presently.

Ringers were present from Thornaby, Stockton, Middlesbrough, Stokesley, Saltburn, Robin Hood's Bay, Whitby, &c. The following touches amongst others were rung:—Whitby: 688 of Bob Major. W. H. Stephenson, J. W. Newton, J. Clarkson, J. Waller, R. G. Greenwood, G. J. Clarkson, A. W. Barrett, P. Stephenson conductor. At Robin Hood's Bay, 640 of Kent Treble Bob Major. G. J. Clarkson conductor, F. P. Howcroft, J. Clarkson, J. Waller, J. W. Newton, R. G. Greenwood, A. W. Barrett, P. Stephenson.

THE CHRISTCHURCH SOCIETY, NEW ZEALAND.

The Annual Meeting of this Society was held on December 12th, the President, Rev. Canon Dunkely, took the chair. There was a full attendance of members.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—Master, T. Biddle, re-elected; Deputy-Master, J. Maples; Secretary, W. Saunders; Treasurer, W. Wraight. The Secretary's report showed that the Society had enjoyed a most successful year, not only financially, but also in regard to the progress made in change-ringing, which was almost entirely due to the energetic master, and to the way in which the younger members had persevered with and overcome the difficulties which beset a young change-ringer at the outset.

The Society had had a most remarkable year, a year which had been fraught with a strange admixture of grief and joy. It commenced with the death of late beloved Queen, followed by the proclamation of the King, the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York, who had ascended the tower, and were delighted with the magnificent view. Then there was the death of President McKinley, and, finally, one of the most disastrous earthquakes that had ever occurred, visited this city on November 16th, and so damaging our spire, that the bells would have to remain unring until the damaged portion had been removed. It was a year full of a series of events, and of such a noteworthy kind that, in all probability, the like would never occur again, at all events, in the life time of anyone present. The longest touch rang for the year had been a 1260 Grandsire Triples, and they had also accomplished several courses of Grandsire Caters, both of which are unique in the Art of ringing in the Colony, and before long we hope to report a complete peal of Grandsire Triples. There were still vacancies for young men who wished to take up this "prince" of exercises. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded a most successful meeting.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the above association was held at Abergavenny on Easter Monday, at which the Vicar presided.

The Vicar spoke a few kind words of encouragement and welcome to the men, and explained how sorry he was to find that the time for ringing that day must of neces-

sity be curtailed, owing to a Eisteddfod being held in the town in a building near the church.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and duly passed, the Secretary explained that the balance-sheet would be presented at the next meeting. It was resolved that the next quarterly meeting be held at Ystrad, on Saturday, July 5th, at 5 o'clock.

The Hon. Secretary read a letter from the Vicar of Penarth, explaining his gratitude to the association for their kind offer of £5 towards the completion of the full octave of bells at St. Augustine's Church, Penarth, but he regretted that owing to other more pressing needs in the parish, there were other calls more urgent just now.

Mr. Biss read his report as Instructor to the Pentre tower, which was satisfactory. There being no further business to transact, the members adjourned to the "Angel Hotel," where an excellent tea was kindly provided for them by the Vicar and Mrs. Whitfield and other Abergavenny friends. The Vicar and Mrs. Whitfield were present at the tea, and were cordially thanked by the Secretary for their kind hospitality.

Thus ended a very pleasant meeting.

EAST WILTON, YORKSHIRE.

On Tuesday in last week, there took place at the "Blue Lion" a supper to celebrate the 50th anniversary as a ringer at that village church of Mr. Christopher Bucktin. Jubilees are of rare occurrence, and are generally of matrimonial colour, but Mr. Bucktin has only rung "singles" in that direction, although it can safely be said that he has celebrated a jubilee in the skillful handling of a piece of machinery which possesses a "waist," a "lip," and a "clapper." The chairman of the evening was Major Maughan, supported by the wardens, Messrs. Watson, Croft, Winn, and Ryder. The ringers present were Messrs. Craggs, Peacock, Shields, Croft, Peacock, jun., and by invitation Kerr-Smith and Paulin. The Rev. David Wilkie, Vicar, was away from home. The supper was beautifully served up by Mrs. Shields, the wife of one of the ringers. After everyone had eaten and enjoyed to the extent, smokes and drinks in six kinds, were indulged in.

The chairman then began what he called a pleasant duty. He talked about bells and their history, and then asked Mr. Bucktin to accept a pretty marble time-piece, which was suitably inscribed, and which had been subscribed for by his fellow ringers to mark their appreciation of his services, his friendship, and his pleasant association with them as a ringer in their church, and hoping he might live and ring yet many years.

On Mr. Bucktin acknowledging it, he was heartily applauded. He remarked that he had walked many a mile for a pull, and that his father before him had been an enthusiastic ringer. It was noticed that he was wearing a medal of a pretty silver bell, and it was hinted that it was a gift "from an old sweetheart."

Mr. Croft thanked the chairman for his genial presidency. Mr. Winn, in seconding, remarked how great an interest Major Maughan took in belfry matters.

These ringers are the only company who are skilled in the art in the neighbourhood, and can boast of more than one peal-board in their tower recording 5000 in Minor methods.

LLANGOLLEN (North Wales).—On Sunday, January 19th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins. A. Rhys James, J. Rogers, T. James, H. Jones, J. Davies, T. Davies, J. W. Davies, R. White.

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

All Saints' Church, Crindau, the newest of Newport's churches, is now able to rival the oldest, St. Woolos, in its possession of a peal of bells. Mr. E. H. Watts, London, through whose generosity All Saints' was built, has now provided a splendid peal of eight bells, which was used for service on Sunday morning for the first time. The tenor bell, which is in F, weighs 15 cwt., and bears the following in relief: "To the glory of God, this peal of bells was presented to All Saints' Church, Newport, by E. H. Watts, London, 1901. Charles Bennett, Vicar; John Hutchings and Hugh Watts, Churchwardens." All the bells bear the name of the founders, Messrs. John Warner and Sons, London, and the weights vary from the treble of 5 cwt. to the tenor, weighing 15 cwt., with a diameter of 43 ins. The bells have been splendidly hung by the makers, in one of their improved cast-iron frames, and are provided with all the appliances favoured by modern founders. The tenor is hung with bolts, instead of canons.

Mr. Watts, in addition to providing and fixing the bells, has also borne the cost of making an exceedingly comfortable ringing chamber for the ringers, who are highly pleased with their accommodation. An improving chiming apparatus has also been provided enabling one person to chime the eight bells.

On Sunday morning the Rev. Charles Bennett performed the opening ceremony by chiming the Easter hymns "Jesus Christ has risen to-day," and "The strife is o'er." The band of ringers then raised the bells, and rang rounds and call-changes for about half an hour, acquitting themselves admirably, considering the fact that they have had little opportunity of practising. The rich tone and excellent pitch of the peal were noted with satisfaction. The conductor is Mr. J. W. Jones, and there is little doubt that under his direction, the splendid peal will be used to advantage. Half-pull change-ringing is being practised by the All Saints' band, the practice nights being Thursdays.

Messrs. Warner have kindly presented the tower with a beautiful set of handbells, a proceeding worthy of imitation under such circumstances.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The twentieth Annual Meeting was held at Eckington, on Easter Monday, a good muster of ringers attending. The Sheffield members turned up in strong force, some being a little disappointed in having rang three hours in the morning and failed when only a few more changes was wanted to complete the peal, and, I am, sorry to say, a band at Eckington, in the early morning, also came to grief—Mr. Haigh, of Retford, being one of the disappointed ones. Several touches were rung during the day of Kent, Grandsire, Bob Major, and Stedman. Fine weather prevailed, and the members not ringing were able to ramble about and listen to others doing the work. Having had a seven-mile walk, I, myself, felt more inclined for a rest, and a chat with our worthy friend Mr. Haigh. A great many things cropped up in a short time, one which your humble servant thought well to introduce being "THE BELL NEWS." It was also suggested that if only the two East Derby societies, which were holding their meeting on the same day, and only a few miles apart, could arrange a different date it would be better for both.

The meeting was held at The White Hart Hotel, Mr. S. Thomas presiding. The minutes were confirmed, when the following officers were elected: Mr. S. Thomas, President; J. Marsden, Treasurer; E. James, Hon. Secretary; and a Committee of ten members; Mr. W. Biggins being elected Trustee in place of Mr. Allen, deceased.

The next meeting is to be held at Sheffield on the second Saturday in June. Seven new members were elected. Several other matters having been discussed, a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Thomas was given. Mr. Thomas having replied, a very pleasant meeting was brought to a close.

Afterwards the members and friends assembled in a larger and more convenient room, the remaining part of the evening being spent with the handbells, songs, etc., when a move was made for home, some by rail, some by road, others missed all the trains, and were too tired to walk, so landed home next day, and yours truly among the latter.

E. J.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

Recently, in the tower of St. Peter's Church, a peal board was erected, recording the first peal rung on the bells, which was accomplished immediately after the dedication service, on June 29th, 1901. The board, which is of oak, with polished frame, Gothic head, and Maltese cross, is very artistically written in red and white with black ground, and was made by Mr. James Hunt, of Guildford, his work giving every satisfaction, the board being greatly admired by all who have seen it. The inscription is as follows:—

"THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD, ST. PETER'S, HERSHAM. These bells, the gift of Mr. F. L. Vaux, were dedicated on St. Peter's day, June 29th, 1901, by the Right. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Guildford. After which, Holt's Original Peal of Grandsire Triples (5,040 changes) was rung in 2 hours and 44 minutes, by the following ringers: Charles Willshire, treble; Frank Blondell, 2; Thomas W. Radford, 3; John J. Jones, 4; James Hunt, 5; George Woodiss, 6; Septimus Radford, 7; Benjamin B. Wickens, tenor; conducted by Charles Willshire. W. F. Fagan, Vicar. F. L. Vaux and T. S. Payne, Churchwardens."

A RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Easter Monday, the wedding of Mr. S. Perry to Miss Lizzie Ralph took place at the Parish Church, Brewood, Staffordshire. The bridegroom asked Mr. H. Knight to take a band of his ringing friends over to the pleasant little village, and Messrs. J. C. Adams and A. Lurley, of Bloxwich; H. Somerville, of Walsall; H. Sadler and J. Bate, of Wombourn; G. Burrows, E. S. Hodges, and R. Pickering, of Wolverhampton, accepted the invitation. Soon after ten o'clock, on a bright holiday morning the guests began to arrive, some on their bikes, others on foot, and some by train. After partaking of refreshments, tracks were made for the tower, the bells were raised, ropes adjusted, and "go" called for Bob Major, all went well until the 15th course-end came up when there was a serious trip after 1 hr. and 9 mins. very good ringing, and the first peal of Major has yet to be rung on this fine peal of bells. After ringing a touch of Stedman Triples and lowering the bells, a stroll round the village brought all to the original place of meeting. After tea, the evening was spent in harmony, the Bride and Bridegroom, Misses Lucy Perry and Terry, Messrs. J. T. Perry, H. Knight, G. Burrows, E. S. Hodges, and R. Pickering each contributed a song; tunes were rung on the handbells by T. and J. Perry, H. Knight and R. Pickering. The ringers, in wishing "Long Life and Happiness" to Mr. and Mrs. Perry, expressed their appreciation of their efforts to make the day the most enjoyable one they had ever had the pleasure of spending together.

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."

FIRST PRINCIPLES OF COMPOSITION.

SIR,—I am quite aware that I am in a very small minority in holding the views expressed in my article of March 29th, and I should have hesitated before opposing myself to the almost universal opinion of composers, were it not for the fact that it seemed to me that the question of the relative value of music and mathematics in ringing having never been raised definitely before, composers had inherited their opinions on this subject, and never had occasion to test whether they were sound or not. And contrasting Sir Arthur Heywood's letter with his published works, I cannot help thinking that he too, to some extent, owes his opinions to the same source. For I find in his articles on Stedman just that method of dealing with composition which I wish to press on the attention of composers. And I can subscribe to all the facts which he produces as destructive of my theories. Let it be remembered that I in no way said that music did not enter into ringing. Still less did I suggest that ringers should pay less attention to musical considerations than they do now. What I said was that though music largely enters into your ringer's theories, in his practice it does nothing of the sort. What he looks at is not the *result* of his ringing, i.e., the musical sounds, but the *process* by which those sounds are produced. Again, when you turn to composition I am far from saying that musical consideration should be discarded altogether. What I did say was that music has nothing to do with actual composition.

Peals are composed on strictly mathematical lines. But when you have got your peals their variations are not equally suitable for practical ringing. Then, and not till then, musical reasons come in to aid selection. Sir Arthur quotes, as others have done, the custom of keeping the tenors together as destructive of my theory. But surely he does not forget that any peal with the tenors together can, by beginning at a different lead, have other bells together, yet remaining identically the same composition. Does not this prove my theory—mathematics for construction, music for selection? I will not now go fully into the point raised by Mr. Daniell. What I wanted to point out was that at a time early in the history of the art ringers adopted the rule that no change should be rung twice, and that that fact has committed composition to a mathematical basis, and pushed musical considerations into a far subordinate position.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

DISCOVERED OR COMPOSED.

SIR,—When Christopher Wells of Clavis fame discovered false changes at the dodging of the treble, in Treble Bob, it soon proved the existence of many a false composition.

When, about 100 years later, the late and celebrated Jasper W. Snowdon, Esq., so plainly illustrated the discovery of reversing composition, a further discovery exposed an appropriate composition.

When the same lamented author, overlooking the MMS. by Dr. Mason, he discovered Gathorne's Grandsire Triples composition.

When the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, overlooking on old book stall, when I don't know, in Wych Street, he discovered the late Benjamin Anable's note book, already full of interesting notes and composition.

When the part ends 23564 and 23645, &c., where discovered, the composer of a musical term, found a plan of creating a musical composition.

When it is discovered, a composer in using these part-ends sends the 2nd up in front of tenor, we discover he cares little or knows less of musical composition.

When the fourth bell is discovered, placed in 6th, either in Caters or Royal, rely upon it, Mr. Conductor, you are not calling a musical composition.

When I discovered a composition with a bob before in every course that contained the 5th and 6th bells the extent in 5-6, I sent it to the author of a coming work who complimented me upon having composed a unique composition.

When the rules and regulations necessary for attempting

peal composition have been tolerably mastered, then is discovered the puzzle of application, and this will apply to both musical and ringing composition, hereto is where the brain creation steps in, as very little, if any, success is gained without the use of the brain, either in campanological or musical composition.

H. DAINS.

THE HANDBELL PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

SIR,—In all spheres of life, and particularly in our Art, many there are who offer adverse criticism—perhaps myself a chief offender—but few we find who will hold the scales even and give honour its due or merit its reward. Possibly there exists a code of ethics based on the iron rule that all which is good is normal; and that the sphinx-like silence should only be broken when men and things stray from the path of campanological rectitude, or when the least defection indicates a fall in their moral barometer. I do not subscribe to that doctrine, and for that reason I write (not on my own behalf only) to publicly congratulate Messrs. Pye and Keeble on their unique performance of Cambridge Surprise on handbells. The band claim the distinction of having accomplished the finest feat "in hand," and of that I think there can be no two opinions. Surprise ringing is as far beyond Stedman as that method is in advance of Grandsire, and those who have watched the rise of the Romford band through Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Stedman, Superlative up to Cambridge must agree that the enterprising company have advanced the standard considerably. Whether "London Surprise in hand" is the ultimate goal of this or any other band is a secret only the future can disclose, but to-day the Pye brothers stand alone, having reached a high-water mark of ability hitherto unattained in the annals of change-ringing.

WILLIAM WILLSON.

Obituary.

HORACE JOHN SAYER.

It is with great regret we have to announce the death of this promising young ringer at the early age of 25 years. He died suddenly, after a few days illness, at Gore Farm. A letter was received from him saying he was getting on very favourably, and hoped to be home again soon, but death overtook him, and his hopes were not realised, thus his death came as a great surprise to us all. His early ringing was done at Birchington-on-Sea, but he joined the local company at Erith some four years ago. Great sympathy is felt for his parents, also for his young wife, who had only been married eleven weeks at the time of his death. Holy week prevented an attempt for a muffled peal, but the local company rang a quarter peal of Stedman Triples on Sunday afternoon of March 23rd. He was interred at Gore Farm cemetery on the 24th. The following took part in the quarter peal: R. McWhirter, W. Axtell, G. Wilson, J. Lowry, C. Wilkins conductor, J. Garard, E. Wightman, D. Barnes. C. W.

HENRY TENNANT ROSS.

The death of the above-named ringer took place at his residence, Charlotte Street, North Shields, on Wednesday, April 2nd, 1902, aged 39 years, after a long and painful illness. The interment took place at Preston Cemetery on Sunday. He became a member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of ringers in 1881, and for 21 years was a regular and painstaking ringer at Christ Church, where he took part in several peals. A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled, was rang on Sunday afternoon at Christ Church, by R. Hogg, T. Hogg, T. Teasdale conductor, C. Waugh, E. Hern, J. Hern, A. Tully, A. Lawson. A wreath was placed on his grave as a token of respect from his brother ringers.

LATE NOTICE.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—ROCHESTER DISTRICT.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Swanscombe, on Saturday, April 26th. Tower open 4.30 p.m. Committee meeting 6.30.

A. OSBORNE, Hon. District Sec.

Notices.

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The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Champion Mac Gill, at the church of All Saints, Isleworth, to-day, Saturday, April 12. Ringing to commence at 5 p.m. Members and friends are cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at The Radcliffe Arms, Almond bury, to-day, Saturday, April 12. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Business important.

WALTER IDLE, *Secretary.*

47, Vulcan Road, Deesbury.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Deptford, to-day, Saturday, April 12th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 6. All subscriptions still owing should be paid as soon as possible.

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

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—Quarterly meeting at Cuckfield to-day, Saturday, April 12. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea at parish room at 5. Service at 6.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

2, Grove Street, Brighton.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The spring meeting will be held at Drayton, Berks, on Saturday, April 12th. Evensong, 4.30. Preacher—Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. Tea in parish room free to those who give notice. Apply to Rev. F. E. Robinson, Drayton Vicarage, Abingdon.

R. H. HART-DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wrayall, near Bristol, on Saturday, April 26th. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tower (8 bells) open at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided free to all members sending notice before Tuesday, April 22nd to the Master.

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER.

30, Broad Street, Bristol.

The North Notts. Association.—The Annual General Meeting will be held at Retford, to-day Saturday, April 12th, in the West Retford School, at 3.30 p.m. Divine Service 4.15 p.m. Tea after service at The Newcastle Arms, free to members, one shilling each to guests. East and West Retford and Ordsall towers open for ringing. Members of kindred societies heartily welcome.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Royal Cumberland Youths.—On Friday, April 18th, after the usual practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, a special meeting will be held at the Society's headquarters for transaction of very important business.

A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*

10, St Ann's Road, Hornsey.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Biddulph on Saturday, April 19th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. W. Carter, Biddulph.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, April 19th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. ZEB. LORD, *Branch Sec.*

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Macclesfield Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Macclesfield on Saturday, April 19th. Tea at 5 o'clock.

J. NORBURY.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 26th. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 4.45 p.m. at a charge of 1s. 2d. each. The towers of the various city churches will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening.

Steafoord. NORMAN E. SNOW, *Hon. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held on Saturday, April 26th, at Christ Church, West Bromwich. The bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Short service in the church at 5 o'clock. Tea will be provided for all those sending in their names on or before April 22nd, to

SAMUEL REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street West Bromwich.

The Lancashire Association.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Blackburn on Saturday, April 26th. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. WILSON, }
J. SHEPHERD, }

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—Monthly Meeting will be held at Burley, on Saturday, April 26th. Business meeting in Church School at 7 p.m. A peal will be attempted at 2.30 prompt.

CHARLES PRATT, *Hon. Sec.*

Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting of the Association will be held at Brighouse, on Saturday, April 26th. Bells ready from noon. Business meeting in schoolroom at 6 o'clock.

Heptonstall. WRIGHT INGHAM, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held St. John's, Tue Brook, on Saturday, April 26th. Important business. Bells ready at 4.

REV. C. A. CLEMENTS, *Sec.*

5, Marsden Road, Southport.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, April 29th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, April 24th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Tuesday, April 15th; and St. Giles's, Cripplegate, on Tuesday, April 22nd, all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
Frodingham, Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

The Yorkshire Association.—The May Meeting will be held at Bingley on May 3rd, that is, two weeks earlier than usual, on account of Whitsuntide. Details later.

WM. SNOWDON, *President.*

24, Basinghall Street, Leeds.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—This was the quarterly peal of the central division. After the peal the ringers were entertained at the Institute to an excellent supper by the Rev. C. W. Payne Crawford,

to whom they wish through this paper to tender their hearty thanks, and although unable to be present himself a note was sent expressing the great pleasure it gave him to proffer to the band such small hospitality as he could command, in recognition of the pleasure which their skill brought to the community.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 1902.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Twelfth Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers will be held on Whit-Tuesday, May 18th, in the Old Council Chamber at the Guildhall, Worcester—kindly lent by the Worshipful the Mayor for the purpose of the meeting—at 11 a.m. punctually. The morning sitting will be adjourned at one o'clock till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, till 5 o'clock. Further details will be announced later.

N.B.—The last day for receiving notices of motion will be Tuesday, the 22nd inst.

Up to this date (April 8th), the contributions of the following societies have not been received, viz.: Bedfordshire Association, Bath and Wells Association, Chester Guild, Ely Association, Gloucester and Bristol Association, Hereford Guild, Liverpool Guild, Midland Counties Association, St. James' Society, Surrey Association, Archdeaconry of Stafford Society, Yorkshire Association. Hon. Secretaries of these Societies are respectfully requested to send, without further delay, to the Hon. Secretary of the Council 2s. 6d. for each elected Representative, together with full information as to any change of representation.

Committees having Reports to present are requested to forward the same to "THE BELL NEWS" office for publication at least three weeks before the date of meeting, that the Report may appear at the same time as the Agenda. H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Secretary.

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn, April 8th, 1902.

The new peal of six bells in St. Mary's Parish Church steeple, Kidwelly, were chimed for the first time on Tuesday evening. The bells are to be dedicated by the Bishop of St. David's on May 2.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the above society was held at Leeds on Saturday, March 29th, and was well attended, ringers being present from the following places: Armley, Bradford, Bramley, Calverley, Headingley, Holbeck, Rothwell, Shipley, Tong, Wakefield, and the local company. The business meeting was held in the evening at The Nag's Head, presided over by Mr. G. Barraclough. The minutes of the previous meeting having been passed as read, the Secretary was called upon to read the report and balance-sheet, which were unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr. R. Binns, seconded by Mr. W. Abbshaw. The society is in a sound financial position, having a membership of eighty-seven, and funds in hand and at the bank amounting to £6 5s. 2d.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring officers on the proposition of Mr. W. Chapman, seconded by Mr. H. Lockwood, and responded to by Mr. Holgate. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Mr. Geo. Barraclough; Vice-President, Mr. T. Maude; Treasurer, Mr. John Thackray; Secretary, Mr. Chas. Pratt. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for their kind arrangements was carried with applause, and concluded the meeting.

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 1, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

A. R. SANDIFORD Treble.	R. G. CARTER 5.
A. M. PHILLIPS 2.	*GEO. CARTER 6.
WM. WATCHORN 3.	W. J. ALDRIDGE 7.
W. H. DALLIMORE 4.	*H. BECKFORD Tenor.

Conducted by R. G. CARTER.

*First peal. First peal in the method by all except Dallimore. First peal as conductor.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 3 1902 in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM TEGG Treble.	HARRY MILLER 5.
FRANK C. NEWMAN 2.	JOHN E. MILLER 6.
TROOPER E. HARRISON 3.	†WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 7.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 4.	SIDNEY WADE Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

†First peal in the method. The above peal was rung after meeting short for Treble Bob. The band wish to thank Trooper E. Harrison, of the 2nd Life Guards, who was passing by on his bike and called in and kindly took part in the peal. He was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1902, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOHN ROSE Treble.	EDWARD TRICE 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 2.	GEORGE H. DAYNES 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	HARRY WARNETT 7.
THOMAS G. DEAL 4.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by HARRY WARNETT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 5, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	GEORGE R. FARDON 6.
FRANK M. BUTLER 2.	HERBERT BAKER 7.
MATTHEW A. WOOD 3.	ARTHUR W. BARKUS 8.
GEORGE N. PRICE 4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 9.
HERBERT LANGDON 5.	WALTER PRIME Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Tuesday, April 8, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5006 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM E. JUDD .. Treble.	ARCHIBALD F. HAERIS 6.
HENRY G. MILES 2.	*ERNEST G. STIBBONS 7.
ALBERT V. SELBY 3.	WILLIAM FOX 8.
JOHN T. KENTISH 4.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD 9.
ARTHUR E. BRADLEY 5.	CHARLES H. PHIPPS Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

*First peal on ten bells, and in the method. First peal of Stedman Cater by the local band. This composition which is now rung for the first time, has the 4th and 5th each twenty-three courses behind the 9th, with the 6th in 2nds place throughout.

The Provinces.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, March 29, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB-AND-SINGLE.

PETER INCE .. Treble.	FRED BANKS 5.
FRED HOUGHTON 2.	GEORGE PINCOTT 6.
JOHN MEAKIN 3.	SAMUEL ARROWSMITH 7.
HENRY SMITH 4.	JAMES ARROWSMITH Tenor.

Conducted by PETER INCE.

LIGHTCLIFFE, YORKS.

THE HALIFAX AND DISTRICT AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, March 29, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, New London Pleasure, Violet, Oxford and Kent.

EDWARD KERSHAW .. Treble.	WILLIE GELDER 4.
WADE RUSHWORTH 2.	HARRY HUDSON 5.
JAGGER RUSHWORTH 3.	FRED WHITELEY Tenor.

Conducted by FRED WHITELEY.

This is the first peal on the bells, and the first by all the band.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HERBERT P. HARMAN .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 6.
JOHN R. SHARMAN 2.	WILLIAM HAIGH 7.
WILLIAM E. 3.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 8.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE 9.
ERNEST PYE 5.	GEORGE WILLSHIRE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 30, 1902, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN.. ..Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE 6.
WILLIAM PYE 2.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 7.
JOHN R. SHARMAN 3.	WILLIAM HAIGH 8.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE 5.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 30, 1902, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. ..Treble.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN.. .. 3.	WILLIAM HAIGH 8.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	ERNEST PYE 9.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 5.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

The ringers desire to tender their best thanks to R. H. Powell Cotton, Esq., for the use of his ring of bells for the above peals.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 31, 1902, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

FRED. G. MAY .. ..Treble.	*REV. H. C. COURTNEY .. 6.
VINCENT O'BRIEN* 2.	JAMES RICHMOND 7.
FRANCIS E. WARD 3.	HENRY T. HOWELL 8.
WILLIAM SOMMERVILLE .. 4.	ERNEST BISHOP 9.
ALBERT STOWELL 5.	WILLIAM STOWELL Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 31, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 50 cwt.

FRED. G. MAY .. ..Treble.	JAMES W. HINTON 7.
HENRY PRING 2.	*JOHN BURFORD 8.
JOHN THOMAS* 3.	CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 9.
ALBERT PEARCE* 4.	*WILLIAM STOWELL 10.
FRANCIS E. WARD* 5.	WILLIAM A. CAVE 11.
ALBERT STOWELL* 6.	*FREDERICK J. COOPER .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED. G. MAY.

*First peal of Stedman Cinques.

RAMSGATE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 31, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

HUGH T. SCARLETT.. ..Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE 5.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
GEORGE E. WILSON 3.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN.. .. 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

THANET, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 31, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

JOHN H. CHEESMAN.. ..Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
JOHN R. SHARMAN 2.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 6.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
First peal of Superlative on the bells.

WICKHAMBREAUX, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 31, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOSEPH E. GRENSTED ..Treble.	ALBERT J. DAY 4.
CHARLES E. SMITH 2.	THOMAS JULL 5.
WILLIAM T. HYLAND .. 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

First peal on the bells, and the ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, also to Mr. Kelsey, churchwarden, for the kind entertainment after the peal; and also to Mr. H. Smith for having everything ready.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, March 31, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20½ cwt.

EDWIN JENKINS.. ..Treble.	JAMES PAGETT 5.
JOHN W. THOMPSON.. .. 2.	SAMUEL MASKREY 6.
CHARLES DRAPER 3.	CHARLES E. HART 7.
ALBERT H. WARD 4.	EDMUND WILLES Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES DRAPER.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 1, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE OF CHARITIE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES F. TURNER ..Treble.	WILLIAM PYE 5.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN.. .. 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 7.
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE 4.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ASHTON-
UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, April 1, 1902, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

F. JAKEMAN .. ..Treble.	S. BOOTH 5.
T. JAKEMAN 2.	WM. JAKEMAN 6.
JAS. BOOTH.. .. 3.	CHARLES OLLIER 7.
BENJAMIN GILL.. .. 4.	WALTER C. HUNT Tenor.

Composed by J. THORP, and Conducted by WM. JAKEMAN.

THE RINGERS' ONLY TRUE BADGE.—In Gold, Silver or
Bronze.—Clocks, Watches, and all kinds of Jewellery.—
COLDWELL (Ringer), Mirfield, Yorks.

HERTFORD.—THE HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 1, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

MATTHEW ELLSMORE .. Treble.	HENRY S. REEVES .. 5.
WILLIAM BENNETT .. 2.	HERBERT BAKER .. 6.
GEORGE BARKER .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. W. S. WILLETT .. 4.	EDWARD EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 1, 1902, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED MILLIS .. Treble.	CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 5.
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN.* 2.	JOSIAH MORRIS .. 6.
WILLIAM WILLSON .. 3.	R. HENRY BARTRAM .. 7.
HENRY BRIGGS .. 4.	*WILLIAM BRANSTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

*First peal, and first attempt by the ringer of the 2nd.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 1, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720s, called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOSEPH W. WALLIS .. Treble.	WALTER R. HUMPHERY .. 4.
WILLIAM E. GOLBY .. 2.	FRANK J. SANDERS .. 5.
ARTHUR HOLMAN .. 3.	HUGH R. THORPE .. Tenor.

Conducted by H. R. THORPE.

First peal of Minor on the bells by a local band.

HODDESDON, HERTS.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 2, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
ISAAC CAVILL .. 2.	HENRY J. TUCKER .. 6.
WALTER HOBBS .. 3.	*HENRY S. REEVES .. 7.
HERBERT BAKER .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 2, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-PORT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. Treble.	*GEORGE JAYNE .. 5.
JOHN THOMAS .. 2.	GEORGE T. DALTRY .. 6.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 3.	FRED. G. MAY .. 7.
WILLIAM SOMMERVILLE .. 4.	FREDERICK J. COOPER .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED. G. MAY.

*First peal of Stedman.

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

BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 2, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH J. ALLEN .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. 2.	FREDK. T. C. NEVETT .. 6.
HUBERT EDEN .. 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 7.
WILLIAM HODGETTS .. 4.	FRANCIS A. SMITH .. Tenor.

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

This is the conductor's fiftieth peal of Stedman Triples.

HARLOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 3, 1902, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 21½ cwt.

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
GEORGE DENT .. 2.	HERBERT BAKER .. 6.
WALTER HOBBS .. 3.	WILLIAM WATTS .. 7.
HENRY J. TUCKER .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This is the Rev. F. E. Robinson's fiftieth peal of Superlative.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

(ROSSENDALE AND BLACKBURN BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, April 5, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

JAMES TAYLOR .. Treble.	ORMEROD EASTWOOD .. 5.
SAM LORD .. 2.	WALTER TAYLOR .. 6.
GEORGE LORD .. 3.	J. B. TAYLOR .. 7.
LAWRENCE TAYLOR .. 4.	JOHN WM. ORMEROD .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt. in E flat.

WALTER S. BURBIDGE* .. Treble.	ALBERT DRAPER .. 5.
ALFRED LAWRENCE .. 2.	THOMAS RICKETTS .. 6.
ALBERT W. BROWN† .. 3.	JAMES L. WELLS .. 7.
SYDNEY HILLIER .. 4.	ROBERT H. LEGG .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and Conducted by THOMAS RICKETTS.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. Rane as a birthday compliment to W. Burbidge, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

JOHN THOMAS .. Treble.	STEPHEN THOMAS .. 5.
FRANCIS E. WRAD .. 2.	*C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER .. 6.
WILLIAM SOMMERVILLE .. 3.	FRED. G. MAY .. 7.
REV. H. C. COURTNEY .. 4.	JOHN BALLINGER .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRED. G. MAY.

*First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung after meeting short for Caters.

THE RINGERS' ONLY TRUE BADGE.—In Gold, Silver or Bronze.—COLDWELL (Ringer), Mirfield, Yorks.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 3, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

ROBERT MCWHIRTER* .. Treble.	CHARLES WILKINS 5.
GEORGE CONYARD 2.	JOHN GARARD 6.
HENRY GIBBS 3.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 7.
GEORGE WILSON 4.	DAVID BARNES Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WILKINS.

*First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the third anniversary of the long peal of Double Norwich.

LUTON, BEDS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 4, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JAMES PAYNE* Treble.	RICHARD HAMMOND 5.
ARTHUR HALLETT 2.	GEORGE WRIGHT 6.
JOSEPH EARWICKER 3.	*EDWARD WHITBREAD 7.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 4.	†JESSE PORTER Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD WHITBREAD.

First peal as conductor. †First peal. *First peal away from the tenor.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1902, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qrs.

WILLIAM PALMER, SEN. .. Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWES 6.
ALFRED J. TURNER 2.	RICHARD W. HOATHER 7.
WILLIAM PALMER, JUN. .. 3.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 8.
FREDERICK M. BACON .. 4.	KEITH HART 9.
FRANK BENNETT 5.	RICHARD FENTIMAN Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOSEPH LOCK* Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5.
JOHN RICE 2.	ALBERT SONGHURST 6.
THOMAS STROUD† 3.	†ARTHUR HUGGETT 7.
JOSEPH WREN* 4.	GEORGE PAICE Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal. †First peal of Triples. †First peal away from the tenor. Further reference elsewhere.

SHERE, SURREY.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1902, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDWARD RADDON Treble.	ERNEST ALLEN 5.
JOHN J. JONES 2.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 6.
THOMAS W. RADFORD .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
JAMES HUNT 4.	HARRY FELLOWS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON

This peal was rung to celebrate the dedication of the new east window also a new lych-gate, which ceremony was performed the previous Saturday.

ERITH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 7, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

EDGAR WIGHTMAN Treble.	GEORGE WILSON 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	ISAAC G. SHADE 6.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT .. 3.	CHARLES WILKINS 7.
WILLIAM PYE 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 8, 1902, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOSEPH J. ALLEN Treble.	†WILLIAM HODGETTS 5.
HUBERT EDEN 2.	FRANCIS A. SMITH 6.
HARRY A. HORREX 3.	†FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT .. 7.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 4.	GEORGE N. PRICE Tenor.

Composed by GARRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

†First peal of Double Norwich.

Handbell Peals.

NEW BUSHEY, HERTS.

On Thursday, March 27, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes.

AT 88, VILLIERS ROAD, NEW BUSHEY,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD† 1-2.	CHARLES GEORGE 5-6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 3-4.	†HUBERT EDEN 7-8.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

Umpire—Francis Smith. †First peal on handbells.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—The peal rung at Garston has been sent without any date.

Date Touches.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LITTLEBOURNE (Kent).—On Monday, March 31st, at the parish church, a date touch of 1902 changes, being 462 of Grandsire and 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. C. E. Smith, J. E. Grensted, W. T. Hyland, A. J. Day, T. Jull, W. H. B. Wilkins conductor.

Miscellaneous.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

MARTLEY (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, March 22nd, 720 Double Oxford. W. Bowen, E. Mapp, T. Elcox, J. Reynolds, T. Griffiths (conductor), Rev. J. F. Hastings. And two 720s of Bob Minor. Rev. J. F. Hastings, H. Caswell, T. Elcox conductor, W. Bowen, T. Griffiths, J. Reynolds.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—For Confirmation Service at St. Mary's church, on Tuesday, March 11th, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Moulden, N. Cox, H. Pickering, J. Goodenough, C. Cox, J. Swain, A. Osborne, F. Webb. Also 336 in the same method.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

BROOMFIELD (Essex).—On March 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Clark, T. Crozier, G. Parsons, J. Tunbridge, A. Bradley conductor,

E. Runter. On March 16th, 720 New London Pleasure. G. Clark, E. Runter, J. Tunbridge, T. Crozier, A. Bradley conductor.

SPRINGFIELD.—On Sunday, March 23rd, 720 Plain Bob. F. Ward, D. Dawson, J. Savill, W. Sharphington, E. Runter, H. Sharphington conductor.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Thursday, December 19th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. H. Tubb, W. Webb, W. Eldred first 720 in the method with a bob bell, F. Carroway, G. Miles, F. L. Sparks conductor. On Tuesday, December 24th, 720 W. Mulley, W. Tubb, J. Cornell, W. Webb, F. Carroway, F. Sparks conductor. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure. W. Russell, W. H. Tubb, W. Webb, J. Cornell, F. L. Sparks, F. Carroway conductor. On Thursday, February 13th, 720 Oxford Bob. W. Mulley, W. Eldred, W. Webb, W. Tubb, F. L. Sparks, F. Carroway conductor. On Sunday, March 23rd, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. A. Cornell, W. Webb, W. Eldred, E. Tubb, F. L. Sparks, F. Carroway conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, March 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. Bedwell, E. H. Nixon, A. C. Bedwell, W. Ingham, W. J. Jeffries, J. E. Davis, G. H. Dayns conductor, B. Miller.

BROMLEY (Kent).—On Sunday, March 30th, for early service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. V. Humphrey, E. Dunn, J. Town, G. Simpson, J. Hack, G. Huxley, G. Durling composer and conductor, W. James. For the 11 o'clock service a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. A. Humphrey, W. Smith, J. Town, G. Simpson, E. Dunn, G. Huxley, G. Durling, W. James. For evening service 504 in the same method. A. Humphrey, T. Harford, J. Town, G. Simpson, G. Durling conductor, G. Huxley, E. Dunn, W. James.

CHATHAM.—On Tuesday, March 25th, at the parish church, as a welcome to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, on the occasion of the launch of H.M.S. "Prince of Wales," a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. M. Robinson, W. Haigh, C. Winsor, W. Easter, W. Hunt, J. Tullet, W. Baker conductor, H. Hinkley. Also the last 742 of Holt's Original, conducted by W. Haigh.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Tuesday, November 4th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Packwood, W. Perkins conductor, J. T. Tompkins, T. Abbott, J. Main, P. J. Manning. On Sunday, March 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Main, W. Warner, A. Leonard, P. J. Manning, G. Lines, T. Abbott, W. Perkins conductor. On Sunday, March 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Packwood, J. Houghton, jun., A. Leonard, J. Main, P. J. Manning, T. Abbott, W. Perkins conductor, W. Chapman. And 209 in the same method. J. Packwood, W. Perkins conductor, T. Abbott, P. J. Manning, J. Main, J. Garratt, J. Houghton, jun., W. Chapman. And on March 25th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Packwood, A. Leonard, P. J. Manning, T. Abbott, J. Main, W. Perkins conductor.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AND THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATIONS.

ECKINGTON.—On Monday, March 31st, at the parish church, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Hancock, W. Price, J. Morton, S. Robinson, H. Turton, S. Robinson, sen., H. Hague, C. Severn conductor.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST.—On Easter Day, 720 Oxford. E. J. Pressling, C. Best, W. R. Madgwick, A. B. Bennett, T. Stroud, J. Lee.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLTON, BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Sunday, April 6th, for evening service at St. James's church, 856 Grandsire Triples. F. Palframan, B. T. Copley, J. Boddy, A. Benson, H. Good conductor, A. Gill, B. E. Howe, S. Palframan. Longest length in the method by all except 2nd and tenor. First time as conductor in the method by H. Good.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WIRRAL BRANCH.

WOODCHURCH.—On March 8th, 720 Oxford Bob. J. J. Taylor, Johnson, W. Ducker, G. Phillips, A. Bennett, W. Bennett. On Sunday the 9th, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Johnson, G. Phillips, W. Duckers, W. Williams, A. Bennett, W. Bennett. For evening service,

720 Bob Minor. G. Phillips, J. Johnson, W. Duckers, A. Bennett, W. Bennett. On March 16th, for morning service, 720 Canterbury Minor. J. Taylor, J. Johnson, G. Phillips, W. Williams, A. Bennett, W. Bennett. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor, standing same as the last. On March 17th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Bennett conductor, J. Taylor, J. Johnson, W. Duckers, W. Williams, W. Wilcox. On March 23rd, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob. J. Taylor, G. Phillips, W. Duckers, A. Bennett, W. Bennett. For evening service, 720 Grandsire. T. Taylor, J. Johnson, W. Duckers, A. Bennett, W. Bennett conductor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

LINCOLN.—On Wednesday, April 2nd, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering, in 32 mins., on the city bells (St. Peter-at-Arches) as a token of respect to the late J. M. Collingham, Esq., J.P. G. Chester, G. Flintham, C. Chester first 720, C. W. Wright, J. W. Watson, R. E. Clarke conductor, F. Pyle, T. Pyle.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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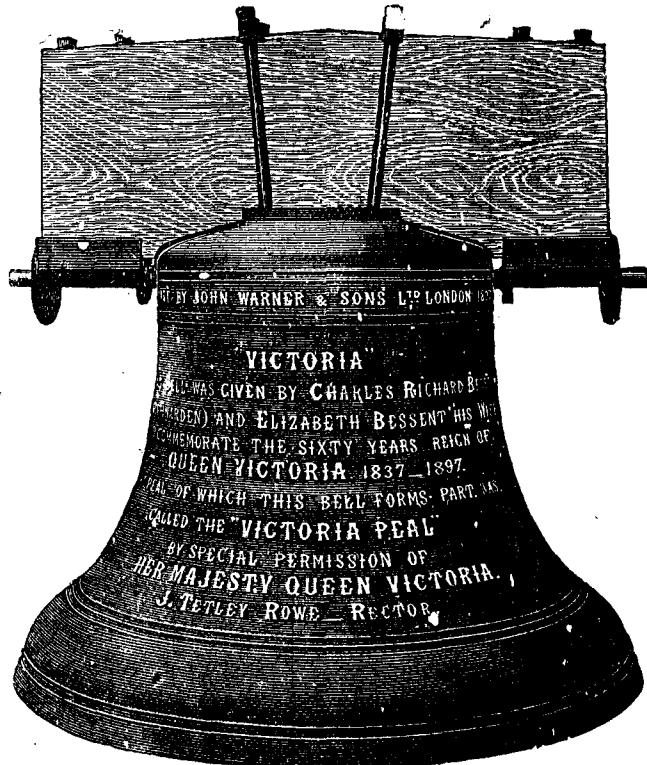
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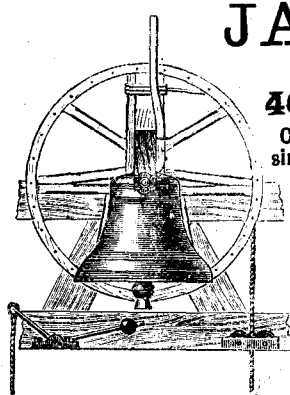
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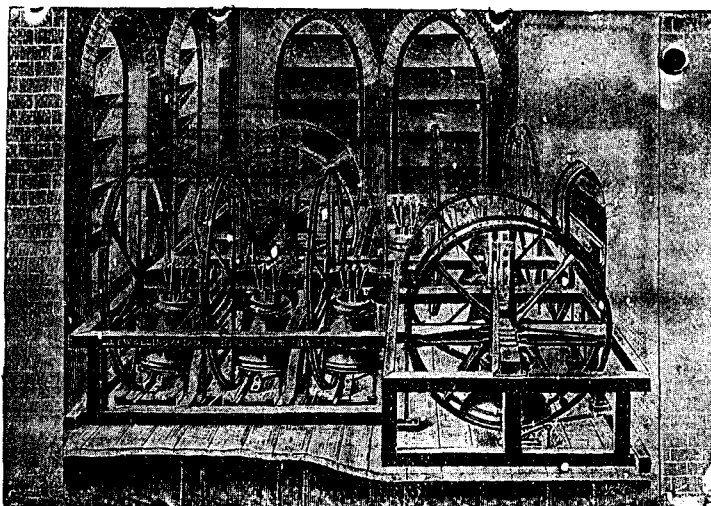
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RE-OPENING OF BELLS AT ST. STEPHEN'S, HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY.

These bells were re-dedicated on the afternoon of Monday, April 7th, after rehanging in a new oak frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, whose firm added the two trebles in 1844 to the old six by Richard Catlin (1746). The new work includes the recasting of the 5th, which was badly cracked. The inscription on the old bell has been re-produced: "Prosperity to all our Benefactors, R.C. 1746," and the names of the Rector and churchwardens, Canon Hichens, Colonel Cantis and G. Whiteman have been added with the date of re-casting. Colonel Cantis (aged 96), did not live to hear the sound of the restored bells; and therefore the "opening peal" in the evening, an account of which is given in the peal column, was rung with the bells half-muffled.

The dedicatory service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Hichens, and several other clergy were present, including the Rev. Precentor Helmore, Secretary of the Kent County Association, and Canon Holland, the preacher, who took for his text the words from Zechariah, "In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses Holiness to the Lord." An anthem—"I am He that liveth," and the hymns "In Sinai's dreary waste," "All people that on earth do dwell," and "Lifted high within the steeple" were sung. During the service three treble leads of Grandsire Triples were rung, and afterwards short touches of Stedman Triples. In the evening as already mentioned, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The Twentieth Annual Meeting was held at Burton-on-Trent on Easter Monday, March 31st. The bells at St. Modwen's and St. Paul's churches were open for ringing from 10 a.m. until about 8 p.m., excepting during the time of tea and General Meeting. By the kindness of Messrs. S. Allsopp and Sons, members and friends were allowed to visit their extensive brewery, and at 12 a.m. a large number were conducted through the works, where the interesting processes of malting and brewing were explained. The party were afterwards regaled with bread and cheese, watercress, etc., and given an opportunity of sampling the beer, for which the firm of Allsopp and Sons are noted.

The General Meeting was held in St. Paul's Institute, being preceded by a tea at which 108 sat down, including the Vicar of St. Paul's (Rev. J. J. G. Stockley), Rev. A. T. Beeston (Mew Mills), Rev. J. P. Hales (Cotgrave), Rev. M. H. Pimm (Colston Bassett), Sir Arthur P. Heywood, Bart., — Neale, Esq., churchwarden of St. Paul's, E. D. Taylor, Esq., and others.

The balance-sheet for the year ending December 31st, 1901, was passed on the proposition of E. D. Taylor, Esq., who was one of the auditors. The retiring officers—President, Hon. Treasurer, and Hon. Secretary were unanimously re-elected.

Derby was chosen as the place for the next annual

meeting, and Melbourne after some discussion for the next quarterly meeting.

The Rev. J. J. G. Stockley and the Rev. M. H. Pimm were elected Honorary members of the association; twenty ringing members were also admitted.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Messrs. Allsopp and Sons for their kindness and hospitality. Thanks of the meeting were also given to the clergy of Burton for the use of the bells, and to those clergy who were present at the tea, the President, Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., remarking that we ought to feel very grateful to the clergy for being with them on Easter Monday, considering the exceptionally heavy work they had gone through during the past week.

A vote of thanks to the chairman having been given on the proposition of the Rev. A. T. Beeston, seconded by the Rev. M. H. Pimm, the company dispersed, some for another pull at the bells, others to take a look round the splendid Institute connected with St. Paul's, and others unfortunately having to rush to the trains.

Thus ended one of the most successful meetings ever held by this Association, the weather having been splendid throughout the day, and the number who sat down to tea a record one for Burton-on-Trent.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association has hitherto been held alternately at Cambridge and Bury St. Edmund's. But the splendid progress which change-ringing has made lately in Huntingdonshire, and the fact that almost all the increased membership of the Association comes from Huntingdonshire, now entitles that Archdeaconry to the annual meeting in turn with the others. The first Annual Meeting in the Archdeaconry was accordingly held at Huntingdon on Easter Monday last, and was in every way a success.

The meeting was held in St. Mary's Parish Room. The Archdeacon of Huntingdon, who is a vice-President of the Association, presided, and in welcoming the Association to Huntingdon, said it was the first time anything like so large a meeting of ringers had been held in the Archdeaconry. The county could not boast of many good rings, but those they had might be oftener rung. As regards Huntingdon, there was a good peal of eight at St. Mary's, but there were no ringers. The bells had not been rung since the 9th of November until the members of their Association rung them that morning. With regard to these bells, which were increased to eight by the gift of a man he knew well, he had always thought it a very great pity that the old six had been melted down. The best of them was cast by Joseph Eayre, of St. Neots, and in his opinion the tone of the old bells was far better than the new ones. He was glad to see so many present—a proof of the great and increasing interest in ringing throughout the Diocese. He recalled that day his first acquaintance with ringers, which occurred when he was a clergyman at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, a long time ago. It was just after the Crimean War. The ringers

were anxious to take their part in the general rejoicings, and proposed, besides ringing and firing their bells, to let off guns from the top of the tower. It was represented to him that this must not be allowed, and he was deputed to interview the ringers in their tower. The interview ended in an unexpected manner, for the ringers forthwith elected him a member of their company, and he thought it possible that his name was still on their books, for he remembered that they termed him a life member. He was very glad that scientific ringing was making such progress. It provided a pleasant and wholesome exercise for the ringers, and he was one of those who greatly enjoyed bell music. There was nothing more beautiful than the associations of the bells with the various events of a man's life. He could not help thinking of these when he heard the Godmanchester bells sounding so sweetly across the water.

The Rev. W. W. Crump, the General Secretary, then read the annual report of the Committee, and moved its adoption after alluding briefly to the principal points.

The Rector of Brington seconded the motion, and remarked that he thought his brethren the clergy were greatly to blame that they were not much often seen in the ringing-chambers.

The report having been adopted, the Rev. K. H. Smith, the Treasurer, read the balance-sheet. The rev. gentleman (who is lovingly termed by the members "the father of the Association") said that the sight of so many faces around him was to him something like two feeds of corn to an old horse, and he thanked God and took courage. He was sorry to see a slightly diminished income from honorary members, but there was a large increase in the number of ringing members. The subscription of 2s. 6d. to the Central Council reminded him of the day when he was a young man in lodgings. When he fancied that he would like some pickles with his cold meat, his landlady would say, "Young man, what'll your father say to me for givin' yer sich luckshries when he comes to pay the bill." The subscription, was, like the pickles, a luxury, a small one, but the Association could not afford much in that direction. There was he was glad to see an increased balance in hand. He saw that Hunts. had held two meetings during the last year out of the five in the diocese. "Well done, gallant little Huntingdon. It's a good augury for the future. Go on, and before long the other side of the diocese won't be able to boast 'it's all our side yet.'"

The officers of the Association were then re-elected, the title of the Association slightly abbreviated, and a large number of new members were admitted. Among the notices read out by the Secretary was one that his address would in future be "St. Neots, Hunts." which was received with cheers by the Hunts. men. Votes of thanks were passed to the officers and committee for their services; to the clergy for the use of the bells and the room for meeting, and to the Archdeacon for presiding.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CENTRAL DIVISION).

A quarterly meeting was held at Cuckfield on Saturday last, April 12th, and provided a very successful gathering. The chief feature being the large number of young ringers present, and by the enthusiasm shown it was apparent that the majority felt a keen interest in the Association. Representatives to the number of thirty were present from the towers of East Grinstead, Crawley,

Lindfield, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicolas'), Bolney, Cuckfield, and Pevensey. Mr. J. Waghorn, sen., from Tottenham, was also present. Touches of Grandsire Triples were rung till 4 p.m., when the tea and meeting was held at the Parish Room. The Vicar, Canon Cooper, presiding, twenty-eight sitting down to tea.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed.

Only one new members name was forthcoming for election, viz., Mr. G. F. Williams, of Horsham (late of Braintree, Essex). It was proposed by Mr. G. Walden, and seconded by Mr. W. Gibson, and carried, that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Bolney, the Hon. Divisional Secretary being asked to conduct the same, and arrange the date.

Mr. Huggett (East Grinstead), then proposed a vote of thanks to Canon Cooper for the use of the bells and presiding at the tea and meeting, also for the interest shown by him to ringers in general.

The Chairman, in reply, thanked the members for their kindness, and said how pleased he always was to welcome the Association to Cuckfield, and hoped they would arrange to come again soon. He would then try to get Cuckfield better represented at the meeting by the presence of the churchwardens and other honorary members in the district, and, to use the Canon's closing remarks, "we would look forward to having a jolly time," he was sure all regretted the absence of their Captain, Mr. F. Hounsell, sen., who was too unwell to be present. The usual daily 6 o'clock service followed the meeting, when the Vicar gave a very appropriate address to those assembled. Addressing the members as his fellow church workers, he urged on them to let their watchword be 'advance,' 'go forward,' and may the Sussex County Association of Bell-Ringers still go on and prosper."

Various touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Bob Major were brought round, and the bells lowered in order at 8.15 p.m.

It may be worthy of mention that several young members experienced their first touch on a bob bell, or in a fresh method at this meeting, thus fulfilling to some extent the object for which these quarterly meetings are arranged.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

At a meeting held at Farnham Royal on Easter Monday, several members of the above Guild agreed to meet at Wraybury on Saturday, April 12th, for a combined practice in change-ringing with the local company. Accordingly about half-past five in the afternoon on that date, representatives from Burnham, Bray, Farnham Royal, Fulmer and Old Windsor, with the unattached member from Slough—Mr. R. Flaxman—assembled at the belfry, where they were met by the Vicar, the Rev. L. F. Hale, who expressed his regret at so few of the local ringers being present, only one having put in an appearance. Various touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, and Oxford Bob Triples were rung, the proceedings terminating about 8.30 by a well-struck quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. in 42 mins. T. Goodchild, jun., R. Flaxman, J. J. Parker conductor, J. Parker, jun., G. Alder, G. H. Gutteridge, J. Gutteridge, T. Goodchild.

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THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

This Association held its Annual Meeting at Bedford on Easter Monday. It was one of the largest gatherings in the history of the Association, and considerable enthusiasm marked the proceedings. The annual meeting followed the lunch, and Canon Haddock was Chairman, supported by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker and Mr. Isaac Hills, Hon. Secretaries; Mr. Charles Herbert, Vice-President; and Mr. T. Bull, Hon. Treasurer.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker read the report, and Mr. Charles Herbert proposed its adoption, and Mr. W. H. Baker seconded. In reply to the latter, Mr. Baker said the Vicar of Old Warden had applied for the admission of his ringers, but no one had been able to go to Old Warden. The chairman congratulated the Association, and said it was always a pleasure to find they were prospering, and doing good work. The report was adopted.

The Treasurer's statement, certified and found correct by Mr. G. C. Walker, showed that the year began with a balance in hand of £35 12s. 6d. Subscriptions amounted to £7, and other receipts made a total of £46 16s. 11d. The payments were £21 8s. 10d., and the balance in hand was £25 8s. Some discussion took place on a suggestion to return from a subscription of 1s. to 2s., but the question of amending the rules was referred to the committee. On the motion of Mr. Bull, seconded by Mr. Hills, the financial report was adopted.

Thirty-five new members from Turvey, Clifton, Husbome Crawley, Olney, Stony Stratford, Little Staughton, and Harrold, including the Rev. A. A. Hancock, Rector of Little Staughton, Mr. F. W. Booth (Olney), and Mr. E. Whitbread (St. Albans), were re-elected.

Mr. Baker said there was one new member for every peal rung during the year.

Mr. Foote said the bells were rehung at Little Staughton, and he hoped some ringers would go over to show what could be done.

Mr. Baker submitted a design by Mr. Sidney Avis, of Woburn, for a certificate of membership. It was an elegant and appropriate design, showing the spires of four principal churches in the county. After the members had closely inspected the design, the meeting decided to adopt it, and a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Avis for his trouble.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Bletsoe.

At 5 p.m. the members attended Divine Service at St. Paul's church, when the preacher was the Rev. W. H. Davis, Vicar of Holy Trinity. The text was taken from Colossians iv., 17: "And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it." The sermon included an interesting retrospect of bell-usages from the time of the Romans onwards, their significance in the service of the Church, and the part they played in the lives of men. The privileges of bell-ringers were pointed out, and the preacher concluded with an admonition to fulfil their part in the ministry of the Church.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

A meeting of the above was held at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, April 12th. There was a very small attendance, but touches of Stedman, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich were rung.

A committee meeting was held at 6 p.m., Mr. W. J. Jeffries (St. John's) in the chair. Two new members, Messrs. C. H. Walker (Lewisham) and Herbert Wood (Crayford), were elected, and the election of Mr. W. H. Dallimore in Woolwich tower was confirmed.

On the proposition of Mr. F. W. Thornton, seconded by Mr. E. Wightman, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Crayford on Saturday, July 19th. If Crayford should be unavailable, Erith to be the tower.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. John's, the Rev. R. W. Atkinson, for permitting the use of the tower, was proposed by the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. H. Warnett (Lewisham), was unanimously carried. This brought the business to a close.

"JOHN NICOLL."

No one living can remember the founding of the celebrated Bell Rope manufactory which is known by the above style and title. This is plain, because it was established close upon one hundred and fifty years ago by the John Nicoll of the day, not far from the neighbourhood where for the last twenty-eight years it has been located. The late Mr. John Nicoll, who was well-known to many of the present-day ringing "veterans," secured upon a long lease the premises known as "155, Keeton's Road, Bermondsey." Here the extensive rope-making business was, as has just been stated, carried on for the past twenty-eight years. During that period many and great changes took place in the neighbourhood. One of these was the erection of a large biscuit manufactory by a well-known firm whose manufactures at the present time reach the far ends of the earth. The ramifications of such a firm soon showed the usual tendency of such concerns to envelope and appropriate all around it, and the acquisition of the Bermondsey bell-rope factory was of course taken into consideration and sought. Being protected from such "annexation" by his lease, Mr. Nicoll refused all offers to give up the premises made from time to time; and the Keeton's-road establishment would have still remained had not other and greater potentates than the biscuit people appeared on the scene. These were the directors of a great railway company, who sought an extension of their system, not for their own benefit of course, but merely for the public good. Before such powerful bodies as railway directors, everything in the earth, and sometimes under the earth, has to succumb, and the Bermondsey rope factory was therefore compelled, through the operations of such autocratic authorities, to make a shift also.

Some new premises had to be at once sought for by the Nicolls, not a very easy matter, owing to the large area of ground required for such a trade as rope-spinning. After some negotiations, they acquired the premises known as "No. 44, Queen's Road, Peckham," in Surrey. The location of the new works, therefore, is not a great distance from that of the old, and it has the advantage of being close to the rail, being only two minutes' walk from the Queen's Road Station of the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway.

At these new premises the Nicolls are already busy; whenever, and at what hour, a call may be made at the factory, there will be found several of the employes at work upon bell-ropes. But this is not their only occupation; far from it. Every conceivable kind of rope is manufactured, for every conceivable purpose. The factory is requisitioned by the London theatres to make ropes for the working of the various scenes employed in dramatic representation. At the time of our visit, the manager had been summoned to Drury Lane Theatre to consult upon some rope-making specialty.

The new address of the Nicolls will be found in their advertisement which has for some years appeared on the front page of this paper.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday the Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Worcester. Early in the day short touches were rung on the bells of All Saints (ten bells) which was available for two hours only, and the towers of St. John, St. Swithin, and St. Martin (all six bells) were open at intervals for ringing. By midday the larger number of ringers of this Association had gathered from the surrounding districts. At 1.30 the members assembled at St. Andrew's church, where a special service had been arranged, an address being given by the Lord Bishop of the diocese.

The annual business meeting took place in the chapter-house, the Dean presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. It was resolved that Mr. W. C. Jones (of Worcester) be appointed Instructor to the Leigh company. Among the honorary members elected were Sir Charles Johnston, K.C.B., the Revs. A. Beal M.A. (Upton), and J. G. Owen, M.A. (Oldswinford), and others. Upwards of thirty performers were added to the roll.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Upton. The whole of the officials were elected excepting the Treasurer—Mr. James Lewis—who had resigned; Mr. H. Mason (of Old Hill) was elected in his room.

Tea was served at The Angel, Sidbury, and 112 members sat down. Everything passed off very pleasantly, and much praise is due to the Rev. Minor Canon Floyer and other Worcester friends for their efforts towards making a pleasant meeting.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.

On Saturday, April 5th, seven of the ringers from the above tower journeyed to Gainsborough in the afternoon. On their arrival at the church of The Holy Trinity, they were met by two of the local men, one of whom joined the Retford contingent in the attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. This unfortunately came to grief after ringing upwards of 2000 changes, by that terror to all ringers known as a "change-course." In the evening these seven men were met by the rest of the Retford company, and the whole party were entertained to a luxurious repast by the v.-captain, who also invited the two local men who had met earlier in the day. After this refection, a discussion was raised by the captain, who occupied the v.-chair, why the North Notts. Association should not now be represented on the Central Council. Mr. Haigh having explained to the company a great many of the advantages to be gained by being so represented, it was decided to let the matter stand over for further consideration, as train time was quickly drawing on.

The East Retford company through the medium of this paper wish to thank the Vicar of Gainsborough for the use of the bells, and the ringers and steeplekeeper for having the bells raised, and ready for attempting a peal.

H. W.

HADLOW, KENT.

The re-organised band of young ringers which began work at the new year is steadily practising twice a week, and is bent on gaining such proficiency as to justify its application for membership in the Kent County Association at the beginning of next year. No important peal is recorded as having been rung by a Hadlow band since 1854, though visiting bands have made good performances in Hadlow tower since then, and the local band has generally been in fair form. The new band is captained by A. Reader, who although a Hadlow man, has rung in the Mereworth band. Its membership is up to full strength (ten). Efforts are being made to procure a suitable set of hand-bells, and the members read with great interest "THE BELL NEWS," and some of the late Mr. Jasper Snowden's books.

Correspondence.

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

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

MR. DAINS' PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

SIR,—In your issue of March 29th appeared "A New Peal of Stedman Caters" by Mr. Henry Dains. I wrote privately to

Mr. Dains to point out that on July 13th, 1888, he rang in a peal of Stedman Caters composed and conducted by myself at Loughborough, the figures of which were published in the Midland Counties' Association Report for that year, not only having the qualities of the peal he gives, but actually (with the exception of the going off and coming round courses) called bob for bob the same, and having the midway single in the same place. In reply Mr. Dains said that he did not consider the body of the peal material, but thought that the composer's skill lay in the going off and coming round courses by which he was enabled, by an irregular go off, to shorten my 5040 starting from 2 3 1, to 5000. I willingly admit the improvement, but I none the less consider that the peal is mine, and I take the trouble to claim it because it was the first to have the special qualities it contains. The 6th being fixed in 2nds place throughout (this was Hubbard's admirable arrangement) the next heaviest bell (the 5th) runs its extent behind the 9th and in treble's place; the latter giving the beautiful six with the termination 9 7 5 0.

I assert that no one previously had noticed the musical value of this position of the 5th. If the Exercise is of opinion his peal can under these circumstances claim to be a new one, I am puzzled as to what it deems constitutes authorship.

ARTHUR HEYWOOD.

"OVERLAPPING."

SIR,—It is a pity that the article headed "Overlapping," in your issue of the 22nd ult., was not inserted under "Correspondence." At first sight it reads like a brief treatise for the benefit of the Exercise generally, but in reality it is a local storm in a very small tea cup. The case of the diocesan boundaries in the London area, so admirably and sensibly stated by Mr. Daniell—cannot be placed in juxtaposition with this imaginary grievance raised by Mr. Drake, and affecting the Winchester and Salisbury Diocesan Guilds. Mr. Drake has chosen to omit one or two facts connected with this matter. They are well known to many members of the Guild which I have the honour to serve, and if made public would put a somewhat different complexion upon the matter. As it might only lead to useless arguments, and not benefit the point at issue were these facts published, it will suffice to comment on but one of Mr. Drake's remarks, viz.: "All the towers about here are determined, sooner than permit any division, to form an independent association." I submit that Mr. Drake, by his impatient and tactless action, is checking the progress of the art in his district, and causing (unwittingly no doubt) disunion and dissension between two societies which have hitherto always worked harmoniously together, and will, I trust, continue so to work in the future.

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS,

Bursledon Vicarage.

Hon. Sec. Winchester Guild.

BOB MAJOR.

SIR,—As Mr. J. R. Pritchard asks me to refer to the correspondence in this paper of October 5th, 1895, and again for April 18th, 1896, respecting the 5056 of Bob Major in question, I must inform him that as I have got neither of those numbers I cannot do so. He also states that the peal was rung and conducted by himself in or about June 1885. Surely if that is the case he has something to show for it. He also said that the same peal had been rung years before some so-called composers commenced to pull a rope. I would inform Mr. Pritchard that no doubt I have been able to pull a rope as long as he has, and perhaps a little longer. The figures of the peal he refers to in the 1895 Appendix, was published by me in this paper of the 30th of March, 1889, and was rung at Bishops Stortford on December 31st, 1888, composed (not appropriated) and conducted by

HENRY J. TUCKER.

FIRST PRINCIPLES OF COMPOSITION.

SIR,—I note that in your last issue Mr. Trollope says that he will not now go fully into the point raised by me.

I did not raise it; Mr. Trollope himself did; and I for one consider that the Exercise is entitled to ask Mr. Trollope to address himself to it at his earliest convenience. We, having been told by Mr. Trollope in effect that method ringing is a sort of variation of some original "stoney," have good reason to ask on what grounds he bases a proposition which, I am sure, many of your readers besides myself must regard as preposterous.

R. A. DANIELL.

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Notices.

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The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The spring meeting will be held at Drayton, Berks, to-day, Saturday, April 19th. Evensong, 4.30. Preacher—Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. Tea in parish room free to those who give notice. Apply to Rev. F. E. Robinson, Drayton Vicarage, Abingdon.

R. H. HART-DAVIS, *Hon. Sec.*

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall, near Bristol, on Saturday, April 26th. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tower (8 bells) open at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided free to all members sending notice before Tuesday, April 22nd to the Master,

C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER.
30, Broad Street, Bristol.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Biddulph to-day, Saturday, April 19th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. W. Carter, Biddulph.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, April 19th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. ZEB. LORD, *Branch Sec.*

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Macclesfield Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Macclesfield on Saturday, April 19th. Tea at 5 o'clock.

J. NORBURY.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 26th. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 4.45 p.m. at a charge of 1s. 2d. each. The towers of the various city churches will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening.

Sheaford. NORMAN E. SNOW, *Hon. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held on Saturday, April 26th, at Christ Church, West Bromwich. The bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Short service in the church at 5 o'clock. Tea will be provided for all those sending in their names on or before April 22nd, to

SAMUEL REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*
10, Bull Street West Bromwich.

The Lancashire Association.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Blackburn on Saturday, April 26th. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS, }
J. WILSON, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. SHEPHERD, }

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—Monthly Meeting will be held at Burley, on Saturday, April 26th. Business meeting in Church School at 7 p.m. A peal will be attempted at 2.30 prompt.

CHARLES PRATT, *Hon. Sec.*

Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting of the Association will be held at Brighouse, on Saturday, April 26th. Bells ready from noon. Business meeting in schoolroom at 6 o'clock.

Heptonstall. WRIGHT INGHAM, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held St. John's, Tue Brook, on Saturday, April 26th. Important business. Bells ready at 4.

REV. G. A. CLEMENTS, *Sec.*
5, Marsden Road, Southport.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Haslemere, on Saturday, April 26th. Tea at 5.0. Meeting at 5.30. Business important. Bells (6) available from 1 p.m.

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, *Hon. Sec.*
Bursledon Vicarage, Southampton.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Swanscombe, on Saturday, April 26th. Tower open 4.30 p.m. Committee meeting 6.30.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. District Sec.*

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting will be held in Salisbury, on April 28th, commencing with service in the Cathedral at 11.30. The Right Rev. Bishop Webb, the Dean of Salisbury, will preach. Business meeting immediately after service in the Church House, Earl Nelson presiding. Dinner 1 p.m., 2s. per head. Towers available for ringing: St. Thomas (8), St. Edmund's (8), St. Martin's (8), Fisherton (8), South Newton (6), Coombe Bissett (6), Wilton (6), Bristford (6). H. E. TILNEY BASSETT, *Hon. Sec.*

26, Long Street, Devizes.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 29th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. Ringing members are requested to notice that the ordinary ringing practice on Tuesdays at St. Martin's tower commences at 7.30 p.m.

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

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A quarterly general meeting will be held at Bungay, on Thursday, May 1st. Dinner at The Fleece hotel at 1.30 p.m., at 2s. 6d. 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 Saturday, April 26th.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*

Stanhoe Rectory, Kings Lynn.

The Sussex County Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 3rd. Details later.

Midhurst. A. B. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*

Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Margate on Saturday, May 4th. Further particulars next week.

E. E. FOREMAN, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Kent County Association.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Maidstone on Whitsun Monday, May 19th. It will be necessary to elect four representatives for the next Central Council. Nominations of candidates (signed by two members) must be forwarded to the Secretary a fortnight before. Apply for dinner tickets, etc., to

FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

Canterbury.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, April 29th: St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Thursday, April 24th; and St. Giles's, Cripplegate, on Tuesday, April 22nd, all at 8 p.m.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
Frodingham, Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

The Yorkshire Association.—The May Meeting will be held at Bingley on May 3rd, that is, two weeks earlier than usual, on account of Whitsuntide. Details later.

WM. SNOWDON, *President.*

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 1902.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Twelfth Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers will be held on Whit-Tuesday, May 18th, in the Old Council Chamber at the Guildhall, Worcester—kindly lent by the Worshipful the Mayor for the purpose of the meeting—at 11 a.m. punctually. The morning sitting will be adjourned at one o'clock till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, till 5 o'clock. Further details will be announced later.

N.B.—The last day for receiving notices of motion will be Tuesday, the 22nd inst.

Up to this date (April 16th), the contributions of the following societies have not been received, viz.: Bedfordshire Association, Bath and Wells Association, Ely Association, Gloucester and Bristol Association, Hereford Guild, Liverpool Guild, Surrey Association, Archdeaconry of Stafford Society,

Hon. Secretaries of these Societies are respectfully requested to send, without further delay, to the Hon. Secretary of the Council 2s. 6d. for each elected Repre-

sentative, together with full information as to any change of representation.

Committees having Reports to present are requested to forward the same to "THE BELL NEWS" office for publication at least three weeks before the date of meeting, that the Report may appear at the same time as the Agenda. H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Secretary.*

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn, April 16th, 1902.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Friday, April 4th, at the church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, the bells were rung muffled the usual whole pull and stand, followed by a touch of Grandsire Cinques, as a tribute of respect and esteem to the memory of the late John W. Mansfield, who for many years held the office of steeplekeeper at the above church.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 10, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE 5.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN 3.	CHARLES WILKINS 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method by the Association.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1902, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, POPLAR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ERNEST PYE Treble.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	HARRY DICKENS 8.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	REUBEN CHARGE 9.
WILLIAM PYE 5.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†Late of Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 12, 1902, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5009 CHANGES.

Tenor 41 cwt.

HERBERT P. HARMAN .. Treble.	JOHN N. OXBORROW 7.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 2.	FREDERICK DENCH 8.
HENRY R. NEWTON 3.	NATHAN J. PITSTOW 9.
HERBERT LANGDON 4.	JAMES WILLSHIRE 10.
THOMAS LUNGLEY 5.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 11.
HENRY S. ELLIS 6.	JOHN W. GOLDING Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

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HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 7, 1902, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

MORTON W. PIERCE .. Treble.	CHARLES LUERY 5.
CHARLES BRETT 2.	EDWIN E. FOREMAN 6.
FRED G. BRETT 3.	PHILIP H. PIERCE 7.
GEORGE G. JENKINS .. 4.	JOHN BALAM Tenor.

Conducted by PHILIP H. PIERCE.

First peal of Stedman Triples by all the band. First peal on the bells since being rebung. The bells were rung half-muffled for the late churchwarden, Colonel Cantis.

EDGBASTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, April 7, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Canterbury, two of Grandsire, and three of Plain Bob, called differently.

JOSEPH JOHNSON Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 4.
HORACE F. STREET 2.	ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. 5.
HENRY MIDDLETON 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Rung as a farewell peal to H. Middleton who is leaving the district.

CHASTLETON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 8, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES; Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 8 cwt.

C. P. NEWMAN Treble.	J. GARDNER 4.
C. LAWSON 2.	W. LARGE 5.
E. BARTLETT 3.	H. J. BARTLETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. LARGE.

First peal by all except the conductor.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 8, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM STENNING† .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
RAYMOND A. HOUNSELL† 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE 6.
BASIL F. BURTENSHAW†.. 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
FREDERICK F. HOUNSELL 4.	ALBERT MITCHELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

†First peal.

SEAL CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 9, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of College Single, and two each of Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT KILICK* .. Treble.	JAMES FORD 4.
JAMES STEVENS† 2.	HARRY GOODWIN 5.
DENIS J. GOLDSMITH .. 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor. ‡First in four methods.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 10, 1902, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5052 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM HOLMES Treble.	*JOSEPH E. GOFTON 6.
ALFRED F. HILLIER 2.	*THOMAS T. GOFTON 7.
ERNEST E. FERRY 3.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 8.
SENGENT POWER 4.	ROBERT RICHARDS 9.
ASA HOLMES 5.	S. OCTAVIUS FERRY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

HARROGATE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 10, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN BENSON† Treble.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON 5.
FREDERICK DURDY, JUN.† .. 2.	JOHN NELSON 6.
T. HERBERT DICKINSON† .. 3.	†FREDERICK DURDY 7.
HARRY ROBINSON† 4.	†WILLIAM TURNER Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by ALFRED W. BRIGHTON.

†First peal. First peal on the bells.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 10, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	ERNEST POPPY 5.
ERNEST LINCOLN 2.	FREDERICK SMITH 6.
PHILIP SADLER 3.	*WILLIAM DUFFIELD 7.
ARTHUR FULLER 4.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by FREDK. BORRETT.

*First peal in the method.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 10, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

FRANK WEBB Treble.	MAURICE SMITH 3.
WALTER FINEDON 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 4.
JOHN W. BARKER Tenor.	

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. R. Lilley. Further reference elsewhere.

RYE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(RYE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 12, 1902, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWARD CURD* Treble.	*CHARLES PRICE 5.
FRANCIS A. VINCETT* 2.	*ERNEST T. REED 6.
THOMAS A. VINCETT* 3.	WILLIAM BILLENNESS 7.
GEORGE BILLENNESS* 4.	WALTER TOMSETT Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BILLENNESS.

*First peal. This is the first peal by the Rye branch, and also the first peal by an entirely local band on the bells, which were recast and augmented to eight in 1775.

POOLSTOCK, LANCASHIRE

On Saturday, April 12, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'S VARIATION. Tenor 25 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

G. BROWN Treble.	T. WORTHINGTON 6.
J. C. ECKERSLEY 2.	G. RHODES 7.
A. GARSIDE 3.	H. RIDGE 8.
J. F. ECKERSLEY 4.	H. EAGLES 9.
J. JONES 5.	W. BUSBY Tenor.

Conducted by G. BROWN.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ASPINWALL'S BOB-AND-SINGLE. Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY COOPER Treble.	JOSEPH PENNINGTON 5.
FRED BANKS 2.	*WALTER CALVERT 6.
JOHN MOSCROP 3.	TITUS BARLOW 7.
HENRY SMITH 4.	ROBERT DUCKWORTH Tenor.

Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

*First peal.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1902, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE T. DALTRY .. Treble.	CHARLES TOMKINS 6.
FREDERICK W. ELLES .. 2.	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7.
FRED. G. MAY 3.	CHARLES GORDON 8.
HENRY PRING 4.	JOHN BURFORD 9.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 5.	HENRY BRIDLE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by GEORGE T. DALTRY.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 12, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs.

PERCY TURLEY† Treble.	ARTHUR T. GODLEY 5.
JAMES BAKER 2.	GEORGE IZZARD 6.
CHARLES CHAPMAN 3.	JAMES MAYNARD 7.
GEORGE TURLEY 4.	FREDERICK STILL Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MAYNARD.

†First peal. Rung on the occasion of the birthday of Mr. W. Madgett, of North Field House, a friend of the ringers, who wished him many happy returns.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 12, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS JACKSON .. Treble.	HIRAM MEAKIN 5.
ALFRED BARNES 2.	JOHN W. BAYLEY 6.
JAMES BOOTH 3.	EDWARD READER 7.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 4.	TOM MARSHALL Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD READER.

First peal of Triples, and in the method on the bells. Messrs. Jackson, Booth, Meakin and Bayley were elected members of the College Youths previous to starting.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Worcester, Chichester, Superlative, Cambridge, and Victoria. Tenor 13 cwt.

ACKLAND J. PERKINS .. Treble.	WILLIAM MILLER 4.
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2.	JOHN MOULE 5.
WILLIAM H. DORAN 3.	*JOHN DALE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

This is the first peal of Surprise Minor on the bells; it is also the quickest peal on the bells. †First peal of Surprise Minor.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 12, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES GILES Treble.	G. W. T. SMITH 5.
W. P. ROUTH, Esq. 2.	WILLIAM NEWELL 6.
CHARLES STONE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. H. C. BELL 4.	HERBERT FRANKUM Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is Mr. Robinson's 250th peal of Stedman Triples as conductor.

ASHBY-FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1902, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble.	J. BARSON NEEDHAM 5.
ALFRED MILLIS 2.	EDWARD E. SMITH 6.
JOSIAH MORRIS 3.	*R. HENRY BARTRAM .. 7.
WILLIAM WILLSON 4.	CHARLES H. FOWLER Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CHARLES H. FOWLER.

First peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. H. Bartram. *First peal in the method with a bob bell.

HAWLEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 12, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHARLES H. PEARCE† .. Treble.	JOHN J. JONES 5.
GEORGE HAWKINS 2.	HENRY WHITE 6.
BARZILLAI HAWKINS .. 3.	*MAURICE STEER 7.
ALFRED H. PULLING .. 4.	JAMES HUNT Tenor.

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD, and Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

†First peal of Major. *First peal of Major with a bob bell. First peal in the method as conductor.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY OLDNALL Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER 5.
EDWIN MAPP* 2.	REV. JAMES F. HASTINGS 6.
JOHN SMITH 3.	*CHARLES BEAMAN 7.
THOMAS GRIFFITHS 4.	ALBERT THOMASON Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS J. SALTER.

*First peal in the method.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 12, 1902, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES KEY Treble.	JOSEPH PIGOTT 5.
THOMAS PIGOTT 2.	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 6.
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. 3.	ERNEST BROWN 7.
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Composed by E. STOKES, and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

First peal of Grandsire Major on the bells and by all the band. Rung as a welcome home from the front to Lance-Corporal Dorman, Imperial Yeomanry.

NORTON, NEAR EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Sunday, April 13, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6 scores of Grandsire and St. Dunstan's.

Tenor 4 cwt. in F.

GEORGE STREETS Treble.	WILLIAM ARKELL 4.
EDWARD TOLLEY 2.	FREDERICK STYLES 5.
FREDERICK J. JOHNSON .. 3.	*THOMAS EMMS Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. JOHNSON.

*First peal. First peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung in a new frame, quarter-turned and the 5th recast by Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham, and the "go" of them reflects great credit on that firm.

PEAL CORRECTION.—In reference to the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on April 5th, it should read 5184 changes not 5120 changes as published; and the ringer of the 5th should read Edward Price not Trice.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL.—On Tuesday, April 1st, at St. Mary's church, Walton-on-the-Hill, a date touch of Minor, 1902 changes, in 1 hr. 4 mins. being 462 Plain Bob. 240 each of London, College and Oxford Single, Horsham and London New Bob, and Canterbury. T. Gilmour, J. Bell, H. Percival, H. Harrison, H. H. Barker, J. Martin conductor, Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. J. Kelly, formerly superintendent of St. Mary's, to Annie, daughter of Mr. E. Bingham, Shifnal, Salop, which happy event took place on March 29th, in the parish church, Shifnal.

Miscellaneous.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, April 6th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 742 Grandsire Triples. W. Boby, H. Parker, F. Parker, J. Moore, H. Smith, A. Symonds, L. Leeks, T. King conductor. Rung on the anniversary of the wedding of H. and F. Parker.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, April 5th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Crick, T. Hollocks, A. Hollocks, J. Fayers, H. D. Poulson, W. Hollocks conductor. First 720 in the method by all, on the bells for upwards of fifty years, and by all residents.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WOOLWICH.—On Sunday, April 7th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. R. Sandiford, A. M. Phillips, W. Watchorn, R. G. Carter, G. Carter, H. S. Humphry, W. J. Aldridge conductor, H. Beckford.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On April 1st, on the occasion of the re-election of churchwardens, 630 Grandsire Triples. W. Keates, C. Bedwell, T. Taylor, T. G. Deal, H. Barrett, C. Walker, H. Warnett conductor, T. Clew.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHRISTCHURCH (HANTS).—On Sunday, March 2nd, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Best, A. Best, E. Hinton, S. Best, G. Vey, W. Kerley, G. Preston, W. Saffery. Also 504 in the same

method. A. Best, E. Hinton, T. Best, W. Kerley, G. Vey, S. Best, G. Preston, C. Merryfield. On Sunday, March 30th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Kerley, A. Best, E. Hinton, G. Preston, G. Vey, S. Best, T. Best, H. Bagshot. For evening service another 504 in the same method by the same band.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WALDRON (Sussex).—On Easter Sunday morning for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. W. Burgess, H. Hobbs, A. Hobden, R. Eade, L. Gaston, J. Burgess, A. Reid conductor, W. Jenner.

HORSHAM (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, March 16th, for Divine Service, 504 Oxford Bob Triples. J. Garman, C. Vaughan, H. Paice, G. Williams, J. Brown, E. Waller, H. Manoe conductor, R. Quick. For evening service another 504 standing as above. On Sunday evening, March 23rd, for Divine Service, 504 Court Bob Triples. E. Waller, H. Woodman, H. Burstow, H. Paice, H. Mance, G. Williams, W. Short conductor, J. Garman. On Tuesday, April 1st, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Vaughan, H. Burstow, H. Mance, H. Paice, J. Brown, E. Waller, G. Williams conductor, J. Garman. Tenor 24 cwt.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Sunday evening, March 23rd, for Divine Service at the Cathedral church of St. Nicholas, 514 Stedman Caters. W. Holmes, A. Hillier, E. E. Ferry, A. Holmes, J. Keen, E. Wallis, T. Gifton, S. O. Ferry, H. Dall, R. Richards conductor. On Easter Sunday for early morning service, 404 Stedman Caters. J. Simm, J. Keen, J. Foreman, J. Power, E. Wheeler, E. Wallis, A. Hillier, S. O. Ferry, R. Richards conductor, R. Simm. For morning service 730 Stedman Caters. W. Holmes, H. Dall, J. Foreman, A. Holmes, E. Wheeler, D. Wallis, J. Keen, A. Hillier, R. Richards conductor, R. Simm. For evening service 440 Stedman Caters. J. Power, 4; the rest as before. On Easter Tuesday for the re-election of churchwardens 518 Grandsire Triples. K. Simm, J. Power, R. S. Story, E. Wheeler, J. Foreman, E. Wallis, R. Richards conductor, R. Simm. Also 336 Stedman Triples with E. E. Ferry, 1. On Sunday, April 6th, 423 Stedman Caters. J. Keen, E. E. Ferry, J. Simm, J. Power, A. E. Weightman, E. Wallis, A. Hillier, S. O. Ferry, R. Richards conductor, R. Simm. For evening service 396 Grandsire Caters, conducted by E. Wallis.

NORTH SHIELDS.—The following touches have been rung at the parish church recently: 1260 Grandsire Triples. T. Teasdale, R. Hogg, E. Hern, T. Hogg, W. C. Hunt conductor, J. Hern, A. Luery, A. Lawson. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Hogg, T. Hogg, A. Luery, T. Teasdale composer and conductor, J. Hern, E. Hern, G. W. Dix, A. Dowel. For practice, four 504s of Grandsire Triples, two 504s Bob Triples, 728, 672 714 Grandsire Triples, 252 Stedman Triples, over 1008 Bob Major, two 720s College Single, one 720 of Grandsire Minor, one 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, three 720s of Bob Minor, and 560 Bob Major. Also in an attempt for Holt's Original about 4000 changes was rung. R. Hogg, T. Hogg, E. Hern, J. Hern, G. W. Dix, A. T. Teasdale conductor, W. C. Hunt, A. Lawson. On handbells one 720 of Bob Minor, a 504 of Bob Triples, 360 Bob Major, and 360 Kent Treble Bob Major.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

TUE BROOK.—On Sunday, March 16th, for service, 672 Grandsire Triples. R. Hutton, E. Caunce, G. Lunt, F. Larkey, G. Dickinson, W. Trust, A. Lovall, G. Page. On Sunday, March 23rd, for service, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Hutton, W. Page, F. Larkey, E. Caunce, G. Dickinson, W. Twist, A. Lovall. On Saturday, March 29th, for service, 350 Grandsire Triples. R. Hutton, E. Caunce, F. Larkey, W. Page, G. Dickinson, W. Twist, A. Lovall, G. Page.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRIDGWATER.—On Sunday, April 13th, for morning service at St. Mary's church, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 34 mins. C. Rainey, W. J. Bowden, A. J. Sweet, E. C. Sweet, G. B. Adams, A. O. Major, A. E. Coles conductor, T. Mullens.

MIDSOMER NORTON (Somersetshire).—On Easter Sunday afternoon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. T. T. Hayward, R. J. Adams, F. Chivers, J. Hambleton, F. Price, C. H. Shearn, H. Kenten conductor, J. Sperring. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. R. J. Adams, T. T. Hayward, F. Chivers, J. Hambleton, F. Price, C. H. Shearn conductor, H. Kenten, J. Sperring.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HELMESHORE (Lancashire).—On Sunday, March 22nd, 504 Stedman Triples and 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. On Tuesday, March 25th,

740 Bob Major, 336 Grandsire Triples, and 608 Double Norwich. On Tuesday, April 1st, 576 London Surprise Major, and two courses of Superlative Surprise Major. On Sunday, April 6th, 672 Stedman Triples and 576 London Surprise Major. The ringers taking part were H. J. Steff, T. P. Brandwood, J. Foster, J. H. Entwistle, R. Wallwork, J. Banks, W. Haslam, T. Wallwork, and J. H. Banks. The conducting was divided between R. H. Wallwork, J. H. Banks, and T. Wallwork.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, April 13th, for morning service, 672 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. A. J. Button, W. Taylor, C. Samson, S. Bailey, C. Bailey, E. Bailey, J. M. Button, A. J. Lincoln conductor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CHELMSFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, April 13th, for Divine Service, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. W. Rowland, sen., W. Newman, H. Richell, W. Rowland, jun., conductor, W. Hawkes, W. Piper, A. Whight, H. Rolph.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Monday, March 3rd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. G. Leonard, E. Sadler, C. H. Howard, P. Holmes, F. Slade, B. Wiffen, G. Williams conductor, E. Gentry. On Sunday evening, March 9th, for Divine Service, 336 Bob Major. H. Coote, G. Sentance, F. Webb, P. Holmes, H. Pilcher, C. H. Howard, A. Wiffen, G. Williams conductor. On Sunday, April 13th, 672 Bob Major. G. Leonard, G. Sentance, F. Webb, P. Holmes, H. Pilcher, A. B. Wiffen, H. Coote, C. H. Howard conductor. On Monday, April 4th, 480 Bob Major. W. Sadler, G. Sentance, A. B. Wiffen, P. Holmes, C. H. Howard conductor, W. Hammond, H. Coote, H. Collins. On Tuesday, April 15th, on the occasion of the marriage of H. D. Brown and Miss Jessie Wakelin, of Hill House, 1264 Bob Major, composed by G. Williams, of Horsham, Sussex. C. Howard conductor, W. Hammond, F. Webb, P. Holmes, H. Collins, A. B. Wiffen, H. Coote, E. F. Slade.

BARDFIELD (Essex).—On Sunday morning, March 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor, 5th the observation. W. Richardson, E. Trwnsend, A. Wiffen, G. Williams conductor, W. Gould, F. Suckling. Tenor 16 cwt.

WETHERSFIELD (Essex).—On Sunday afternoon, March 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor (thirty-two bobs and two singles). H. Bedlow, E. Townsend, H. Bowers, A. Wiffen, F. Suckling, G. Williams conductor. Tenor 19 cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Monday, March 31st, at St. Mary's church, for a special service for the Church Lad's Brigades of Reading and district, 1008 Grandsire Triples. F. Webb, N. Cox, H. Pickering, C. Cox, W. P. Routh, Esq., J. Swain, A. Osborne conductor, R. Sawyer. On Wednesday, April 9th, 1008 Grandsire Triples. F. Webb, N. Cox, H. Pickering, C. Cox, W. P. Routh, Esq., J. Swain, A. Osborne conductor, J. Goodenough. Also 448. J. Goodenough. Also 448 in the same method. J. Goodenough, F. Webb, the rest as before, conducted by J. Swain. Rung after the wedding ceremony of Mr. W. Marchant and Miss Neate, at the above church. For practice on Monday, April 14th, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. Ellison, C. Moulden, H. Tucker, N. Cox, C. Cox, J. Swain, A. Osborne conductor, F. Webb. Also 504. S. Ellison, C. Moulden, F. Webb, N. Cox, C. Giles conductor, J. Swain, A. Osborne, C. Cox. And 168. W. E. Holloway, C. Moulden, F. Webb, C. Cox, C. Giles, J. Swain conductor, A. Osborne, N. Cox.

FULMER (Bucks).—On a recent Thursday evening, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. F. Clarke, G. H. Gutteridge conductor, J. Clarke, E. Harding, A. Jordan, W. Clarke. This is the first 720 ever rung by an entirely local band. And 360 in the same method. J. Walden, J. J. Parker, J. Clarke, G. Gutteridge, A. Jordan, W. Clarke. On Thursday, March 20th, 720 Oxford Bob. F. Clarke, J. J. Parker, G. H. Gutteridge conductor, E. Harding, A. Jordan, W. Clarke. On Sunday evening, April 13th, 600 Grandsire Doubles. F. Webb age 13, G. Gutteridge, F. Clarke, J. Walden, E. Harding, W. Clarke.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PATELEY (Yorks).—On Sunday morning, April 13th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles) in 27 mins. A. Ditchbourne, C. R. Knibbs conductor, A. Haigh, G. H. Mason, W. J. Buck, J. Summersall. It is the first 720 conducted by C. R. Knibbs, and first 720 by A. Ditchbourne.

DERBY.—On Wednesday, April 2nd, at St. Peter's church, on the occasion of the dedication of the bells, 420 Stedman Triples. J.

Pagett conductor, A. H. Ward, C. Allsopp, W. Wallace, E. D. Taylor, H. George, B. Sugden, W. Fox.

GLOBWICK (Lancashire).—On Tuesday, April 8th, at St. Mark's church, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples. T. Dyson, R. Lee, J. Lees, J. Taylor, A. Clegg, F. Buckley, J. W. Taylor conductor, W. Rhodes.

HAMPSTEAD (Middlesex).—On Sunday, March 23rd, for evening service at St. Stephen's church, 896 Grandsire Triples. H. Watson, H. Bottrill, C. Pryor, E. Bonfield, E. Pryor, W. H. Pryor, F. Smith conductor, W. J. Norton. On Sunday evening, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples. W. H. Pryor, H. Watson, C. Pryor, E. Bonfield, E. Pryor, M. Woodcock, F. Smith conductor, W. J. Norton.

HASKETON (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, April 8th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins. T. Walker, F. Crapnell, 2; W. King, G. Ablett, H. Cutting, J. Last conductor.

HORNSEY.—On Sunday, April 13th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Dixon, H. Stubbs, T. Langdon, W. Pickworth, M. Fanson, A. Jacob conductor. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. Griffin, W. Dixon, H. Stubbs, W. Pickworth, M. Fenson, A. Jacob conductor.

HYTHE (Kent).—On Sunday, April 6th, for evening service, a quar-

ter-peak of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. E. Lawford Dale, T. Richards, W. Frigate, jun., A. R. Manning conductor, W. Cave, P. W. Crunden, S. Gower, B. B. Baker.

TUNSTALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, January 12th, for Divine Service in the evening a quarter-peak of Bob Triples. A. Clay, F. Smith, G. Smith, W. Thompson, J. Johnson, F. Darlington, W. Harratt, J. Darlington. On Sunday, March 23rd, for Divine Service, another quarter-peak. H. Smith, F. Smith, A. Clay, G. Smith, J. Johnson, F. Darlington, W. Thompson, W. Harratt conductor. Recently, for practice, 504 Bob Triples. G. A. Smith, F. Smith, T. Johnson, W. Thompson, J. Johnson, G. Siddons, W. Harratt conductor, F. Darlington. On Sunday evening, April 13th, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Clay, F. Smith, G. A. Smith, W. Thompson, J. Johnson, F. Darlington, W. Carter, H. Smith.

WIGSTON MAGNA (Leicestershire).—On Monday, March 31st, 1320 Grandsire Doubles. W. H. Humberstone, J. H. Wilson, W. Jenkyns, R. Roe, T. Humberstone conductor, P. Carter. Rung in honour of the ninety-second birthday of T. Ingram, Esq. On Tuesday, April 1st, 720 in the same method. W. H. Humberstone, J. W. Wilson, J. W. Sampson, R. Roe, T. Humberstone conductor, P. Carter. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. W. Sampson, his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

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Summary of the Report presented at the Fifty-third Annual Meeting, held on 6th March, 1902.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of Policies issued during the year was 76,831, assuring the sum of £7,575,835, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £389,776.

The Premiums received during the year were £3,489,955, being an increase of £167,613 over the year 1900.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,563,775. The number of Deaths was 6,723, and 6,105 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 651,558.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £5,529,461, being an increase of £81,764.

The Claims of the year amounted to £2,104,939. The number of Deaths was 211,670, and 2,227 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policy-holders of five years' standing who desired to discontinue their payments was 74,798, the number in force being 771,279. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 17,880.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 14,334,820; their average duration exceeds nine and a half years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shewn in the Balance Sheet, are £43,292,026, being an increase of £3,396,698 over those of 1900.

The Staff Provident Fund, which was founded in 1898 for the benefit of the outdoor staff, shews a satisfactory increase for the year, the total amount standing to the credit of the Fund being £101,960.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, on the 31st December, 1901.

LIABILITIES.				£	s.	d.	ASSETS.				£	s.	d.
Shareholder's capital .. .. .	..	..	..	1,000,000	0	0	British Government Securities.. ..	..	..	..	3,554,093	7	5
Ordinary Branch Funds.. .. .	..	..	..	22,660,953	10	2	Indian and colonial government securities ..	..	..	..	4,194,854	6	7
Industrial Branch Fund .. .. .	..	..	..	18,274,017	18	6	Railway and other debentures and debenture	..	..	..	3,050,669	14	6
Reserve Fund .. .. .	..	..	..	900,000	0	0	stocks .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..
Investments reserve Fund .. .. .	..	..	..	250,000	0	0	Loans on County Council, Municipal and	..	..	..	9,340,533	17	11
Claims under life policies admitted .. ..	..	..	..	207,054	18	..	other rates .. .. .	..	..	..	3,317,456	3	10
							Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties	..	..	..	2,293,593	5	10
							Freehold and leasehold property .. ..	..	..	..	5,809,857	10	7
							Mortgages on property within the United	..	..	..	6,109,593	16	0
							Kingdom .. .. .	..	..	..	167,677	11	7
							Railway, Gas, and Water Stocks .. ..	..	..	..	81,715	3	9
							Suez Canal shares .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..
							Telegraph and other shares .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..
							Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, and City of	..	..	..	339,332	17	1
							London bonds .. .. .	..	..	..	200,559	18	6
							Bank of England stock .. .. .	..	..	..	332,538	5	7
							Colonial and Foreign corporation stocks ..	..	..	..	1,106,291	17	7
							Foreign government securities .. .. .	..	..	..	923,844	14	4
							Reversions and Life Interests.. .. .	..	..	..	1,148,138	11	0
							Loans on the Company's policies .. .. .	..	..	..	181,975	10	5
							Rent charges .. .. .	..	..	..	467,379	9	6
							Outstanding premiums.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..
							Cash in hands of superintendents and agents	..	..	..	41,172	11	0
							balances .. .. .	..	..	..	341,910	8	8
							Outstanding interest and rents
							Cash—on deposit, on current accounts, and	288,837	5	8
							in hand
											£43,292,026	7	4

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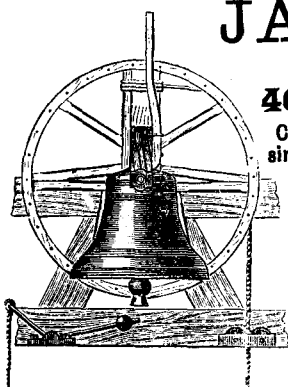
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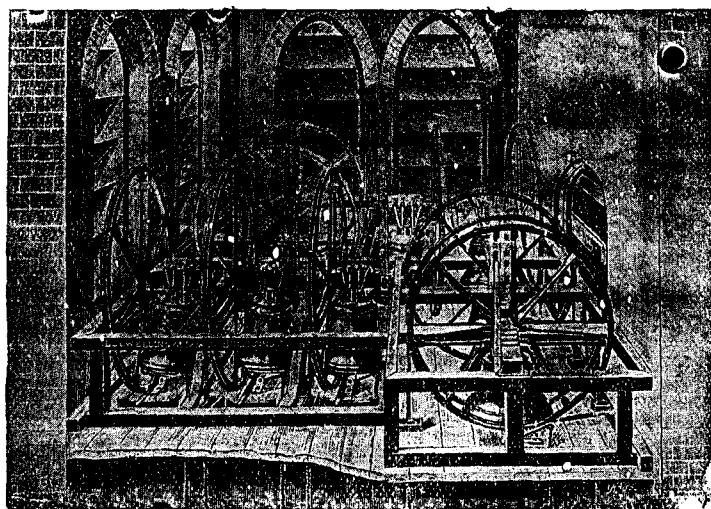
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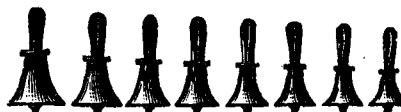
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE.

1.—Aberavon, St. Mary. Llandaff Diocesan Association. Eight bells by Taylor, cast 1893. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Iron frame. Bells in good condition and go well. Tower partially repaired, 1899. Ropes new in 1893, now worn. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing 10.30 to 11; 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday and Friday, 7.30.

2.—Abingdon, St. Helen. Oxford Diocesan Guild. Ten bells. 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th by Lester and Pack, 1764; 1st, 2nd, 5th, 9th, 10th by Mears and Stainbank, 1885. Tenor 21 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells in good condition and go well. Frame and fittings repaired by Webb and Bennett, 1897. Ropes new, 1899. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman. Sunday ringing 10.30 to 11; 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday 7.30, except in Lent and hot weather.

3.—Acton, St. Mary. Middlesex County Association. Eight bells. 1st and 8th by Warner, 1876; 2nd E K, 1637; 3rd, Bayle, 1712; 4th, 1810; 5th, Lester and Pack, 1764; 6th, 1712; 7th, 1637. Tenor 13 cwt. Timber frame. Bells go well. Thorough repairs by Warner, 1876. Ropes badly worn. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing at 10.30 when enough ringers turn up. Practice: Thursday.

4.—Aldbourn, St. Michael. Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. 1st and 2nd by Wells, 1787; 3rd, 1709; 4th, 1617; 5th (cracked), 1703; 6th (no date); 7th, 1636; 8th, 1516. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Timber frame in bad condition. Bells go badly. Tenor is clocked for funerals. All bells much worn at soundbow. Treble rung by Greenleaf a few years ago. Ropes fair; kept in repair by local ropemaker under contract. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing only on festivals. Practice: Monday and Thursday, 7, November to end of January. No peal rung since 1837.

5.—Aldburgh, All Saints, Norwich Diocesan Association.

Eight bells. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th by Phelps, 1730 to 1737; 7th, Lester and Pack, 1766; 6th and 8th (no information). Tenor 11 cwt.; diameter 3 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Repairs by J. Hurry, 1846. Ropes poor. Methods: Grandsire, Treble Bob, Double Norwich. Sunday ringing very seldom. Practice irregular.

6.—Aldenham, St. John the Baptist. Hertford Association. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1865 to 1889, except 3rd (date unknown), by Mears. Also a small extra bell, 1647. Tenor 15 cwt.; diameter 3 ft. 9 in. Bells go fairly. General repairs and trebles added by Warner, 1889. Comfortable belfry. Ropes three years old, fair. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing alternately, morning 10.15, and evening 6. Practice: Friday, 8.

7.—Almondbury, All Saints. Eight bells. No return.

8.—Almondsbury. Eight bells. No return.

9.—Alnwick, St. Paul.—Eight bells. 1st, 3rd, and 8th by Mears, 1846, the rest by Taylor, 1874, by whom the whole were then rehung in new frame. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11½ in. Timber frame. Bells in good order and go well. Ellacombe's chiming apparatus fitted. No repairs since 1874. Ropes bad, although represented to churchwardens. No half-pull ringing. No Sunday ringing or regular practice.

10.—Alphington, St. Michael. Eight bells. By Bilbie, 1749. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well and all in good order. Frame and fittings repaired by Aggett, 1897. Ropes new 1897, good. No half-pull ringing. Occasional Sunday ringing. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The second annual meeting of the East Dorset branch was held in the Church House at Swanage on Easter Monday. The Rector of Swanage (Rev. W. Wilson) was elected chairman. Some discussion took place on the peal that had just been rung, some members not getting a chance of ringing. Regret was expressed that the peal and practice arranged for Wareham had not been taken advantage of (there had been some practice at Corfe Castle). The Rector having stated that the peal might have begun nearly an hour earlier, the following resolution was carried: "That no peal on days of meetings be started so late as not to allow of at least an hour between its conclusion and the time arranged for the business meeting."

The officers were re-elected, with the addition of the Rev. C. Phillips as assistant-Secretary. The election of representatives for the committee from twenty-three towers was confirmed.

The arrangements for the next quarterly meeting were discussed, and the Secretary having stated that the last meeting of the Winchester Guild gave them a cordial invitation to meet at Bournemouth, which invitation Mr. A. Grist thereupon endorsed, it was decided to meet them

on August 4th next. Hopes were expressed that a peal would be arranged for on that day at Christ Church and at Poole.

The following resolution was proposed: "That this meeting send the following resolution to the annual meeting of the Guild on behalf of the East Dorset branch: 'That in case the extra-Diocesan towers are not allowed to remain constituent members of the Guild, all the towers of the East Dorset branch will *ipso facto* resign their membership of the Guild.'" The Secretary pointed out that as an officer of the society he could not vote for such a resolution, although if the proposed action it would destroy all their work in the past, and make their positions useless for the future. The resolution was carried *nem. con.*, none of the officers voting.

The next business was to discuss the formation of a sub-division for Swanage and district, the meeting having been invited by the Swanage ringers to discuss this matter. As however none of those ringers were present it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Rev. W. E. Wilson and Mr. W. Bastable, as chairman and secretary. Twenty-four new members were elected. The meeting then moved into the church, in the choir of which the prescript form of service was heartily sung. Tea was heartily partaken of at the Coombe Farm dairy, the continued absence of the hosts of the meeting (as yet unexplained) being much regretted. There was not much more practice in the tower, the members preferring to take advantage of the lovely weather on the rocks, when it was discovered that the roar of the waves formed a most excellent accompaniment to a peal of Taylors' handbells. Many courses and touches of Grandsire, etc., were rung on them during the day by different members.

The following places were represented: Christchurch, Bournemouth, Ringwood, Fordingbridge, Verwood, Three Cross, West Moors, Cranbourne, Guildford, and others.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

History says that early in 1700 Halesowen church had six bells. A gentleman on a visit from London was so struck by their beautiful tone, that he presented the church with two more to make the octave, and truly we are proud of our bells, and reckon them second to none in the county for mellowness of tone. The old oak frame in which they hung, and which was almost as old as the bells, has given a lot of trouble, and last year the Church Council decided to undertake the restoration of the outside of the church at a cost of £1200, and later the re-tuning and re-hanging of the bells. This latter work was entrusted to Messrs. Taylor at a cost of £300, which work is most satisfactorily done, and at last Halesowen ringers are satisfied, for the "go" of the bells is everything that can be desired. They were first rung for early service at 5.30 on Easter Sunday morning, and on Monday, April 21st, 2520 Grandsire Triples (Taylor's bob-and-single variation) was rung in 1 hr. 32 mins. V. White, W. Coley, E. White, W. Lea, H. Raybould, W. Moteram conductor, G. N. Cockin, M. Hackett. Tenor 20 cwt. The bells are hung in a steel frame with all modern improvements.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Easter Sunday for evening service at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob (eighteen bobs and eighteen singles). G. Kilby, J. W. Chandler, H. Kilby, R. Kilby, A. Hill, W. Steggall conductor. After service another 720 (thirty singles and six bobs). G. Kilby, J. W. Chandler, R. Kilby, A. Hill, H. Kilby, W. Steggall conductor.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The anniversary of this association was celebrated at St. Albans on Easter Monday, when a large number of its members journeyed to the cathedral city, and during the morning and afternoon visited the various belfries and rang various methods. In accordance with custom a special service was arranged for the ringers at the Abbey, the Very Rev. the Dean of St. Albans, and the Revs. P. Deedes and G. D. Castleden officiating. There was a satisfactory attendance, and a fitting address was delivered by the Very Rev. the Dean, who offered a very hearty welcome to the members of the Association.

In the evening, at the Town Hall, the annual tea was held, the arrangements being entrusted to Mr. W. Bugler. The Rev. Canon Wigram (president of the Society) presided. Mr. F. W. Silvester proposed, and Mr. A. Oliver seconded the election of the Rev. E. Ibbotson, formerly Rector of Burmarsh, Kent, as a member of the Society. This was unanimously agreed to, and the Rev. E. Ibbotson, in reply, said he should be pleased when there was a "string" vacant on any occasion to take it. Numerous other new members were also elected.

The balance-sheet for the year was presented by Mr. Debenham, and showed that during the year, which started with a balance in hand of £4 2s. 10d., the subscriptions from members amounting to £6 13s., and from hon. members £3 10s., bringing the total receipts to £14 17s. 10d. After paying working and other expenses, there remained a balance on the current account of £4 6s. 5d., and in the Savings Bank of £10 8s. 7d.

Commenting upon the report, the President said there was no feature lacking in the record of peals which they could wish to have produced. The number of conductors, the performances of members 15 or 16 years of age, the very large number of peals upon six bells in many methods, were all very satisfactory features. The high class of methods, the number of peals in Stedman, were also matter for congratulation, but how was it there was only one in Double Norwich, the most fascinating of methods? Perhaps during the coronation year there would be an increase of both Superlative and Double Norwich peals. The report was then adopted, together with a cordial vote of thanks to the hon. secretary, and a vote of congratulation to all members of the Association who had taken part in producing such an excellent record.

The Dean of St. Albans proposed the re-election of Canon Wigram as President of the Association, observing that no one could fill the office better than their friend had done. "I feel myself quite free to make this proposition," added the Dean, "because I am not a rival candidate for the post. Whatever my merits may be in other directions they do not extend in the direction of ringing." However, in Canon Wigram they had a model man for the post of President. Mr. Silvester seconded and the election was unanimously agreed to.

When responding to the remarks of the proposer Canon Wigram said few men had worked harder at change-ringing than he had done, and few men had spent more time in teaching various pupils. He hoped during the Coronation year to be able to ring again.

Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham proposed the re-election of Mr. E. P. Debenham as hon. secretary, than whom it would be impossible to find a better officer. Mr. A. Hallet seconded, and Mr. P. Debenham, acknowledging the renewal of the confidence of the members of the Association, expressed the wish that he could do more for the Association both in the tower and out of it.

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Mr. Debenham proposed the re-election of Mr. G. W. Cartmel, as assistant hon. secretary, and took that opportunity of tendering his sincere thanks for valuable help given for many years. Mr. Waddington seconded, and the proposition was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Huntley was re-elected auditor, with thanks for past services, and the district secretaries were chosen as follows:—St. Albans district, Mr. J. Earwicker; Northern district, Mr. J. Sheppard; Western district, Mr. Huntley; Hemel Hempstead district, Mr. W. H. Newell; and Eastern District, Mr. W. H. Lawrence. A special vote of thanks was accorded to the district secretaries for the help they had rendered in the past, and the President spoke of the amount of trouble entailed in getting companies together and arranging peals.

On the proposition of Mr. Debenham, thanks were accorded to the Dean of St. Albans, and the Revs. R. A. Squires, C. V. Bicknell, and W. D. W. Dudley, for the use of their towers, and to the Mayor for the use of the Council Chamber for their gathering. He regretted that his Worship was unable to attend owing to a previous engagement.

Mr. Cartmel drew attention to the new certificate of membership which had been prepared, and also urged older members of the Association to do what they could to give instruction to new towers. An instructor was greatly needed; but that was a matter of £ s. d.

The President, in reference to the remarks of Mr. Cartmel, said he should be very pleased to place at the disposal of the district secretaries, a copy of Snowdon's diagrams, in order to assist the members in learning the use of the bells.

A vote of thanks to the President for occupying the chair, brought the proceedings to a close.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. (NORTHWICH BRANCH.)

The annual meeting of the above branch was held at the Cocoa Rooms, Northwich, on Saturday last the 19th inst. A tea, provided by the chairman, Mr. H. Hatt-Cook, was first partaken of, to which ample justice was done. In the unavoidable absence of the chairman Mr. Ashmole was voted to the chair. The minutes of the last meeting, and the financial statement, showing a balance in hand of £1 1s., were passed unanimously. Other business was then gone into. At the conclusion of the meeting votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Binney, for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Hatt-Cook for providing the tea. During the afternoon several touches were rung on the bells of the parish church by the ringers from the various towers.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

WEST RETFORD.—At the Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 12th, 360 Kent Treble Bob. H. Haigh conductor, F. W. S. Butler, G. Metcalfe, G. F. Clarke, A. Street, P. O. Bixby. 720 Kent. G. W. D. Metcalfe, F. W. S. Butler conductor, G. R. Winter, P. O. Bixby, H. Warburton, C. Crawford. 120 Stedman Doubles. F. S. W. Butler, P. O. Bixby, G. W. D. Metcalfe, G. R. Winter conductor, H. Warburton, C. Crawford. 720 Plain Bob. H. Palfreman, C. Metcalfe, H. Hurst, A. Crawford, F. Phillips conductor, A. Street.

EAST RETFORD.—On Saturday, April 12th, 270 Grandsire Caters P. O. Bixby, A. Swannack, G. F. Clarke, R. Miles, G. R. Winter, F. S. W. Butler, T. Spurr, H. Warburton, J. B. Joyes conductor, C. Crawford.

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MR. DAINS' PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

SIR.—After the letter of Sir Arthur Heywood in your last issue, I think it best to place on record what I have always understood of Caters composition. In all compositions of Stedman Caters there are contained several properties which are not to be found in other methods.

1.—The big bells in the tittum position at course-ends, said to belong to Annable.

2.—The fixing of the treble in 2nds place at course-ends. John Cox told me this was done by the late George Gross and others of that day.

3.—The fixing of the 6th in 2nds place is I believe first given by Hubbard in an early edition of his work.

4.—The going-off course. In every peal this course is a special feature, and is of special composition, so that its changes do not run foul of any of those in the courses forming the body of the composition.

5.—The homing course. This, like the last mentioned, receives careful attention, so as to render the composition truthful.

6.—Then there is the body of the peal, and there are several recognised plans upon which arrangements are made. Those divided into three, four, and five parts is one. Here we have sixty course-ends to work on, but as it takes about forty-six course-ends for any peal, it is clear that every fresh peal introduced contains a bit of a previous composition.

But Sir, when we turn to those plans having the 6th and 5th fixed in 2nds and 5ths, the scope for peal-making is very much more limited, as here there are but forty-eight courses available for a peal, and as before said, it takes about forty-six course-ends, there cannot possibly be much originality in a peal body on this plan.

The same conditions hold good in reference to a peal of mine claimed by Sir Arthur. As here as before we only have forty-eight courses available for use, and so all peals on this and the last-mentioned plan must contain a large percentage of changes previously used in an earlier composition. Where then are we to look for anything original in such peals except in the first and last courses. Here is where a composer can show his hand and exercise his ingenuity; and if advantage is possible or superiority to be gained here is where it is and should be done. Sir Arthur admits my peal an improvement, and I quite admit it to be a close cut, and cannot be otherwise, and that the plan is most musical.

Well Sir, my opinion is when the various plans are published, they become public property. All that can be said is to compliment the gentleman who first introduces the subsequent composition.

But if we look upon page 401, vol. 6, "BELL NEWS" for November 1887, we find a peal, 5160, containing exactly the same qualities over the name of J. R. Pritchard, Liverpool; and in "THE BELL NEWS," October 2nd, same year, there are two others, 5001 and 5002, by the same composer. H. DAINS.

FIRST PRINCIPLES OF COMPOSITION.

SIR,—Mr. Trollope tells me I have distorted his meaning. I did not do so consciously, and am sorry to have done so at all. I do not wish to continue a controversy about which misapprehension seems to have gathered; but if you are disposed to give me the opportunity of stating in your columns my view of the origin of changes, I hope shortly to do so.

R. A. DANIELL.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Monday, the 14th instant, at the church of St. Clement Danes, the usual whole pull and stand was rung in respect to the memory of the late John William Mansfield, and afterwards a touch each of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, with the bells half-muffled, conducted by Mr. C. F. Winney.

PATELEY BRIDGE, YORKS.

On Tuesday evening, April 22nd, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. A. Ditchbourne, C. R. Knibbs, A. Haigh, G. H. Mason, H. Roberts, J. Summersall conductor. Mr. G. H. Mason, one of the above ringers, is leaving for Canada, and the above 720 was rung in commemoration of his services and as a farewell peal. A ringers' medal was presented to him on Sunday by his brother-ringers. The medal was in the form of a bell, the work of Mr. G. H. Coldwell, of Mirfield, Yorks. The presentation was made by the Rev. W. Callahan (curate).

THE WHITWICK SOCIETY,
LEICESTERSHIRE.

The second annual dinner of the above society was held at The King's Arms on Easter Tuesday. In addition to the members there were also present (as the guests of the ringers), the Revs. J. W. A. Mackenzie (Vicar), F. Boothby (curate), and J. C. S. Burkitt, Esq., J.P., Messrs. J. Henson and S. W. West (churchwardens), and others. An excellent spread was provided by host Mason, to which full justice was done in true ringers' style. After the cloths were removed the loyal toast was duly honoured, as were also the following toasts: "The Bishops and Clergy," proposed by Mr. J. Henson, and responded to by the Vicar: "The Whitwick Church Society of Change-Ringers," proposed by Dr. Burkitt, and responded to by Messrs. J. A. Moulton (Captain), and S. W. West (Hon. Sec.): "Kindred Societies and all Church-workers," proposed by Mr. H. Partridge. The rest of the evening was spent in a convivial manner, songs and recitations being given by ringers and friends.

A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem. This Society has been in a healthy condition for several years, numbering thirteen change-ringers and some promising probationers. More ringing (especially for service) was done last year than ever before.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN
ASSOCIATION.

(SAXMUNDHAM DISTRICT.)

A meeting was held at Kelsale on Saturday, April 19th, when eighteen members were in attendance from Leiston, Benhall, Saxmundham and Kelsale. The bells of the parish

church were kindly placed at the disposal of the members, upon which various touches of Bob Major, Grand-sire Triples and Treble Bob Major were rung. The business meeting was held in the church room under the presidency of Mr. Fenton Thompson, at which four new members were admitted, three from Aldeburgh and one from Leiston.

Mr. John Button proposed that the Association be approached towards granting some financial help in the holding of periodical district meetings, which was carried unanimously. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Aldeburgh in September. A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and the Church Room, brought to a close a very successful meeting.

STARSTON, SUFFOLK.

A large clock has just been erected in the parish church, which shews time on one dial and strikes the hours on the largest bell. It is fitted with all the latest improvements. The work has been carried out by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who are also making a large clock and chimes for St. Mary's church, Warwick.

MACCLESFIELD PARISH CHURCH.

AN APPEAL FOR HELP.

DEAR SIR,—Would you kindly publish the following on behalf of W. W. Steel, one of our company. He has been one of our regular ringers for twelve years, and a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild for a like period. Seventeen months ago he was compelled to give up work, and has been pronounced to be suffering from locomotor ataxia. He has been a brass moulder by trade, and we can speak with confidence of his self-helpful character when he was well. He has a wife and four young children, and his long illness has been a terrible strain upon them.

Signed—LUCIUS SMITH, Vicar, W. WALMSLEY, Conductor, 88, High Street, who will gratefully receive subscriptions towards this needy case.

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Notices.

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Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall, near Bristol, to-day, Saturday, April 26th. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tower (8 bell) open at 4 p.m. C. E. D. BOUTFLOWER, 30, Broad Street, Bristol.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln to-day, Saturday, April 26th. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 4.45 p.m. at a charge of 1s. 2d. each. The towers of the various city churches will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening.

Seaford. NORMAN E. SNOW, Hon. Sec.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held to-day, Saturday, April 26th, at Christ Church, West Bromwich. The bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Service in the church at 5 o'clock.

SAMUEL REEVES, Hon. Sec.

10, Bull Street West Bromwich.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—Monthly Meeting will be held at Bury to-day, Saturday, April 26. Business meeting in Church School at 7 p.m. A peal will be attempted at 2.30 prompt.

CHARLES PRATT, Hon. Sec.

Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting of the Association will be held at Brighouse, to-day, Saturday, April 26. Bells ready from noon. Business meeting in schoolroom at 6 o'clock.

Heptonstall. WRIGHT INGHAM, Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held St. John's, Tue Brook, to-day, Saturday, April 26. Important business. Bells ready at 4. REV. C. A. CLEMENTS, Sec., 5, Marsden Road, Southport.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Haslemere to-day, Saturday, April 26th. Tea at 5.0. Meeting at 5.30. Business important. Bells available from 1 p.m.

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, Hon. Sec., Bursledon Vicarage, Southampton.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Swarcombe, to-day, Saturday, April 26th. Tea open 4.30 p.m. Committee meeting 6.30.

A. OSBORNE, Hon. District Sec.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society.—The annual meeting of the above Society will be held at the parish church, Ashton, to-day, Saturday, April 26th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 7.30.

CHAS. BOWER, Hon. Sec.

25, Chadwick Street.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting will be held in Salisbury, on April 28th, commencing with service in the Cathedral at 11.30. The Right Rev. Bishop of the Dean of Salisbury, will preach. Business meeting immediately after service in Church House, Earl Nelson presiding. Dinner 1 p.m., 2s. per head. Towers available for ringing: St. Thomas (8), St. Edmund

(8), St. Martin's (8), Fisherton (8), South Newton (6), Coombe Bissett (6), Wilton (6), Brilford (6). H. E. TILNEY BASSETT, *Hon. Sec.*
26, Long Street, Devizes.

St Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 29th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. Ringing members are requested to notice that the ordinary ringing practice on Tuesdays at St. Martin's tower commences at 7.30 p.m.
W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Road, Haulsworth.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, April 29th.
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
Frodingham, Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A quarterly general meeting will be held at Bungay, on Thursday, May 1st. Dinner at The Fleece hotel at 1.30 p.m., at 2s. 6d. 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 Saturday, April 26th.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Sec.*
Stanhoe Rectory, Kings Lynn.

The Sussex County Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 3rd. Towers open: St. Nicholas 10.30 to 1.30 p.m., and 6 to 9 p.m. St. Peter's after the meeting till 9 p.m. Luncheon at 2 p.m. in the Pavilion. Chairman, the Mayor of Brighton. Business Meeting at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. at St. Peter's. Those who propose to attend are requested to send notice before Wednesday, April 29th, to
Midhurst. A. B. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*

Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Margate on Saturday, May 3rd. The following towers will be open for ringing at 3 p.m.: Quex Park, Birchington (10 bells); All Saints, Birchington (8 bells); St. John's, Margate (8 bells). Tea at Hughes' Restaurant, Paradise Street, at 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Members intending to be present kindly notify the undersigned by Thursday morning, May 1st. Half railway fares up to two shillings will be paid to members attending. Subscriptions for 1902 became due on January 1st, and should be paid before or at the meeting.
E. E. FOREMAN, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*
Summer Lees, Hernhill, Faversham.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Norton on Saturday, May 3rd. Members who intend being present are requested to give notice to Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, West Street, Milton.
W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Bingley on May 3rd. The local hon. sec. is Mr. J. Perfect, 44, Highfield Terrace, Bingley. Tea at 5.0, tickets, to members sending notice, sixpence each.
WM. SNOWDON, *President.*
24, Basinghall Street, Leeds.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Bitton, near Bristol, on Saturday, May 3rd. Short service at St. Mary's church at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.
C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—The next

meeting of the Rochdale Branch will be held at Rochdale on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. Any ringer welcome.
JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Archdeaconry of Wilts. Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Burbage on Saturday, May 5th at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.

C. D. HEGINBOTHAM, *Hon. Sec.*
3, Estcourt Street, Devizes.

The Essex Association.—North Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Earls Colne on Saturday, May 10th. Tea at 5 o'clock at The George hotel, 1s. 2d. each. Those intending to be present please give notice three days before.

ERNEST W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
Coggeshall.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Martin's church, Kentish Town (Gospel Oak), on Saturday, May 10th. The bells will be raised about 4 o'clock. All ringers and friends of the Association are cordially invited.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at All Saints, Eastbourne, on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available from 2 to 7. Particulars of other towers open for ringing will be given at the meeting. The Rev. —. Woodward has kindly offered to provide tea for those who send their names to Mr. T. Price, 7, Bath Road, Eastbourne, on or before May 6th.
S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*
"Arran," Baldslow Road, Hastings.

Kent County Association.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Maidstone on Whitsun Monday, May 19th. It will be necessary to elect four representatives for the next Central Council. Nominations of candidates (signed by two members) must be forwarded to the Secretary a fortnight before. Apply for dinner tickets, etc., to
FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*
Canterbury.

The Devonshire Guild.—The Exeter Cathedral bells will be re-opened on June 24. Dedicatory Service 2 p.m. Ringing from 4.15 by Devon Guild. F. MOLINEUX, *Hon. Sec.*
Harpford, Ottery St. Mary.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT ELSTOW (REPORTED LAST WEEK).—It may interest some readers to know that it was on these bells that John Bunyan, author of "Pilgrims Progress," "The Holy War," and other well-known books, rung before becoming converted. It was during this time that such great fears entered his heart. He gave up ringing, being afraid that the bells would fall down and crush him, he at that time having no hope of future life. It is not certain which he rang; it was either the 4th or 5th, probably both, but it is certain that they are the same bells, in the same frame and fittings. This was the first peal on the bells, and will probably be the last, as they are in a very deplorable condition.

THE PEAL AT FULHAM.—This is the first peal of Royal by a band bearing the same christian name. This peal was arranged by Mr. William Charge, who was unfortunately too ill to stand in, and it was rung as a birth-

day compliment to Mr. W. S. Smith, who received the usual congratulations. It is noteworthy that the President of the Association is also a "William," the Rev. William C. Muriel being the Vicar of Fulham.

THE PEAL AT BIRSTALL.—This was the first peal of Grandsire on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar and church wardens for the use of the bells, and the local company for their kind arrangements. The ringers of the treble and 5th were proposed members of the Association before starting. At the conclusion of the peal the ringers were heartily congratulated by the Rev. C. C. Marshall, a ringing member of the Association.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 1902.

In this number is commenced, on the first of our news pages, what will assuredly be a most valuable addition to the literature connected with Church bells and bell-ringing. The majority of our readers will look upon the interesting and useful particulars contained in this "schedule" with delight and satisfaction. We are of opinion that the publication of such information will be looked upon as one of the happiest movements which has bestirred the Executive of the Central Council; far more valuable indeed than the publication of volumes of peal-figures, whose origin is very often nebulous. Such a work as "Our Church Bells; their Condition and Surroundings," will rank with "The Glossary" as a valuable and interesting literary achievement. Its progress of publication is sure to involve much labour, and it is to be feared some trials of patience also. The request made to the Exercise by the compiler for the rectification of any omission ought to be promptly attended to by those concerned; and not only should alacrity be thus shown, but

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gratitude to those who, for the benefit of their ringing brethren, embark upon such works of labour and skill.

THE time of the Coronation festival is drawing nigh, and many of our readers will soon be considering what they shall have to do in the way of decoration and so forth. Naturally the necessities for such purpose ought to be of British manufacture. One main feature will be the show of Flags all over the country; and especially is it to be expected that every church steeple will show its Union Jack, or other appropriate bunting. We recommend any of our friends wanting flags to apply to Messrs. Goy and Co., of Praed Street, Edgware Road, London, who can satisfy on reasonable terms, all their requirements.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Twelfth Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers will be held on Whit-Tuesday, May 20th, in the Old Council Chamber at the Guildhall, Worcester—kindly lent by the Worshipful the Mayor for the purpose of the meeting—at 11 a.m. punctually. The morning sitting will be adjourned at one o'clock till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, till 5 o'clock. Further details will be announced later.

Up to this date (April 23rd), the contributions of the following societies have not been received, viz.: Bath and Wells Association, Hereford Guild, and the Surrey Association.

Hon. Secretaries of these Societies are respectfully requested to send, without further delay, to the Hon. Secretary of the Council 2s. 6d. for each elected Representative, together with full information as to any change of representation.

Committees having Reports to present are requested to forward the same to "THE BELL NEWS" office for publication at least three weeks before the date of meeting, that the Report may appear at the same time as the Agenda. H. EARLE BULWER, Hon. Secretary.

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn, April 23rd, 1902.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 15, 1902, in Three Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ISLINGTON,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6.
JOHN R. SHARMAN 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. The ringer of the 2nd is only 16½ years of age, and is believed to be the youngest person who has rang a Surprise peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 17, 1902, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM TEGG* Treble.	JOHN T. KENTISH, JUN. 5.
HARRY MILLER† 2.	FRANK C. NEWMAN 6.
FRANK W. FORD‡ 3.	JOHN E. MILLER 7.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 4.	SIDNEY WADE Tenor.

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD, and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

*First peal of Treble Bob. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. ‡First peal of Major.

THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, April 19, 1902, 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 20 cwt.

WM. WEATHERSTONE .. Treble.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 6.
WILLIAM S. SMITH 2.	*WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 7.
WILLIAM T. ELSON 3.	WILLIAM BERRY 8.
WILLIAM E. JUDD* 4.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 9.
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER* .. 5.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM H. BARBER, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal of Royal. Further reference elsewhere.

The Provinces.

GARSTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 3, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

SAMUEL GOUGH Treble.	J. ALLEN 5.
C. F. NEWTON 2.	W. J. RAWLINSON† .. 6.
WALTER HUGHES* 3.	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 7.
THOMAS JANIONS* 4.	E. BRIGHT† Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

†First peal. *First in the method. Rung to commemorate the eightieth birthday of Mr. Gough, his fellow-ringers and a large circle of friends tender him hearty congratulations on his success.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 15, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; TAYLOR'S. Tenor about 20 cwt.

F. TOWNSEND Treble.	*C. SPREAG 5.
G. PEARCE* 2.	†W. TOWNSEND 6.
W. DYER 3.	J. BALLINGER 7.
W. BRINKWORTH 4.	W. BUSH Tenor.

Conducted by W. TOWNSEND.

†First peal as conductor, and first peal of Grandsire Triples. *First peal in any method. Quickest peal yet rung on the bells, and struck well throughout.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, DURHAM.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 15, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 27½ cwt. in D flat.

G. J. CLARKSON Treble.	J. WALLER 6.
F. P. HOWCROFT 2.	W. NEWTON 7.
W. J. NEWTON 3.	T. W. WALLER 8.
A. W. BARRETT 4.	T. METCALFE 9.
R. G. GREENWOOD 5.	T. STEPHENSON Tenor.

Composed by J. RILEY, and Conducted by G. J. CLARKSON.

This is the first 5000 of Royal on the bells, and therefore the first in the county of Durham; also the first by the above Association, and by all the company excepting Messrs. Howcroft and Metcalfe.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 16, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES HILLS Treble.	ALFRED W. GROVES .. 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	ALBERT D. STONE .. 6.
HENRY EVANS† 3.	ROBERT J. DAW .. 7.
GEORGE NORRIS† 4.	EDMUND LINDUP Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

†First peal of Treble Bob Major.

BURY, LANCASHIRE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 16, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLLIS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

H. WOODCOCK Treble.	W. CASS 5.
W. MITCHELL 2.	S. GREENHALGH 6.
E. ISHERWOOD 3.	E. VIGGERS 7.
C. BRADBURY 4.	W. R. DUCKWORTH Tenor.

Conducted by E. ISHERWOOD.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of A. H. Ray, Esq., and Miss M. Milne, of Bury.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5160 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS Treble.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON 2.	ARTHUR CRAVEN 7.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 3.	JAMES HUNT 8.
REV. A. T. BEESTON† 4.	SAM THOMAS 9.
GEORGE W. BEMROSE 5.	CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALFRED W. BRIGHTON.

†First peal of Royal.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE H. CARTER .. Treble.	ALBERT LAWRENCE 5.
JOHN W. KENTISH 2.	MATTHEW ELLSMORE 6.
GEORGE H. BARKER 3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE 7.
ALBERT PHILLIPS 4.	HERBERT BAKER Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by HERBERT BAKER.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells. J. W. Kentish, who hails from Kensington, was elected a member previous to starting.

BIRSTALL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

W. KNOTT* Treble.	S. GOODALL 5.
A. SCOTT 2.	D. WHITING 6.
JAMES MOORHOUSE 3.	W. WALKER 7.
J. T. EASON 4.	HARRY BRAME Tenor.

Conducted by A. SCOTT.

*First peal of Grandsire. Reference to this peal elsewhere.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE. SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

HENRY HIPKISS Treble.	JOHN R. FRISBY 5.
THOMAS HORTON 2.	JAMES HARES 6.
JAMES HALL 3.	FREDERICK VICKERS 7.
SAMUEL REEVES 4.	THOMAS ADKINS Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

Messrs. Vicke s and Adkins were proposed members before starting.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

J. JENKINSON Treble.	*J. DAWTREY 6.
J. COTTERELL 2.	*J. CLAYTON 7.
T. B. KENDALL 3.	*R. RYLANDS 8.
J. BROADLEY 4.	T. POLLITT 9.
J. BRAZEY* 5.	B. F. LAMB Tenor.

Composed by T. POLLITT, and Conducted by B. F. LAMB.

Rung as a 60th birthday compliment to J. H. Hardcastle. *First peal.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 19, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

REV. H. C. BELL .. Treble.	WILLIAM NEWELL 5.
W. P. ROUTH, Esq. 2.	WILLIAM BENNETT 6.
NOBLE SPINDLOW 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
G. W. T. SMITH 4.	FRANCIS P. POWELL Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung on the occasion of the Spring Meeting of the Guild.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY A. HORREX .. Treble.	FRANCIS A. SMITH 5.
HENRY HODGETTS* 2.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS 6.
WILLIAM HODGETTS 3.	GEORGE N. PRICE 7.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT 4.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD Tenor.

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM, and
Conducted by WILLIAM E. GARRARD.

*First peal of Double Norwich.

CHASTLETON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 20, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES; Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 8 cwt.

E. BARTLETT Treble.	W. LARGE 4.
C. LAWSON 2.	C. P. NEWMAN 5.
R. LYDIATT 3.	E. T. DRUCE Tenor.

Conducted by W. LARGE.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 21, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK MASON* .. Treble.	JAMES R. JONES 5.
GEORGE ATKINS 2.	SIDNEY MASON 6.
CHARLES SUMMERS* 3.	HENRY MOORE 7.
GEORGE STACEY 4.	*R. McDONALD Tenor.

Conducted by H. MOORE.

*First peal. Rung as a compliment to the conductor, it being his silver wedding.

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ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN* .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
GEORGE E. WILSON 2.	LEWIS SILVER 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 7.
JOHN LOWRY* 4.	JOHN GARARD Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

*First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—Mr. A. W. Brighton writes to say that the peal rung at Harrogate, published in last week's issue, should have read H. Dains composer, not Arthur Craven. Mr. Brighton sent the report himself, with Mr. Craven as the composer. This is another flagrant case of recklessness in sending reports.—The weight of the tenor bell of Norton, near Evesham, is 14 cwt., not 4 as stated.

Miscellaneous.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN (Herts).—On Sunday, January 5th, 720 Court Bob. A. Phillips, C. Gale, A. Lawrence, A. Smith, G. Carter, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Sunday afternoon, January 19th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Carter, W. H. Lawrence, C. Gale, A. Phillips conductor, G. Carter, A. Lawrence. On Tuesday, February 18th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. H. Carter, A. Wright, A. Lawrence, A. Phillips, G. Carter, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Thursday, February 27th, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Carter, C. Gale, W. H. Lawrence, A. Phillips, G. Carter, A. Lawrence conductor. On Sunday, March 9th, 720 College Single. A. Lawrence, A. Wright, C. Gale, G. H. Barker, G. Carter, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Tuesday, March 11th, 720 Plain Bob. H. Carter, A. Phillips, A. Lawrence, W. H. Lawrence conductor, G. Carter, C. Gale. On Thursday, March 20th, 720 College Single. H. Carter, A. Phillips, C. Gale, W. H. Lawrence, G. Carter, A. Lawrence conductor. On Sunday, March 30th, 360 Grandsire. And for afternoon service 360 Oxford Bob. On Tuesday, April 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. H. Lawrence, A. Lawrence, C. Gale, A. Phillips, G. Carter, W. Cavill conductor. On Tuesday, April 8th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Carter, A. Phillips, E. Gale, W. H. Lawrence, G. Carter, A. Lawrence conductor. On Sunday, April 13th, 360 College Single. H. Carter, A. Wright, C. Gale, A. Phillips, A. Lawrence, W. H. Lawrence conductor. For afternoon service 360 Canterbury Pleasure standing as before.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—Recently, at St. Michael's church, 720 Bob Minor. A. Cullen, J. Thomas, F. Cullen, G. Thomas, W. Thomas, S. Thomas. On handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Leaker, 1-2; J. Thomas, 3-4; C. Horton (conductor), 5-6; F. Cooper, 7-8. On March, 5th, in honour of the visit of the Prince of Wales to Bristol, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. F. Porch, H. Poole, J. Burford, J. Thomas, G. Jayne, A. Lawton, F. Cooper, F. Leaker.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, November 17th, 1900, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brook's) in 48 mins., it being the first on the bells and by the local band. W. J. Thyng, B. A. Knights, G. Hollis, S. Price, G. Davies, A. Craven conductor. A. Knights, G. Bemrose. On Sunday evening, December 8th, 1360 Kent Treble Bob Royal. A. Knights conductor, G. Hollis, W. Worthington, B. A. Knights, W. J. Thyng, S. Price, G. Bemrose, J. Hunt, G. Davies, A. Craven. On Sunday evening, March 9th, 1216 Double Norwich Major, it being the longest touch in the method on the bells, and by the local band. J. Hunt, B. A. Knights, G. Hollis, A. Craven conductor, G. W. Bemrose, W. J. Thyng, C. W. P. Clifton, A. Knights. On Sunday, April 20th, 224 Superlative Surprise Major, it being the first by the local band. J. Hunt, A. Craven, G. Hollis, B. A. Knights, G. Bemrose, W. J. Thyng, C. W. P. Clifton, A. Knights.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHISLEHURST.—On Sunday, April 13th, for evening service, the last 924 of Lates's one-part peal of Stedman Triples. H. P. Harman conductor, T. Durling, H. J. Castle, R. Hims, G. R. Newton, W. Ingham, G. H. Daynes, R. Brett-Smith. On Monday, April, 21st, for

practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. W. Durling, T. Durling, W. A. Jones, R. Hims conductor, G. French, G. R. Newton, W. Ingham, G. Head. And 532 Grandsire Triples. J. Miles, T. Durling, G. French, A. Durling, R. Hims, W. Ingham, G. R. Newton conductor, G. Head.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Sunday, March 2nd, for Divine Service at All Saints church, 742 Grandsire Triples. A. Burrbridge, R. Simmonds, J. Bonny, W. Mannering, A. W. Tawney, E. Elliott, T. Mannering conductor, R. Kingsnorth.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SALTBURN-BY-SEA.—On Saturday, April 5th, at the church of The Emmanuel, the following touches were rung in connection with the dedication of the new tower and starting of a memorial clock. The dedication of the bells will take place at a later date. 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Newton, J. Newton, A. Barret, J. H. Jones, Rev. W. P. Wright, R. Greenwell, T. Metcalfe conductor. T. Stephenson. 1260 Stedman Triples in 48 mins. R. Alcock, A. W. Brighton, J. M. Jones, W. Rudd, G. J. Clarkson, T. Metcalfe, J. H. Blakiston conductor, T. Stephenson. Tenor 23 cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

GARSTON (Lancashire).—On Saturday, March 1st, at the parish church, an attempt for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major came to grief after ringing 5020 changes in 3 hrs. owing to a change-course. J. Turner, J. Aspinwall, T. Jennions, R. H. Green, F. C. Newton, W. Davies, J. Allen, T. Hammond conductor. Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Longest length in the method on the bells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WATH-ON-DEARNE.—The members of the local company of the above Association determined to have a drive round the country and to visit some neighbouring towers on Easter Monday. Half-past eight saw them en route for Adwick-le-Street, via Bolton, Goldthorpe, Hickleton and Bilham. After a splendid drive through a lovely country they arrived at Adwick at 11.30. At 12 o'clock they adjourned to the tower, where, meeting one short for a peal the following touches were rung: 240 Oxford. J. Aaron, A. Crossman, R. J. Ricketts, W. Lambert, E. G. Nicholls, A. Nash conductor. 240 Violet. J. Aaron, J. Panther, W. Lambert, A. Crossman, R. J. Ricketts, A. Nash conductor. From Adwick they drove to Arksey, where there is also a splendid ring of six, and here the following touches were rung: 720 Oxford. J. Aaron, A. Crossman, R. J. Ricketts, W. Lambert, E. G. Nicholls, A. Nash conductor. Also 720 Violet, standing as before, and 240 Duke of York, as before, except A. Nash, W. Lambert conductor. The go of the bells at both towers is excellent, and the ringers wish to thank the Rev. — de Courcy Ireland, of Adwick, and also Mr. Roberts, of Adwick, for having everything in readiness for the peal attempt, which, unluckily, could not be attempted.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

BRITTON.—On Monday, April 7th, at St. John's, Vassal Road, the usual whole pull and stand was rung as a mark of respect to the late J. Mansfield. G. Wild, C. E. Malin, A. Hardy, F. G. Perrin, F. J. Shepherd, W. Shepherd, E. H. Oxenham.

WALWORTH.—On Saturday, April 12th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples. A. Jacob, E. H. Oxenham, A. Hardy, T. Langdon, J. Davis, F. J. Shepherd, F. G. Perrin conductor, H. Gummer.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FULMER (Bucks).—On Thursday, April 15th, 360 Grandsire Minor. E. Elderfield, G. H. Gutteridge, J. J. Parker conductor, E. Harding, A. Jordan, W. Clarke. Also 360 Grandsire Doubles. F. Webb, G. Gutteridge, F. Clark, J. Walden, W. Cook, D. Webb. And 720 Oxford Bob. E. Elderfield, G. Gutteridge conductor, J. Clarke, E. Harding, A. Jordan, W. Clarke.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HASTINGS.—Recently for Divine Service at Christ Church, Blacklands, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Livermore, jun., L. Stapley, R. Ford, S. Saker conductor, G. Billenness, S. C. Saker, J. Livermore, sen., W. H. Swain.

ORDSALL.—On Saturday, April 12th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. H. Palfreman, J. Betts, H. Hurst, C. Metcalfe, F. Phillips, A. Street conductor. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Hargreaves, D. Bale, W. Marshall, G. Watkinson, G. Clark, T. Thorpe.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Ashby parish church company was held on Thursday, March 27th, presided over by Canon Denton, who referred to the serious illness of Mr. R. Davenport, a good friend to the ringers, hoping he would soon be restored to health. The statement of accounts was read by the secretary, and passed as satisfactory, the chief item in the receipts being £12 19s. received at the annual Christmas collection; and in the expenditure—£21 7s., distributed to the members. The attendances were reported as being very good. Canon Denton thanked the ringers for the active and important part they took in the church services; not only did they ring, but some of them sang in the choir.

Mr. Wilkins also thanked them on behalf of the churchwardens, and said he had been connected with church matters nearly all his life, but never had he come in contact with a company of ringers equal to theirs. Only a few days ago the churchwardens had had to answer a question made by the archdeacon as to whether they had a constant set of ringers, and whether those ringers stayed to the services for which they rung. It had been a great pleasure to answer in the affirmative.

The following officers were re-elected: Mr. Hatton (capt.), Mr. J. Curtis (vice), and Mr. J. H. Dunmore (secretary and treasurer). It was decided to have an outing during the year, but the time and place of such were left to be hereafter determined.

At the vestry meeting on Easter Monday the ringers' accounts were presented and passed as satisfactory, and a vote of thanks was awarded them for their excellent services. The sum of £10 was voted to them from the offertory account for their services during the year.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The spring meeting was held at Drayton on April 19th. A peal of Stedman began at 11.30, and ended at 2.20. Then touches of Grandsire, Bob Major, and Treble Bob were rung until 4.30, when service was held. The lesson was read by the Rev. H. C. Bell, and a very practical and helpful sermon was preached by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn on 1 Cor. iii. 13. Our work, whether official or personal, is now being tried by the fire of criticism and of conscience, and will hereafter be tried by perfect wisdom, justice, and love. Earnestness in our work, and a constant reference of all to God is the only wise and satisfactory course of conduct. Tea followed, at which thirty-five were present; then three courses of Double Norwich were brought round, and the bells kept going in various methods until nearly 8 p.m.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

The Annual General Meeting was held at Retford on Saturday, April 12th, when there was a good attendance of members despite the rather unsettled weather. Nine of the eleven towers comprised in the Association sent representatives, and the number would have been larger had the train service been more convenient. Those present came from Anston, Bawtry, Harthill, Markham, Ordsall, East and West Retford, Shireoaks and Work-sop: there were also two unattached members from Gainsborough, and two Vice-Presidents.

After some preliminary touches in the West Retford and Ordsall towers, the business meeting was held in the West Retford schoolroom by kind permission of Canon

Gray, who presided. The Hon. Secretary presented the report and statement of accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1901, which were considered satisfactory and passed. The balance-sheet showed a profit on the year of nearly £2, the balance to the good at the bank being £6 14s. against £4 16s. the previous year. The fluctuation of the membership roll left it just at 128, the point reached in 1900. One tower had lapsed, and one had been gained. This addition was due to one of the supplementary meetings arranged during the summer of 1901 outside the Association with a view to enlisting recruits. This however was the only success; the other extra meetings having failed to wean the ringers of the towers visited from their system of call-changes.

After the usual election of officers and other ordinary business, it was resolved on the motion of Mr. H. Haigh, that the Association should seek representation on the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, and the Secretary was instructed to take steps to secure this. The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Gray for his kind reception of the Society, to which he responded in cordial terms.

The members then adjourned to the church for Divine Service, which was conducted by Canon Gray, with choir and organist assisting. An excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. G. E. Nicholson, of Ordsall. The usual tea followed at the hotel adjoining, when seventy-one members and friends soon cleared away, like a flight of locusts, the provision which had been made for an anticipated party of sixty only. Afterwards touches were rung on the bells of all three towers of East and West Retford and Ordsall, which brought a successful meeting to a suitable conclusion.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Grappenhall branch of the above Guild was held at Stretton on Saturday, April 12th, when about thirty members were present from Grappenhall, Warburton, Daresbury, and the local company. The minutes of the last meeting having been read by the Hon. Secretary—Mr. Leigh Layland—the chairman (the Rev. Richard Greenall), in the course of his remarks said how very pleased he was to welcome a recent addition to their ranks in the Warburton ringers, and he hoped with the assistance of their instructor, Mr. F. Spence, of Grappenhall, they would soon be able to record their first peal of Triples.

It was proposed by Mr. F. Spence that the next meeting be held at Warburton on July 12th. This was seconded by Mr. Jas. Mainwaring and carried. On behalf of the Warburton ringers Mr. B. Davies said they would have great pleasure in welcoming the branch to Warburton on that date.

Tea which was kindly provided by the Rev. J. E. Cross, was then partaken of, and needless to say, ample justice was done. A vote of thanks for the use of the bells, and also for providing a bountiful tea was then given to the Rev. J. E. Cross, and the ringers then adjourned to the tower.

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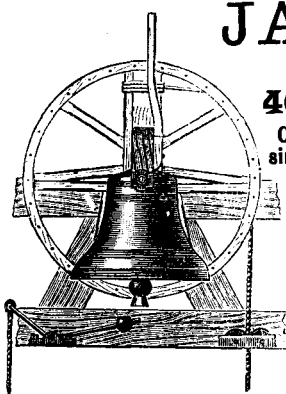
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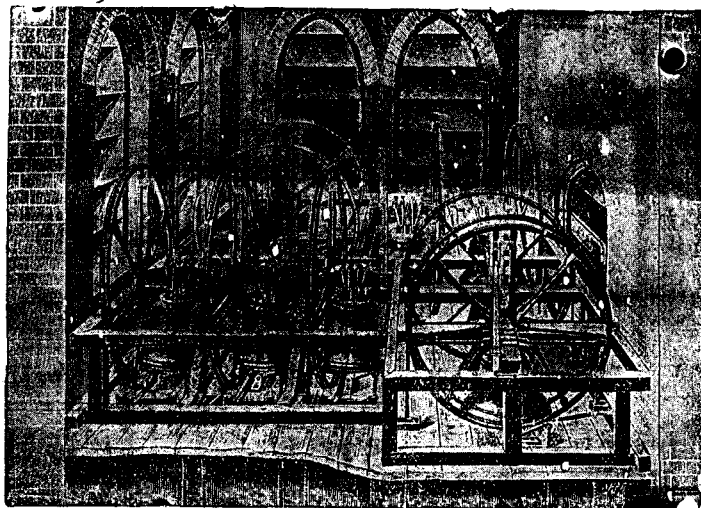
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

Alresford, New, St. John the Baptist. Winchester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1811. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go very well. Quarter-turned, rehung, and frame strengthened by Mears, 1897. Ropes new in 1897, good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing occasionally. Practice: Tuesday, 7.

Alvechurch, St. Lawrence. Eight bells. 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th by Smith, of Edgbaston, 1711; 8th by Taylor, 1814; treble and 2nd by Barwell, 1891. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Trebles added and rest tuned and rehung by Barwell, 1891. Ropes bad, but expecting early renewal. No half-pull ringing. Learning whole-pull. Sunday ringing first Sunday in month, 9.30 a.m. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

Appleton. Ten bells. No return.

Ardleigh, Eight bells. No return.

Arundel, Holy Trinity. Sussex County Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1855. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. No repairs since 1855, but ringers have renovated ringing-chamber. Ropes fair. Methods: Grandsire, Union, Oxford Bob. Sunday ringing 10.30 to 11, and half-an-hour before evening service. Practice: Monday and Thursday 7.30, Michaelmas to Whitsuntide.

Ash, near Dover, St. Nicholas. Eight bells. Recast by Mears. Tenor 21 cwt. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking is allowed. Frame repaired by Mears thirty years ago, and strengthened in 1887. Ropes good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing first in month. Practice: Monday, 8, except in summer.

Ashbourne, St. Oswald. Eight bells. All by Dobson, 1815, except extra Sanctus bell by Newcombe of Leicester,

about 1570. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Iron frame. Bells go splendidly, and are in good condition, having been quarter-turned and rehung in new frame in 1896. Ropes new 1896, fair. No half-pull ringmg. Sunday ringing first in month 10.30 to 11; 2.45 to 3; 6 to 6.30. Practice: usually Thursday, 8.

Ashburton, St. Andrew. Devonshire Guild. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Blews, 1879; 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and tenor by Lester, 1740; 7th by Pannel, 1844. Tenor 22 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Timber frame. Bells go well and are in good condition. Thorough repairs and renewal of frame and fittings by Stokes, 1896.

Ashby-de-la-Zouche. St. Helen. Midland Counties' Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Briant, 1814; 3rd by Eayre, 1741; 4th and 7th by Briant, 1817; 5th 1698; 6th no date; 8th by Taylor, 1849. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 17 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Tenor worn at soundbow. All rehung by Taylor, 1886. Any necessary repairs at once attended to, and recommendations of ringers favourably received. Ropes good, new 1898. Methods; Grandsire and Stedman. Sunday ringing 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: May to September, Thursday (irregular), October to April, Tuesday, 7.30.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NEWBURY BRANCH.)

The Spring meeting of this Guild took place at Thatcham on Saturday. There was a good attendance of members, besides other ringers who were in attendance from other towers in the Guild. The representatives from the towers in union with this branch came from Newbury, Compton, Midgham, Thatcham and Shefford. The other members present came from Beenham, Aldermaston, and Reading. The bells were set going at the church shortly before three o'clock and were kept swinging almost continually until 5 o'clock, when the ringers adjourned to partake of tea, which was served in a substantial and pleasing manner at The White Hart. Tea being over, Mr T. Diggins (capt. of Thatcham tower) in the absence Mr Hussey, Secretary, announced the date of the annual meeting of the Guild.

Mr. S. Quintin (captain of Newbury tower) said he was pleased to see such a goodly assembly, and extended a hearty welcome to the members of Shefford tower, who have recently joined the Guild. He also proposed that their next meeting should take place at Shefford on June 7th. Mr Lipscomb seconded this proposition, which was unanimously agreed to, two of the Shefford members returning thanks, one assuring the meeting that they should be pleased to have them there, and that no doubt their Vicar would make them right welcome.

The company then adjourned to the tower and indulged in the art of rope-pulling until about 9 o'clock. During the day some very good ringing was done, including two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles, a 360 and 720 of Bob Minor, besides other short touches in various methods,

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

REPORT of the Committee appointed to draw up a Model Code of Rules for an Association and Belfry.

The Committee beg to present to the Council the following Codes of Rules as the result of their deliberations. They have arrived at that result with practical unanimity, and after careful consideration of those points upon which differences of opinion were manifested. They venture to think that no feature of importance, either in Organisation or Management, has been overlooked: and are fairly confident that the Rules, as a whole, provide a sufficient basis for the establishment of greater uniformity in these particulars than has been hitherto observed. Such clauses as are in small type may, if desired, be read together to form one rule.

A. RULES FOR AN ASSOCIATION OR GUILD.

- 1.—TITLE.—That the Society be called etc. etc.
- 2.—AREA.—That its area of operation and influence shall include etc. etc.
- 3.—OBJECTS.—That the Society (Association or Guild) shall have for its objects (1) The federation of isolated, or combined, bands of ringers within the area of its operations. (2) To promote the recognition of Church Bell Ringers as Churchworkers (or officials). (3) The encouragement and cultivation of the Art of Scientific Change-Ringing. (4) The promotion of Belfry Reform in all its aspects.

If desired, the above 'objects' may be set forth more at length, and prefixed to the Code of Rules as a separate Schedule: as follows:—

[FEDERATION.—(1) To supply an organisation which shall unite the separate bands (or companies) of Church Bell Ringers within the area covered by the Society's (Association's or Guild's) operations for the purpose of mutual support and encouragement in the performance of the duties of their office, and in the practice of their Art.

RECOGNITION (2).—To obtain full recognition of the Ringers' Office as essentially a branch of the Church's work; that Ringers and their services (qualification for which demands much time, skill, and mental labour) may be placed upon a true acknowledged basis.

PROMOTION OF CHANGE-RINGING (3).—To encourage, cultivate and foster the Art of Scientific Change-Ringing by frequent meetings in various centres for practice or peal-ringing; and to provide, as far as possible and at a reasonable cost, instructors when and where required.

REFORM (4).—To correct abuses, irregularities, irreverent and unbecoming behaviour in the Ringing Chamber: to promote a proper appreciation of it as a part of God's House; to restrict the use of bells on Sunday, as far as possible to the service of the Church; to encourage the bestowal of care and attention to the cleanliness and proper equipment of the Ringing Chamber, as well as the preservation of the bells in an efficient condition; to advocate needful repairs and renovations; and to supply, when required, reliable information and advice of a practical character concerning the condition of bells and their fittings.]

4.—CONSTITUTION.—That the Society (Association or Guild) shall consist of Honorary Members, Performing (or Practising) Members, and Probationers.

5.—EXECUTIVE.—That the direction of the Society's (Association's or Guild's) operations and the management of its affairs be in the hands of a Committee, consisting of etc., etc.

The principal officers to be annually elected by the whole body of members, or such of them as attend the meeting convened for that purpose.

6.—QUALIFICATION.—That no one be admitted as a Performing (or practising) member, or as a Probationer, unless his Churchmanship and good character be vouched for by some responsible member of this Society (Association or Guild), or by the Clergyman of his parish. A candidate for admission as a Performing (or practising) member must also be certified as able to ring a tower bell through 120 changes in two Methods of Doubles, or 720 of Minor; or hunt the Treble on any higher number of bells than six for at least 1260 changes; or 120 changes of Doubles on two handbells retained in hand. A Probationer must be certified as able to ring in 'rounds.'

7.—ADMISSION.—That upon sending to the Secretary a signed form of application any duly qualified candidate may be admitted as a Performing (or practising) member, or Probationer, at any meeting of the Society (Association or Guild), or of the Committee, if approved by a majority of the members present, or not less than five of the Committee.

8.—TOWER NOMINATION.—That skilled ringers may be nominated for election by two members in a Tower before starting for a peal, provided their life subscriptions (if non-resident in the area of the Society's operation), or, if resident, their subscriptions for the current year be previously paid, and these with their names and addresses be forthwith forwarded to the Secretary: the election to be confirmed at the next next meeting of the Society (Association or Guild) or Committee, subject to the approval of the majority present, and (in the case of residents) the production of the required voucher.

9.—SUBSCRIPTION.—That Honorary members be admitted on payment of an Annual Subscription of * * *; or may become Life Members by giving a donation of * * *. The Annual Subscription of Performing (or practising) Members and Probationers shall be * * *. Skilled ringers residing outside the area of the Society's operation may be admitted as Life Members by a vote of a majority of the members present at a meeting of the Society (Association or Guild) upon payment of an entrance fee of * * *. All subscriptions shall become due at the date of admission; and subsequent Annual Subscriptions on * * * in each year.

10.—CERTIFICATES.—That a Certificate of Membership be supplied by the Society (Association or Guild) to each member admitted, free of charge (or, on payment of * * *). Lost or damaged certificates shall be replaced only on payment of * * * for each. A Probationer shall not be entitled to a Certificate until he qualifies as a Performing (or practising) member.

11.—DISQUALIFICATION.—That gross misconduct on the part of any Member or Probationer, if proved to the satisfaction of the Committee; or, lapse of subscription for (a period to be defined), shall, at the discretion of the Committee, be held to disqualify for continuance as a Member or Probationer.

12.—REINSTATEMENT.—That the names of former members, whose subscriptions have lapsed, may, at the discretion of the Committee, be reinstated on the list of Members on payment of one (or two) year's arrears of subscription together with the subscription for the current year.

13.—ANNUAL MEETING.—That a General Meeting of the Members be held in each year, to be called the 'Annual Meeting' (insert time of year, place, and details of proceeding, as may be decided).

14.—OTHER MEETINGS.—(As may be desired, or decided).

15.—EXPENSE OF MEETINGS.—That Performing (or practising) members may be assisted in bearing the expense incidental to attendance at Meetings from the funds of the Society (Association or Guild) [in such proportion and ways as the Committee shall decide].

16.—INSTRUCTION.—That the Society (Association or Guild) shall enlist the services of skilled ringers to act as Instructors, and shall, on application to the Secretary, arrange as soon as may be for the attendance of one such Instructor to teach any band for a fixed period, or number of lessons; and shall pay a proportion not exceeding one-half of the instructional fee, with half travelling expenses up to * * * per lesson, provided there is no member of the band capable of himself giving the instruction.

17.—PEAL RECORDS.—That the Society (Association or Guild) shall record in a Peal-Book, or in an Annual Report, on in such other form as may be selected, all performances of 5000 changes and upwards truly rung in approved methods by bona fide members of the Society free of charge [or, if a fee is to be charged, name it here], and it shall be the duty of the conductor of the peal to forward forthwith to the Secretary (or to a member of a Peal Committee to be appointed to enquire into the merits of peal-performances) full details of the performance and the composition rung. No performance shall be accepted as a Society (Association or Guild) peal unless all the persons taking part in it are Members of the Society (Association or Guild), or nominated for membership; and have each paid his subscription for the current year or the year previous.

18.—ANNUAL REPORT.—That an Annual Report of the progress and performances of the Society (Association or Guild) with a list of members and statement of accounts shall in each year be prepared, printed, and distributed to all resident members free of charge.

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19.—LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE.—That the Society (Association or Guild) shall not be responsible for any damage to bells or fittings occurring during a meeting of the Society which is caused by the neglect of the Church Authorities to keep the bells in an efficient condition; but shall be responsible when such damage is clearly caused by the carelessness, or want of skill of any member.

20.—ALTERATION OF RULES.—That no alteration in, or addition to, the Rules be made except at an Annual or Special Meeting after notice has been publicly given, and handed in writing to the Secretary, of such alteration or addition at a previous general meeting; and the alteration or addition proposed printed in the notice convening the Annual or Special Meeting.

[N.B.—Where the area of operation is extensive, it will generally be found desirable to subdivide it into Districts with District officers exercising specified duties. Regulations to this end can be incorporated in the above Code of Rules at discretion.]

B. RULES FOR A BELFRY.

1.—HEADING.—Rules to be observed by the Ringers attached to, and practising in, the Tower of S. * * * * Church, * * * *.

2.—AFFILIATION TO MAIN SOCIETY.—That this Company of Ringers shall be in union with the * * * Diocesan (or County) Society (Association or Guild): and, save for grave and sufficient reason to be openly declared, shall not sever its connection therewith. It shall adhere to the Rules, and strive to further the objects of that Society (Association or Guild).

3.—PRESIDENT.—That the Incumbent (or Priest-in-charge) of the Parish be the President of the Company.

4.—NUMBER OF MEMBERS.—That the Company shall consist of * * * Ringers and * * * Probationers. [insert numbers].

5.—QUALIFICATION.—That both Ringers and Probationers shall be persons of good moral character, and be members of the Church of England.

6.—ADMISSION.—That any duly qualified person desirous of joining the Company shall be proposed, seconded, and elected by a two-thirds majority of the members of the Company, subject to the approval and confirmation of the President, by whom he shall be admitted to the Company in the Church, or in the Tower, with the form approved for that purpose.

7.—HEAD RINGER.—That the members of the Company shall choose from among their number (annually, or when necessary) one to act as Head Ringer (Leader, Master or Captain); subject to the approval of the President and Churchwardens.

8.—DUTIES OF HEAD RINGER. That the Head Ringer shall be responsible for the observance of the Belfry Rules by the Company; shall keep order in the Ringing Chamber on all occasions of practice, or ringing for service, or otherwise; and shall insist on seemly and reverent behaviour therein. He shall also act as Steeple-keeper when no separate Steeple-keeper is appointed; shall keep the Register of attendance and forfeits; and (if there be no Secretary) shall conduct the ordinary correspondence and transact the business affairs of the Company. He shall arrange with the President the times of practice, and special ringing; and shall report to the President all cases of misconduct on the part of any of the members, and to the Churchwardens defects and needful repairs in the Belfry.

9.—STEEPLE-KEEPER. That one of the Ringers shall be appointed by the President and Churchwardens to the office of Steeple-keeper, whose duty it shall be to keep the keys of the belfry, Ringing-chamber, and Stair-way door; to keep Bell and Ringing Chambers in a clean and orderly condition; to lubricate the bell-bearings, lash or muffle clappers when required, and keep the bell-frame and floor free from accumulations of dirt, grease, rope-frayings, and refuse litter.

10.—CONDUCT. That the Ringing Chamber shall not be used as a Club-room; and that no unseemly and disorderly conduct or conversation [other specific offences to be enumerated here, if desirable] be permitted there.

11.—TIMES OF RINGING.—That the bells be rung (or chimed) regularly for the Services of the Church, as the President shall

appoint; the attendance of the Ringers and Probationers for that purpose being arranged and regulated by the Head Ringer; and those who ring (or chime) should make a point of attending, if possible, the Service for which they ring (or chime). The bells shall also be rung on and for the great Festivals of the Church at such time, or times, as the President and Churchwardens shall appoint. Peal-ringing by the Company, or by visitors, to be arranged by the Head Ringer with the permission of the President.

12.—PRACTISES.—That the Company shall meet for practice on (such and such day, or days, in the week), a distinct practice hour being set apart for learners, either on a separate day, or previous to the regular practice.

13.—ATTENDANCE.—That all members of the Company shall attend regularly for practice; and when absent without reasonable cause, or more than twenty minutes late by the Church or Ringing-Chamber Clock, shall incur a forfeit of * * * *. Reasonable cause to include sickness, and temporary employment at a distance. All attendances and forfeits to be marked in a Register-book, open to the inspection of the members to be kept by the Head Ringer.

14.—LEARNERS.—That young lads and boys, suitable for future admission to the Company, be encouraged in every way possible to learn the Art of Ringing, and be taken on for instruction with a view to their becoming Probationers of the Company, as vacancies occur.

15.—EXCLUSION.—That no one save members of the Company or the Church Officials be present in the Ringing Chamber during the practices and other occasions of Ringing except with the express permission of the Head Ringer, or his deputy.

16.—EMOLUMENTS.—That a Belfry Fund be formed to which each ringer shall pay a small periodical subscription, and to which shall be added any fixed annual payment by the Churchwardens, or any subscriptions and donations from residents in the Parish, or Members of the Congregation. For special ringing a fixed payment shall be made, the amount of which shall be agreed upon between the Company, the President, and Churchwardens. The proceeds shall be expended during the year in such a way as may be approved by the President and Churchwardens; or the whole, or the balance, shall be equally divided among the Ringers once a year, subject to deductions of forfeits incurred by each Ringer, during the year, which deduction shall form the nucleus of the Fund for the ensuing year. The subscriptions of the members to the Diocesan (or County) Society shall be paid as a first charge on the Fund, as a Company Subscription. Probationers shall not participate in the division.

[N.B.—The following scheme for a Belfry Club may be substituted for the above Rule:]

BELFRY CLUB FUND.—All monies received by the Company, whether from the Churchwardens, or by way of Christmas gifts, subscriptions of members, donations from residents, and all payments for special ringing at weddings, &c., shall be thrown into a common Belfry Fund, from which the Company subscription (according to the number of members in the Company) shall be paid, as a first charge, to the Diocesan (or County) Society.

TREASURER.—Some responsible person, either a professional man, or other well-to-do resident in the Parish, shall be asked to act as Treasurer of the Fund, to whom and by whom all payments shall be made, and who shall keep the accounts thereof.

TIME COMPENSATION.—In the case of payments for special ringing, those taking part in it shall be compensated for loss of working-time only, upon the conclusion of the ringing, according to the wage-rate of each. Ringers engaged in trade, or business on their own account, shall be content with time-compensation according to the maximum wage-rate received by any of the others, or take part in the special ringing.

EXPENDITURE AND DIVISION.—The Company in consultation with the President, Treasurer, and Churchwardens at an annual meeting shall agree upon the objects to which any part of the

Club Fund shall be devoted, and such balance as may remain shall be equally divided among the ringers. Probationers shall not share in this division, but may, with the consent of the company, and on the recommendation of the head ringer, receive a bonus from the fund.

DEDUCTION OF FORFEITS.—All forfeits incurred during the year by any ringer shall be deducted from his share, and be kept by the Treasurer to form the nucleus of the next year's fund.]

17.—**COMPLAINTS, &c.**—That any grievance, complaint, or dispute that may arise in connection with the Belfry or Ringers shall be at once referred to the president whose decision shall be final.

18.—**DISMISSAL.**—That for proved misconduct or unruly behaviour, any member of the company shall be liable to dismissal, or suspension, as the president and Churchwardens may decide.

19.—**MEETINGS OTHER THAN FOR RINGING.**—That all meetings of the Company for the transaction of business, or for social intercourse, be held in the parish room, schoolroom, or a private house; or in the case of a house of public entertainment, in a club-room reserved for the purpose.

N.B.—It is recommended that all the members of a company do sign the belfry rules on joining, in token of acquiescence in them.

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 SUGGESTION.

SIR,—A suggestion has been recently made to me by the vice-President of our Association which I think would be most effective and easy of application. On the day of the Coronation, at the auspicious moment when the King and Queen leave Westminster Abbey after the ceremony, all ringers in the United Kingdom should pull off simultaneously, and ring a touch or peal, as the case may be. The time of leaving the Abbey will no doubt be published shortly. Committees of local celebrations could easily arrange for this to fit in with their arrangements; and ringers throughout the country would be in absolute unity and sympathy on this great and memorable occasion.

THOS. R. HENSHER,

Hon. Sec. Central Northamptonshire Association.

BOB MAJOR.

SIR,—Mr. Tucker wants me to show something for my statement about the peal in question. I have not a copy of our paper for December 17th, 1887, or I would send it to him. In that issue he will see the exact figures under my name which appear in the Appendix under his. I may add that the same peal was rung, as I said before, in 1885, in 1887, and twice in 1888: reference to this paper will confirm this. Surely Mr. Tucker will admit that priority of publication, as well as actual ringing, must establish my claim. The figures in this paper of April 18th, 1896, and March 1st, 1902, are only a variation of the same peal, and cannot under any circumstances be called original. My remarks as to the many so-called composers did not attach to him, but I have undoubted authority for saying the peal has been rung under several names, most of which must have been very young when the peal was first rung and conducted by

J. R. PRITCHARD.

[This uninteresting correspondence must now cease.—ED.]

"OVERLAPPING."

SIR,—The remarks in Mr. Matthew's letter are hardly what I should have expected after the meeting at Winchester, when this matter was discussed. I feel that certain statements call for correction. The article was not a "storm," local or otherwise, but was, what it proposed to be, "a treatise for the benefit of the Exercise generally." It is well, and even necessary, that the Exercise generally should decide on some definite principles in these matters.

It is not the case that I have "chosen to omit one or two facts;" of course I am not omniscient, but as far as I know I

have omitted nothing material, and certainly have not "chosen" to omit anything. I do not think—with all respect—that such a term should have been used.

I have taken no action in the matter, either impatient, tactless, or otherwise. My sole aim is to prevent action being taken, so that matters should remain exactly as they were before I came into this neighbourhood. It was this impression that set the meeting at Winchester against me at first; when they understood that I was as much against any alteration of the *status quo* as they themselves, they were unanimously in my favour.

As for the insinuation about "disunion and dissension," I think I am well enough known to your readers for me to disregard so absurdly inconsistent an idea; but I may point out to Mr. Matthews that the dissatisfaction and proposal for separation comes from his side of the border, and not from mine. It would be more satisfactory to everyone were Mr. Matthews to state in a straightforward manner, what is the particular inference he wishes to be drawn from his quotation from my article.

H. DRAKE.

PAYMENT FOR SUNDAY WORK.

SIR,—In the current number of the "Anglo-Catholic" magazine there is an article by the organist of a prominent London church, in which he says: "It seems to me that if churches would pay their organists for the time spent during the week in rehearsing the choir and preparing the work, at their usual professional rate of remuneration (7s. 6d. to £1 1s. per hour, according to the organist's status), and would accept the Sunday work as a freewill offering on the part of the organist, the position of church musicians would be much more satisfactory than at present. Organists' salaries (if they did their work thoroughly) would go up rather than down, the clergy would treat them rather less offensively than they sometimes do at present, and there would be more goodwill and happiness all round."

May we not apply these remarks about "church musicians" to the musicians in the tower? Your readers will remember that my position about payment to ringers was taken up, not with the object of reducing their income (quite the contrary); but with the object of removing the social stigma that attaches to all ringers in the eyes of the general public. There are those who would (ostrich-like) deny that such stigma exists. One of the aims of my life has been, and ever will be, to do all I can to remove this stigma. With this end in view, I gave theoretical reasons why the indiscriminate payment of ringers was a cause of such stigma, with practical examples. The writer I have quoted, on the other hand, says it is rather the payment for work done on Sundays, a payment moreover which is not a fair wage, which is a cause of the unfair opinion generally held of such Church workers. The argument seems both acute and true; and the remedy seems one which would be exceptionally beneficial to change ringing.

Thus, whenever the matter of the ringers' salaries causes any difficulty or comment in a parish, let the ringers refuse to take any payment for Sunday ringing, and ask to be paid according to the time (or skill) spent in practising. It should be arranged that extras may be earned by those who can ring additional methods, and perhaps conduct, or act as captain; and certainly by "capitation fees" for each new beginner who is instructed in the Art. It is fairly obvious that Churchpeople would be willing to give much larger sums annually for work which they could see for themselves was being well done; and moreover that they would take greater pride and interest in their ringers' progress when they had to pay for it.

As there are sure to be some correspondents who will introduce the personal element rather than discuss the argument on its merits, I may as well anticipate the objection that if the above article is correct parsons ought to be under a stigma for taking money for Sunday work. My reply is that they are. A parson who takes "Sunday duty" only is always nicknamed a "guinea-pig," and despised allround accordingly. This is most unreasonable, as it is his profession, and as even the most dignified parsons encourage the practice. But it is none the less true, and if parsons cannot avoid the stigma, certainly ringers will not be able to do so, while they take money for Sunday work.

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Notices.

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The Sussex County Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Brighton to-day, Saturday, May 3rd. Towers open: St. Nicholas 10.30 to 1.30 p.m., and 6 to 9 p.m. St. Peter's after the meeting till 9 p.m. Luncheon at 2 p.m. in the Pavilion. Chairman, the Mayor of Brighton. Business Meeting at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. at St. Peter's. *Midhurst.* A. B. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*

Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Margate to-day, Saturday, May 3rd. The following towers will be open for ringing at 3 p.m.: Quex Park, Birchington (10 bells); All Saints, Birchington (8 bells); St. John's, Margate (8 bells). Tea at Hughes' Restaurant, Paradise Street, at 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. E. E. FOREMAN, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

Summer Lees, Hernhill, Faversham.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Norton to-day, Saturday, May 3rd. W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Bingley to-day, Saturday, May 3rd. The local hon. sec. is Mr. J. Perfect, 44, Highfield Terrace, Bingley. Wm. SNOWDON, *President.*

24, Basinghall Street, Leeds.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Bitton, near Bristol, to-day, Saturday, May 3. Short service at St. Mary's church at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—The next meeting of the Rochdale Branch will be held at Rochdale to-day, Saturday, May 3rd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. Any ringer welcome. JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Arch-deaconry of Wilts. Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Burbage to-day, Saturday, May 3rd, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. C. D. HEGINBOTHOM, *Hon. Sec.*

3, Estcourt Street, Devizes.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Commencing on Thursday, May 8th, and at fortnightly intervals there will be practice at the tower of Aston parish church (ten bells) commencing at 7.45 p.m. Any member who can make it convenient is requested to attend, and should be at the tower at the time mentioned. W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

The Essex Association.—North Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Earls Colne on Saturday, May 10th. Tea at 5 o'clock at The George hotel, 18. 2d. each. Those intending to be present please give notice three days before. ERNEST W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Coggeshall.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Martin's church, Kentish Town (Gospel Oak), on Saturday, May 10th. The bells will be raised about 4 o'clock. All

ringers and friends of the Association are cordially invited.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at All Saints, Eastbourne, on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available from 2 to 7. Particulars of other towers open for ringing will be given at the meeting. The Rev. —. Woodward has kindly offered to provide tea for those who send their names to Mr. T. Price, 7, Bath Road, Eastbourne, on or before May 6th. S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

"Arran," Baldslow Road, Hastings.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The re-opening of St. John's bells, Garside Street, Manchester, will take place on Saturday, May 10th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 7. A good attendance is requested. JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, May 10th, at The Gardeners' Arms, Shelley, near Huddersfield. Meeting to commence at 5.30. WALTER IDLE, *Secretary.*

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, May 10th, at 5 o'clock by kind permission of the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey. C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Sec.*

Kent County Association.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Maidstone on Whitsun Monday, May 10th. It will be necessary to elect four representatives for the next Central Council. Nominations of candidates (signed by two members) must be forwarded to the Secretary a fortnight before. Apply for dinner tickets, etc., to FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

Canterbury.

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The fourth annual meeting of the above will be held at Northallerton on Whit-Monday, May 10th. Service at 12.0 noon. Preacher—Rev. B. N. Thomas, Rector of Guisborough. Dinner (members 1s., others 2s.) at 1.0 p.m. at The Rose and Crown; followed by annual business meeting at 2.0 p.m. Committee Meeting same place 11.15 a.m. Members intending to dine kindly send notice by May 10th to REV. W. P. WRIGHT, *Hon. Sec. and Treas.*

Stokesley, R.S.O.

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—The annual meeting of the above will take place at Northampton on Whit-Monday, May 10th. By special permission the bells of the usual churches will be available for ringing from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and from 4 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Service at St. Giles' church at 1 p.m. Luncheon and business meeting at The Peacock hotel at 2 p.m. T. R. HENSHER, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*

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Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Whit-Monday meeting will be held in Sunderland where the bells of the parish church (8), Bishopwearmouth (8), and St. Ignatius (6), will be open for use all day. Dinner at The Grand hotel, Fawcett Street, at 1 p.m., 1s. 6d. to members, 3s. to non-members. Committee Meeting at the same place 11.30 a.m. Intending diners must notify the Secretary by Tuesday, May 13th. C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*

Wylam-on-Tyne.

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday at Chelmsford. Sermon at the parish church at 11.30 with address by the Rev. T. L. Papillon. Business Meeting at Vestry Hall at 12.15 p.m. Dinner in Boys' School at 2 p.m. Notice to attend must reach me before the previous Thursday. HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 3 1902.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly meeting of this association was held at The Radcliffe Arms, Almondbury, on Saturday, April 12th, Mr. S. Goodall, President, presiding. Members were present from Almondbury, Armitage Bridge, Dewsbury, Earlsheaton, Holmfirth, Huddersfield, Kirkburton, Kirkheaton, Liversedge, Lindley, and New Mills. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been passed as read, the most important business was the choosing of the method for the six-bell contest, and making other arrangements for the same. It was carried unanimously that Oxford Treble Bob Minor should be the method for the contest. It was also decided that the rules which was adhered to at the contest at New Mills last year should be enforced for the contest this year. It was also decided to choose the judges for the contest at the meeting to be held at Armitage Bridge in July.

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

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Twelfth Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers will be held on Whit-Tuesday, May 20th, in the Old Council Chamber at the Guildhall, Worcester—kindly lent by the Worshipful the Mayor for the purpose of the meeting—at 11 a.m. punctually. The morning sitting will be adjourned at one o'clock till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, till 5 o'clock.

The Standing Committee will meet at the same place at 10 a.m.

There will be a social gathering of members and their friends in the evening at 9 o'clock till 11 at The Star hotel.

The Hon. Secretary regrets that the Hereford Guild should have been included in previous notices among the Societies whose contributions were stated to be unpaid, owing to his ignorance of the fact that the contribution of that Society had been paid, through a Bank, direct to the Council's Bankers. No intimation of such payment had been sent to him; hence the mistake naturally arose that the contribution had not been received.

H. EARLE BULWER, *Hon. Secretary.*

Stanhoe Rectory, King's Lynn, April 26th, 1902.

AGENDA.

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Election of Honorary Members (if desired).
3. Treasurer's Statement.
4. Hon. Secretary to report progress of Peel Collection Committee.
5. To receive and consider the Report of the Committee on what constitutes a "Legitimate" Method.
6. To receive any further Report of the Committee on the Condition of Rings.
7. To receive the Report of the Committee on Association and Belfry Rules.
8. To receive the Report of the Standing Committee as to "record" performances.
9. To discuss the following subject: "Ringers as Church-goers. Are we satisfied with the present standard of attendance?"
10. To draw attention to the large number of insufficiently proved compositions, and of worthless methods, sent from time to time to "THE BELL NEWS" for insertion.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.—NOTICE.—Peals will be arranged on Saturday, May 17th, at Christ Church, West Bromwich (12 bells) at 4 p.m., and on Whit-Monday, May 19th, at St. Martin's, Birmingham (12 bells) at 10 a.m. Members of the Council wishing to take a rope can do so by communicating with the Master of the St. Martin's Guild, Mr. W. Short, 64, Moland Street, Birmingham.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble.	HARRY F. DAWKINS 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	CHARLES WILKINS 8.
GEORGE R. FARDON 4.	JAMES GEORGE 9.
CORNELIUS CHARGE 5.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 22, 1902, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PUTNEY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

WM WEATHERSTONE .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
HUBERT EDEN 2.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 6.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN† .. 3.	REUBEN CHARGE 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal in the method.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 24, 1902, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH,

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

GEORGE R. FARDON .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 2.	GEORGE R. PYE 6.
HUBERT EDEN 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 25, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES; IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	WILLIAM FOREMAN 6.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 2.	HARRY HOSKINS 7.
GEORGE ROBERT PYE .. 3.	ERNEST PYE 8.
JOHN JAMES LAMB 4.	FREDERICK W. THORNTON 9.
ISAAC GEORGE SHADE .. 5.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD, of Bromsgrove, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Further reference on another page.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 26, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, HIGHGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES; HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ERNEST A. BONFIELD .. Treble.	THOMAS TITCHENER 5.
CHARLES H. MARTIN .. 2.	E. E. PRATCHETT 6.
ERNEST J. MARTIN† .. 3.	FRANK SMITH 7.
H. JAMES MARTIN 4.	RICHARD BEVAN Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD BEVAN.

†First peal of Bob Major. *First peal as conductor.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, April 26, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PUTNEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

REUBEN CHARGE .. Treble.	THOMAS LANGDON 5.
WILLIAM CHARGE 2.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD 6.
ERNEST BRETT 3.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 7.
ERNEST H. OXENHAM .. 4.	HERBERT LANGDON Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

CHURCH BELLS OF SUFFOLK.—By THE REV J. J. RAVEN, D.D., F.S.A., of Emmanuel College, Cambridge. With 114 wards of 90 illustrations. Half-morocco, Roxburgh, 27s. 6d. net; in cloth 20s net; packing and postage 1s. 6d. extra. This edition is limited to 500 copies. The large paper edition was all sold within a few days of issuing the first prospectus. "An unexpectedly entertaining book. His researches as to the Norwich founders will be found full of new historical matter. We heartily welcome Dr. Raven's contribution to Campanology."—*Saturday Review*. London:—JARROLD & SONS, 10 & 11 Warwick Lane E.C.

The Provinces.

GLOUCESTER.

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

On Thursday, April 17, 1902, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

RICHARD A. JUDD Treble.	JOHN AUSTIN 5.
WILLIAM T. PEGLEE 2.	FRANCIS E. WARD 6.
THOMAS NEWMAN 3.	ERNEST E. DAVIS 7.
FRANCIS E. HART 4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

The above was rung after meeting one short for Double Norwich Caters.

EMBERTON, BUCKS.

On Saturday, April 19, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of College Single and Oxford Bob, and three 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES LETT Treble.	WILLIAM MYNARD 4.
JOHN LOVELL 2.	HARRY LETT 5.
FRED MYNARD 3.	*WILLIAM FREEMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FREEMAN.

First peal by all except the conductor. *First peal as conductor.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 9 cwt.

THOMAS LEES Treble.	PERCY REED 5.
LIONEL SHOEBRIDGE 2.	HARRY BARTON 6.
EDWARD FOREMAN 3.	HUGH T. SCARLETT 7.
GEORGE WILLSHIRE 4.	THOMAS B. REED, JUN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BACHELORS' PEAL.

On Saturday, April 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

VINCENT J. S. O'BRIEN Treble.	FRED G. LEAKER 5.
JOHN THOMAS 2.	STEPHEN THOMAS 6.
GEORGE JAYNE 3.	ALGERNON L. LEWTON .. 7.
ALBERT STOWELL 4.	W. STOWELL Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

This composition will be found in "THE BELL NEWS" of March 8th, 1902. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, April 22, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

BENJAMIN R. MEESON .. Treble.	H. HENRY SOMERVILLE .. 6.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	JOHN C. ADAMS 7.
FRANK HALLSWORTH, SEN. 3.	ALFRED TURLEY 8.
WILLIAM GRIFFIN 4.	THOMAS J. ELTON 9.
JOSEPH BIRCH 5.	FRANK HALLSWORTH, JUN. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. H. Somerville.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 22, 1902, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

W. WELHAM Treble.	E. E. DIAPER 5.
F. ALLARD 2.	W. E. TYDEMAN 6.
C. SOUTER 3.	W. SOUTER 7.
G. MELBOURNE* 4.	W. P. ROUSE Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and Conducted by W. SOUTER.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 24, 1902, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
ALBERT D. STONE† .. 3.	HENRY DAINS 6.
ROBERT J. DAW 3.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. 7.
ARTHUR A. FULLER .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

†First peal in the method with a bob bell.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Friday, April 25, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lbs.

PERCY TURLEY Treble.	EDWARD MANKELOW .. 5.
CHARLES CHAPMAN 2.	JAMES MAYNARD 6.
JOHN THORPE 3.	ARTHUR T. GODLEY .. 7.
GEORGE TURLEY 4.	FREDERICK STILL .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE TURLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Chapman, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Superlative, College Single, Oxford Treble Bob,
Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and
Plain Bob.

GEORGE DRAIKES .. Treble.	JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 4.
CHARLES E. SMITH .. 2.	ALBERT J. DAY 5.
THOMAS JULL 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. H. A. A. Cruso, son of the Rev. H. E. T. Cruso, Rector of Tunstall, and Miss M. S. Robinson, daughter of Sir F. Lacy Robinson, K.C.B., who were married that day at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington.

BANGOR, NORTH WALES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 26, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

RICHARD HUGHES† .. Treble.	GEORGE F. HOAD 5.
REV. T. LEWIS JONES .. 2.	JAMES H. MIDWINTER .. 6.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 3.	†RICHARD NICHOLS .. 7.
JOHN H. GRUNDY 4.	WILLIAM CRANE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

†First peal of Stedman

MORTIMER, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 26, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

G. L. BODDINGTON Treble.	WILLIAM HORNE 5.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 2.	CHARLES STONE 6.
REV. H. C. BELL 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
W. P. ROUTH, Esq. ... 4.	WILLIAM FORD Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Violet, Merchants' Return, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, and Double Court.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES HUNT Treble.	JOHN W. BARKER 4.
WALTER FINEDON 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 5.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 3.	FRANK WEBB Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

Reference will be found elsewhere.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 26, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 30 cwt.

JAMES L. ROBINSON .. Treble.	REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 6.
GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. 2.	HIRAM MEAKIN 7.
TOM MARSHALL 3.	CHARLES OLLIER 8.
ALFRED BARNES 4.	J. W. BAYLEY 9.
FRED HOLT 5.	EDWARD READER Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by EDWARD READER.

First peal in the method by the Guild. First attempt in the method as conductor. First peal in the method by all except the conductor and 6th man.

WROTHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1902, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES STEVENS Treble.	RICHARD GOODBOURN .. 5.
JAMES FORD 2.	HARRY GOODWIN 6.
WALTER WORSFOLD .. 3.	WILLIAM SPICE 7.
DENNIS J. GOLDSMITH .. 4.	EDWARD CRIPPS Tenor.

Conducted by W. SPICE.

First peal and first attempt by the tenor-man. First peal on eight bells by the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th ringers.

BIRSTALL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1902, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN F. CLAYTON* .. Treble.	JOSEPH BROADLEY 5.
JAS. COTTERELL 2.	JOHN CLAYTON 6.
SYDNEY GOODALL 3.	WILLIE WALKER 7.
JAS. BARRACLOUGH .. 4.	BENJAMIN F. LAMB Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by B. F. LAMB.

*Fourteen years of age.

THE RINGERS' ONLY TRUE BADGE.—In Gold, Silver or Bronze.—Clocks, Watches, and all kinds of Jewellery.—COLDWELL (Ringer), Mirfield, Yorks.

HASTINGS.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1902, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKLANDS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Treble.	WILLIAM THOMAS 5.
SYDNEY F. C. SAKER .. 2.	†WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 6.
ALBERT EDWARD BARROW 3.	WALTER FRANKS 7.
SYDNEY SAKER 4.	*WILLIAM H. SWAIN Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method in the borough of Hastings. *First peal. †First peal of Stedman. Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. Sydney Saker, Hon. Secretary to the Eastern Division of the Association.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

On Monday, April 28, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt. in F.

DRAYSON GOLDER* .. Treble.	†FREDERICK SCHOOLBRIDGE 5.
JOHN DOORNE* 2.	THOMAS B. REED, JUN. .. 6.
ALBERT H. SAYER 3.	*GEORGE WILLSHIRE 7.
THOMAS B. READ, SEN. .. 4.	*ALBERT GOLDER Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLSHIRE.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. Rung on the 15th anniversary of the wedding of the 3rd ringer. The ringer of the 2nd is 15 years of age.

RAMSBOTTOM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 28, 1902, in Two Hours Thirty-eight and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR RUSHTON .. Treble.	JOHN H. HAYDOCK 5.
ROBERT LEACH 2.	WALTER TAYLOR 6.
JONATHAN WOLSTENHOLME 3.	JAMES B. TAYLOR 7.
ROBERT H. 4.	JOHN BOOTH Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

Reference to this peal elsewhere.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 28, 1902, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALFRED T. LANGRIDGE† .. Treble.	GEORGE A. KING 5.
WILLIAM PELLING 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE 6.
KEITH HART 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

†First peal in the method, and was rung as a birthday compliment to W. Pelling; also the conductor's 300th peal

Handbell Peals.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 23, 1902, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. JAMES PAGETT, 19, SACHEVEREL STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

JAMES PAGETT 1-2.	ALBERT H. WARD 5-6.
WALTER WALLACE .. 3-4.	CHARLES DRAPER 7-8.

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

Referee—Edwin Jinkins.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

YORK TOWN (Surrey).—On Wednesday, April 2nd, at St. Michael's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples which came to grief after ringing 1680 changes in 59 mins. C. H. Pearce, A. Smith, W. Ives, G. Hawkins conductor, C. Smart, A. E. Cousins, B. Hawkins, C. Jeffery, 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Vicar (Rev. C. P. Berryman), who died on April 2nd, 1901.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Thursday, April 24th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins. F. Pounds, T. Bull, F. Powell, J. Monk, N. Spindlow, H. Brooks, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn conductor, J. Brooks.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Wednesday, April 23rd, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 1044 Stedman Caters. W. E. Judd, W. E. Garrard, A. V. Selby, H. G. Miles conductor, W. E. Moss, A. E. Bradley, T. G. Miller, A. F. Harris, W. Fox, C. H. Phipps.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CHELMSFORD (Essex).—On a recent Sunday evening for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. W. Gooch, W. Rowland, sen., H. Richell, W. Rowland, jun., conductor, W. Newman, A. Whight, W. Piper, H. Rolph. This is the first quarter-peal on record by a Chelmsford company.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday, April 20th, for Divine Service at the parish church, with the bells half-muffled on the occasion of a memorial service being held in connection with the death of Private Clement Brown, of the Essex Volunteer Service, which took place in South Africa on April 9th, 784 Bob Major. G. Leonard, G. Sentance, F. Webb, Private P. Holmes, C. H. Howard conductor, Private A. B. Wiffen, W. H. Hammond, Private H. J. Collins. On Sunday, April 27th, 720 Bob Major. G. Leonard, A. B. Wiffen, F. Webb, H. Pilcher, G. Sentance, W. H. Hammond, C. H. Howard conductor. For evening service 720 in the same method. C. H. Howard conductor, A. B. Wiffen, F. Webb, P. Holmes, W. Grimwade, G. Sentance, H. Coote, H. J. Collins.

COLCHESTER (Essex).—On Wednesday, April 23rd, 1280 Kent Tangle Bob Major in 42 mins. G. Burch, W. Howell, W. Green, F. Manning, F. Bumpstead, A. Burch, W. V. Newman, W. J. Schofield conductor. Composed by W. T. Elson, of Fulham.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT GREENWICH.—This peal was rang as a birthday compliment to Isaac George Shade on his fifty-first year. This is the first peal of Oxford Royal at Greenwich for 108 years, the previous one having been rung on February 23rd, 1794, by the Society of Trinity Youths. First attempt at a peal of Oxford Royal by all except the ringers of 5th, 8th, and tenor.

THE PEAL AT WILLINGTON.—This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Bessie Hunt, of Guildford, to Mr. C. Jackson, of Tiverton, Devonshire. The marriage ceremony took place at St. Peter's, Bedford, the Rev. Brady-Moore officiating, and Mr. James Hunt, the well-known ringer of Guildford, giving the bride away.

THE PEAL AT RAMSBOTTOM.—This peal was rung to celebrate the silver wedding-day of Mr. Jonathan Wolstenholme, it also being his twenty-first peal. It is twenty-one years since the bells were hung in this steeple, and he was one of the first to learn to ring, and he has been ringing during the whole twenty-one years. In the peal is a double instance of father and son ringing a peal together.

F. BENNETT'S 300 PEALS.—In seven Minor methods, 2; Grandsire Triples, 36, conducted 21; Major, 1, conducted 1; Caters, 7, conducted 3; Union Triples, 1, conducted 1; Oxford Bob Triples, 1, conducted 1; Bob Triples, 6, conducted 3; Major, 38, conducted 20; Royal, 1; Canterbury Major, 1, conducted 1; Oxford Major, 1; Kent Major, 25, conducted 9; Royal, 5; Stedman Triples, 47, conducted 2; Caters, 9; Double Norwich Major, 27, conducted 2; Superlative Surprise, 42, conducted 2; Cambridge 8; London, 24; New Cumberland, 5; Gloucester, 3; Oxford, 3; Norfolk, 2; Westminster, 3; Bristol, 2; total, 300; conducted 66.

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The Annual Meeting was held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 26th, 1902; when a large number of members attended from all parts of the Diocese.

The towers of the various Churches were opened for ringing during the day, when touches were rung in the four standard methods, and also a course of Double Norwich Major.

The members sat down to tea in the Cooperative Hall at 4.45 and the annual business followed, the Rev. Canon Andrews taking the chair.

The Dean of Lincoln was re-elected President, the Rev. H. Law James Master, and Mr. F. F. Linley Treasurer; and the Rev. E. A. Aldridge was elected Secretary in the place of Mr. N. E. Snow, resigned.

The first report of the Guild giving an account of its foundation, and the peals rung since that time was issued, showing a total number of 482 members, and eighteen peals since the founding of the Guild in 1899.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of this society was held at Burley on Saturday, April 26th, and was fairly well attended. An attempt for a peal in seven Minor methods unfortunately came to grief after a little over an hour's good ringing. The business meeting was held in the Church school, the President, Mr. G. Barraclough, in the chair. Ringers were present from Armley, Bramley, Calverley, Bradford, Holbeck, Headingley, Rothwell, and the local company. The minutes of the last meeting was passed as read. Three new members were elected. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for their kind arrangements was unanimously carried. Tower ringing was indulged in up to a late hour in various methods, bringing an enjoyable meeting to a close.

APPLEDORE, KENT.

On Saturday, April 19th; a previously arranged meeting for combined practice for the three towers of Appledore, New Romney, and Rye took place in the tower of the above church, and was a decided success in every way, the members present were: Messrs. W. and G. Billinness, F. A. and T. A. Vincent, C. Price, and E. Curd, from Rye; Messrs. Anderson, Tumber, Wimble, Hutchinson, Hixon, and Southerden from New Romney, Mr. W. E. Pitman from Lyminge, and C. Slingsby from Aldington, and C. Tribe from Tenderden, and the majority of the local ringers. Ringing commenced about 3 o'clock, and was kept up with spirit till tea time, 5 o'clock, when an adjournment was made to Mr. Tibbles, confectioner, &c., who had provided a most excellent tea, and to which 17 sat down and did good service too. It was then arranged to hold similar meetings as near as possible monthly, New Romney to come next on May 24th, and Rye about a month later, and then go on repeating the visits. After tea the tower was again visited, and the bells kept going until 8 o'clock a social hour was then spent together, and each journeyed homewards.

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deny but that these meetings are instructive, and will greatly tend to advance the art of change-ringing, and increase the membership of the Associations, and encourage feelings of brotherhood and friendship, and last, but not least, increased circulation of our own paper "THE BELL NEWS."

The ringers wish to thank the Vicar of Appledore for so kindly granting permission to ring, and to Mr. George Johnson for making all arrangements which added so much to the pleasure of the meeting.

MR. G. J. CLARKSON.—The ringing friends of Mr. G. J. Clarkson, the President of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, will regret to hear that recently he underwent a most painful operation at the Stockton Hospital, and is likely to be detained there at least another fortnight.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

All being well, eight members of the above society, will attempt on Wednesday next May 7th, at Christ Church, Spitalfields, a "silent" Peal of Stedman Triples, Lates's one-part composition. Meeting time 6 p.m.

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The Claims of the year amounted to £1,563,775. The number of Deaths was 6,723, and 6,105 Endowment Assurances matured.

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The Claims of the year amounted to £2,104,939. The number of Deaths was 211,670, and 2,227 Endowment Assurances matured.

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The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 14,334,820; their average duration exceeds nine and a half years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shewn in the Balance Sheet, are £43,292,026, being an increase of £3,396,698 over those of 1900.

The Staff Provident Fund, which was founded in 1898 for the benefit of the outdoor staff, shews a satisfactory increase for the year, the total amount standing to the credit of the Fund being £101,960.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, on the 31st December, 1901.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Shareholder's capital	1,000,000	0	0	British Government Securities.. .. .	3,554,093	7	5
Ordinary Branch Funds.. .. .	22,660,953	10	2	Indian and colonial government securities	4,194,854	6	7
Industrial Branch Fund	18,274,017	18	6	Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks	3,050,669	14	6
Reserve Fund	900,000	0	0	Loans on County Council, Municipal and other rates	9,340,533	17	11
Investments reserve Fund	250,000	0	0	Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties	3,317,456	3	10
Claims under life policies admitted	207,054	18		Freehold and leasehold property	2,293,593	5	10
				Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom	5,809,857	10	7
				Railway, Gas, and Water Stocks	6,109,593	16	0
				Suez Canal shares	167,677	11	7
				Telegraph and other shares	81,715	3	9
				Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, and City of London bonds	339,332	17	1
				Bank of England stock	200,559	18	6
				Colonial and Foreign corporation stocks	332,538	5	7
				Foreign government securities	1,106,291	17	7
				Reversions and Life Interests.. .. .	923,844	14	4
				Loans on the Company's policies	1,148,138	11	0
				Rent charges	181,975	10	5
				Outstanding premiums.. .. .	467,379	9	6
				Cash in hands of superintendents and agents balances	41,172	11	0
				Outstanding interest and rents	341,910	8	8
				Cash—on deposit, on current accounts, and in hand	288,837	5	8
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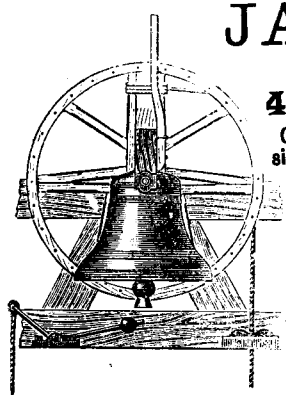
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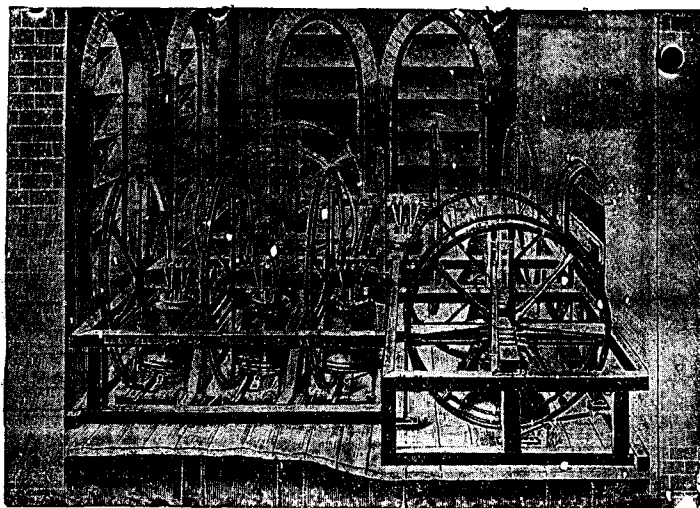
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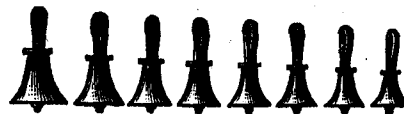
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

Ashford (Kent).—St. Mary. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Lester and Pack, 1762. 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 7th by Hatch, 1620 to 1651; 6th by Taylor, 1898. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in., by Mears, 1796. Timber frame. Bells go well. All quarter-turned and rehung by Taylor, 1898. Ropes new, 1898. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing 10 to 10.45, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 8. Last peal rung in 1899.

Ashtead, St. Giles.—Surrey Association. Eight bells. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. All by Mears, 1873. Timber frame for back six, iron for trebles. Bells go well. No repairs since hung except screwing up. Ropes new 1899. Methods: Grandsire, Union, Oxford Bob. Sunday ringing 1st in month, 10.30 and 6.30. Practice: Thursday, winter 7.30; summer 8.

Ashton-under-Lyne. St. Michael. Lancashire Association. Twelve bells. Treble and 2nd by Mears, 1889; 3rd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th, 11th, by Rudhall, 1779; 5th, 9th, and tenor by Mears, 1818. Tenor 27 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 5 in. Frame of steel girders. Bells all in order and go well. The whole ring was rehung by Mears, 1889. The treble was the gift of the ringers. Clocking is practised on Christmas Eve. Ropes new 1899. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.45. Originally a peal of eight hung in a tower which was pulled down and rebuilt 1818, when two trebles were added. In 1885 this second tower was pulled down and the present one built, the bells being increased to twelve.

Ashton-under-Lyne, St. Peter. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1871. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Bells and frame in good condition. Ropes new 1897, fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob,

Sunday ringing 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.45.

Aspatria, St. Kentigern. Cumberland Association. Eight bells. All by Mears. Treble, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 8th, 1896; 6th, 1848; 5th and 7th no date given. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Everything in good condition, new in 1896. Ropes new same time and good. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7. Considerable interest taken in the bells. Ringers easily obtained.

Aston, SS. Peter and Paul. St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. Ten bells. 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, and 9th by Pack and Chapman, 1776; treble, 2nd, 6th and 10th by Mears, 1814. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Quarter-turned, rehung with new fittings, and frame repaired by Powell, 1896. Ropes new 1899, good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing alternate Sundays 10 to 11. Practice: Thursday, 7.45.

Aughton, Christ Church. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1878. Tenor 16 cwt. Timber frame. Bells go well. The whole new 1878. All in good condition. Such slight repairs as have been necessary have been attended to. Ropes fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: for juniors, Tuesday; for seniors, Thursday, 8.

Aveton Giffard (Devon), St. Andrew. Eight bells. The back six by Pennington, 1779; the two trebles by Blews, 1877. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. The back six rehung with new fittings, 1875; and the trebles and Ellacombe chiming added 1877, all by Hooper. Everything in good condition. Ropes new 1889, fair. No half-pull ringing, Sunday ringing, nor regular practice.

Axminster. Eight bells. No return.

Aylesford, St. Peter. Eight bells. No return.

Aynhoe. Eight bells. No return.

OPENING OF A NEW RING OF EIGHT BELLS AT WOODSTOCK, CAPE COLONY.

On Palm Sunday, at the Church of St. Mary, Woodstock, in South Africa, the very interesting ceremony of dedicating a ring of eight bells took place. The bells came from the foundry of Mr. James Barwell, of Birmingham, and are very highly spoken of both as regards tone and tune. The products of this foundry in the shape of church bells rank very high indeed in ringers' estimation, and this peal they have sent to the Cape has given the utmost satisfaction to ringers out there, and to the clergy and authorities of St. Mary's church.

The bells were dedicated by Archbishop Jones with a short service held in the porch immediately below the ringing-chamber, where on a given signal they gave forth their merry sound, much to the delight of two old ringers

of cockney land. The tenor is 10 cwt. The bells have been hung by a local man who had some experience in hanging, and the sound of the bells are everything to be desired. Great credit is due to Mr. Stephens from the fact that the bells were not finished until the Friday, and it also speaks well that eight men should be got together even for an opening, and that was done by advertisement, although only rounds were rung.

Our correspondent adds: "You will understand that these men have left ringing from ten to twenty years, and there are no bells in this part of the country, but we hope soon to have a good many members, and bye-the-bye, Mr. Editor, if you know of any ringers coming this way, tell them to give us a call. I may tell you these bells caused no little excitement, as the street was thronged with all sorts and conditions of people, as South Africa is a very mixed population. I wish we had a Major band, as these bells are very fit for those methods."

"P.S.—On April 3rd, as the funeral train of the late Right Hon. C. J. Rhodes was passing through Woodstock, the back six bells were rung half-muffled as a last tribute to the great and beloved statesman. The following members took part: Messrs. Green, Stephens, Priest, Gould, Rowbotham, and Lane."

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The May meeting passed off very successfully at Bingley, on Saturday last, May 3rd, Archdeacon Kilner giving the assembled members a warm welcome. We hope to give full particulars in our next issue.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Twentieth Annual Meeting of this Guild was held at Salisbury on Monday, April 28th, commencing with the special service of the Guild in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral, at which Precentor Carpenter and Archdeacon Buchanan officiated, and Bishop Webb, the Dean, preached an excellent, impressive, and much appreciated sermon. It is a short, bright, musical, and very effective service. It is the work almost entirely of the Rev. H. Drake, and supplies a long-felt want at ringers' meetings; the Bishop of the diocese had most kindly supervised it, and authorised its use throughout the diocese. It is set to tuneful and melodious music which the body of ringers easily caught up, the Rev. F. B. Phillips acting as organist.

Immediately after service the ringers, not far short of 100 from the following towers, South Newton, Horningham, Coombe Bissett, Sherborne, St. Martin's, St. Thomas, Berwick St. John, Denton, Leigh, Melksham, Devizes, Verwood, Longbridge Deverell, Warminster, Westbury, Fordingbridge, and Reading, adjourned to the Church House to attend the business meeting, Earl Nelson presiding. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed. The General Secretary then read the report of the year ending March 31st, 1902, the chief features of which were the formation of four branches which have been a great success, the compilation of a service for ringers' meetings, progress in change-ringing at Melksham, Bishop Cannings, Devizes, Cranborne, Sturminster Newton, Swanage, Verwood (handbells double-handed), and specially at St. Peter's, Dorchester, where the local band have not only scored its first peal of Grandsire Triples, but is on the high road to

scoring Stedman Triples. Four peals have been rung, one by each branch.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, the Vice-Presidents, the Master, Treasurer and Secretary were re-elected, and the election of officers and the branches was confirmed. The following proposition, "That the Guild be called the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Change-Ringers. That present members who continue subscribing shall remain members. That round-ringers can join as Probationers. Members of the Guild must be able to ring a 6-score of Bob or Grandsire Doubles, or ring the tenor to a peal (5000 changes)," was the occasion of a spirited debate. An honorary member who seemed to be the spokesman of the opposition, in a fluent, plausible, and laughter producing speech, opposed the motion because the Guild had flourished very well during the last twenty years; that it would drive ringers out of the Guild; that round-ringers would feel sat upon; that round-ringers could summon people to church as well as change-ringers, therefore it would be better for the Guild to continue as in the past, embracing round-ringers and change-ringers.

The General Secretary in reply pointed out that the Guild had never succeeded in proportion to reasonable expectation; it had been founded twenty years, its membership was open to all ringers, round or otherwise, with the object of gaining all the ringers in the diocese. It might reasonably be expected therefore that the Guild would attain splendid proportions numerically, whereas after a score of years of hard work the Guild did not possess one-twentieth of the towers or ringers in the diocese. That the proposition drove no one out of the Guild: its object was to place change-ringers (whose ability and skill ought to be recognised) in the forefront of the Guild and round-ringers in a secondary position; that round-ringers should in future join as probationers; that those who felt their position might easily with pluck and perseverance become members through handbells, if they could not on tower bells; that the qualification for membership was the easiest that could be made consistent with being a change-ringer. That compared with the Guilds or Associations of neighbouring agricultural dioceses, ours was decidedly in the worst position; it was just time an alteration was made so that the Guild might progress and make a commendable show in the future.

The proposition was however wrecked chiefly through two members whose zeal is not according to knowledge or experience of the working or success of ringing Guilds; the opposition was of such a nature that the supporters of the motion have every hope of effecting the reform much sooner than some may suppose.

The Rev. H. Drake then proposed that four towers in the Winchester diocese, but bordering on this should be affiliated to the Guild; that there was a precedent for this in the case of St. Peter's, Bournemouth.

The meeting very decidedly approved that the towers be admitted, following the case of St. Peter's.

The General Secretary then pointed out that when the Guild was formed, St. Peter's ringers were among its first and chief supporters; for this reason apparently their membership was allowed, though no rule existed on which they could claim membership; it was manifestly unfair to admit those towers without consulting with the Winchester Guild. He suggested that the Winchester Guild be asked to receive a deputation of two or three from this Guild, and to abide by the decision. In face of this the meeting still approved that the outside towers be

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admitted. He then stated that as there was no rule to admit outside towers, and as no rule had been made at this meeting, he would be acting within his right if he refused them admittance.

An adjournment was now made for dinner, an ample and excellent repast, and well served by Mr. F. Sutton, to which full justice was done. At the close the noble President proposed the Royal toast, then "Success to the Guild," both of which were well received.

Votes of thanks were then passed to the Dean for the use of the Cathedral and his much appreciated sermon; to the incumbents for the use of their bells, and to Earl Nelson for so ably presiding.

The various companies then dispersed to the different towers for ringing; Grandsire Triples and a course of Stedman Doubles were rung at St. Thomas' church in the afternoon and evening.

EAST RETFORD CHURCH BELLS.

A very interesting ceremony of unveiling two tablets which have been erected in the ringing chamber of the East Retford Church took place after the service on a recent Sunday morning. There were present Mrs. Oakden, the vicar (Rev. Canon Ebsworth), Mr. T. Abbott (vicar's warden), Mr. E. Swannack (parish warden), Mr. W. Oakden (whose two years' term of office as parish warden ceased on the previous Friday), and the ringers. Mrs. Oakden unveiled two new peal tablets, recording two peals of Grandsire Caters, the first one being to commemorate the last peal rung in England in the 19th century; the second being rung on the day of the Funeral of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, as a sorrowful tribute of deepest grief, veneration, and affection. This tablet was presented by Mr. T. Hercy Denman.

Mr. Oakden then asked the vicar and churchwardens to accept these peal tablets, from Mr. T. H. Denman and himself, to commemorate two worthy events, which the members of the tower in their skill had performed on two auspicious occasions. He thought the members whose names appeared on the tablets ought to feel very proud—he was rather envious that his name was not amongst them. He was a lover of bell-ringing, and when he attended St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, he commenced to learn the art, but owing to circumstances over which he had no control he was not able to continue. This he regretted very much, as otherwise he would have been glad to join this company. It was at first the intention of the churchwardens to present one tablet, but as the funds would not allow it, he had much pleasure in bearing the expense himself. He then concluded by asking their acceptance of the tablets, and thanked them for inviting Mrs. Oakden to unveil them.

Mr. T. Abbott, on behalf of the vicar and churchwardens, thanked the donors of the tablets, and said he observed reference was made to our ancestors or grandsires. They received them with very great pleasure as they contained records of English pluck and persistency. The records could not be achieved without determination after endless failures, and it had brought them to an almost unique position in the churches of the country, when every bell was rung without a mistake on those occasions.

The Vicar said that his duties prevented him from paying much attention to ringing as he should like, and he congratulated the ringers upon securing these tablets. The advantage of the ringing afforded unmixed satisfaction, not only to himself but to the people in the town.

It was customary to date the improvment of ringing in the town to a certain gentleman in the belfry, but perhaps it commenced before then. The beginning of placing the tower upon a sound footing was due in the first place to no one present, but to Mr. T. Hattersley of Sheffield, whose portrait adorned the belfry, and his instruction had not only helped the East Retford ringers in getting into form but it had spread to West Retford and Ordsall, and each tower in the borough was now in good condition. Mr. Hattersley was not only an exceedingly skilful ringer, but the attention that he paid to the men was beyond all praise. He trusted that these tablets would long remain to encourage future generations of ringers.

Mr. H. Warburton, captain of the ringers, proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Oakden for unveiling the tablets, and said that this being the coronation year he thought they ought to attempt a peal on one of the two holiday days—June 26th and 27th—in another method.

Mr. Denman (vice-captain), in seconding, expressed the great pleasure it gave to the ringers to see amongst them friends from the lower storey of Church work. It was very seldom they had churchwardens to pay them a visit, and their presence on that occasion not only showed the practical interest they took in the ringers, but it marked the event as a red letter day in the history of the Church.

A short touch of Grandsire Caters was rung and afterwards the ringers, together with Mrs. Oakden and the Vicar and Churchwardens, were photographed by Mr. Arthur E. Ashley.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

On Thursday evening, April 24th, at St. Mary's Church, Walkley, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung by : Leonard Berrisford, John Thorpe, Frank Burgar, Sidney F. Palmer, Geo. W. Thorpe, Wm. Burgar (conductor). This is the first complete 720 by all (except the brothers Burgar), who are new members of the Walkley Company, and have been under the tutition of Wm. Burgar for seven months only, to whom they wish to tender their warmest thanks for the trouble taken whilst acting as instructor. Much credit is due to him, as all have been labouring under great difficulties, owing to the noisy chamber, which is but a single-roofed one, and situated close under the bells. It was proposed by Wm. Burgar, and seconded by Frank Burgar, previous to commencing, that the other four ringers become members of the Yorkshire Association.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Thursday, April 24th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins. F. Pounds, T. Bull, F. Powell, J. Monk, N. Spindlow, H. Brooks, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn conductor, J. Brooks.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday, April 20th, for Divine Service at the parish church, with the bells half-muffled on the occasion of a memorial service being held in connection with the death of Private Clement Brown, of the Essex Volunteer Service, which took place in South Africa on April 9th, 784 Bob Major. G. Leonard, G. Sentance, F. Webb, Private P. Holmes, C. H. Howard conductor, Private A. B. Wiffen, W. H. Hammond, Private H. J. Collins. On Sunday, April 27th, 720 Bob Major. G. Leonard, A. B. Wiffen, F. Webb, H. Pilcher, G. Sentance, W. H. Hammond, C. H. Howard conductor. For evening service 720 in the same method.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL, 1902.

CONDITIONS CONSTITUTING A LEGITIMATE PEAL.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

The following proposals are, in the main, approved by the members of the Committee, who reserve the right of moving individual amendments when the subject is before the Council.

1.—That any shift, or other error in ringing, be immediately corrected. (The words in italics were agreed to *nem. con.*, at the meeting of 1901.)

2.—That no call be made, or having been made be altered or withdrawn, later than during the change at which a call would properly take effect.

3.—That no person other than those ringing in the peal shall take any part in the calling or in rectifying an error.

4.—That, if more than one person shall ring any bell, the fact be stated in publishing and booking the peal.

5.—That no ringer shall have any refreshment handed to him while taking part in a peal.

6.—That every bell must, during the peal, sound at every change. (To meet case of setting a bell or losing a clapper.)

7.—That no four or more bells shall clash together at any change.

That in the case of a peal rung to surpass a previous peal, compliance with these further conditions is desirable:

(1) That not less than fourteen days' notice shall be given in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" stating the tower, day, and hour, at which the attempt is to be made, and the number of changes proposed to be rung.

(2) That similar notice shall be sent to the conductor, or if he cannot be traced, to some member of the band who rang the peal which it is proposed to surpass; or if no member of the band can be traced, then to the Secretary of the Guild or Association under whose title the said peal was rung.

(3) That a sealed copy of the figures of the proposed peal, which figures shall be strictly adhered to, be lodged, previous to the attempt, with the Secretary or other responsible officer of the Guild or Association under whose title the band is to ring; and that, in the event of the peal being accomplished, such officer shall immediately forward direct to "THE BELL NEWS" for publication the said sealed copy unaltered; but that if the attempt shall prove unsuccessful, he shall instead return the sealed copy unopened to the conductor.

4.—That if possible a competent representative of each of the bands shall be present during the whole of the performance.

5.—That, if the peal shall be completed, a statement on the following lines, signed by each member of the band shall be prepared, which shall be shewn, if required, to the representative of the band whose peal has been surpassed:

"We, the undersigned, hereby testify that, to the best of our belief, the peal of _____ rung at _____ on the _____ day of _____ 19____ was truly performed in accordance with the conditions for record peals laid down by the Central Council."

6.—That any objection which may be taken to a peal be raised at the earliest date, and in no case after the lapse of three months, unless in respect of the truth of the composition, as to which the figures of the sealed copy shall be deemed

conclusive evidence. (The words in italics were agreed to *nem. con.* at the meeting of 1901.)

7.—That each bell shall be rung throughout the peal by one and the same person.

8.—That the conductor shall not make use of written or printed matter as an aid to memory during the performance.

As this report will not be again printed, it is requested that the delegates will each bring this number of "THE BELL NEWS" to the Council meeting.

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."

THE MODEL RULES.

SIR,—May I express the pleasure it has given me to study the model code of rules drawn up by the Committee of the Central Council? As I have had to make a draft of not a few such new or revised rules, I can appreciate the admirable way in which the various difficulties have been met and overcome.

If I might suggest a few slight improvements in details they they would be:—

(a) The omission of the word "that" at the beginning of each. It is the right word as the introduction of a resolution, but out of place (not to say grammar) in a rule.

(b) I do not like the word "reform." Moreover I hope Belfry Reform is almost an antiquated term in the 20th century. Would "good tone" do instead?

(c) Belfry Rules No. 4. Before the number there should be inserted the words "not less than"—we do not want any restriction of numbers of change-ringers advocated by authority. It is quite right among round ringers where recruits are easy to obtain, but it has been fatal to many a band of change-ringers. Recruits for change-ringing vary much in different years, and if one keeps out the surplus in fat years, the band cannot be kept going in the lean years. I will conclude by saying that this report is a most excellent idea excellently carried out.

H. DRAKE.

SIR,—The rules printed in your last issue quite justify their title—nearly all will agree they are a model set, and personally I can only take exception to one of the clauses, and that is the time compensation one. Surely no rule could be devised which would cause more dissatisfaction among a company than this. Is it to be expected that A will be satisfied with 5s. for a day's ringing if B, who rang next him, takes 7s. 6d. for doing precisely the same work? Theoretically it may be right, but human nature is not governed by theory in matters connected with the pocket. Many ringers, I suppose, are members of trades unions, and this time compensation clause is directly opposite to one of the main ideas of such unions. Members of trade societies would naturally refuse to knuckle down to such a rule governing one of their—so to speak—recreations.

C. E. BORRETT.

"THE YOUNGEST RINGER."

SIR,—My attention having been drawn to the footnote to the peal of Superlative at St. Mary's, Islington, I may say that George Jayne, who will be sixteen years of age in June next, rang the 3rd at St. Stephen's, Bristol, in a peal of Cambridge on March 1st of this year. Personally I should not be surprised to hear of a much younger person having already rung a Surprise peal.

W. A. CAVE.

AN ENQUIRY.

SIR,—The ringers of St. Mary's, Harrogate wish to enquire of brother-ringers throughout the country what their programme is for Coronation-day. It has been suggested that all the bells in the country should be rung at one time so far as is practicable, similar to the plan adopted for the beacon fires.

J. B.

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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.—North Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Earls Colne to-day, Saturday, May 10th. Tea at 5 o'clock at The George hotel, rs. 2d. each.

ERNEST W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
Coggeshall.

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, May 10. The bells will be raised about 4 o'clock. All ringers and friends of the Association are cordially invited.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at All Saints, Eastbourne, to-day, Saturday, May 10th. Bells available from 2 to 7. Particulars of other towers open for ringing will be given at the meeting.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Baldslow Road, Hastings.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The re-opening of St. John's bells, Garside Street, Manchester, will take place to-day, Saturday, May 10th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 7. A good attendance is requested.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held to-day, Saturday, May 10, at The Gardeners' Arms, Shelley, near Huddersfield. Meeting to commence at 5.30.

WALTER IDLE, *Secretary.*
47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, to-day, Saturday, May 10th, at 5 o'clock by kind permission of the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Wheathampstead to-day, Saturday, May 10th. The bells of the parish church, also of Sandridge, will be available from 3 o'clock.

J. EARWICKER, *Dis. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Leigh on Saturday, May 17th. All members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. Barrett, Leigh, not later than Wednesday, May 14th.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pleasley, on Saturday, May 17th. Tea at 4.30, meeting afterwards. All ringing friends invited.

T. ALLIBONE, *Secretary.*
North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

Kent County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Maidstone on Whit-Monday, May 19th. Committee Meeting in All Saints' vestry 11.15 a.m. Service at 12. The address will be given by the Rev. Canon Joy, Vicar of Maidstone. Dinner in All Saints' Boys' School 1 p.m. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., after dinner. The following towers will be open for ringing: All Saints, Maidstone (10), Leeds

(10), Aylesford (8), West Malling (8), Barming (6), Boxley (6), and East Farleigh (6). The psal-book will be on view in All Saints vestry. Application for dinner tickets, etc., to be made at once to

FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

Canterbury.

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday at Chelmsford. Sermon at the parish church at 11.30 with address by the Rev. T. L. Papillon. Business Meeting at Vestry Hall at 12.15 p.m. Dinner in Boys' School at 2 p.m. Notice to attend must reach me before the previous Thursday. HENRY T. W. EYRE, *Hon. Sec.*
Great Totham Vicarage.

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The fourth annual meeting of the above will be held at Northallerton on Whit-Monday, May 19th. Service at 12.0 noon. Preacher—Rev. B. N. Thomas, Rector of Guisborough. Dinner (members rs., others 2s.) at 1.0 p.m. at The Rose and Crown; followed by annual business meeting at 2.0 p.m. Committee Meeting same place 11.15 a.m. Members intending to dine kindly send notice by May 10th to
REV. W. P. WRIGHT, *Hon. Sec. and Treas.*
Stokesley, R.S.O.

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—The annual meeting of the above will take place at Northampton on Whit-Monday, May 19th. By special permission the bells of the usual churches will be available for ringing from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Service at St. Giles' church at 1 p.m. Luncheon and business meeting at The Peacock hotel at 2 p.m. T. R. HENSHER, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*
Rushden.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Whit-Monday meeting will be held in Sunderland where the bells of the parish church (8), Bishopwearmouth (8), and St. Ignatius (6), will be open for use all day. Dinner at The Grand hotel, Fawcett Street, at 1 p.m., rs. 6d. to members, 3s. to non-members. Committee Meeting at the same place 11.30 a.m. Intending diners must notify the Secretary by Tuesday, May 13th.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*

Wylam-on-Tyne.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern District.—A Meeting of the above will be held at St. Etheldreda's, Hatfield, on Whit-Monday, May 19th. Tower open from 11 a.m.

J. SHEPPARD, *District Sec.*

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Cottenham on Whit-Monday, May 19th. A meat tea will be provided at Cottenham at 4 p.m. Histon bells also available. All ringers welcome.

P. WEBB, *Dis. Sec.*

Wirksworth Tap Dressings.—The annual fete and gala will be held on Whit-Wednesday, May 21st. The tower of the parish church will be open at 11 o'clock, and all ringing friends are cordially invited.

WILLIAM FOX.

North Wingfield, Derbyshire.—The new trebles will be dedicated on Saturday, May 31st. Service at 4 p.m. Free tea at 5 p.m. All members of both East Derbyshire Associations invited, also all ringing friends. Ringers attending tea are requested to send a postcard not later than May 26th to

T. ALLIBONE, *Local Sec.*

North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

The Devonshire Guild.—The Exeter Cathedral bells will be re-opened on June 24.

Dedicatory Service 2 p.m. Ringing from 4.15 by Devon Guild. F. MOLINEUX, *Hon. Sec.*
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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 1902.

DEATH OF THE REV. H. EARLE BULWER.

THE Exercise will be appalled at seeing this headline. Mr. Bulwer, one of the most prominent men among us, is no more. The melancholy event took place on Monday last. While in his study, occupied it may be with matters appertaining to the Central Council, he was suddenly called hence. The sad news is almost overpowering, and we can at present only chronicle the bare fact.

The previous Thursday he attended the quarterly meeting of the Norwich Association, at Bungay, and rang a course of Double Norwich. What that body will do without his fostering care, it is not easy to tell. The loss to the Exercise at large cannot be over-estimated. The bereaved family will have the sincere and heartfelt sympathy of our readers all over the world.

NOTICE.—THE CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—In consequence of the lamented death of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, the Master begs a full attendance of members at St. Martin's on Friday next.
R. A. DANIELL.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Twelfth Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers will be held on Whit-Tuesday, May 20th, in the Old Council Chamber at the Guildhall, Worcester—kindly lent by the Worshipful the Mayor for the purpose of the meeting—at 11 a.m. punctually. The morning sitting will be adjourned at one o'clock till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, till 5 o'clock.

The Standing Committee will meet at the same place at 10 a.m.

There will be a social gathering of members and their friends in the evening at 9 o'clock till 11 at The Star hotel.

AGENDA.

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Election of Honorary Members (if desired).
3. Treasurer's Statement.
4. Hon. Secretary to report progress of Peal Collection Committee.
5. To receive and consider the Report of the Committee on what constitutes a "Legitimate" Method.
6. To receive any further Report of the Committee on the Condition of Rings.
7. To receive the Report of the Committee on Association and Belfry Rules.
8. To receive the Report of the Standing Committee as to "record" performances.
9. To discuss the following subject: "Ringers as Church-goers. Are we satisfied with the present standard of attendance?"
10. To draw attention to the large number of insufficiently proved compositions, and of worthless methods, sent from time to time to "THE BELL NEWS" for insertion.

NOTICES.

Peals will be arranged on Saturday, May 17, at Christ Church, West Bromwich (12) at 4 p.m., and on Whit-Monday, May 19, at St. Martin's, Birmingham (12) at 10 a.m. Members of the Council wishing to take a rope can do so by communicating with the Master of the St. Martin's Guild, Mr. W. Short, 64, Moland Street, Birmingham.

HALLOW (Worcester).—Should any Central Council members arrive in Worcester on Whit-Monday, and would like to attempt a peal early on the Tuesday morning they can do so at the above tower (8 bells) by applying to me. Time 6.0 a.m. sharp. This tower is two-and-a-half miles from Worcester Cross.—W. Page, Harboro Cottage, Hallow, Worcester.

If any Yorkshire ringers intend going to the Central Council meeting, will they kindly drop a post-card to "T.M., Height House, Pudsey?" An excursion train on the Midland Railway leaves Keighley at 12.30 a.m., Bradford 12.35 a.m., and Leeds at 12.50 a.m. on Monday, returning on Wednesday.

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The Metropolis.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

On Saturday, May 3, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE COTTIS* Treble.	ALFRED J. T. CARTER 5.
JAMES COTTIS* 2.	ROWLAND FENN 6.
GEORGE W. FAULKNER 3.	CALEB FENN 7.
THOMAS FAULKNER 4.	EDWARD A. DAVIES Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

*First peal.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 3, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BOW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

SAMUEL HAYES Treble.	SAMUEL JOYCE 5.
JAMES SCHOLES 2.	WILLIAM DALLIMORE 6.
YORK GREEN 3.	HENRY SPRINGALL 7.
WILLIAM TRUSS 4.	HENRY TORBLE Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, May 3, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WALWORTH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

FERRIS J. SHEPHERD* .. Treble.	FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	THOMAS LANGDON .. 6.
ARTHUR N. HARDY .. 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS .. 7.
HERBERT LANGDON .. 4.	ARTHUR JACOB .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Ferris J. Shepherd and the conductor, their brother-ringers wishing them many happy returns.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 5, 1902, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ARTHUR T. KING Treble.	WILLIAM TEGG 5.
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. 2.	JOHN E. MILLER 6.
FRANK A. MILNE 3.	FRANK C. NEWMAN 7.
HARRY MILLER 4.	SIDNEY WADE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING, and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

Handbell Peals.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 30, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT FINSBURY PAVEMENT HOUSE, CITY,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES.

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 7-8.
WILLIAM PYE 3-4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. 9-10.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 5-6.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. 11-12.

Composed by the late JOHN NELMS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpires—B. Prewett and A. T. King. This is the first peal of Cinques on handbells by all the band, and the first ever rung in the City. It is the first peal of Stedman Cinques ever conducted from a pair of non-observation bells.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 4, 1902, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. WITHERS, 52, FRITH ROAD,
LEYTONSTONE,

ON HANDBELLS RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE 3-4.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7-8.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
Umpires—G. F. Pearl, G. Haydon, and H. Bottrill.

The Provinces.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 24, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

(No name of church given)

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

W. JAMES HINTON Treble.	FRED G. MAY 5.
STEPHEN THOMAS 2.	JOHN THOMAS 6.
ALBERT STOWELL 3.	GEORGE T. DALTRY 7.
WILLIAM KNIGHT 4.	ALFRED HARRINGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE T. DALTRY.

Rung with the bell's muffled as a tribute of respect to George Grainger, of The Prince of Wales, The Pithay, Bristol, who died on April 21st. He was interred on Sunday, April 27th, when the whole pull and stand and a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung at the church of St. Mary-le-Port.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
AND THE ST. NICHOLAS' GUILD, BRISTOL.

On Wednesday, April 30, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

A. K. HOWARD* Treble.	VINCENT J. S. O'BRIEN .. 6.
ALBERT STOWELL 2.	REV H. C. COURTNEY .. 7.
FRED G. MAY 3.	HENRY HOWELL 8.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 4.	WILLIAM STOWELL 9.
WILLIAM SOMMERVILLE .. 5.	JAMES RICHMOND .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by FRED. G. MAY.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Murchison, wife of the Vicar of St. Nicholas, where the peal would have been attempted but for illness near the church.

QUEEN CHARLTON, SOMERSET.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

ALFRED BROOKES Treble.	WILLIAM SOMMERVILLE .. 3.
HENRY T. HOWELL 2.	CHARLES BEER 4.
WILLIAM STOWELL Tenor.	

Conducted by WILLIAM SOMMERVILLE.

First peal on the bells. Reference to this peal elsewhere.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5125 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7.
HUBERT EDEN 3.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 8.
WILLIAM PYE 4.	ERNEST PYE 9.
JAMES RUMBLE 5.	ARTHUR T. KING .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Friday, May 2, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DERITEND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

ARTHUR E. PEGLER Treble.	THOMAS MILLER 5.
HORACE F. STREET* 2.	ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. 6.
JOSEPH PIGOTT 3.	HARRY WITHERS 7.
JOHN NEAL 4.	JOSEPH JOHNSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS MILLER.

This peal was specially arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Ernest T. Allaway, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. *First peal of Triples with a bob bell.

SEAL CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob

HARRY GOODWIN Treble.	JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 4.
WILLIAM SPICE 2.	ALBERT J. DAY 5.
CHARLES E. SMITH 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

First peal in seven methods on the bells, and also in the Tonbridge district.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, May 3, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

ALBERT GILLINGHAM .. Treble.	WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 6.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE.. 2.	WILBY HAZELL 7.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER .. 3.	WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 8.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 4.	WILLIAM MOTTS 9.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5.	JAMES MOTTS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

IGHTHAM, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

HARRY GOODWIN Treble.	JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 4.
WILLIAM SPICE 2.	ALBERT J. DAY 5.
CHARLES E. SMITH 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

First peal on the bells.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1902, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5392 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JNO. WM. BRIGGS Treble.	JOSIAH MORRIS 5.
HENRY BRIGGS 2.	JOHN H. SWINFELD .. 6.
CHAS. H. BRIGGS 3.	CHAS. H. FOWLER 7.
JACOB R. BRIGGS* 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Quickest peal of Major on the bells, and rung as a wedding peal to the composer.
*First peal. Longest peal on the bells.

HERTFORD.—THE HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 3, 1902, in Two Hours Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

MATTHEW ELLSMORE .. Treble.	*CHARLES H. VALE 5.
GEORGE E. SMITH* 2.	HERBERT BAKER 6.
HENRY J. TUCKER 3.	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 7.
GEORGE H. BARKER 4.	EDWARD EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT BAKER.

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

ERITH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1902, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE E. WILSON* .. Treble.	HARRY HOSKINS 5.
EDWARD N. PRICE* 2.	REUBEN CHARGE 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	LEWIS SILVER 7.
JOHN MOULE 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE CONYARD, and
Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

*First peal of Double Norwich and first attempt.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1902, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Treble.	JOHN W. BARKER 5.
ISAAC HILLS 2.	FRANK WEBB 6.
JOHN HARE 3.	FRED WILFORD 7.
JOSEPH CHURCH* 4.	*HERBERT L. HARLOW .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal. First peal on the bells.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HARRY DAVY Treble.	HARRY CATTERMOLLE .. 4.
THOMAS DAVY 2.	JAMES ROSE 5.
GEORGE KEMP 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

Handbell Peals.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 29, 1902, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE 3-4.	WILLIAM KERBLE 7-8.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpires—W. Watson and H. F. Dawkins.

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Bronze.—Clocks, Watches, and all kinds of Jewellery.—
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BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 1, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

IN THE TOWER OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,
ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5075 CHANGES.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER .. 1-2.	JAMES W. HINTON .. 5-6.
JOHN THOMAS 3-4.	FRANCIS PRICE 7-8.
VINCENT J. S. O'BRIEN 9-10.	

Composed by the late H. JOHNSON, and

Conducted by JAMES W. HINTON.

First peal on handbells by all except the conductor. First peal on handbells in
the city of Bristol, and first on ten handbells in the county and by the Association.
Umpire—F. G. May.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The ringer of the 3rd in the peal of Bob Major
rung at Highgate and published in last week's issue, should read
Ernest J. Young.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—The peal of Grandsire Triples sent by Mr.
W. H. Porter, of 52, Thornton Street, Darlington, has no name of the
place where it was rung.

Miscellaneous.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—On Friday, January 10th, at St. John's church for prac-
tice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, W.
Northey, F. Isaacs, C. Winfield, G. Hardage, W. Coombes conductor,
B. Tilley. On Sunday, February 23rd, for Divine Service, 336
Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, W. Biss, W. Northey, C.
Winfield, G. Hardage, W. Canter, C. Oram, C. Winfield conductor.
On Sunday, February 16th, for Divine Service, 461 Grandsire Triples.
H. Day, L. Brooks, W. Northey, W. Biss, A. Rowley, J. Clutterbuck,
W. Coombes conductor, C. Oram. On Sunday, March 2nd, for
Divine Service, 168 Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, W.
Northey, W. Miller, C. Winfield, G. Hardage, W. Coombes con-
ductor, C. Oram. On Sunday, March 9th, for Divine Service, a quar-
ter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Day, J. Pitcher, F. Pitcher, W.
Coombes, C. Winfield, G. Hardage, A. Rowley conductor, F. Dite.
On Sunday, April 6th, for Divine Service, 336 Grandsire Triples. S.
Williams, L. Brooks, W. Heath, W. Miller, C. Winfield, G. Hardage,
W. Biss conductor, C. Oram. On Sunday, April 13th, for Divine Ser-
vice, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, J. Pitcher, W.
Biss conductor, C. Winfield, G. Hardage, G. Watkins, C. Oram. And
another 504. H. Day, J. Pitcher, W. Biss, W. Miller, C. Winfield,
A. Rowley G. Watkins, B. Tilley. On Thursday, April 17th, for
practice, 168 Grandsire Triples. S. Williams, L. Brooks, H. Day,
W. Miller, W. Biss conductor, G. Hardage, W. Carter, C. Oram.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WENTWORTH.—On Monday, April 21st, 240 each of Violet and Duke
of York. J. Aaron, J. F. Mallaby, R. J. Ricketts, W. Lambert con-
ductor, E. G. Nicholls, W. Allwood. Also 240 each of Violet, Duke
of York, College Treble and Arnold's Victory, and 144 each of College
Exercise and London Scholars' Pleasure. J. F. Mallaby, A. Cross-
man, R. J. Ricketts, W. Lambert conductor, A. Nash, W. Allwood.
And 120 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Aaron, A. Crossman, R. J.
Ricketts, W. Lambert conductor, A. Nash, W. Allwood. A 120 Kent
Treble Bob Minor. J. Aaron, A. Crossman, R. J. Ricketts, J. F.
Mallaby, A. Nash, W. Lambert conductor. And 72 of Kent Treble
Bob Minor, standing as before, with the exception of W. Allwood, 2.
The company wish to thank the clergy for the use of the bells.

DARFIELD.—On April 28th, for practice, 240 each of Oxford, Violet
and Duke of York. R. J. Ricketts, A. Crossman, W. Woodcock, jun.,
W. Lambert conductor, J. F. Mallaby, A. Nash. Also 240 each of
Royston Delight, City Delight, Gladstone's Delight, and 120 of Glad-
stone's Delight. J. F. Mallaby, A. Crossman, W. Woodcock, jun.,
W. Lambert conductor, R. J. Ricketts, A. Nash.

HORBURY (Yorks).—On Thursday, April 17th, at the Church of SS.
Peter and Leonard, 720 Bob Minor. A. A. Fothergill, F. Chappell,
J. Smith, T. H. Clarke first 720, G. Hunt conductor, G. F. Pickles.
On Saturday, April 19th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Hunt, F. Chappell, H.
Rowley conductor, J. Smith, G. F. Pickles, R. Thickett. Also 720
Oxford standing as above. And 720 Duke of York. J. Smith, G.
Hunt, H. Rowley conductor, G. Barstow, G. F. Pickles, R. Thickett.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

LONG EATON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday morning, April 27th, for

Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Andrews, J. E. Hexter, A. Spencer, J. Harrison, N. H. Widdowson, W. B. Smith, W. R. Hexter conductor, J. H. Edinborough. For afternoon service 672 Grandsire Triples. J. Andrews, J. E. Hexter, A. Spencer, J. R. Ward, N. H. Widdowson, W. B. Smith, W. Hexter conductor, J. H. Edinborough. And for evening service a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Andrews, W. R. Hexter, W. Hexter, J. Harrison, N. H. Widdowson, W. B. Smith, J. R. Ward conductor, J. H. Edinborough.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Tuesday, April 1st, at All Saints church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, H. Coombes, A. Earl, J. Norris, E. Hatcher, P. Long, H. Jennings, conductor, E. Brett. On Sunday evening, April 6th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, H. Coombes, W. H. Fussell, E. Hatcher, C. Stainer, P. Long, H. Jennings conductor, E. Brett. On Tuesday, April 8th, 630 Grandsire Triples. W. Kemp, W. H. Fussell, H. Coombes, E. Hatcher, C. Stainer, P. Long, H. Jennings conductor, E. Brett. On Sunday morning, April 13th, 434 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, H. Coombes, W. H. Fussell, C. Stainer, P. Long, H. Jennings conductor, E. Brett.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HASTINGS (Sussex).—On Sunday morning, April 27th, for Divine Service at Christ Church, Blacklands, 168 Stedman Triples. G. Williams conductor, S. F. Saker, W. Billenness, S. Saker, G. Watson, F. A. Kennett, A. E. Barrow, W. H. Swain. Also 224 Bob Major. G. Williams conductor, S. F. Saker, J. Livermore, W. Billenness, G. Watson, F. Lock, A. E. Barrow, S. Saker. For afternoon service 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Livermore, jun., S. G. Saker, R. C. Ford, J. Livermore, S. Saker, W. Billenness, F. Lock conductor, W. H. Swain. For evening service 168 Stedman Triples. J. Livermore, jun., G. Williams conductor, S. Saker, A. E. Barrow, S. F. Saker, F. Lock, W. Billenness, W. H. Swain. Also 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Livermore, jun., A. E. Barrow, R. C. Ford, J. Livermore, W. Billenness, F. Lock conductor, S. F. Saker, W. H. Swain.

ST. LEONARD'S-ON-SEA.—On April 21st, for practice at Christ Church, 1008 Stedman Triples. T. Thorpe, C. Hill, T. Waterhouse, H. Harvey, F. Medhurst, F. Kennett, G. Watson conductor, H. Denman. On April 26th, for morning service, 672 Stedman Triples. C. Barrow, C. Hill, G. Watson, H. Harvey, F. Kennett, G. Williams conductor, H. Denman.

HORSHAM (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, April 6th, for Divine Service, 504 Court Bob Triples. J. Brown, G. Williams, H. Burstow, H. Mance, G. Woodman, E. Waller, W. Short conductor, R. Quick. On Sunday, April 13th, a quarter-peal of Court Bob Triples. J. Garman, G. Woodman, H. Burstow, H. Mance, G. Williams, J. Brown, W. Short, E. Waller. On Sunday evening, April 27th, for Divine Service, 504 Court Bob Triples. J. Garman, H. Paice, H. Burstow, H. Mance, J. Brown, E. Waller, W. Short, G. Williams. Tenor 24 cwt.

WARNHAM (Sussex).—On Monday, April 28th, for practice, 672 Grandsire Triples. C. Mitchell, W. Charman conductor, J. Stanford, A. Charman, G. Woodman, J. Cook, G. Williams, W. Charman.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—On Sunday, May 4th, for service at the Hospital, a course of Grandsire Triples three times repeated. J. Clarkson, G. J. Clarkson, T. Stephenson, W. Newton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NOKTON FITZWARREN.—On April 23rd, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. A. Fowler, I. Creed, F. Wyatt, H. Stevens, W. White, H. J. Creed conductor.

DUNSTER.—On Easter Sunday, March 30th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins. J. Hole, G. Stacey, R. Hole, J. R. Jones, T. Elliott, W. W. Thrush, J. Grabham conductor, J. Payne. On Sunday, April 30th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. J. Lyddon, J. Hole, G. Stacey conductor, R. Hole, J. R. Jones, W. W. Thrush, J. Grabham, J. Payne.

MINEHEAD.—On Easter Sunday, March 30th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Reed, S. Mason, J. Hunt, W. W. B. Bowden, G. Atkins, S. Mason, H. Moore conductor, R. McDonald. On Sunday, April 6th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Mason, S. Mason, C. Summers, J. Hunt, G. Atkins, S. Mason, H. Moore conductor, R. McDonald.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH.—On Sunday, April 27th, for Divine Service in the

evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1261 changes, in 46 mins. E. Wightman, J. J. Lamb, E. Price, F. G. Perrin, W. Charge, W. Foreman, I. G. Shade conductor, W. Berry, R. Charge, F. Gooch.

ERITH.—On Saturday, April 20th, after meeting too late for a peal a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. E. Wightman conductor, G. E. Wilson, J. J. Lamb, W. Forman, G. R. Newton, J. Garrard, F. W. Thornton, F. Goach.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ROYDON.—On Sunday, April 19th, at the parish church, 720 Double Court Minor. J. Puplett, A. Pearman, H. G. Rowe, H. S. Reeves, W. Cavill, I. Cavill conductor. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Marables, A. Pearman, H. S. Reeves, J. Puplett, W. Cavill, I. Cavill conductor.

BOREHAM (Essex).—On Thursday, April 3rd, for practice, 720 New London Pleasure. J. Ritchell, W. Allen, J. Young, A. Joslin, A. Edwards conductor, L. Crow. On Thursday, April 17th, for practice, 360 New London Pleasure. J. Ritchell, J. Young, A. Edwards conductor, A. Joslin, W. Allen, L. Crow. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Ritchell, W. Allen, J. Young, A. Joslin, A. Edwards conductor, L. Crow. Also 360 Plain Bob.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCHES.

HAZEL GROVE.—On Sunday, January 12th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob. R. Baker, J. Fernley, J. Dean, A. Fernley, S. Fernley conductor, G. D. Warburton. On Sunday, February 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 College Single. J. Jackson, J. Fernley, J. Dean, A. Fernley, S. Fernley conductor, G. D. Warburton. On Sunday, February 9th, for Divine Service, 720 Warnham Court. On Sunday, March 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Hallworth, S. Fernley, J. Fernley conductor, J. Dean, A. Fernley, G. D. Warburton. On Sunday, March 9th, another 720 Oxford, standing as before. On Sunday, March 16th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Hallworth, J. Dean, J. Fernley, S. Fernley conductor, A. Fernley, G. D. Warburton. On Sunday, March 23rd, for Divine Service, 720 Warnham Court. J. Jackson, J. Fernley, J. Dean, A. Fernley, S. Fernley conductor, G. D. Warburton. On Monday, March 24th, for practice, 720 Violet. J. Hallworth, J. Fernley conductor, J. Dean, A. Fernley, S. Fernley, G. D. Warburton. On Sunday, April 6th for Divine Service, 720 College Single, standing as before. For evening service 720 New London Pleasure. J. Hallworth, J. Fernley conductor, J. Dean, A. Fernley, S. Fernley, G. D. Warburton. On Sunday April 19th, an attempt was made for a peal of Treble Bob Minor, which was lost after ringing 2 hrs. 12 mins. The following 720s were rung: Violet, Woodbine, New London Pleasure, Merchants Return, Oxford. J. Hallworth, J. Fernley conductor, J. Dean, A. Fernley, S. Fernley, G. D. Warburton.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, April 20th, at the parish church, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Hancock, W. Rhodes, J. Morton, W. Price, G. Norman, S. Robinson, sen. conductor, W. Collier, S. Robinson, jun. Rung as a birthday compliment to S. Robinson, sen., his brother-strings wishing him many happy returns.

GLASGOW.—On Wednesday, April 16th, for practice, 120 Bob Doubles. F. Williams, F. Millar, G. Harris, A. Llos, J. Murray conductor, E. Nicolson. This is the first 120 by the band, and the first on the bells.

GOSPEL OAK (Middlesex).—On Sunday morning, April 27th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Ellis, E. Turl, N. Alderman, J. Nixon, E. Young, R. Bevan conductor. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Ellis, N. Alderman, E. Young, R. Bevan conductor, J. Nixon, W. Pickworth.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES (Surrey).—On Tuesday, April 1st, for practice at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. G. Naish, J. S. Strutt, J. Wright, H. Last, A. Strutt, J. Howes conductor, J. Chandler. On Sunday, April 13th, 611 Grandsire Caters. J. S. Strutt, A. Strutt, G. Strutt, J. Howes conductor, H. Last, G. Woodiss, H. G. Naish, J. H. B. Hesse, J. Strutt, J. Chandler.

LONDON.—On Tuesday, April 22nd, at St. Mary's, Islington, the usual whole pull and stand was rung as a last mark of respect and esteem to the late W. A. Spicer, for upwards of fifty years connected with the church as ringer and steeplekeeper, who was buried that day. The deceased was in his seventy-fifth year. J. Barry, A. Potchery, G. Gains, H. May, H. Starks, W. Creek, H. Franks, J. Lewis. Conducted by J. Barry. At the conclusion a touch of Grandsire was rung with Messrs. Hoffmeister and Davis.

WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday morning, April 27th, for

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April 27th, for

Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. Cooper, C. Tyler, O. Brown, A. Plant, E. J. Tyler, J. Malpass, D. Chapman, T. Cooper. D. Chapman is the only surviving member of the band who rang the record peal of Grandsire Major (10,032) at Walsall, on February 11th, 1861.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, April 24th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. W. Trubshaw, S. Pitt, B. Hodson, W. Pardoe, W. Johnson conductor, J. Adams, J. Appleby, J. Hamilton. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WEST MALLING (Kent).—On Wednesday, April 16th, six of the Wrotham band journeyed to this place and rang 360 Bob Minor. J. Acott, G. Barham, W. Taylor, H. Hogben, J. W. Leonard, H. Denne, R. Goodbourn conductor, P. Masters. A 504 Bob Triples. S. G. Leonard, G. Barham, W. Taylor, H. Hogben, J. Acott, R. Goodbourn, J. W. Leonard conductor, H. Denne. Another 504 Bob Triples S. G. Leonard, D. Hall, W. Taylor, H. Hogben, J. Acott, J. W. Leonard, R. Goodbourn conductor, P. Masters. A course of Major. H. Hogben, G. Barham, W. Taylor, D. Hall, J. Acott, R. Goodbourn, S. G. Leonard, J. W. Leonard.

WROTHAM.—On Sunday, April 20th, before the morning service, 504 Bob Triples. H. Hosner, G. Barham, W. Taylor, H. Hogben,

J. Acott, R. Goodbourn conductor, A. Osborne, H. Denn. Before the evening service, 50 Bob Triples. H. Hosner, G. Barham, W. Taylor, H. Hogben, J. Acott conductor, R. Goodbourn, A. Osborne, C. Taylor.

YORK TOWN (Surrey).—On Wednesday, April 2nd, at St. Michael's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples which came to grief after ringing 1680 changes in 59 mins. C. H. Pearce, A. Smith, W. Ives, G. Hawkins conductor, C. Smart, A. E. Cousins, B. Hawkins, C. Jeffery. 8 Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Vicar (Rev. C. P. Berryman).

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Summary of the Report presented at the Fifty-third Annual Meeting, held on 4th March, 1902.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of Policies issued during the year was 76,831, assuring the sum of £7,575,835, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £389,776.

The Premiums received during the year were £3,485,955, being an increase of £167,613 over the year 1900.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,563,775. The number of Deaths was 6,723, and 6,105 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 651,558. INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £5,529,461, being an increase of £81,764.

The Claims of the year amounted to £2,104,939. The number of Deaths was 211,670, and 2,227 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policy-holders of five years' standing who desired to discontinue their payments was 74,798, the number in force being 771,279. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 17,880.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 14,334,820; their average duration exceeds nine and a half years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shewn in the Balance Sheet, are £43,292,026, being an increase of £3,396,698 over those of 1900.

The Staff Provident Fund, which was founded in 1898 for the benefit of the outdoor staff, shews a satisfactory increase for the year, the total amount standing to the credit of the Fund being £101,960.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, on the 31st December, 1901.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Shareholder's capital	1,000,000	0	0	British Government Securities.. ..	3,554,093	7	5
Ordinary Branch Funds.. .. .	22,660,953	10	2	Indian and colonial government securities ..	4,194,854	6	7
Industrial Branch Fund	18,274,017	18	6	Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks	3,050,669	14	6
Reserve Fund	900,000	0	0	Loans on County Council, Municipal and other rates	9,340,533	17	11
Investments reserve Fund	250,000	0	0	Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties	3,317,456	3	10
Claims under life policies admitted	207,054	18		Freehold and leasehold property	2,293,593	5	10
				Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom	5,809,857	10	7
				Railway, Gas, and Water Stocks	6,109,593	16	0
				Suez Canal shares	167,677	11	7
				Telegraph and other shares	81,715	3	9
				Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, and City of London bonds	339,332	17	1
				Bank of England stock	200,559	18	6
				Colonial and Foreign corporation stocks ..	332,538	5	7
				Foreign government securities	1,106,291	17	7
				Reversions and Life Interests.. .. .	923,844	14	4
				Loans on the Company's policies	1,148,138	11	0
				Rent charges	181,975	10	5
				Outstanding premiums.. .. .	467,379	9	6
				Cash in hands of superintendents and agents balances	41,172	11	0
				Outstanding interest and rents	341,910	8	8
				Cash—on deposit, on current accounts, and in hand	288,837	5	8
	£43,292,026	7	4		£43,292,026	7	4

THOS. C. DEWEY,
WILLIAM HUGHES, } Joint General Managers,
District Superintendent of Walthamstow, A. FORREST, 76, Hatherley Road.

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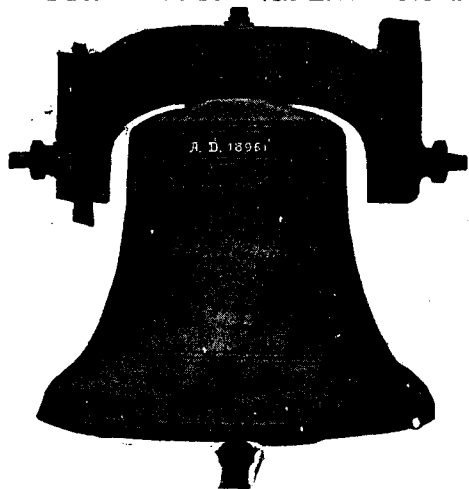
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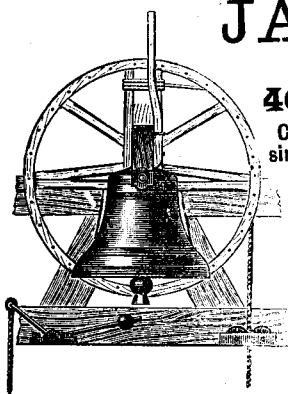
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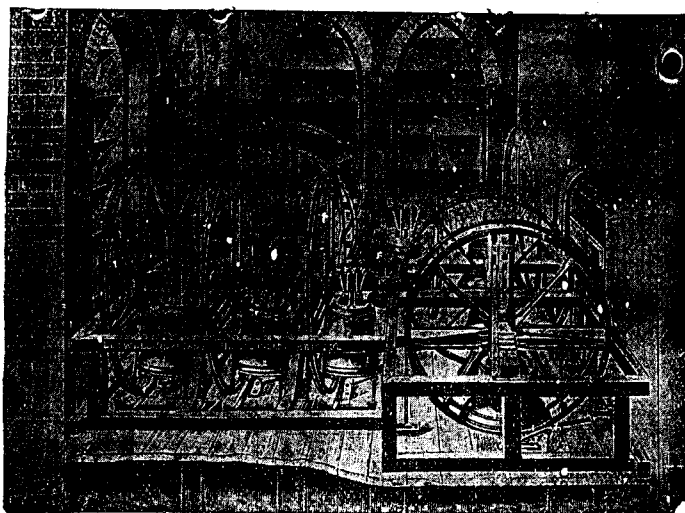
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

Babbacombe (Devon).—All Saints. No return.

Bacup (Lancashire).—St. Saviour. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1887. Tenor 10 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go very well. Everything in good condition; new 1887. Chiming apparatus fitted but seldom used. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Union, Plain and Treble Bob, Duffield. Sunday ringing 10 to 10.30 and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.15.

Baddow, Great (Essex). Eight bells. No return.

Baldersby (Yorkshire).—St. James the Great. Eight bells. No return.

Balderstone (Lancashire).—St. Mary. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1872. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking of the 7th allowed. Rehung by Mears in two tiers, three above, five below. No date given. Ropes new 1899. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing 10 to 10.30 and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

Baldock (Herts).—St. Mary. Hertford Association. Eight bells. 5th by Mears 1898. Tenor, 1711, 28 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in., the rest by Taylor, 1882. Timber frame. Bells go fairly. Ropes bad. Originally six bells, but increased to eight in 1882 and rehung in new frame by Taylor. 5th recast and rehung by Mears, 1898. Belfry windows need wiring. Gas asked for in ringing-chamber without success. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 1st in month for morning and evening services; 3rd in month, evening only. Practice: Wednesday, 8. Improvements needed in ringing-chamber.

Banbury (Oxon).—St. Mary. Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Briant, 1820; 3rd, 5th and 6th by Bagley, 1753, 1779, and 1669 respectively; 4th by Gillett, 1897; 7th by Mears, 1852. Tenor, founder uncertain, 1867, 22 cwt. Timber frame. Bells go well. General repairs by Gillett, 1897. Ropes fair. No half-pull ringing. Occasional Sunday ringing 10.30, 2.30, and 6. No regular practice.

Banstead (Surrey).—All Saints. Eight bells. No return.

Barton-under-Needwood (Staffordshire). St. James. Archdeaconry of Stafford Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd, and 4th by Mears, 1895; the rest by Rudhall, 1739. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. All rehung with new fittings, and frame strengthened by Mears, 1895, and go well. Ropes new, 1898. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing usually 15 minutes before each service. Practice: Monday, 7.30.

Barking (Essex).—St. Margaret. Essex Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd (1888), 4th and tenor (1871), 6th (1886) by Warner; 3rd by Mears, no date; 5th (1758), 7th (1753) by Lester and Pack. Tenor 22 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. Tower and bells in good order, nearly £1000 having been spent on them during the past twenty years. Ropes new 1899 and good. Methods: Standard and Surprise. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 8; occasionally Saturday.

Barrow Gurney (Somerset).—St. Mary. Bath and Wells Association. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1890. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 5 in. Timber frame. Ellacombe's chiming apparatus fitted. Bells go well. Hung by Stokes, 1890. Everything in good order. Ropes poor; new ones demanded but not obtained. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 1st and 3rd in month, one hour before morning and evening service. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

A well-attended meeting was held at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on Saturday, April 26, about seventy-five members in all being present. The peal of bells (twelve) has recently been rehung after being unfit for ringing for some considerable time, and ringers were glad of the opportunity of being able to ring touches of Cinques. A very kindly welcome was extended to those present by the Vicar (the Rev. C. W. Carrington), who conducted the usual service, and gave an excellent address; subsequently he also took the chair at the tea. The tea was provided by Mr. Councillor T. Newman, Churchwarden of Christ Church, to whom the hearty thanks of the members of the Society are due. As Mr. Newman was unable himself to be present, to the regret of all, the hearty vote of thanks passed to him was of necessity forwarded to him by the Hon. Secretary. The success of the meeting was largely due also to the arrangements made by that excellent and well-known ringer, Mr. Samuel Reeves,

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By the death of Mr. Bulwer the Exercise loses a man whose place will not easily be filled. There have been hundreds of better ringers, there have been cleverer composers, there have been more brilliant writers than he, but he was more than merely a composer or a writer; he had the gift which is not given to many men of being a leader of men. Almost the first thing that struck one about him was that he was a strong man, a man to whom one instinctively looked for advice, and his massive figure and sweeping beard gave him an air of natural dignity that compelled the respect of all those with whom he came in contact. Never losing this natural dignity, he was absolutely free from ceremony, and frequently at ringers' meetings he would take his place with the rest in the parlour of the village inn, where he would smoke an old pipe and the blackest of tobacco which he kept in a battered tin box. There can be no doubt that had he been differently situated he would have taken a high position as a method-ringer, for his first peal was one of Double Oxford, and that at a time when peals rung in that method could be counted on the fingers of one hand. But he shortly afterwards accepted the living of Stanhoe, and from that time, except at rare intervals, he was cut off from all ringing. As a natural result, although his knowledge of methods was immense, he lost to a certain extent his "ropesight," and through want of practice was not quite master of his bell. His last peal—if I remember aright—was one of Treble Bob, at Eye, about 1897, and since that time he rarely took a rope at meetings. Only four days before his death, however, he was persuaded to ring a course of Double Norwich at Bungay.

As a composer he has considerable claims to fame. It is true his compositions are seldom rung, but it mostly happens that those which show the greatest skill in their productions are not those which are most suitable for ringing in the tower. His magnificent extent of Duffield is an instance of this. When Stedman conductors begin to call some other peal than Thurstans', Mr. Bulwer's 5040s will receive their proper share of attention; and the merits of his method, New Cumberland Surprise, are too great for it wholly to drop out. Meanwhile he is represented among the compositions that are rung by a peal of Treble Bob, two or three of Double Norwich, and two or three of Surprise, all of which, though not sufficient to make a reputation, are excellent peals of their kind. Besides being a composer he possessed in no small degree the Art which was Jasper Snowdon's greatest qualification, that of teaching others what he knew himself, and his chapters on Stedman Triples, written in collaboration with Sir Arthur Heywood, are probably the most complete and successful attempt that has yet been made to investigate the laws of composition. But it is neither as composer nor writer that he most claims our veneration and gratitude. Others might equal him in composition or literature: his skill as an organiser and leader was all his own. His first opportunity came at the death of the Rev. Nathaniel Bolingbroke, the Secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association. Through ill-health and the cares of a poverty-stricken city parish, that gentleman had not the time to attend to the affairs of the Association, and at his death it seemed as if it must utterly go to pieces. Mr. Bulwer stepped into the breach. He had no easy task. The ground the Association covers is co-extensive with the largest diocese in England, the extremities on either hand being fifty miles from Norwich, the centre. The

district is mainly rural, and the means of locomotion scanty. Add to this that the new Secretary was placed at one extreme corner, eighty miles from the second important town. But Mr. Bulwer was more than equal to the difficulty, and very soon he raised the organisation of the Association to a high state of efficiency. And it should be remembered that this is not like some, a "one-company" Association; its strength is the strength of the average bands, not of one brilliant but isolated company. It was therefore only natural that he should step into the secretaryship of the Central Council, and how he has fulfilled his duties at that post every reader of "THE BELL NEWS" knows. But only those who have worked on committees with him can appreciate the skill, the patience, the thoroughness he showed. It was characteristic of the strong personality of the man that when serving on a committee of which all the members were in theory equal, it was always he who did the work. His was the mind that directed the discussion; his was the hand that drafted the report. His thoroughness and devotion to duty were never shewn better than in committee work. Others might shun the drudging of routine work, but not he. Only a week before his death he wrote to a friend of an important question that has long been before the Council: "I assure you that it is a perfect nightmare to me, and long has been; the Committee shirks it, and gives me no help." But had he lived he would have carried the matter through, perhaps all the better because it was left to his own judgment.

Perhaps the work that he did which most shews his characteristic qualities is "The Glossary." At first nominally the work of a Committee, it was his industry and patience that brought it to a successful conclusion. If any one considers the vast amount of labour that must have been expended in collecting and preparing the material for that work, he will better understand the man than from anything that can be written. This is not the place to speak of the qualities which endeared him to the large number of his personal friends; it is sufficient that he laboured for us ringers as a body, and his labour has not been in vain. Though he died in harness, we cannot say that his work is incomplete, and what nobler epitaph can any man have than this; that he served his generation according to the will of God, and has fallen asleep.

The funeral of the deceased gentleman took place in Stanhoe churchyard on Thursday, the 8th instant. A report will appear in our next number.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The half-yearly gathering of the members of this Association was held on Saturday, the 26th ult, at the Blackburn Parish Church. Delegates attended from a large number of churches in the county. A service held in the evening at the Parish Church was attended by all the delegates who were addressed by the Right Rev. Bishop Thornton. The voice of the bell, said the preacher, was a voice from heaven which spoke through the bell. Bell-ringing then was a blessed and a sacred thing. They gave a variety of messages at different times, but the message they most heard was that of "Come, come, come in," which was given to the Christians, inviting them to assemble for worship. The church bell had three functions, jubilation, admonition and invitation; and the message which was given by the bell through a voice from Heaven was one to which they should listen with the ears of their soul. He did not consider that he was speaking too strongly in saying that the function of bell-ringing was a grand one, and just a

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the mediæval artists used to invoke a blessing upon their brush and canvas before painting; and just as Handel used to say grace before touching his organ, so the bell-ringer should be a worshipper. Unless the change ringer was a Church attender he was kindling on God's altar a strange fire; he was touching the holy ark with unhallowed hands. They spoke to the people, through the bells, with the voice of the Most High, and, therefore, he called on them to see to it that they kept their own hearts and ears open to the deeper message that the sounds were charged with, so that when earth's sounds grew fainter and then ceased, their soul should hear, like the bells with solemn steady vibration, the voice of Christ say "Peace."

A meeting followed in the schoolroom, presided over by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, Vicar of St. George's Bolton. The Chairman remarked on the good attendance of delegates and congratulated the Musbury ringers on having secured the honour of being first ringers of the "Peal of London." Regarding the application of that body of ringers for a new peal-board, he would suggest that the matter lie in abeyance until the Committee meeting in August. The suggestion was accepted. Bishop Thornton was added to the list of honorary members at his special and earnest request, and Mr. Arthur Denton, Holy Trinity, Blackburn, was proposed and accepted as a member.

The chairman said that one great object of the Association was to bring together in a pleasant way the clergy and the bell-ringers. He had received a note of apology from Dr. Moffatt (Holy Trinity), who could not be present, but they were very glad to welcome Bishop Thornton amongst them. They were also very glad to welcome a new ringing parson in Mr. Stowell, of Chorley. They would all like to see the very small body of ringing clergy in Lancashire reinforced, and they hoped it was going to be reinforced in Blackburn, under Mr. Walker's care before very long. Bishop Thornton said he was quite sure that some did not realise the duty they owed to ringers, though of course they knew the value and the necessity of good ringing. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A Monthly Meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Burbage on Saturday, the 3rd instant. Branch Chairman (Rev. J. H. Burn) and the Secretary (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham) were present and about thirty representatives from local towers. The Vicar, the Rev. R. Clifford Hawkes very kindly entertained the company to tea at the Schoolroom, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him at its conclusion for his hospitality. The bells were kept going for the greater part of the afternoon and 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."

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SIR,—It is much to be hoped that the proposal to strengthen this Guild from a change-ringing point of view will be carried out next year. If any argument in favour of the movement is needed, it can certainly be found in the account of the annual meeting. We read: "not far short of 100 ringers" adjourned to the various steeples. And what did this gallant assembly manage to pull off? "Some Grandsire Triples, and a course of Stedman Doubles!" A truly fine performance after twenty years of hard work. Why in another twenty years they might achieve

a true and complete 6-score! And yet we are led to believe that some members are perfectly contented, and think it a great pity to disturb so excellent a Guild by any disturbance of its methods, or principles.

J. E. ACLAND-TROYTE.

THE LOST DRAFT.

SIR,—Will you kindly inform the members of the Committee on Methods that I have made enquiries about our missing draft report, and find that it was delivered at my last address and refused there. I wrote dead letter office, and have just received a form from there stating that unclaimed letters are at once destroyed. I will write to the various members about the drawing up of a fresh draft. I cannot close this letter without reference to the sad news of the sudden death of Mr. Bulwer, which has just reached me. Only last Monday I received a note from him about the missing draft, and now he has gone. Many of us will mourn him as a personal friend, and it will be long before the Exercise at large realises how great is its loss. Only those who have been associated with him on the work of the Norwich Diocesan Association or of the Central Council can appreciate the thoroughness, the patience, and the technical skill which he brought to the consideration of the many subjects which came before him. At least for us there is the knowledge that all this has not been in vain, for though he rests from his labours, his works do follow him.

J. A. TROLLOPE

May 7th.

(This letter arrived too late for last week.)

Obituary.

CHARLES WINFIELD.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of the above ringer, which took place at his residence 37, Spencer Street, Cardiff, rather suddenly on Sunday April 20th. 1902, after only four days illness, at the early age of 33 years. He was buried at Cardiff Cemetery, on Wednesday April 23rd. He was a most painstaking and regular ringer at St. John's church ever since the formation of the present Band and was this year elected Captain of the Band. He was also elected a member of the Llandaff Diocesan Association on December 26th, 1897. His brother ringers attended the funeral as bearers, and after the funeral the bells of St. John's were rung muffled. A wreath was placed on his grave with a card bearing the words: "In loving remembrance from his fellow ringers of St. John the Baptist church, Cardiff."

JEREMY THORNTON.

BORN November, 1834; DIED April 30th, 1902.

With regret we record the death of the above named ringer, the oldest member of the St. Paul's Church Company Drighlington. When the peal of eight bells was presented to the new church by Mrs. Hague, of Dewsbury in 1880, Thornton was past middle age, nevertheless his inclination led him to join the first band of pupils, and he persevered until he overcame the difficulties. Since then he has rung in several peals, and has remained one of the most staunch attendants of the belfry, ever being ready to make up complete a visiting band who came shorthanded. For a long period he had been the tower keeper, for some few years a sidesman of the church, and last Easter was chosen as parishioners' warden. Since 1881 he has been a member of the Yorkshire Association. The interment took place on Saturday May 3rd, in the churchyard adjoining. In the absence of the Vicar, who was represented by his warden, the service was taken by the curate, Mr. Eastwood. The surpliced choir attended, and the hymn "Now the labourer's task is o'er" was impressively sung by them, the organist rendering the Dead March in *Saul*, as the coffin was borne out by the deceased's fellow-ringers. At the close the ringers rang with the bells deeply muffled several touches of Kent Treble Bob Major. The meeting of the Yorkshire Association at Bingley the same afternoon doubtless prevented many others who would otherwise have attended the funeral.

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ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1901, AND PUBLISHED IN THIS PAPER. TABULATED ACCORDING TO VALUE IN POINTS.

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The 31 peals by Independent Societies were rung in the following counties: Bedfordshire, 1; Derbyshire, 2; Essex, 3; Gloucester, 1; Hertford, 1; Kent, 3; Lancashire, 2; Middlesex, 1; Northamptonshire, 2; Oxfordshire, 1; Somersetshire, 1; Staffordshire, 4; Surrey, 2; Sussex, 2; Warwickshire, 1; Wiltshire, 1; Worcestershire, 2; Yorkshire, 1. The greatest number of changes in one peal was the 11,111 Stedman Cinques by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham (record peal). A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major by the Midland Counties' Association contained 10,176 changes, and a peal in 9 Minor methods by the Kent County Association contained 10,080 changes. Over 8,000 changes, one peal; over 7,000 changes, one peal; over 6,000 changes, two peals; under 6,000 changes, 1187. In addition to the record peal of Stedman Cinques by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, six unique records have been made by the Ancient Society of College Youths during the year, viz.: Silent peals of London and Cambridge Surprise Major; a peal each of London, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise in one day. The first peal of Superlative Surprise Major on handbells, and Thurstans' one-part peal of Stedman Triples rung silent on church bells, also on handbells. The first peal of Bristol Surprise Major was also rung by the St. Peter's society, Brighton. This method (composed by the Rev. E. Bankes James), is considered to be the most intricate (in ringing) yet discovered. The 310 peals of Grandsire Triples are made up as follows: Holt's ten-part, 95; Holt's Original, 60; Holt's six-part, 6; Parker's twelve-part, 25; Taylor's Bob-and-Single, 25; Carter's twelve-part, 12; Hollis' five-part, 10; Vicars' six-part, 10; Davies' five-part, 8; James' ten-part, 7; Parker's six-part, 4; other peals, 48. The 188 peals of Stedman Triples: Thurstans' four-part and Variations, 146; Thurstans' one-part, 28; Thurstans' five-part, 2; other peals, 12. The 148 peals of Treble Bob Maximus, Royal and Major: In the Kent Variation, 126; in the Oxford Variation, 22. The time occupied in ringing

Short, W. Taylor and W. H. B. Wilkins, 10; I. Creed, J. H. Cheesman, W. Micklewright, Joseph Potter and E. Wightman, 9; J. Austin, J. W. Barker, T. T. Gofton, T. King, J. Motts, W. T. Pegler and T. H. Taffender, 8; F. Bennett, G. Cattermole, H. Chapman, E. Lindup, T. Ricketts, A. E. Thompson, C. Willshire, 7; T. Barlow, J. Beams, W. Bedwell, J. Dillon, J. E. Groves, W. Keeble, H. R. Newton, G. N. Price, A. E. Reeves, A. Scott, A. G. Warnes, W. Watts and A. E. Wreaks, 6; J. Basden, W. H. L. Buckingham, T. Card, W. Coombes, G. T. Daltry, J. Evans, W. E. Garrard, F. Gilbert, R. E. Grove, F. Hopgood, J. Houghton, jun., W. C. Hunt, E. E. Huntley, Rev. H. L. James, F. J. Lewis, J. Parker, F. T. Spence, G. Wightman and J. W. Washbrook, 5; J. H. Banks, H. Barton, W. A. Cave, J. M. Chadwick, J. A. Gofton, H. P. Harman, T. Langdon, H. Langdon, W. H. Lawrence, J. Monk, John Potter, H. Puttock, T. Redman, F. Richardson, W. S. Smith, W. Somerville, F. W. Thornton, A. Y. Tyler, W. Willson and B. W. Wittchell, 4. In addition to these there were 36 who conducted 3 peals; 68 who conducted 2 peals, and 219 who conducted 1 peal; also 5 silent peals; 3 peals published without a conductor's name, and a peal on six bells in which all the ringers conducted a part, making a total of 412 persons who acted as conductors during the year. Number of peals on church bells, 1171; on handbells, 23. They were rung as follows: January, 106; February, 159; March, 80; April, 87; May, 100; June, 71; July, 50; August, 59; September 87; October, 100; November, 142; December, 153; total, 1194. Increase on previous year, 270. The 1194 peals is the greatest number ever rung in one year. In reckoning totals of points, peals of over 7,000 changes count as 2 peals, over 10,000 and under 12,000 changes 3 peals. The following table gives the first 20 societies and their relative positions since 1895, points being first used in 1895 to determine the premier position.

	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901
1 Middlesex County Association	—	—	25	18	9	4	1
2 Oxford Diocesan Guild	2	1	3	2	1	1	2
3 Sussex County Association	1	2	1	1	2	5	3
4 Kent County Association	5	7	7	8	3	3	4
5 Ancient Society of College Youths ..	7	5	2	4	4	2	5
6 Norwich Diocesan Association	3	4	5	9	5	6	6
7 St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham ..	14	21	13	20	16	8	7
8 Lancashire Association	8	10	4	5	7	7	8
9 Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Assn.	10	13	12	7	11	11	9
10 Essex County Association	16	16	11	10	12	9	10

	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901
11 Midland Counties' Association	6	3	8	6	6	13	11
12 Yorkshire Association	4	6	9	11	8	14	12
13 Winchester Diocesan Guild	12	9	14	12	15	10	13
14 Hertford County Association	29	25	19	13	18	20	14
15 Central Northampton Association ..	23	18	10	14	14	16	15
16 Durham and Newcastle Association ..	9	8	18	19	31	18	16
17 Bedfordshire Association	15	17	15	15	25	25	17
18 Worcester and District Association ..	19	12	6	3	10	15	18
19 Society Archdeaconry of Stafford ..	22	15	21	17	13	19	19
20 Chester Diocesan Guild	27	19	24	22	23	21	20

The following table gives the number of peals rung annually since the publication of "THE BELL NEWS."

1881 ..	156	1888 ..	759	1895 ..	766
1882 ..	244	1889 ..	797	1896 ..	791
1883 ..	330	1890 ..	699	1897 ..	905
1884 ..	419	1891 ..	878	1898 ..	1002
1885 ..	500	1892 ..	802	1899 ..	912
1886 ..	556	1893 ..	705	1900 ..	924
1887 ..	646	1894 ..	859	1901 ..	1194

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SWANSCOMB. On January 27th, 720 Cambridge Surprise. A. Broom, G. Hayes, F. J. King, F. Hayes, J. Broom, W. Harper conductor. On February, 23rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Hayes, B. Harrison, F. J. Ring, W. Lane, W. Martin, W. Harper conductor. On March 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Broom, G. Hayes, W. Lane, M. Digby, J. Broom, W. Harper conductor. Also 720 Superlative. H. Millows, W. Lane, F. J. Ring, M. Digby, G. Hayes, W. Harper conductor. On March 30th, 720 Superlative Surprise. H. Millows, W. Lane, F. J. Ring, G. Hayes, W. Martin, W. Harper conductor. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. M. Digby, A. Broom, F. J. Ring, W. Lane, J. Broom, W. Harper conductor. On April 14th, 720 Rochester Surprise. J. Broom, W. Lane, F. J. Ring, R. Copeling, M. Digby, W. Harper conductor. On April 21st, 720 Bob Minor. G. Hayes,

G. Louth, F. J. Ring, M. Digby, W. Martin, W. Harper conductor. On April 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Hayes conductor, A. Osborne, F. J. Ring, W. J. Walker, W. Haigh, L. Silver.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHIPPING.—On March 16th, 288 Kent Treble Bob. On March 23rd, 360 Plain Bob, 360 College Single. On April 6th, 288 and 720 Kent. On April 13th, 120 Canterbury and 360 Oxford Bob. On April 20th, 240 Oxford Treble Bob and 108 Grandsire. R. Kenyon, J. Seed, J. T. Kenyon, F. Timbrell, W. T. H. Timbrell conductor, E. Timbrell, T. Seed. On handbells, 360 and 720 Plain Bob, 720 Canterbury, 360 Grandsire, and a plain course each of College Single and a plain course each of College Single and Oxford Bob. F. Timbrell, 1-2; E. Timbrell, 3-4; W. T. H. Timbrell (conductor), 5 6.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 1902.

THE Central Council will hold its meeting next Tuesday under circumstances of depression and gloom. A prominent and familiar figure, a man of light and leading in the Exercise, one whose personality begat no small amount of admiration, will be absent from his post. The Honorary Secretary of the Council has suddenly been called home, to that rest which "remaineth" for such as he. The blow is a terrible one; the suddenness has appalled for the time not only his immediate and close friends, but all who have read about his work among ringers and ringing.

The members of the Council, and others who may attend the gathering at Worcester, will not be slow to comply with the request of the President which is printed on the opposite page. Naturally, by reason of such a truly lamentable loss, upon the President will devolve the whole conduct of the business of the meeting, and that without the assistance of the colleague whom death has snatched away. No doubt this fact will impress itself upon the meeting, and the business be in consequence dispatched in an easy manner.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The President (J. Sanicroft Holmes, Esq.), desires to announce to the members of the above Association and others, that he has requested Mr. C. E. Borrett to carry on the secretaryship rendered vacant by the lamented death of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, until further arrangements can be made.

All communications should therefore be addressed to C. E. Borrett, 10, Chester Street, Norwich.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Twelfth Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers will be held on Whit-Tuesday, May 20th, in the Old Council Chamber at the Guildhall, Worcester—kindly lent by the Worshipful the Mayor for the purpose of the meeting—at 11 a.m. punctually. The morning sitting will be adjourned at one o'clock till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, till 5 o'clock.

The Standing Committee will meet at the same place at 10 a.m. precisely. Important business.

There will be a gathering of members and their friends in the evening at 9 o'clock till 11 at The Star hotel.

AGENDA.

1. Minutes of the last meeting, and vote of condolence.
2. Election of Honorary Members (if desired).
3. Treasurer's Statement.
4. Hon. Secretary to report progress of Peal Collection Committee.
5. To receive and consider the Report of the Committee on what constitutes a "Legitimate" Method.
6. To receive any further Report of the Committee on the Condition of Rings.
7. To receive the Report of the Committee on Association and Belfry Rules.
8. To receive the Report of the Standing Committee as to "record" performances.
9. To discuss the following subject: "Ringers as Church-goers. Are we satisfied with the present standard or attendance?"
10. To draw attention to the large number of insufficiently proved compositions, and of worthless methods, sent from time to time to "THE BELL NEWS" for insertion.

The President requests that, as a mark of respect to the late Honorary Secretary, any peals in connection with the meeting be rung muffled, and also that there be no ringing in the City of Worcester during the Council's visit.

NOTICES.

Peals will be arranged on Saturday, May 17, at Christ Church, West Bromwich (12) at 4 p.m., and on Whit-Monday, May 19, at St. Martin's, Birmingham (12) at 10 a.m. Members of the Council wishing to take a rope can do so by communicating with the Master of the St. Martin's Guild, Mr. W. Short, 64, Moland Street, Birmingham.

HALLOW (Worcester).—Should any Central Council members arrive in Worcester on Whit-Monday, and would like to attempt a peal early on the Tuesday morning they can do so at the above tower (8 bells) by applying to me. Time 6.0 a.m. sharp. This tower is two-and-a-half miles from Worcester Cross.—W. Page, Harboro Cottage, Hallow, Worcester.

If any Yorkshire ringers intend going to the Central Council meeting, will they kindly drop a post-card to "T.M., Height House, Pudsey?" An excursion train on the Midland Railway leaves Keighley at 12.30 a.m., Bradford 12.35 a.m., and Leeds at 12.50 a.m. on Monday, returning on Wednesday.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY Treble.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	JAMES GEORGE 8.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	ERNEST PYE 9.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 5.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The Provinces.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

J. CHIVERS Treble.	S. PERKINS 5.
C. COOKE* 2.	E. MANKLOW 6.
J. SMITH 3.	†A. LAWRENCE 7.
W. J. WOLFE 4.	G. RABBITT Tenor.

Conducted by A. LAWRENCE.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to C. Mitchell, who was Master of this company for several years.

PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 23, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

C. T. P. BRICE Treble.	*FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. 5.
CHARLES BAKER* 2.	*JAMES BROUGHTON 6.
JAMES TANN 3.	FREDERICK SMITH 7.
ROBERT WHITING 4.	†GEORGE MITCHELL Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES T. P. BRICE.

†First peal. *First peal in the method. This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

DARLINGTON.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 29, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

ARTHUR RAYNOR* Treble.	ERNEST C. HUNT 5.
WILLIAM D. LISTER 2.	JAMES BAXTER 6.
GEORGE LUNGLEY* 3.	WILLIAM H. PORTER .. 7.
THOMAS CLARK 4.	*MORRIS DALBY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. PORTER.

*First peal.

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 1, 1902, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

W. BASTOW Treble.	R. W. JENNISON 5.
A. SMITH 2.	S. BATEMAN 6.
W. W. LUND 3.	J. MCGOUN 7.
T. BANCROFT 4.	S. MURGATROYD Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by W. BASTOW.

EXETER.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 3, 1902, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ERNEST SEARLE Treble.	THOMAS MUDGE 5.
ARTHUR W. SEARLE 2.	WM. RICHARDSON 6.
CHARLES CARTER 3.	JAMES MOSS 7.
EDWIN SHEPHERD 4.	JOHN RICHARDS Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR W. SEARLE.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, May 5, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S ODD-BOB ONE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs in F sharp.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Treble.	ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. 5.
THOMAS MILLER 2.	HARRY WITHERS 6.
JOSEPH PIGOTT 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 7.
WILLIAM SHORT 4.	JAMES DOWLER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This composition, now rung for the first time, has 418 bobs and two singles, and is considered by the author to be the hardest composition to conduct in any method up to date. The figures will appear in due course.

DEANE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 5, 1902, in Two Hours Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH PENNINGTON .. Treble.	ROBERT FIDDIES 5.
ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. 2.	WALTER HENSHALL .. 6.
WILLIAM DUCKWORTH .. 3.	GEORGE PINCOTT 7.
JOHN MOSCROP 4.	TITUS BARLOW Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and

Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Pennington.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 6, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

THOMAS MILLER .. Treble.	ERNEST ALLAWAY 7.
CHARLES DICKENS 2.	HARRY WITHERS 8.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 3.	JOHN NEAL 9.
WALTER BRYANT 4.	JAMES E. GROVES .. 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS .. 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 11.
WILLIAM SHORT 6.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

†First peal of Cinques.

BROMLEY, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 6, 1902, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

RICHARD HIMST .. Treble.	JOSEPH TOWN 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	THOMAS HARFORD .. 6.
GEORGE J. TAYLOR 3.	JOSEPH E. CRAFT .. 7.
GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 4.	GEORGE T. DURLING .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by GEORGE T. DURLING.

†First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor. These bells have just been rehung and quarter-turned by Gillett and Johnston, and the "go" of them is all that can be desired.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 7, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. B. JAMES' TEN-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

C. COX Treble.	T. MANSFIELD 5.
S. KNIGHT 2.	A. SMITH 6.
J. G. LUSHER 3.	C. LYES 7.
W. VEAL 4.	G. PARSONS Tenor.

Conducted by T. MANSFIELD.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 7, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of College Single, and three each of Court Bob and Oxford Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE FEIST† .. Treble.	JOHN FEIST, SEN. .. 4.
FREDERICK STONER† .. 2.	JOHN FEIST, JUN. .. 5.
JAMES FEIST 3.	FREDERICK W. CRIPPS .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. W. CRIPPS.

†First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Feist 1 and 5. This peal was rung on a new set of ropes supplied by Mr. J. Pritchard, of Loughborough, which are all that can be desired.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, May 10, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS WARD .. Treble.	FRANCIS FAY 5.
JOSEPH JENNINGS† .. 2.	GEORGE F. SWANN .. 6.
WILLIAM WARD 3.	BERNARD WITCHELL .. 7.
EDWARD STRINGER* .. 4.	PATRICK FINITY Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

*First peal. Further reference to this peal elsewhere.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1902, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS B. KENDALL .. Treble.	JAMES COTTERELL 5.
REV. C. C. MARSHALL* .. 2.	JOSEPH BROADLEY .. 6.
JOHN CLAYTON 3.	BENJAMIN F. LAMB .. 7.
JOHN PALFRAMAN .. 4.	G. A. O. NETTLETON .. Tenor.

Composed by W. ROYLE, and Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

*First peal.

WOBURN, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Treble.	*SIDNEY AVIS 5.
ERNEST HERBERT* .. 2.	*MARK LANE 6.
WALTER CHIBNALL* .. 3.	FRANK WEBB 7.
JOHN W. BARKER .. 4.	MORTIMER MATTHEWS .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal in the method. This is J. W. Barker's 100th peal.

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AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 10, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS WRIGHT† Treble.	WILLIAM HALE 6.
GARRIE MILES† 2.	*SIDNEY BAKER 7.
JOHN AUSTIN 3.	ALFRED T. BRUNSDON .. 8.
JESSE GILLET 4.	ERNEST E. DAVIS 9.
HUBERT SCRIVENS† 5.	*ALBERT HANKS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

*First peal. †First peal of Caters. Further reference elsewhere.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor about 19 cwt.

ALBERT J. HUGHES* .. Treble.	GEORGE COCKIN 5.
THOMAS PIGOTT* 2.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 6.
ARTHUR E. PEGLER 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. 4.	MATTHEW HACKETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal of Stedman; also the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1902, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5472 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM LEVER Treble.	EDWIN TIMBRELL 5.
ALFRED POTTER 2.	TITUS BARLOW 6.
THOMAS PEERS 3.	JOSEPH POTTER 7.
WILLIAM T. H. TIMBRELL .. 4.	JOHN POTTER Tenor.

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, and Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

FREDERICK PALMER .. Treble.	WALTER PERKINS 5.
JAMES GARRATT 2.	JOHN B. MARTIN 6.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 3.	JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN. .. 7.
JOHN J. MAWBY 4.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

J. Houghton, sen. is seventy-three years of age, and it is fifty years since he rung his first 5000.

SPALDING.—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 10, 1902, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

AMOS PATCHETT† .. Treble.	*RICHARD MACKMAN 5.
RUPERT RICHARDSON .. 2.	ROBERT MARSHALL 6.
REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 3.	*GEORGE TOMLINSON 7.
FRED TOMLINSON* 4.	GEORGE LADD Tenor.

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and
 Conducted by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

†First peal. *First peal of Major. This is the first peal of Major on the bells.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HENRY TUCKER .. Treble.	FRANK HOPGOOD 5.
AMBROSE OSBORNE 2.	CHARLES GILES 6.
G. W. T. SMITH 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
ERNEST BRUCE 4.	HERBERT FRANKUM .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

HIGHWORTH, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

THOMAS RICKETTS .. Treble.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. 5.
CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 2.	ERNEST BISHOP 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE 3.	HENRY ROBERTS 7.
THOMAS ROBINSON 4.	JAMES L. WELLS .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST BISHOP.

Handbell Peals.

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THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 8, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. LEWIS,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

HENRY LEWIS 1-2.	HERBERT MARTIN 5-6.
GEORGE W. CARTMEL .. 3-4.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 7-8.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

Umpire—J. Earwicker. This peal was also rung on a previous attempt on April 30th last, but owing to a blunder being made at end of same it was decided to ring it again.

The following peals have been rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rev. H. Earle Bulwer.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, May 10, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 32 cwt.

ISAAC S. ALEXANDER .. Treble.	JAMES MOTTS 5.
WALTER LAST 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6.
WILLIAM MOTTS 3.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 7.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 4.	ALBERT GILLINGHAM .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, May 10, 1902, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE RUMSEY .. Treble.	*CHARLES F. BAILEY 5.
JAMES G. RUMSEY 2.	WILLIAM J. GROOM 6.
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY .. 3.	CHARLES BRUNNING 7.
WILLIAM GRIMES 4.	ALFRED W. GRIMES .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
 Conducted by WILLIAM GRIMES.

*First peal in the method and first attempt. This composition is now rung for the first time.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 10, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT G. WARNES Treble.	EDWARD FRANCIS 5.
PERCY C. ARTIS 2.	HORACE HOWLET 6.
HERBERT W. STANLEY 3.	SAMUEL SMITH 7.
ALBERT ROUGHT 4.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS.. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALBERT C. WARNES.

Reference will be found elsewhere.

SPROUTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 11, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Superlative Surprise, and two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER BROWN Treble.	EDGAR RIVERS 4.
GEORGE W. MEE 2.	FRANK ROLFE 5.
ALFRED G. RIVERS 3.	CHARLES MEE Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The time occupied in ringing the peal at Barking, Essex, and reported in our last issue should read 2 hrs. 58 mins. not 2 hrs. 48 mins.

"No PEAL."—The Stedman Caters rung at Aston on January 16th this year and conducted by William Short, is not a peal, owing to its being short of 5001 changes, the number rung being 4991.

Date Touches.

ERDINGTON (Warwickshire).—On Easter Sunday, March 30th, after evening service at the church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, a date touch of 1902 Stedman Triples, composed by J. P. Bradley, in 1 hr. 2 mins. G. Swann conductor, J. Jennings, W. Ward, E. Stringer, F. Fay, B. Wittchell T. Ward, P. Finity.

Miscellaneous.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PRESTON (Suffolk)—The following 720s have been rung during the months of January, February and March: January 1st, Violet; January 4th, College Exercise; January 11th, College Exercise; 12th, New London; 15th, Duke of York; 25th, New London; 26th, Violet; 29th, Woodbine and Oxford. February 1st, Woodbine; 9th, College Pleasure; 12th, Oxford; 19th, Violet and College Exercise. March 8th, New London; 15th, Woodbine; 19th, College Exercise; 22nd, New London; 23rd, Kent and Oxford. The following took part in the ringing: T. A. Hollocks, W. Hollocks, H. Crick, J. Fayers, H. Poulson, H. D. Poulson, C. Levett, H. Gladwell, W. Kinsey, T. Levitt, A. Symonds.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday evening, April 20th, for Divine Service, 700 Grandsire Triples. T. Wright, G. Miles, A. Gwinnett, W. Hale, C. West, J. Poole, W. Bateman, A. Hanks. On Tuesday, April 22nd, for practice, a 616 and 559 Grandsire Triples. T. Wright, C. West, A. Gwinnett, S. Baker, G. Miles, J. Poole, W. Hale, A. Hanks. F. Cole rang the 6th in the 616. On Sunday evening, April 27th, for Divine Service, 624 Grandsire Caters. T. Wright, G. Miles, A. Gwinnett, C. West, H. Grosvenor, W. Hale, S. Baker, J. Poole, W. Bateman, A. Hanks. On Sunday, May 1st, for Divine Service, 324 Grandsire Caters and 336 Triples. For Divine Service in the evening, 672 Grandsire Triples. T. Wright, H. Grosvenor, A. Gwinnett, W. Hale, C. West, F. Cole, W. Bateman, A. Hanks.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On February 5th, 518 Grandsire Triples. A.

Crane, F. Hedges conductor, R. Meager, W. Sear, A. Atkins, H. Sear, E. Marks, H. Thurlow. On Wednesday, February 5th, 168 Grandsire Triples. V. Sear, H. Atkins, R. Meager, W. Sear, F. Hedges, E. Marks, H. Sear conductor, H. Thurlow. On Sunday, February 9th, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. A. Crane, W. Sear, R. Meager, V. Sear, A. Atkins, A. G. Crane, F. Hedges conductor, F. Goodman, On Saturday, April 27th, an attempt was made for Holt's ten-part, but it came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 5 mins. M. Matthews, F. Hedges conductor, W. Tucker, S. Avis, H. Sear, E. Herbert, F. Sear, A. Atkins.

ERDINGTON (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, May 4th, before evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. T. Ward, J. Jennings, W. Ward, E. Stringer, F. Fay, G. Swann, B. Wittchell conductor, P. Finity.

WATCHET (Somersetshire).—On Sunday, May 4th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins. H. G. Organ, C. Binding, W. R. Hensley, R. Chubb, C. Grundy conductor. A. Jones.

The following touches have been rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rev. H. Earle Bulwer:—

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

AYLSHAM (Norfolk).—On Monday, May 12th, at the parish church, 1056 Bob Major. C. Kemp, F. Digby, G. Neale, J. M. Roberts, Jacob Moy, W. J. Rought, G. Moy conductor, John Moy.

DISS (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, May 13th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins. G. Archer, W. Wiskens, J. Tite, J. Souter, W. Chenery, E. Hayward, F. Borrett conductor, W. Ireland. And 224 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Ireland conductor, J. Tite, J. Smith, F. Borrett, G. Archer, A. Hammond, E. Hayward, J. Souter.

EARL SOHAM (Suffolk).—On Monday, May 12th, 120 each of Grandsire, April Day, Plain, Old and Antelope Doubles. A. Leggatt, G. Balls, J. Barker, J. A. Read, J. W. Mallett, A. Turner, W. G. Crickmer.

FENNY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On May 1st, 720 Grandsire Doubles. A. Crane, F. Hedges, R. Meager, A. Atkins, H. Sear conductor, H. Thurlow.

NORTH ELMHAM.—On Thursday, May 8th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. F. Futter, W. E. Ayers, C. Ayers, T. Cooper, F. J. Futter, W. J. Howson conductor, E. Smith.

NORWICH.—On Thursday, May 8th, at St. Peter Mancroft, 396 Grandsire Cinques. C. E. Borrett conductor, F. J. Howchin, E. Ward, W. Bales, H. W. Stanley, P. Sadler, A. Rought, G. Howchin, F. H. Knights, A. G. Warnes, F. Knights, S. Smith. The services at the church on this day (Ascension Day) prevented further ringing.

PULHAM ST. MARY (Norfolk).—On Sunday, May 11th, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but after ringing 1358 changes a mishap occurred. C. T. P. Brice, W. D. Smith, J. Tann, R. Whiting, E. Berrett, F. Borrett, F. Smith, G. Mitchell. And a touch of 896 in the same method.

REDENHALL (Norfolk).—On Saturday, May 10th, 2650 Bob Major. F. Borrett conductor, E. Borrett, H. Borrett, J. Betts, W. Barrett, E. Poppy, F. Smith, J. Souter.

ST. CROSS (Suffolk).—On Monday, May 12th, the bells were rung muffled by Messrs. O. Brock, H. Hadingham, R. Hadingham, W. Newham, E. Poppy.

STOWMARKET (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 11th, for morning service, several touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major was rung. W. Welham, F. Allard, C. Alderton, G. Melbourne, C. Souter, W. Tydeman, W. Scuter, W. Rouse.

WELLS (Norfolk).—On Wednesday evening, May 7th, at St. Nicholas church, a 1008 of Bob Triples. F. Williamson, J. Spooner, C. Hendry, W. Savory, J. Skinner conductor, F. Stone, T. Wright, W. Titt.

LATE NOTICES.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shifnal on Saturday, May 31st. Ringing at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 5 o'clock. Train leaves Shrewsbury at 2.50 p.m. J. MACKAY, Hon. Sec.

Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells open from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at The Skyrack hotel at 7 p.m. CHARLES PRATT, Hon. Sec.

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Notices.

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Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Leigh to-day, Saturday, May 17th.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pleasley, to-day, Saturday, May 17. Tea at 4.30, meeting afterwards. All ringing friends invited.

T. ALLIBONE, *Secretary.*

North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

Kent County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Maidstone on Whit-Monday, May 19th. Committee Meeting in All Saints' vestry 11.15 a.m. Service at 12. The address will be given by the Rev. Canon Joy, Vicar of Maidstone. Dinner in All Saints' Boys' School 1 p.m. Business meeting for election of officers, etc. after dinner. The following towers will be open for ringing: All Saints, Maidstone (10), Leeds (10), Aylesford (8), West Malling (8), Barming (6), Boxley (6), East Farleigh (6), and St. Michael's, Maidstone (6). The peal-book will be on view in All Saints vestry.

FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

Canterbury.

The Essex Association.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday at Chelmsford. Sermon at the parish church at 11.30 with address by the Rev. T. L. Papillon. Business Meeting at Vestry Hall at 12.15 p.m. Dinner in Boys' School at 2 p.m.

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

Great Totham Vicarage.

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The fourth annual meeting of the above will be held at Northallerton on Whit-Monday, May 19th. Service at 12.0 noon. Preacher—Rev. B. N. Thomas, Rector of Guisborough. Dinner (members 1s., others 2s.) at 1.0 p.m. at The Rose and Crown; followed by annual business meeting at 2.0 p.m. Committee Meeting same place 11.15 a.m.

REV. W. P. WRIGHT, *Hon. Sec. and Treas.*
Stokesley, R.S.O.

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—The annual meeting of the above will take place at Northampton on Whit-Monday, May 19th. By special permission the bells of the usual churches will be available for ringing from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and from 4 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Service at St. Giles' church at 1 p.m. Luncheon and business meeting at The Peacock hotel at 2 p.m. T. R. HENSHER, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*
Rushden.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The Whit-Monday meeting will be held in Sunderland where the bells of the parish church (8) Bishopwearmouth (8), and St. Ignatius (6), will be open for use all day. Dinner at The Grand hotel, Fawcett Street, at 1 p.m., 1s. 6d. to members, 3s. to non-members. Committee Meeting at the same place 11.30 a.m.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*

Wylam-on-Tyne.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern District.—A Meeting of the above will be held at St. Etheldreda's, Hatfield, on Whit-Monday, May 19th. Tower open from 11 a.m.

J. SHEPPARD, *District Sec.*

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Cottenham on Whit-Monday, May 19th. A meat tea will be provided at Cottenham at 4 p.m. Histon bells also available. All ringers welcome.

P. WEBB, *Dis. Sec.*

Wirksworth Tap Dressings.—The annual fete and gala will be held on Whit-Wednesday, May 21st. The tower of the parish church will be open at 11 o'clock, and all ringing friends are cordially invited.

WILLIAM FOX.

The Lancashire Association of Six Bell Ringers.—The annual meeting will be held at Leyland parish church on Saturday, May 24th.

JAMES HIGSON, *Sec.*

60, Church Street, Blackrod.

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—A District Meeting (no allowances) will be held at Brabourne, on Saturday afternoon, May 24th, at 4 o'clock.

C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

North Wingfield, Derbyshire.—The new trebles will be dedicated on Saturday, May 31st. Service at 4 p.m. Free tea at 5 p.m. All members of both East Derbyshire Associations invited, also all ringing friends. Ringers attending tea are requested to send a postcard not later than May 26th to

T. ALLIBONE, *Local Sec.*

North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A special meeting of the above Branch will be held at Walton-on-the-Hill, on Saturday, May 31st, when the Lord Bishop of the Diocese will address the members. The Rev. Canon Leigh, Rector, has most kindly offered to provide tea for those present. All ringers warmly welcomed. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Members earnestly requested to attend. REV. C. A. CLEMENTS, *Secretary.*
5, Marsden Road, Southport.

The Devonshire Guild.—The Exeter Cathedral bells will be re-opened on June 24. Dedicator Service 2 p.m. Ringing from 4.15 by Devon Guild. F. MOLINEUX, *Hon. Sec.*
Harford, Ottery St. Mary.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT NORWICH.—This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, who was for many years Hon. Secretary of the Association, and is the first complete peal ever rung muffled in the city of Norwich. This peal was also rung by a band composed entirely of members of the St. Peter Mancroft Purse Club or Sick Benefit Society, which is believed to be the only Sick Benefit Society in existence, carried on solely by and for ringers. The last peal rung by members of the Club was at St. Andrew's church in Norwich, in the year 1842, and was a peal of Oxford Treble Ten, conducted by the late Henry Hubbard.

THE PEAL AT PAINSWICK.—This peal was rung in honour of the 70th birthday of Mr. Albert Estcourt, of Gloucester, one of the famous Painswick youths, and it is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Taylor. The peal was rung with the greatest ease, on account of the excellent go of the bells, and the ringing was good throughout. The floor of the belfry not being fixed yet, it was rung from a temporary platform fixed upon four scaffold poles with ropes and joists, and reached by means of a ladder. It was used for re-opening the bells and for practices.

THE PEAL AT ERDINGTON.—This peal was rung with the bells muffled on the 23rd anniversary of the death of the late Rev. Daniel Henry Haigh, founder of the church, this being the first peal ever rung to his memory. It is also the first peal in the method on the bells by a local band.

NEW ADDRESS.

All communications for S. M. Doddington (late of Derby) should be sent to Westbury, Sherborne, Dorsetshire.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. William Taylor, late of Birchwood House, Leiston, has removed thence to Bramley House, Southwold.—Mr. W. H. Barber has removed from Dublin to 33, Johnson Street, Nechells, Birmingham.

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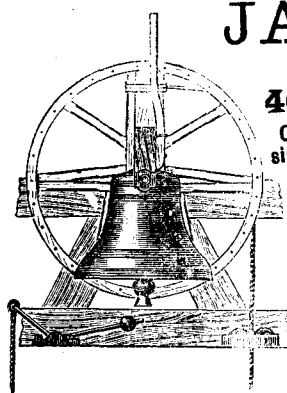
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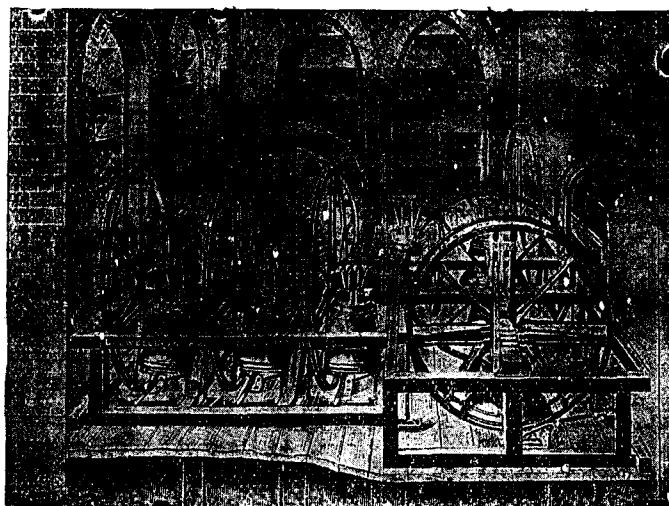
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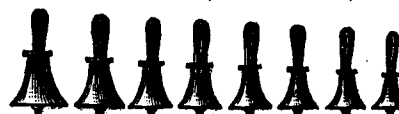
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

BARNARD CASTLE (Durham).—St. Mary. Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, the back six 1822, trebles 1874. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 4 ft. The ring were rehung in a new tower by Mallaby, 1874. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1899. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing 10 to 10.30 and 6 to 6.30. No regular practice.

BARNET (Herts).—St. John the Baptist. Middlesex Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1892. No repairs since. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1897; good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob. Sunday ringing 10 to 10.20 and 6 to 6.20. Practice: Monday, 8. Seage's dumb practice apparatus fitted. The ring replaces an older one of eight bells, tenor 12 cwt.

BARNESLEY (Yorks).—St. Mary. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Pack and Chapman, the back six 1769, and the two trebles 1772. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. The whole ring thoroughly overhauled and hung in a new frame with new fittings, 1876. Soundbells somewhat worn. Clock hammers considered to be a source of danger unless regularly attended to. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ringers recommendations are favourably considered. Ropes new 1897, worn. Methods: Treble Bob and variations. Sunday ringing: 9.45 to 10.30 and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Wednesday, 8.

BARNSTAPLE (Devon).—St. Mary. Eight bells. No return.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS (Lancashire).—St. James. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1877, since when no repairs have been done. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes

good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing 10 to 11 and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

BATH (Somerset).—St. Andrew. Bath and Wells Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, the back six in 1879, the trebles 1880. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Thoroughly overhauled by Taylor 1888. Timber frame. Bells go very well. Ellacombe's chiming apparatus fixed. Lath and plaster ceiling in belfry and addition of two trebles recommended but not obtained. Ropes new, 1897, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing occasionally 10 to 11 and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 8. Seage's dumb practice apparatus fitted, but unsatisfactory.

St. James. Bath and Wells Association. Eight bells. All by Rudhall, 1729. Rehung in iron frame with new fittings by Warner; no date given. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Bells go well. Chiming apparatus fitted. All in good condition. Ropes fair. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing on festivals only. Practice: alternate Wednesdays, 8.

The Abbey. SS. Peter and Paul. Ten bells. No return.

Christ Church. Eight Bells. No return.

St. Michael. Bath and Wells Association. Eight bells. All by Rudhall, 1757. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Timber frame. Bells go fairly. Bells clocked. Repaired and refitted with new wheels and gudgeons 1899 by a local firm of builders unacquainted with ringing. Ropes new 1899. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. No Sunday ringing. No regular practice.

St. Saviour's. Bath and Wells Association. Eight bells. All by Rudhall 1830. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Rehung by Cole, 1830. No repairs since. Estimates obtained for rehanging, but no sufficient funds forthcoming. Ropes new 1891; fair. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung till bells became dangerous. No Sunday ringing or practice since 1899. The 7th and tenor are cracked across cannons; and soundbells worn.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

A meeting of this branch was held at Bitton on the 3rd instant, when very few were present, not enough to ring the bells, which was very disappointing. The Rev. Canon Ellacombe, Vicar of Bitton, and the Rev. H. A. Cockey, (Oldland) took the service. After the service the small party were very kindly shown over the vicarage grounds by the rev. Canon, which was much appreciated. The vicarage of Oldlands was visited, where after refreshments had been partaken of, some touches were rung on Mr. Cockey's fine peal of handbells.

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THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD, BRISTOL.

In response to the very kind invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Murchison, the above Guild met at St. Nicholas' vicarage on Wednesday evening, April 23rd, to partake of the good things provided for them. Besides the host and hostess there were present the Rev. — Cherrington (curate), Miss Lysight, and Mr. Tyrell, both closely connected with the church. Grace having been said, proceedings commenced with the first course, which was successfully got through, being followed by course after course until every one was satisfied. Dinner over, the Vicar rose and said what a great pleasure it was to Mrs. Murchison and himself to be able to invite the ringers of St. Nicholas to his house that evening, and although it was the first time they had been able to ask them to the vicarage, he hoped it would not be the last. He further remarked on the progress made by the ringers, and the good feeling existing, and hoped it would continue so. An adjournment was then made to the drawing-room, where the handbells were brought into use, and a course of Grandsire Caters was rung by A. Stowell, F. G. May, R. J. Wilkins, W. Stowell, V. J. S. O'Brien. This was followed by songs, sung by the Vicar and the Rev. Cherrington, Messrs. R. J. Wilkins, W. Sommerville and F. G. May, interspersed with games of ping-pong, draughts, etc. Before the party broke up Mr. May, on behalf of the Guild, most heartily thanked the Vicar and Mrs. Murchison for so kindly inviting them there that evening. He was sure everyone had thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and appreciated very much the kindness shewn to them. Remarking on the progress of the Guild since it was formed in November, 1900, he said the progress made was very good indeed, for of the members who joined when the Guild was formed, and still belonged to the company, everyone had rung a peal. The credit was not due to any particular one, but to all, as they felt interested in what was being done. They had received valuable assistance from other ringers, principally St. Stephen's, and he was very glad to say that at the present time they received visits from ringers belonging to other towers in the city, and that their men were made equally welcome in any tower they went into, thus shewing the good feeling existing between all ringers in the city. Reverting to a question which was brought up that evening as to the possibility of two trebles to make a ring of twelve at St. Nicholas, which he was pleased to know the Vicar and others were in full sympathy, and if the order was given it could be termed a coronation gift, and that with two good bells they would possess one of the best rings of twelve for their weight in the country, and would be made good use of. He thanked the Vicar for so kindly allowing the use of the bells for peals on each occasion asked for, which had gone a long way towards the success achieved by members of the Guild.

The Vicar having made a short reply, the party broke up, everyone feeling on the best of terms with himself, and expressing the opinion that each had spent a most enjoyable evening. Thus ended the first dinner of the St. Nicholas' Guild.

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ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

The quarterly meeting in connection with this society was held on Saturday, April 29, at Christ Church, West Bromwich, when a good muster of members put in an appearance, from the various towers in the Archdeaconry, viz.:—Lichfield, Handsworth, Tipton, Smethwick, Darlaston, Wednesbury, Wolverhampton, Walsall, Bloxwich, Coseley, and All Saints and Christ Church, West Bromwich. There was a short service in Christ Church at five o'clock at which the Vicar, the Rev. C. W. Carrington, gave the address after which a committee meeting was held in the vestry when several new ringing members, and six new honorary members were elected. It being decided to hold the annual meeting on June 21st. at Lichfield, an adjournment was made to the Masonic Hall, where a good knife and fork tea was already waiting. Grace being said by the Vicar ample justice was done to the good things provided, and a vote of thanks was proposed and adopted that the best thanks of the members be given to Councillor T. Newman, who had very generously supplied the cost of the tea, and in the absence of that gentleman the Vicar was requested to convey it to him.

During the afternoon and evening the bells (12) were kept going with some touches in Grandsire, Stedman, and Kent Treble Bob.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTH EASTERN DISTRICT.

A very successful meeting of the above was held at Earls Colne, on Saturday, May 10th. The Association had never before held a meeting there, and the local ringers were not members. The tea was supplied by Mrs. Fiamin, of The George hotel, seventeen sitting down. A meeting was held afterwards, the chair being taken by Mr. W. J. Nevard, Master of the above district. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Divisional Secretary, and thirteen ringing members, one honorary, and one non-resident member elected. Touches of Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung at Colne Engaine during the afternoon, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and New London Pleasure at Earls Colne, members being present from Colne, Coggeshall, Great Bentley, Feering, etc., also the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. H. T. Eyre, from Totham.

Obituary.

THOMAS NEILL.

We regret to announce that Thomas Neill, a member of the York Minster Society, and also of the Yorkshire Association, died very suddenly through the rupture of a blood vessel, on Thursday, May 8th, very much regretted by all who knew him. He was previously a member of the Beverley society, removing to York in 1892. An enthusiast and a good man in the science, he had rung fourteen peals: Stedman, Treble Bob, and Grandsire. The interment took place on Saturday, the 10th, in the parish churchyard of Acomb. He was carried to the grave by six of his fellow-workmen, attended by a large number of the same, also by the ringers, who headed the procession. At the conclusion of the burial service a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on the handbells by T. Hodgson, T. Haigh, G. Breed, F. T. Earnshaw, and A. Haigh; and a muffled peal on the Minster bells in the evening.

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BINGLEY MEETING, MAY 3rd, 1902.

A somewhat unpropitious morning opened for this much-looked-for meeting, but as the day wore on things brightened somewhat, and later in the afternoon, under the warming influence of a hearty reception and a generous hospitality the visitors appeared to be distinctly comforted, nor did the "tykes" (we believe this is the correct term for a knowing Yorkshireman) allow the cake (and other substantial solid matter)

To waste its sweetness on the desert air.

(this "change" of thought is given with apologies to the poet who was well represented in the day's sky).

During the morning an attempt had been made for a peal by a band full of hopes of success—amongst whom was one of Yorkshire's "clerics," we are glad to note—but after an honourable attempt extending over some two hours, a broken rope dispelled their ambition, and for a time, we believe for a very short time only—

"Melancholy marked them for her own."

(the distinct greyness of the day is partly responsible for our quotations.)

The good old town of Bingley was in former days noted for its six-bell ringers, who in numbers of methods committed to memory—but rung in detachments, and not in one length—had established what we believe was a "record"; but time will not permit us to do more than refer to it in passing.

A peep into the room where the official committee were transacting business, would have shewn Archdeacon Kilner to be there taking a real interest in all that was going on—the fact that thirty-seven new names were held qualified and were passed for membership speaks for the solidity of the work done by the Society. Shortly afterwards the Archdeacon was giving out grace, which was forcibly sung by some two hundred voices previous to sitting down to tea.

The business meeting followed in one of the adjoining schoolrooms, the President, Mr. Wm. Snowdon, of Leeds, being supported by the Archdeacon, and by the principal officers, including Vice-president Howard, of York, who, arriving late, received quite an ovation on taking his seat; (as Yorkshire's veteran officer is over eighty years old, the county is very properly proud of his appearance on these occasions). The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and passed, the chairman read a letter from the Bishop of Sheffield—Dr. Quirk, a former Vicar of Rotherham, and a long-standing hon. member of the Association—thanking the members for their resolution welcoming him back (from Bath) to the old county.

In connection with the resignation of Mr. Copley of the post of Hon. Sec. held by him for some twelve years past, a warm vote of thanks was passed to him on the motion of the President, seconded by Vice-president Bolland, as follows: "That this meeting of the Yorkshire Association regrets that Mr. Copley has found it necessary to seek rest and relinquish his post of Hon. Sec., and in thanking him for his many years' service trusts that he will shortly regain his usual health."

In bringing forward the place of next meeting, a kind letter was read from Canon Nolloth, of Beverley, in which he and his ringers trusted that the Association would next visit them in September, in order to hear and try their new bells.

This was unanimously accepted on the motion of Mr.

W. Southwick, of Hull, seconded by Mr. Stainthorpe, Hon. Treasurer.

On the chairman mentioning that, attached to the choice of the place for the Annual Meeting in January, was a special rule giving extra facilities to those sending in early invitations, for learning the views of the whole society, Mr. B. F. Lamb, of Halifax, stated that there was a strong intention of putting forward his town for the "Annual," and this led to some complimentary remarks relative to the distinct suitability of the grand old church of Halifax for such a meeting.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar (Archdeacon Kilner), for the use of his bells and schools, the President emphasised the great power for good that an Archdeacon could exert on behalf of the ringer, adding that he hoped that their visit that day would gain them another valuable friend.

This having been seconded by vice-president Howard, and very warmly passed, the Archdeacon rose and good-naturedly admitted that, acting for his Bishop, much power was left in his hands, so much so that indeed it was difficult to say where it began and where it ended. It reminded him of a question once asked in the House of Commons as to what an Archdeacon was. The ministers consulted and shook their heads, until one of them very cleverly begged the question by stating "that an Archdeacon was one who performed Archidiaconal duties." His duties however made him inquire into the condition of the fabric of the churches, and into the condition of the bells, etc., and in that way he had found himself able to help the ringers as he hoped, as he had laid it down that it was unfair to supply water for the use of the vestry without doing the same for the belfry. Unfortunately for the ringers their work was done in general, out of sight, and possibly this led them to forget the greater interest the congregation would take in them if they saw them afterwards in church. He was one who believed in having a special pew for the ringers, where they could comfortably be looked after. Another thing that was unfortunate for them was that their ringing-chambers were difficult of access, especially on a dark practice night, and this possibly prevented as many friendly visits being paid to them as they deserved. They all knew how intimately their bells were woven into the national life—even that very day he had had several telephonic messages asking whether peace had been declared, so persistently had the visiting members kept at the ropes. Again, how well the bells had expressed their sorrow at the death of the beloved Queen, and to turn to a brighter side, how they would hope to hear them at the Coronation. Again, coming down to their every-day life, when two hearts would bind themselves in one, did not the bells—especially for a small consideration—tell out the news loudly and with much goodwill. He knew how important a part harmony played in a church tower—though not a ringer, he knew it all from his college boating days—how many petty jealousies did they wisely conquer and keep down so as to avoid friction in their choice of captains and conductors, and how good all this was for them in guiding them in their every-day life. He was happy to say that at his church the belfry joined the choir at their annual supper, and he hoped the same good feeling existed in other belfries.

In closing an able, witty, and kindly speech, the Archdeacon said he wished the weather had been a little more favourable, but he could say for the Bingley members

how great a pleasure it had been to them all to welcome the Association that day.

On the motion of the Rev. C. C. Marshall, curate of Birstall, seconded by Mr. Jno. Lawson, of Lightcliffe, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the local branch for their generous arrangements, and to the ladies who had assisted at the tea-tables. To this Mr. W. Foster suitably replied, adding a kindly acknowledgement to the Archdeacon for the uniform interest he took in all matters connected with the ringing at his church.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, on the motion of Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Stainthorpe, brought the meeting to a close.

We understand that no immediate steps will be taken in making choice of a new Hon. Secretary, and that all communications should be addressed meanwhile to the President at 24, Basinghall Street, Leeds, or to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Wm. Stainthorpe, at Pynate Terrace, Carlinghow, Batley.

The Local Secretary for the meeting was Mr. Jno. Perfect, who, together with the local band did everything possible to ensure the success of the meeting, and every credit is due to them for the smooth way in which the proceedings were carried out. As the last meeting at Bingley was in 1881, everything was new to the present band, and the success of the meeting is entirely their own.

THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the above society took place, as is customary, at St. Marie's Church, Norfolk Row, on Saturday, May 3rd. Ringing on the tower bells was indulged in by about forty members, touches being rung in Stedman, Grandsire, Bob Major, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob. The business meeting took place at The Sportsman inn, Cambridge Street, Mr. J. Rew being elected to occupy the chair for the evening. Mr. T. G. Sarel was elected President for the ensuing year; Mr. S. Thomas re-elected Hon. Treasurer; and Mr. R. Harrison re-elected Hon. Secretary.

Future fixtures, votes of thanks, etc., etc., having been duly attended to, the rest of the evening was spent in handbell ringing, courses and tunes, and friendly conversation. Particularly enjoyable was a performance by Mr. C. Armytage, of Doncaster, who, with improvised hammers, struck courses of Grandsire, Bob Major, and also a touch of Treble Bob, on the handbells. A very successful meeting was brought to a close by the usual vote of thanks to the chairman.

METHLEY, NEAR LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

The bells at Methley have been rehung in a capital new oak and iron frame, and new oak beams to carry frame, with new hangings. The work has been carried out by Messrs. F. White and Sons, of Appleton, and gives great satisfaction to the Rector and churchwardens, and architect.

RINGERS' WEDDINGS.

MIDDLEHAM (Yorks).—The 16th ultimo was the wedding-day of Dr. H. Pauli with Miss L. Howard at Holy Trinity, Kilburn, and it was marked by the church bells ringing merrily at the hour of the ceremony and again in the evening. As a sequel there took place at The White Swan hotel on the 9th instant, a social evening, convened for eight o'clock by the ringers, under the management of Messrs. Wilson and Pauli, and pre-

sided over by the Rector. There were twenty-eight present, among them being Mr. Price, Warden. Mrs. Storey carried out the arrangements to every one's satisfaction. Coffee, sandwiches, and cakes were served during the evening, and the enjoyment was continual through the happy vein of Messrs. Robson, Clarkson, Potter, Bacon, and Handley as pianist. The Rector also sung in quartet, and Misses Dawson and Croft contributed with the violin. Ping-pong and whist also came into the list, and by no means less interesting was the change-ringing by the lady handbell-ringers: Messrs. Antons, Dawson, Croft, Storey, and Longbotham. Mr. Eyles, ex-warden, in a pleasant speech, accorded the good wishes of the company to the doctor and his wife—who also enjoyed herself amongst them—and hoped that the enjoyable evening they had spent would not be the last. The doctor in thanking them mentioned especially the very kind thought of the handbell ladies in giving them a handsome dinner-gong, and the tower ringers in giving a pretty silver cruet on the occasion of their marriage. Before dispersing, those who wished had a little "something" to keep out the cold, and every one was at home by midnight, convinced that a smoking concert with ladies present was a very pleasant and agreeable innovation.

The band of St. Saviour's, Oxton, Cheshire, have witnessed the first ringers' wedding since the bells were hung in May, 1895, in the person of Mr. J. W. Evans, who is a native of this place, with Miss M. E. Turner, who has been a resident in the parish for a number of years. It may be interesting to state that they start their new career in the prime of life. The ceremony took place on Thursday, April 24th, at St. Stephen's, Prenton, when the twain were made one by the Rev. F. E. Sandys, late curate of the above church, and highly-esteemed by all the band. Prior to his marriage, his brother-ringers presented him (Mr. J. W. Evans) with a clock, and the captain on handing it to him humorously ejaculated that there would be no excuse for coming late. Owing to want of space on the wedding-day, the social gathering of the ringers did not take place until the Thursday following, on which day they were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Evans at their abode. There was an abundance of "substantials," for brother Jack knows a ringers' appetite too well. After supper the ringers indulged in a little sing-song, and when the night was far advanced, took leave of Mr. and Mrs. Evans, wishing them much happiness, and singing the ever-welcome strain, "Auld lang syne," before leaving.

Saturday, May 3rd, was the day set apart for the marriage of Arthur Craven to Miss Aked, both of Whittington Moor. The ceremony was performed at Chesterfield by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, of New Mills, the Vicar of Chesterfield (Rev. E. Hackling) being present, and a few friends of the bride and bridegroom. When the happy couple left the church, the bells of the old crooked spire rang out right merrily. A peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal was attempted by Messrs. J. Holman, Geo. Hollis, Rev. A. T. Beeston, A. Worthington, G. W. Bemrose, D. Brearley, J. T. Hollis, Arthur Knights, S. Thomas (conductor), and C. W. P. Clifton; but 2 hrs. 55 mins., it unfortunately came a premature end. Descending the tower, the company were joined by the Chesterfield parish church company, and all made their way to 38, Chapel Street, Whittington Moor, the home of the married pair, where a most substantial tea was awaiting them. Being thus refreshed, all sat down to a jovial evening, which was spent in touches and tunes on the handbells, songs, etc. During the evening Mr. Clifton, on behalf of the Chesterfield company, presented Mr. Craven with a six-bottle cruet, to which he suitably responded. The presents received were numerous.

On Monday, the 19th instant, a pretty wedding was celebrated at Horsley church, Derbyshire, the bride being the eldest daughter of the head ringer, T. H. Whilton. The bells were kept ringing the best part of the afternoon and evening, change-ringing and firing at intervals. In addition to the local ringers three others came over from Ripley to take part in the proceedings. The young couple left for Scotland for their honeymoon, the bells ringing merrily on their departure.

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Notices.

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The Lancashire Association of Six Bell Ringers.—The annual meeting will be held at Leyland parish church to-day, Saturday, May 24th. JAMES HIGSON, Sec. 60, Church Street, Blackrod.

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—A District Meeting (no allowances) will be held at Brabourne, this Saturday afternoon, May 24th, at 4 o'clock. C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, Hon. Dist. Sec.

North Wingfield, Derbyshire.—The new trebles will be dedicated on Saturday, May 31st. Service at 4 p.m. Free tea at 5 p.m. All members of both East Derbyshire Associations invited, also all ringing friends. Ringers attending tea are requested to send a postcard not later than May 26th to T. ALLIBONE, Local Sec. North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A special meeting of the above Branch will be held at Walton-on-the-Hill, on Saturday, May 31st, when the Lord Bishop of the Diocese will address the members. The Rev. Canon Leigh, Rector, has most kindly offered to provide tea for those present. All ringers warmly welcomed. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Members earnestly requested to attend. REV. C. A. CLEMENTS, Secretary. 5, Marsden Road, Southport.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shifnal on Saturday, May 31st. Ringing at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 5 o'clock. Train leaves Shrewsbury at 2.50 p.m. J. MACKAY, Hon. Sec. Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells open from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at The Skyrack hotel at 7 p.m. CHARLES PRATT, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—The next meeting of the Rossendale Branch will be held at St. James's church, Waterfoot, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells open at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. ZEB. LORD, Sec.

St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, May 31st, at Blakenall. Tower open for ringing at 4. Service in church at 5 p.m. W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Seal Chart, on Saturday, May 31st. Tower open at 4.30. No allowances. W. LATTER, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this Branch will be held at Todmorden parish church, on Saturday, June 7th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested. JAS. JACQUES, Sec.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—The report books for 1901 have been distributed to all members whose addresses are believed to be correctly printed in the list of members. Several of the non-resident honorary life members have doubtful or insufficient addresses shown, and a copy has not been sent. Any such may have a copy by sending

me a card with their address. These applications are requested to be sent before May 31st. C. E. BORRETT, Hon. Sec. pro tem. 10, Chester Street, Norwich.

The Devonshire Guild.—The Exeter Cathedral bells will be re-opened on June 24. Dedicator Service 2 p.m. Ringing from 4.15 by Devon Guild. F. MOLINEUX, Hon. Sec. Harford, Ottery St. Mary.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—This is supposed to be the lightest ring of eight in the county, and have been recently rehung, and four new bells added to complete the octave in a new iron H frame by the well-known firm of Messrs. Taylor. The "go" of the bells is excellent, and were augmented through the efforts of the Rev. William C. Pearson (Vicar), formerly an honorary member of the St. Mary-le-Tower society, Ipswich. The ringers wish to tender their most hearty thanks to the Vicar for granting permission to ring, and for his kindly consideration at the conclusion of the peal.

THE PEAL AT NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE. This is the first peal on the bells and first in the method by J. Carwell-Cooke. The bells are the gift of E. H. Watts, Esq., of London, and were first rang on Easter Sunday last. The "go" of the 6th, 7th, and tenor is far from satisfactory, and great credit is due to Mr. Cox for the way in which he rung the tenor. Messrs. Biss, Coombes, and Rowley hail from Cardiff; Wilson from Abergavenny; Davies from Caerleon; Cox from Bridgend; Cooke from Penarth; Jones from Newport. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. Charles Bennett, for the use of the bells, and also Mrs. Bennett for her kind hospitality in providing an excellent tea for them after the peal, which was very much appreciated.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT.—You did not comply with the conditions. See central page.

F. A.—The Rev. G. H. Harris was the Hon. Secretary at the period you name. After him the Rev. N. Bolingbroke.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MAY 24, 1902.

FUNERAL OF THE REV. H. E. BULWER.

The mortal remains of the late Rev. Henry E. Bulwer, the much-respected Rector of Stanhoe-with-Barwick, who died suddenly on Monday week, were laid to rest in the afternoon of Thursday, May 8th, in Stanhoe Churchyard, in the presence of a large number of persons. The deceased had been Rector of Stanhoe for upwards of 17 years, and his sudden death came as a great blow to the members of his family and his many friends, as he had always appeared to enjoy the best of health, a day's illness being a thing almost unknown to him. He was hon. secretary to the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers, the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, and the Hunstanton Convalescent Home, while he also took a deep interest in more local matters, being chairman of Stanhoe Parish Council, and corresponding manager of Stanhoe and Barwick National Schools. The weather was fine, but a biting wind swept across the churchyard. The church was filled with a congregation desirous of showing their respect to the deceased.

The funeral service was of a simple character, and was

conducted by the Rev. E. H. Whall, of North Barsham Rectory (an old friend of the deceased), while the Bishop of Thetford read the lesson, and pronounced the blessing at the close of the service. The chief mourners were Mrs. and Miss Bulwer and Mr. Ernest Bulwer. Others present included Canon H. J. Hare, the Rev. J. C. F. Hane, the Rev. E. K. Kerslake, the Rev. H. C. Willacy, the Rev. F. Gurling, the Rev. J. Tarbuck, the Rev. Elliott Drake Briscoe, Mr. C. D. Seymour, Miss Seymour, Mr. Robert Gambling, Dr. Hamill, Messrs. A. E. Savory, C. Savory, W. Oliver, J. R. Oliver, Dennis Cook, T. H. Calver, and Mr. Sedgeley (representing the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers). The Hunstanton Convalescent Home were represented by the Rev. H. Smith, Dr. Whitty, Miss Beck, and Messrs. W. Floyd, F. Chilvers, and R. G. Callaby.

The coffin, which was borne to the grave on a wheel bier by the members of the church choir, was of plain oak, with brass shield, bearing the inscription:—"Henry Earle Bulwer, priest, aged 61 years."

The wreaths and floral tributes were numerous and beautiful, including a cross of lilies from the widow and family. Others were from the Rev. H. J. Hare, Mrs. Hare and family, the members of the Church Guild and choir, Miss Annie Beck, J. R. and E. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Hollway Calthrop and Miss Ralston, the Rev. J. D. Home (Barmer), Mrs. J. D. Home, Mr. and Mrs. Southgate (Hunstanton Post Office), and G. and W. Driver; also a cross from Mr. and Miss Seymour and a wreath from Mrs. Savory (Barwick).

The funeral arrangements were entrusted to Mr. H. M. Smith of Stanhoe. Much sympathy is felt in the district for Mrs. Bulwer and the members of the family in their sudden bereavement.

A muffled peal of 1008 changes of Bob Triples was rung on Wednesday on the bells of the parish church, Wells, in memory of the deceased. F. Williamson, J. Spooner, C. Hendry, W. Savory, J. Skinner (conductor), F. Stone, T. Wright, W. Fitt. All the ringers are members of the Norwich Association.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The President (J. Sanicroft Holmes, Esq.), desires to announce to the members of the above Association and others, that he has requested Mr. C. E. Borrett to carry on the secretaryship rendered vacant by the lamented death of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, until further arrangements can be made.

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The Metropolis.

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ARTHUR JONES† 4.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 9.
WILLIAM H. HOLLIET† .. 5.	REUBEN CHARGE Tenor.

Composed by the late GEORGE NEWSON, and Conducted by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

†First peal. †First peal of Stedman Caters

The Provinces.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WALTER SHERMAN Treble.	WALTER BAGLEY 5.
PHILBERT W. WILKINS .. 2.	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 6.
REV. B. LONG 3.	JAMES W. WILKINS 7.
RICHARD BUCKLAND 4.	FRANK BAGLEY Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WILKINS.

* First peal by the Rev. B. Long, who is curate of the parish, and was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

RICHMOND, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 14, 1902, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

J. PEAKE† Treble.	R. BRISCOE 4.
F. BRAND 2.	J. T. FRENCHUM 5.
J. G. WODDY 3.	A. MORTON Tenor.

Conducted by A. MORTON.

†First peal. †First peal as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the return of the 3rd battalion Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire regiment from South Africa that day.

BISHOPS STORTFORD, HERTS.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 14, 1902, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE JORDAN Treble.	*THOMAS JORDAN 5.
JOHN LUCKEY* 2.	WALTER PRIOR 6.
THOMAS J. WATTS 3.	WILLIAM T. PRIOR 7.
WILLIAM WATTS 4.	HENRY J. TUCKER Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and

Conducted by HENRY JAMES TUCKER,

*First peal in the method.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1902, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE OLD PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

HARRY SEAR† Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE 5.
HUBERT EDEN 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Superlative ever rung in Dunstable.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, May 17, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5280 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs.

ALBERT GILLINGHAM .. Treble.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5.
JAMES MOTTS 2.	WILLIAM WOOD 6.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 3.	WALTER LAST 7.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 4.	WILLIAM MOTTS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

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ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 17, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN BASDEN Treble.	ERNEST G. STIBBONS .. 5.
JOHN T. KENTISH 2.	WILLIAM FOX 6.
GEORGE A. RANSOM .. 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 7.
ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 4.	THOMAS BEADLE Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

Rung at the conclusion of a dedication service by the Bishop of Kensington, who dedicated a chancel screen erected to the memory of William Podger, an old inhabitant of the parish.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

On Saturday, May 17, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being Forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE LOUTH† Treble.	†REUBEN COPELIN 4.
JOHN ALLEN† 2.	JOHN AVIS 5.
EDWARD C. HEATH† .. 3.	†NELSON C. FENNELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by REUBEN COPELIN.

†First peal. †First peal as conductor.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Sunday, May 18, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER Treble.	WILLIAM PAGE 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 6.
HENRY DAINS 3.	JOHN CRANE 7.
EDWIN BARNETT 4.	CHARLES BEAMAN Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SPROUGHTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs.

WALTER BROWN Treble.	*FRANK ROLFE 5.
FREDERICK MEE 2.	†GEORGE THOMPSON .. 6.
GEORGE W. MEE 3.	PHILIP C. RAMPLIN .. 7.
HENRY J. MEE 4.	EDGAR PEMBERTON Tenor.

Composed by W. WILLSON, and Conducted by F. ROLFE.

†First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

LUTON, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ in E flat.

HUBERT EDEN Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. 2.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
MAURICE SMITH* .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal on eight bells. This is the first peal of Superlative ever rung in Luton

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SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE FOSTER Treble.	WILLIAM J. SMITH .. 5.
GEORGE BARTLETT .. 2.	EDWARD HIMS 6.
HARRY MILES 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM JEFFERY .. 4.	ANTONY STRANGE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung at the unveiling of a peal-board recording a muffled peal in memory of the late Vicar, the Rev. H. Barter.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs. in D.

CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 6.
CHARLES CHASTY 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7.
ERNEST PYE 3.	JOHN W. BARKER 8.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. 4.	*FRANK WEBB 9.
GEORGE R. PYE 5.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal of Royal.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN BASDEN Treble.	THOMAS BEADLE 5.
ALFRED WICKS 2.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 6.
JOSEPH J. PARKER .. 3.	HENRY BROWNING .. 7.
FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. 4.	HENRY DARE Tenor.

Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

First peal and first attempt by the tenor-man, who is a member of the local band. It was the first peal ever attempted by a Sunbury-man.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER WHITING* .. Treble.	EDGAR HICKS 5.
GEORGE WHITING .. 2.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 6.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. 3.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 7.
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. 4.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

*First peal in the method.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5081 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

RICHARD BRUNSDON* .. Treble.	*HENRY LOVELL 7.
ERNEST E. DAVIS .. 2.	WILLIAM HALE 8.
RICHARD A. JUDD .. 3.	WILLIAM PEGLER 9.
JOHN AUSTIN 4.	H. LAW JAMES 10.
THOMAS NEWMAN .. 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 11.
JESSE GILLET 6.	ALBERT HANKS Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

*First peal of Cinques.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London Scholars', College Pleasure, Arnold's
Victory, City Delight, Killamarsh Treble Bob, Duke of York,
and Violet. Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS BETTISON Treble.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 4.
HARRY GRAVES 2.	WM. HENRY TURTON 5.
WALTER ALLWOOD 3.	*JOHN FLINT Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LAMBERT.

*First peal of Treble Bob Minor.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM BALLS Treble.	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN 5.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 2.	JOHN J. CREASY 6.
EDGAR HICKS 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7.
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and
Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

First peal in the method by all except E. Wightman, and on the bells.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE T. DALTRY Treble.	JOHN BURFORD 6.
W. JAMES HINTON 2.	CHAS. E. D. BOUTFLOWER 7.
WILLIAM KNIGHT 3.	CHARLES GORDON 8.
GEORGE JAYNE 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 9.
CHARLES TOMKINS 5.	HENRY T. HOWELL Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by GEORGE T. DALTRY.

This peal was arranged for Mrs. R. H. Brundle, of Ipswich.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN WYATT† Treble.	ERNEST ALLEN 5.
CHARLES GILES 2.	JOHN HOYLE 6.
JOHN J. JONES 3.	ARTHUR DEAN 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	JAMES HUNT Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

†First peal in the method.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN W. BURGESS† Treble.	FREDERICK LOCK 5.
SYDNEY F. C. SAKER 2.	JAMES LIVERMORE 6.
LEONARD J. STAPELEY 3.	THOMAS HUNNISETT 7.
WILLIAM BILLENNESS 4.	WILLIAM BURT Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BILLENNESS.

†First peal.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5094 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES HUNT Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
SEPTIMUS RADFORD 2.	ERNEST ALLEN 7.
EDWARD RADDON* 3.	JOHN HOYLE 8.
CHARLES GILES 4.	ARTHUR DEAN 9.
JOHN J. JONES 5.	WILLIAM CROPLEY Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Caters with a bob bell.

FOXLEY, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being seven 720s each called differently.

F. ISAAC FUTTER* Treble.	FREDERICK WILBY 4.
WALTER E. AYRES 2.	†WILLIAM J. HOWSON 5.
CHARLES T. AYRES* 3.	FREDERICK FUTTER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. HOWSON.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. The ringers of the treble and 3rd did not
begin learning till November last. First peal on the bells.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JAMES CARWELL-COOKE .. Treble.	EVAN DAVIS 5.
JOHN W. JONES 2.	WILLIAM COOMBS 6.
FRANCIS S. WILSON 3.	ALLEN ROWLEY 7.
WILLIAM W. BISS 4.	JOHN COX Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM COOMBS.

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CARDINGTON, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 20, 1902, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt.

HARRY SEAR Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5.
ERNEST PYE 2.	GEORGE R. PYE 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	†FRANK WEBB 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal of Superlative.

BLETCHLEY, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 20, 1902, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY SEAR Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
CHARLES W. CLARKE 2.	GEORGE R. PYE 6.
HUBERT EDEN 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
This is the first peal of Superlative ever rung at Bletchley.DEFECTIVE REPORT.—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at
Wantage has been sent without any date.

The following peals have been rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rev. H. Earle Bulwer.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, May 15, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM G. ELLIS Treble.	WILLIAM MURRY 5.
JOSEPH PIGOTT 2.	ALFRED JOYNER 6.
ALBERT HUGHES 3.	ERNEST BROWN 7.
HARRY MILLS 4.	JOSEPH HUGHES Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST BROWN.

†First peal with a bob bell. This is the first muffled peal on the bells.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

J. W. WADE Treble.	C. H. HATTERSLEY 6.
G. H. PHILLOTT 2.	F. MUSTY 7.
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES 3.	REV. J. HASTINGS 8.
W. T. PATES 4.	H. ROBERTS 9.
W. DYER 5.	H. W. HUMPHRIS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

HALLOW, WORCESTER.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 20, 1902, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, — CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22½ cwt.

ABRAHAM WINTERTON .. Treble.	JAMES MOTTS 5.
HENRY DAINS 2.	JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN. .. 6.
CHARLES MEE 3.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4.	WILLIAM PAGE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This peal was rung in the early morning before the Council meeting.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

PADIHAM.—On Tuesday, May 6th, at St. Leonard's church, a date touch of 1902 Bob Major, in 1 hr. 16 mins. W. Bolton, T. Duxbury conductor, E. A. Pollard, W. Holgate, F. G. Pollard, C. Parkinton, F. G. Wagner, R. W. Hargreaves.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

WIRKSWORTH.—On Monday, May 5th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. F. Turner, C. Alsop conductor, H. Ogdon, W. Fox, A. Gell, B. Greatorex, F. Johnson, B. Sowter.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

WOODCHURCH.—On Monday, May 12th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Taylor, J. Johnson, W. Ducker, G. Phillips, A. Bennett, W. Bennett. First 720 of Kent by the local band.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHRITCHURCH (Hants).—On Sunday, April 6th, for morning service, 420 Stedman Triples. E. Hinton, A. Best, W. Kerley, T. Best, G. Vey, S. Best, G. Preston, H. Bagshot. For evening service 504 in the same method by the same band. On Monday, April 7th, for

practice, a course of Kent Treble Bob Major. E. Hinton, M. Stewart, A. Best, G. Plummer, T. Best, S. Best, W. Kerley, G. Preston. On Sunday, April 20th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Hinton, A. Best, S. Best, T. Best, G. Vey, W. Kerley, G. Preston, H. Bagshot.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINKFIELD (Berks).—On Wednesday, April 30th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Bailey first 720, H. Carder, J. Druce, G. Worsfold, W. Bailey, J. Brant conductor. On Wednesday, May 7th, 720 in the same method. W. Bailey, H. Carder, A. Gough, J. Druce, G. Worsfold, J. Brant conductor.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ABERGANENNY (Mon).—On Sunday, April 27th, for evening service at St. Mary's church, 240 Grandsire Doubles. C. Baker, T. A. Williamson, O. Smart, O. Throssell, F. S. Wilson conductor, W. Horsington. For evening service on Sunday, May 4th, 360 Grandsire Doubles. W. Richards, O. Throssell, W. Horsington, O. Smart, F. S. Wilson conductor, R. Richards. On Sunday, May 11th, for evening service, 420 Grandsire Doubles, with 7-6-8 covering. W. Richards, W. Horsington, O. Throssell, O. Smart, F. S. Wilson conductor, R. Richards, T. Williams, W. Williams. Longest length by all except Throssell and Wilson. On handbells, retained in hand, 168 Grandsire Triples. H. Horsington, 1-2; C. W. Harris, totally blind, 3-4; O. Smart, 5-6; F. S. Wilson conductor, 7-8. And a plain course of Grandsire Caters. O. Throssell, 1-2; H. Horsington, 3-4; C. W. Harris, 5-6; O. Smart, 7-8; F. S. Wilson, 9-10.

APPLETON (Berks).—On Sunday, May 4th, at St. Lawrence's church, six 6-scores of Grandsire. Alfred White, Frederick White, Harry White, Richard White, Cuthbert White, Fred White, Albert White, H. King. This was rung by father and six sons.

BUNWELL.—On Sunday, May 18th, at the parish church, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. A. Sturman, G. Smith, G. Smith, jun., R. Hutton conductor, O. Hinchley, J. Hilling. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor. A. Sturman, G. Smith, J. Hilling, G. Smith, jun., R. Hutton conductor, O. Hinchley.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, February 23rd, for evening service, 546 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, R. Watson, J. B. Fenton, J. Coales, A. Dubber, A. Bramall, J. George conductor, A. J. Hessian. For morning service on Sunday, May 4th, 644 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, R. Watson, F. Sear, A. Dubber, J. B. Fenton, J. George conductor, A. Bramall, J. Coales. For morning service on Sunday, May 11th, 517 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, F. Sear conductor, R. Watson, J. Coales, J. B. Fenton, J. George, A. Bramall, A. J. Hessian. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, A. J. Hessian, F. Sear, J. Coales, A. Dubber, J. George, A. Bramall conductor, J. B. Fenton. This is A. J. Hessian's first 504 with a bob bell, and special credit is due to him for the success he is making.

PULBOROUGH (Sussex).—On April 23rd, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Ada Doick, daughter of Mr. H. Doick, for many years a member of the local band, 360 Bob Minor. J. Blake, A. Greenfield conductor, E. Seller, S. Stone, P. Doick, C. Child, H. Herrington, E. Booker. And six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. W. Eves, H. Herrington, E. Stone, N. O. Trung, J. Blake, C. Child, A. Greenfield conductor, A. Booking.

The following touches have been rung with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rev. H. Earle Bulwer:—

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HASTINGS.—On Wednesday, May, 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins. J. Livermore, jun., L. Stapley, R. Ford, F. Lock, S. Saker conductor, A. E. Barrow, W. Billenness, J. Livermore.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

OLDBURY.—On Tuesday, May 12th, several touches of Grandsire Minor and a touch of Grandsire Triples were rung at Christ Church. G. Pigott, T. Piggott, A. Hughes, A. Knight, J. Tilley, R. Hall, J. W. Parish, J. Jaggard conductor.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KELSE (Suffolk).—On Saturday, May 10th, at the parish church, a touch of 1152 Bob Major, in 45 mins. W. Fleming, G. Berry, J. Avis, G. Thompson, Gordon Thompson, H. Thompson, W. Cooper, W. Fisher conductor.

BUNWELL.—On Monday, May 19th, 720 and 360 Bob Minor. A. Sturman, G. Smith, J. Hilling, G. Smith, jun., R. Hutton conductor. O. Hinchley.

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BRAMFIELD (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 11th, 720 of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Morning Star, and Old Doubles. J. Fenn, W. Bloomfield & Thain conductor, J. Walker, J. Punchard.

CHREDISTON (Suffolk).—On Monday, May 12th, 1320 Grandsire, Canterbury and Plain Bob Minimus. W. Cullingford, E. Hurren, T. Crane conductor, L. Hammond.

FRAMSDEN.—On Saturday, May 10th, 120 Oxford Treble Bob Major. W. Weedon, E. Lanham, W. Balls, G. Thurlow, G. Whiting, J. Creasy, G. Wightman, W. Wightman. On Sunday, May 11th, 336 Stedman Triples. S. Wightman, jun., W. Walls, E. Hicks, G. Thurlow, W. Wightman, G. Perry, G. Wightman, W. Sawyer.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 11th, at the parish church, touches of Bob Triples were rang by S. Kerrison, E. Chatten, F. Lambert conductor, W. Peirce, A. Took, J. Howard, R. Jarmy, L. Hammond.

LITTLE GLEMHAM.—On May 13th, at St. Andrew's church, five members rang 720 Plain Doubles and 720 Grandsire Doubles. C. Hunt, O. Hunt, E. Everett, W. Stannard, J. Wardley conductor.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, May 10th, eight members of the Leiston Society rang 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Button, W.

Taylor, A. J. Lincoln conductor, S. Bailey, C. Samson, E. Bailey, J. Button, H. Button.

QUIDENHAM.—On Tuesday, May 13th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Bob Minor. E. G. Kemp, J. Sage, H. Secker, A. Newson, W. H. Ringer, J. Woods conductor, W. Hensley.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On Saturday, May 17th, the whole pull and stand was rung, and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. G. E. Symonds conductor, E. Youngs, W. Rose, J. A. Berry, H. Symonds, C. Nunn.

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General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, on the 31st December, 1901.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Shareholder's capital	1,000,000	0	0	British Government Securities	3,554,093	7	5
Ordinary Branch Funds	22,660,953	10	2	Indian and colonial government securities	4,194,854	6	7
Industrial Branch Fund	18,274,017	18	6	Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks	3,050,669	14	6
Reserve Fund	900,000	0	0	Loans on County Council, Municipal and other rates	9,340,533	17	11
Investments reserve Fund	250,000	0	0	Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties	3,317,456	3	10
Claims under life policies admitted	207,054	18		Freehold and leasehold property	2,293,593	5	10
				Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom	5,809,857	10	7
				Railway, Gas, and Water Stocks	6,109,593	16	0
				Suez Canal shares	167,677	11	7
				Telegraph and other shares	81,715	3	9
				Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, and City of London bonds	339,332	17	1
				Bank of England stock	200,559	18	6
				Colonial and Foreign corporation stocks	332,538	5	7
				Foreign government securities	1,106,291	17	7
				Reversions and Life Interests	923,844	14	4
				Loans on the Company's policies	1,148,138	11	0
				Rent charges	181,975	10	5
				Outstanding premiums	467,379	9	6
				Cash in hands of superintendents and agents			
				balances	41,172	11	0
				Outstanding interest and rents	341,910	8	8
				Cash—on deposit, on current accounts, and in hand	288,837	5	8
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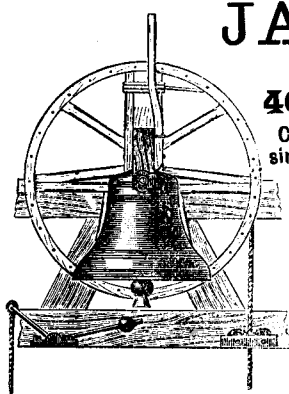
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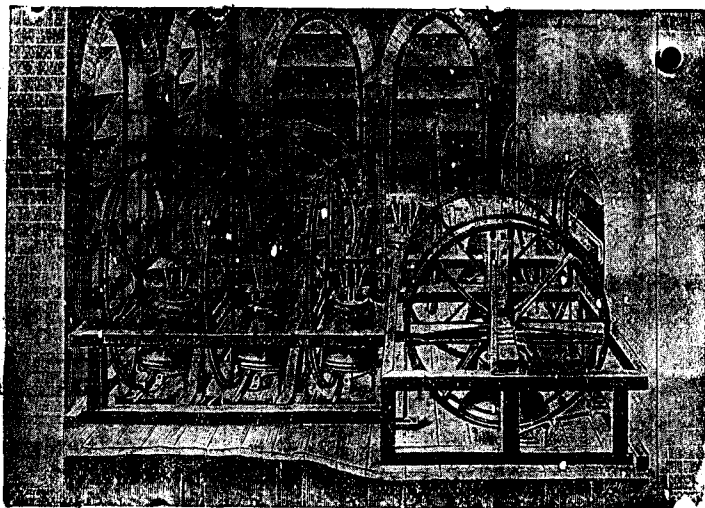
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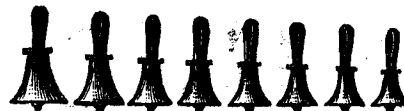
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Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

BATHWICK (Somerset).—St. Mary. Bath and Wells Association. Eight bells. 7th by Rudhall, 1818; 3rd, 5th and tenor by Mears, 1819; 4th and 6th by Warner, 1880; and the two trebles added by the latter firm in 1897. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Tenor clocked. Ring rehung and refitted by Warner 1897. Ropes new 1897, good. Methods: Standard. Sunday ringing 10 to 11. Practice: Thursday, 8.

BATTLE (Sussex).—St. Mary. Sussex County Association. Eight bells. 7th by Warner 1890. The rest by Mears as follows: 4th and 5th, 1803; treble and 2nd, 1815. Tenor 23 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in., 1825. 6th, no date, 3rd, 1872. Timber frame. Bells go well. The whole rehung in new frame by Warner, 1890. All in good order. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Union, Plain and Oxford Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11 and 6 to 6.30; but first and third Sundays in month commence 10.15. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30. No difficulties placed in the way of ringing.

BAKEWELL (Derbyshire).—All Saints. — Midland Counties Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1895. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. 3rd and 6th are clocked. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 9.45 to 10 and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesdays 7.30.

BEACONSFIELD (Bucks).—St. Mary. Oxford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. Treble, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th, and tenor by Mears, 1884. 2nd by Mears, 1794. 6th by Lester and Pack, 1760. Tenor 22 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Timber frame. Bells go very well, and were overhauled by Mears in 1893. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing 10.30 and 6. Practice: Wednesday, 8, Michaelmas to Easter.

BEAMINSTER (Dorset).—St. Mary. Salisbury Diocesan

Guild. Eight bells. All by Bilbie, 1765. Tenor 28 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung with new fittings by Taylor, 1887. Ropes fair. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing 5.30 to 6.15. Practice: Thursday, 7.45. Change-ringers would be welcome.

BECCLES (Suffolk). St. Michael. Norwich Diocesan Association. Ten bells. 5th and 8th by Warner, 1889, the rest by Lester and Pack, 1762. Tenor 27 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 8 in. The ring were rehung by Day in 1871, and the 5th and 8th again in 1889. Timber frame. Bells go well. All in good order. Ropes fair. No half-pull or Sunday ringing. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30. Bells hang very awkwardly, viz., 1, 9, 7, 8, 10, 2, 6, 5, 4, 3.

BEDALE (Yorks).—St. Gregory. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Warner, 1873; 3rd, 1765; 4th, 1660; 5th, 1627; 6th, 1625; 7th, 1631, badly worn on soundbow. Tenor 28 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in., no date, also badly worn. No founder mentioned of the back six. All rehung by Mallaby, 1873, the tenor in 1897. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Timber frame. Ropes bad; new 1896; fresh ones are promised when funds suffice. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing 9.45 to 10.30, and 5.45 to 6.30. No practice at the present time.

BEDDINGTON (Surrey).—St. Mary. Ten bells. No return.

BEDFORD (Beds).—St. Paul. Bedfordshire Association. Ten bells. By Taylor, 1897, except 9th by Lester, 1744. All rehung by Taylor, 1897. Timber frame for all but 1st, 2nd, and 8th, which are in steel frames. Tenor 29 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 7 in. Bells go well. Ropes fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich. Sunday ringing 10 to 10.35 and 5.15 to 6.20. Practice: Thursday, 7.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The twenty-third Annual General Meeting was held at Maidstone on Whit-Monday, May 16th. The attendance was above the average of the last few years, and thoroughly representative, contingents from nearly all parts of the county being present. The bells of All Saints (10) and St. Michael's (6) were kept going at intervals during the day, and the following outlying towers also were open: Leeds (10), Aylesford (8), West Malling (8), Bearstead (6), Boxley (6), Barming (6), and East Farleigh (6). Some of these were visited, but the frequent showers of rain and hail militated against a general compliance with the notice on the programme of the day's proceedings, in which the hope was expressed that bands would be made up to visit the outlying towers, so as to avoid undue crowding at the central belfry, and to justify the Secretary's application for permission to ring at the different churches; as the clergy having granted the use of the bells are generally disappointed if no visitors arrive.

A meeting of the Central Committee was held in All Saints' vestry at 11.15 a.m., at which the names of

E. Barnett (Crayford), J. W. Leonard (West Malling), W. Martin (Swanscombe), A. Palmer (Lenham), L. Silver (Gravesend), W. Spice (Penshurst), and C. Tribe (Tenterden) were added to the Committee for the ensuing year.

The annual service was held in the grand parish church of All Saints, "the Cathedral of West Kent," as it has been called, at noon, the Vicar, Canon Joy, reading the prayers, and the Hon. Sec. the lessons (1 Cor. xii. 1-13). Two Psalms (cxxxiii. and cxxxiv.) were read, and the hymn "Our blest Redeemer" was sung before, and "The Church's One Foundation" after the address. The day being a bank-holiday, there was no choir, but the organist, Mr. Parrish, Mus. Bac., kindly attended to accompany the hymns, and played an opening and concluding voluntary. The Rev. Canon Joy gave an excellent address from the text 1 Cor. xii. 11, "All these worketh that one and the self-same Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will." The offertory for the Association's Belfry Repairs Fund amounted to 16/.

Over 180 members sat down to the Dinner in the All Saints' Boys' Schools, at which the Rev. Canon Joy presided, and was supported by Rev. T. W. Carr, Vicar of Barming, the Hon. Sec. (Rev. F. O. Helmore), Mr. Osborne (Rochester Divisional Sec.), Mr. Tawney (Maidstone Divisional Sec.), Mr. C. H. Drake (Faversham), Mr. A. Palmer (Lenham), and other members of the Committee; the Rev. W. Snape Cadman, Vicar of Boxley, attended the service, but was unable to stay for the dinner. After dinner the toast of "King and Queen" was given by the Chairman, the company rising and singing the first verse of the National Anthem. Mr. C. H. Drake proposed the toast of "the Archbishop and Clergy," coupling with it the name of the preacher and chairman. Canon Joy, having already welcomed the Association and addressed the members in the Church, requested that his friend on his right hand might be allowed to respond. Mr. Carr accordingly replied, and in the course of his speech raised a hearty laugh by recording a recent experience of his own at some church in Bucks. Call-changes were being rung in the steeple while the organist and himself were looking round the church. Mr. Carr remarked to his friend "Why, they are ringing call-changes up there, not half-pull changes." "Oh! I dare say," replied the organist, "there's not much they don't know in that belfry." The business proceedings were then begun by the Secretary reading his annual report. He said he wished first to thank Canon Joy for his kindly welcome and his hospitality in placing his church and schools at the disposal of the Association, and to thank the incumbents of the other churches for permission to use their bells. He also thanked Mr. Carr for his presence there to-day. Mr. Thornton, who had to attend the opening of a new Recreation Ground at Lee, had asked him to inform the meeting that the old and neglected tower of St. Nicholas, Deptford, would shortly be restored, and the bells (8) re-hung. The Secretary also besought the members to lighten the labours of himself and his colleagues by sending in names and subscriptions in January, and so enable him to get out the report-book immediately after the annual meeting. The report shewed that the Association was still making progress. There were about 800 members, and 69 towers in union. Seventy-seven peals were rung during 1901. Instruction had been given at Leeds by T. Mannering, at Teynham by W. H. B. Wilkins, and New Romney and Appledore by C. Tribe. A suggestion was made that some practical help might be given to weak bands in the country, who failed to make progress through being left to themselves, and, as a consequence, eventually dropped out of the Association, and gave up the practice of half-pull changes. The Balance Sheet shewed a credit-balance of £50. The Belfry Repairs Fund now amounted to £42 5s. 5d.

The report and balance-sheet were passed on the proposition of Mr. W. Harper (Swanscombe) seconded by Mr. A. Foreman (Canterbury).

The officers for the year were elected, and the four gentlemen nominated were duly elected as representatives on the Central Council for the three years ensuing, viz: Mr. J. H. Cheesman (Greenhithe), Mr. F. W. Thornton (Greenwich), Rev. E. W. Carpenter (Thorpe Vicarage), and the Hon. Sec. Two small alterations in rules were agreed to.

An enterprising photographer had offered to take a group of the members present, accordingly at the conclusion of the business a portion of the company adjourned to the playground,

where they were taken all standing, as the state of the asphalted just after a shower of hail was not inviting to those who would no doubt have been pleased to recline in the approved fashion had the ground been tolerably dry.

Touques in various methods were rung at All Saints' and other towers during the afternoon and evening.

NORTON-IN-THE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

A meeting of the Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association was held at the above tower on Saturday, May 3rd, when fifty two members attended from the following places: Bucknall, Brown Edge, Biddulph, Leek, Kingsley, Stoke Fenton, Hanley, Tunstall, Lawton and Norton. The bells were set going about 4 o'clock until six when an adjournment was made to the school-room for tea, after which the Rector (Rev. E. J. B. Kingston) gave a very pithy address, which was listened to by a very appreciative and respectful audience. He said he was very pleased to welcome the Association to Norton once more, and he was very pleased to see such a large number present there that day. He said he always looked on the ringers' work as a very important office of the church. In times of sorrow the bells tolled out to us the said message, and they also in times of gladness and rejoicing rang out to us over hill and dale their joyful tones of glad tidings. He was very much pleased with the way in which the Norton belfry was managed. There had of late been some young blood infused in the belfry, which he thought was a very good sign, for he knew it was the desire of all present that the art of change-ringing should be handed down from generation to generation. Mr. W. Twigg (secretary), thanked the Rector for his able address, and he also thanked the Norton Ringers for providing them with tea. Mr. J. Holden (people's warden), thanked the ringers for attending the Norton meeting, and he could assure them that they were very heartily welcomed and as each meeting came round he would always be pleased to see them. Mr. S. Dall (Rector's warden), said he thought there was a great improvement in the go of the bells this year compared with what they were this time last year, for they had had them overhauled so that the ringing instead of being a drudge would be a source of pleasure and delight both to their own ringers and to those who visited the Norton tower, for he believed in making things appertaining to the belfry as elsewhere as congenial and as comfortable as possible. Mr. J. E. Wheeldon (leader), said it gave him very great pleasure to see such a large gathering of ringers before him, and he hoped they would all thoroughly enjoy themselves. There had (as the Rector remarked), been several young ringers added to the belfry and he thought he was fortunate in securing such a set of intelligent young fellows, and they were all getting on very nicely together, the senior members taking great interest in helping on the youngsters. The Rector then presented certificates of proficiency in the art of change-ringing to W. A. Taberner (Norton), B. Pegge (Norton), A. Clay (Tunstall), H. Smith (Tunstall). The belfry was again visited where ringing was indulged in by various companies until 9.30, which terminated a very pleasant meeting.

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."

THE LOST DRAFT.

SIR,—I being the last member of the Committee that had possession of this draft, I was very much surprised to read Mr. Trollope's letter of last week, to the effect that it was lost! It is a most mysterious case. I cannot understand the postal authorities destroying the draft, If the envelope was opened at all, the whole ought to have been returned to me, as there was a letter to Mr. Trollope containing my name and address. It can be attributed to nothing but gross carelessness and neglect on the part of the post office to destroy a letter under these circumstances. It is a most unfortunate occurrence for the Committee, as it has delayed the work another year.

ARTHUR CRAVEN,

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

The Twelfth Annual Meeting of Church Bell Ringers was held in the Old Council Chamber at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Whit-Tuesday, when the following representatives were present: Ancient Society of College Youths—Mr. W. T. Cockerill; Bedfordshire Association—Rev. W. W. C. Baker; Cumberland Youths—Messrs. R. A. Daniell, H. Dains, and A. Jacob; Chester Diocesan Guild—Messrs. F. T. Spence and W. Gordon; Central Northampton Association—Mr. J. R. Hensher; Devonshire Guild—Rev. Maitland Kelly; Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association—Mr. R. S. Story; Essex Association—Messrs. W. J. Nevard and B. Keeble; Gloucester and Bristol Association—Rev. H. A. Cockey and Mr. F. G. May; Hereford Guild—Mr. J. E. Girn; Kent County Association—Mr. W. Haigh; Lincoln Diocesan Guild—Rev. H. Law James and Mr. G. Chester; Lancashire Association—Rev. H. J. Elsee; Midland Counties' Association—Sir A. P. Haywood, Bart., Messrs. S. Cooper and J. Griffin; Middlesex Association—Messrs. A. T. King and J. Waghorn; Norwich Diocesan Association—Messrs. C. Mee, J. Motts, and W. Catchpole; Oxford Diocesan Guild—Rev. F. E. Robinson, Rev. G. F. Coleridge, and Mr. W. E. Yates; Salisbury Diocesan Guild—Messrs. T. Blackburn and A. Smith; Sussex County Association—Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Messrs. G. Williams and S. Saker; Surrey Association—Dr. A. B. Carpenter and Mr. C. Dean; Stafford Archdeaconry Association—Messrs. S. Reeves and R. Cartwright; St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham—Mr. W. H. Godden; Winchester Diocesan Guild—Rev. C. E. Matthews and Mr. J. B. Whiting; Worcestershire Association—Messrs. R. E. Grove and J. Smith; Yorkshire Association—Messrs. W. Snowden, C. Hattersley, and G. Bolland; Hon. Members—Messrs. J. S. Pritchett, F. W. J. Rees, J. A. Trollope, F. E. Ward, J. Carter, and J. W. Taylor, jnn.

Sir A. P. Haywood, Bart., President, presided.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The President said it was with a heavy heart that he rose at the commencement of the business that day to ask the Council to pass a resolution placing on record that which they all felt to the very depth of their inmost being, the irreparable loss the Council had experienced by the death of the Rev. Henry Earle Bulwer, who had with so much ability and for so long discharged the duties of Hon. Secretary to the Council. It was not necessary that he, the President, should dwell at any length upon the many virtues that Mr. Bulwer possessed, nor on the extraordinary ability which he brought to bear upon all he took in hand, nor on the immense labour he expended on the work of the Council. Mr. Bulwer's absolute unswerving and untiring devotion to the interests of the Council which he made a main purpose of his life had brought about that firm position which the Council now held in the estimation of the Exercise. There was nothing that had been done by the Council that did not owe its success to the way which Mr. Bulwer had laid the foundation. The Council had from time to time thought fit to appoint him, the President, as its figure head, but Mr. Bulwer had been his chief support in carrying on the work. He had been to him a pillar of strength, one to whom he could at all times refer to with confidence to bring every detail to a practical issue. Not only did the Council lose one of its most active pioneers, but the death of Mr. Bulwer was also an irremediable loss to the Exercise at large. His death had removed one whose power and influence were felt throughout the ringing world, and one who had been ever ready to assist all from the least to the greatest. But there was something more. Mr. Bulwer had left behind a great example for them all. The example they had to follow was that of one who had done his very best in all that he undertook. The work that he had done in connection with the Council was beyond belief, and he had put into it his whole energy. It would be to their shame if they did not by their individual efforts strive to follow this noble example. He, the President, had lost his right hand in the work of the Council, and he must look to them to give him redoubled assistance, and this appeal he was confident he should not make in vain. The resolution he desired to move was as follows: "That this meeting desires to place on record its sense of the irreparable loss which the Council has sustained by the death of the Hon. Sec. the Rev. Henry Earle Bulwer, to whose commanding ability and untiring labour the firm position

to which the Council has attained is so largely owing." "That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Bulwer with the expression of the Council's deep sympathy with herself and her family in their great sorrow."

The Rev. F. E. Robinson in seconding, said the words of the President made it unnecessary for him to add anything. There was one point to which he might allude, and that was the absolute thoroughness of their late Hon. Secretary. If an instance was wanted, let them turn to the Glossary, of which the bulk was his work, a publication in the highest degree useful to every Association in the kingdom.

The resolution was adopted in silence, each member of the Council rising in his place.

ELECTION OF HON. SECRETARY.

The President said it was not competent for the Council to appoint an Hon. Secretary without previous notice. As Mr. Bulwer's lamented death had taken place so recently, it had been impossible to give the proper notice so that the nominations could be sent in. What he proposed to do was to ask the Council to make a temporary appointment to the post until the next meeting, and then when the Council met in London nominations could be sent for a formal election. He was sure that the announcement he had to make was one which would meet with the unqualified approbation of all present. Their good friend, the Rev. Charles Davies, had consented to undertake the office until the next annual meeting. He had no hesitation in saying that there were few, if any, of equal ability and fitness to that which Mr. Davies possessed for the post. Mr. Davies in so generously offering to undertake the duties of Hon. Secretary, relieved him—the President—from a heavy load of anxiety, and he would now propose that Mr. Davies be asked to take up the office of Hon. Secretary to the Council until the next Annual Meeting.

Mr. Snowden, in seconding, said it gave him great pleasure to second the proposal. Ever since his, the speaker's, brother's death he had at times to refer matters to Mr. Davies, who had most kindly given him help which had been invaluable to him. Mr. Davies was one of those who always displayed a friendly willingness to assist, and was undoubtedly just the man they wanted.

The resolution having been carried with applause,

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said he agreed with all that had been said respecting the exceptional ability of the late Hon. Secretary. It would be a heavy task to follow in the footsteps of such a man. Mr. Bulwer had innate qualities which fitted him for the post of Hon. Sec. to the Council. He would undertake the work, knowing full well that he lacked those powers of his predecessor. He accepted the post, feeling that he should have the President for his guide, and if the President would but tell him what to do he would do it to the best of his ability. He was not afraid of work, and it would be a pleasure to him to organise the labours of the Council with the President's assistance. He could assure the Council that it might rely upon him to the best of his ability, and it was a work which he willingly undertook in their interests.

The President asked for information respecting the muffled peals and attempted peals rung in memory of Mr. Bulwer.

Statements were made of two peals rung as already reported, and also of attempts at West Bromwich, St. Martin's, Birmingham, and at Tipton.

The President said he was glad to find that so much had been done. Although all the attempts had not proved successful yet the fact that they were made showed equally respect to the late Hon. Secretary. It had been suggested that some kind of memorial should be erected to the memory of Mr. Bulwer. He, the President, did not wish to stand in the way, but he did not himself approve of memorials of that kind. The best memorials they as ringers could offer were the peals that had and would be rung to honour his memory and to endeavour to follow his example.

Mr. Cooper further reported that the Leicester company had attempted peals, but at present he did not know the result.

Mr. Story reported that at a meeting of his Association a vote of condolence was passed.

FINANCE.

The President said he had received the books from Mrs. Bulwer, and found no difficulty in making out the balance.

sheet. Every detail was duly entered up, including the sale of the Glossary, and the bank book had been made up to May 5th. This all showed how perfect was the work of the late Hon. Secretary. The accounts showed: Balance from last year £74 18s. 9d.; Subscriptions—£10 17s. 6d.; Sale of Glossary—£53 7s. 3d.; Other publications—9s. 5d., making a total of £139 12s. 11d. Against this there was printing of the Glossary, £34 0s. 0d.; other items—£2 19s. 6d., leaving a balance of £102 13s. 5d. The Glossary account had been made up to the same date, and was as follows: Sales—£53 17s. 3d.; Expenditure—Printing—£34 0s. 0d.; Carriage of parcels—£2 19s. 11d.; Balance of profit to the Council—£16 17s. 4d., in addition to which there were several dozen copies left unsold, which would bring a further profit. He thought the Council might be congratulated upon the success that had attended the sale of the Glossary, a valuable work to the Exercise, and one which showed the ability of the friend the Council had lost. He would move the adoption of the balance-sheet.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson seconded, and the motion was adopted.

HON. MEMBERS.

The President said there was a vacancy in the list of Hon. Members by the expiration of the term of Mr. Tom Lockwood. Mr. Lockwood's services to the Council were valuable, and it would be a pity, although Mr. Lockwood had not been able to attend recently, not to retain him, so as to secure a continuation of his assistance.

On the proposition of Mr. Pritchett, seconded by Mr. Hattersley, Mr. Lockwood was re-elected.

The President said the Rev. E. W. Carpenter might not be re-elected to represent the Kent Association. Mr. Carpenter had proved a useful member of the Council, and as there was one place which had hitherto not been filled, he thought it would be well to elect Mr. Carpenter as an Hon. Member.

On the motion of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, seconded by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter was elected an Hon. Member.

PEAL COLLECTION TO BE PUBLISHED.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies in reporting on behalf of this Committee, said as a member of the Committee he fully agreed with the President that there should be no longer delay in the publication of the collection. Mr. Bulwer had taken a large share of the work of the Committee; he was a kind of repository for all the peals sent in. Some time ago, he (the speaker) wrote to Mr. Bulwer asking him for the collection. It was sent on, and was rather a bulky concern. There were a large number of peals, including representations of composition of the present day. The copy was in a forward condition. He trusted that some further instructions would be given as to how the Committee were to proceed, as there was some difficulty in knowing exactly what to do. If the Committee were to be guided by the resolution passed last year, they desired to have some definition of the word "characteristic." There were of course several ways in which the collection could be published. The whole of the collection could be published in one bulky volume, or a selection could be made so as to come in a handy book that could be put in the breast pocket, or the collection could be issued in pamphlet form in paper covers, leaving subscribers to have their copies afterwards bound in one volume if they so desired. He hoped some guidance would be forthcoming in order that steps might be taken to push on the publication, which he thought would be found very valuable.

Mr. Trollope said Mr. Bulwer wrote to him on April 22nd, that the Committee were hampered by last year's resolution of the Council.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies asked if the Rev. F. E. Robinson would give a definition of the word "characteristic."

The Rev. F. E. Robinson said he considered the term included compositions of antiquity, those having musical qualities and showing skill in composition. He thought it desirable that the publication should be in a portable form.

Mr. Pritchett thought the word "interesting" would be more appropriate.

Mr. Snowdon thought the words "suitable for production" would give a better guide.

The Rev. H. Law James supported the term "interesting peals," the performance of which should be encouraged.

In reply to a question as to the formation of the committee, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies said the following was the Committee, and the work undertaken by: Mr. H. Dains, Double Norwich; Mr. Tom Lockwood, Treble Bob; Dr. Carpenter, Triples other than Grandsire; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Grandsire Triples; Mr. Knights, Grandsire Caters and Cinques; Mr. Pritchard, Stedman Caters and Cinques; Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Stedman Triples; Rev. J. H. Pilkington, Double Oxford; Mr. Trollope, Bob Major; Mr. Lindoff, Superlative.

The President said he had not at the present received the whole of the documents belonging to the Council from Mrs. Bulwer, but expected shortly to do so, among which no doubt would be this collection. What was to be done with it?

Dr. Carpenter said when he received the m.s. which he did from Mr. Davies he went through it and initialed those peals he considered worthy of selection, most of which already had C. D. P. D. put to them.

Mr. Dains said to make the publication a useful book of reference it would be a large work. The work of tabulating made it a much larger job than he at first anticipated.

The President said there was a deal of valuable information in the collection. It was part of the duty of the Council to publish such productions. There was money in hand, so even if the publication did not pay, the Council could stand the loss. He thought the publication in pamphlet form would be the best, and that one part might be devoted to each method in which there were a large number of peals, while other parts might possibly contain two or more methods. Each of such parts could be produced separately, and so avoid delay. The parts could then be bound together—after which the Council should issue a handy pamphlet containing a small selection of peals in all the methods for the use of conductors.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson proposed, and Mr. Williams seconded that it be an instruction to the Committee to proceed with the publication in separate numbers.

Dr. Carpenter thought this would be carrying out the intention of the Council when the Committee was first appointed.

Mr. Snowdon said if the Council was going in for a loss let them face it boldly. Would it not be desirable to fix the number that was to be printed? In this case it appeared to him that provision should be made at least for the next twenty-five years. He did not, therefore consider that 500 copies would be sufficient.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey supported the proposal to issue in numbers.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies suggested that the various Associations might be asked how many copies each would take, as a guide to the number to be printed.

The President did not think that Associations would purchase many copies.

Mr. Trollope said there was another important question which should be considered, that was the need of editing the collection. To publish the whole of the compositions in the way in which they were sent in would not do. In the case of Bob Major he had found it necessary in some cases to reverse the calling or to make some alteration so as to put the peal in better form. Many of the composers did not appear to understand the quality of the peals they were producing. More than one-half the peals received required editing.

The President said he understood that there were batches of copy ready at Stanhoe, and he assumed these had been edited by those who undertook to receive the particular methods, and they surely could be printed at once.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies considered there was some weeding out required before publication.

Mr. Pritchett said that to publish a peal just because it had been sent in would never do. The object should be a useful publication.

Mr. Snowdon suggested that where a large number of peals had been sent in might be as well to acknowledge in a footnote that peals not included had been sent in by other composers, giving their names. This would show that they had not been entirely thrown on one side, and might help to make matters run smooth which might not otherwise do so.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said there would still be the ques-

tion of editing. Were the Committee elected for that purpose? He did not see how he could personally undertake the whole work. Could it not be undertaken by the Committee? If a start was made, and some of the first portion issued, it would be open to criticism, which might help the Committee.

Mr. Trollope said the collection of Bob Major compositions came to about 2000, were these all to appear?

The President said it was a matter that must be left to the Committee to decide. He thought there should be a fair number of compositions produced. He suggested that it should be an instruction to the Committee to proceed with the publication, the selection to be left in the hands of the Committee, and that 1000 copies be printed.

This was agreed to, and the resolution to issue the collection in numbers was also adopted.

The following letter has been received from Mrs. Bulwer in acknowledgement of the Council's resolution of sympathy:—

"Stanhoe Rectory, Kings Lynn, May 26th.

"DEAR SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD,—Please accept yourself, and kindly convey to the members of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, the thanks of my son and daughter, as well as myself, for the kind expression of their sympathy with us in our sorrow. We feel deeply the loss it is to others, as well as to ourselves, and at the same time are gratified that the work to which my husband gave up so much of his time and energy is so thoroughly appreciated.—Believe me, yours sincerely,

"HELEN BULWER."

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday. There was a very fair attendance, though not equal to that of former years before the railway companies withdrew the privilege of cheap tickets on these occasions—an illiberal policy which cannot be altogether profitable, if it reduces the number of travellers. The day's proceedings opened with a special service at St. Mary's church, fairly well attended by the ringers, at which an address was delivered by the Rev. T. L. Papillon, Master of the Association, from Ephesians iv. 1-3: "I beseech you to walk worthily of the calling wherewith ye were called, with all lowliness and meekness, with all long-suffering, forbearing one another in love, giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." The objects of such an Association as theirs, said the preacher, were to promote change-ringing and belfry reform in the same spirit of Christian unity, and with the same goodfeeling one to another, as St. Paul recommended to the Ephesians; and in such a spirit they would "walk worthily of their calling."

The business meeting was held at 12.15 in the vestry hall. The Rector of Chelmsford (Rev. H. A. Lake) was in the chair, supported by the Master and Hon. Secretary (Rev. H. T. Eyre), the District Masters and Secretaries (with the exception of the Rev. E. H. Oakshott, Master of the N.W. division, absent through illness); and the auditors, Messrs. B. Keeble and C. H. Howard. There were also present the Rev. E. G. Norris (Whittle), Messrs. N. J. Pitstow, S. Hayes, W. Doran, and other familiar faces. The business was mainly of a formal character, such as the reelection of officers for the year, and election of new members, with the reelection of the present representatives on the Central Council (the Master, Messrs. B. Keeble, Nevard, and N. J. Pitstow) for the ensuing three years 1903-4-5. The Master then read the report for the year 1901, the chief event in which (he said) had been the re-organization of the Association by dividing the county into four districts each with a local Master and Secretary. These officers, in conference with the Master and Hon. Secretary of the Association, had drawn up a scheme of district meetings for the year, on the general principle that each of the four districts should hold three meetings in the year at regular intervals of four months, at the last of which the district officers for the ensuing year should be elected. This system was now at work, and he augured well for its success. The necessary preliminaries, involving special committee and district meetings, with much extra printing, had involved considerable expenditure, with the result that the account which began the year with a balance in

hand of £5 15s. 2d. ended with a deficiency of 11s. 5d., £11 meanwhile having been withdrawn from the reserve fund. But this dislocation of the finances was, there was reason to hope, only temporary. The restoration of the bells at Gestingthorpe, in the N.E. division, and the death of the Rev. E. R. Horwood, of Maldon, and Messrs. A. Deards, of Barking, and W. Howell, of Sudbury, were noted. Forty-three peals had been rung in 1901, viz.: Treble Bob Royal 1, Surprise Major 3, Double Norwich 5, Treble Bob Major 6, Bob Major 5, Stedman Triples 3, Grandsire Triples 3, Oxford Bob Triples 3, Surprise Minor methods 8, Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor methods 5, Doubles 3; a satisfactory record as to quality and variety. "I should like however," continued the Master, "to gather from a rather larger number of peals rung in easier methods that our younger and less experienced members are being helped forward and encouraged." The signs of approval which greeted these remarks indicated that the members present were alive to a danger that is not peculiar to the Essex Association only, viz., that in the multiplication of peals rung by a few experts in the more showy methods, the opportunities for young ringers to make the beginning that every one must make may be curtailed.

After the meeting about eighty-five members sat down to dinner in the boys' school adjoining the churchyard, kindly lent as in former years by the Rector and managers, and then dispersed to the various towers placed at their disposal.

The report, with list of members (now arranged under their respective districts), of peals rung, and of rings of five bells and upwards in the county, was issued to the local secretaries, from whom members will receive it. The district officers are—N.E. division: Master, W. J. Nevard, Great Bentley; Hon. Sec., E. W. Beckwith, Coggeshall. N.W. division: Master, Rev. E. H. Oakshott, Stansted; Hon. Sec., H. J. Tucker, Bishops Stortford. S.W. division: Master, E. A. Davies, Barking; Hon. Sec., T. W. Faulkner, Barking. S.E. Division: Master, W. H. Judd, Prittlewell; Hon. Sec., G. Green, Great Baddow.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Brighton on Saturday, May 3rd. There was a satisfactory attendance of members. Ringing commenced at 11 a.m. at St. Nicolas'.

Luncheon was served in the Pavilion at 2 p.m., at which the Mayor of Brighton presided, supported by the Dean of Chichester, Mr. R. A. Daniell, Mr. Attree, Mr. Tompkins, and the Hon. Secretaries. The toast of the day was proposed by Mr. Attree, that of "Church and State," to which the Mayor and the Dean of Chichester responded. The President and vice-Presidents were reelected, two being added to the list: the Dean, and the Right Hon. Sir Henry Fletcher, Bart., M.P. Mr. Attree was re-elected as Master on the proposition of the Dean, who said that Mr. Attree had done more for campanalogy in the county of Sussex than any other man. Mr. Attree, in returning thanks, said that what he had done could not have been done without the help of other ringers.

The balance-sheet and report were presented by Mr. Attree, which showed a balance of £35 8s. 3d. This was considered to be quite satisfactory, and was accepted.

An alteration in Rule iii. was then proposed by Mr. A. B. Bennett, viz.: "That the government be vested in a President, vice-Presidents, Master, Hon. Secretaries (4), and Hon. Treasurer, together with three persons (one clergyman and two laymen) chosen from each division." Two or three amendments were proposed, and finally the clause (one clergyman and two laymen) struck out, and the motion as amended carried.

Mr. Watson suggested the Annual Meeting should be held at the following places successively: Hastings, Brighton, and Chichester. This the majority did not approve of, and so it was not carried.

The special service then followed at St. Peter's, and a very excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. C. H. Ridsdale, curate of St. Peter's. Members afterwards visited the towers of St. Peter's and St. Nicolas', and rang various methods.

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SATURDAY, MAY 31, 1902.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The President (J. Sanicroft Holmes, Esq.), desires to announce to the members of the above Association and others, that he has requested Mr. C. E. Borrett to carry on the secretaryship rendered vacant by the lamented death of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, until further arrangements can be made.

All communications should therefore be addressed to C. E. Borrett, 10, Chester Street, Norwich.

QUEEN CHARLTON, SOMERSET.

At the cost of £198, towards which £187 has been raised by subscription in the village and neighbourhood, and a bazaar, the four bells of St. Margaret's church have been repaired and rehung, and a 5th bell added, bearing the inscription: "To the glory of God, and in memory of Queen Victoria." The work has been done by Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Bristol.

A dedication service was held at 3.0 p.m. on Easter Monday, at which the Ven. Archdeacon of Bath delivered an admirable address. Preceded by the churchwardens, the clergy present (the Ven. Archdeacon, the Vicars of Queen Charlton, Brisling-

ton, Whitchurch, and Stanton Drew) went in procession from the Manor House to the church. There was a large congregation, and after the service the inhabitants of Queen Charlton and those visitors who cared to do so, took tea in the Manor House, and walked in the grounds. Assisted by four of the Keynsham ringers, a number of merry peals were rung during the evening, and the sweet tone of the bells were much admired.

RINGER'S PRESENTATION.

On Saturday evening a presentation was made to Mr. W. Taylor of Leiston, by the members of the St Margaret's Society, on the occasion of his leaving Leiston to take up his residence at Southwold. The presentation took the form of a handsome silver mounted walking stick, bearing the following inscription on a silver band: "Presented to Mr. W. Taylor by Leiston Bell-ringers 1902." The presentation was made by Mr. John Button on behalf of the assembled company, who made pleasing reference to Mr. Taylor's long association with the Leiston Company. In making his acknowledgements, Mr. Taylor, while expressing his regret that he could no longer attend the weekly practices, said he hoped to be permitted to retain his membership of the company, and to participate in many more successful peals with them.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LATES'S ONE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

FRED. T. C. NEVETT .. Treble.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. 6.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 3.	GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN. ... 7.
SIDNEY H. GODFREY* .. 4.	FREDERICK H. GOOCH .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT P. HARMAN.

*First peal in the method.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 23, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY HOSKINS.. .. Treble.	WILLIAM FOREMAN 6.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 2.	I. GEORGE SHADE 7.
EDWARD N. PRICE* .. 3.	WILLIAM BERRY.. .. 8.
JOHN J. LAMB 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 9.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 5.	FREDERICK H. GOOCH .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, and

Conducted by I. GEORGE SHADE.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. This peal has forty-two courses only, and has the 6th twenty-three courses behind the 8th and twenty-three behind the 9th.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, TOTTENHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. Treble.	GEORGE B. LUCAS 5.
HENRY A. BARNETT.. .. 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 16, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. Treble.	*FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. 5.
CHARLES BAKER* 2.	*JAMES BROUGHTON .. 6.
JAMES TANN 3.	FREDERICK SMITH .. 7.
ROBERT WHITING 4.	†GEORGE MITCHEL .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. T. P. BRICE.

†First peal. *First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Sunday, May 4, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS ROPER* .. Treble.	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON .. 3.
EDWARD TOLLEY 2.	HENRY MIDDLETON .. 4.
FREDERICK STYLES Tenor.	

Conducted by FREDERICK J. JOHNSON.

*First peal. First peal on the bells.

SELWORTHY, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN KENT Treble.	EDWARD KENT 4.
LEWIS MAY.. .. 2.	GEORGE COURT 5.
SIDNEY BURGESS 3.	EDWIN ROWE Tenor.

Conducted by S. BURGESS.

First peal on the bells and by all the band.

NAZING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Antelope, 480 Plain, 480 Oxford, 480 St. Dunstan's, 960 Canterbury, and 1920 Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN SEWELL Treble.	ISAAC CAVILL 3.
WILLIAM MARRABLE .. 2.	ALFRED PEARMAN .. 4.
†HENRY S. REEVES Tenor.	

Conducted by ISAAC CAVILL.

†First peal of Doubles.

LANE END, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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On Tuesday, May 20, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Each 720 called differently.

A. WALKER* Treble.	E. HOLLOWAY 4.
J. ELDRIDGE 2.	REV. — NASH 5.
J. RICHARDSON 3.	F. RICHARDSON Tenor.

Conducted by F. RICHARDSON.

*First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

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BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1902, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS. 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

FRED. G. MAY Treble.	GEORGE T. DALTRY 6.
ALBERT STOWELL 2.	WILLIAM STOWELL 7.
WILLIAM GREENLEAF 3.	CHARLES H. GORDON 8.
HENRY PRING 4.	JOHN BURFORD 9.
GEORGE JAYNE 5.	CHARLES COLLIER Tenor.

Composed by the late H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by FRED. G. MAY.

MANUDEN, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being five 6-scores each of Canterbury, Plain Bob, London, Antelope, Stedman, Dream, St. Dunstan, and seven 6-scores of Grandsire.

GEORGE PRIOR Treble.	W. T. PRIOR 3.
JAMES HARVEY 2.	S. J. WARD 4.
F. W. THARBY Tenor.	

Conducted by GEORGE PRIOR.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr.

FREDERICK BUNDS Treble.	FRANCIS POWELL 5.
ARTHUR MAYO 2.	JOHN MONK 6.
HENRY BROOKS 3.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN 7.
THOMAS BULL 4.	JESSE BROOKS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's.

R. L. C. NEWHOUSE* .. Treble.	JOHN MATTHEWS 5.
HARRY G. JUDGE 2.	NOBLE SPINDLOW 6.
WILLIAM BENNETT 3.	JAMES FRANKLIN 7.
FREDERICK WEBB 4.	WILLIAM FRANKLIN Tenor.

Conducted by NOBLE SPINDLOW.

*First peal.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.)

On Wednesday, May 21, 1902, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S No. 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

WALTER CANNER* Treble.	GEORGE C. TUNNICLIFFE .. 5.
GEORGE TOMLIN 2.	WILLIAM EARLE 6.
LEWIS HOLLINGWORTH .. 3.	FRED HOLLINGWORTH .. 7.
HARRY HOLLINGWORTH .. 4.	*GEORGE THORNLEY Tenor.

Conducted by FRED HOLLINGWORTH.

*First peal of Oxford. First peal of Oxford on the bells. The band wish to thank Canon Denton for the use of the bells; also Mr. Hatton for having everything in readiness.

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HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 21, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Court Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and Grandsire.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES TURNER* Treble.	SYDNEY CARTER 4.
ERNEST GLADMAN 2.	GEORGE GLADMAN 5.
HENRY CHANDLER 3.	*CHARLES EDWARDS Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. The above are all members of the local band.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 22, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LATES' ONE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

HUBERT EDEN Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
WILLIAM HODGETTS 2.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 6.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT .. 3.	HARRY A. HORREX 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE 4.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 22, 1902, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 37½ cwt.

WILLIAM HOLMES Treble.	ERNEST E. FERRY 6.
ALFRED F. HILLIER 2.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 7.
HENRY WHITE 3.	ROBERT S. STORY 8.
ASA HOLMES 4.	HUGH D. DALL 9.
S. OCTAVIUS FERRY 5.	ROBERT RICHARDS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

This peal was arranged for Mr. White who hails from Basingstoke.

RED HILL, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. 5.
FREDERICK W. RICE 2.	GEORGE PAICE 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	JAMES HUNT 7.
JOHN RICE 4.	ARTHUR MOSELEY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. Mr. Moseley was elected a member previous to starting.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1902, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WALTER FINEDON Treble.	WILLIAM FREEMAN 4.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 5.
JOHN WM. BARKER 3.	*FRED. WILFORD Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal in seven methods with a bob bell. The ringing-chamber for this splendid peal is now on the first floor, and is much more pleasant.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYVE HILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

FREDERICK GOMM Treble.	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 5.
JESSE ELDRIDGE 2.	JAMES W. WILKINS 6.
PHILBERT W. WILKINS .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. H. C. BELL 4.	SIDNEY JORDAN Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Carlisle, London, Wells, Bristol, Lichfield,
York and Durham. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. George Jordan.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, May 24, 1902, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	HERBERT BAKER 7.
EDGAR PEMBERTON 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 8.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 3.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 9.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 4.	WILLIAM WOOD 10.
ISAAC S. ALEXANDER .. 5.	WALTER LAST 11.
EDWARD SHERWOOD† .. 6.	WILLIAM MOTTS Tenor.

Composed by JEREMIAH MILLER, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

†First peal of Maximus. Herbert Baker, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Hertford.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

SAMUEL REEVES Treble.	HERBERT KNIGHT 5.
THOMAS HORTON 2.	SIDNEY HODGES 6.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 3.	JAMES E. GROVES 7.
ROBERT PICKERING 4.	THOMAS ADKINS Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SILENT PEAL.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1902, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble.	FREDERICK W. DIXON .. 5.
JAMES COTTERELL 2.	GEORGE H. HARDY 6.
THOMAS B. KENDALL .. 3.	JOHN CLAYTON 7.
LUKE ILLINGWORTH 4.	BENJAMIN F. LAMB Tenor.

Composed by W. GOODALL.

Witnessed by Edwin Wheeler and Willie Walker. Further reference elsewhere.

CONSETT, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1902, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM HOLMES Treble.	JOSEPH E. R. KERN 5.
ASA HOLMES* 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 6.
ROBERT C. HUDSON 3.	ERNEST E. FERRY 7.
S. OCTAVIUS* 4.	HUGH D. DALL Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

*First peal in the method. Reference to this peal elsewhere.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, May 24, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES GEORGE Treble.	JOHN C. ADAMS 5.
BERNARD WITCHELL 2.	GEORGE SWANN 6.
FRANCIS FRY 3.	JOHN NEAL 7.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 4.	CHARLES DICKENS Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY,

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOK'S FOUR-PART.

HARRY G. FAIRBRASS .. Treble.	CHARLES LUERY 5.
CHARLES W. BRETT 2.	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 6.
ARTHUR A. ANDREWS* .. 3.	PHILIP H. PIERCE 7.
FREDERICK G. BRETT .. 4.	JOHN BALAAM Tenor.

Conducted by PHILIP H. PIERCE.

*First peal, and rung in honour of his birthday.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Sunday, May 25, 1902, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

CHARLES PRICE Treble.	HENRY W. WILDE 5.
GEORGE JONES 2.	GEORGE PARTINGTON .. 6.
RICHARD JONES 3.	JAMES MORGAN 7.
ROWE HUXBY 4.	WILLIAM MOULTON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

All the above are members of the St. Mary's Society, Pulford.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 27, 1902, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDWARD POOLE* Treble.	†HENRY HEAD 5.
WILLIAM WELLINGTON† .. 2.	*ARTHUR BRADLEY 6.
ARTHUR HEAD 3.	GEORGE W. PIPER 7.
FREDERICK G. RADLEY .. 4.	WILLIAM LINCOLN Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

*First peal. †First peal in the method.

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On Saturday, May 24, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt.

DAVID ELLIOTT Treble.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 5.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD .. 2.	GEORGE LANCASTER .. 6.
HENRY EVERS 3.	FRANK BALLS 7.
GEORGE ANDREWS .. 4.	WILBY J. HAZELL .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by D. ELLIOTT.

Rung to celebrate the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. F. Wilcox, by the Bishop of Colchester. First peal by F. Balls.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1902, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK FUTTER Treble.	WALTER E. AYERS 5.
JAMES SPOONER† 2.	†HAROLD ELLIS 6.
JAMES SKINNER 3.	†ROBERT W. COOKE 7.
FREDERICK WILBY .. 4.	WILLIAM J. HOWSON .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by WILLIAM J. HOWSON.

†First peal. First peal of Major by all except the ringer of the 3rd.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 24, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT G. WARNES .. Treble.	EDWARD FRANCIS 5.
PERCY C. ARTIS 2.	EGBERT BORRETT 6.
ALBERT ROUGHT 3.	SAMUEL SMITH 7.
HERBERT W. STANLEY .. 4.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by the late Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, and
Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 25, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble.	ERNEST PYE 5.
CHARLES WILKINS 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 6.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 3.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 26, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

FREDERICK WEBB Treble.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 5.
HARRY JUDGE 2.	HARRY BUTLER 6.
WILLIAM BENNETT .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JAMES FRANKLIN .. 4.	FRANCIS POWELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Hallow, Worcester, and published in our last issue, consisted of 5088 changes, and was the first peal of Major on the bells.—The peal at Hartlebury was a variation of Thurstans's four-part.—The peal recorded last week at Milton parish church is to be recorded as a Kent County peal.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HURSLEY.—A meeting was held at this tower on Wednesday, April 30th, to unveil a board commemorating the first 720 of Minor rung by the local band on the bells. The board however, which is of polished mahogany, with a walnut and light oak moulding in Gothic style, and written in gold, had not arrived from the writers, much to the regret of those present. Members of the Winchester Cathedral (2), Romsey (3), Twyford (2) bands were present, together with Messrs. J. W. Whiting (Fareham), G. Chappell (Wickham), and W. Cooper (Swanmore), who had come over for the occasion. The ringing opened with a 720 of Grandsire Minor. Rev. H. Wheat, W. Jones, W. Cooper, W. Andrews, G. Chappell conductor, J. W. Whiting. Followed by 120 Stedman Doubles G. Smith, Rev. H. Wheat, J. Elcombe, W. Andrews, J. W. Whiting, H. Westbrook. Another 720. J. Elkins, G. Smith, Rev. H. Wheat, W. Andrews, J. W. Whiting, W. Fowler. And 240 Grandsire Minor. W. Witcher, J. Richards, Rev. H. Wheat conductor, R. G. Hunt, W. Jones, H. Westbrook. And 720 Bob Minor. W. Cooper, F. Russen, G. Smith, J. Elcombe, G. Chappell conductor, J. W. Whiting. On Wednesday, April 23rd, 720 Grandsire Minor was rung by the local band, W. Jones conductor, this being his first 720 as conductor.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

BIDDULPH.—On Saturday, April 19th, at a meeting of the Association, 720 Bob Minor. J. T. Taylor, B. Pegge, T. Johnson, D. Preston, J. E. Wheelton, W. Twigg conductor. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. M. Capper, W. Carter, T. Johnson, D. Preston, W. Twigg, J. E. Wheelton conductor.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

EXETER.—On Sunday, May 18th, at St. David's church, a peal of Stedman Triples was lost after ringing over 2,500 changes owing to a mishap. F. Shepherd, E. Shepherd, F. J. Shepherd, W. Shepherd, F. Davey, H. Langdon conductor, J. Moss, J. R. Sandover.

HEAVITREE.—On May 19th, at St. Michael's church, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Hancock, F. J. Shepherd, F. Murphy, W. Miflin, W. Burrough, H. Langdon, W. Shepherd conductor, W. Lawton. On May 20th, in a railway carriage from Totnes to Exeter, 504 Grandsire Triples on handbells. E. Shepherd, F. Shepherd conductor, H. Langdon, F. J. Shepherd.

CAYTHORPE (Lincolnshire).—On April 30th, for practice at the church of St. Vincent, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins. P. J. Stokes, A. Codd, T. Cragg. F. W. Stokes, J. P. Paley, sen., conductor, G. Scott, J. Cragg, F. Charles. Tenor about 13 cwt.

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD (Yorks).—On Wednesday, April 16th, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. S. Thomas, F. Allen, A. Ward, J. Evinson, C. Haynes, W. Noble, W. S. Plant conductor, F. Allen. First quarter-peal as conductor; also longest length by A. Ward; and first quarter-peal with a bob bell by C. Haynes.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Sunday morning, May 18th, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Hicks, R. Watson, A. J. Hessian, A. Dubber, A. Newman (London), J. George conductor, J. B. Fenton, Captain Hobbs. For evening service 588 Grandsire Triples. J. Coales, R. Watson, A. Dubber, C. J. B. Cooke, J. B. Fenton, A. Newman, J. George conductor, A. J. Hessian.

LATE NOTICE.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Tetbury on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (8) from 2 o'clock. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock. 57, Chester Street, Cirencester. S. MOORE, Hon. Sec.

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North Wingfield, Derbyshire.—The new trebles will be dedicated to-day, Saturday, May 31st. Service at 4 p.m. Free tea at 5 p.m.

T. ALLIBONE, Local Sec.

North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A special meeting of the above Branch will be held at Walton-on-the-Hill, to-day, Saturday, May 31, when the Lord Bishop of the Diocese will address the members. The Rev. Canon Leigh, Rector, has most kindly offered to provide tea for those present. All ringers warmly welcomed. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Members earnestly requested to attend. REV. C. A. CLEMENTS, Secretary, 5, Marsden Road, Southport.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shifnal to-day, Saturday, May 31. Ringing at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 5 o'clock. Train leaves Shrewsbury at 2.50 p.m.

J. MACKAY, Hon. Sec.

Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Headingley, to-day, Saturday, May 31st. Bells open from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at The Skyrack hotel at 7 p.m.

CHARLES PRATT, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—The next meeting of the Rossendale Branch will be held at St. James's church, Waterfoot, to-day, Saturday, May 31st. Bells open at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.

ZEB. LORD, Sec.

St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held to-day, Saturday, May 31, at Blakenall. Tower open for ringing at 4. Service in church at 5 p.m.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Seal Chart, to-day, Saturday, May 31. Tower open at 4.30. No allowances.

W. LATTER, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this Branch will be held at Todmorden parish church, on Saturday, June 7th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested.

JAS. JACQUES, Sec.

The Lincoln Diocesan Association.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Swineshead on Saturday, June 7th, 1902. T. BOYERS, Hon. Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Cheddleton, on Saturday next, June 7th. Members who intend being present must give notice to Mr. J. Gilbert, Cheddleton.

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

The Essex Association.—South Eastern District.—The next meeting will be held at Prittlewell, on June 7th. Those intending to be present please give notice by the 4th June.

GEORGE GREEN, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Church Chase, Great Baddow.

Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Melbourne, on Saturday, June 14th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea, 1/- each, will be provided, and it is requested that all who intend being pres-

ent for Tea will notify Mr. W. Earle, Blanch Croft, Melbourne, not later than Thursday, June 12th. Subscriptions due January 1st last should be paid in at or before this meeting.

W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

Cotgrave, Notts.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—The report books for 1901 have been distributed to all members whose addresses are believed to be correctly printed in the list of members. Several of the non-resident honorary life members have doubtful or insufficient addresses shown, and a copy has not been sent. Any such may have a copy by sending me a card with their address. These applications are requested to be sent before May 31st.

C. E. BORRETT, Hon. Sec. pro tem.
10, Chester Street, Norwich.

The Devonshire Guild.—The Exeter Cathedral bells will be re-opened on June 24. Dedicatory Service 2 p.m. Ringing from 4.15 by Devon Guild. F. MOLINBUX, Hon. Sec.
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NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT LIVERSIDGE.—This Silent Peal, "which is the first by the Yorkshire Association," was rung at the first attempt, without a hitch of any description. There were seven towers represented, namely, Broadley Bradford, Cotterell and Lamb Halifax Kendall Shipley Illingworth Liversedge, Dixon Guiseley, Hardy Dewsbury, and Clayton from Birstall.

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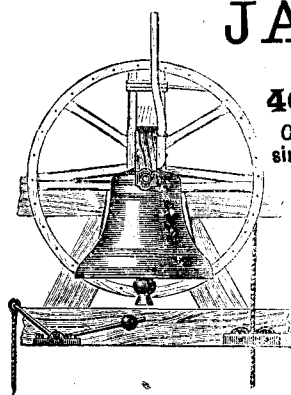
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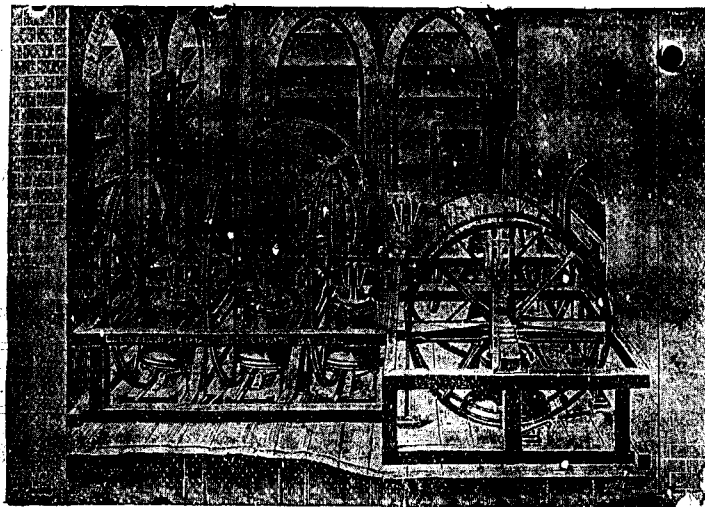
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

BEDWORTH (Warwickshire). All Saints. Midland Counties' Association. Eight bells by Taylor and rehung by the firm 1895. Tenor 14 cwt. Iron frame. Bells go well, and are in good condition. Intermediate floor required to deaden sound in ringing-chamber, but authorities indifferent. Ropes new 1900, good. No half-pull or Sunday ringing. No practice lately.

BEEDING, UPPER (Sussex). St. Peter. Eight bells. No return.

BEESTON (Notts). St. John. Midland Counties' Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, the back six 1870, the trebles 1877. Tenor 23 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clappers re-bushed 1897 by Taylor. Ropes middling. Methods: Grandsire, Plain, and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing 10.15 to 10.45, and 6 to 6.30. No regular practice.

BELCHAMP WALTER (Essex). Essex Association. No return.

BELGRAVE (Leicestershire). St. Peter. Midland Counties' Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and tenor by Taylor, 1888; 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th by Watts, 1631. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Frame requires attention; nothing done since 1888. Ropes fair. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman. No regular Sunday ringing except for festivals. Practice: Monday, 7.45.

BENENDEN (Kent). St. George. Kent County Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Mears, 1802, also 5th, 1819; 6th by Phelps, 1719. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in., by Lester and Pack, 1753. No information as to founder of remaining three. Timber frame. Bells go heavily. Clocking permitted. Bells overhauled by a millwright, 1896. Ropes new 1898, fair. No half-pull ringing now, Sunday ringing; first in

month for evening service. Practice: Friday, 7.30, November to April.

BENHILTON (Surrey). All Saints. Surrey Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Warner, 1893; also 6th, 1878; 7th, 1877; and tenor, 1866; 3rd by Gillett, 1882; also 4th, 1880; and 5th, 1879. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. General overhaul by Warner in 1893. Everything, including ringing-chamber, in good order. Ropes fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing 10.20 to 11, and 6.20 to 7. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30, also second Saturday in month, 7.30. No practice in summer. Visitors always welcome.

BENNINGTON (Herts). St. Peter. Hertfordshire Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd, and 4th by Mears, 1853; 3rd by Briant, 1792; 5th by Graye, 1630; 6th by Pack and Chapman, 1777; 7th by Archer, 1626; tenor, 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 5 in., by Waylett, 1714. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ellacombe's chiming apparatus fitted. Ropes worn. No half-pull ringing, Sunday ringing, or practice now. Bells have not been rung for over four years. Ichabod.

BENSON (Oxon). St. Helen. Oxford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. 2nd by Mears, 1852; the rest by Janaway, 1781. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by White, 1868. Repairs promptly attended to. Ropes fair. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing once a month, and on festivals. Practice: Tuesday and Thursday, 7, in winter months.

BENTLEY, GREAT (Essex). St. Mary. Essex Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Carr, 1897; 3rd and 5th by Mears, 1890 and 1884 respectively; 4th by Briant, 1819; 6th by Graye, 1683. Tenor 8 cwt., diameter 2 ft. 11 in. by Gardiner, 1732. Timber frame. Bells go well, and in good repair. Repaired and trebles hung by Howell, 1897. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing for half-an-hour before every service. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

BERKELEY (Gloucestershire). St. Mary. Gloucester and Bristol Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Blackburn, no date. 3rd, 4th and 6th by Mears, 1842; 5th, 7th and tenor by Rudhall, 1700, 1722, and 1808 respectively. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Iron frame. Bells go well, and are in good repair. Chiming apparatus fitted. Thoroughly repaired by Blackburn; no date given. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 1st and 3rd in month for one hour before service. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30

BERKHAMPTSTEAD (Herts). St. Peter. Hertfordshire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1837-38. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. No statement as to "go" of the bells. About to be rehung by Warner. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 10.50. Practice: Monday, 8.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of the Ely (Ely Archidiaconal Branch) was held on Whit-Monday (May 19th) at Cottenham, near Cambridge. Cottenham though a somewhat inaccessible place, boasts a fine-toned ring of six, in very fair condition; and the use of another similar ring in the neighbouring parish of Histon had also been kindly granted for the occasion, but the go of the bells at this latter place leaves much to be desired, and performances upon them had soon to be abandoned. Tea was provided in the Schoolroom at Cottenham, and was followed by the usual business meeting—at which nearly thirty members were present. The Rev. J. Webb (curate) who presided, apologised for the unavoidable absence of the Rector, and cordially welcomed members to Cottenham. The Rev. W. W. Crump (General Sec. of the Association), who had cycled over from St. Neots, also expressed the pleasure he felt in meeting the ringers once again in this parish, of which years ago he was curate. Several new members were elected and the usual votes of thanks passed to the clergy who had assisted in making the meeting a success. The next gathering of this Branch will take place at Fulbourn and Cherry Hinton, in September.

SUDBURY BRANCH.

A District Meeting of this was held at Sudbury on May 3rd, ringers being present from Sudbury, Glemsford, Long Melford, Lavenham, Hitcham, Preston, Great Waldingfield, Withersfield, Bury St. Edmunds (St. James), Felsham, Bildeston, Monk's Eleigh. Forty one members sat down to an excellent tea at The Green Dragon in North Street, and a meeting followed at which the chair was taken by the Rev. J. J. Jones, Rector of Sudbury.

During the day touches of Triples (Grandsire and Stedman) and Major (Plain and Treble Bob) were rung at the three churches: St. Peter's (tenor 22 cwt.), St. Gregory's (tenor 16 cwt.), and All Saints (tenor 28 cwt.) Sudbury, with its three rings of eight bells, is a very convenient place for a meeting. The bells at St. Peter's and All Saints go remarkably well, and it is hoped that St. Peter's will possess ten bells before long.

A vote of thanks were passed for the use of the bells to the Rev. J. J. Jones, and the Rev. C. J. Stower, Vicar of All Saints.

The next District Meeting will be held at Lavenham on October 4th.

SEA TRIPS.—The popular Belle Steamers have commenced the season in earnest. Daily sailings (excepting Fridays) are now made to Southend, Clacton, and Walton, from Fresh Wharf, at 9.15, calling at river piers, and returning from Walton at 3.30, Clacton 4, and Southend 5.45. Tickets are also issued for Felixstowe, Harwich, and Ipswich, passengers changing at Walton. At 9.30 a saloon steamer leaves Fresh Wharf for Margate and Ramsgate, calling at river piers, and returning from Ramsgate at 3.15, Margate 4. The favourite Nore trips on Saturdays and Sundays, at 3 p.m., are being well patronised. Full particulars and handbills may be had from the Coast Development Company, Ltd., 33, Walbrook, E.C.

CAYTHORPE (Lincolnshire).—On April 30th, for practice at the church of St. Vincent, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 mins. P. J. Stokes, A. Codd, T. Cragg, F. W. Stokes, J. P. Paley, sen., conductor, G. Scott, J. Cragg, F. Charles. Tenor about 13 cwt.

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

PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

SIR,—From the precise wording and punctuation of the paragraph at the head of the second column on page 88 in your report of the proceedings of the Council, it is possible that an erroneous impression may get abroad as to the constitution of the Committee. It consists simply of Dr. Carpenter, Mr. Dains, and myself. We three (with the late Mr. Bulwer) and we only, were appointed by, and are responsible to the Council, and with us and with us alone rests the responsibility of the selection of peals and the publication of the collection. The others named are friends who at our request have given us their most kind and invaluable aid. They have spared no pains in their work, on which they have spent vast care and trouble, and we are deeply indebted to them. But they bear no responsibility whatever.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Obituary.

WILLIAM HECKINGBOTTOM.

On Whit-Monday the remains of the above member of the All Saints band of ringers, Pontefract, were conveyed to their long rest by his brother-ringers. Although young, he had a prolonged illness with a somewhat painful ending, being a martyr to that insidious scourge—consumption. His quiet unassuming manner won the esteem of every one with whom he came in contact. He soon had their trust and affection, and his death leaves the band the poorer. He was a member of the Yorkshire and the Durham and Newcastle Associations, having resided some time at the latter place, and taking part in a couple of peals there. His last touch was a 360 of Woodbine at Darrington, conducted by his brother of the Armley band. Muffled peals were rung after the burial service.

BETSY CHOWN.

On Thursday, May 22nd, the above, wife of Thomas Chown, was laid to rest, after a long and painful illness, aged thirty-eight. She was carried to the grave by members of the All Saints society, of which the bereaved husband is a member. After the funeral the company ascended All Saints tower and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the deceased. J. W. Smithson, W. Hammond, E. F. Rippon, J. Rowley, A. Gledstone, W. Smithson, F. Willey conductor, J. Lloyd.

MATHON (Worcestershire).—On Ascension-Eve at the parish church of St. John the Baptist, a 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. G. Jordan, A. Hadley, F. Smith, A. Layton, C. Layton, Rev. J. F. Hastings conductor. Also a 720 Canterbury Pleasure by the same band, conducted by A. Layton.

MALVERN (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, May 18th, at the church of St. Matthias, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. A. Cooper, C. Tyler, O. Brown, A. Plant, R. McCann, J. Malpass conductor, E. J. Tyler, T. Cooper.

BURTON LATIMER (Northants).—On Sunday, May 11th, for evening service, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. G. Line, W. Meadows, M. Friend, T. Abbott, J. Main, J. Houghton, junr. These are the first 6-scores of Doubles ever rung for service on the bells.

HAMPSTEAD (Middlesex).—On Sunday, May 4th, at St. Stephen's church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Watson, R. Bevan, M. Woodcock, E. Bonfield, B. Young, W. H. Pryor conductor, F. Smith, W. J. Norton. On Sunday, May 11th, for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor. W. J. Norton, E. Pryor, C. Pryor, E. Bonfield, W. H. Pryor, F. Smith conductor.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

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LEGITIMATE METHODS.

Mr. Trollope reporting on behalf of this Committee said he had nothing further to tell the Council about the Report on Legitimate Methods than they would have read in "THE BELL NEWS." He had found it impossible to re-draft the lost report in time for the meeting, and could only promise to do so at once and publish it to invite criticism. It had been a long time in hand—three years—but he asked the Council to believe that that time had not been wasted. A very great ignorance prevailed amongst ringers about method-building. The way nine-tenths of ringing books and ringers themselves wrote out a lead of a Major method, shewed that they had totally missed what a lead really was, and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, the greatest authority on Grandsire, had stated some while since in "BELL NEWS," if he rightly quoted him, that he had a very poor opinion of the intelligence of any one who could not see that the parting of the leads in Grandsire Triples was where the bob was made. Whereas, had he looked at the matter from the point of view of a method-builder, and not of a peal composer, he would have seen that the parting was between the leading of the hunts. So that, speaking personally, he had found that he had a great deal to unlearn before he could begin to form a correct opinion. He was bound to admit that it was the Rev. H. Law James who had first found salvation. He did not agree with all his views, but in the main he was right. He could assure the Council that the work had been done thoroughly. Seven or eight drafts had been circulated, and he claimed that they had gone to the very bottom of the question. But he warned the Council that he did not hope that the conclusions would be immediately accepted by all. What had taken three years hard work would hardly be fully understood by the ordinary ringer of the first reading. There was at present no great hurry for the report—three years ago there was. But the large number of new methods which were then put upon the market had lately fallen off. Anyhow the only course he could take was to ask the Council to renew their confidence in the Committee for another year.

The H. Law James said it was just possible that the draft report was sent without any letter, so that there was not any clue as to the sender.

Mr. Snowdon said it appeared to him that such documents when sent through the post should be registered. When he received a report from the late Hon. Secretary it always contained a list of addresses showing the order in which it was to be sent on. He thought if this had been done with this draft it would have found its way back to one of the Committee. There were documents which belonged to the Council which had to be sent through the post which were of some value. These undoubtedly should be sent by registered post.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said when he last saw the draft there were a number of tabulated addresses attached.

Mr. Trollope said the report had been re-drafted, and the names did not appear on the last.

On the proposition of Mr. Cockerill, seconded by Mr. Reeves, it was agreed that the Committee be requested to re-draft the report and publish the same in "THE BELL NEWS" previous to the next meeting of the Council.

CONDITION OF RINGS.

The President said it had been found impossible to publish the returns in the shape at first suggested, viz., under headings in a tabulated form; hence the way in which the returns were appearing in "THE BELL NEWS." Some towers appeared without any information, for many of the forms sent out had not been returned. He had to thank those who had sent in returns, and also those who had sent corrections of the returns which already appeared. At the present rate of issuing the returns they would not be completed within twelve months. After that it would have to be decided how the information should be published. All letters giving information would be carefully noted, and when finally published, the corrections made. He should like to take the opportunity of impressing upon all who sent any communication to him on the subject of the returns, to endorse their letters C.C.C.B.R. as requested at the head of

the schedule appearing each week in "THE BELL NEWS." Letters not so marked had been following him about the country. Some of the correspondents who had written pointed out that before the report could be published as a whole, many changes might take place. This was unavoidable, but the real object, the acquisition of a definite knowledge of the tended and untended proportion of towers, would be equally attained. Some assistance might be rendered if representatives of the Council would, at their Association meetings, rouse their members up, not only to supply the missing information, but to send all necessary corrections.

In reply to Mr. Daniell the President said that corrections in the returns would appear when finally published.

Mr. Daniell pointed out that in the course of the publication of the returns in "THE BELL NEWS," someone might have some knowledge respecting a tower that they might wish to send on. He suggested that a form should be inserted in "THE BELL NEWS" so that the answers could be filled in and returned.

The President said there were still forms in hand, a copy of which any applicant could have.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly said the returns could be materially assisted if Secretaries of Associations closely watched them and looked after any towers in their district from which no return had been made, and also returned any necessary corrections. In his own district the bells had been returned from one tower as in good ringing order. They might be so for round ringing, but he could not say they were for change-ringing, which was quite another thing. The value of the returns would be much enhanced by correcting them carefully.

Mr. King said if necessary he would look after his own district and see that the work was done, even if he had personally to go and do what was necessary. He thought that so far as the returns had already gone it would be no less interesting than other publications which had come from the Council.

Mr. Snowdon trusted the Council would assist so far as it could in getting the necessary information.

The President said he had about 750 forms in hand, and that it took him over an hour each week to get out the returns as they were now appearing. There were about 350 forms as yet unreturned. The publication would be hoped be continued week by week till completed.

ASSOCIATION AND BELFRY RULES.

The President said he thought it would be unwise to go into these in detail, for they appeared to be so nearly perfect. Here again they had before them the good work of the late Hon. Secretary. Any member of the Council having any suggestion to make should communicate with the Committee, with whom the matter had better rest. A skeleton code of belfry rules such as these had been often applied for, and could be adapted to any case. It was a matter in which there should be no further delay. He would suggest that the rules for Associations one should be added that it is desirable to affiliate with the Central Council (hear, hear).

The Rev. W. W. Baker said the rules could only be adopted as model ones, leaving those requiring to alter them as they thought fit.

Mr. Daniell did not think the rules relating to finance satisfactory. They ought not to be regarded as binding.

Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Griffin seconded the adoption of the Code as printed.

The Rev. H. Law James said that in the Rules for a belfry it was laid down that the qualification should be membership of the Church of England. As a fisher of men he looked upon a bell rope as a very good fishing line.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee thought the question of qualification in the Code for Association rules required consideration, and to ring 120 changes in one method was generally adopted in preference to ringing 120 in two methods. There should also be consideration or distinction between a Probationer and a Member.

The Rev. W. W. Baker did not think it desirable to make the question of qualification too definite. It would be best for each Association to fix its own qualification.

The President said he thought it best to fix a fairly high standard of qualification and allow each Association to water it

down. He thought the Council would agree with him that the thanks of the Council were due to the Committee for their very admirable report.

The resolution moved by Mr. Williams was adopted.

THANKS TO THE MAYOR.

Previous to the mid-day adjournment of the Council the President moved and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded that the best thanks of the Council be given to the Mayor for kindly granting the free use of the hall. This was adopted.

AN IRISH CONTINGENT.

The President said he had received a letter from Mr. Lindoff, who wished to know if it would be competent for them in Ireland to elect a representative upon the Central Council. He had replied that there was nothing in the rules of the Central Council which confined them to England. If there was any wish to send a representative, he was sure the Council would welcome one, either from Ireland, Scotland, or Wales.

LEGITIMATE AND RECORD PEALS.

The President said the rules suggested in the report were very important, and would require careful consideration. He did not think it would be wise to attempt to pass them this year as a whole, for no doubt there was much debateable matter in them. The one great aim had been to endeavour to raise the standard of performances. What he would suggest was that clauses in which it was found there was contentious matter, should be permitted to stand over for twelve months, and should come up again for discussion, as any further decisions the Council came to could be added from time to time. There appeared to be a feeling that there should be some authoritative ruling to which the performance of a peal could be referred. The Committee came to the conclusion that before you could define a record peal you must define the conditions under which an ordinary peal should be rung. The Committee had therefore drafted both. It was very curious how much the Committee were in accord, for it was not found necessary to send round the draft a second time, but it was understood that if any of the Committee desired to move amendments they could do at this meeting. It was curious to note how some who held strong opinions upon certain points had modified their views when they came to learn the views of others. He would advise the Council not to pass any clause in a hurry, but if necessary to let it stand over for further consideration.

No. 1.—That any shift or other error in ringing be immediately corrected.

Mr. Trollope asked if a conductor made an error in calling, was he to be permitted to correct himself; and proceeded to show that in some peals a call having been omitted could be put in elsewhere, yet the peal be true.

Mr. Snowdon asked if a conductor was compelled to go for the peal he started for.

Mr. Trollope said that was his meaning.

The President said this was not covered by the particular clause.

Mr. Snowdon said in a record performance a conductor would under the proposed rules be compelled to go for the peal he started for, but in the case of an ordinary peal this was not so.

Mr. Pritchett said the words agreed upon last year were "shall invalidate the performance unless it is perceived at the time."

The President said that the rules were headed by the invalidation clause, therefore the words were not wanted in any subsequent clause.

It was resolved that the clause as printed be adopted.

No. 2.—That no call be made, or having been made, be altered or withdrawn, later than during the change at which a call would properly take effect.

The President said this clause did not refer to the composition of a peal. It was as to how late a call can be made. A call had to be made for the most part two blows before it took effect. If a conductor was a little late in calling it must not be beyond the change when the call would take effect.

Mr. Williams proposed, and Mr. Griffin seconded the adoption of the clause.

Mr. Rees thought the call should be made not later than the commencement of the parting change, instead of during the change. In Grandsire, if "during the change" was adopted, it might be so late as 6, 7, yet it had to be made by bell in 3rds.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge proposed, and Mr. Trollope seconded the insertion of the words "not later than the commencement" in place of the word during.

Mr. Pritchett said he was not in favour of the clause as printed. He considered if a conductor had made a wrong call and could put it right, he should be allowed to do so.

The amendment was lost, and the resolution adopted.

No. 3.—That no person other than those ringing in the peal should take any part in the calling or rectifying an error.

The President said this would preclude any one not ringing from calling from M.S. or from rectifying any mistake that might be made.

On the motion of Mr. Griffin, seconded by Dr. Carpenter, the clause was adopted.

No. 4.—That if more than one person should ring any bell the fact should be stated in publishing and booking the peal.

Mr. Snowdon said for fifteen years the Yorkshire Association had been scoring peals, but never did so where two men took part unless it was with the tenor behind, and then the names of those ringing the changing bells only were booked. He trusted the Council was not going back twenty-five years and undo the work that his Association had done. To adopt such a course would not be levelling up but levelling down. He hoped that it would not be passed as it at present stood.

Mr. Daniell thought that if peals were not to be recognised in which two men had rung one bell it would be necessary to revise the Glossary, and if this was done many of the old peals in which two men had rung one bell could no longer be recognised as peals.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson advised the Council not to be too stringent. In some towers the "go" of a bell was found to be so bad that two men were required to ring it.

It was resolved to adopt the clause.

No. 5.—That no ringer should have any refreshment handed to him while taking part in a peal.

Mr. Snowdon trusted this clause would be at once struck out and said he believed there was a large number against such a clause.

Mr. Pritchett thought it was understood that the late Henry Johnson had some kind of rock in his waistcoat pocket, of which he occasionally took a piece during the long peal of Stedman Cinques.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson did not consider such a clause necessary for the ringing of an ordinary peal.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies was in favour of the clause as it stood. There was no need of it for an ordinary 5000, but he could not see why it should not be useful for peals of 7000 or 8000 or more. If any resolution was adopted it should be against handing a ringer anything, as otherwise they might be eating half the time they were ringing.

The Rev. H. R. Cockey thought most bands would sooner go without any refreshment than run the risk of having anyone in the tower to disturb them, and so lose the peal.

The Clause was struck out.

No. 6.—That every bell must, during the peal, sound at every change.

Mr. King said if a bell got on the wrong stroke but afterwards came right, this would invalidate the peal.

The President said in such a case a bell must either have missed a blow, or made one too many.

The Clause was adopted.

No. 7.—That no four or more bells shall clash together at any change.

The Rev. F. G. Coleridge thought the Clause a little too lenient. If the clash went beyond 2 bells, it should invalidate the peal.

The President asked what was going to be termed firing.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies thought this was when the whole of the bells struck together.

Mr. Snowdon did not think the Clause far wrong. A ringer might find it necessary to hold up his bell over another that was making a mistake, and so cause a clash of 2 bells; this should not be considered firing. He approved of the clashing

of 4 bells invalidating a peal.

Mr. Williams also supported the Clause as it stood.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said it might happen that two bells would clash in the best of ringing. He moved the adoption of the Clause as it stood.

The Rev. F. G. Coleridge seconded.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson proposed, and Mr. Dains seconded that the further consideration of the Clause be postponed.

The amendment was carried by 31 to 4.

That in the case of a peal rung to surpass a previous peal, compliance with these further conditions is desirable:

(1) That not less than fourteen days' notice shall be given in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" stating the tower, day, and hour, at which the attempt is to be made, and the number of changes proposed to be rung.

Mr. Snowdon saw a difficulty in fixing fourteen days as the limit of Notice, as many ringers in the North of England often had to wait fourteen days after publication before they got their "BELL NEWS."

Mr. Dains said some other band might in the mean time ring the peal.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey moved, and Mr. Dains seconded seven days' notice in lieu of fourteen.

This was carried by 32 to 7.

(2) That similar notice shall be sent to the conductor, or if he cannot be traced, to some member of the band who rang the peal which it is proposed to surpass; or if no member of the band can be traced, then to the Secretary of the Guild or Association under whose title the said peal was rung.

(3) That a sealed copy of the figures of the proposed peal, which figures shall be strictly adhered to, be lodged, previous to the attempt, with the Secretary or other responsible officer of the Guild or Association under whose title the band is to ring; and that, in the event of the peal being accomplished, such officer shall immediately forward direct to "THE BELL NEWS" for publication the said sealed copy unaltered; but that if the attempt shall prove unsuccessful, he shall instead return the sealed copy unopened to the conductor.

Both of these were adopted without discussion.

4.—That if possible a competent representative of each of the bands shall be present during the whole of the performance.

Mr. King asked if it would not be desirable to take out the word "possible."

Mr. Daniell said if this was done it would make it impossible for a band to beat a record by not sending a representative (laughter).

The Rev. F. G. Coleridge thought the figures should be in the possession of such a representative, who should be in the tower. The President pointed out that the figures were to be sealed.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said there were very few who were able to check a peal unless they had the figures before them.

The clause as printed was adopted.

5.—That, if the peal shall be completed, a statement on the following lines, signed by each member of the band shall be prepared, which shall be shewn, if required, to the representative of the band whose peal has been surpassed:

"We, the undersigned, hereby testify that, to the best of our belief, the peal of ——— rung at ——— on the ——— day of ——— 19—— was truly performed in accordance with the conditions for record peals laid down by the Central Council."

The President said that the late Hon. Secretary suggested that a copy of the statement should be also published in "THE BELL NEWS."

Mr. Ring thought such a statement would find its way to the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" in the natural course.

The President said it must be a statement signed by the whole of the band, and not by one member on behalf of the band.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said if such a statement was published it would prevent any statement coming forward afterwards to the contrary.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey asked why the signed statement should not be sent to the Central Council.

The President said the Council did not profess to act in a judicial capacity.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey suggested the original document might be deposited with the Secretary of the Association that

recorded the peal.

The President said if so, and the Secretary of the Association considered it desirable, he could send a copy to "THE BELL NEWS" for publication.

Mr. Snowdon thought the late Hon. Secretary had made a good suggestion. If such a document was published in "THE BELL NEWS" it could at all times be turned up as a record.

The clause as printed was adopted.

6.—That any objection which may be taken to a peal be raised at the earliest date, and in no case after the lapse of three months, unless in respect of the truth of the composition, as to which the figures of the sealed copy shall be deemed conclusive evidence.

This was adopted without discussion.

7.—That each bell shall be rung throughout the peal by the same person.

Mr. Snowdon considered that no peal should be lost if a second man was required because of the bad go.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson moved to insert "unless the peal lasts more than twelve hours." He believed it was in the minds of some of the young members of the Exercise to go for the full extent of Bob Major (laughter). He should not be surprised to hear it was to be attempted.

Mr. Bolland seconded.

Mr. Trollope proposed, and Mr. Dains seconded that it should be fifteen hours.

Both amendments were lost, and the clause as printed was adopted.

8.—That the conductor shall not make use of written or printed matter as an aid to memory during the performance.

This clause was adopted without discussion.

The President said it was now necessary to return to clause 5, which had been rejected for ordinary peals. Unless such a clause was inserted there might be a case of a fed band claiming to surpass an un-fed one.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies moved, and Mr. Griffin seconded, that the clause be inserted for record performances.

The Rev. H. Law James asked if any of the great record performances had been rung without some of the band having some kind of refreshment.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge said he had taken part in a 1500, and did not see any man have any refreshment.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson: There were some peppermints on the bar behind the 9th, but sometimes they fell to the ground instead of reaching the mouth (laughter).

The Rev. H. A. Cockey said unless the Council adopted such a clause, there would nothing to prevent some one going into a belfry to give the band refreshment.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said they might even have a Spiers and Pond's bar (laughter).

The clause was adopted by 29 to 5.

This completed the rules, and the President asked for a resolution confirming the whole as amended.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson moved the adoption of the rules as amended.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge, in seconding, said although the refreshment clause was only passed for record peals there was in one rule, No. 3 under ordinary peals, that which would meet the case, viz.: the words "rectifying an error." To go into a belfry and give a man his breakfast during a peal would be rectifying the error the man had made in starting without it. (Much laughter).

The resolution was adopted *nem. con.*

The President congratulated the Council upon having done some good and useful work in laying down rules for the guidance of ringers, which he believed would in the prevailing state of uncertainty on many points in connection with peal ringing, be welcome to every honorable ringer.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

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It is rarely that we refer in this column to any matters of public import. Intelligence of all kinds is so easily obtainable in these days that it is unnecessary to take up any of our own space by referring to general public events. But we must mention the happy fact that the war in South Africa is done with, and peace is proclaimed. The nation breathes freer. And well it might. The terrible loss of blood and treasure; the increase of the public debt; and other terrible accompaniments of the conflict were making men's hearts fail them for fear. Now it is over, and we are thankful, hoping, as we should hope, that victors and vanquished may firmly unite together for the good of humanity.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.
DEATH OF MR. JOHN DAY.

Just on the eve of going to press we are greatly concerned to hear that Mr. Day, the presiding ringing master of the above Guild, passed away to his final rest on the morning of Monday, the 2nd instant, at the ripe age of 75.

For some months past he had been ailing, and a week or two ago his painful illness was further complicated by a slight chill.

In our next issue we purpose giving our usual obituary notice.

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On Tuesday, May 27, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

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WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 6.
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GEORGE R. PYE 3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 8.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 4.	ERNEST PYE 9.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 5.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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On Thursday, May 29, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

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EDWARD N. PRICE 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
GEORGE E. WILSON 4.	DAVID BARNES Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

This is J. J. Lamb's fiftieth peal, a list of which will be found elsewhere.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, May 31, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

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Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

The conductor has now called this peal from every bell.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.)

On Saturday, May 31, 1902, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PUTNEY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR CUTMORE* .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER .. 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS 6.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 3.	†JOHN H. B. HESSE .. 7.
REUBEN CHARGE 4.	CORNELIUS CHARGE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

*First peal of Major.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1902, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

GEORGE E. WILSON .. Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 5.
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 2.	HARRY WARNETT 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

The Provinces.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.

On Saturday, May 17, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LATES'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS NEWMAN .. Treble.	HARRY W. SMITH 5.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2.	JOSEPH HANDS 6.
GEORGE ESSEX 3.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 7.
ERNEST W. MENDAY .. 4.	HARRY SIMMONDS Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

This is the first peal by the St. Peter's Caversham Society, which has been recently formed to be associated with the Ancient Society of College Youths.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

JOHN MORGAN Treble.	ALBERT E. BRAIN 5.
HENRY GARDNER 2.	THOMAS HART 6.
JOHN AUSTIN 3.	R. CLARKE 7.
DR. N. F. SEARANCE .. 4.	ALFRED T. BRUNSDON .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1902, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5008 CHANGES.

JOSIAH MORRIS Treble.	WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 5.
CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 2.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 6.
JOSEPH B. FENTON .. 3.	HORACE W. ABBOTT .. 7.
WALTER PERKINS .. 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Rung after the unveiling of a tablet recording a peal of 10,176 Treble Bob Major by the same band on December 26th, 1901.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 27, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lbs.

GEORGE LUNGLEY* .. Treble.	THOMAS CLARK 5.
GEORGE PARK 2.	HARRY PEVERELL 6.
JAMES BAXTER 3.	WILLIAM H. PORTER .. 7.
ROBERT BRISCOE* .. 4.	ERNEST C. HUNT Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES BAXTER.

This peal is taken from the Clavis. *First peal in the method and first attempt.

SHEFFIELD—THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 27, 1902, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

GEORGE O. DIXON Treble.	SAMUEL THOMAS 5.
FRANK BURGAR† 2.	ROBERT HARRISON 6.
GEORGE BRADSHAW* 3.	JAMES DIXON 7.
JAMES EVINSON 4.	WILLIAM MIDGLEY Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BURGAR.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to James Evinson.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 28, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR;
5056 CHANGES.

H. SIMMONDS Treble.	J. HANDS 5.
E. W. MENDAY 2.	R. T. HIBBERT 6.
E. J. MENDAY 3.	H. W. SMITH 7.
G. ESSEX 4.	T. NEWMAN Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

This was Johnson's variation of Middleton's peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Simmonds, with the usual good wishes from all the band.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

On Wednesday, May 28, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s called three different ways.

ARTHUR STURMAN† Treble.	†OLIVER HINCHLEY 4.
GEORGE SMITH 2.	ROBERT HUTTON 5.
GEORGE SMITH, JUN. 3.	JOHN HILLING Tenor.

Conducted by R. HUTTON.

†First peal.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 29, 1902, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,

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

GEORGE CLEAL Treble.	CHARLES H. FOWLER 5.
JOHN O. LANCASHIRE 2.	JOHN BUTTERTY 6.
SAMUEL COTTON 3.	WILLIAM WILLSON 7.
ALFRED MILLIS 4.	JOSIAH MORRIS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Rung immediately after the dedication of the new bells by the Bishop of Leicester, and is the first peal in the town of Market Harborough. Rung with the singles at the commencement.

ST. LEONARD'S-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 29, 1902, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
CLEMENT HILL† 2.	FREDERICK A. KENNETT 6.
FRANK MEDHURST 3.	GEORGE WATSON 7.
HENRY C. HARVEY 4.	†HARRY DENMAN Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS,

†First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 30, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

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

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman. Rung on the eve of the spring meeting of the Chipping Norton branch of the Guild.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD POOLE* Treble.	*JOSEPH DINES 5.
WILLIAM ROWLAND, JUN. 2.	*WILLIAM WELLINGTON 6.
WILLIAM NEWMAN 3.	*HARRY HEAD 7.
HARRY RICHELL 4.	RICHARD DINES Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROWLAND, JUN.

*First peal in the method.

TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lbs.

HORACE SMITH Treble.	J. JOHNSON 5.
FRED SMITH 2.	F. DARLINGTON 6.
WM. THOMPSON 3.	G. A. SMITH 7.
A. A. CLAY 4.	J. DARLING Tenor.

Composed by W. J. CARTER, and Conducted by G. A. SMITH.

First peal of Bob Triples by all and on the bells since their augmentation.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1902, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.
Tenor 17 cwt.

F. HICKLING Treble.	W. HICKLING 5.
C. DRAPER 2.	B. SUGDEN 6.
G. THOMPSON 3.	J. FLOWER 7.
J. BROOK 4.	A. E. THOMPSON Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by A. E. THOMPSON.

Mr. Brook, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Alfreton.

BANGOR, NORTH WALES.

(THE ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 31, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13½ cwt.

SAMUEL TAYLOR Treble.	BERNARD CARTER 5.
RICHARD HUGHES 2.	JAMES H. MIDWINTER 6.
FREDERICK HOLDEN 3.	JOHN H. GRUNDY 7.
GEORGE F. HOAD 4.	RICHARD NICHOLLS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

This is the quickest peal on the bells, and was rung to commemorate His Majesty's birthday.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION. AND THE LINCOLN
DIOCESAN GUILD.—NORTHERN BRANCH.

On Saturday, May 31, 1902, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE R. WINTER.. ..Treble.	†CHARLES CRAWFORD.. .. 5.
FREDERICK S. W. BUTLER 2.	PHILIP O. BIXBY 6.
ARTHUR H. WHEELER† .. 3.	†HERBERT HAIGH 7.
HARRY WARBURTON 4.	†GEORGE WILSON .. ..Tenor.

Composed by JOHN NICHOLS, and Conducted by HERBERT HAIGH.

†First peal of Treble Bob. A. H. Wheeler was elected a member of the North Notts. Association previous to starting for the peal.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 31, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WALTER R. HUGHES ..Treble.	H. HENRY SOMERVILLE .. 6.
ARTHUR PAINTER 2.	JOHN C. ADAMS.. .. 7.
FRANK HALLSWORTH. SEN. 3.	ALFRED TURLEY 8.
WILLIAM GRIFFIN 4.	THOMAS J. ELTON 9.
JOSEPH BIRCH 5.	FRANK HALLSWORTH, JUN. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

Rung to welcome home from South Africa the Second Service Company of the and Volunteer Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1902, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 23 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT ..Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
GEORGE R. PYE.. .. 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE 4.	WILLIAM PYE .. ..Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HEATHFIELD, SOMERSETSHIRE.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 1, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor about 7½ cwt.

ISAAC CREED .. ..Treble.	HENRY STEVENS 3
HENRY J. CREED 2.	TOM CREED.. 4
JOHN CRIDLAND .. ..Tenor.	

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

This is the first peal on the bells.

The following peals were rung to celebrate the restoration of peace in South Africa:—

TUNSTALL, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 2, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE DRAIKES ..Treble.	THOMAS JULL 4.
CHARLES E. SMITH 2.	ALBERT J. DAY.. .. 5.
JOSEPH E. GRENTED .. 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS..Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, June 2, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

WILLIAM A. JEAUVONS ..Treble.	EDWARD GOODREDS 5.
ARTHUR BAKER† 2.	SAMUEL BAKER 6.
ALFRED FLETCHER† 3.	*WILLIAM FISHER 7.
JOSEPH ROBERTS† 4.	ALBERT E. LAW .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

†First peal. *First peal as conductor. Rung also as a wedding compliment to Mr. G. Summers and Miss Parker, which took place that day. It is the first peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

WHITLEY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 2, 1902, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOSEPH A. GOFTON ..Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY }.. .. 4.
JAMES E. GOFTON 2.	RICHARD A. GOFTON .. 5.
THOMAS T. GOFTON 3.	*WILLIAM THOMPSON ..Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

*First peal. First peal by an entirely local band.

MIDHURST.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 2, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY MAGDALENE AND DENIS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Bob Minor, and two each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent, each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ERNEST J. PRESSLING ..Treble.	ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. 4.
HARRY CHURCHILL 2.	†THOMAS STROUD 5.
THOMAS E. ELLIS 3.	JAMES LEE .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS STROUD.

†First peal as conductor.

EASTBOURNE.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 2, 1902, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ALBERT E. THOMAS† ..Treble.	JOSEPH SHARP 5.
ARTHUR MILES 2.	GEORGE H. HOWSE 6.
ARTHUR GOWER.. .. 3.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.. .. 7.
ROBERT C. MAYO 4.	CHARLES CRUNDEN ..Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

†First peal and first attempt.

FARNWORTH, NEAR BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 2, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES LEVER .. ..Treble.	THOMAS LEVER 5.
ELLIS LEVER 2.	†WILLIAM LEVER 6.
JOHN LEVER 3.	JOSEPH POTTER 7.
FRED MORRIS 4.	WILLIAM SMETHURST ..Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LEVER.

First peal by the ringers of the treble and and. †First peal as conductor.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 2, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor about 19 cwt.

VICTOR WHITE* Treble.	HARRY LEA 5.
ELIJAH WHITE 2.	W. MOTERAM 6.
HENRY RAYBOULD 3.	GEO. NEWBY COCKIN 7.
WILLIAM COLEY† 4.	MATTHEW HACKETT.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WM. MOTERAM.

*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

(THE KING'S NORTON GUILD.)

On Monday, June 2, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. B. JAMES' TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

W. H. SUMNER Treble.	W. S. PRITCHETT 5.
HARRY WILLIAMS† 2.	JOHN WITHERS 6.
FRED W. SUMNER 3.	WILLIAM PALMER 7.
ALFRED PRITCHETT 4.	HARRY WITHERS Tenor.

Conducted by W. S. PRITCHETT.

†First peal, and was elected a member of the Association.

RICHMOND, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 2, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Kent Treble Bob, and five 720s of Bob Minor, each called differently.

J. T. HUTCHINSON Treble.	†J. J. PEAKE 4.
F. BRAND 2.	J. T. FRENCHUM 5.
A. MORTON 3.	R. BRISCOE Tenor.

Conducted by RICHMOND BRISCOE.

†First peal with a bob bell.

SEDBERGH, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 2, 1902, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

JOHN W. PENNINGTON† .. Treble.	EDWARD PENNINGTON .. 5.
RICHARD ATKINSON 2.	WILLIAM PENNINGTON .. 6.
THOMAS SISSON† 3.	F. SEYMOUR J. PILE 7.
JOHN EDWARD SENOGLES .. 4.	GEORGE F. WOODHOUSE .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. WOODHOUSE.

†First peal. The ringer of the treble is fifteen years of age.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1902, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN MONK Treble.	NOBLE SPINDLOW 5.
HARRY BROOKS 2.	FREDERICK POUNDS 6.
FRANCIS P. POWELL 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 4.	JESSE BROOKS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The number of changes in the peal rang at Bunbury, published in our last issue, should read 5040 not 5024; and the ringer of the 4th should be Rowe Huxley not Huxby. It was also the first peal of Major on the bells.—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Bangor on May 31st should have been headed as a College Youths peal.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

APPLETON (Berks).—On Sunday, May 18th, for evening service at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Bennett, F. White senr., H. Woodward, H. Tubb, F. Tubb conductor, G. Holifield, R. White, F. White junr. On Monday, May 19th, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Bennett, F. White senr., H. Woodward, H. Tubb, F. Tubb conductor, F. Barrett, R. White, J. White.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On Sunday evening, May 18th, at the parish church, 559 Grandsire Triples. W. Mannering, R. Simmonds, C. Turner, J. Bonny, E. Elliott, A. Tawney, T. Mannering conductor, R. Kingsworth.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On a recent Sunday for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. G. Cottis, J. Cottis, E. G. Fenn, G. W. Faulkner, A. Carter, C. Fenn, A. C. Hardy conductor, E. A. Davies. On Sunday, May 18th, after Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. T. Cast, J. Cottis, G. Cottis, A. Morris, A. Carter, R. Fenn, C. Fenn conductor, E. Fenn.

CHELMSFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, May 4th, at St. Mary's church for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. H. Dawson, W. Newman, H. Rickell, W. Rowland conductor, C. Was-kett, A. Whight, W. Piper, H. Rolfe. On Sunday, May 11th for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. H. Dawson, A. Pitstow, H. Rickell, W. Rowland conductor, H. Head, A. Whight, A. Head, H. Rolfe.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CIRENCESTER.—On Monday, May 5th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters. H. Lewis, F. W. Bond, J. C. Eden, F. J. Lewis, A. E. Edwards, F. Lewis, C. E. Bartlett, H. C. Bond conductor, F. Protherough, H. Clutterbuck.

SIDDINGTON.—On Thursday, April 24th, 2520 Bob Minor in 1 hr. 25 mins. H. Lewis, F. J. Lewis conductor, A. E. Edwards, J. J. Jefferies, F. Protherough, F. Lewis.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD,

SHALFORD (Surrey).—On Tuesday, May 6th, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob. W. Worsfold, R. Crowhurst, E. Lucas, T. Streeter, J. Smithers, W. Trewin conductor. On Ascension Day 360 in the same method, W. Worsfold, R. Crowhurst, T. Streeter, E. Lucas, J. Smithers, W. Trewin conductor. On May 13th, for practice, 720 College Single. W. Worsfold, P. Worsfold, R. Crowhurst, T. Streeter, E. Lucas conductor, W. Trewin.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HEAVITREE (Devon).—On Sunday, February 9th, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 52 mins. W. Hancock, T. Laver, W. Mogridge, J. R. Sandover conductor, W. Burrough, W. Miflin, F. Murphy, W. Lowton. On Sunday, February 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal in 50 mins. T. Bartlett, F. Murphy, T. Laver, W. Mogridge conductor, W. Miflin, J. Ford, J. R. Sandover, W. Nethercott.

HONITON CLYST (Devon).—On Sunday, March 2nd, a quarter-peal. W. Hancock, F. Shepherd conductor, J. Ford, T. Laver, W. Mogridge, F. J. Shepherd, F. Murphy, W. C. Battishill.

SOWTON (Devon).—On Wednesday, April 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire in 41 mins. T. Bartlett, F. Shepherd conductor, J. Ford, T. Laver, W. Mogridge, J. R. Sandover, F. Murphy, W. Lowton. On Sunday, May 11th, for evening service, 1260 from Holt's Original. T. Bartlett, F. Murphy conductor, W. Mogridge, T. Laver, J. Ford, J. R. Sandover, F. Shepherd, W. Nethercott.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AUCKLAND.—On Sunday evening, April 27th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1120 Kent Treble Bob Major. E. Hind, F. Charlton, J. W. Shipp, G. W. Peverell, H. C. Mayne, H. Peverell conductor, D. Shipp, J. Pallister.

AMBLESIDE (Westmorland).—On Sunday, May 4th, at St. Mary's church, for evening service, 560 Bob Major. A. E. Wreaths conductor, W. Shepherd, A. Newton, W. Prickett, T. Graham, J. Holme, W. Robinson, W. Fisher. This is the longest length in the method by all, except the conductor.

Notices.

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The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this Branch will be held at Todmorden parish church, today, Saturday, June 7th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested. JAS. JACQUES, Sec.

The Lincoln Diocesan Association.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Swineshead on Saturday, June 7th, 1902. T. BOYERS, Hon. Sec.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Cheddleton, to-day Saturday June 7th. W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Tetbury on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (8) from 2 o'clock. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock. S. MOORE, Hon. Sec.
57, Chester Street, Cirencester.

Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Melbourne, on Saturday, June 14th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea, 1/- each, will be provided, and it is requested that all who intend being present for Tea will notify Mr. W. Earle, Blanch Croft, Melbourne, not later than Thursday, June 12th. Subscriptions due January 1st last should be paid in at or before this meeting. Committee meeting in the Church Room at 4 p.m. Tea at The Blue Bell inn at 4.45 p.m. W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

Cotgrave, Notts.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Worsley, on Saturday, June 14th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. If convenient, the grounds will be open to ringers and friends at 4 o'clock prompt. JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Huddersfield on Saturday, June 14th. Meeting-house.—The Swan with Two Necks, Westgate. Meeting to commence at 5.30. WALTER IDLE, Secretary.
47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, on Saturday, June 21st. A peal will be attempted at 2.30 prompt. The meeting will be held at The Spotted Cow at 7 p.m.

CHARLES PRATT, Hon. Sec.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The Annual Meeting in connection with this Society will be held on Saturday, June 21st, at Lichfield. The bells of the Cathedral and other churches will be available for ringing touches during the afternoon and evening, except while service is being held. A short service will be held in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 5 o'clock, preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon Hodgson, President of the Society. Tea at 5.30 in the Poole Walk Schoolroom. Tickets 6d each to all members who have paid their subscriptions, to others 1s. All subscriptions are due at this meeting and should be paid at the cathedral belfry between the hours of 2 and 4. S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at Upton-on-Severn near Worcester on Saturday, June 28th. The Rev. Arthur Beal, M.A., Rector, has kindly consented to give a short address at the service in the church at 5 p.m., and preside at the business meeting afterwards. The tower and bells are available for the members. A free tea will be provided for all those sending in their names to me not later than June 25th. JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

34, Church House, Church Lane, Tipton.

The Saffron Walden Society.—Established 1623.—The Anniversary of the above Society will be held on Saturday, June 28th. F. J. PRISTOW, Hon. Sec.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—The report books for 1901 have been distributed to all members whose addresses are believed to be correctly printed in the list of members. Several of the non-resident honorary life members have doubtful or insufficient addresses shown, and a copy has not been sent. Any such may have a copy by sending me a card with their address. These applications are requested to be sent before May 31st. C. E. BORRETT, Hon. Sec. pro tem.
10, Chester Street, Norwich.

The Devonshire Guild.—The Exeter Cathedral bells will be re-opened on June 24. Dedictory Service 2 p.m. Ringing from 4.15 by Devon Guild. F. MOLINEUX, Hon. Sec.
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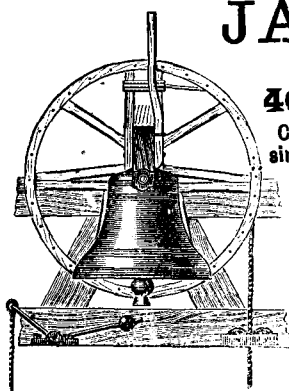
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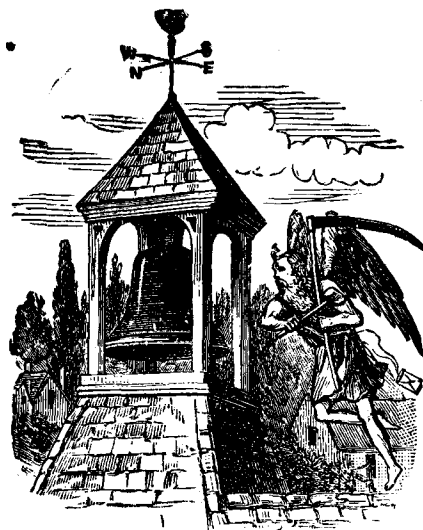
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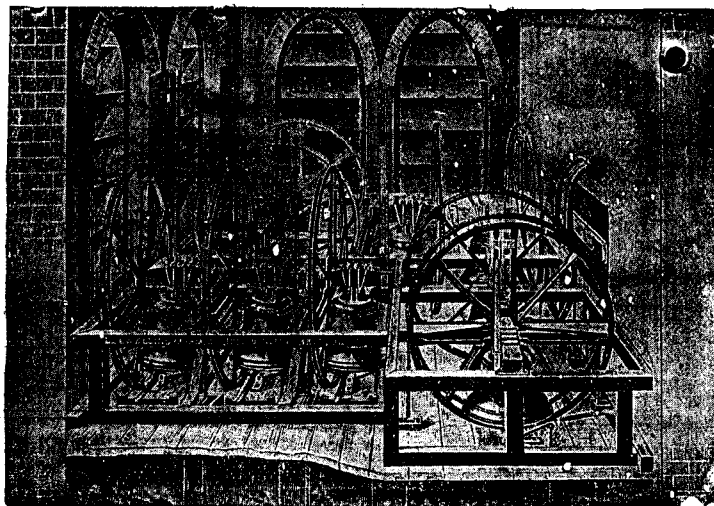
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Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

BETCHWORTH (Surrey). St. Michael. Surrey Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Mears, 1897; the rest by Blews, 1876. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Representations have been made as to lessening the noise in the ringing-chamber, but, owing to want of funds at the present time, nothing has been done. Ropes new 1896, fair. Methods: Grandsire, Oxford Bob, and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 and 5.30.

BEVERLEY (Yorks). St. Mary. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Gillett, 1884; 3rd and tenor by Smith, of York, 1700; 4th, 1599; 6th, 1631; 7th, 1760. No date given of 5th, and no founder's name of these latter four bells mentioned. Tenor 19 cwt. Timber frame, bells go well. No repairs of importance since 1884. Ropes, bad. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing 10 to 10.30, 2.30 to 3, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

BEVERLEY (Yorks). The Minster. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd, 3rd and 6th by Taylor, 1896; 4th, 1663 (no founder given); 7th by Lester, 1747; tenor (no date as to founder mentioned) 29 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. All rehung by Taylor with new fittings, 1896, and new in good order. There is also a heavy hour bell in S. tower. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.25, 2.45 to 2.55, and 6 to 6.25. Practice: Tuesday, 7.

BEXHILL (Sussex). St. Peter. Sussex County Association. Eight bells. All by Mears. Treble, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, 1892; 5th and tenor 1869; 6th, 1867; 7th, 1865. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. All rehung by Mears, 1892, and in good con-

dition. Ropes fair; renewed as required. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.20, and 6 to 6.20. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

BICESTER (Oxon). St. Edburg. Oxford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Mears; no date given. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung 1870 by White. Ropes good. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Saturday, 7.

BIDDENDEN (Kent). All Saints. Eight bells. All by Lester and Pack. Tenor 28 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Slight repairs by Bourne, 1899. Repairs postponed for lack of funds. Ropes new 1891, bad. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: alternate Sundays 9 to 10.30. Practice: alternate Mondays, 8 summer, 7.30 winter. This ring is reputed a fine one, and requires attention.

BIDEFORD (Devon). St. Mary. No return.

BILLINGSHURST (Sussex). St. Mary. No return.

BILSTON (Staffordshire). St. Leonard. Archdeaconry of Stafford Association. Eight bells. No information as to founder. Treble and 2nd, 1826; the rest believed to be cast 1745; 6th and 7th are cracked. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go fairly. They were overhauled by Barwell in 1882. The peal was recommended to be recast about 1898, but no notice has been taken of the suggestion. Bells good. Sexton allows no change-ringing (!) No Sunday ringing. Practice: Thursday, 8.

BINGLEY (Yorks). All Saints. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. Treble and tenor by Mears, 1874; 2nd and 7th by the same, 1828; 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th by Pack and Chapman, 1773. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Bells rehung in a new frame by Mears, 1874, and all in good condition. Ringing chamber lately refitted. Ropes good. Methods: Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.30, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, May 31st, two new bells were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Derby. Ringers were present from, Chesterfield, Staveley, Eckington, Norton, Bolsover, Tibshelf, South Normanton, Shirland, Ripley, Ashover, Wingerworth, North Wingfield, Pleasley, Clay Cross, and Pentrich.

Service was held in church at 4.15 p.m., when an excellent discourse was given by the Bishop from the inscriptions on the new bells, viz.: Psalm xcvi. 1—"O come, let us sing unto the Lord;" and Psalm ci. 1—"My song shall be of mercy and judgment;" which was listened to by the

large congregation with wrapt attention. After the sermon the hymn, "Let our bells ring from the steeple," was sung with vigour.

The Bishop and clergy then preceeded under the tower and the dedicated prayers were read, Mr. Hays (churchwarden), handed the ropes to his lordship, who in turn handed them to the Rector, with appropriate prayers. The new bells were then chimed for a short period by Mr. T. Allibone. After his Lordship had had pronounced the Benediction the recessional hymn (A.&M.) No. 379 was sung. The bells were then rung for a short time by the local band, who then handed them over to the visitors. Tea was served in the school at 5.30 p.m., to which over 150 sat down. Votes of thanks were given to the Bishop, also to Mr. J. W. Taylor for the splendid splice and go of the bells. Both suitably replied.

Great praise is due to Messrs. Taylor and Co. for the way in which the work has been carried out. The old six have been re-tuned, and erected on a new iron frame. The masonry in the tower has received due attention and everything done to make the tower worthy of eight bells. The work includes a lead floor under the bells to deaden the sound, and also to keep snow and wet from getting down the tower.

It is to be hoped this peal will get patronised, and that many 5000's may be rung on them, as they are well situated for peal-ringing, very few houses being in the vicinity. The local ringers intend trying their best for once, but do not wish to excluded others who can already do so. The bells were kept merrily going till nearly 10 p.m., when train time compelled the visitors to say good-night, one and all having spent a very enjoyable day.

OPENING OF A NEW RING OF BELLS AT MARKET HARBORO, LEICESTERSHIRE.

Thursday, May 26th, will live long in the memories of the inhabitants of the above place, for on that date a new illuminated clock and a ring of eight bells were opened. Originally there were six heavy bells at the church of the black saint Dionysius, but owing to their bad condition it was considered advisable to send them on a journey to the Loughborough foundry, from whence they returned as a ring of eight, with a tenor of 19 cwt.

The dedication was fixed for "Oak Day," May 29, and a band of Leicester men was engaged for special change-ringing. After the ceremony, which was performed by the Lord Bishop of Leicester, the local ringers rang a short touch of rounds, etc., and then handed them over to the Midland Counties' band, whose anticipated peal was advertised on posters! After a plain course of Major a start was made for Thurstans' one-part peal of Stedman Triples, which was brought home in 3 hours and 7 minutes. Such ringing was, of course, an entirely new thing, and when the bells ceased, a dense crowd of between one and two thousand inhabitants had gathered round the church—which stands in the Market place—and manifested their delight by applause and cheering, such as we never had heard before. On leaving the tower it was necessary for the police to line a pathway for us from the church-door to—The Talbot Hotel, where a sumptuous dinner was prepared through the kind thoughtfulness of the Vicar and churchwardens, to which full justice was done. The clergy and wardens, with the local ringers, made an excellent party, and a most pleasant evening was spent. The bells are fine-toned ring in the key of F.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EASTERN DIVISION.)

A very successful meeting was held at Eastbourne, on Saturday, May 10th. Members were present from All Saints, and Christ Church Eastbourne, Christ Church Blacklands, and St. Clements Hastings, Christ Church St. Leonards, Southover, Brighton, Pevensey, and Rye, and some good practice was had at All Saints and St. Saviours, in Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob and Double Norwich, during the afternoon and evening.

A short service was held at All Saints, and the vicar gave an address to the ringers, taking for his text Psalm 100. The Vicar provided a most excellent tea in the school-room adjoining the church, to which 29 members sat down. In addition to the Vicar and his curate, were Mr. G. F. Attree, Master, Mr. A. B. Bennett, General Secretary, and Messrs. G. Williams and S. Saker, Divisional Secretaries.

The Secretary (Mr. Saker), read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly confirmed, and in the course of his remarks said that twenty-five peals had been rung by the Association since the last meeting in his division, viz., fourteen by the Central, seven by the Western, and four by the Eastern. He also referred to the sad death of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, and spoke of the great loss the Exercise in general would suffer from his death.

Two new members were elected as probationers, viz., Mr. W. W. Stevenson, of St. Clement's, Hastings, and Mr. W. J. Job, of Christ Church, St. Leonards.

Mr. Howse proposed, and Mr. Penfold seconded, that the next quarterly peal be Treble Bob, and that it should be rung at Christ Church, Eastbourne.

This was carried. The band was made up of the members at the meeting, with Mr. Goldsmith as conductor; any further arrangements necessary were left in the hands of Mr. Howse and Mr. Saker.

Mr. Williams proposed, and Mr. Goldsmith seconded, "That the Association accord a vote of condolence and sincere sympathy with the relatives of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer." This was carried unanimously, and Mr. Saker was asked to communicate the same to Mrs. Bulwer.

Mr. A. B. Bennett, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for providing the tea, and so kindly meeting the Association, said that this was the first time he had had the pleasure of being present at an Eastern Division meeting, but hoped that this visit would be the forerunner of many more. Continuing, he referred to the decision arrived at at the annual meeting not to elect clergy on the committee of the Association. He remarked upon the kind way in which the clergy met the Association, and their willingness to grant permission to use the bells on all occasions, and it was undoubtedly due to this that the Sussex Association had for several years held the premier place in England, and was now standing as high as 3rds place in Mr. Attree's analysis. It was one great object of the Association to increase, not diminish the interest the clergy took in them. The clergy get about, and frequently discuss the various organisations in their parish, and one says to the other "Are your bells rung by change-ringers," and thus the work of the Association gets to be known, and if we were to elect clergy on the committee we should establish a firmer friendship with them and increase their interest in the Association. At the annual meeting it was stated that the clergy did not show sufficient interest in ringing to serve on the committee, but this he did not agree with. How could a better way be found of interesting them than by electing them on the

committee. He would like to mention that he had two clergymen who would be pleased to serve on the committee of the Central and Western Division, and it grieved him very much indeed to hear some of the remarks made by one or two members at the annual meeting.

Mr. Attree, in seconding this vote of thanks to the Vicar, said that no person do more for the cause of ringing than the clergy, and if they were to give ringers the cold shoulder where would change-ringing be. He would like to see this division do more real good work, there was not quite that spirit he would like to see amongst the members. Stedman was heard of and Plain Bob and Grandsire was done to death, and he thought it quite time that these methods were put on one side and something fresh was practised, and he was sure this could be accomplished if they would only pull together. Referring to the proposition to move the annual meeting from Brighton, and hold it there only once in three years he was certainly guilty of opposing that motion, for he did not see how this was going to answer. It would mean that when the meeting was held in this division those of the west would not be able to attend, and, consequently, the Association would be governed from year to year by the division in which the meeting was held. As he said at the annual meeting he himself would rather the meeting be held out of Brighton as it would give him an opportunity to get out of the town for a days' outing, but they must give him credit for having voted for what he considered best for the whole of the Association. He did not see how the meeting could be made a success if held away from Brighton as that was a centre which all could reach, whereas, if it was held at Hastings or Chichester it would be available only to those living in these divisions and a few in the centre. He hoped that the Association as a whole, not any division only, with the help of our friends the clergy, would have many more years of success.

The Rev. Woodward, in responding, said that this was the first time during the seventeen years he had been in the parish he had had the pleasure of having a meeting of this Association at his church, and he assured them of his hearty welcome and good wishes, and hoped to have the pleasure of meeting them again, and whenever they felt inclined to come he would do all in his power to make them welcome.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Attree and Mr. Bennett for their attendance, brought the meeting to a close.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The place fixed for the Whit-Monday meeting was Sunderland, and it is veritably an ideal place to hold a ringers' gathering. The three belfries, St. Michael's, Holy Trinity and St. Ignatius are all in close accord with the Association, and the bells are all in excellent order, the ringing chambers are models of cleanliness and order, and last, but not least, the clergy and several of the churchwardens are members, and interested members too.

The bells were kept going from early morning till late evening, with an interval for dinner, by members from Whitley, North Shields, Gosforth, Chester-le-Street, Bishop Wearmouth, Winlaton, Darlington (St. John's and Holy Trinity), Sunderland (Holy Trinity and St. Ignatius), Newcastle Cathedral, South Shields and Wylam. Later in the evening Mr. Henry White, of

Basingstoke, turned up and joined in touches at the eight-bell towers.

The committee meeting was held at 11.30 a.m. in The Grand hotel, and among the many subjects discussed the following resolutions were passed and should have been announced at the general meeting afterwards, but were unfortunately omitted from the agenda: (1) That all peals of 5000 changes and upwards rung between the dates June 26th and July 3rd inclusive shall rank as coronation peals, and have a special illuminated entry in the Association's peal-book; (2) That those members in towers short-handed for peal-ringing be recommended to apply to the Secretary or to any neighbouring peal-ringer for assistance to attempt peals of 5000 changes.

An excellent dinner was served at The Grand hotel at one o'clock, about fifty-five sitting down. After clearing the tables the general meeting was proceeded with, the President, R. S. Story, Esq., taking the chair, with Messrs. Hudson and Ferry (vice-presidents) supporting him in the vice-chair.

After the toast of "The King," the Secretary read letters of regret for absence from some of the clergy.

The President proposed that the Secretary be empowered to send a letter of condolence to the family of the late Rev. H. E. Bulwer, and to the President of the Norwich Association. He (Mr. Story) would undertake to announce to the Central Council in person next day the feelings of regret expressed by the members of the Association at the severe loss the Council had suffered in the loss of so eminent and successful a Secretary. These motions were carried in silence.

Several new members were elected, and the meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens of Bishopwearmouth and Sunderland parish churches, and to the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Ignatius for the use of their bells during the day. An interesting feature of this meeting was the frequent opportunities given to the junior members to handle the ropes during the day.

BELLS ON PEACE.

Once more our bells are in demand,
Their notes they sound throughout the land;
And o'er the sea, and far away
Men listen to their gladsome lay.

For do they not make known that peace
Is now proclaimed, and war has ceased;
That foes are friends, content to dwell
In peace and love together now.

Our bells they ever take their part,
Their music thrills through all our hearts
As 'mid the earth and sky they swing,
Let each one loud their praises sing.

Then ring ye bells, ye joyful bells,
Till hill and dell with music swells;
For fighting's o'er, and conflict's past,
And peace has truly come at last.

Abingdon, June 2nd, 1902.

KATE HOLIFIELD.

CORRECTION.

SIR,—In your Central report last week, under "Legitimate and Record Peals," I am reported to have supported Clause 7 as it stood. This is an error. What I said was—"I thought if this clause was passed as it stood, all peals would require an umpire, or who was to decide if any four or more bells clashed together at any change." I therefore voted for Mr. Robinson's proposition.

GEO. WILLIAMS.

Obituary.

JOHN DAY.

As mentioned in our last issue, there passed away quietly in the early morning of Monday, June 2nd last, the spirit of John Day, the late presiding ringing master of the St. Martin's Guild of change-ringers for Birmingham, Aston, and the surrounding district.

Mr. Day was not only very widely known in the district around Birmingham, but was generally well known to all prominent ringers of the country as the nephew of the late Thomas Day, the celebrated Treble Bob composer; as the writer of some chatty and very interesting reminiscences which appeared in our columns in 1894; and as the contemporary of the late Henry Johnson, J. J. B. Lates, Wm. Chattell, James Burford, and other eminent ringers and composers.

Since the death of the late Henry Johnson, when he was elected as his successor in the St. Martin's Guild, Mr. Day was to be found at the majority of the ringing and other meetings of that Guild, where he not only forwarded its interests by the wisdom of his counsels, but endeared himself to every one of its members by the urbanity of his manners and uprightness of conduct. We are convinced that every one of its members feels his death as a personal loss.

Mr. Day, who died at the age of 76 (and not 75 as previously mentioned), had been ailing for some months past, but although his illness was complicated by a chill which he took some weeks ago, and which caused him almost completely to take to his bed, the nearness of his dissolution was hardly suspected by any of his ringing friends. From the nature of his illness he must necessarily have suffered very severely, but we are gratified in knowing that his last few hours were cheered by the news of peace from South Africa, which he had been anticipating with much interest.

He was interred in the family grave in the churchyard of Harborne, his parish church, not very far from where the remains of the late William Chattell lie. The service was very impressively conducted by the Vicar of Harborne (the Rev. W. J. Price, M.A.), the coffin being borne by six of the members of the St. Martin's Guild—Messrs Avery, Kent, S. Reeves, Godden, Gibbs, and W. H. Barber; while accompanying the members of his family as mourner was the old ringing friend of his youth, Mr. John Perks.

Although a safe conductor and accurate striker in the standard methods on all numbers of bells, Mr. Day was not celebrated so much for the quantity as the quality of his performances, often quoting his uncle's words: "Just a peal or two of a sort, and those good ones."

In one notable respect he was a model to ringers of every age, never allowing his ringing recreation to interfere with business, and actually giving it up for a considerable time when he found that it interfered with family ties.

The following peals were rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. JOHN DAY, Presiding Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham:—

At the funeral and after the usual whole pull and stand:—

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Thursday, June 5, 1902, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Treble.	ERNEST ALLAWAY 3.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	WILLIAM KENT 6.
BERNARD WITCHELL 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN 4.	THOMAS GIBBS Tenor.

Conducted by BERNARD WITCHELL.

ASTON-JUXTA-BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, June 7, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES.

WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. Treble.	THOMAS MILLER 6.
THOMAS RUSSAM 2.	JOHN NEAL 7.
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3.	ERNEST ALLAWAY 8.
CHARLES DICKENS 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 9.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 5.	WILLIAM SHORT Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

This composition has the 6th eighteen times at home and twenty-four times wrong in the inverted titlums position.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, June 9, 1902, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	ERNEST ALLAWAY 7.
THOMAS MILLER 2.	ALBERT WALKER 8.
THOMAS RUSSAM 3.	WILLIAM KENT 9.
CHARLES DICKENS 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 5.	WILLIAM H. BARBER 11.
SAMUEL REEVES 6.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

In the inverted titlums and handstroke home positions.

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."

THE MODEL BELFRY RULES.

SIR,—In your issue of the 7th June, in the report of the discussion of the above at the Central Council, I see it stated that "I did not think the rules relating to finance satisfactory. They ought not to be regarded as binding." Of course your report is necessarily condensed, but I ask room in your columns to say that I did not intend to convey that the financial rules were in themselves unsatisfactory, but that as it was in my opinion impossible by the same rules to prescribe financially for the circumstances of all belfries, from the smallest village to the largest town, these financial rules must be taken as a suggestion (which as they were approved by the other members of the rule committee, may be taken to be good fundamentally), entitled to careful consideration; but cannot be regarded as of universal application. I instanced London, where, to the best of my belief, they could not work.

R. A. DANIELL.

THE SALISBURY GUILD AND HAMPSHIRE.

SIR,—The account published of the annual meeting of the above Guild in your columns of May 10th, did not contain the exact wording of the resolutions and amendments proposed; this was rather unfortunate, as the impression thus conveyed was contrary to the actual events that then took place. Moreover, from the account it would seem as if the aspersions on my character which the Rev. C. E. Matthews made on April 9th, were justified. (I am sorry to see that Mr. Matthews has not withdrawn those statements he made, as they have caused considerable pain among the Hampshire towers concerned.)

I enclose extracts from the report of the *Salisbury and Winchester Journal*, which I have verified by comparison with the MS. copies which Earl Nelson read from when putting the resolutions, etc., to the meeting.

"That subject to his consent Mr. Palaret should be elected as Chairman, and Captain Acland as Master; otherwise that Mr. Palaret be re-elected"—it was ruled that notice was required, and so the proposition was postponed till next year.

"That the qualification for change-ringing members be as in

the Winchester Guild." Proposed by the Rev. H. Drake as an amendment to the official resolution. Both proposition and amendment were lost, but those who opposed the amendment said they would not do so another year.

[The following resolution was carried: That the rules be revised by the committee, so as to incorporate the alterations, and be presented for confirmation to the next annual meeting.

That all members subscribing 1s. 6d. and upwards, receive a special notice of meetings, if they desire to do so.]

"That no alteration should be made in the present arrangement." Proposed by the Rev. H. Drake, and seconded by the Rev. J. F. Welsh and carried almost unanimously. [The object of this was that the Hampshire towers be not turned out of the Guild, as some one had proposed: not that they should be "admitted," as stated in "THE BELL NEWS," May 10th. The latter, and the arguments mentioned, would stultify the whole position of those voting for the motion. Moreover when the Secretary said that it would be possible for him to defy this proposition, as reported in "THE BELL NEWS," he was told, with the applause of the whole meeting and the chairman, that he would not do so.]

After dinner, "the Rev. H. Drake . . . said he was glad of the opportunity of expressing his wish for the union of all the towers in the Guild, and of denying the report that had been published, that he had any sympathy with any efforts for starting rival associations."

I regret I have been obliged in self-defence to refer so much to myself.

H. DRAKE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS. ASSOCIATION.

The fourth annual meeting of this now well-established association was held at Northallerton on Whit-Monday, May 19th. There was a good attendance of ringers, from Middlesbrough, Thornaby, Stockton, Darlington, Richmond, Guisbrough, Stokesley, East Witton, Ripon, and Northallerton. The eight bells of the parish church—a very noble edifice—were swinging merrily before ten o'clock, and were kept going until noon, at which hour the special service had been arranged for. The Vicar of Northallerton (Rev. S. M. Thompson), had most kindly changed the hour of his own service for the convenience of the ringers, and being present at their service read the prayers for them, the sermon being preached by the Rev. A. Thomas, Rector of Guisbrough, who came over very kindly and willingly specially for it. He took for his text St. John vi. 63, "It is the Spirit that quickeneth," giving an excellent address on the great Whitsuntide subject, and closing with an earnest appeal to his hearers to be ready to do their part in God's work and God's service, helped and filled by the Holy Spirit.

Dinner took place at The Rose and Crown hotel, and was an excellent one in every way, the host and hostess of the house establishing a good record for themselves in the estimation of the ringers, and the ringers on their part did full justice to the dinner.

The Vicar very kindly gave the Association the benefit and pleasure of his company, and consented to occupy the chair, and a splendid chairman he made, which will be readily understood when it is stated that he announced (in giving the toast of "The King") that he was an Irishman.

On the chairman's right hand sat Mr. G. J. Clarkson, the President of the Association, looking much better than he did three or four weeks ago; and on his left the Rev. A. N. Thomas, the preacher at the service.

There was also present by special invitation, Mr. Castle, the organist, who had most kindly given his services at the organ, and had a number of his choir present to lead the singing.

Vice-President J. H. Blakiston and the Rev. W. P. Wright, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, were also present. Vice-President J. Wrightson was unavoidably prevented from attending.

After the toast of "The King," Mr. Clarkson proposed the health of "The Bishops and Clergy," coupling with it the names of the Vicar and the preachers, each of whom suitably replied.

The Rev. W. P. Wright then proposed the health of "The Organist," and thanked him and his choir for their kind services. After his reply, the Rev. A. N. Thomas gave the toast

of "Success to the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association of Ringers," coupling the names of Vice-Presidents Blakiston and Wrightson. Mr. Blakiston replied.

The general business meeting then followed. The Rev. W. P. Wright, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, read his annual report, which shewed the Association to be in a very satisfactory condition. There were only six peals to record for the year, but two of these came from a tower, Richmond by name, which had never rung a 5000 before; and thirty-one members had taken part in these peals as against twenty-five last year, and twelve had rung their first 5000 as against five last year. The membership had also increased by fifteen.

The balance-sheet showed a balance in hand of £16 19s. 0d., an increase of over £4 upon the year before. The reports from the various towers in the Association were in several instances of a very encouraging nature, and this specially referred to the six-bell towers.

On the motion of the President the report and balance sheet were adopted.

The Secretary then moved the alteration of rule 8, so as to include three meetings per annum, instead of two, in addition to the annual meeting. This was unanimously agreed to.

When the time came to elect the officers for the ensuing year it transpired that the members unanimously desired to re-elect the whole of the retiring officers, a mark evidently of confidence in the exercise of their respective stewardships.

The places chosen for meetings in the coming year are: the last Saturday in September Middleham with East Wilton; first Saturday in February, Guisborough; Easter Monday, Saltburn and Shelton; Whit-Monday, annual meeting, Thirsk.

Ringling for the rest of the afternoon and evening brought a very pleasant—though very cold—annual meeting to a close.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The Annual Meeting was held at Totnes on Whit-Monday. In the early part of the day bands visited various towers in the neighbourhood, namely, Newton Abbot, Torquay, Kingsteignton, Berry, Pomeroy and Dartington. At 4.30 a company numbering close on 100 sat down to tea in the Drill Hall, after which the meeting was held. The President of the Guild, the Rev. M. Kelly, occupied the chair, and there were also present the Revs. F. Molineux (Hon. Sec.), T. J. Ponting and W. Mallett, together with representatives from thirteen bands.

In opening the meeting, the President referred to the great loss which the ringing world had sustained in the recent death of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, who was the main spring of the Central Council. The report of the Committee showed that the Guild was in a flourishing condition. Thirteen peals had been rung during the year, of which two were deserving of special notice. A peal of Caters by the Plymouth band, and a peal of Bob Major by the Heavitree band, being the first peals rung by local men. An advance had been made in even bell methods, and Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor had been diligently practised, while several peals of Stedman had been attempted. No less than seventy new members had been admitted, and four bands had joined during the year, which speaks well for the future prosperity of the Guild. A most successful ringing tour was made by a band in October, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. Out of the eight peals attempted seven were brought round, namely, two of Double Norwich, one of Superlative, three of Stedman Triples, and one of Grandsire Triples. The Guild had been honoured with an invitation from the Dean and Chapter of Exeter to ring the Cathedral bells on the occasion of the re-opening on June 24th, and to this end the leading bands have been asked to select representatives in order to test the bells in Caters and Triples.

The officers were elected as in the previous year, the Rev. M. Kelly being again elected President, and the Rev. F. Molineux Hon. Secretary. Thanks were accorded the Vicar of Totnes for welcoming the Guild, and the other Vicars who had opened their towers for ringing. A service with an address by the Rev. D. Wells in the parish church concluded the proceedings. The fine ring of bells, tenor 30 cwt., were again set going.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 1902.

THE interesting particulars entitled "Our Church Bells," now appearing week by week, amply shew that much labour and care has been exercised in their collection. In connection with them it is unpleasantly surprising to read of "no return," especially from places where well-known and prominent ringers are located. We have no authority to say so, but it is possible that some kind of addendum will be given which may embrace some of the towers where those concerned have neglected to cooperate in the work. But there ought not to be occasion for this, nor would there be if defaulters had done their duty. It is really painful to admit that the apathy of many ringers towards almost every movement which does not financially affect them, is immense. To dwell upon their supineness is temper-trying indeed.

A few days ago a correspondent suggested that rings of five and six bells should be dealt with in a similar manner. If this correspondent would like to undertake the task himself, he shall have all the help we can give him; but we think he would soon lose heart by reason of the want of response to his endeavours to elicit the required information.

The Metropolis.**THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.***On Saturday, June 7, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.**

Tenor 28 cwt.

CHARLES W. WARD.. ..Treble.	FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 6.
ARTHUR N. HARDY 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
JOHN THOMAS 3.	HERBERT LANGDON 8.
CHARLES S. BURDEN 4.	THOMAS LANGDON 9.
FERRIS J. SHEPHERD 5.	ARTHUR JACOB .. ..Tenor.

Composed by JOHN ROGERS, and Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

It was intended to attempt a peal of Treble Ten, but one of the band not showing up, Mr. Ward kindly stood in, and the above was rung.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND THE ST. STEPHEN'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.*On Saturday, June 7, 1902, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,***A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,**

5024 CHANGES.

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

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH and Conducted by HENRY R. NEWTON.

The Provinces.**ISLEWORTH.—THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, March 17, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

THOMAS BEADLE .. ..Treble.	JOHN BASDEN 5.
GEORGE A. RANSOM 2.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 6.
WILLIAM ETHERINGTON 3.	HENRY BROWNING 7.
FREDERICK G. GODDARD 4.	ALBERT SHEARD .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE ALFRED RANSOM.

EMBERTON, BUCKS.**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 31, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***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 9 cwt.

FREDERICK HOPPER.. ..Treble.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 4.
WALTER FINEDON 2.	FRED W. WILFORD 5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 3.	WILLIAM FREEMAN .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, May 31, 1902, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,***A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN AVIS .. ..Treble.	GORDON THOMPSON 5.
CHARLES THOMPSON.. .. 2.	HARRY THOMPSON 6.
GEORGE BERRY 3.	FENTON THOMPSON 7.
GEORGE THOMPSON 4.	WILLIAM FISHER .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by W. FISHER.

FORNHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, June 4, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEORGE DEBENHAM .. ..Treble.	*HARRY SIMPSON.. .. 4.
ARTHUR MOORE 2.	†GEORGE LILLEY 5.
HARRY BLAKE 3.	HARRY TURNER .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE LILLEY.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, June 5, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.**

Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS .. ..Treble.	CHARLES SILLITOE 6.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 2.	WILLIAM MOTTS 7.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM 3.	FREDERICK BORRETT 8.
EDWARD SHERWOOD 4.	JOHN SOUTER 9.
EDGAR PEMBERTON 5.	ALBERT GILLINGHAM ..Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY HALCY, and

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rung on the occasion of the Suffolk Agricultural Show being held at Ipswich.

EVERSHOLT, BEDS.**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 7, 1902, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and Grandsire.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

MORTIMER MATTHEWS* ..Treble.	FRED WILFORD 4.
CYRIL HERBERT* 2.	JOHN W. BARKER 5.
ERNEST HERBERT* 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY ..Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal in seven methods.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

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

*On Saturday, June 7, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,**AT THE PARISH CHURCH,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ERNEST W. MENDAY ..Treble.	GEORGE ESSEX 5.
JOSEPH HANDS 2.	EDWIN J. MENDAY 6.
RICHARD T. HIBBERT 3.	THOMAS NEWMAN 7.
HARRY W. SMITH 4.	HARRY SIMMONDS .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

First peal on the bells.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, June 7, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,**AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS PEERS .. ..Treble.	WILLIAM T. H. TIMBRELL .. 5.
WILLIAM LEVER 2.	TITUS BARLOW 6.
ROBERT SANDEKSON 3.	JOHN POTTER 7.
EDWIN TIMBRELL 4.	JOSEPH POTTER .. ..Tenor.

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, and Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

NORTHAW, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 8, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 lbs.

CHARLES GRIGGS Treble.	JOHN ROBERTS 4.
HERBERT GATES 2.	ROLAND STILES 5.
EDWIN DENTON 3.	HENRY G. ROWE Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

First peal by all except the conductor.

The following peals were rung to celebrate the restoration of peace in South Africa:—

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five 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.	*WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 5.
JOHN ROSE 2.	ERNEST H. NIXON 6.
THOMAS TAYLOR 3.	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7.
THOMAS G. DEAL 4.	†HARRY YOUNG Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES.

*First peal as conductor. †First peal and first attempt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 6, 1902, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ISAAC GEORGE SHADE .. Treble.	HARRY HOSKINS 5.
EDWARD N. PRICE 2.	HARRY WARNETT 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 7.
WILLIAM FOREMAN 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by ISAAC GEORGE SHADE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE R. FARDON .. Treble.	WILLIAM PYE 5.
BRERTRAM PREWETT 2.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung to celebrate the sixtieth birthday of J. Prewett, father of the ringer of the 2nd.

PADIHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 2, 1902, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S THREE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WM. BOLTON† Treble.	F. G. POLLARD 5.
THOMAS DUXBURY 2.	C. PARKINSON 6.
E. A. POLLARD 3.	J. F. WAGNER 7.
WM. HOLGATE 4.	R. W. HARGREAVES Tenor.

Conducted by R. W. HARGREAVES.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE STUART, SEN. .. Treble.	EDWARD A. LESTER 5.
JOSEPH BLACK 2.	ISAAC H. MYERS 6.
ALEXANDER TAILYOUR 3.	J. W. WASHBROOK 7.
ANDREW STUART 4.	RALPH PRESTAGE Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs. in D.

A. NUNNERLEY* Treble.	*BERNARD JEALOUS 6.
CHARLES CHASTY 2.	ISAAC HILLS 7.
FRANK WEBB 3.	JOHN W. BARKER 8.
JOSEPH CHURCH* 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 9.
ALFRED BOWELL 5.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, and Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARKE.

*First peal of Royal.

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On Wednesday, June 4, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt

PHILBERT W. WILKINS .. Treble.	JOHN EVANS 5.
FRED HAYES† 2.	JAMES W. WILKINS 6.
FRANK K. BIGGS 3.	BENJAMIN PAGE 7.
RALPH COLES 4.	WILLIAM PHIPPS Tenor.

Conducted by FRED HAYES.

†First peal as conductor. This is the quickest peal on the bells.

PENSURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 4, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

HENRY SEAL Treble.	STEPHEN PERKINS 5.
EDWARD BRIDGER 2.	GEORGE EDWARDS 6.
JAMES WALLIS† 3.	WILLIAM SPICE 7.
JAMES MAYNARD 4.	JOHN RAY Tenor.

Conducted by W. SPICE.

†First peal, and was elected a member previous to starting.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE ALLDER .. Treble.	JAMES W. WILKINS 5.
PHILBERT W. WILKINS .. 2.	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 6.
JOHN BASDEN 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. H. C. BELL 4.	WILLIAM CLARKE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the conductor's 750th peal.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

JOHN MOSCROP Treble.	ERNEST C. HUNT 5.
WILLIAM PALTON 2.	THOMAS CLARK 6.
WILLIAM D. LISTER 3.	JAMES BAXTER 7.
WILLIAM H. PORTER 4.	MAURICE DALBY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. PORTER.

Rung as a welcome home to the active service company of the local volunteers on their return to Darlington.

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On Monday, June 9, 1902, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

REV. H. C. BELL Treble.	FREDERICK WEBB 5.
THOMAS SHORT 2.	HAROLD HUMFREY 6.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
WILLIAM BENNETT 4.	FRANCIS P. POWELL Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the conductor's 400th peal of Stedman Triples.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

OWEN W. LAYNG Treble.	CHARLES J. GARDINER 5.
FRANCIS S. WILSON 2.	THOMAS RICKETTS 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE 3.	ERNEST BISHOP 7.
LOUIS A. WILSON 4.	SAMUEL LAWRENCE Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED LAWRENCE.

First peal as conductor. First peal and first attempt by the tenor-man, who was elected a member of the Association before starting.

REIGATE, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1902, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5094 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

PELHAM E. J. KNIGHT .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. CARD 6.
HENRY F. EWINS 2.	WILLIAM ARGENT 7.
GEORGE THOMPSON 3.	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. 8.
HUGH R. THORPE 4.	HENRY REEVES 9.
WILLIAM BURKIN 5.	ARTHUR MOSELEY Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by HENRY REEVES.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1902, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt.

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

Composed by the late REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and Conducted by F. GILBERT.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method by the local band, and was rung at the first attempt.

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WATH-ON-DEANE.—On Tuesday, May 13th, 240 Violet. W. Allwood, A. Crossman, A. Wash, W. Lambert conductor, E. G. Nicholls J. F. Mallaby. Also 180 Plain Bob, 144 College Exercise, 240 each of College Treble and Arnolds Victory. J. F. Mallaby, A. Crossman, A. J. Ricketts, W. Lambert conductor, A. Nash, W. Allwood. And 720 Duke of York. A. Nash, A. Crossman, R. J. Ricketts, W. Allwood, J. F. Mallaby, W. Lambert conductor. Also 240 Oxford. W. Lambert conductor, R. J. Ricketts, W. Allwood, J. Panther, E. G. Nicholls, A. Nash.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.—On Sunday, May 11th, for Divine Service in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. J. S. Goldsmith conductor, W. Felling, A. S. Langridge, C. Williams, A. B. Bennett, R. J. Dawe, A. J. Turner, J. F. Steadman.

RYE (Sussex).—On Sunday evening, May 11th, for evening service, 1050 Grandsire Triples. E. Curd, G. Billenness conductor, J. Seers F. Vincett, A. Price, A. Vincett, E. Reed, W. Tomsett.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALTON (Hants).—On Saturday, May 3rd, at St. Lawrence's church, the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 29 mins. A. Mussell, F. Healey, R. Applegath, H. Garfat'h, A. Evans, W. Perry, W. Bramley, T. Upshall.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Monday, May 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, it being thirty years ago—Whit Monday, May 20th, 1872—since the first recorded peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, the ringers on that date being J. Pettit, W. Jones, W. Tanner, W. Greenleaf, H. Booth, G. Tanner, J. M. Hayes, W. Elcombe. Conducted by J. Pettit. The quarter-peal was rung by R. White, W. Fowler, A. Paskins, F. Russen, J. Walker, G. Newman, J. Elcombe conductor, A. Medley.

BASINGSTOKE.—On Sunday, June 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Paice, Alice White, Dora White, C. Holdaway, J. Ward, F. Redgate, H. White, W. Hatten. After service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Paice, A. White, C. Holdaway, F. Wilson, J. Ward, F. Redgate, H. White, W. Hatten. Both conducted by H. White.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

HALLOW (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, May 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. C. Bowkett, H. Matthews, W. Rouse, W. Page, L. Clay, J. Batchelor, A. Winterton first quarter-peal as conductor, J. Oakley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MIDSOMER NORTON.—On Sunday, May 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. W. Farleigh, T. T. Haywood, F. Chivers, J. Hambleton, F. S. Wilson, C. H. Shearn conductor, H. Kenten, J. Sperring.

TAUNTON.—On Saturday, May 24th, at St. James church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins. F. Millard, J. Maddock, H. J. Poole, T. Doble, A. Doble, A. Evans, E. E. Burgess first quarter-peal as conductor, H. Bosley.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ICKLETON (Cams).—On Sunday, May 18th, 400 Doubles. S. Bowtell, E. Webb, F. Bowtell, A. G. Lilley, P. Webb conductor, F. Crick. All the above are bachelors.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH.—On Friday, May 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. E. Webb, F. G. Goddard, G. A. Ransom conductor, L. Copsey, T. Beadle, J. H. B. Hesse, H. Browning, J. Basden. Rung on the occasion of Mr. Hesse giving a peal-board recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on the 17th March, 1902. Mr. Hunt, of Guildford, supplied the board.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Monday, May 26th, at St. Andrew's church, 252 Stedman Triples. A. J. Hessian, A. Dubber, A. J. Gillings, F. Sear, A. Bramall, J. B. Fenton, J. George conductor, J. Coales. On Sunday, June 1st, for evening service, 714 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Hicks, J. B. Fenton, A. J. Hessian, J. Coales, J. George conductor, F. Sear, A. Dubber, A. Coleman. On Monday, June 2nd, 503 Grandsire Triples. F. Sear conductor, R. Watson, A. J. Gillings, J. Coales, A. Dubber, J. B. Fenton, J. George, A. J.

Hessian. On Sunday, June 8th, for morning service, 532 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, F. Sear, R. Watson, J. Coales, J. B. Fenton, A. Bramall, J. George conductor, A. J. Hessian.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOKE POGES.—On Tuesday, April 29th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. F. Hooper, G. H. Gutteridge, J. Bateman, C. Hartley, W. J. Bateman, W. Clarke. Rung after the induction service of the Rev. J. F. Hoyle.

CHALFONT ST. PETER.—On Saturday, May 3rd, 720 Doubles. E. Elderfield, J. Clarke, W. Clarke, G. Gutteridge, A. Jordan, J. Blackmore.

FULMER.—Recently, for practice, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. E. Elderfield, J. J. Parker, J. Clarke, G. H. Gutteridge conductor, A. Jordan, W. Clarke. And 360 in the same method. F. Clarke, W. Clarke, J. Clarke, J. J. Parker conductor, A. Jordan, G. H. Gutteridge.

SLOUGH.—On Friday, May 16th, 240 Grandsire Doubles on the back six. F. Pursey, A. Leader, W. Wilder, G. H. Gutteridge, T. Wilder, W. Field.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, May 25th, at St. John's church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. B. Miller, J. Rose, T. G. Deal, J. Law, W. J. Jeffries, E. H. Nixon, G. H. Daynes conductor, H. Young.

BEVERLEY (Yorkshire).—On Saturday, May 17th, at the Minster, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 54 mins. C. G. Constable, A. Moody, J. Taylor, C. P. Bradley, W. A. Thompson, W. Gibson, F. Osgerby, H. Middleton.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, May 13th, at the Norman Tower a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. G. Farrants, Rev. H. B. Woolley, H. Moore, A. W. King, H. Smith, E. Evans, G. Carter, R. Moore. Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat. Rung with the bells deeply-muffled as a token of respect to the Ven. Archdeacon Livingstone, who died on May 12th at Thurston Vicarage.

EARL SOHAM (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, May 27th, 120 each of Old, St. Mary, April Day, Plain, Antelope and Grandsire Doubles. J. Barber, W. G. Crickmer, J. W. Mallett, J. A. Read, A. J. Stageman. Rung before a Confirmation Service by the Bishop of Thetford.

HEAVITREE (Devon).—On Tuesday, May 14th, an attempt for Holt's Original came to grief after ringing 3615 changes, owing to the 2nd rope breaking. W. Hancock, F. Murphy, W. Burrough, T. Laver, W. Mogridge, J. R. Sandover conductor, W. Netherett.

HIGH WYCOMBE (Bucks).—On Sunday, May 25th, at the residence of Mr. J. W. Wilkins, 518 Grandsire Triples. F. Hayes, P. W. Wilkins, J. W. Wilkins conductor, J. Batting.

PRITTLEWELL (Essex).—On Sunday, June 8th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Caters. W. Hunt, W. Bedwell, C. Collin, W. Dudley, W. Dowsett, H. Willson, C. Anderson, J. Smith, W. H. Judd conductor, J. Perry.

RISLEY (Beds).—On Saturday, May 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins. H. Carrington, W. Stapleton, A. Partridge, G. Partridge, H. Carrington.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On a recent Sunday evening, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. H. Atkins, E. Yates, C. Valentine, W. Tucker, G. Cowley, H. Sear conductor. On Sunday evening, April 13th, 720 Grandsire Minor. A. Clarke, E. Yates, C. Valentine, W. Bonham, W. Tucker, G. Cowley conductor. First in the method by all. On Thursday, May 8th, 360 Bob Minor. W. Beal, E. Yates, C. Valentine, W. Bonham, G. Cawley conductor, W. Tucker. On Sunday, April 11th, 360 Bob Minor. W. Bonham, E. Yates, C. Valentine, W. Yates, W. Tucker, G. Cawley conductor. In the evening 720 Bob Minor. A. Clarke, E. Yates, C. Valentine, W. Yates, S. Smith, G. Cawley conductor.

WICKEN (Northants).—On a recent Saturday evening, 720 Bob Minor. J. Read, jun., W. Tucker, C. Valentine, W. Bonham, J. Read, sen., G. Cawley conductor. Also 720 Grandsire Doubles.

WALDRON (Sussex).—On Sunday, May 18th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. A. Hobden, R. Eade, J. Burgess, P. Burgess, L. Gaston, E. Jennings, A. Reed, G. Scotcher.

WORLINGWORTH (Suffolk).—On Sunday, May 18th, for evening service, 240 Oxford. W. G. Crickmer, J. Creasy, C. F. Ling, W. Burgess, E. Collins, D. Collins.

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THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY

RUGBY.—On Sunday, June 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins. A. Coleman, R. Watson, J. B. Fenton, J. Coales, J. George, F. Sear, A. Dubber, A. J. Hessian. Composed and conducted by James George. This quarter-peal was rung immediately after Divine Service in the evening, at which the Rector had announced that peace had been concluded in South Africa.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TAMWORTH.—On Monday, June 2nd, at the church of St. Editha, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Windridge, A. Young, C. Pratt, J. George, J. H. Chapman, C. Chapman, R. P. Brindley, J. Pratt. Composed by the Editor and conducted by James George.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HARTING.—On June 7th, one 720 of Bob Minor and two 720s of Woodbine, being an attempt for a peal. C. Best, W. R. Daniells, E. J. Boxall, A. B. Bennett conductor, W. R. Madgwick, T. Stroud.

MIDHURST.—On June 8th, 720 Woodbine. W. R. Madgwick, C. Best, T. E. Ellis conductor, A. B. Bennett, T. Stroud, J. Lee.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MILVERTON.—On Sunday, June 8th, at the parish church, 2520 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 27 mins. Rev. G. De Y. Aldridge, H. Norman, R. Scott conductor, F. Norman, J. Richards, A. J. Andrews, W. Chapman, R. Chapman. This is the Rev. G. Aldridge's first half-peal, and he takes a keen interest in change-ringing.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Monday, June 2nd, 1257 Stedman Caters, in 54 mins., it being the first by the local band. B. A. Knights, W. J. Thyng, G. Hollis, G. W. Bemrose, G. Davies, S. Price, C. W. P. Clifton, J. Hunt, A. Knights conductor, D. Farthing. During the day 1296 Double Norwich and 672 Superlative Surprise and 1200 Bob Royal.

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Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Melbourne, to-day, Saturday, June 14. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea, 1/- each, will be provided. Subscriptions due January 1st should be paid in at or before this meeting. Committee meeting in the Church Room at 4 p.m. Tea at The Blue Bell inn at 4.45 p.m.

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

Cotgrave, Notts.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Worsley, to-day, Saturday, June 14. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. If convenient, the grounds will be open to ringers and friends at 4 o'clock prompt.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Huddersfield to-day, Saturday, June 14th. Meeting-house—The Swan with Two Necks, Westgate. Meeting to commence at 5.30. WALTER IDLE, *Secretary.*

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, on Saturday, June 21st. A peal will be attempted at 2.30 prompt. The meeting will be held at The Spotted Cow at 7 p.m.

CHARLES PRATT, *Hon. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The Annual Meeting in connection with this Society will be held on Saturday, June 21st, at Lichfield. The bells of the Cathedral and other churches will be available for ringing touches during the afternoon and evening, except while service is being held. A short service will be held in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 5 o'clock, preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon Hodgson, President of the Society. Tea at 5.30 in the Poole Walk Schoolroom. Tickets 6d each to all members who have paid their subscriptions, to others 1s. All subscriptions are due at this meeting and should be paid at the cathedral belfry between the hours of 2 and 4. S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Kingsley on Saturday, June 21st. Members intending to be present must send notice to Mr. Isaac Moreton, Kingsley, not later than Wednesday, June 18th.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Woolton on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready at 4.

C. A. CLEMENTS, *Secretary.*

5, Marsden Road, Southport.

Lavenham (Suffolk).—On Saturday, June 21st, the bells of the tower will be at the disposal of any visiting ringer during the day. Ringing to commence at 7 a.m. till 7.30 p.m.

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Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Associations.—A joint meeting will be held on Saturday, June 28th, at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row.

R. HARRISON.

The Lancashire Association Meeting, May 31st.—Liverpool Branch.—Photographs

can be obtained by remitting 3s. 3d. to George Latimer, 262, Walton Road, Liverpool. Ringers will facilitate matters by ordering early, so that the photographer may know how many to prepare.

H. H. BARKER.

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Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at Upton-on-Severn near Worcester on Saturday, June 28th. The Rev. Arthur Beal, M.A., Rector, has kindly consented to give a short address at the service in the church at 5 p.m. and preside at the business meeting afterwards. The tower and bells are available for the members. A free tea will be provided for all those sending in their names to me not later than June 25th.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

34, Church House, Church Lane, Tipton.

The Saffron Walden Society.—Established 1623—The Anniversary of the above Society will be held on Saturday, June 28th.

F. J. FITSTOW, *Hon. Sec.*

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—The report books for 1901 have been distributed to all members whose addresses are believed to be correctly printed in the list of members. Several of the non-resident honorary life members have doubtful or insufficient addresses shown, and a copy has not been sent. Any such may have a copy by sending me a card with their address. These applications are requested to be sent before May 31st. C. E. BORRETT, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*

10, Chester Street, Norwich.

The Devonshire Guild.—The Exeter Cathedral bells will be re-opened on June 24. Dedicatory Service 2 p.m. Ringing from 4.15 by Devon Guild. F. MOLINEUX, *Hon. Sec.*

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Marriage.

HORNE.—PAGE.—On Wednesday, June 4th, at St. Paul's church, Wokingham, by the Rev. H. M. Walters, William, eldest son of Mr. E. Horne, of Cookham Dean, near Maidenhead, to Kate, third daughter of the late Charles and Sarah Page, of Wokingham.

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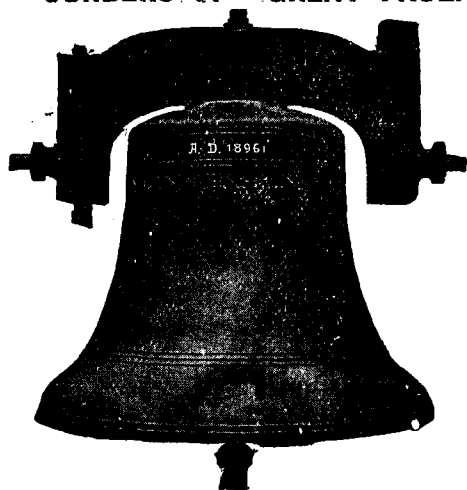
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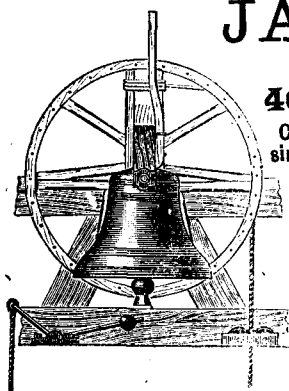
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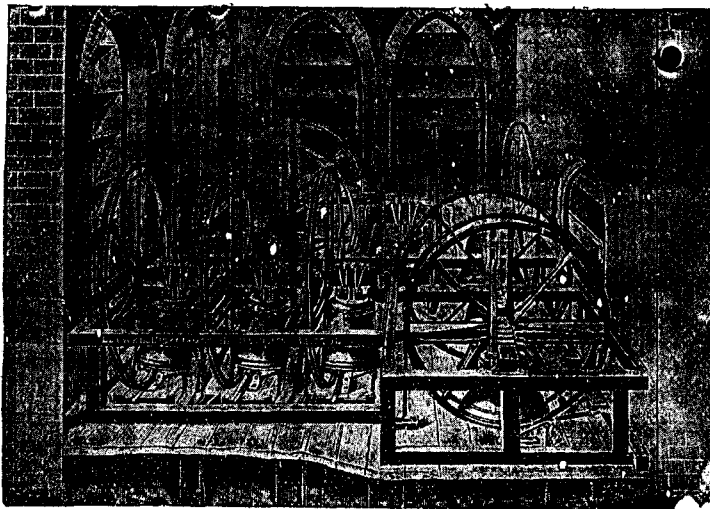
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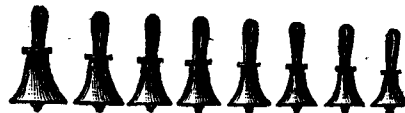
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME (Lancashire). St. James. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1863. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor with new frame and fittings, 1900. The first thing the new Rector took in hand. Ropes new 1900, good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 8, irregular. The ringers being unpaid, it is difficult to secure attendance.

BIRLING (Kent). All Saints. Eight bells. Treble, 5th, and tenor by Mears, 1891; 2nd, 3rd, and 4th by Lester and Pack, the first 1759, and the other two 1746; 6th and 7th by Hatch, 1631. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. Thoroughly overhauled by Mears, 1861. Ropes to be renewed shortly. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: one hour before morning and evening service. Practice: Thursday, 7.30. Ropes hang the wrong way round.

BIRMINGHAM (Warwickshire).—Bishop Ryder's Church. Birmingham Amalgamated Society. Eight bells. All by Blews, 1868. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Carr, 1895. Ropes new 1898, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Saturday.

St. Chad's (R.C.) Eight bells. No return.

St. John, Deritend. Birmingham Amalgamated Society. Eight bells. All by Wells, 1776. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 5 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Slight repairs by Barwell, 1895. Soundbows worn. Ropes poor. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing on festivals only. Practice: Friday, 8.

St. Martin. St. Martin's Guild. Twelve bells. All except 4th and 5th (Blews, 1869), by Lester and Pack; treble, 2nd, 11th, 1772; 3rd, 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th, and

tenor, 1758; 9th, 1798. Tenor 35 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Tenor rehung and various repairs by Barwell. All in fairly good condition, but some of the soundbows worn. Ropes new 1898, good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, occasionally others. Sunday ringing: 3rd in month and on festivals, 9.30 to 10.45. Practice: Tuesday, 8. There is an endowment to furnish bell-ropes.

St. Peter (Harborne). Birmingham Amalgamated Society. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Warner, 1877; 4th by Mears, 1799; the rest by Bagley, 1691. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. General repairs by Barwell, also refitting of ringing-chamber, 1897. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing 10 to 11, and occasionally for evening service. Practice: Monday, 8, irregular.

St. Philip. Birmingham Amalgamated Society. Ten bells. Treble, 3rd, 4th, 7th and 9th by Lester, 1750; 2nd by the same, 1721; 5th and tenor by Pack and Chapman, 1772; 6th and 8th by Mears, 1776 and 1823 respectively. Tenor 29 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 7 in. Bells go heavily. General repairs by Barwell, 1894. In answer to request that the ring may be put in proper going order, churchwardens hold that no further repairs should be needed so soon. Ropes new 1897, good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain, Treble, Darlaston, Double Oxford Bob, and others. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.45, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 7.30.

DEDICATION OF A NEW RING AT LYNTON, NORTH DEVON.

An important addition to the old ring of three bells at the Parish Church has recently been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The treble and tenor of the old ring, both of which are pre-Reformation bells, have been retained as the third and fifth of the new ring of six; the second, a far more recent bell, which was cracked, has been recast, and two new trebles and a tenor have been added; the weight of the tenor being 10½ cwt. The dedication service was arranged for noon on Monday, June 2nd, and as events turned out no better day could have been fixed, as the Declaration of Peace was made known in the twin villages of Lynton and Lynmouth early on that morning, and the day ushered in with the firing of cannon and the hoisting of every available bit of bunting. It is probably a unique incident that a new ring of bells should have been rung for the first time on receipt of the news of the Declaration of Peace after such a war as has lately been devastating South Africa.

The choir and clergy entered the church at noon, in procession, and the Lord Bishop of Exeter, at the conclusion of the processional hymn, proceeded to the tower accompanied by the Rector, the Rural Dean, and his Chaplain bearing the pastoral staff, for the short dedication service, immediately after which the bells were raised in peal and rung for a few minutes in rounds by the Ilfracombe ringers. The service then proceeded, the Bishop giving a most appropriate address, and was

brought to a conclusion by the singing of the National Anthem, and the Te Deum.

The clergy present were The Lord Bishop of Exeter, the Revs. G. Frankshawe (chaplain), P. J. Wodehouse (Rural Dean), W. E. Cox (Rector), J. L. Hopkins (Assistant Curate), A. R. Hockley, Prebendary Martin, J. F. Chanter, R. W. Oldham, J. Day, J. Openshaw, C. V. Wansbrough, E. G. Beckwith, J. S. Martin, C. W. Ken-sick, H. L. Pigot, and H. A. Cockey. Of these the following afterwards rang the bells in rounds, Rev. H. A. Cockey, treble; Rev. J. Openshaw, 2; Rev. W. E. Cox, 3; Rev. H. L. Pigot, 4; Rev. C. V. Wansbrough, 5; Rev. Preb. Martin, tenor.

The Ilfracombe band, with the Rev. Preb. Martin and the Rev. H. A. Cockey, rang several six scores of Grand-sire and Stedman Doubles during the afternoon, their excellent striking calling forth the highest commendation. The ringers of Bratton Fleming and High Bray also exhibited their skill in raising and falling the bells, and in call changes. At 1.30 p.m. a public luncheon was held at The Valley of the Rocks hotel, at which the clergy and ringers, and most of the residents in the neighbourhood were present.

In responding to a toast the chairman said that the work had been well carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank; Mr. E. B. Jeune gave the toast—"Mears and Stainbank," whose work he had met with in Brisbane, Sydney, and other places, Mr. A. Hughes, the firm's representative, responded. Mr. Hughes was also personally congratulated by the Bishop of the diocese on the excellence of the work.

The following are the inscriptions on the bells:—

Treble.—"Cuthbert, Eustace, Michael, Cyril, Stephen, Patrick, Denys, Cox. We brothers seven give thanks to heaven. 1902."

2nd.—"Fear God, Honour the King."

3rd.—"Sancta Barbara ora pro nobis."

4th.—"Jo: Browning, Vicar of Lye. David Knight, John Knight, Ch: Wardens, R.P. 1703. Recast 1902."

5th.—"Sancta Maria. t.g."

Tenor.—"Lord may this bell for ever be
A tuneful voice o'er land and sea
To call Thy people unto Thee.

W. E. Cox, Rector. W. Hume, J. W. Holman, Church-wardens.
Mears and Stainbank, 1902."

The total cost of the bells, with Seage's apparatus and the removal of the clock and font, amounted to about £365, which has been raised in a very few months through the energy of Mrs. Cox.

NEW PEAL AT BRIDLINGTON, EAST YORKS.

On Saturday, June 7th, the old town of Bridlington was *en fete* for the dedication by his Grace the Archbishop of York of the new ring of eight bells presented to the Priory Church by W. B. Jameson, Esq., of Hull and Bridlington. The beautiful dedication service was impressively rendered by the Archbishop, assisted by the Rector (the Rev. J. Allan-Pride, M.A.), Canon Nolloth, of Beverley Minster, and other clergymen, after which the Archbishop preached an eloquent sermon to a large congregation on bells and their use in the services of the Church. The ringers of Holy Trinity, Hull, had been selected by Mr. Jameson to open his very fine gift, and it was intended to go for a peal, but this arrangement was altered at the last moment, and instead on the conclusion of the service, various touches of Stedman and Grand-sire Triples, Bob Major and Treble Bob Major

were rung, amongst them being a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples which was rung by W. Southwick, J. High-field, G. T. Marshall, T. Stockdale, J. Disney, G. T. Miller, C. Jackson conductor, J. W. Dale. On completion of the ringing the ringers were escorted to the beautiful residence of Mr. Jameson, where a sumptuous repast was provided them, and everything possible was done to make the men comfortable. Touches and tunes were rung on the new handbells, also presented by Mr. Jameson, the single-handed performances by Mr. Jackson being especially appreciated, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

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GREAT HAKESLEY BELLS, ESSEX.

On Sunday, June 8th, these bells were officially opened, and one new bell dedicated by the Rector, the Rev. J. Storr. They are a new and handy ring of six, tenor 13 cwt. By invitation Mr. W. J. Nevard took a band of ringers over and rang for the opening 720 Oxford T. B. W. J. Nevard conductor, C. Clarke, G. Lancaster, G. A. Andrews, F. Balls, W. J. Hazell. After service 720 Bob Minor. During the afternoon 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung, and before the evening service 720 Double Court Bob was rung, and after service another 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. J. Hazell, C. Clarke, G. Lancaster, W. J. Nevard, G. Miles, G. A. Andrews. These bells have been rehung, tuned and fitted in a new iron frame by Messrs. Warner, the "go" of them being excellent. This restoration is owing to the generosity of Major Chaplin, as a memorial to his friends.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

A special meeting of the above branch was held at Walton-on-the-Hill on the 31st ult., at the invitation of the Rector, the Rev. Canon Leigh. Ringing started about three o'clock, touches in various methods and by different bands were pulled off until five o'clock, when a short service was held in the church. The Right Rev. the Bishop of Liverpool addressed the members, taking as his text the words of Isaiah lii. 11: "Be ye clean that bear the vessels." His lordship preached a most instructive and helpful sermon, which was listened to with marked attention.

A photograph of all those present was afterwards taken on the rectory lawn. Tea was provided by the kindness of the Rector in the schoolroom, in all about 106 sitting down. The Rector addressed a few words to the men, welcoming them to Walton, and thanking on their behalf the Bishop for his kindness in coming to them that afternoon.

The Bishop proposed, and the Rev. C. A. Clements seconded, a vote of thanks to the Rector for his kind hospitality.

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A THEORY OF THE ORIGIN OF CHANGES.

By R. A. DANIELL.

In "THE BELL NEWS" of the 29th of last March, there appeared an article by Mr. J. A. Trollope, headed "First Principles of Composition," in the course of which he tells us that when ringing became popular one direction in which development could be made was "on musical lines. This, represented by call changes, was first in the field, but has been abandoned to the least intelligent ringers, and has made no progress whatever."

Now, although Mr. Trollope has kindly written to me on the subject, I cannot find that he advances anything in the nature of evidence in support of the assertion I have quoted; but he appears to base it on a pure assumption which, until he or someone else gives reasons to establish it, I conceive to be false. At present I believe the truth to be the reverse, and that method ringing—mathematical ringing if Mr. Trollope likes it—is the oldest.

Stedman in the opening of the *Tintinnalogia* says: "Within these fifty or sixty years last past, changes were not known or thought possible to be rang; then were invented the sixes, being the very ground of a six score: then the seventy and twenty-four, with several other changes. Consequently unless we are to define the word 'changes' as *excluding* 'call changes,' for which I am not aware of any authority either in The Glossary or elsewhere, Mr. Trollope and Stedman are at variance. I regard Stedman as a trustworthy and accurate writer, and see no reason to read into his words an explanation which on the face of them is uncalled for; and unless such an explanation is based upon evidence it amounts to nothing more than begging the question. Hence, until Mr. Trollope furnishes evidence in support of his view I cannot accept it. Stedman's words are quite plain, and he must have known personally much more about the early history of ringing than anyone now alive possibly can.

But in order to get all the light one can about the origin of changes, let us carry back our minds to the seventeenth century. Dr. Raven, in his "Church Bells of Cambridgeshire," says: "We may mark the rise of change-ringing in Cambridgeshire, then, by improvements in the Bene't peal from 1607 to 1615, by the making Great St. Mary's four into five in 1611, by the addition or recasting of the two trebles in the Stetchworth peal in 1608, etc. etc., but more conclusively from the general fact that 18 per cent. of the bells now—that is in 1869—"in the county were cast in the early half of the 17th century." A few years later a treble was added at St. Mary's, thus making a ring of six, which appears to be the only one then in the county, while there was no ring of eight till about 1667. The fact is that at the time of the origin of change-ringing rings were small. Rings of six were rare and rings of eight very rare. In Suffolk, for instance, the earliest ring was in 1672, at Horham; in Buckinghamshire, in 1683, at Denham; in Huntingdonshire, in 1723, at St. Ives. In short, a perusal of the books of County Campanalogy shews us during the period of the infancy of change-ringing a continual endeavour to increase rings of bells; but this increase rarely gets beyond a total of five. Bearing all this in mind we realize how numerous three-bell towers were when change-ringing was invented, and consequently how agreeable to the facts of the situation is Stedman's statement that the first invented changes were those on three bells.

But I doubt if even the astuteness of Mr. Trollope will

be equal to explaining how to develop three-bell work on musical as against mathematical lines. If, as appears from Stedman, bell fittings were then such as to render it difficult to ring in half-pulls, it is obvious the bells could not be jumped, and in that case to ring the sixes by the very simple mathematical rule governing them was the natural and obvious thing to do. Most arts have small beginnings, and it is quite in accordance with what we should reasonably expect that changes originated on three bells. Then it was a natural consequence to extend the system to four and five bells. The sixes are of necessity plain changes, that is, only one pair of bells can change at a time, hence the plain change system was naturally extended, so that, in Stedman's words, the sixes are the very ground of a six-score. After men had got accustomed to plain changes on five bells, the cross peal was invented. That was a new departure. Hunting took place both up and down simultaneously, and thus produced double instead of single changes, and as the methods on five bells will only produce 120 changes, and it cannot be said that any of these changes are so markedly more musical than the rest as to render them worth special attention, men naturally rung them all, on a mathematical system.

I propose to add some further observations next week, but meanwhile venture to state the opinion that any enquiry into the origin of change-ringing must start from the beginning, and must take particular note both of the original plain changes, and of the enormous importance of five bell work in settling the lines of the science.

ST. PIERRE, MARTINIQUE.

Among the few structures left standing after the appalling destruction of St. Pierre, with its 30,000 inhabitants, on the morning of May 8th, was the ruinous, dismantled tower of the cathedral, St. Moulace. In this tower was hung a chime of bells, pronounced superb by Mr. R. T. Hill in his recently published work, entitled, "Cuba and Puerto Rico. Photographs taken a few days after the catastrophe show two of the small bells still suspended in the belfry, whereas the tenor is lying in the patio, half buried amid the fallen debris of the main building. It is to be hoped that the insular authorities will take measures to transfer these bells to some museum to be preserved as souvenirs of this extraordinary eruption.

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 CORRECTION.

SIR,—In the account of the Devonshire Guild meeting in your last issue, it is stated that I was the conductor in the ringing tour last autumn, whereas it was Mr. G. Williams, of Brighton, who undertook and ably fulfilled the duties of that office.

F. E. ROBINSON.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

(Continued from page 101.)

RINGERS AS CHURCH-GOERS.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee introduced for discussion the subject "Ringers as Church-goers. Are we satisfied with the present standard of attendance?" He said that although this subject was of a very different character from the other matters discussed at the meeting, it would not, he hoped, be considered inappropriate. The Council as the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers met to consider all matters which in any way concerned ringers interests, and surely the position of ringers as Churchmen would come under that head. The title chosen was indeed somewhat more restricted than the greater subject which they really wanted to discuss, for Church-going ought really to be the outward sign of something deeper rather than a matter valued for its own sake alone. Attendance at church was, first, the readiest outward expression of man's duty to God and dependence upon God, recognised by the worshipper; and secondly, a real means of receiving help from God. And though in an ideal world such outward forms and means might perhaps be dispensed with, in the world as it now existed they might be said to be necessary for all who desired to be true men. The average man could not afford to do without the forms of religion. But though they spoke of Church going, it was really the inward sense of religious duty and tone which they desired to secure, and of which Church attendance was only an outward symbol. Once get this tone of true religion in the hearts of men, and outward observance would spring from it without rules. In bringing forward this subject as it concerned ringers, he desired at once to speak hopefully and thankfully. He believed that, on the whole, this standard had been steadily rising. Far less was said now-a-days about ringers' indifference and unworthy behaviour than used to be the case. In the tower that he knew best the ringers came to church with very fair regularity, a very different state of things from that of which he was told in the case of an older band in the same tower a dozen years ago. One reason for thankfulness lay in this fact, that a better standard had grown up among ringers at the very time that, throughout the country, the custom of church going had been losing its hold upon the people at large. Certainly the growing neglect of public worship meant danger to the country, and he felt that here, by upholding a better standard, ringers were doing something, and might do more, of real service to the people among whom they lived. Yet, though they gladly recognised improvement, could they be quite satisfied with the present standard? He would mention three points which gave cause for anxiety. First, were there no towers still left in which the ringers thought only of their own enjoyment in the Exercise and nothing of their duty to God as members of the Church? He knew of one such tower, well-appointed in every way, with a band of ringers who were proud to occupy it and keen about their art, and yet only one or two of them were found with any regularity joining in the services at the church. Was this an isolated case? Then secondly, when an Association held its annual meeting, and the central service gave the one opportunity in the year for the members to join in a united act of worship, did they never hear complaints that men were found in larger numbers at the tea and business meeting than at the service itself? And a third point that made him anxious was that when in "THE BELL NEWS" he read an account of some ringers' holiday which included a Sunday away from home, the idea that he should attend Divine Service at the place visited seldom seemed to enter the mind of the holiday-maker. Generally it seemed that the visitor, after breakfast, went to a tower to ring, then went for a walk instead of staying to service, in the afternoon probably had a pull at another tower, and after tea just had time to ring for evening service before catching his train for home. Healthy and enjoyable as this might be, was there not something missing if this was the ideal of a ringers' holiday? He did not forget, in speaking of these cases of anxiety, that allowance must be made both for the average tone of people at present in regard to church attendance, and for special difficulties in cases such as that of a scattered band of ringers who met to ring at a tower but lived at considerable distances from it. Difficulties did exist, and must be allowed for. But

still, when all had been said, ought they to be satisfied? As ringers they prided themselves on the improved tone and general position of their body. Utterly neglected belfries were becoming hard to find. An immense advance in knowledge of methods and skill had been made throughout the Exercise, and they could point truly to the fact that most of the improvement was due to the efforts of ringers themselves. Then, he asked, were they satisfied to stop here? Did they care merely to advance on the secular side of their art? Should they not be equally anxious to advance on the religious side? He spoke as a ringer to ringers, and he pleaded that the religious advance should be due to their own efforts too. He recalled a saying of an honoured member of that Council which seemed to put the ringers' position in the noblest light, and it was this: "that in his skill as a ringer he had received a gift from God, and he desired to render it back, used and improved, to the Giver." The Council had come to exercise a great influence among ringers in many matters, not so much by endeavouring to legislate directly, as by setting a tone. Was it out of place to ask it to endeavour to set a tone also in this matter, which concerned the highest side of the ringers' work? He would claim that the title which the Council had deliberately adopted—the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers—shewed that it was ready to discuss questions such as this, and he therefore ventured to submit it to the meeting.

The Rev. F. E. Robinson said that the ringer, when he accepted a position in the belfry, should understand that he thereby became a Church officer. It appeared somewhat strange that a man should become a ringer if he was not first a church-goer. It was said that it was no use to get a man's body into the church if his mind was not there also. A ringer should not allow his life to become a constant repetition of inconsistency by his summoning other people to church and not going himself. Neither should the ringer regard his work in the belfry as a substitute for his duty to God in church, for far and above all he should be a communicant. Belfry rules should not be too strictly enforced. It might be necessary to occasionally remind some members of a band that they had not been seen at church. A gentle hint of such a nature might do more good than strictly enforcing rules. A ringer should however make a rule for himself as to church attendance, which should be sufficiently strict to earn for him the character of a church-goer, then it would not be necessary for the clergy to make rules for him in such a matter, or to be over particular in their observance. If the ringer did this it would be wise on the part of the clergy not to enforce too rigidly any rules they might think it desirable to make.

Mr. King said as a lay-worker in the diocese of St. Albans, he did not attempt to preach to the ringer of the present day, for he thought he was better left in the hands of the clergyman. As a rule however it was not all the clergy that would take the ringers in hand, on the other hand there were those who would threaten and blame a ringer if he was not so regular as others. This was not the kind of attitude to adopt. It would not be adopted with the congregation. He thought that the improved state of things which appeared to be growing up by a closer Association between the ringer and the clergy was due to the art of change-ringing in which the ringer had to display his best intelligence. He believed also that many of the older members of the Exercise had begun to look at the religious side of their lives from a different standpoint, and had thereby become church-goers, and fully recognised by their work in the belfry as church-workers. He trusted the day was not far distant when the younger section of the Exercise would follow the example set them by the older section, and by becoming recognised as church-goers, help to raise the tone and standard of the whole Exercise.

Mr. Daniell said he was very pleased to find that this question had been placed before them in so wide a spirit. He did not rise with any controversial object, but simply to make a few remarks from the point of view of the ordinary layman. It seemed to be admitted on all hands that the laity did not attend Divine worship as much as they should or as much as they used to, and it was stated by one of the clerical speakers at the Sunday observance meeting at the Brighton Church Congress last autumn, that conventional religion had collapsed, which was undoubtedly true. We were therefore in this matter of church

attendance brought back to first principles, which were the best thing for us. Ringers were laymen, and were actuated in this matter in the same way as other laymen. Either a ringer was a church attender or not. If he were, he had good reasons for being so. If not, he had reasons of some kind for not being so. He conceived that there could be no doubt in the mind of any man who admitted to being a Christian that public worship is a duty, and consequently if this remained a theory only, and was not put in practice, there must be some reason for the inconsistency. The reason might be mere indifference, and this of course could not be by any means justified. But in many, if not most cases, there was a further element, namely, misapprehension of the nature of worship which prevented men focussing their minds about it. He would refer to three of these misapprehensions. One was owing to the undue prominence formerly given to sermons. He had nothing to say against sermons, but thought that those of them who in their early boyhood were taken to church in the days of the supremacy of the black gown, often derived the impression that the Liturgy was a respectable introduction to the worship of the preacher, and though things had now changed in this respect, the notion of the sermon being the main thing still survived among many persons; and it was not to be wondered at that it had come to be a hindrance to attendance at church, seeing that it gave a false idea of the nature of public worship—one altogether at variance with what they had been told by the clerical speakers that afternoon. The next misapprehension to which he would refer was the notion that by going to church people professed to be better than others or than they themselves were. This notion was held by many people in all classes of life, yet it was entirely false, and it was only necessary to look at the language of the Prayer Book to see how opposed such a notion was to the practice and teaching of the church. He was afraid that laymen knew very little about the Prayer Book, and that when most of them were boys they got little, if any, teaching about it. Yet it was a most interesting book, both in its history and contents. They ought to make it their business to know more than they as a rule now did about it, and there was no difficulty in getting for a shilling or so a commentary which would furnish them with much information; and if they paid a little rational attention to the meaning of the Prayer Book not only would such misapprehensions as this be corrected, but the services themselves would become all the more interesting to them by reason of the greater familiarity they would gain with their nature and history. The third misapprehension arose from the false teaching of Sabbatarianism. It was not true that the Christian Sunday was the Sabbath. The Rev. Mr. Green the Rector of Clapham, gave at the Brighton Church Congress an admirable summary of the history of Sunday, showing that the Christian Church had from the first observed the first day of the week as the Lord's Day; but when the Puritans appeared on the scene they refused to accept Church authority or tradition; they insisted on having a text of Scripture as the authority for keeping this day, and as they could not find one, because none existed, they boldly applied to the Lord's Day texts which had nothing to do with it, but related to a different day altogether which had long ceased to be observed except by Jews. This therefore was misleading; but it did not end there. Some one, the devil, he supposed, invented the doctrine that pleasure was of itself wrong on Sunday, and thenceforward, from the cradle onwards, human beings were too often subjected in religious families to a depression or exasperation the memories of which have doubtless done much harm to Sunday observance. Someone—he hoped it was not their old friend Dr. Watts—wrote a hymn commencing—

This is Sunday, Sabbath Day,
Little children must not play.

Poor little things! Where was the New Testament authority for suppressing their innocent joy on Sunday? And then as the boys and girls grew older, the inconsistencies, the absurdities, and not least, the uncharitableness in judging other people all combined to bring about that reaction against Sabbatarian ideas which we now witnessed. But the effect of the reaction as regarded attending Church services was to confuse many people's minds. Though they might have abandoned Sabbatarianism in practice, they had not got rid of the notion that it and church going were both parts of the same system, and that

consequently in their case there was something inconsistent or hypocritical in attending church services. It was most important, therefore, to clear their minds on this point and to understand that Sabbatarianism was not part of the Christian faith at all. It was a mere human invention, and consequently there could be no inconsistency for those who did not accept it to attend the services of the Church. He thought the Church was entitled to ask the Exercise to give some intelligent thought to this matter of church going, and if men were impeded by any intellectual difficulty, to examine it carefully in an honest endeavour to get at the truth, in which case he ventured to think that the difficulty would disappear.

Mr. Snowdon said he thought the present standard of the Exercise very encouraging for many would leave change-ringing and the world better than they found it. He did not think it was altogether neglect which kept ringers out of the church. It might be that he lived a distance from the tower, and would have to leave by 9 o'clock on the Sunday morning to reach the tower in time for ringing. If he attended the service it would in some cases be past one o'clock, if he remained for the whole of the service, before he reached home. Many did not like leaving before a service was complete. There was however no reason why they should not do.

The President said that, with the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, he was asked to address a meeting at the last Church Congress. Although they had not a large audience, it was satisfactory to know that after many years work they had got thus far to be recognised by the Church. They there endeavoured to show that the present standard which the Exercise had reached was mainly due to the action of ringers themselves. The subject now so ably and helpfully discussed was one which had been much on his mind, for after parading before the clergy the good work ringers had effected among themselves, and their consequent claim to the increased sympathy of the church, it was of the first importance that indifferent attendance at public worship should not give the lie to their professions, and alienate the sympathy they justly demanded.

A vote of thanks to the President, moved by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and seconded by Mr. Snowdon, concluded the meeting.

In the evening there was a quiet gathering of members and their friends at The Star hotel, no music of any kind, except handbell ringing, being indulged in, as a mark of respect to the late Hon. Secretary.

(Concluded.)

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN CUILD.

A quarterly meeting of this society was held at Haslemere on Saturday, April 26th, and was fairly attended by members or representatives from Guildford (two towers), Privett, Shalford, Basingstoke, Fareham, Portsea, Puttenham, York Town, and Midhurst, while six or seven of the local company were present. The Rev. L. Corbett had made excellent arrangements for the afternoon, and tea was served in the town hall at 4.30. The business meeting followed; the Rev. C. E. Matthews, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, presided. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting were read and adopted. Nine new members were elected and attached to their companies at Hursley, Bramley, Andover, Shalford, and Petersfield. Mr. C. H. Pearce then reported the progress of the Committee appointed to delineate the boundaries of a new district. They proposed that it should be composed of the following towers: York Town, Yateley, Hawley, Farnham, Chertsey, and Walton-on-Thames. It was left for the next annual meeting to decide finally. Monday, July 14th, was fixed for the Annual Meeting at Hersham, and a committee was nominated to draw up the programme.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 1902.

THE Coronation festivities taking place next week, it is necessary that this paper should be in the publisher's hands two days earlier than usual. Next Monday therefore will be the last day for receiving reports, etc., for our next number. A letter from the Rev. H. T. BASSETT will appear next week, as also the report from Woolwich. Those who have not up to the time of writing secured flags or other decoration for the Coronation display, are just in time if they will put themselves into communication with Messrs. Goy and Co., of Praed Street, London, W., who supply every requisite needed for the objects in view.

VARIA.

A band, largely composed of clergymen, was ringing a touch, and the striking was indifferent. Said an on-looker: "Can you wonder at it when it is expressly laid

down by St. Paul in the New Testament that a bishop should be 'no striker.'"

Few ringers would knowingly ring a false peal, but the ringing very often appears different inside the tower to what it does outside.

The men who built the old church tower were ignorant of many of the laws of architecture. What was correctly built stood, what was not fell down. In the same way our old composers were ignorant of many of the laws of method-building, but only those methods which were correctly constructed have survived.

The man who shouts the loudest is not always the best conductor, and the man who is fondest of telling other people their duty is often the first to go wrong himself.

I once knew a ringer of the old school who when he heard speak of belfry reform would say "Ah, but a bell and a pint of beer always went together and always will."

WITNEY, OXON.

On Tuesday, June 10th, the Bishop of Oxford, Dr. Francis Paget, held his primary visitation for Witney and the district at Witney. His arrival by the early train was immediately announced by the ringers of the parish church to the music of Grandsire Triples. Previous to the service and the Episcopal charge, his Lordship expressed a desire to see the ringers at their work, if his appearance did not disturb them. On being assured that that they would prove equal to the occasion, the Bishop quickly ascended the winding staircase leading to the ringing-chamber, under the guidance of the Secretary of the Witney ringing society, and on the bells coming into rounds and setting up, he spoke a few kind and well-chosen words to the ringers. Mr. J. Monk, in response, expressed the satisfaction and pleasure afforded by his visit. Subsequently 350 Grandsire Triples was rung for service by A. Brooks, H. Brooks, T. Bull, Rev. C. Jenkyn, F. Pounds, J. Monk, J. Brooks, and J. Richards. T. Brown was also present, and took part in some Grandsire Triples.

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Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal in the method. The above is the conductor's 50th peal of Double Norwich.

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

On Saturday, June 14, 1902, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, CHISWICK,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HENRY R. NEWTON .. Treble.	HARRY R. PASMORE.. .. 5.
WILLIAM GARRARD 2.	THOMAS LUNGLEY 6.
HENRY S. ELLIS 3.	FREDERICK DENCH 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE 4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 17, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ACTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
GEORGE R. FARDON 2.	WILLIAM PYE 6.
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER .. 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
JAMES GEORGE 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The Provinces.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 8, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY WALLIS Treble.	ALBERT BIGGS, JUN 5.
HERBERT BAKER† 2.	FREDERICK HUNT 6.
ALBERT BIGGS, SEN.. .. 3.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 7.
SAMUEL R. GARNER.. .. 4.	*JACK WILLIS Tenor.

Conducted by E. E. FOREMAN.

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

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(THE WIRKSWORTH SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, June 10, 1902, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK TURNER* .. Treble.	BENJAMIN GREATOREX .. 5.
CHARLES ALLSOP† 2.	†ARNOLD GELL 6.
REV. ARTHUR T. BEESTON 3.	†FREDERICK JOHNSON.. .. 7.
WILLIAM FOX 4.	*BENJAMIN SOWTER Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES ALLSOP.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the marriage of Lieutenant Bertram Arkwright, eldest son of the Rev. Canon Arkwright, R.D., Vicar of Wirksworth, and Miss Grace E. J. Hurt, only daughter of A. F. Hurt, Esq., J.P., of Alderwasley Hall, Wirksworth.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 10, 1902, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S.

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE ARCHER Treble.	*WILLIAM WISKENS 5.
JOHN TITE* 2.	*FREDERICK SMITH 6.
WILLIAM CHENERY*.. .. 3.	FREDERICK BORRETT 7.
JOHN SOUTER 4.	ERNEST POPPY Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK BORRETT.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 10, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. Treble.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 5.
EDGAR HICKS 2.	JOHN J. CREASEY 6.
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN .. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7.
GEORGE THURLOW 4.	WILLIAM SAWYER .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING .. Treble.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. 5.
JOHN PERRY* 2.	JOHN C. ADAMS 6.
JOSEPH BIRCH 3.	JOSIAH ELTON 7.
ARTHUR PAINTER 4.	HERBERT KNIGHT .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by ROBERT PICKERING.

*First peal of Major. †First peal of Major as conductor.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, June 14, 1902, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt. in F.

RICHARD POTTER .. Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM* 2.	FRED RUDKIN* 6.
HENRY EVERS* 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
JAMES NEWMAN 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by DAVID ELLIOTT.

*First peal of Bob Major.

WARWICK.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, June 14, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5151 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT .. Treble.	JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. 6.
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. 2.	THOMAS MILLER 7.
CHARLES DICKENS 3.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 8.
EDWARD H. ADAMS 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 9.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 5.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. Tenor.

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal on the bells since being rehung in a new iron frame by Messrs. Taylor.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 14, 1902, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

FRANK BENNETT .. Treble.	GEORGE A. KING 6.
ALBERT D. STONE 2.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. 7.
EDMUND H. LINDUP* .. 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. 8.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 4.	KEITH HART 9.
ROBERT J. DAWE 5.	JOHN JAY, JUN. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal on ten bells.

BORDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1902, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'. Tenor 23 cwt.

JACK EXCELL* .. Treble.	WILLIAM TASSELL .. 5.
STANLEY HUTSON 2.	*JOHN TASSELL 6.
HARRY BAKER* 3.	CHARLES R. MILLWAY .. 7.
RICHARD STAINES 4.	*EDMUND W. NETTLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. MILLWAY.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Baker, Staines, and J. Tassell, their brother-ringers wishing them many happy returns.

MITCHELDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT E. BRAIN .. Treble.	JOHN M. MORGAN .. 5.
JOHN POWELL 2.	THOMAS HART 6.
HENRY GARDNER 3.	JOHN AUSTIN 7.
DR. N. F. SEARANCE .. 4.	ARTHUR SAVORY CHEW .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 16, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s of Oxford Bob, and four 720s of Plain Bob.

ALBERT A. BERRY .. Treble.	†ALPHAUS J. BERRY .. 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	CHARLES NUNN 5.
JOHN MAYES 3.	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

†First peal with a bob bell. First peal in two methods on the bells.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 16, 1902, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

FRED G. MAY .. Treble.	HERBERT TUCKER .. 6.
WILLIAM A. CAVE 2.	ALGERNON LEWTON .. 7.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 3.	JAMES GEORGE 8.
ALBERT STOWELL 4.	GEORGE T. DALTRY .. 9.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 5.	FREDERICK J. COOPER .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by H. TUCKER.

GOSFORTH, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 16, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ERNEST E. FERRY .. Treble.	*E. ASTLEY 5.
THOMAS MACLAREN* .. 2.	*ARTHUR M. C. FIELD .. 6.
GEORGE WARDLE* 3.	*JOHN FOREMAN 7.
GEORGE T. POTTER* .. 4.	*JOHN BIRD Tenor.

Composed by T. MORRIS, and Conducted by ERNEST E. FERRY.

*First peal.

The following peal was rung to celebrate the restoration of peace in South Africa:—

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 16, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM BENNETT Treble.	HARRY HOLIFIELD 5.
FRANCIS P. POWELL 2.	REV. H. C. BELL 6.
THOMAS SHORT 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
JAMES FRANKLIN 4.	AMOS FAWDREY Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The ringer of the treble in the peal of Treble Bob at Bedford was A. Nunneley-Wood, not A. Nunneley as stated in our last issue.

Miscellaneous.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ICKLETON (Cams).—On Whit-Sunday, for morning service, 400 Doubles. S. Bowtell, E. Webb, F. Bowtell, A. G. Lilley, P. Webb conductor, F. Crick.

COTTENHAM (Cams).—On May 19th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Bowtell, F. Pitsworth conductor, J. Taylor, P. Webb, W. B. Kempton, G. Taylor. Add 720 Kent Treble Bob. P. Webb, J. Taylor, H. Sharpe conductor, A. Markwell, R. G. Dewey, W. B. Kempton. Another 720. G. Taylor, J. Taylor, R. G. Dewey, A. Markwell, H. Sharp, W. Eusden conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL (Yorks).—On May 15th, at Holy Trinity church, an attempt was made for Sir Arthur Heywood's transposition of the late T. Thurstan's four-part, but after ringing 1 hr. 19 mins. it came to grief owing to a bell having left the "slow." A. N. Wood, W. Southwick, T. Clarke, G. T. Marshall, T. Stockdale, D. W. Brown, C. Jackson conductor, J. W. Dale. Afterwards a short touch of Stedman Triples. A. N. Wood conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, and T. Neill, of York.

BEVERLEY.—On May 19th, at the Minster, 420 Grandsire Triples. F. Osgerby, G. H. Wilson, T. Taylor, C. Bradley, W. A. Thompson, W. Gibson conductor, A. N. Wood, C. Constable. Tenor 41 cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

BURNLEY.—On Sunday, March 29th, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Bob Minor. D. Campbell, J. R. Eastwood, W. Walton, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, T. Redman conductor. A 720 Bob Minor. T. Burrows, W. Walton, J. R. Eastwood, T. Redman, R. Ashworth, R. Hartley conductor. On Sunday, April 6th, 720 Bob Minor. T. Burrows, J. R. Eastwood, R. Hartley, W. Walton, N. Townend, T. Redman conductor. Also 640 Oxford. J. R. Eastwood, T. Burrows, D. Campbell, R. Hartley, N. Townend, R. Ashworth, D. Heys, T. Redman conductor. On Tuesday, April 8th, 688 Bob Major. T. Burrows, J. R. Eastwood, D. Campbell, R. Hartley, N. Townend, D. Heys, R. Ashworth, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, April 20th, 688 Bob Major. J. Smithers, D. Campbell, J. R. Eastwood, R. Hartley, J. W. Stirk, R. Ashworth, N. Townend, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, April 27th, 576 Kent. T. Burrows, D. Campbell, J. R. Eastwood, W. Walton, R. Hartley conductor, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On Saturday, May 10th, 576 Kent. T. Burrows, J. R. Eastwood, D. Campbell, R. Hartley, N. Townend, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, May 11th, 800 Bob Major. D. Campbell, T. Burrows, J. R. Eastwood, R. Hartley, W. Walton, J. W. Stirk, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, May 18th, 608 Bob Major. R. Hartley, D. Campbell, T. Burrows, W. Walton, N. Townend, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. And 800 Bob Major. D. Heys, T. Burrows, J. R. Eastwood, W. Walton, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD (Surrey).—On February 27th, for practice, 416 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. R. Roffey, E. Raddon, J. J. Jones, C. Hazelden, E. Allen, T. W. Radford, S. Radford, J. Hunt conductor. And 324 Stedman Triples. T. W. Radford conductor, E. Raddon, R. Roffey, J. J. Jones, G. Woodiss, C. Hazelden, J. Hunt, E. Heather. Also 416 Double Norwich. R. Roffey, E. Raddon, C. Hazelden, J. J. Jones, G. Woodiss, T. W. Radford, S. Radford, J. Hunt conductor. On Sunday, April 5th, for Divine Service, a course of Superlative Surprise Major. For evening service 1232 Double Norwich. R. Roffey, E. Raddon, J. J. Jones, C. Hazelden, E. Allen, T. W. Radford, S. Radford, J. Hunt conductor. On April 13th, for Divine Service, 408 Stedman Triples. J. Hunt, R. Roffey, J. J. Jones, C. Hazelden, E. Allen, T. W. Radford, S. Radford, J. Hunt conductor. On Sunday, May 11th, for Divine Service, 480 Double Norwich Court Bob. R. Roffey, B. Hawkins, J. J. Jones, E. Raddon, E. Allen, S. Radford, T. W. Radford, J. Hunt conductor. On March 5th, for practice, 384 Superlative Surprise Major. R. Roffey, E. Raddon, J. J. Jones, C. Hazelden, E. Allen, S. Radford, T. W. Radford conductor, J. Hunt. And 224 Double Norwich. R. Roffey, rest as before. On Sunday, May 18th, 384 Superlative Surprise. R. Roffey, F. Bennett conductor, J. J. Jones, C. Giles, E. Allen, S. Radford, T. W. Radford, J. Hunt. Also 306 Grandsire Caters. R. Roffey, T. W. Radford, E. Raddon, J. J. Jones, J. Heathorn, F. Bennett, J. Hunt, C. Giles, S. Radford, E. Heather. On handbells, 224 Grandsire Triples. J. Hunt, F. Bennett conductor, C. Giles, S. Radford. And 168. J. Hunt conductor, T. W. Radford, C. Giles, S. Radford. And the last 700 of Holt's Original. J. Hunt, F. Bennett, C. Giles, T. Radford. On Sunday, May 23th, for Divine Service, 304 Double. S. Radford, R. Roffey, J. J. Jones, C. Hazelden, E. Raddon, E. Allen, T. W. Radford, J. Hunt conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, June 2nd, at St. John's church, 630 Grandsire Triples were rung after evening service upon the Peace news being made known by the Vicar. B. Miller, T. G. Deal, E. H. Nixon, A. C. Bedwell, G. H. Daynes, J. Law, W. J. Jeffries conductor, H. Young.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTON FAVELL (Northants).—On Thursday, April 10th, 720 of Grandsire Doubles. G. Redmill, F. Hopper, W. Roberts, A. O. Stewart conductor, F. Wilford.

TOWCESTER (Northants).—On Saturday, April 26th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Redmill, W. Rogers, S. J. Lawrence, J. Methers, F. Hopper, F. Wilford conductor. Also 360 Grandsire Doubles. J. Methers, F. Hopper, S. J. Lawrence, W. Rogers, F. Wilford conductor, G. Redmill.

EASTON NESTON (Northants).—On Saturday, April 26th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Redmill, T. J. Lawrence, J. Methers, F. Wilford, W. Rogers, F. Hopper conductor. Also 360. G. Redmill, F. Hopper, J. Methers, S. J. Lawrence, W. Rogers, F. Wilford conductor.

BLISWORTH (Northants).—On Saturday, April 26th, 480 Grandsire Doubles. G. Redmill, S. J. Lawrence, F. Hopper, W. Rogers, F. Wilford conductor. Also 360 Bob Doubles. G. Redmill, F. Hopper conductor, J. Methers, W. Rogers, F. Wilford.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Sunday, May 15th, after special evening service for the Hospital Sunday Fund, a quarter-peal, 1259 changes, of Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins., taken from the "Shipway Reprint." W. J. Coakham, F. A. Nunn, C. T. Hopkins, F. Rumens, J. H. Wilkins, W. B. Manning, W. H. Freeman, W. R. Pinsent, A. G. Freeman conductor, R. K. Knight.

MACCLESFIELD PARISH CHURCH.

AN APPEAL FOR HELP.

DEAR SIR,—Would you kindly publish the following on behalf of W. W. Steel, one of our company. He has been one of our regular ringers for twelve years, and a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild for a like period. Nineteen months ago he was compelled to give up work, and has been pronounced to be suffering from locomotor ataxia. He has been a brass moulder by trade, and we can speak with confidence of his self-helpful character when he was well. He has a wife and four young children, and his long illness has been a terrible strain upon them.

Signed—LUCIUS SMITH, Vicar, W. WALMSLEY, Conductor, 88, High Street, who will gratefully receive subscriptions towards this needy case.

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 Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, to-day, Saturday, June 21. A peal will be attempted at 2.30 prompt. The meeting will be held at The Spotted Cow at 7 p.m.

CHARLES PRATT, *Hon. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The Annual Meeting in connection with this Society will be held to-day, Saturday, June 21, at Lichfield. The bells of the Cathedral and other churches will be available for ringing touches during the afternoon and evening, except while service is being held. A short service will be held in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 5 o'clock, preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon Hodgson, President of the Society. Tea at 5.30 in the Poole Walk Schoolroom. Tickets 6d each to all members who have paid their subscriptions, to others 1s. All subscriptions are due at this meeting and should be paid at the cathedral belfry between the hours of 2 and 4. S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Kingsley to-day, Saturday, June 21st.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Woolton to-day, Saturday, June 21. Bells ready at 4.

C. A. CLEMENTS, *Secretary.*

5, Marsden Road, Southport.

Lavenham (Suffolk).—To-day, Saturday, June 21st, the bells of the tower will be at the disposal of any visiting ringer during the day. Ringing to commence at 7 a.m. till 7.30 p.m.

A. SYMONDS, *Steeplekeeper.*

41, Market Lane.

Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Associations.—A joint meeting will be held on Saturday, June 28th, at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row.

R. HARRISON.

The Lancashire Association Meeting, May 31st.—Liverpool Branch.—Photographs can be obtained by remitting 3s. 3d. to George Latimer, 262, Walton Road, Liverpool. Ringers will facilitate matters by ordering early, so that the photographer may know how many to prepare.

H. H. BARKER.

42, Iretton Street, Walton-on-the-Hill.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at Upton-on-Severn near Worcester on Saturday, July 5th. The Rev. Arthur Beal, M.A., Rector, has kindly consented to give a short address at the service in the church at 5 p.m., and preside at the business meeting afterwards. The tower and bells are available for the members. A free tea will be provided for all those sending in their names to me not later than July 2nd.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

34, Church House, Church Lane, Tipton.

The Saffron Walden Society.—Established 1623.—The Anniversary of the above Society will be held on Saturday, June 28th.

F. J. PRISTOW, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. James's Society, London.—In consequence of a rude structure called a stand

in the belfry of St. Clement Danes, the practice is off for next Monday, June 23rd.

C. F. WINNEY, *Master.*

The Essex Association.—South Eastern District.—There will be a meeting at Prittlewell on June 28th. The bells will be open for ringing. Meeting in the schoolroom.

G. GREEN, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Moorside, on Saturday, July 5th. Bells ready 3.30. Business meeting 6.30. Ringers desiring tea notify Mr. H. Barlow, 2, Grafton Street, Moorside, by the previous Thursday.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—The report books for 1901 have been distributed to all members whose addresses are believed to be correctly printed in the list of members. Several of the non-resident honorary life members have doubtful or insufficient addresses shown, and a copy has not been sent. Any such may have a copy by sending me a card with their address. These applications are requested to be sent before May 31st.

C. E. BORRETT, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*
10, Chester Street, Norwich.

The Devonshire Guild.—The Exeter Cathedral bells will be re-opened on June 24. Dedication Service 2 p.m. Ringing from 4.15 by Devon Guild. F. MOLINEUX, *Hon. Sec.*
Harford, Ottery St. Mary.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

On Thursday, June 5th, the members of the parish church society and a few friends were invited to supper at The Red Lion hotel by Mr. J. Prewett, in honour of his sixtieth birthday. After supper Mr. Huntley proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Prewett for so kindly entertaining them, and wished him "Many happy returns of the Day," with a hope that he would be spared for many years to listen to the joyous peals on the Bushey bells, in which he took so much interest. Touches on the handbells and songs followed. It was intended to have rung a peal earlier in the evening, but illness near the church prevented a start being made.

Situations Vacant.

TO PLUMBERS.—Wanted at once good all round man. Fill in spare time painting. Constant job guaranteed. Change-ringer preferred. Apply to A. and F. Gammon, Builders. Haydon Place, Guildford.

BOOT TRADE.—Wanted a good all round Repairer. Young man preferred. Age about 20. Change-ringer. Apply J. Goldby and Son, Coleshill, Birmingham.

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OFFERS wanted for "Seage's Silent Practice Apparatus" for six bells, with all necessary parts for fixing. A valuable addition to a teaching tower. Apply, Hy. Pauli, Middleham, Yorkshire.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. John Harper has removed to 63, Chichester Road, Portsmouth.

Situations Wanted.

SITUATION wanted as Head Working Gardener. Eleven years as Head. Practical in all branches. Age 36. Married. Good change-ringer. Apply to the Editor.

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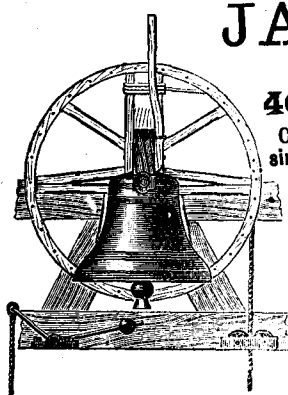
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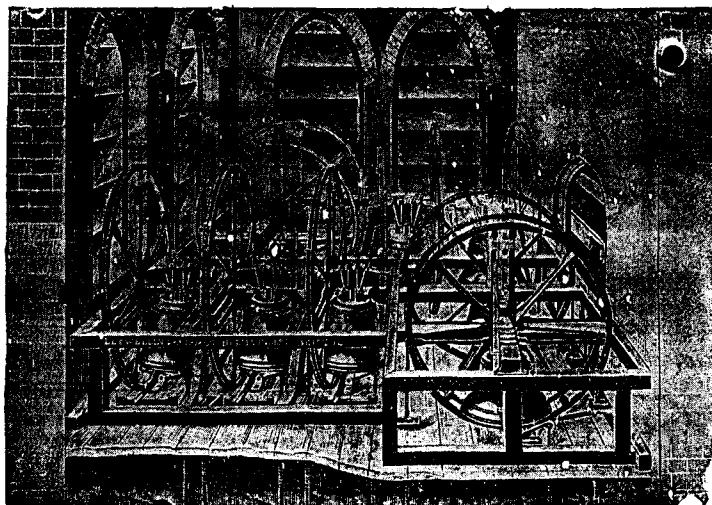
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

BIRSTALL (Yorks). St. Peter. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Dobson, 1819, except tenor by Pack and Chapman, 1771, 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were rehung by Mallaby, 1876, and the tenor has recently been fitted with new brasses by Shaw. Ringers have recommended levelling of frame and new brasses all round, but for want of funds the work has been postponed. Ropes good. Method: Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.30, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday and Friday, 7.30.

BISHOP AUCKLAND (Durham). St. Andrew. Durham and Newcastle Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd, and tenor by Warner, 1882, the rest cast 1720, founder unknown. Tenor 11 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring was rehung by Mallaby, 1881. Ropes new 1895, good. Methods: Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 7.30.

BISHOPS CANNINGS (Wilts). St. Mary. Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. Treble 1307, no founder mentioned; 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th by Wallis, 1602; 4th and 7th by Mears, 1840. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. by the same, and rehung by Blackburn, 1897. Bells go very well. Ropes new 1900, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing occasionally. Practice: November and December, Tuesday and Friday, 7; otherwise irregular.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH (Durham). St. Michael. Durham and Newcastle Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Warner, 1894; the rest by Mears, 1809. Tenor 11 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 5 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung with new fittings by Warner, 1894. Ropes

new 1894, fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Duffield. Sunday ringing; 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30; on first Sunday in month 2.30 to 3 additional. The bells are also rung on Wednesday at 7 for service. Practice: Monday, 7. Change-ringers always welcome.

BISHOP'S LYDIARD (Somerset). St. Mary. Taunton Guild. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd, 4th, 7th and 8th by Pyke, 1776; 3rd by Kingston, 1816; 5th and 6th by Warner, 1875. Tenor 28 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in., worn at soundbow. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Clocking permitted. No repairs since the 5th and 6th were hung in 1875. Frame in a dangerous condition. Nothing done for want of funds. Ropes good. No half-pull ringing, Sunday ringing, nor practice.

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Herts). St. Michael. Essex Association. Ten bells. Treble and 2nd by Briant, 1820. 3rd, 7th and 9th by the same, 1791; and 8th, 1852; 4th, 5th, and 6th by Waylett, 1713; and tenor, 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. by the same, 1730. The heavier bells are much worn in the soundbow. Timber frame. Bells go well. Latest repairs by local man, 1891. Recommendations of ringers only partially carried out. Ropes fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, and Oxford Bob. Sunday ringing 1st in month and on festivals, 10.15. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

BISHOPSTONE (Wilts). St. Mary. Gloucester and Bristol Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1891. Tenor 19 cwt. Iron frame. Bells go well. Original ring destroyed by fire. New ring hung by Blackburn, 1891. Ropes fair. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 1st in month for evening service. Practice: Monday and Thursday in winter only, 6.45. Bands of change-ringers are always welcome.

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DEDICATION OF NEW RING OF EIGHT.

On Tuesday, May 27th, the two new, and six ancient bells recast (tenor 17 cwt.), recently hung in new iron frame in the parish church, were dedicated by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Exeter, in the presence of a large congregation. For some time it was felt that the old bells required re-hanging, and, thanks to the energy of the Vicar (the Rev. H. Vere Stead), the generosity of Mrs. Croker (who gave the two new bells), and many of the parishioners, the work has been carried out in a very satisfactory manner by Messrs. J. Taylor and Sons at the cost of about £300.

The service opened with the processional hymn, "When morning gilds," after which the Bishop proceeded from the Sanctuary to the tower (opening from the church), when he dedicated the bells. Prayers were then offered, and while the Bishop proceeded to the pulpit to give an address, the local ringers raised the bells into a few rounds and lowered them.

The Bishop congratulated the parishioners on the assembly that day for the purpose of joining in the service

of dedicating the bells. They were to be congratulated not only upon having the six bells, but also on the addition of two new ones, the peal as a result being more perfect, and a valuable addition to the church. These bells were dear to us all, the elder ones looked back on their happiest moments being associated with their sound, and there was nothing that brought to memory such a sweet sense of peace and thanksgiving. In the olden days the people were not summoned to service by the sound of bells, in times of persecution this had to be done in secrecy, later the announcement was made by bugles and other means. We may probably have to go to Central Asia for the original use of church bells, now so general and nowhere more so than in the British Isles. Their use was not to exercise a certain number of men; the tower and the bells formed a part of the church, and the ringers should accordingly conduct themselves with due reverence in their work of ministering to its services. Glad he was to say that in Devon the ringers generally realised their position in this respect. Those bells would summon many a congregation to give praise, they would sound for weddings to crown their joy, and that bell would sound its mournful tone when another soul was taken from this world. They were a symbol of our union, and should encourage unity of purpose and action, their very tones, each different yet all in harmony, should set us a theme for additional harmony in our assembly.

After the address the offertory was taken on behalf of the Bells Restoration fund, the service concluding with the hymn "Lifted gently to the steeple."

The Heavitree (Exeter) branch of the Devon Guild of Ringers afterwards rang touches of Grandsire Triples and a touch of Bob Major, being represented by Messrs. F. Shepherd, J. Sandover, T. Laver, W. Burrough, W. Mifflin, W. Hancock, J. Richards, and A. H. Snow, the Rev. F. Molineux representing the Devon Guild. The Vicar subsequently entertained the ringers to a substantial repast, to which they did ample justice, and amid such pleasant surroundings none felt in the mood to grumble. On the return journey to Exeter the old tower at Newton Abbot was visited and some touches rung with a friend from Loughborough.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The spring meeting of the Chipping Norton Deanery branch of this Guild was held on Saturday, May 31st, at Leafield, the last occasion on which Leafield was visited being in 1899. The towers represented were Chipping Norton, Enstone, Shipton-under-Wychwood, Leafield, Witney and Ducklington. The day's proceedings commenced with a few touches of Grandsire Doubles and Grandsire Minor rung before service by mixed bands.

At half-past four there was evensong in the parish church, with an address by the Rev. A. C. Smith (Vicar of Charlbury and an hon. member of the Guild). The rev. gentleman based an exceedingly appropriate address on the text, "Magnify your office," taken from the 13th verse of the 11th chap. of Romans.

After the service the members of the Guild adjourned to the schoolroom, where an excellent tea had been provided by Mr. T. Hewett. A business meeting was held immediately after the repast. The President of the Deanery (Rev. J. E. Phillips) occupied the chair, and amongst those present were the Rev. T. W. Lee (Vicar of Leafield), Rev. A. C. Smith (vicar of Charlbury), Rev W. Collingwood Carter (vicar of Shipton-under-Wych-

wood), Rev. F. E. Robinson (Rector of Drayton, Master of the Guild), Rev. W. J. Palmer (Enstone), and Mr. J. F. Barlow (Hon Sec). A letter of regret at inability to be present was read from the Rev. C. F. Garrett (Little Tew), and a letter was also read from Mrs Barter (widow of the late Rev. H. Barter, formerly President of the Deanery) acknowledging the vote of condolence at the death of her husband, passed by the branch at their meeting at Hook Norton in November last.

The following members were elected: Rev. H. Jubb (Heythrop) hon. member; W. Hartley, E. Coombes, H. Coombes, and R. Miles (Shipton), qualified members.

The President informed the meeting that the annual general meeting of the Guild was to be held at Great Marlow on July 14, and expressed a hope that as many members of the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch as possible would put in appearance for the purpose of voting that the 1893 meeting might be held at Chipping Norton.

The Secretary stated that it was Shipton's turn to be visited on the occasion of the annual meeting of the branch in November, and it was unanimously decided that Shipton should be the next rendezvous.

The Vicar of Shipton said he should be pleased to receive the members in November next.

The Rev. T. W. Lee rose to thank the Rev. A. C. Smith for his excellent sermon, which he said, was to the point throughout. The work of bellringing certainly had improved immensely during the last 100 or 200 years, or possibly more than that. In reading Bunyan's life he observed that Bunyan was blamed for bellringing, for they were bad things in those days. The great improvement that had been made, and the state of campanology to-day, marked the difference of things, for in Bunyan's days bellringing was associated with everything that was bad. Now campanologists were men who had the thought of the Church in their minds and hearts, and as Mr. Smith had so excellently stated, they were a great help to the clergy.

The Rev. A. C. Smith briefly responded.

The Rev. W. C. Carter next proposed a vote of thanks to the Master of the Guild, without whom, he said, no meetings could be successful, as he was the very life of those meetings.

The Master in responding, said it was always a great pleasure for him to come to those meetings because there seemed to be a good feeling abroad, and it was consequently a pleasure as well as a duty for him to attend.

The President of the Guild next moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Leafield, and to the choir and organists for what they had done for the Guild.

The Rev. T. W. Lee briefly returned thanks, and said anything he could do he was only too happy to do.

Votes of thanks to the president and secretary concluded the business.

Later in the evening several 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung, besides which a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung in 25 minutes by the following band:—Treble, A. Miles; 2 N. Spindlow; 3 R. Hartley; 4 H. Miles; 5 Rev. F. E. Robinson; 6 F. P. Powell (conductor).

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THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the above Association was held for the seventh year in succession at Northampton on Whit-Monday, May 19th. There was a capital attendance, nearly every belfry connected with the Association being represented. By special permission the bells of all the churches, consisting of four peals of eight and one of ten, were at liberty for ringing. Divine Service was held at the church of St. Giles at 1 p.m., conducted by the Rev. A. R. Harrison. The sermon was preached by the Rev. W. S. Willett, Vicar of Gilston, Essex, who took as his text Psalm cl. 5, and based an eloquent discourse thereon. Luncheon took place as in previous years at The Peacock hotel, Market Square, at two o'clock. In the absence of the President, the Rev. R. P. Lightfoot, D.D., Archdeacon of Oakham and Rector of Uppingham, through indisposition, the chair was occupied by the vice-president, the Rev. A. S. Lindsay (Crawford), supported by the Revs. J. Dun (Hon. Treasurer), A. C. Ranger, W. St. George Coldwell, R. R. Cobbold, R. Copeman, A. R. Harrison, S. Summers, W. S. Willett, and Mr. T. R. Hensher, acting Hon. Secretary. Full justice having been done to the splendid spread provided, the usual loyal toasts were duly honoured, "God save the King" being sung with enthusiasm.

The chairman read letters of apology from the President of the Association and other hon. members. The rev. gentleman then referred in feeling terms to the death of the late Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. J. Dennes. He only knew Mr. Dennes in connection with the Association, and he thought it was impossible to gauge the influence he had upon the members. Mr. Dennes always tried to get the ringers to take the highest view of their office. His great work was not only in the promotion of change-ringing and belfry reform, but in the way he tried to infuse into the members of the Association that they were workers in the church of God.

Mr. Lindsay read a letter from the brothers and sisters of Mr. Dennes, acknowledging the letter of condolence sent from the Association on his death.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that the funds of the Association in bank and hand amounted to £39 4s. 2d.

The Hon. Secretary *pro tem.*, Mr. T. R. Hensher, said the balance for the year amounted to only 2s. 5d. This small amount was accounted for by several unusual items of expenditure, principally by two years' report, being paid for.

The Rev. R. R. Copeman proposed, and Mr. A. H. Martin seconded, that the balance-sheet be adopted. This was unanimously adopted.

On the proposition of Mr. R. Howard, seconded by Mr. W. Roberts, Mr. T. R. Hensher was unanimously elected Hon. Secretary in the place of the late Mr. E. J. Dennes. He was also re-elected as delegate to the Central Council for the following three years.

The Rev. St. George Coldwell proposed that a brass cross bearing a suitable inscription be placed in the parish church at Wellingborough to the memory of the late Mr. Dennes.

The Rev. S. Summers seconded the proposal, and it was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Hensher submitted two drawings of crosses, one of which at a cost of £8 was accepted. He also informed the meeting that the Rev. R. W. Wynter, had promised to remit the usual fee of £5 5s. for erection of tablet in the church.

The election of honorary and ringing members followed, three honorary and twelve ringing members being elected.

It was arranged to hold the next quarterly meeting at Great Addington. Thanks were accorded to the Rev. W. S. Willett, the preacher for the day, also the clergy of Northampton for their arrangements. The Rev. W. S. Willett and the Rev. A. R. Harrison's replies brought a very successful meeting to a close.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.

On Saturday, the 7th of June, eight men of the Caversham Society of change-ringers might have been seen wending their way along the pleasant country lanes from Caversham to the above-named village. The object of their journey was to ring a good peal on the bells of the parish church, and a look at the peal column of the date will show the result. Two trebles have been added to the existing ring of six, and one or two recast by Warner and Sons, and a very nice eight they are now. The fact must not be omitted that it is mainly owing to the exertions of the local ringers, that the bells are in the tower at all. They have worked very hard to get the necessary funds and of course are very pleased at the result of their labours. After the peal, an adjournment was made to The Plough, where refreshments both liquid and solid were demolished in grand style, and then a couple of hours' harmony with the local ringers and friends brought 10 o'clock, and a start had to be made for the four mile walk home. In the course of the evening, Mr. Porter, captain of the Shiplake band, conveyed the Vicar's sincere thanks to the Caversham men, not only for their visit and peal of that day, but also for the helping hand they had always held to the Shiplake men, either in welcoming them to Caversham for a practice, or journeying to Shiplake to help them there, and more especially for the great help they gave in getting the new bells by ringing their hand-bells and assisting at the concert which helped so substantially. Mr. Newman suitably replied, and hoped the good feeling which had existed so long between the two bands would be strengthened as time wore on, and that many more such meetings should take place, which wishes were reciprocated by all.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX BELL RINGERS.

The Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Leyland parish church on Saturday, May 24, the following towers were represented: Leyland parish church, St. James Leyland, Preston parish church, Penwortham, Chorley, Standish, Blackrod, and Deane. During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, London Single Bob, and other methods were rung. At 5.30 a special service was held, when the Rev. E. G. Marshall, curate, gave an address. An adjournment was made to the Roebuck Hotel, when an excellent knife and fork tea was partaken of. At the subsequent meeting the Rev. E. G. Marshall presided, and the Rev. R. Stowell, M.A., curate of Chorley, was also present. He then called on the Secretary to read the minutes of last meeting, which were duly confirmed. After the accounts of the past year were read and adopted, Mr. J. Banister was reappointed President; Mr. J. Higson, Secretary; and Mr. J. Marsden Treasurer. A vote of thanks to the officers for their services, to the rev. gentleman for presiding, and to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, closed the meeting.

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THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the above Association was held at Drogheda on Whit-Monday. The attendance, which was greatly facilitated by the kindness of the Great Northern Railway in placing reserved compartments at reduced fares to members, was very satisfactory, about fifty ringers putting in an appearance, the following places being represented: Arklow, Bray, Dublin (three towers), and Drogheda. Ringing commenced at 10.30 a.m., the bells of St. Peter's (a fine ring of eight by Rudhall, tenor 21 cwt.), were kept going during the day to the tune of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Treble Bob and Stedman. The programme for the day provided stated times for each band to have the use of the bells. The members were therefore able, as well as having their fair share of ringing, to inspect this historical old town and surroundings.

At 6 p.m. tea was served in St. Peter's Parochial Hall, after which the business of the meeting was proceeded with, the President, R. R. Cherry, Esq., occupying the chair. The Rector, the Rev. Le Doux, who had unfortunately met with an accident a few days before, which necessitated him remaining within doors, through the Rev. G. D. Scott, kindly welcomed the Association to Drogheda.

The President, after reviewing the year's work, which as he remarked "shew an increase of towers in union, as well as members and peals," proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for so kindly placing the bells and hall at the disposal of the members, and to A. Milne, Esq., upon whom had fallen the task of making the necessary arrangements in Drogheda, at the same time expressing the sympathy of the Association with the Rector, and good wishes for a speedy recovery.

The Treasurer's balance-sheet, which shows a balance in hand of £6 os. 10d. was then passed. The officers for the past year were again re-elected, Dublin being selected for the next annual meeting, and Whit-Monday being the day set apart.

Twenty-one new members including the SS. Augustine's and John's society, Dublin, were then elected. The proposition that the Association should become affiliated with the Central Council was passed unanimously, subject to the same being passed by the Central Council the next day, and the President, R. C. Cherry, Esq., unanimously elected as the first representative. The meeting concluded with a few tunes rendered by the SS. Augustine's and John's society, Dublin, in their usual smart style.

THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Guild was held on Saturday, May 31st, at Blakenhall, Wolverhampton. The service of the Worcestershire Association was said in church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. W. T. Milligan, Vicar, who also gave a suitable address, which he prefaced with a hearty welcome to the Guild on their visit to his church, thanking the members for the interest they displayed in their work, and wishing them success. The business meeting was afterwards held in the school-room under the presidency of the Vicar. The minutes of the annual meeting were read and confirmed, and nine new members were elected, two from Sedgley and seven from Blakenhall. Several matters for the benefit of the Guild were discussed, and Bradley, near Bilston, was the place selected for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his kindness in conducting the service, for the use of the bells and schoolroom, also for presiding, to which he suitably responded.

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."

THE SALISBURY GUILD AND HAMPSHIRE.

SIR,—Mr. Drake's last letter implies that I sent to you a report of our annual meeting containing a general false impression. I distinctly deny that I did so. Unfortunately I have had no education as a reporter, so I could not send a verbatim report, and I purposely omitted the resolution *re* Chairman because if I had inserted it, to make the resolution intelligible to your readers the conduct of a certain gentleman present would not have shone with credit to himself; for the same reason I decline to discuss it now. If it is brought up again next year, it will be brought up *de novo*, as no notice was given, and is hardly correct to say it was postponed. "That the qualification for change-ringing members be as in Winchester Guild" I accepted as an amendment to my proposition, but only in case it was carried, as it was lost my resolution will be brought forward again (in a slightly amended form). I received afterwards a promise of support from many ringers on behalf of my proposition, I am glad Mr. Drake received the same on behalf of his amendment, because it will be easy to unite on the question.

No one proposed that the Hampshire towers be turned out of the Guild, for the simple reason they have never been admitted, excepting St. Peter's, Bournemouth.

Mr. Drake opened this discussion and showed that [these towers were admitted on the precedent of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, and enlarged on the geographical and other advantages to the ringers concerned and to our own.

I opposed this on the ground of unfairness to, and trespassing on the Winchester Guild; and that it was a very dangerous precedent to follow, because all round this diocese every outside tower that wished to join would have to be admitted.

The resolution "That no alteration be made," was carried almost unanimously; which clearly meant that these towers be considered part of the Guild; (or "admitted," as I expressed myself in report of May 10th.) I then said there was no rule which admitted them, and I was not bound to follow the wishes of the meeting, which were contrary to its rules. The meeting seemed to think I was defying its rules, and asked the chairman if I were not obliged to obey the rules; and he said it was my duty to follow the rules. I acknowledged that I had to observe rules, and asked the meeting to make a rule *re* the outside towers. This they did not do, but again carried the resolution, "That no alteration be made." I then replied as there was no rule for my guidance, and as they had made none, I was within my rights if I refused admittance to these towers.

My reasons for taking this strong course—which I saw was necessary for the future credit of the Guild—are:—

- (i.) Unfairness to Winchester Guild, which has not yet been consulted, as Mr. Drake, who attended a Winchester meeting, was not authorised to consult.
- (ii.) Case of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, is a very dangerous precedent.
- (iii.) Mr. Drake never consulted our Committee before admitting three outside towers.
- (iv.) The discussion at Annual Meeting was very rushed, it was long past the dinner hour, and most were getting impatient, and a large number were ignorant of the details and bearing of the question.

I add in conclusion that I have proof, which I will lay before the committee meeting we are about to hold on this and other subjects, that Mr. Drake does not represent the wishes of all the Hampshire towers.

I have no intention to reply to any further letters of Mr. Drake on this subject, I willingly concede him the last word and last impression. H. E. TILNEY BASSETT, *Gen. Sec.*

P.S.—In the report of May 10th, our new service I attributed to Mr. Drake as "almost entirely" his work. On May 27th Mr. Drake informed me for the first time that others were associated with him in the compilation of this service, and has requested me to make the correction, so that it is correct to say the service is not entirely his work, but that he had a hand in it.

VISIT OF ROYAL CUMBERLANDS TO EAST ANGLIA.

On Saturday, June 7th, a number of the above-named society, being members of the company of St. John, Leytonstone, Essex, paid a visit to Sudbury in Suffolk and the district around. At 6.50 a.m. eleven "royal" members, all apparently good men and true, were at Stratford railway station, and all having entrained without accident the journey was commenced, and in due course the junction at a place called Marks Tey was reached. Mark's Tey, though the site of a railway junction, is merely a village, but delightful coffee is procurable at the pretty railway station. If you get into conversation with a Marks Teyite he will probably impart the information that there are four Teyes in all—Great Tey, Little Tey, Marks Tey and Stanway. Doubt is created in the mind of the auditor concerning the last of these, but the bucolic mind is indifferent, looking upon the articulated conjunction of the four words as excellent poetry. To the Teyite politics represent nothing but "blue or buff," these two colours conveying to sense everything he knows, or wants to know, about such things.

But I must not digress. Histories of ringers' outings, especially when they are of inordinate length, are not looked upon favourably. As we got out at Marks Tey we met with Mr. W. Nevard, who was going on to Clare. At Glemsford we were joined by another well-known ringer—Samuel Slater (who has not heard of Sam. Slater and his brother Zach.?). Clare being the first place for our operations, we met there Mr. D. Gridley, who gave us a hearty welcome. Grandsire, Stedman, and Bob Major were rung, the bells (tenor 28 cwt.) being in superb condition. It is entirely through the efforts of the Rev. J. Vatcher that such a complete restoration of these bells has been made.

Then we went to a place rejoicing in the name of Cavendish, and a 720 of Cambridge was rung. On the scene then appeared the redoubtable Charles Sillitoe in charge of a brake, for our use. Then to Glemsford, where a substantial repast of beef and mutton, with their usual concomitants, was appreciated. At Long Melford we could not ring on account of the admirable tower being still in the restorers' hands, so driving on to Lavenham, we heard "the matchless tenor," and rung touches of Kent and Bob Major. Before the ringing Canon Scott came into the tower and gave us a hearty welcome, which was especially appreciated by those members of the company who knew the rev. gentleman when Vicar of West Ham in Essex. A substantial tea was had at that well-known Lavenham hostelry, yclept "The Cock Inn."

Great Waldingfield was the next spot, and here we rung London in capital style. The six bells are in a minor key, a tenor and treble being wanting to complete the octave.

And now for our headquarters—Sudbury—for the night. On arrival we found a grand supper in waiting, and it is quite superfluous to add that we enjoyed it muchly. We spent the intervening hours before bedtime in a sociable manner, which it is unnecessary to minutely particularise. In the morning some had a stroll, and some had a short trip, not altogether devoid of peril, on the river Stour, meeting again in full vigour of appetite sufficient to demolish, not merely a positive, or a comparative, but a superlative breakfast. As every one knows, there are three churches in the little town of Sudbury, each having rings of bells. We rang some Grandsire and Kent at St. Peter's, and Bob Major at All Saints, at the last-named church we found an excellent ring of bells, in good order. Mr. J. Brown, one of the local ringers, invited the company to inspect his collection of pictures of churches, etc. This invitation was much appreciated, and a friendly chat had with our worthy friend. After dinner the company were soon on the road to Gestingthorpe, where there is a ring of six in capital going order, having just been rebung; a 720 of Worcester being brought round. Thence to Foxearth, where touches of Stedman and Treble Bob brought the ringing portion of the journey to an end.

Then a return being made to Sudbury the journey homeward was immediately thought of. Bidding all our kind friends farewell, with strong hopes that we should in the future enjoy the pleasure of again visiting Sudbury, we took our departure.

The company wish to thank, in the most cordial manner, all who made them so welcome; and to all the clergy they wish to tender their thanks for granting permission to ring. K.

ST. MARY'S, WOOLWICH.

Once more by the kind invitation of Canon and Mrs. Escreet the ringers (including the hon. members) assembled at the Rectory on Whit-Tuesday, the occasion being the usual annual supper. Sixteen sat down, including Mr. Bex, Secretary of the Lewisham District, the Rector presiding, supported by Mr. W. J. Aldridge. Some six or seven others from various causes were unable to be present. Justice having been done to the repast so generously provided, an adjournment was made to the parish room, the annual meeting following. In the absence of Mr. E. O. Masters through sickness, Mr. J. E. Beaven was appointed Secretary *pro tem*, but before the business commenced Mr. R. G. Carter, assistant Master, intimated there was something on the board which gave him and most of those present a peculiar interest, and that was they were about to make a gift to one of their members, in the shape of a walking stick, a cigar holder, and a copy of that well-known work entitled—"Sixty years a Queen," which he would ask the Rector to present to Mr. Aldridge.

In accepting these presents Mr. Aldridge confessed he was quite ignorant of what had been going on, and it came as a surprise to him, but he warmly appreciated their kindness, and heartily thanked them one and all.

The inscription inside the book reads as follows: "Present to Mr. W. J. Aldridge by the ringers and honorary memb connected with St. Mary's, the parish church of Woolwich, gether with a silver-mounted engraved ebony walking stick a cigar holder, in recognition of the services rendered by him Master of the band; 20th May, 1902."

The minutes were then read and confirmed, and the balance sheet for the year ending Whit Sunday accepted, subject to the auditor's report being satisfactory. For the ensuing year the following officers were appointed: Mr. H. G. Hill, steeple-keeper; Mr. E. O. Masters, Secretary; Mr. W. J. Aldridge, Master; Mr. R. G. Carter, assistant Master; and Mr. A. R. Sandiford, auditor. The chief points connected with the balance sheet are that besides the ten members constituting the local band, who all belong to the Kent County Association, there are seventeen hon. members and probationers, seven of whom are also members of the same Association, and in order to meet the expense of the county Association the rules are framed that each member pays a small weekly contribution, fines being enforced when either late or absent, and after the incidental charges have been met the net balance goes to the annual outing. This relieves all anxiety as to the wherewithal for the day's trip, as the money is already in hand.

The resignation of Mr. J. E. Beaven through ill-health was accepted with regret, and Mr. H. S. Humphery was elected to fill his place. The annual outing was fixed for Saturday, July 12th, the place selected being Hastings. Messrs. J. Allison and A. Baugay were elected hon. members. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector and Mrs. Escreet for entertaining the ringers, which concluded the business, the party breaking up at 11.0 p.m.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 1902.

We briefly announced in our last number that in consequence of the Coronation festivities our journal would have to be in the publisher's hands two day's earlier than customary. The chief reason for this was that owing to the condition of the various thoroughfares in the City of London, it would have been impossible for the vehicle conveying our issue to have reached the publisher. Therefore it was decided that the paper should reach his hands on Wednesday morning before the congestion of the streets took place, and this has accordingly been carried out.

The painful turn of events—the alarming illness of His MAJESTY THE KING—has not altered this arrangement. With every one of our readers; with Church Bell Ringers all over the globe, our feelings are in unison in hoping that our King may have a new and extended lease of life after recovery. The Royal family of Britain will, when the danger is past, be gratified to know that the whole of the Empire has sorrowed with them in their darkest hours of affliction.

A THEORY OF THE ORIGIN OF CHANGES.

By R. A. DANIELL.

In Mr. Trollope's article from which I quoted last week he says "Truth of changes certainly was not considered in the infancy of the Art. Early ringing was 'called changes,' and 'called changes,' then as now, ignores truth of rows." At present I find this quite impossible to believe. But when a man uses the word "certainly" he generally feels pretty sure of his ground, and the plain and direct question I put to Mr. Trollope is—Why has he used the word "certainly?" What is it that assures him that called changes are older than method? I want to know, because if the truth of his proposition is established it will be a very interesting instance of truth turning out to be the reverse of what *prima facie* probability and such available evidence as is known to me would lead us to expect. It is the easiest thing in the world to see how called changes could have originated as a bastard byblow of method-ringing, but exceedingly difficult, if not impossible, to conceive how mathematical method can have followed on called changes. Stedman, as we saw last week, is a positive authority for saying that method-ringing is the original mode, and not one single reference to called changes is made in the old books. In the latter part of the seventeenth century, besides Stedman's two books there appeared two treatises, one by White and one in the School of Recreation, and in 1702 the London Scholars' Book, and not in one of these books is any reference whatever made to called changes. Why then are we to believe in the existence of something for which we have no evidence? On Mr. Trollope's theory all these writers had before them called changes: it was a contemporary system with which they must have been familiar, and which they were wilfully and deliberately endeavouring to supersede, and yet from the beginning to the end of each of these treatises called changes are never once mentioned, nor is there any indication whatever, direct or indirect, that these writers had ever heard of what according to Mr. Trollope must have been a well-known institution, which likewise on his theory they must have been actually engaged in reforming. Such an unanimous silence under such circumstances is so contrary to all experience of historical development that in the face of it no reasonable person can be expected to believe that called changes are older than method-ringing, unless some rebutting evidence of a direct and positive character be presented. That evidence I challenge Mr. Trollope to produce, for I cannot see how he can expect anyone to believe his proposition until he has done so.

If in investigating ringing history we proceed on the only true principle, that of starting with the earliest facts we can get, the whole thing becomes simple enough. Ringing no more than men or trees started on its career grown up, and in the old books we can see it grow from infancy to vigorous youth. This is why I lay stress on the importance of plain changes and five-bell work as seen in the old books. A consideration of the former shows us, owing to their resting on, and being merely an extension of, the sixes, how it was that change-ringing went on mathematical lines from the outset: of the latter, why it was that when development of cross hunting came that development was mathematical, and why that settled change-ringing on all numbers on mathematical lines. But I must stop here for to-day.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The fifteenth annual festival of this Society was held at Hereford on Saturday, May 7th. Proceedings commenced with service at 11.30 a.m. in the lady chapel. What was distinctly pleasant at this service was the hearty and full-toned response and singing of the members present, and also the excellent sermon of Canon Williams on the words "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily so unto the Lord"—Col. iii. 23—of which sermon a man said afterwards "He had been thinking that out a bit." Immediately after service the business meeting was held in the adjoining cloister, when J. G. Buchanan, Esq., of Hereford, was re-elected Master of the Guild, and the Rev. A. C. Lee, of Lugwardine, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. The Committee appointed were Messrs. W. H. Allen (Colwall); E. J. Beatley (Coddington); R. Burge (Knighton Radnorshire); T. J. Bannister (Leominster); J. G. B. Bowen and R. Marston (Ludlow); J. Cartwright (Foy); J. Clark (Ross); Rev. G. M. Custance and J. Davies (Eyton); Rev. Martin Davies (Welshpool); W. S. Evans (Colwall); John J. Jones and Thos. Lewis (Hereford); Rev. E. M. Naylor (Ross), Preb. A. E. Oldham, Canon Palmer, A. Pope, T. W. Walwyn Trumper, G. W. Trower and C. T. Wilton, Messrs. R. Moy (Brecon); Geo. Phillips (Kington), F. Smith (Cradley); Thos. Williams (Eastnor); J. Overton (Bridgnorth).

A resolution was passed and carried *unanimously* to the effect that the Committee of the Guild should be held on Saturday afternoons, so as to suit the convenience of the majority of members. A committee composed of the Master, the Hon. Secretary, Messrs. J. Clark, W. Greenleaf, T. Lewis and R. Marston was appointed to deal with the matter of instruction during the coming season. Some eighty members sat down to dinner in the College Hall, kindly lent for the occasion by the custos and vicars choral, the company comprising Canon Palmer, Revs. Custos Dunscombe, J. R. C. Taylor, W. N. G. Eliot (Tenbury); C. E. D. Boutflower, Esq. (Bristol); J. G. Buchanan, Esq. (the Master) in the chair. The dinner was served by Mr. Pilley, of High Street, the well-known caterer. After dinner various toasts were well proposed and heartily received, in which among things alluded to a strong hope was expressed that something might soon be done in the Cathedral belfry to give the ringers better rope-sight. The wish of ringers to see the Clergy sometimes in the belfry, stated by one speaker, elicited a round of applause from the assembled ringers; and we ask the Clergy to note this.

Afterwards touches were rung on the Cathedral bells, at St. Nicolas and at Burghill. Some twenty ringers went out in a brake to Medley, and were entertained at tea by the Rev. G. W. and Mrs. Turner. Some went to Holme Lacey, where the inhabitants welcomed a peal after the good news of peace, and had tea on the vicarage lawn.

A cheque for £7 for a wedding present subscribed throughout the thirty-five towers in union, has been presented to Mr. Jas. E. Groves, who is giving up his office of Instructor, well rendered for many years past. The towers represented at the festival was Colwall, Cradley, Foy, the Cathedral, Kington, Leominster, Lugwardine, Ludlow, Madley, Pencombe, Ross, Tenbury and Upton Bishop.

ICKLETON (Cambs).—On Whit-Sunday, for morning service, 400 Doubles. S. Bowtell, E. Webb, F. Bowtell, A. G. Lilley, P. Webb conductor, F. Crick.

The Provinces.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 17, 1902, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

EDWARD POOLE.. .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. PIPER 5.
ARTHUR HEAD 2.	GEORGE W. PIPER 6.
THOMAS LINCOLN 3.	ARTHUR BRADLEY 7.
HENRY HEAD 4.	WILLIAM LINCOLN Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 18, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S. Tenor 37½ cwt.

WILLIAM HOLMES Treble.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN.. .. 5.
ALFRED F. HILLIER 2.	ERNEST E. FERRY 6.
ASA HOLMES† 3.	ROBERT RICHARDS 7.
S. OCTAVIUS FERRY† 4.	HUGH D. DALL.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

†First peal of Stedman Triples.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE
ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY, NORWICH.

On Thursday, June 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT G. WARNES .. Treble.	ALBERT ROUGHT 5.
WILLIAM ROUGHT 2.	EGBERT BORRETT 6.
PERCY C. ARTIS 3.	GEORGE MOY 7.
HERBERT W. STANLEY .. 4.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by J. PLATT, and Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

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BINGLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 20, 1902, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17½ cwt.

HERBERT GREEN Treble.	HARRY BUTTERFIELD 5.
JOSEPH FOSTER 2.	JOSEPH BROADLEY 6.
HARRY GILL 3.	THOMAS B. KENDALL 7.
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY .. 4.	JOHN PERFECT Tenor.

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY, and Conducted by THOS. B. KENDALL.

This peal was arranged for A. Fearnley, who hails from York.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1902, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

ERNEST E. FERRY† .. Treble.	S. OCTAVIUS FERRY.. .. 5.
WILLIAM HOLMES 2.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN.. .. 6.
ALFRED F. HILLIER.. .. 3.	†OSWALD SIMM 7.
THOMAS MURRAY* 4.	HUGH D. DALL.. .. Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY, and Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. ‡First peal in the method as conductor.
Messrs. T. Murray hails from Rothbury; Simm from Cramlington; the rest from the Cathedral.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1902, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs

ALFRED S. LANGRIDGE .. Treble.	ALFRED J. TURNER 5.
ROBERT J. DAWE 2.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.. .. 6.
WILLIAM PELLING 3.	KEITH HART 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

This is the first peal rung in the new ringing-chamber, the bells having being rung previously from the ground floor.

DUSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single,
and two 720s each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

HERBERT RAINBOW .. Treble.	SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. 4.
CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 2.	FRED HOPPER 5.
WILLIAM ROGERS 3.	FRED WILFORD Tenor.

Conducted by FRED WILFORD.

This is the first peal on the bells which have lately been hung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and the "go" of them is all that can be desired.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 21, 1902, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED BARNES .. Treble.	REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 5.
TOM MARSHALL.. .. 2.	FRED HOLT.. .. 6.
HIRAM MEAKIN 3.	JAMES W. BAYLEY 7.
WILLIAM LOWERY* 4.	EDWARD READER Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by EDWARD READER.

*First peal in the method.

WRAXALL, SOMERSETSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,
AND THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD, BRISTOL.

On Saturday, June 21, 1902, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 22½ cwt.

ALGERNON LEWTON .. Treble.	CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 5.
HERBERT H. TUCKER .. 2.	CHARLES H. GORDON .. 6.
HENRY PRING 3.	JOHN A. BURFORD 7.
JOHN THOMAS 4.	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

This was H. Johnson's variation of Middleton's peal, and was the first peal of Major on the bells, and first Surprise peal rung in the county of Somerset.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, June 21, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.
Tenor 33 cwt.

JAMES STRUTT Treble.	ERNEST H. OXENHAM .. 6.
HARRY LAST 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
HERBERT LANGDON 3.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 8.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 4.	ARTHUR N. HARDY 9.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 5.	THOMAS LANGDON Tenor.

Conducted by H. G. MILES, and Conducted by WM. E. GARRARD.

Miscellaneous.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECCLES.—On Whit-Sunday, May 18th, for evening service, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. A. Croft, J. Barratt, T. Grattan, T. Lingard, T. Worrall, M. Oldfield, J. R. Pritchard conductor, A. Trippier.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEACONSFIELD (Bucks).—Recently, for practice, several touches of Stedman Triples, including 252 and various shorter touches have been accomplished under the direction of Mr. J. W. Wilkins, the instructor. The following took part; Rev. B. Long, R. Buckland, J. Batting, W. Bagley, F. Bagley, W. Sherman, J. Batting aged 13, and E. Buckland aged 13. The Rector, the Rev. A. S. Commeline, has attended the practices and rung the tenor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHEFFIELD.—On Sunday evening, May 25th, for Divine Service at St. Marie's Norfolk Row, 1280 Bob Major, in 52 mins. W. Midgley, G. Lewis G. Bradshaw, R. Harrison, H. Ward, T. G. Sarel, J. A. Dixon, G. O. Dixon conductor. Composed by James George.

WALKLEY (Sheffield).—On Monday, May 19th, 720 Bob Minor. L. Berrisford, J. Thorpe, C. D. Potter, S. F. Palmer, G. W. Thorpe, W. Burgar conductor.

HULL (Yorks).—At the declaration of peace, a quarter-peal of 1256 changes in the following methods: 112 Double Norwich, 288 Kent Treble Bob, 244 Bob Major, 408 Stedman, and 224 Grandsire Triples. W. Southwick, J. Highfield, G. T. Marshall, T. Clark, T. Stockdale, D. W. Brown, G. T. Miller, C. Jackson (conductor), J. W. Dale. Also 756 Grandsire Triples, and Royal salutes.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH.—On Saturday, May 17th, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. Webb, G. A. Ransom, W. Etherington, T. Beadle, E. V. Beadle, F. C. Goddard, J. Basden conductor, C. Dell.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HEAVITREE.—On Whit-Sunday, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. W. Hancock, F. J. Shepherd, F. Murphy, W. Miflin, W. C. Burrough, W. Shepherd conductor, H. Langdon, W. Lowton. On Whit-Monday, in a Great Western train from Totnes to Exeter, 504 Grandsire Triples. E. Shepherd, F. Shepherd conductor, H. Langdon, F. J. Shepherd. And another touch, with W. Shepherd. On Saturday, May 17th, a peal of Stedman Triples came to grief after ringing 2500 changes. F. Shepherd, E. Shepherd, F. J. Shepherd, W. Shepherd, F. Davey, W. Langdon conductor, J. Moss, J. R. Sandover.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE.—On Monday, June 2nd, in honour of Peace being proclaimed, the bells of the parish church were fired and 1280 Bob Major rung. G. Leonard, C. H. Howard conductor, F. Webb, H. E. Hammond, H. Pilcher, P. Holmes, W. Hammond, E. F. Slade. Also 800 in the same method. G. Leonard, P. Holmes, F. Webb, H. E. Hammond, H. J. Collins, W. Hammond, W. Webb, C. H. Howard conductor. And 576 in the same method. G. Leonard, B. Wiffen, F. Webb, P. Holmes, H. Collins, G. Sentence, W. Webb, C. H. Howard conductor. Shorter touches were rung in preference to a peal so as to give every member of the Guild an opportunity of ringing during the day.

COSELEY (Staffordshire).—On Whit-Sunday, for the early service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Jeavons, A. Baker, E. Goodreds, J. Roberts, A. Fletcher, S. Baker, W. Fisher conductor, A. Law. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. Jeavons, A. Baker, W. Fisher, J. Roberts, A. Fletcher, S. Baker, E. Goodreds conductor, A. Law. After service 377 Grandsire Triples. W. Jeavons, A. Baker, J. Roberts, E. Goodreds, A. Fletcher, S. Baker, W. Fisher conductor, A. Law. On Sunday evening, May 25th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Jeavons, A. Baker, S. Baker, A. Fletcher, J. A. Brown, W. Fisher, E. Goodreds conductor, A. Law.

KNEBWORTH (Herts).—On Tuesday, June 17th, 720 Grandsire Minor. C. Seymour, H. Day, T. Groom, W. Chalkley, G. Gates, T. Pateman conductor. First 720 by the local band.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 18th, for morning service at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, a course of Treble Bob Royal. W. Moss, A. V.

Selby, J. T. Kentish, T. G. Miller, E. Rivers, A. E. Bradley, A. F. Harris, A. G. Rivers, W. Fox, W. E. Garrard. For Divine Service in the evening, 1260 Stedman Caters. T. G. Miller, W. E. Garrard conductor, A. N. Selby, W. E. Moss, A. E. Bradley, J. T. Kentish, Rev. H. C. Courtney, A. G. Rivers, A. F. Harris, J. Judd.

MELKSHAM (Wilts).—On Saturday, May 17th, for practice at the parish church, 168 Grandsire Triples. W. J. Mees, B. H. Legg, W. Lock, A. West, W. S. Burbridge, S. Hillier conductor, F. Merritt, H. Davis. Also several 6-scores of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. On Saturday, May 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. W. J. Mees, W. Lock, R. H. Legg, S. Hillier conductor, A. West, W. S. Burbridge.

PRITTLEWELL (Essex).—On Sunday, June 22nd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters. J. Perry, C. Malim, C. Collins, W. Dudley, W. Dowsett, H. Willson, W. Bedwell, J. Smith, W. H. Judd conductor, J. Prior. First quarter-peal on the bells.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Sunday, April 27th, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins., taken from Thurstan's twenty-part peal. J. Steele, T. Allen, A. Brindley, A. Clewes, T. Mountford, S. Churton conductor, T. Austin, J. Tittenton.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Saturday, May 17th, at St. Giles' church, 720 Bob Minor. A. Clarke, R. Valentine, C. Valentine, W. Tucker, A. Gidman, G. Valentine, jun., conductor. On Whit-Sunday, for Divine Service in the morning, 360 Bob Minor. C. Valentine, R. Valentine, W. Tucker, W. Bonham, G. Cowley, G. Valentine conductor. Also 120 Bob Minor. H. Clarke, C. Valentine, R. Valentine, W. Bonham, W. Tucker, G. Cowley conductor. For evening service 720 Bob Minor. A. Clarke, C. Valentine, R. Valentine, W. Tucker, G. Cowley, G. Valentine conductor. And 120 Grandsire Doubles. H. Clarke, R. Valentine, G. Valentine C. Valentine, W. Tucker conductor, G. Cowley.

WINLATON.—On Sunday, May 25th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Plain Bob, in 27 mins. P. Jones, B. Jones, G. Ross, Z. Scott, J. Smith, W. C. Bennett conductor. And for Divine Service in the evening, 720 College Single, standing as before.

WIGSTON MAGNA (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, May 18th, for Divine Service at All Saints church, 720 Grandsire Doubles. W. H. Humberstone, J. W. Wilson, J. W. Chandler, R. Roe, T. Humberstone conductor, P. Carter. For evening service, 120 in the same method. W. H. Humberstone, A. Briers, J. W. Sampson, A. Roe, T. Humberstone, P. Carter.

WORTH (Sussex).—On Sunday, May 18th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Rice, B. Payne, F. W. Rice, G. Paice, G. Illman, F. Dench conductor. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. B. Payne, J. Rice, G. Paice, F. Dench, G. Illman, F. W. Rice conductor. Also 720 Oxford Single Bob. F. W. Rice conductor. G. Paice, J. Rice, B. Payne, G. Illman, F. Dench. Also 720 College Exercise. B. Payne, G. Paice, F. Dench, J. Rice, G. Illman, F. W. Rice conductor. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. B. Payne, J. Rice, F. W. Rice, G. Paice, G. Illman, F. Dench conductor.

MACCLESFIELD PARISH CHURCH.

AN APPEAL FOR HELP.

DEAR SIR,—Would you kindly publish the following on behalf of W. W. Steel, one of our company. He has been one of our regular ringers for twelve years, and a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild for a like period. Nineteen months ago he was compelled to give up work, and has been pronounced to be suffering from locomotor ataxia. He has been a brass moulder by trade, and we can speak with confidence of his self-helpful character when he was well. He has a wife and four young children, and his long illness has been a terrible strain upon them.

Signed—LUCIUS SMITH, Vicar, W. WALMSLEY, Conductor, 88, High Street, who will gratefully receive subscriptions towards this needy case.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The annual meeting of this Society was held at Lichfield, on Saturday, June 21st. About 80 ringers were present, and as the Cathedral bells have recently been renovated with highly satisfactory results, by Messrs. Barwell, of Birmingham, ringing was carried on under very favourable circumstances. The usual service was held in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral, and an address given by The Archdeacon of Stafford, president of the above. An excellent tea was provided in the Pool Walk School Room, by the kind exertions of certain ladies, and to this ample justice was done. The annual general business meeting followed. At this the report and balance sheet were unanimously adopted and passed, and the officers of the Society were re-elected including Mr.

S. Reeves and Mr. R. Cartwright, as representatives on the Central Council. Altogether fourteen new members were elected. It was decided to hold the quarterly meetings during the coming year at Bradley, Handsworth, and Bloxwich. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the preacher, to the Chairman, the Rev. Prebendary Bolton, and the Ladies who had arranged the tea. Thus concluded a very successful meeting. It is worthy of note in this year of bad weather, that the afternoon was delightfully fine.

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CHIEF OFFICE: HOLBORN BARS, LONDON.

Summary of the Report presented at the Fifty-third Annual Meeting, held on 6th March, 1902.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of Policies issued during the year was 76,831, assuring the sum of £7,575,835, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £389,776.

The Premiums received during the year were £3,485,955, being an increase of £167,613 over the year 1900.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,563,775. The number of Deaths was 6,723, and 6,105 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 651,558. **INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.**—The Premiums received during the year were £5,529,461, being an increase of £81,764.

The Claims of the year amounted to £2,104,939. The number of Deaths was 211,670, and 2,227 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policy-holders of five years' standing who desired to discontinue their payments was 74,798, the number in force being 771,279. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 17,880.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 14,334,820; their average duration exceeds nine and a half years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shewn in the Balance Sheet, are £43,292,026, being an increase of £3,396,698 over those of 1900.

The Staff Provident Fund, which was founded in 1898 for the benefit of the outdoor staff, shews a satisfactory increase for the year, the total amount standing to the credit of the Fund being £101,960.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, on the 31st December, 1901.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Shareholder's capital	1,000,000	0	0	British Government Securities	3,554,093	7	5
Ordinary Branch Funds	22,660,953	10	2	Indian and colonial government securities ..	4,194,854	6	7
Industrial Branch Fund	18,274 017	18	6	Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks	3,050,669	14	6
Reserve Fund	900,000	0	0	Loans on County Council, Municipal and other rates	9,340,533	17	11
Investments reserve Fund	250,000	0	0	Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties	3,317,456	3	10
Claims under life policies admitted	207,054	18		Freehold and leasehold property	2,293,593	5	10
				Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom	5,809,857	10	7
				Railway, Gas, and Water Stocks	6,109,593	16	0
				Suez Canal shares	167,677	11	7
				Telegraph and other shares	81,715	3	9
				Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, and City of London bonds	339,332	17	1
				Bank of England stock	200,559	18	6
				Colonial and Foreign corporation stocks ..	332,538	5	7
				Foreign government securities	1,106,291	17	7
				Reversions and Life Interests	923,844	14	4
				Loans on the Company's policies	1,148,138	11	0
				Rent charges	181,975	10	5
				Outstanding premiums	467,379	9	6
				Cash in hands of superintendents and agents balances	41,172	11	0
				Outstanding interest and rents	341,910	8	8
				Cash—on deposit, on current accounts, and in hand	288,837	5	8
	£43,292,026	7	4		£43,292,026	7	4

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Notices.

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Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Associations.—A joint meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, June 28th, at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row. R. HARRISON.

The Lancashire Association Meeting, May 31st.—Liverpool Branch.—Photographs can be obtained by remitting 3s. 3d. to George Latimer, 262, Walton Road, Liverpool. Ringers will facilitate matters by ordering early, so that the photographer may know how many to prepare.

H. H. BARKER.

42, Ireton Street, Walton-on-the-Hill.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at Upton-on-Severn near Worcester on Saturday, July 5th. The Rev. Arthur Beal, M.A., Rector, has kindly consented to give a short address at the service in the church at 5 p.m., and preside at the business meeting afterwards. The tower and bells are available for the members. A free tea will be provided for all those sending in their names to me not later than July 2nd.

JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

34, Church House, Church Lane, Tipton.

The Saffron Walden Society.—Established 1623.—The Anniversary of the above Society will be held to-day, Saturday, June 28th.

F. J. PISTOW, Hon. Sec.

The Essex Association.—South Eastern District.—There will be a meeting at Prittwell to-day, Saturday, June 28th. The bells will be open for ringing. Meeting in the schoolroom. G. GREEN, Hon. Dist. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Moorside, on Saturday, July 5th. Bells ready 3.30. Business meeting 6.30. Ringers desiring tea notify Mr. H. Barlow, 2, Grafton Street, Moorside, by the previous Thursday. JAS. JACQUES, Sec.

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shipley, on Saturday, July 12th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.30. A conveyance will be at West Grinstead Station at 3.30 to meet trains. The Vicar will provide tea for those who inform the undersigned of their intention of being present by Wednesday, July 9th.

H. EVANS, Div. Sec.

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, July 5th. All members who intend being present are requested to give notice to Mr. George Smith, King William Street, Tunstall, not later than Wednesday, July 2nd.

WILLIAM TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

The Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting of the Association will be held at Mytholmroyd, on Saturday, July 12th. Bells ready from noon. Business meeting in schoolroom at 6 o'clock.

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NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT AYLSHAM.—This is the conductor's 50th peal. The ringers of the treble,

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23456 W M H

64235	-	-	-
26435	-	-	-
43265	-	-	-
24365	-	-	-
32465	-	-	-
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62345	-	-	-
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23456 W B 5ths 4ths M H

35264	-	-	-	-
52364	-	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-	-
34256	-	2	-	-
25346	-	-	-	-
23546	-	-	-	S
34265	-	-	-	-
42365	-	-	-	-
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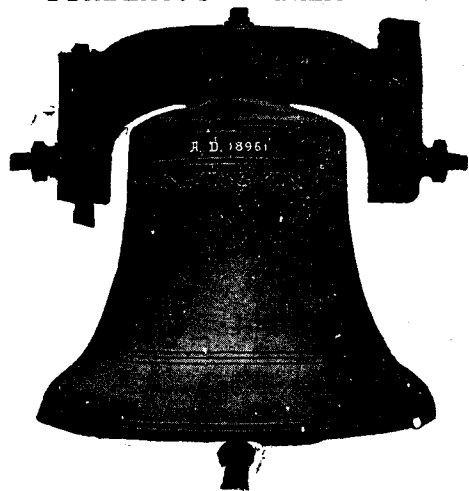
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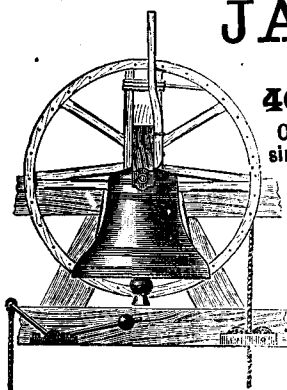
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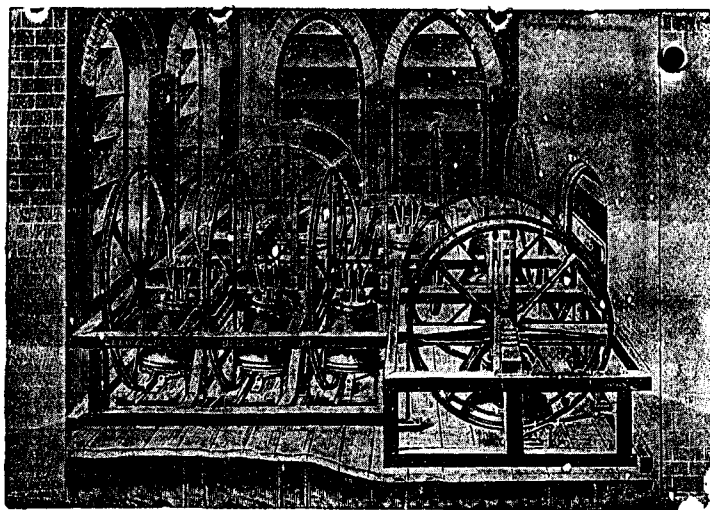
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THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

BISLEY (Gloucestershire). All Saints. Gloucester and Bristol Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd, and 3rd by Warner, 1864, the rest by Rudhall, 1748. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung with new fittings and frame by Blackburn, 1891. Ringers have no difficulty in obtaining all needful repairs. Ropes new 1895, good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 1st in month, 9.30 to 10.30. Practice: Tuesdays, 7.30.

BLACKBURN (Lancashire). Holy Trinity. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1888. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. Iron frame. Bells go well, and are in good condition. Ropes new 1895, fair. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30 and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

St. Mary. Lancashire Association. Ten bells. The four front bells by Mears, 1857; the back six by Rudhall, 1737, except the tenor, 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in., 1742. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Mears, 1892. All in good order. Ropes fair. Method: Stedman. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.25, and 6 to 6.25. Practice: Monday and Thursday, 7.30.

BLACKLANDS (Sussex). Christ Church. Sussex County Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, the two trebles 1897, the rest 1889. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Iron frame. Bells go well and are in good order. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Wednesday, 7.30. Comfortable ringing-chamber, and every encouragement given to ringers by the Vicar.

BLACKPOOL (Lancashire). St. John. Eight bells. No return.

BLANDFORD (Dorset). SS. Peter and Paul. Salisbury

Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1880. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. No further information given.

BLETCHINGLEY (Surrey). St. Mary. Surrey Association. Eight bells. All by Jannaway, 1780. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well, and in good order. Ropes worn. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. No Sunday ringing. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks). Dedication not given. Oxford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. No founder or dates given. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repaired by Gillett; no date mentioned. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: irregular. Practice: Thursday, 7.

BLOCKLEY (Worcestershire). SS. Peter and Paul. Worcester Diocesan Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, the two trebles in 1894; date of the rest not stated. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Rehung 1897 by Bond. Ropes good, renewed as required. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing occasionally. Practice: Tuesday, 7.

BLOXWICH (Staffordshire). All Saints. Association for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1889, except tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in., 1823. Timber frame. Bells go well. All in good order. Ropes fair; new ones supplied when required. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.25 to 11, and 5.25 to 6, except in Lent. Practice: Friday, 8.

BOLLINGTON (Cheshire). St. John. Chester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1880. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells go very well. Clocking permitted. Ropes bad; new ones on order. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

BOLNEY (Sussex). St. Mary Magdalen. Eight bells. No return.

BOLDERSTONE (Yorks). St. Mary. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1892. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 4 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. All in good order. Ropes good, new 1894. Methods: Plain and Treble Bob, College Single. Sunday ringing: 9.45 to 10.30, and 2.15 to 3. Practice: Wednesday, 7.30.

MILTON ABBOT BELLS, DEVON.

The formal re-opening of the bells, of the parish church at Milton Abbot, near Tavistock, took place on Wednesday. The bells—a musical ring of six, all cast by J. Pennington, of Cornwall, in 1769, with a tenor weighing 13 cwt.—have been quarter-turned (so that the clappers strike on other parts than they used to); provided with fresh fittings; and placed in a new oak frame. Messrs. Stokes and Son of Woodbury, were entrusted with the work, and they carried it out, as usual, in a thoroughly satisfactory manner. The cost of the undertaking amounts to about £130. An endeavour is being made to

raise the old sum in the parish, and, up to Wednesday, about £83 had been received or promised. The Rev. Maitland Kelly, of Kelly, who is one of the principal land owners in the parish, gave £20, and the Vicar and Mrs. Petty subscribed £10 10s.

For the purposes of opening a company was supplied from the Three Towns band, who were joined by the Rev. Maitland Kelly and Messrs. A. W. Searle and E. Shepherd, of Exeter. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and one 720 of Bob Minor were rung. Subsequently the bells were handled by the Kelly, Bradstone, Sydenham, Damerel, Lamerton, and Milton Abbot companies. All expressed themselves as delighted with the easy swing and accurate adjustment of the bells, and Messrs. Stokes were deservedly congratulated upon this additional success in bell-hanging.

A public tea was held in the Vicarage at 5 o'clock, and largely attended. During this part of the proceedings the Rev. Maitland Kelly and his daughters contributed some clever performances on handbells. In the evening there was a special service, at which the preacher was the Rev. Maitland Kelly, who dwelt on the importance and high character of the ringer's office, and urged all to do the very best they could upon the bells.

OPENING OF A QUEEN'S MEMORIAL RING OF BELLS AT ST. JOHN'S, LEICESTER.

Leicester! on the banks of the Soar, founded by King Lear, Leicester or Lear-cestre, where Cardinal Wolsey died in the abbey, the ruins of which are still existent; Leicester, where Simon De Montfort, Earl, evolved our parliamentary system, and from whence Richard III. took his long last ride to Bosworth's fatal field. It was here in matters campanological that Fabian Stedman shewed "Ye ringers of St. Margaret's" his system of change-ringing, and where John Martin and L. Stayner, of Shipway's work, passed their lives, and handed on the torch to enlighten the pathway of those who followed after.

Leicester's connection with bells is unique. Here John De Stafford, Bell Founder, flourished about 1380, and twice held office as Mayor. Then came Millers, founder, whose widow married Thomas Newcombe, the celebrated bell-caster of 1500, whose tombstone is to-day in the church of All Saints, where by a curious coincidence, three and a half centuries later, his descendant, the present John Taylor, sen., was married in July 1852. After Thomas Newcombe came his son Robert, who purchased the great bell of Leicester Abbey, and was made Mayor in 1550. He became famous, and one of the bells of Gloucester Cathedral bore the inscription: "Robert Newcombe mad me 1598." Edward and William Newcombe, in partnership with Oldfield of Notts., cast Great Tom of Lincoln in the Minster yard in 1610. Hugh Watts succeeded the Newcombes, then came Arnold, who cast St. Martin's in 1781, whose apprentice, Robert Taylor, was destined to make the name of Taylor, bell founder, famous throughout the ringing world a century later.

But to leave the ancient for the modern. The church of St. John the Divine, Leicester, is situated practically opposite the Midland Railway Station, and hitherto possessed but one small bell. The architecture of its spire is of the type of Sir Gilbert Scott, and the interior of the church itself is as handsome as any in the town. It was therefore a welcome surprise when, acting on a noble impulse, the generous donors—Samuel T. Bunning,

Esq. and his wife—offered a ring of eight bells with iron frame and all the latest improvements. The offer was gratefully accepted, and the work placed in the hands of the Loughborough firm. The dedication was fixed for June 24th, and at 12 a.m. the Mayor (Alderman J. Wood) and Corporation attended. The order of service was as follows: Processional hymn 166 (A & M); Lord's Prayer; Psalms lxxxix. cl.; Anthem—"How lovely is Thy dwelling place," followed by an address by the Right Rev. Bishop Mitchinson, D.D., D.C.L. Two special hymns, expressing the language of the bells, were sung, and then followed the usual prayers, after which the Bishop dedicated the bells as follows:—

"By virtue of our sacred office we do solemnly set apart and separate from all profane and unhallowed uses, these bells, now dedicated to the glory of God for the benefit of His Holy Church. Receive these bells as a sacred trust, committed to thee as the appointed minister of CHRIST in this church and parish, and take heed that they be ever and only used in His service and for His glory. You are to take care that these bells of the Church are committed to the joint custody of the Vicar and churchwardens, to be used by their joint consent, subject to the ultimate control of the Bishop of this diocese."

The blessing brought the services to a close, and the donor, Samuel Theodore Bunning, esq., pressed the button of the electric bell—the signal to ring. The first touch was Grandsire Triples, and was followed by Stedman and Treble Bob. The bells are at present too noisy in the belfry to ring a peal in comfort, but a capital quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Lates's one-part, was rung by W. Willson conductor, W. P. Cooper, S. Cotton, G. Cleal, A. Millis, C. H. Fowler, J. Buttery, J. Morris.

The tenor is inscribed "Gloria in Excelsis Deo." "This peal of eight bells was given by Samuel Theodore Bunning, and Sarah his wife, to St. John's church, to commemorate the long and glorious reign of Queen Victoria, 1837–1901." The weight of the tenor is 20 cwt. in E., and Messrs. Taylor's work has given every satisfaction.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(KING'S LYNN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, June 15th, six members of the above paid a visit to Grimston, a small village eight miles north-east of Lynn, for a pull upon the handy little ring of six, tenor about 10 cwt. Arriving there about 5 p.m. they soon made their way to the tower, fully determined to pull off the first 720 of Treble Bob on the bells. After the ropes had been adjusted a start was made for Kent at the rate of 20 a minute. All went well until the 250th change was reached, when down came the 2nd rope. Nothing daunted they again fixed the rope, and this time succeeded in bringing round a well-struck 720, in 24 mins., just in time for service. A. Markwell conductor, T. Giles, J. Green, W. Curson, C. Crome, R. Crome. The visitors wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells; also Mr. Johnson for making the necessary arrangements.

WALKLEY (Sheffield).—On Monday, May 19th, 720 Bob Minor. L. Berrisford, J. Thorpe, C. D. Potter, S. F. Palmer, G. W. Thorpe, W. Burgar conductor.

THE RINGERS' ONLY TRUE BADGE.—In Gold, Silver or Bronze.—Clocks, Watches, and all kinds of Jewellery.—COLDWELL (Ringer), Mirfield, Yorks.

A THEORY OF THE ORIGIN OF CHANGES.

By R. A. DANIELL.

(Continued.)

It will be gathered from what I have advanced that, apart from what appears to me its inherent improbability, I regard Mr. Trollope's view that called changes are older than method ringing to be false, firstly because it is inconsistent with what the early ringing books tell us, and secondly because it rests upon a tacit assumption that before change-ringing began, bells in a ring were in a sufficient number of instances numerous enough to give some choice of melodical selection. Yet if the early rings were, as the learned county books show us, mainly of three, four or five, that tacit assumption is negatived. For who is going to shew that for any practical purpose any one or more of the changes possible on such numbers are capable of selection from the rest, as being superior, on any musical principle? What is to be said for instance about changes on three bells? And when Bunyan was ringing so keenly at Elstow, then a four-bell tower, which should he pick and choose from among the twenty-four changes possible on four bells? Obviously in such a case so small a variety is the extent that there could be no temptation to curtail the number of changes produced; and to make sure of them all the most natural way to ring them was by a mathematical rule, as was the practice on three bells, especially as the plain change twenty-four was only an extension of three-bell work. Then the next stage is to carry, for the same reason, the same practice on to five bells.

Now it is evident that plain changes on five bells—the six-score—are mathematical, and Stedman points out to us that this six-score may be rung 160 ways; so there was evidently plenty of scope for mathematical ingenuity in producing these changes; and which ever mode was selected, the result to the ear—a succession of single changes—must have been much the same. Thus if we look at plain changes and what is told us in the early books, we see clearly enough how it was that change-ringing took a mathematical form from the outset.

Then came the invention of the cross peal, and this I believe to have originated on five bells because:—

1. It seems more agreeable with what Stedman says, that a cross peal six-score as well as a plain change six-score should be founded on three-bell work. Stedman's own principle and Grandsire, for instance, obviously are so.

2. Because in the old books both Grandsire and Grandsire Bob—the latter now called Plain Bob—appear and it is more natural to suppose that Grandsire being already in existence, the word "Bob" was added to the title to denote a difference, than that there being already Grandsire Bob in existence, something differing from it was afterwards invented and simply called Grandsire.

3. Because the old books tell us so much more about five than six-bell work. So that I am inclined to regard Bob Minor as an offshoot of Grandsire Doubles, and Minimus as a reduction of Minor.

However, this is getting rather near the question of classification of methods, which I know nothing about,

and on which I have no desire to dogmatize. Nor need I, as it is not essential to my arguments. All I wish to point out is that a perusal of the old books shews a very preponderating influence of five-bell work.

We can well understand that cross peals caught on, and by the end of the seventeenth century the practice of plain changes seems to have been pretty well extinct; for the authors of the London Scholars' book tell us that plain changes were then "scarce practised anywhere, because by ingenious and skilful practitioners this art is made far more melodious and easy by double and triple changes." I conceive that a plain change six-score with its hunt, half hunt, quarter hunt and extream bells must certainly have been much harder to ring than any cross peal of Doubles could possibly be, and if plain changes had ever been pricked to the extent on seven, a performance of a 5040 of them would have been a very severe mental exercise. But they were never pricked on seven in the books; they stop with the extent on six. Obviously the cross peals would be, as the authors quoted say, far more melodious; and as on five bells only the six-score could be got, there was no reason to depart from the existing mathematical extent, to which the Exercise was accustomed, when that extent could by the new invention be made to produce more agreeable results. Thus we arrive at the point where cross peals on five bells, that is, method as we know it by the name of "Doubles," has made its appearance on mathematical lines, as a natural result of the previous mathematical nature of plain changes. It remains for me to state why I consider the invention of Doubles to have fixed change-ringing on all numbers on mathematical lines, and what appears to me to be the genesis of our old friend Stoney. This I hope to do next week.

ST. MARY'S, RAWTENSTALL, LANCASHIRE.

The ringers of the above church met on Thursday evening, May 15th, to present to Mr. John Smith a large framed photograph of the ringers. The presentation was made by Mr. James Rollerson, who spoke of the difficulties Mr. Smith had to contend as captain of the band since the bells were put in and opened on December 20th, 1888. At that time he taught nine ringers, and since then, through the retirement of ringers (the majority of which have left the district to better their positions), about twenty persons have been taught the Art of change-ringing. As all true ringers know it is disheartening to teach ringers, and just as you get a good company together, one or two of them resign. This has been the case at Rawtenstall ever since the bells were opened, but throughout all these drawbacks Mr. Smith has always been willing to start again and teach more ringers to fill up the vacancies, and now when he (Mr. Smith) has decided to leave the district to reside in Blackpool, the ringers have taken this opportunity to show their appreciation of his services. The Vicar (Rev. D. S. Johnson), and Mr. Hutchinson (churchwarden), also spoke eulogistically of his work as a ringer and sidesman.

Mr. Smith takes with him the best wishes of all his friends, and he will be glad to see ringers from any part of the country at his new address—47, Livingstone Road, off Palatine Road, Blackpool.

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NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

(EXCURSION TO EDINBURGH.)

Eight members of the above Society, accompanied by Messrs. Story and Gofton, of Whitley, held this year's outing at Edinburgh, their chief object being to score the first peal of Stedman ever rung in Scotland, which was accomplished, and will be found duly recorded in its proper place.

This excursion has been foremost in the ringers' minds here for over two years, and as the bells at St. Mary's are so difficult to get for peal-ringing, and the band all able to go at the same time, it makes the outing no easy matter to arrange. However, matters were put into the able hands of Messrs. S. O. and E. E. Ferry, who left nothing undone that was required to make this outing a thorough success, which it turned out to be.

We were in doubt about the Cathedral authorities granting us the use of the bells when it became known that all ringing and coronation festivities were stopped owing to the illness of the King. However, Mr. Ellis managed to overcome that difficulty, which would otherwise have stopped our outing.

Matters were pretty busy on Friday, the Messrs. Ferry (who went by an early train to help our Edinburgh friends to attempt a peal on the new bells of St. Cuthbert's, but unfortunately they did not succeed), leaving matters in the hands of the "Nipper" to see they were carried out, but of course nothing can be now complete in the "canny toon" without the accomplished "J. H." has a hand in it, and subject to the approval of "old daddy," who also had his share of work allotted out by looking after the luncheon baskets and refreshments which Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Ferry had kindly provided for us.

It was nearly midnight before we got everything arranged to our liking, and the trio parted thoroughly satisfied that everything would be all right in the morning. 4.30 a.m. saw some of our band, who live in close proximity, carrying out the antics of "knocker up," to be sure that nobody was left behind, and by 5.50 everyone was comfortably seated in the train bound for "Auld Reekie." The railway officials must have thought that they had an interest in our outing, as for once the train started punctually to time. We had scarcely lost sight of Newcastle when we decided to sample the contents of those luncheon baskets, which proved to be just what was required at that time of the morning; and the way that those "wittells" disappeared would have astonished the renowned Sam Weller. It also looked an healthy sign and indication that our heavy bell men would take some knocking out if anything went rough, which however did not prove to be the case. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Ferry, especially Mr. Ferry's better half, for kindly providing the luncheon baskets and refreshments. 9.0 a.m. saw us in "Auld Reekie," after a pleasant journey, and we were shortly joined by the Messrs. Ferry. It was again decided to do a little more for the inner man, and then have a look around the magnificently-decorated city until 11.30, the time appointed to meet at the Cathedral.

Here again we found everything in readiness when Mr. Fife arrived, he having, we should think spent the greater part of Friday oiling pulley-boxes and getting everything in readiness, and the "go" of the bells proved that nothing had been left undone on his behalf. 12.30 it was when the "Nipper" shouted "Go: Stedman Caters," and by 4.10 the peal was an accomplished fact. Messrs. Ellis, Fife, Robertson and Heathcote arrived to congratulate

us on the excellent ringing, and a great musical authority who had been listening to the whole of the peal said that he had never heard anything so pleasing in bell-ringing before.

It was again decided to pack the empty spaces, and an adjournment was made to Sumner's restaurant, where we were entertained to an excellent tea, for which we wish to thank our Edinburgh friends. On the way we came across our old friend Mr. Cunningham, who has been practically the founder of bell-ringing in Edinburgh, and who had been unable to get down in time to listen to the peal, and right glad were we to see him looking so well.

Another hour or so was spent in viewing the city and decorations until Mr. Heathcote got the necessary permission for us to have a ring upon St. Cuthbert's bells, where we arrived about 6.30 and found that he had everything ready for us, and here we found one of the finest fitted out belfries that ever ringers stepped into, nothing being left undone that would produce comfort to ringers, and there is great praise due to Mr. Heathcote for the taste and judgment he has used in getting this belfry fitted out. We soon had the bells in motion to the tune of Stedman Triples, of which a 420 was rung. A course of Double Norwich was then rung, when Messrs. Story and Gofton had to leave to catch an earlier train. It was here that Mr. S. O. Ferry in a few well-chosen words thanked their Edinburgh friends for the trouble they had taken to make our outing a pleasant success.

Mr. Ellis suitably responded, and said it had given them the greatest pleasure to do all they could for us, and they could not let this occasion pass without an acknowledgment for the excellent way the renowned "J. H." had rung the 9th through the peal, and presented him with his long lost stick which had so mysteriously strayed away about three months ago. "J. H." said he would respond if they would go outside and clear away the police, but it was considered prudent to keep him in "ropes."

Another 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung, Messrs. Ellis (conductor), Robertson and Heathcote taking part, which ended the day's ringing, and our opinion of these bells, which are a peal of eight, tenor 21 cwt., from the foundry of Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough fame, is that they are one of their best peals, and the "go" of them could certainly not be better, every bell being heard perfectly and distinctly in the belfry. The rest of the day was now spent in the manner ringers generally do after ringing such a peal as the one at St. Mary's, and which requires no description. 11.50 we were once more comfortably seated in the train ready for the return journey, and where we said good-bye to our Edinburgh friends, arriving at the "canny toon" at 2 a.m. on Sunday morning, which again brought to a close one more pleasant outing. We once more wish to tender our thanks through the medium of this paper to Mr. C. Cleveland Ellis for making all the necessary arrangements for them; to Mr. Fife for having the bells all in readiness, and to the Cathedral authorities for the use of the bells.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting was held at Melbourne on Saturday, June 14th, when despite the heavy downpour of rain for the greater part of the day there was a fairly good gathering of ringers. Soon after 2.0 p.m., the bells were going in Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, etc.,

until a brake in the weather came, when the visitors were conducted by kind permission of the owners through the splendid gardens of Melbourne Hall.

Tea was served at The Blue Bell inn, about 36 members and friends sitting down, including the Rev. Canon J. J. Singleton and —. Armson, Esq., churchwarden.

A general meeting followed the very excellent tea, and Mr. W. Wakley, having mentioned that owing to the inconvenient railway arrangements, the president, Sir Arthur P. Heywood, Bart., found it impossible to be present, proposed that the Rev. Canon Singleton should take the chair. This was seconded by Mr. W. Fox and carried unanimously. Canon Singleton rising said he was very pleased to meet the ringers at Melbourne, and hoped the gathering would be enjoyable to all.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed, Mr. W. E. White proposed that the next meeting should be held at Nuneaton, this was seconded by Mr. F. G. Attenborough, Mr. Ward proposed and Mr. T. Alton seconded that it should be held at Nottingham. Mr. A. E. Thompson proposed and Mr. W. Hickling seconded that it should be held at Long-Eaton. The chairman having put these places to the meeting Long-Eaton was declared to be chosen by the majority.

Several new members were admitted. A vote of thanks was accorded to the clergy and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and for their appreciated presence at the tea and meeting.

Mr. W. Wakley proposed that a vote of thanks be given to Mr. Foster for his kindness in allowing the gardens at the Hall to be inspected by the ringers.

Mr. J. Thompson seconded, and it was carried with applause.

The business meeting over a return was made to the church and the remainder of the evening spent in ringing and looking round this fine old Norman edifice.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting for May was held at Headingley St. Michael's on Saturday, May 26th, and was well attended by ringers from Holbeck St. Matthew's, Leeds, Tong, Bramley, Headingley St. Chad's, Bradford, Shipley, Wakefield, Calverley and the local company. Ringing commenced on the splendid peal of bells with touches of Treble Bob, followed by Stedman and Grandsire. The business meeting was held at The Skyrack hotel, the President, Mr. G. Barraclough in the chair, Mr. T. Maude in the vice-chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary and passed, and two new members elected. A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and the local company for their kind arrangements. Handbell ringing followed, and brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

ST. MARY'S, WARWICK.

A large clock with chimes is now being erected in St. Mary's church, Warwick, which chimes the Cambridge quarters, strikes the hours, and shews time on four dials. It has all the latest improvements, and generally to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe. The work is being carried out by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who have also just received an order to put up a large clock in the tower of Docking church, Norfolk.

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."

THE SALISBURY GUILD AND HAMPSHIRE.

SIR,—I must thank Mr. Tilney Bassett for his letter, for as far as one can make it out it shows that I was right, and his report wrong on every point. The difficulty of understanding his letter arises from the fact that he manages to contradict himself so often. To take one instance: in one sentence he states that the Hampshire towers "have never been admitted," the next sentence "showed that they were admitted;" but the next sentence declares they were not yet admitted; while in the following sentence he states that the resolution "That no alteration be made" clearly (*sic*) meant that these towers be admitted!

It is of course well-known that Bournemouth was one of the original towers of the Guild, and that the other towers are so closely connected with that tower that it would be invidious to make any differences; moreover I some time ago pointed out to Mr. Bassett that not only were those towers "admitted" before his time, but that their representatives actually voted each of us to the offices which we now hold. A somewhat amusing reversal of his position.

The other matters are not of general interest and will be settled in the usual way. I must however remind Mr. Matthews that fairness, if nothing else, requires that he either substantiate or withdraw his accusations.

H. DRAKE.

BUNYAN.

SIR,—I observe in your issue of the 28th June the following dissipated statement in the account of the district meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Leafeld:—

"The Rev. J. W. Lee rose . . . In reading Bunyan's life he observed that Bunyan was blamed for bellringing, for they were bad things in those days [I know no more than you do what H.M. Inspector of elementary schools would say to this mode of expression, but this by the way] . . . for in Bunyan's days bellringing was associated with everything that was bad."

We considered fully these old wives' fables about Bunyan and his times as regarded ringing very fully in "THE BELL NEWS" some time ago, and I am not going to repeat what was then said. I will content myself with warning your younger readers (the elder will want no warning) not to believe a word of what Mr. Lee is reported to have said as above quoted, and with appealing to the Master of the Oxford Guild to put his foot down on the serving up of such rotten old chestnuts within his jurisdiction.

R. A. DANIELL.

The General Steam Navigation Company's splendid saloon steamer *Eagle* is now making daily trips to Southend, Margate and Ramsgate, leaving London Bridge Wharf at 9.10 a.m., Greenwich 9.30, South Woolwich 9.50, and Tilbury at 11.0. A special train from Fenchurch Street at 10.15 meets the boat at Tilbury. This fast and luxurious steamer has become a great favourite with the public, and the refreshment department is all that can be desired. Sunday afternoon trips round the Nore, from London Bridge Wharf at 2.45, are being well patronised. Full particulars of these trips, as well as the company's continental services, may be obtained at the offices, 55, Great Tower Street, E.C.

WINLATON.—On Sunday, May 25th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Plain Bob, in 27 mins. P. Jones, B. Jones, G. Ross, Z. Scott, J. Smith, W. C. Bennett conductor. And for Divine Service in the evening, 720 College Single, standing as before.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 5, 1902.

THE postponement of the Coronation ceremony, and much of the proposed festivities connected therewith, has been the cause of a great many alterations in ringing programmes. We can all understand what would have been done if the Coronation had been possible on the date fixed; we can reasonably imagine that the number of peals, some attempted, some performed, would have been great; while the amount of miscellaneous ringing in all parts of the Empire would surely have been of greater volume than on any previous occasion in our history. Some of our brethren have possibly felt the disappointment keenly, and no wonder; to the ordinary public the postponement of such a pageant as the Coronation would have been was amazing; a circumstance having no parallel. What may yet be done in the matter seems at present doubtful, and we can only conjecture with regard to the course which may be adopted.

It is very pleasing to read day by day that the King is approaching convalescence as rapidly as possible, and

if the existing favourable prospect continues, we may be able, and be called upon, to perform our part—a very important part by the way—in whatever kind of ceremony may be determined on, with the same heartiness and loyalty as we should have done last week. Long live KING EDWARD the Seventh!

ST. MARY'S (WOOLWICH) SOCIETY.

Tuesday, June 24th, at the above church was made the occasion of an interesting ceremony, which consisted in the unveiling of two peal-boards. Besides the ringers other friends and some ladies were present. The Rector, Canon Escreet, owing to the serious news of the illness of the King that day somewhat modified the proceedings. The first verse of "All people that on earth do dwell" was sung, the prayers being the belfry prayer and some collects, and a prayer in which special reference was made to the King. Two verses of the National Anthem were then sung kneeling, followed by the Lord's Prayer and Benediction.

Mrs. Wells was then asked to unveil the board which Mr. Wells had presented, the writing of which is in gold on mahogany recording a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (5056 changes), rung on September 18th, 1899, conducted by W. Pye.

Mrs. R. G. Carter was next asked to remove the covering of the other board, which contains now the account of two peals, the latter part of which records a peal of Oxford Bob Triples rung on April 1st, 1902, conducted by R. G. Carter. This board resembles as far as possible, the marble tablet opposite, which was put up when the bells were restored about seven years ago.

The ringers concluded the proceedings by taking their respective ropes, and ringing in commemoration of the event.

The Provinces.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 11 cwt

W. ROWLAND, JUN. Treble.	J. RICHELL. 5.
A. H. WATSON† 2.	W. WELLINGTON* 6.
W. NEWMAN 3.	H. HEAD 7.
J. DINES 4.	H. ROLFE† Tenor.

Conducted by W. WELLINGTON.

†First peal. *First peal as conductor.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 21, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 9½ cwt.

G. H. GUTTERIDGE Treble.	FRED RICHARDSON 5.
A. WALKER 2.	J. ELDRIDGE 6.
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On Monday, June 23, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

FREDERICK BONNOR† Treble	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 5.
JOSEPH EARWICKER 2.	ARTHUR HALLETT 6.
HENRY COOMES 3.	EDWARD WHITBREAD 7.
HENRY WALKER 4.	BENJAMIN GUTTRIDGE Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

†First peal. Coronation peal; also rung in honour of Prince Edward of Wales' birthday.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 23, 1902, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

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

JOSEPH J. ALLEN Treble.	WILLIAM HODGETTS 5.
HUBERT EDEN 2.	FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT 6.
HENRY HODGETTS 3.	HARRY A. HORREX 7.
FRANCIS A. SMITH 4.	GEORGE N. PRICE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Mr. Charles Evans Pritchett, the patriarch of the parish, who died on June 22nd, in his 94th year.

STREATLEY, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 27, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of College Single, two of Oxford Bob, and two of Plain Bob.

A. HALL Treble.	J. BOWER 4.
A. SPOKES 2.	J. ALEXANDER 5.
J. WEDGE 3.	G. WILSON Tenor.

Conducted by G. WILSON.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 5, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER DE MERTON, BEDFORD,

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.

ALFRED BOWELL Treble.	WALTER FINEDON 4.
FRED WILFORD 2.	ALBERT ROBINSON 5.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE 3.	WILLIAM STAPLETON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

Rung to celebrate the restoration of peace in South Africa.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT SEWELL Treble.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 5.
JAMES DREWETT 2.	ALBERT CALVER 6.
THOMAS GWYNNE 3.	LEWIN C. FERRIGE 7.
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On Thursday, June 26, 1902, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; REEVES'S VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt.

WILFRID BUTLER† Treble.	THOMAS PARR† 5.
ROBERT DUCKWORTH 2.	THOMAS PEERS 6.
WILLIAM GRUNDY 3.	A. EDWARD WREAKS 7.
ROBERT FIDDIES 4.	TITUS BARLOW Tenor.

Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

†First peal. This peal was rung for the Coronation (although postponed to a future date) of our King, Edward VII.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, June 28, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S COMPOSITION. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	*HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 5.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. 6.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. 7.
EGBERT BORRETT .. 4.	ALBERT GILLINGHAM .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells since augmentation. *First peal of Stedman Triples.

ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

On Saturday, June 28, 1902, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Court Single, and two 720s of Oxford Bob and Bob Minor.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANCIS BALL Treble.	ALBERT BALL 4.
WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 2.	WALTER GILBERT .. 5.
HENRY STUBBS 3.	JOHN BALL Tenor.

Conducted by W. J. GILBERT.

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

EDINBURGH.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1902, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5052 CHANGES.

Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.

WILLIAM HOLMES .. Treble.	S. OCTAVIUS FERRY .. 6.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 2.	ROBERT S. STORY .. 7.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. 3.	HUGH D. DALL .. 8.
THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 4.	ROBERT RICHARDS .. 9.
ASA HOLMES 5.	ERNEST E. FERRY .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

First peal of Stedman ever rung in Scotland. Further reference elsewhere.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX AND HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, June 28, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH J. ALLEN .. Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.
WILLIAM PYE 2.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 6.
WILLIAM E. OAKLEY .. 3.	HARRY A. HORREX .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. 4.	ARTHUR T. KING .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. A. Horrex.

Date Touches.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. (STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCHES.)

STOCKPORT.—On Monday, June 2nd, at St. George's church, a date touch of 1902 Stedman Caters. J. Booth, G. Astbury, T. Jackson, C. Barber, H. Meakin, J. Mottershead, T. Marshall, J. W. Bayley, E. Reader, G. Marshall. Composed by J. Aldridge and conducted by E. Reader. Rung on the occasion of peace being declared.

HOLBECK (Yorks).—On Sunday, June 1st, for Divine Service at the parish church, a date touch of 1902 Bob Major. H. Howland, P. Johnstone, A. Ash, G. Tingle, T. Gordon, C. Moss, J. A. Teale, H. Tomlinson. Composed by Matthew Tomlinson, and conducted by his brother Harry Tomlinson.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SONNING (Berks).—On Sunday, June 15th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Martin, H. Hammond, G. Wright, J. Wadhams, W. Hands, T. Russell, A. E. Reeves conductor, G. Brown.

THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

LONDON.—On Sunday, June 1st, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 47 mins., in honour of the declaration of peace. S. Collins, J. Thomas, A. Hardy, F. Davis, F. G. Perrin, W. S. Langdon, J. Davis, F. J. Shepherd, W. Shepherd, E. H. Oxenham. Composed and conducted by F. J. Shepherd, being his first quarter-peal as conductor. After service further touches were rung, the bells being fired at intervals.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PULHAM MARKET (Norfolk).—On Sunday, June 8th, for Divine Service in the evening, 360 Bob Minor. F. Borrett, A. Smith, C. Roope, C. Baker, E. Borrett, W. Roope. And 360 Oxford. F. Borrett, A. Smith, A. Wier, C. Baker, J. C. Allen, F. Surridge. Another 360 in the same method. F. Borrett, A. Smith, A. Wier, F. Roope, C. Baker, F. Surridge.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

EWELL (Surrey).—On Sunday, May 18th, for evening service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. Sycamore, J. Beams, G. Price, E. Grove, H. Pederick, H. Beams, C. Read, J. Beams. On Thursday, June 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. C. Read, G. Price, H. Sycamore, J. Beams, H. Pederick, H. Beams, E. Grove, J. Beams conductor. On Sunday, June 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. J. Beams, J. Beams, sen., H. Sycamore, H. Pederick, H. Beams, E. Grove, H. Greenhill conductor, C. Read. For evening service on Sunday, June 8th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples. J. Beams, H. Pederick, J. Beams, G. Price, E. Grove, C. Read, H. Greenhill, H. Beams.

EPSOM (Surrey).—On Sunday, June 8th, for Divine Service in the evening at Christ Church, 672 Grandsire Triples. H. Griffiths, A. Mann, T. Goff, T. Miles, J. Crawford, J. Tutte, A. Gower conductor, E. Fisher. Also 500 Grandsire Triples. A. Bassett, T. Miles conductor, A. Mann, J. Crawford, A. Gower, T. Tutte, J. Hoyle, E. Fisher. And after service a quarter-peal in the same method, in 43 mins. J. Hoyle, A. Bassett, J. Goff, T. Miles, J. Crawford, T. Tutte, A. Gower conductor, E. Fisher. And 378 in the same method. H. Griffiths, A. Mann, T. Goff, T. Miles conductor, J. Crawford, T. Goff, T. Miles conductor.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

WOODBURY (Devon).—On Sunday, June 15th, at the parish church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. R. Davey, R. Manley, J. Hayman, H. Stokes, jun., J. F. Glanvill, H. Burch, F. Davey conductor, W. Glanvill.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

BRAY.—On Saturday, May 10th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. R. Murphy, G. Lindoff, G. Lewis, T. Grant, R. R. Cherry, J. W. Townley, W. C. Hunt conductor, T. Smith.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Sunday, May 25th, a quarter-peal of

Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. W. Latter, W. Piper, S. J. Perkins, G. Smithers, E. Mankelow, H. Porter, S. Perkins conductor, J. Mugg-ridge.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—On Sunday, April 20th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, J. Pitcher, W. Biss, A. Rowley, W. Coombes conductor, C. Oram. On Sunday, May 4th, for Divine Service, 349 Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, J. Pitcher, W. Biss, A. Rowley, G. Hardage, W. Coombes conductor, F. Dite. On Sunday, June 1st, for Divine Service, 336 Grandsire Triples. F. Dite, W. Biss conductor, H. Day, W. Miller, G. Hardage, J. Clutterbuck, A. Rowley, B. Tilley. On Sunday, June 8th, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, W. Biss, conductor, W. Miller, G. Hardage, A. Rowley, W. Coombes, B. Tilley. On Sunday, June 15th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, J. George, W. Biss, A. Rowley, J. Clutterbuck, W. Coombes, B. Tilley. Composed by J. George, and conducted by W. Coombes. This quarter-peal was arranged for James George, of Rugby, who was on a visit to Cardiff. Also 360 in the same method. H. Day, L. Brooks, W. Northey, W. Biss, A. Rowley, W. Coombes, J. George conductor, J. Clutterbuck. Also 532 Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, W. Biss, W. Coombes, A. Rowley, J. Clutterbuck, J. George conductor, F. Dite.

LLANDAFF.—On Sunday, June 15th, at the Cathedral, 784 Bob Major. J. Aldridge, J. Harris, J. W. Jones, W. Biss, A. Rowley, J. Clutterbuck, W. Coombes conductor, J. George. And 349 Grandsire Triples. J. W. Jones, J. Harris, W. Biss, J. George, A. Rowley, J. Clutterbuck, W. Coombes conductor, J. Aldridge.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE.—On Friday, May 30th, at St. Mary's church, to celebrate the King's birthday, 350 Grandsire Triples and 336 Oxford Bob. W. Franks, F. Mathis, J. Sinden, C. Hyland, W. Eldridge, C. Dennis, C. Carter, W. Thomas, P. Carter. On June 2nd, to celebrate the restoration of peace, touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Oxford Bob. W. Franks, C. J. Hyland, J. Sinden, P. Carter, F. Mathis, C. Carter, A. Saunders, F. Kennett, W. J. Thomas, W. H. Eldridge, C. T. Dennis. All conducted by W. Franks.

HORSHAM.—On Sunday, June 1st, for Divine Service in the morning, 672 Grandsire Triples. J. Garman, W. Vaughan, H. Burstow, H. Paice, J. Brown, E. Waller, H. Mance conductor, R. Quick. For evening service 672 Court Bob Triples. G. Woodman, J. Brown, H. Burstow, H. Mance, H. Paice, E. Weller, W. Short conductor, J. Garman. On June 2nd, at intervals during the day, 504 and 672 Grandsire Triples, 504 Oxford Bob Triples, and 672 Court Bob Triples. J. Garman, C. Vaughan, H. Burstow, H. Paice, J. Brown, C. Waller, H. Mance conductor, R. Quick. On Sunday, June 8th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. For evening service, 504 Court Bob Triples. C. Vaughan, J. Brown, H. Burstow, G. Woodman, H. Paice, H. Mance, W. Short conductor, R. Quick. Also 360 in the same method. G. Williams, G. Woodman, H. Burstow, H. Mance, J. Brown, C. Waller, W. Short conductor, J. Garman.

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GOSFORTH (Newcastle-on-Tyne).—On April 13th, at All Saints' church, 720 Bob Minor. H. B. Salkield, —, Falconar, —, Maclaren, G. Wardle, J. Foreman, E. Ferry. On April 16th, 720 Bob Minor. —, Falconar, E. A. Weightman, G. Bottle, E. E. Ferry, J. Foreman, A. M. C. Field. On April 21st, 252 Bob Triples. E. Ferry, —, Falconar, R. Potter, G. Potter, [E. A. Weightman, A. M. C. Field, J. Foreman, —, Bird. On Sunday morning, April 27th, for Divine Service, 504 Bob Triples. R. Potter, —, Falconar, G. Wardle, G. Potter, E. E. Ferry, A. M. C. Field, J. Foreman, —, Bird. On April 28th, 252 Bob Triples. R. Potter, —, Maclaren, A. M. C. Field, J. Foreman, —, Bird. On April 28th, 840 Bob Triples. E. Ferry, E. A. Falconar, E. A. Weightman, G. Potter, —, Maclaren, A. M. C. Field, J. Foreman, —, Bird. On May 5th, 252 Bob Triples. J. Eaglesham, R. Potter, G. Wardle, G. Potter, W. Beardall, E. A. Weightman, E. E. Ferry conductor, J. F. Bird. On May 12th, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples. E. Ferry conductor, T. W. Maclaren, E. A. Weightman, G. Potter, E. Astley, A. M. C. Field, J. Foreman, J. F. Bird. On Sunday, May 18th, for morning service, 252 Bob Triples. J. Foreman, conductor, R. Falconar, G. Wardle, G. Potter, E. Astley, A. M. C. Field, J. Foreman, J. F. Bird. On May 20th, for practice, 1008 Bob Triples. E. Ferry conductor, R. Falconar, G. Wardle, G. Potter, E. Astley, A. M. C. Field, J. Foreman, J. F. Bird. On May 25th, for morning service, 504 Bob Triples. E. Astley conductor, R. Falconar, G. Wardle, G. Potter, W. T. Maclaren, A. M. C. Field, J. Forman, J. F. Bird. For evening service 840 Bob Triples. E. Ferry conductor, E. Astley, W. T. Maclaren, the others standing as in the morning. On May 26th, for practice, a half-peal of Bob Triples, in 1 hr. 40 mins. E. Ferry conductor, R. Falconar, G. Wardle, G. Potter, E. Astley, A. M. C. Field, J. Foreman, J. F. Bird. On Sunday evening, June

1st, at St. George's Jesmond, as the Gosforth bells were closed on account of illness close by, 252 Bob Triples. R. Potter, R. Falconar, W. T. Maclaren, G. Potter, E. Astley conductor, A. M. C. Field, J. Foreman, J. F. Bird. Rung on receipt of the news of peace being declared in South Africa. On June 9th, for practice, 252 Bob Triples. E. Ferry conductor, G. Wardle, R. Falconar, J. R. Richardson, W. T. Maclaren, J. Foreman, A. M. C. Field, E. Astley. On June 14th, a peal was attempted, double-muffled, on account of the noise and complaints; one of the muffles came off, so the bells were brought round at 1764 changes. E. Ferry conductor, R. W. Falconar, G. Wardle, G. Potter, E. Astley, A. M. C. Field, J. Foreman, J. T. Bird. On Sunday, June 15th, for morning service, 420 Bob Minor, omitting the 2nd and covering with the tenor. J. Richardson, G. Wardle, R. W. Falconar, E. Astley, A. M. C. Field, E. Ferry conductor, J. Foreman. For evening service 540 Bob Minor, standing the same as in the morning. The peal was accomplished on June 16th, and has been published.

BRIGHTON.—On Sunday, June 8th, at St. Nicholas' church, 1259 Grandsire Caters. J. Jay, J. Fox, K. Hart, H. Rann, F. M. Bacon, R. Shedwick, G. Bleach, R. Hoather, W. Palmer, R. Fentiman.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, June 12th, 1260 Grandsire Major. F. Foxall, H. Johnson, W. Adams, W. S. Foxall, J. P. Mason, W. Priest, H. Cartwright, W. Green conductor.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Sunday evening, March 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. W. Cramb, J. Harper, C. Groves, J. Symons conductor, J. T. Matthews, E. C. Newman, F. S. Bayley, E. J. Harding. On Monday evening, March 10th, for a Confirmation, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Cramb, J. Harper, C. Groves, J. Symons conductor, J. T. Matthews, P. Hannam, E. C. Newman, E. J. Harding. On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Cramb, J. Harris, J. Harper, J. Symons conductor, J. T. Matthews, E. C. Newman, A. Collins, H. C. Ingram. On Easter Tuesday, after the vestry meeting, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Cramb, J. Harper, C. Groves, J. Symons conductor, J. Matthews, A. Collins, J. Harris, E. J. Harding. On Sunday evening, April 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Cramb, J. Harper, C. Groves, J. Symons conductor, C. Simmonds, J. Matthews, J. Harris, E. J. Harding. On Sunday morning, May 4th, 336 Grandsire Triples. H. C. Ingham, W. Cramb, C. Groves, J. Symons, J. Matthews, J. Harper, J. Harris, J. Harding. On Sunday evening, May 11th, 336 Grandsire Triples. W. Cramb, P. M. Hannam, C. Groves, J. Harper, J. T. Matthews, J. Symons conductor, E. J. Harding, H. C. Ingram. On Sunday morning, May 25th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Cramb, J. Harper, P. M. Hannam, J. Symons conductor, J. T. Matthews, J. Harris, E. C. Newman, E. J. Harding. For evening service, 252 Stedman Triples. J. Harper, J. Harris, C. Groves, J. Symons, J. T. Matthews, A. C. Collins, E. C. Newman, H. C. Ingram.

ROTHBURY (Northumberland).—On Saturday, June 7th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Murray (first 720 in the method), A. Hutchinson, C. Grey, E. A. Weightman, E. Ferry conductor, O. Simm.

USK (Monmouthshire).—On Monday, June 2nd, at St. Mary's church, in honour of the declaration of peace, five 120's of Plain Bob and six 120's of Grandsire Doubles. G. H. Watkins, F. Watkins, T. H. Lake, H. Wise, P. T. Clift conductor, G. Davies.

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DEAR SIR,—Would you kindly publish the following on behalf of W. W. Steel, one of our company. He has been one of our regular ringers for twelve years, and a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild for a like period. Nineteen months ago he was compelled to give up work, and has been pronounced to be suffering from locomotor ataxia. He has been a brass moulder by trade, and we can speak with confidence of his self-helpful character when he was well. He has a wife and four young children, and his long illness has been a terrible strain upon them.

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UNVEILING OF A TABLET AT SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, May 24th, an interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of St. Thomas' church, the occasion being the unveiling of a tablet recording a long peal of changes rung in December last. Several ladies, and the Vicar with the churchwardens attended. Having opened the meeting with prayer, the Rev. D. Dewar, M.A., accepted the tablet in the name of the church, and heartily congratulated the ringers on their achievement. He expressed his regret that the donor of the tower and bells, Mr. Thomas Ingram, was unable, through the infirmities of advancing age, to be present, and then called upon one of the ladies to unveil the memorial, the inscription and which reads:—

"Midland Counties Association of Change Ringers.—This tablet

hands down to posterity, a meritorious performance in the art of ringing, which took place on these bells on Thursday, December 26, 1901, when Harrison's peal of 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in six hours and 26 minutes. The peal which is the longest rung in the county, was attested by competent judges, and will ever reflect credit on the following performers, viz: Charles H. Fowler (Leicester), treble; Josiah Morris (Leicester), 2nd; Joseph B. Fenton (Rugby), 3rd; William H. Inglesant (Loughborough), 4th; William R. Hensher (Kettering), 5th; Walter Perkins (Finedon), 6th; Horace W. Abbott (Nottingham), 7th; William Willson (Leicester), tenor; conducted by William Willson. Rev. David Dewar, M.A., vicar, C. Burdett, and W. B. Alcock, (churchwardens), J. Buttery, umpire."

After the ceremony, the visitors left the tower, when the band of ringers who accomplished the peal commenced a peal of 5,008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, which was finished in three hours and nine minutes, being recorded in its proper place. The tablet was ably executed by Mr. James Hunt, of Guildford, whose advertisement may be found on another page.

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Summary of the Report presented at the Fifty-third Annual Meeting, held on 6th March, 1902.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of Policies issued during the year was 76,831, assuring the sum of £7,575,835, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £389,776.

The Premiums received during the year were £3,489,955, being an increase of £167,613 over the year 1900.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,563,775. The number of Deaths was 6,723, and 6,105 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 651,558.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £5,529,461, being an increase of £81,764.

The Claims of the year amounted to £2,104,939. The number of Deaths was 211,670, and 2,227 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policy-holders of five years' standing who desired to discontinue their payments was 74,798, the number in force being 771,279. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 17,880.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 14,334,820; their average duration exceeds nine and a half years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shown in the Balance Sheet, are £43,292,026, being an increase of £3,396,698 over those of 1900.

The Staff Provident Fund, which was founded in 1898 for the benefit of the outdoor staff, shows a satisfactory increase for the year, the total amount standing to the credit of the Fund being £101,960.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, on the 31st December, 1901.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Shareholder's capital	1,000,000	0	0	British Government Securities.. .. .	3,554,093	7	5
Ordinary Branch Funds.. .. .	22,660,953	10	2	Indian and colonial government securities ..	4,194,854	6	7
Industrial Branch Fund	18,274,017	18	6	Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks	3,050,669	14	6
Reserve Fund	900,000	0	0	Loans on County Council, Municipal and other rates	9,340,533	17	11
Investments reserve Fund	250,000	0	0	Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties	3,317,456	3	10
Claims under life policies admitted	207,054	18		Freehold and leasehold property	2,293,593	5	10
				Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom	5,809,857	10	7
				Railway, Gas, and Water Stocks	6,109,593	16	0
				Suez Canal shares	167,677	11	7
				Telegraph and other shares	81,715	3	9
				Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, and City of London bonds	339,332	17	1
				Bank of England stock	200,559	18	6
				Colonial and Foreign corporation stocks ..	332,538	5	7
				Foreign government securities	1,106,291	17	7
				Reversions and Life Interests.. .. .	923,844	14	4
				Loans on the Company's policies	1,148,138	11	0
				Rent charges	181,975	10	5
				Outstanding premiums.. .. .	467,379	9	6
				Cash in hands of superintendents and agents balances	41,172	11	0
				Outstanding interest and rents	341,910	8	8
				Cash—on deposit, on current accounts, and in hand	288,837	5	8
	£43,292,026	7	4		£43,292,026	7	4

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Notices.

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Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at Upton-on-Severn near Worcester to-day, Saturday, July 5. The Rev. Arthur Beal, M.A., Rector, has kindly consented to give a short address at the service in the church at 5 p.m., and preside at the business meeting afterwards. The tower and bells are available for the members.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

34, Church House, Church Lane, Tipton.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Moorside, to-day, Saturday, July 5th. Bells ready 3.30. Business meeting 6.30. JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Tunstall to-day, Saturday, July 5th.

WILLIAM TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting of the Association will be held at Mytholmroyd, on Saturday, July 12th. Bells ready from noon. Business meeting in schoolroom at 6 o'clock.

WRIGHT INGHAM, *Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shipley, on Saturday, July 12th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.30. A conveyance will be at West Grinstead Station at 3.30 to meet trains. The Vicar will provide tea for those who inform the undersigned of their intention of being present by Wednesday, July 9th.

H. EVANS, *Div. Sec.*

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The North Notts. Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at East Markham on Saturday, July 12th. Tea 1s. per bead at 5 p.m. Members who intend to take tea are requested to inform Mr. C. Crawford, East Markham, Tuxford, by Monday, July 7th.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at Boyne Hill on Monday, July 14th. Mattins at 11. Preacher—the Archdeacon of Buckingham. Business meeting at 12. Dinner at 1. For dinner tickets, price 2s., apply to A. H. Cocks, Esq., Poyntets, Skirmett, Henley-on-Thames.

R. H. HART-DAVIS.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Association will be held at Pentre on Saturday, July 19th, at 4.30 p.m.

REV. C. L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*

J. H. ALDRIDGE, *Asst Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewis-ham District.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at Crayford on Saturday, July 19th. Tower open from 5.30 to 9.30 (or earlier if a band is in attendance). Committee meeting at 7.30.

P. E. BRX, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Barnhurst, Bexley Heath.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will take place on Monday, July 14th, at Hersham, Surrey (Walton and Hersham Station, London and South-Western Railway). Annual meeting at the parish room at 11 a.m. Service at 12.30; Preacher—Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Vicar of

Thorpe. Dinner in the village hall at 1.30, only provided for those supplied with tickets. The belfry of the parish church will be open from 9 to 10 a.m., and at intervals. For other towers available see programme. All claims for expenses incurred must reach me by August 1st.

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, *Hon. Sec.*
Bursledon Vicarage, Southampton.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly and annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 22nd, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As an amount of important business requires consideration, every member is earnestly requested to attend.

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

61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

The Heavy Woollen District Association. A committee meeting of the above Association will be held at The Butcher's Arms, Armitage Bridge, on Saturday, July 12th, to choose the judges for the six-bell contest to be held at Armitage Bridge on Saturday, August 2nd. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. The usual meeting will be held at the same place as soon as the above meeting is over.

WALTER IDLE, *Secretary.*

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

In the parish church, Alington, near Ottery St. Mary, a memorial tablet to the late Lord Coleridge, Lord Chief Justice of England, has been formally unveiled. The church was built by the late Sir J. T. Coleridge, father of Lord Coleridge, in 1849, and both father and son were liberal benefactors to the parish. The memorial is decorated in style, the materials used being polished English variegated alabaster and Caen stone. It is fixed upon the northern wall of the church, and is placed upon moulded alabaster supports, the main portions resting upon a carved base. From this spring pillars of alabaster crowned by carved capitals, which in their turn carry the moulded and carved canopy which surmounts the inscription tablet. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Harry Hems and Sons, sculptors, of Exeter.

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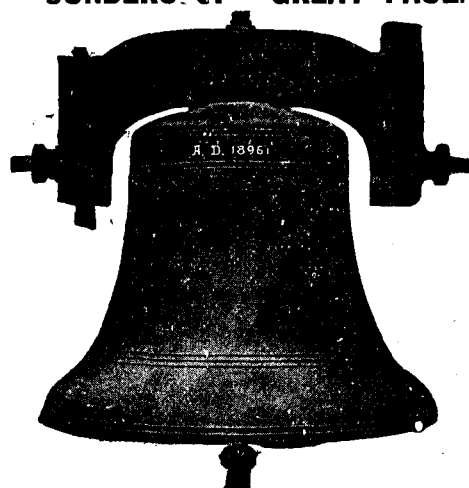
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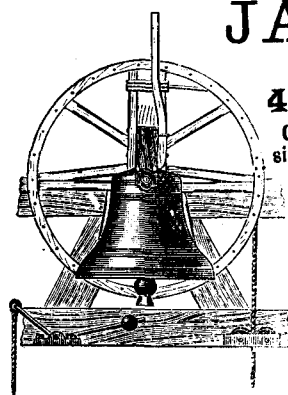
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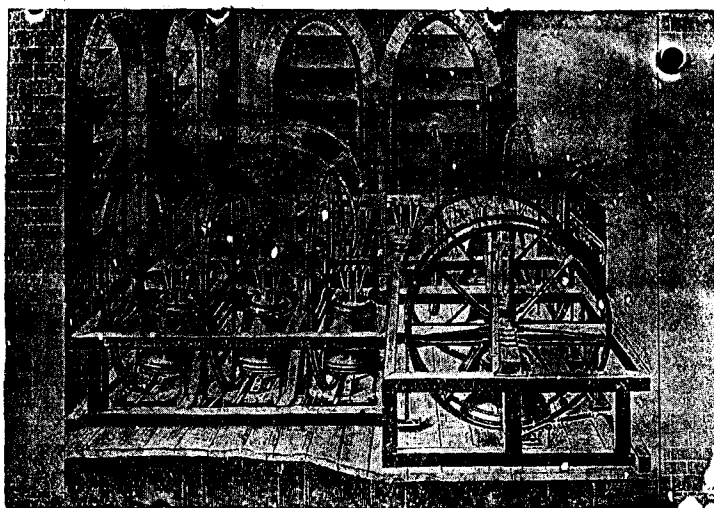
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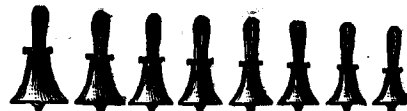
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

BOLTON (Lancashire). St. George. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Rudhall, 1806. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring was rehung by Taylor, 1894. A hitherto unsuccessful endeavour has been made to have the sound openings reduced. Ropes fair, new 1894. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Friday, 7.45. Ringing-chamber heated, and lavatory provided.

St. Mary, Deane. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Taylor, 1896; 3rd by Lester, 1792; 4th, 1831, founder not known; 5th by Blytock, 1718; 6th by Bullough, 1731; 7th by Mears, 1831. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 5 in., by Sanders, 1831. Timber frame. Bells go well; they were rehung by Taylor, 1896. Clocking permitted. Ropes new 1896. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Monday.

St. Peter. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Bagley. No date given. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Blackburn, 1898. Ropes new 1898. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

St. Peter, Halliwell. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears; no date given. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Mears 1897. Ropes by Mears 1897. Ropes new 1897, fair. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

The Saviour. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1885. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1898, good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

All Souls. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1881. Tenor 23 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. No repairs since the ring was hung. Ropes new 1893. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.45.

Holy Trinity. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1877, in place of a ring of six. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. No repairs since hung, and none required. Ropes new 1898, good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. No regular practice.

BOLTON (Yorkshire). St. James. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Shaw. No date given. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. No repairs since hung. Ropes good. Methods: Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.30, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: 7.30.

BORDEN (Kent). SS. Peter and Paul. Kent County Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1802. Tenor 23 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells go excellently. Rehung by Snelling, 1884. Ropes new 1900. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 1st in month 10 to 11. Practice: Thursday, 7.30. Visitors most welcome.

BOSTON (Lincolnshire). St. Botolph. East Lincolnshire Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Osborn, 1785; 3rd, 1772, founder unknown; 4th, 1710, founder unknown; 6th by Eayre, 1758; 7th, 1758, founder unknown. Tenor 28 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in., by Vanaersghodt, 1867. Iron frame. Bells go well, but 6th and 7th much worn at soundbow. Ropes fair, new ones supplied when required. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.30, and 5.30 to 6.30. No regular practice.

DEDICATION OF TWO NEW TREBLES AT LENTON, NOTTINGHAM.

On a recent Saturday evening the Vicar of Lenton parish church, the Rev. Alan H. Watts, dedicated the two new bells augmenting the peal to a complete octave. The bells were cast by Mears and Stainbank, and are very satisfactory. The "go" of them is excellent, and they bear the inscriptions: "God save the King," and "Give peace in our time, O Lord," commemorative of both Coronation, unfortunately postponed, and the celebration of peace. They also bear the names of the Vicar, the churchwardens, and the two city councillors for the ward, Messrs. Albert and Fred Ball, through whose great efforts and support the work has been accomplished. A fairly representative band attended the dedication, and the following touches were rung: 350 Grandsire Triples. H. Needham, E. Robinson, J. Hickman, H. R. Cobbin, J. Woolley, T. Horton, S. Wesley conductor, G. Blagdon. And 252 Stedman Triples, standing as above, excepting that A. Coppock rang the 7th, and H. Needham conducting. Tenor about 8½ cwt. in A. The rehanging of

the old six is expected to be completed in about three weeks' time. The ringers were entertained by the Messrs. Ball after the opening.

OPENING OF A NEW RING OF BELLS AT SALTburn-ON-SEA.

On Tuesday, June 10th, the new peal of eight bells, which has been placed in the beautiful tower of the parish church at Saltburn-by-the-Sea, was formally opened by a series of change-ringing performances by several members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. About fifty ringers were present from Middlesbrough, Stockton, Darlington, Richmond, Guisborough, Stokesley, and Thirsk, under the leadership of the Rev. W. P. Wright (Stokesley), Mr. G. J. Clarkson (Stockton), Mr. J. H. Blakiston (Middlesbrough), and Mr. R. Briscoe (Richmond), and their touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Minor, Stedman Triples, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major afforded considerable pleasure to the inhabitants of this very attractive watering place and the neighbouring district. The bells were much admired, possessing as they do a fine octave, and they were heard in the delightful weather of Tuesday evening to the greatest advantage, not only in the immediate locality, but up the picturesque valley closed in by the wooded heights of Upleatham and Skelton, almost as far as Guisborough.

After the morning performance the ringers were entertained to luncheon by the Vicar, the Rev. B. Irwin, M.A., and the churchwardens of Saltburn church to dinner at the Victoria hotel (Miss Fleury, proprietress). The Vicar occupied the chair, and expressed his gratitude to the members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association for coming in such large numbers to inaugurate the ringing of the bells of their parish church. It was a great pleasure to him to hear the bells rung as they had been. He trusted the enthusiasm they showed in their art would be communicated to the company of bell-ringers they had got together at Saltburn. Of that he himself had no doubt, for he was sure they would feel as proud as he was, and as the inhabitants of Saltburn generally were, of the magnificent peal of bells that had been placed in the tower of their church. The peal was the gift of a former resident, and a liberal donor to the parish. They all knew in Saltburn the kindly and generous interest Mr. Arthur J. Dorman had taken in the welfare of the place, even after he had left it now some years ago. When he resided amongst them his brother, the late Mr. A. P. Dorman, was also one of their most esteemed parishioners, and it was to his memory Mr. Arthur Dorman had made that gift which many felt was a noble act of brotherly love and devotion to the Saltburn parish church. He might have given the peal to some other church nearer his present home, but he had not forgotten Saltburn, and they had to thank him for that, as well as numerous other acts of generosity they had received at his hands. The bells, as they would see, formed a handsome and valuable gift, and one which must have cost Mr. Dorman over £1,000.

Mr. G. J. Clarkson said that before they parted to resume their change-ringing performances, he thought they would pass a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for their hospitable reception on that occasion. The Vicar had told them the circumstances under which Saltburn had come by that magnificent peal of bells. They were all pleased and grateful as exponents of the art

of campanology, to have had the opportunity of being present to take their share in the inauguration of the peal. They could all congratulate the people of Saltburn on the gift of so fine a peal, and on the lofty and beautiful tower that had been erected as the habitation of the bells. He hoped they would have the opportunity of again visiting Saltburn and giving some change-ringing performances, and he trusted the Saltburn ringers would soon rise to the level of competency in the art. He concluded by proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens, and the proposition was unanimously carried.

Messrs. Hamilton and Hughes suitably responded.

Two hours' change-ringing followed, after which the ringers sat down to tea at The Victoria hotel. More ringing was afterwards done.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT ANALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The June monthly meeting of this society was held at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, on Saturday, June 21st, a large number of ringers being present from Burley, Armley, Leeds, St. Michael's and St. Chad's (Headingley), Birstall, Wakefield, Calverley, Holbeck, Tong, and Bradford. Ringing commenced with an attempt for a peal of Bob Major, but owing to a change-course after ringing 1 hr. 45 mins., "stand" was called. During the evening touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Stedman were brought round. The business meeting was afterwards held at The Spotted Cow, the President, Mr. G. Barraclough in the chair, and Mr. T. Maude in the vice-chair. Mr. F. Woodhead proposed, and Mr. A. Roundhill seconded, that the minutes of the previous meeting be passed as read, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Woodhead proposed, and Mr. Johnson seconded, that the next meeting be held at Rothwell on Saturday, July 26th, which was carried. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and the local company for their arrangements was passed.

Mr. Percy Johnson responded, and thanked many of those present for helping them in their struggle to learn, and gave them all a hearty welcome. Some handbell ringing brought a pleasant evening to a close.

DEATH OF AN OLD RINGER AT LIVERSEDEGE, YORKSHIRE.

The death took place on Monday last of Mr. Mossley Ramsden, of Littleton, in his 61st year. He had been sexton at Liversedge parish church for the past thirty years. He had also been a change-ringer at the same church for about forty years, having rung in upwards of thirty peals, including Cumberland Exercise, Violet Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major. The longest peal in which he took part was one of Kent Treble Bob Major, consisting of 10,272 changes, on April 10th, 1871. He was interred in the parish churchyard on Wednesday. Amongst the mourners were ringers representing the following places: Low Moor, Birstall, Halifax, Ossett, Mirfield, and Bradford. In the evening a muffled 1008 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by a band representing the above company.

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Perhaps few Norwich folk are aware that the famous Bow bells were cast from the same moulds from which the bells of St. Peter Mancroft were produced. There is a very interesting history connected with St. Peter's bells which in brief, is this: In the fifteenth century the present church superseded an old Norman fane dedicated to SS. Peter and Paul. The peal of five bells was transferred from the old to the new church, which was consecrated in the year 1455. About a century and a half later (1602) the peal was increased a treble, and seventy years later (1672) two others were added, bringing the number of bells to eight. Another period of sixty years elapsed, and in 1736 the peal by subscription of the parishioners, was increased to ten. In 1775 this peal gave place to the present complete peal of twelve, cast by Peck and Chaplin, of London. Seven of the ten old bells, weighing nearly four tons, were sent to Bungay. The cost of the new bells, with the hanging, was £1,231 19s 2½d. So great became their fame that the news of their beauty travelled to London, and led to the celebrated Bow bells being cast from the same moulds as St. Peter Mancroft bells. The following is a list of the bells of the present peal.

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No. 5 to Charles Weston, Esq., an alderman of the ward.

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

THE SALISBURY GUILD AND HAMPSHIRE.

SIR,—It is a wise maxim—"Take nothing for granted." In my first letter I took for granted that Mr. Drake of all men would perceive that the contradictoriness (if I may use such a word) of my letter, of which I was perfectly aware, merely represented the state of our Guild, re outside towers, from two points of view. My standpoint is the rules of our Guild, and according to them the Hampshire towers "have never been admitted." Mr. Drake's point of view is St. Peter's, Bournemouth as a precedent, according to which these towers "have been admitted," yet so by a very questionable course. The annual meeting, with very inadequate discussion following Mr. Drake's argument, resolved—"No alteration be made," which clearly meant the retention of these towers (according to Mr. Drake's point of view), the admittance of them according to my view. When I asked the meeting to make a rule to enable me to admit these towers, no rule was made; therefore these towers have "not yet been admitted" by rule. I hope this is clear now to the meanest intelligence, and that Mr. Drake will have no further difficulty.

Mr. Drake says: "Not only were those towers 'admitted' before his time, but that their representatives actually voted each of us to the offices which we now hold." This is a dangerous half-truth. I have before me my predecessor's day-book, and none of these (3) towers have been admitted by him; I find one representative of one of these towers, who probably voted for us, joined the Guild as a member of the Verwood company.

H. E. TILNEY BASSETT.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.

The second of the combined practices arranged for the Three Towers: Rye, Appledore, and New Romney, took place on a recent Saturday at the above place, and was really a greater success than the first and previous one. The following ringers attended: Messrs. W. and G. Billenness and Vincent from Rye; Messrs. George Ewart, Alfred Johnson, S. Hills, and C. Noakes from Appledore; W. E. Pitman from Lyminge; C. Slingsby from Aldington; and C. Tribe from Tenterden, and Messrs. E. E. and E. Hutchinson, W. Wood, F. Lumber, B. Wimble, F. Hixson, and J. Southerden, of the local band. Ringing commenced about four o'clock, and kept merrily on till 5.30, then an adjournment to The New Inn, where a capital meat tea was effectively disposed of. Then back again to the tower and ringing till nearly nine o'clock. Since the last practice both the Appledore and New Romney bands had rung plain courses of Grandsire Triples, so that at this meeting Doubles was entirely dispensed with, and before the ringing was concluded the following had rung their first 168 of Grandsire Triples: E. E. Hutchinson, E. Hutchinson, P. Lumber, B. Wimble, W. Wood, G. Johnson, A. Johnson, and S. Hills. A social hour together concluded the day's proceedings, and quite a procession of cycles wheeled out of New Romney each bearing a satisfied ringer to his home. Those ringers who rang their first 168 on the day wish to tender their best thanks to Messrs. Billenness, Vincent, and Pitman for so kindly assisting them, and hope at the next meeting to score a 500 in the method. A vote of sympathy was accorded to Mr. G. Anderson, secretary to the New Romney band, who unfortunately met with a rather serious accident a few days previous, and was therefore unable to attend. All wish to thank the Vicar for his kind permission to ring, and also those of local band who made arrangements.

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A THEORY OF THE ORIGIN OF CHANGES, WITH SOME REMARKS ON THE MATHE- MATICAL BASIS OF CHANGE-RINGING.

By R. A. DANIELL.

(Concluded.)

I really ought to have finished up what I said last week with what I am saying first to-day, but I was unable in time to get any further. I have little to say under the original title I adopted—and it may be summed briefly up in this—Doubles is the main feature of change-ringing as shown us in Stedman's *Campanalogia*, and also the state of rings of bells, so far as information available extends, shows us how of necessity five-bell rings, being in most instances the best that could be got, set the fashion in what was to be produced by change-ringing. In Stedman's *Campanalogia*, besides instructions about plain changes on five-bells, there are no less than about fifty cross peals of the six-score; and on numbers beyond five, except Bob Minor, only suggestions, so to speak, of what might be done, according to our present notions, on higher numbers. Moreover we are told that it was then the practice to ring Doubles on eight bells with three covering bells. From this we may readily see that when men first took to ring on such few eight-bell rings as they then had, their notion was to ring mathematically such five bell methods as they knew, and thus when they began to ring Triples, as we know they did at least at the beginning of the eighteenth century, they had got into the habit of ringing mathematically, and therefore extended naturally—as Stedman had previously told them they could do—the methods on five to the same methods on seven. When once we arrive at methods on seven, it is time for me to retire, with just a word about stoney.

Any one who looks at the old books will see that the early practice of ringing six-scores in an eight-bell tower with three covering bells called for some variation of the way in which it should be done, and accordingly we are not surprised to find directions for the bells to be called about for the purposes of variety. Thus we get directions for calling the bells into the "tittums" before starting the top five on the six-score. It does not need much penetration to see that, once originate this practice prior to a half-pull start, nothing was more natural than for people of a sort of low cunning never to start at all. If bells could be called from rounds to tittums, equally they could be called from tittums to queens or Whittington or anything else, and as the world has never been without plenty of people always ready to get into anything by back ways, it is contrary to all we know to be surprised that lazy persons without the brains for following up change-ringing, should see their way to pick up some of the most striking effects by way of "stoney." That is my view of origin of called changes. Until somebody gives me more light on this point, I can only say that I do not believe that "called changes" are the original of change-ringing, but they are neither more nor less than campanistanean piracy.

That is all it occurs to me at present to say on the origin of changes. I gather from a letter I have received from Mr. Trollope that he considers that I am wrong, so I presume the other side of this question will shortly be submitted by him to the Exercise, and we shall see what we shall see. But before parting with Mr. Trollope's article which has given rise to my writing on this subject I cannot refrain from saying that, so far as I can understand what Mr. Trollope means, by his contrast between

musical and mathematical lines, I entirely disagree with him, and consider his conception of music, as thereby disclosed, to be miserably low and inadequate. Pure mathematics are of no practical use except as a mental exercise; when they become of real use is when they are applied. Now if there is any reason why music should not as much as any other science apply mathematics for its purposes, I shall be glad to know what it is; for at present I cannot conceive what such a reason can possibly be. Change-ringing consists in the production of melody; and melody is a branch of music; therefore change-ringing is a branch of music. But change-ringing has applied mathematics as the scientific method of producing compositions for its performance; therefore mathematical change-ringing compositions are a portion of musical science. This last proposition was assented to in these columns some six months since by that eminent authority in such matters, the late Rev. H. Earle Bulwer. Hence Mr. Trollope's opposition of mathematics to music seems to me utterly misconceived. It appears as though one should dispute between the figures in one's banker's pass-book and the actual cash balance which those figures represent. I am therefore driven to account for the distinction drawn by Mr. Trollope by concluding that he takes a view of music which appears to me to be, as I have said, low and inadequate.

Melody, as we know, is a branch of music, but it is very far from being the whole of music, and if there is one fact about music more evident to us than another, it is the capacity of wearying the mind which pronounced melody has. All of us know, I suppose, what it is to get a tune "in one's head," which means that having heard a striking melody, not necessarily very often, but sufficiently, obtrudes itself upon our consciousness in a manner and with a persistency which amounts to mental torture. Just as highly spiced or sweetened foods, though excellent things in themselves, have a capacity of nauseating the palate and sickening the stomach which foods with a less prominent appeal to the sense of taste have not; so so specially striking melodies, though excellent things in themselves, have a capacity for irritating the mind which music with a less prominent appeal to the sense of hearing has not. Without attempting to decide where the line is to be drawn between melodic and other musical qualities either in combination or otherwise, which is a question for musical scientists, it is plain that if we are to put melody that specially strikes the ear as the highest musical quality, then we must say that "*What a shocking Bad Hat*" or "*Get your hair cut*" is musically superior to Tallis's responses. But who will agree to that? I will give an instance of my meaning.

There is at the present time a popular song about, entitled "*Good bye, Dolly Gray*." It has, in my opinion, a very good and taking melody. But how long will it last? Probably not long. Probably it will share the fate of the great bulk of popular songs and soon become wearisome by reason of the naturally tiring nature of pronounced melody. As a rule the specially melodious compositions that do last are marks of special genius, and examples of the survival of the fittest. But there is music of a less *prima facie* demonstrative sort which has the longer wear in it, because it does not weary the mind. There was a certain Orlando Gibbons, who was born at Cambridge in the year 1583, and became organist of the Chapel Royal. He is described in Grove's Dictionary of Music as one of the greatest musical geniuses of our country. He was a contemporary of the start of change-

ringing, dying and being buried in Canterbury Cathedral in 1625. Of that Cathedral the Precentor is one of the Exercise—the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore; and, unless he is an exception to all the Precentors I ever heard of, he is still putting down Gibbons's music on the lists for performance in the Cathedral services. For anything I know he may be just now amusing his leisure with singing Dolly Gray. But if he be still Precentor fifty years hence, while he will still be putting down Gibbons's music on his lists, he will not still be singing Dolly Gray. He and everyone else will have grown tired of Dolly Gray long before then. If when Mr. Helmore next has an Association meeting at Canterbury he will put down something of Gibbons's for performance at the Cathedral service and provide Dolly Gray for tea, the members attending will readily understand why Gibbons's music, both sacred and secular, has already been enjoyed for nearly three centuries, and will still be enjoyed for centuries after the charming Dolly shall have been gathered to her fathers. It is simply this—because Gibbons's music is of that excellence that it cannot be absorbed all at once; it does not keep all its stock in the window; it is less melodiously striking than Dolly Gray, but that very fact prevents the mind from becoming wearied by its performance.

Now if the above consideration applies to melody which can be combined with harmony, changes in tune, varieties in length of notes or rests, and varying shades of expression: how much more must it apply to melody such as ours which stands absolutely alone? There is comparatively little stoney ringing about. I do not mean that there are not many more stoney bands than we should like, but that stoney long lengths are rare. They must be terrible things to listen to. Think of "Queen's" for instance. It is well enough in method-ringing when it is only struck once, and the general charm of it is led up to, but not exhausted, by the gradual course of the ringing up to it and away from it; but anything more tiring to the ear than "Queens" struck over and over again for, say, half-a-dozen whole pulls, I can hardly imagine. What Mr. Trollope's theory of the possible development of scientific ringing on musical as against mathematical lines may be, I do not pretend to guess; but if it means that the first object should be to use as many readily recognisable changes as possible within the limits of whatever may be attempted without reference to the truth of rows, I can only say that such an ideal appears to me to be a prostitution of the highest musical standard, and an attempt to play to the gallery, which would tend to weary the hearers. The fact that so many long lengths can be and have been rung through so long a period is owing, in my belief, to the fact that, with the truest and highest musical instinct, the fathers of the Art recognised that the mathematical was the most fitting musical basis for co-ordinating the voices of bells, as being that which, avoiding any iteration of striking melodies, best accorded in the long run with making the sound of habitual ringing agreeable, or at least not intolerable, to hearers unacquainted with the Art.

It hardly seems necessary to comment on the strange distinctions without differences which Mr. Trollope has drawn. He says in ringing, the performance is everything. Yes. So is it to the performers in all music. He says the poor quality of the bells does not matter. No: nor yet the poor quality of any other instruments in tune or out, so far as regards the performers on them. The performers do their best with such materials as they have, and the

performance of a band on bad brass instruments is as much to their credit as if they had good ones. Not the poverty of the composition, says Mr. Trollope. No, nor yet the poverty of many other sorts of musical compositions. Some hymn tunes, for instance, as many long suffering human beings have occasion to know. Not bad striking, says Mr. Trollope. No, nor yet bad time in orchestral performances; it is all a question of degree. No ringer, says Mr. Trollope, would listen for three hours to a 5000 of London Surprise rung by a machine. No, nor yet would any instrumental player listen for three minutes to a Beethoven Symphony played by a machine.

I conclude with the observation that either Mr. Trollope is right in thinking mathematical is not the original form of change-ringing or he is not. We shall see what he has to say. But if he is right, I have no hesitation in saying that in mercy to hearers, if for no other reason, the final adoption of the mathematical principle was the highest musical science of which the case admitted.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.)

A ringing meeting of the members of this branch was held at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, on Saturday, June 28th, ringers turning up from Barking, Waltham Abbey, Leytonstone, and the local company, in all about thirty. No business meeting could be held, as neither Secretary or minute-book arrived. It was suggested the Hon. Secretary wasn't green enough, but that is by the way. Some good touches of Caters were brought home, and as the bells ran round from a course of Treble Bob Royal a noise at the door brought up the remark "There's Eyre," but there wasn't, it was the Vicar of Prittlewell, the Rev. F. O. Reay, who looked in to explain his reason for sending certain wires, etc., this being the first intimation to the ringers that the meeting was supposed to be off. The Vicar in asking the visitors their opinion of Edward the Seventh (the tenor bell, not His Majesty), was glad to hear that both the King and the bell was going well.

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ALDINGTON, KENT.

On Sunday, June 1st, several ringers, at the kind invitation of Mr. C. Slingsby, met at the above tower, and rang the bells to celebrate (what is very rare in the annals of ringing) the 100th birthday of his father, Mr. G. Slingsby. Ringing commenced about 2 o'clock with an attempt for a 720 of Bob Minor, which was however lost. Then two 6-scores of Grandsire, and a 6-score of Bob Doubles. A visit was paid to the old gentleman, who received the hearty congratulations of the company on his 100th birthday. The visitors sat down to a very comfortable tea, and then on the wheels for home, promising to meet again on the veteran's next birthday, should he be spared.

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If any of our readers can thoroughly understand the points at issue between the Rev. H. DRAKE and the Rev. H. E. TILNEY BASSETT, we envy them their powers of comprehension. Never before in our recollection has such a trivial matter—as it appears to us—been the cause of so voluminous a correspondence. We feel convinced that to the majority of our readers the contention on both sides seems puerile. The pen of Mr. DRAKE is that of a ready writer, very; and when once in movement no reliable calculation can be made of its stoppage. Add to this that the rev. gentleman is a most vigorous opponent, and we shall see that not a little dismays him.

Whilst matters relating to the admission of members to our various Guilds stand as they do, this Hampshire tower question strikes us as ridiculous. If Mr. DRAKE, with his love for an affray of any sort, can do something to improve the geographical and diocesan status of Guilds and the like he will be doing a service. Perhaps we shall never be able to have a hard and fast line, but

does it not seem more in accordance with the fitness of things that a county Association should comprise members of the county alone? And the same with regard to diocesan Guilds. The first promoters of these bodies overlooked such a precaution; and the carrying out of such a notion would be a hard nut, even for Mr. DRAKE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON.

On Saturday afternoon, July 5th, a visit was paid by the members of the St. Neots company (accompanied by the Rev. W. W. Crump, General Secretary of the Association), to the parish church at Gamlinghay, Cambs., for the purpose of scoring, if possible, a peal in Minor methods. This attempt however failed unfortunately (for this time) after about an hour's capital ringing; but the following 720s were afterwards brought round, besides other shorter touches in various methods, in which members of the local company participated. A 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. S. W. Hawksford, G. Coleman, L. Flint, H. Fields, S. J. Coleman, E. C. Chasty. A 720 of Plain Bob. Rev. W. W. Crump, S. W. Hawksford, H. Fields, L. Flint, G. Coleman, E. C. Chasty. There is no regular method-ringing in this tower, but the bells were rehung a short time back.

THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

The annual meeting of this society took place on May 15th, at St. Sidwell's Rectory, instead of, as usual, in the venerable and historic old belfry, the still incomplete state of the general renovation of the church tower rendering even temporary accommodation there undesirable. The chair was taken by the Rector (the Rev. S. W. E. Bird), for, as he smilingly remarked, the fifteenth successive time. In reading the annual report, the secretary (Mr. W. Acreman) regretted that the weary length—more than two years—the tower's restoration had dragged had prevented them during that period from using the bells they loved so well, but the society looked forward to next month when they hoped to be once more reinstated in their old chamber. The president (the Rector) was re-elected, as also were the hon. secretary (Mr. W. Acreman) and hon. treasurer (Mr. W. Drake). Mr. Moss, who has been ringing master for the past five years, resigned the ringing leadership, and Mr. Edwin Shepherd was unanimously elected in his stead. The Treasurer reported that for the first time in the history of the society there was a balance due to the bankers. Mr. Harry Hems (vice-president) on this announcement, at once made up the deficiency, so that the ringers start their new ringing year out of debt.

The Metropolis.

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FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT 4.	JOSEPH J. ALLEN Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. L. W. Lefevre and Miss E. F. Seymour.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 3, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of College Single and Oxford Bob, and three 720s of Plain Bob.

A. ATTY BERRY Treble.	ALPHAUS J. BERRY 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	CHARLES NUNN 5.
JOHN MAYES 3.	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of esteem to the late Lord John Henniker Major, Lieutenant Governor of the Isle of Man, who was interred at Thornham the previous day. First peal in three methods on the bells.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 3, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE E. WILSON .. Treble.	GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 5.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	JOHN GARARD 6.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN 3.	CHARLES WILKINS 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	DAVID BARNES Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to George E. Wilson, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 4, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor about 16 cwt.

JESSE TYLER* Treble.	*LEONARD F. TAYLOR .. 5.
HENRY W. KIRTON 2.	THOMAS H. COLBOURN .. 6.
HARRY WHITTLE 3.	JAMES L. WELLS 7.
FRANK PERVIN 4.	JOHN YATES Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

*First peal. Messrs. Tyler and Wells were elected members previous to starting for the peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to R. H. Ratcliff, Esq., of Stanford Hall, he being interred the previous Wednesday.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 9, 1902, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

EDWARD MARKHAM .. Treble.	RALPH COLES 5.
PHILBERT W. WILKINS .. 2.	BENJAMIN PAGE 6.
FRED HAYES 3.	JAMES W. WILKINS .. 7.
ARTHUR G. JAMES 4.	WILLIAM PHIPPS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WILKINS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1902, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ALGERNON LEWTON Treble.	ALBERT STOWELL 5.
FREDERICK G. LEAKER .. 2.	GEORGE JAYNE 6.
JOHN THOMAS 3.	STEPHEN THOMAS 17.
WILLIAM STOWELL 4.	JOHN A. BURFORD Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

HOUGHTON REGIS, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Double Court, Woodbine,
Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qrs.

MORTIMER MATTHEWS .. Treble.	SIDNEY LAWRENCE 4.
CYRIL HERBERT 2.	FRED WILFORD 5.
ERNEST HERBERT 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal in seven methods by S. Lawrence; also first peal on the bells and first change-ringing ever done on the bells, which were rebung by Taylor and Co. four years ago on iron headstocks.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

W. KNOTT Treble.	A. SCOTT 5.
JAMES MOORHOUSE 2.	J. W. BARKER 6.
J. BROADLEY 3.	J. T. EASON 7.
E. WHEATER 4.	HARRY BRAME Tenor.

Composed by F. SHEPHERD, and Conducted by ALBERT SCOTT.

Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Mosley Ramsden, for forty years a ringer at the above church. The ringer of the 6th hails from Bedford, and this is his 105th peal.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

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

Composed by T. T. GOFTON, and
Conducted by JAMES GARRATT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Perkins. First peal in the method and first attempt by W. Pettit.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, July 7, 1902, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble.	GEORGE SMART 5.
GEORGE F. ATTREE 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE 6.
GEORGE BAKER 3.	FRANK BENNETT 7.
GEORGE A. KING 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar of Brighton, the Rev. Canon Hoskyns, who was instituted and inducted the day previous.

Handbell Peals.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, July 2, 1902, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

IN THE PARISH ROOM,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

HENRY HODGETTS 1-2.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5-6.
WILLIAM HODGETTS .. 3-4.	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire—Hubert Eden. This is the first peal on handbells by all except the conductor, and was rung at the first attempt.

Miscellaneous.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

Stow (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, May 19th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. J. Fisher, J. C. Tinker, F. S. W. Butler, J. T. Ladd, P. O. Bixby conductor, G. Wilson. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (the first on the bells). J. Fisher, W. D. Tinker, P. O. Bixby, J. T. Ladd, G. Wilson, F. S. W. Butler conductor. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. P. O. Bixby, J. C. Tinker, G. Wilson, J. T. Ladd, F. S. W. Butler, W. D. Tinker conductor.

LEA (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, May 19th. P. O. Bixby, J. C. Tinker, W. D. Tinker, J. T. Ladd, F. S. W. Butler, G. Wilson conductor.

GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On Monday, June 2nd, at All Saints' church, 1008 of Bob Major. J. Fisher, A. Wheeler, F. S. W. Butler, J. C. Tinker, J. T. Ladd, P. O. Bixby, W. D. Tinker, G. Wilson conductor.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WILBURTON.—On Saturday, June 28th, 728 Plain Bob in 24 mins. Alfred Markwell, J. Markwell, H. Markwell, A. Markwell, H. Sharp conductor, James Markwell. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Markwell, Jas. Markwell, H. Markwell, A. Markwell, H. Sharp, Arthur Markwell. On Monday, June 30th, 720 Plain Bob in 24 mins. Alfred Markwell, Jas. Markwell, J. Markwell, H. Markwell, H. Sharp, A. Markwell conductor. On Sunday, July 6th, 720 Merchant's Return. J. Markwell, Jas. Markwell, H. Markwell, Arthur Markwell, jun., H. Sharp, Arthur Markwell conductor.

STRETHAM.—On Wednesday, July 2nd, six 6-scores of Doubles, three of Plain Bob, and three Grandsire, each called differently. Alfred Markwell, Arthur Markwell conductor, Arthur Markwell, jun., T. Markwell, H. Sharp.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WALDRON.—On Sunday evening, July 6th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. W. Jenner, J. Burgess, A. Hobden, P. Burgess, L. Gaston, J. W. Burgess, A. Reid conductor, G. Scotcher.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—On Sunday, June 8th, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the back eight, 1344 Bob Major, in 60 mins. F. G. Symonds, F. W. Ford, A. R. Glasscock, H. Miller, J. Armstrong, F. C. Newman, J. E. Miller, S. Wade conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WANTAGE (Berks).—On Monday, June 2nd, in honour of the restoration of peace in South Africa, 2520 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 35 mins. T. Gregory, A. Mayo conductor, A. Gregory, F. Bunce, H. Gregory, O. Gregory, F. May, C. Lay.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday morning, June 22nd, for Divine Service, 306 Grandsire Caters. B. jealous, C. Chasty, F. Webb, M. Smith, S. J. Cullip, W. Hall, C. R. Lilley conductor, I. Hills, J. N. Frossell, J. Sear. On June 29th, 416 Double Norwich. J. Sear, F. Webb, S. J. Cullip, M. Smith, J. N. Frossell, I. Hills, A. N. Wood, C. R. Lilley conductor. Tenor 29 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MARGATE (Kent).—On Sunday, June 8th, at the parish church, before morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Eves, C. W. Player, Rev. A. L. Brine, J. Larkins, A. Kay, A. H. Saxby, S. G. Turgman conductor, W. Roberts. Also in the evening, after Divine Service, a quarter-peal Grandsire Triples in 44mins. G. Eves, A. H. Saxby, Rev. A. L. Brine, J. Blythman, C. W. Player, J. Larkins, S. G. Turgman conductor, E. Foat.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, June 8th, for the Thanksgiving Service for Peace, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 49mins. W. Tomlin, G. Tomlin, L. Hollingworth, F. Hollingworth, W. Earle conductor, H. Hollingworth, J. Warren, T. G. York. First quarter-peal by W. Tomlin and G. York.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSWALDTWISTLE.—At the parish church, on Sunday, April 20th 720 Woodbine. S. Collison, T. Haworth, A. Walmsley, J. J. Haworth, I. Whalley, C. Sharples conductor. On Sunday, May 4th, 720 Oxford. J. Bentley, T. Haworth, S. Collison, A. Walmsley, I. Whalley, C. Sharples conductor. Also 720 Kent. R. Sharples, T. Haworth, S. Collison, A. Walmsley, J. Bentley, C. Sharples conductor. On Sunday, June 1st, for the annual school sermons, 720 Kent. J. Bentley, T. Haworth, A. Walmsley, I. Whalley, J. J. Haworth, C. Sharples conductor. On Tuesday, June 17th, 720 Duke of York. J. Whalley, T. Haworth, A. Walmsley, J. Bentley, C. Sharples conductor, R. Parkinson. On Thursday, June 26th, 720 Oxford. A. Walmsley, T. Haworth, S. Collison, J. Bentley, J. Whalley, C. Sharples conductor. On Sunday June 29th, 720 Plain Bob. S. Collison, T. Haworth, A. Walmsley, J. Bentley, J. J. Haworth, C. Sharples conductor. On Tuesday, July 1st, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. A. Walmsley, T. Haworth, J. Bentley, C. Sharples conductor, J. J. Haworth, J. Whalley. First in the method and first attempt by A. Walmsley, and T. Haworth.

CHIPPING (Lancashire).—On Whit Monday, May 19th, 720 Woodbine. S. Collison, A. Walmsley, J. Bentley, R. Sharples, I. Whalley, C. Sharples conductor. Also 720 Kent. A. Walmsley, E. Timbrell, F. Timbrell, J. Bentley, C. Sharples conductor, J. J. Haworth.

GHORCH (Lancashire).—On Monday, June 16th, in the belfry of the parish church, two 720s Plain Bob on handbells. I. Whalley, C. Sharples, R. Parkinson conductor.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE.—On Tuesday, July 1st, 720 Plain Bob. Rev. E. G. Drummond, A. H. Taylor, J. Leighton conductor, R. MacFarlane, W. Palliser, J. Cliff.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 11th, for Divine Service in the evening, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, Waterloo Road, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstans' four-part. W. T. Palmer, F. G. Perrin, W. S. Langdon, J. Thomas, H. Langdon conductors, E. Brett, E. H. Oxenham, A. Hardy.

APFLEDRE (Kent).—The following touches were rung to celebrate the declaration of peace: 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Tribe, E. Johnson, G. Billenness, F. A. Vincett, W. Billenness, E. E. Hutchinson, G. Johnson, T. A. Vincett. A 350 in the same method. C. Noakes, G. Billenness, T. A. Vincett, F. A. Vincett, A. Johnson, E. Reed, W. Billenness, E. E. Hutchinson. A 336 in the same method. C. Slingsby, W. Billenness, C. Tribe, S. Hills, F. A. Vincett, E. E. Hutchinson, G. Billenness, G. Johnson. Also two courses of Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. Slingsby, G. Billenness, T. A. Vincett, F. A. Vincett, E. Reed, W. Billenness. All the above touches were conducted by W. Billenness.

HATFIELD (Herts).—On Sunday, July 6th, at the parish church, a 504 Stedman Triples for evening service. J. T. Kentish, jun., J. Hollingsworth, W. J. Powers, W. E. Judd, J. Kentish, R. Shepherd, A. Shepherd conductor, J. Smith.

OLD WOLVERTON (Bucks).—On Tuesday afternoon, May 25th, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, each 6-score called differently. M. Beal, C. Valentine, W. Beal, W. Bonham, W. Tucker conductor, E. Eales.

OUNDE (Northamptonshire).—On Tuesday, May 28th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which came to grief after 24hrs. good ringing. W. Gilbert, W. R. Hensher, J. Houghton, jun., W. V. Newman, W. Perkins, W. L. Gilbert, C. R. Lilley, H. Stubbs.

This is believed to be the first attempt for a peal on the bells, which were rehung in 1868, after being burnt down. It was said that they were not pealable, but we hope to score a peal on them before long. They are undoubtedly the grandest peal of bells in Northamptonshire. After descending the town, the party were entertained and highly amused by the parish clerk, Mr. Garrett.

PENDLETON (Manchester).—At the parish church, on Friday, May 31st, 544 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. L. Smith, L. Mawby, W. Potter, H. Chapman, L. Houghton, jun. conductor, F. Potter, G. Potter, A. Perkins.

PORTMADOC.—On Monday, June 2nd, 600 Grandsire Doubles, to celebrate the news of peace in South Africa. C. Williams, J. Owen conductor, E. Thomas, Rev. J. A. Williams, H. Wakefield, R. Roberts.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On May 18, at St. Edward's church, a 720 Bob Minor. B. Cousins, W. Nash, G. Roughton, A. J. Perkins, H. F. Dawkins, W. Watson conductor. On May 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. R. Pye, H. F. Dawkins, W. Pye conductor, G. Roughton, H. Catterwell, W. Watson, E. Pye, H. Holgate. On June 2nd, to celebrate the declaration of Peace, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. B. Cousins, W. Nash, H. Catterwell, H. F. Dawkins, A. J. Perkins, G. R. Pye, W. Watson conductor, H. Holgate.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Sunday evening, May 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor. A. Clarke, W. Tucker, C. Valentine, S. Smith, A. Gidman, G. Cowley conductor. On Tuesday evening, June 8th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Clarke, R. Valentine, E. Yates, W. Bonham, C. Valentine, G. Cowley conductor. On Tuesday, June 10th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Clarke, E. Yates, C. Valentine, W. Bonham, W. Tucker, G. Cowley conductor. On Sunday evening, June 22nd, 360 Bob Minor. A. Clarke, E. Yates, C. Valentine, W. Bonham, G. Cowley, W. Tucker conductor. On Sunday morning, June 22th, 360 Bob Minor. A. Clarke, E. Yates, C. Valentine, W. G. Whitehead, W. Tucker, G. Cowley conductor.

WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, June 19th, at the church of St. Paul, 1008 Grandsire Triples. D. Chapman, A. Harber, C. Tyler, O. Brown, E. J. Tyler conductor, A. Plant, J. Malpass, T. Cooper. On Sunday morning, June 22nd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. A. Cooper, A. Harber, C. Tyler, O. Brown, E. J. Tyler conductor, A. Plant, J. Malpass, T. Cooper. On June 5th, at St. Paul's church, 1260 Grandsire Triples. A. Cooper, G. Morgan, E. J. Tyler, W. Pardoe, J. A. Brown conductor, J. Adams, J. Malpass, A. E. Reed.

WICKEN (Northants).—On Saturday afternoon, June 21st, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Minor, but it came to grief after ringing four 720s in 2hrs. J. Read, jun., J. Read, sen., C. Valentine, R. Nichols, W. Tucker, H. Sear conductor. Longest length by J. Read, jun., and C. Valentine in any method, and longest length on the bells. Also 108 Grandsire Minor. J. Read, jun., J. Read, C. Valentine, H. Sear conductor, W. Tucker, R. Nichols.

WILLENHALL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, June 15th, 1008 Grandsire Triples. W. Trubshaw, E. Unitt, B. Hodson, S. Dace, J. Appleby conductor, J. Adams, J. A. Brown, A. E. Reed.

MACCLESFIELD PARISH CHURCH.

AN APPEAL FOR HELP.

DEAR SIR,—Would you kindly publish the following on behalf of W. W. Steel, one of our company. He has been one of our regular ringers for twelve years, and a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild for a like period. Nineteen months ago he was compelled to give up work, and has been pronounced to be suffering from locomotor ataxia. He has been a brass moulder by trade, and we can speak with confidence of his self-helpful character when he was well. He has a wife and four young children, and his long illness has been a terrible strain upon them.

Signed—LUCIUS SMITH, Vicar, W. WALMSLEY, Conductor, 88, High Street, who will gratefully receive subscriptions towards this needy case.

Mr. John Beams, of West Street, Ewell, Surrey, writes:—"For Sale, copies of Shipway's 'Campanologia' (the reprint), also the 'Clavis.' I do not wish it to be understood that by advertising these books for sale that I am collecting money, because it is not so. The above works on ringing are the property of a very old member of the exercise, William Sanders, and I should like to get a good price for the books; they are in good condition. Please address to John Beams, West Street, Ewell, Surrey."

WALDRON, SUSSEX.

CHOIR AND BELL RINGERS' DINNER.—This took place at the Star Inn on May 28th. About 20 sat down to a capital spread, including Mr. A. J. Turner, from Lewes, who was kindly invited. In the absence of the esteemed Rector, who was unwell, the chair was taken by Mr. Banister, schoolmaster, and the vice-chair by Mr. E. Jennings, captain of the ringers. After supper tobacco and cigarettes were placed on the table and smoking was indulged in. The first toast, proposed by Mr. Banister, was "The King and all the Royal Family."—After this had been honoured the Chairman remarked that all present would regret the absence of the Rector, who he was sure was very sorry to miss being present at such a gathering. He (the Chairman) had great pleasure in proposing his health and the toast was drunk most heartily.—After a few songs Mr. Banister proposed "The Health of the Ringers," coupling the name of Mr. Jennings.—Mr. Jennings responded and then proposed "The Members of the Choir." The Chairman thanked Mr. Jennings

for the kind words he had spoken and much regretted the absence of Mr. Kenward, churchwarden, whose health was then drunk.—A vote of thanks was then passed to Mrs. Oliver—in the absence of her husband, who was away at camp—for the excellent way she had catered that evening.—Mrs. Oliver responded in well-chosen words and hoped they would always be able to spend such a happy evening together.—Mr Turner's songs were much appreciated. Mr. Jennings enlivened the company with several songs, including "A box of Cockle's pills." Songs were sung by several others and Mr. Turner gave a recitation. The singing of the National Anthem brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

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PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED

CHIEF OFFICE: HOLBORN BARS, LONDON.

Summary of the Report presented at the Fifty-third Annual Meeting, held on 6th March, 1902.

ORDINARY BRANCH.—The number of Policies issued during the year was 76,831, assuring the sum of £7,575,835, and producing a New Annual Premium Income of £389,776.

The Premiums received during the year were £3,489,955, being an increase of £167,613 over the year 1900.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,563,775. The number of Deaths was 6,723, and 6,105 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 651,558.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £5,529,461, being an increase of £81,764.

The Claims of the year amounted to £2,104,939. The number of Deaths was 211,670, and 2,227 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policy-holders of five years' standing who desired to discontinue their payments was 74,798, the number in force being 771,279. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 17,880.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 14,334,820; their average duration exceeds nine and a half years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shewn in the Balance Sheet, are £43,292,026, being an increase of £3,396,698 over those of 1900.

The Staff Provident Fund, which was founded in 1898 for the benefit of the outdoor staff, shews a satisfactory increase for the year, the total amount standing to the credit of the Fund being £101,900.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, on the 31st December, 1901.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Shareholder's capital	1,000,000	0	0	British Government Securities.. .. .	3,554,093	7	5
Ordinary Branch Funds.. .. .	22,660,953	10	2	Indian and colonial government securities ..	4,194,854	6	7
Industrial Branch Fund	18,274 017	18	6	Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks	3,050,669	14	6
Reserve Fund	900,000	0	0	Loans on County Council, Municipal and other rates	9,340,533	17	11
Investments reserve Fund	250,000	0	0	Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties	3,317,456	3	10
Claims under life policies admitted	207,054	18		Freehold and leasehold property	2,293,593	5	10
				Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom	5,809,857	10	7
				Railway, Gas, and Water Stocks	6,109,593	16	0
				Suez Canal shares	167,677	11	7
				Telegraph and other shares	81,715	3	9
				Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, and City of London bonds	339,332	17	1
				Bank of England stock	200,559	18	6
				Colonial and Foreign corporation stocks ..	332,538	5	7
				Foreign government securities	1,106,291	17	7
				Reversions and Life Interests.. .. .	923,844	14	4
				Loans on the Company's policies	1,148,138	11	0
				Rent charges	181,975	10	5
				Outstanding premiums.. .. .	467,379	9	6
				Cash in hands of superintendents and agents balances	41,172	11	0
				Outstanding interest and rents	341,910	8	8
				Cash—on deposit, on current accounts, and in hand	288,837	5	8
	£43,292,026	7	4		£43,292,026	7	4

THOS. C. DEWEY,
WILLIAM HUGHES, } Joint General Managers.

D. W. STABLE, Secretary.

EDGAR HORNE, Chairman,
HENRY A. HARBEN,
THOMAS WHARRIE, } Directors.

Notices.

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The Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting of the Association will be held at Mytholmroyd, to-day, Saturday, July 12th. Bells ready from noon. Business meeting in schoolroom at 6 o'clock.

WRIGHT INGHAM, Sec.

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shipley, to-day, Saturday, July 12th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.30. A conveyance will be at West Grinstead Station at 3.30 to meet trains

H. EVANS, Div. Sec.

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The North Notts. Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at East Markham to-day, Saturday, July 12th. Tea 12. per head at 5 p.m. B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.

The Heavy Woollen District Association. A committee meeting of the above Association will be held at The Butcher's Arms, Armitage Bridge, to-day, Saturday, July 12th, to choose the judges for the six-bell contest to be held at Armitage Bridge on Saturday, Aug. 2nd Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. The usual meeting will be held at the same place as soon as the above meeting is over.

WALTER IDLE, Secretary.

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will be held at Boyne Hill on Monday, July 14th. Mattins at 11. Preacher—the Archdeacon of Buckingham. Business meeting at 12. Dinner at 1. For dinner tickets, price 2s., apply to A. H. Cocks, Esq., Poynetts, Skirmett, Henley-on-Thames.

R. H. HART-DAVIS.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—The annual festival will take place on Monday, July 14th, at Hersham, Surrey (Walton and Hersham Station, London and South-Western Railway). Annual meeting at the parish room at 11 a.m. Service at 12.30; Preacher—Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Vicar of Thorpe. Dinner in the village hall at 1.30, only provided for those supplied with tickets. The belfry of the parish church will be open from 9 to 10 a.m., and at intervals. For other towers available see programme. All claims for expenses incurred must reach me by August 1st.

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS, Hon. Sec.
Bursledon Vicarage, Southampton.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Association will be held at Pentre on Saturday, July 19th, at 4.30 p.m.

REV. C. L. PRICE, Hon. Sec.

J. H. ALDRIDGE, Asst Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Lewis-ham District.—Important.—The Rector of Crayford has been unavoidably compelled to withdraw his permission for the meeting to take place at Crayford on July 19th, as announced in this column last week. Arrangements have therefore been made to hold the meeting at Erith instead. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. All other arrangements as previously announced.

P. E. BEX, Hon. Dis. Sec.
Barnehurst, Bexley Heath.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting of

this Association will be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, July 19th, by kind permission of the Rev. J. Cullin. The bells will be raised about 4 o'clock. Members and friends of the Association are cordially invited.

ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will take place at Halewood on Saturday, July 19th. Bells ready at 4. C. A. CLEMENTS, Secretary.
5, Marsden Road, Southport.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's parish church, Bury, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells open at 3. Meeting at 6.30. Z. LORD.

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Mr. Bance's, The Queen's Head, Broadway, Mitcham, on Saturday, July 19th. The bells of the parish church (8), by kind permission of the Vicar, will be open for the use of members and friends from 3 o'clock. Tea will precede the meeting at Mr. Bance's at 6 p.m.

CHAS. DEAN, JUN., Hon. Sec.
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Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Audley, on Saturday, July 19th. Members intending to be present must send word to Mr. C. B. Wareham, Church Street, Audley.

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly and annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 22nd, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As an amount of important business requires consideration, every member is earnestly requested to attend.

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at Hellingly on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 3 to 5.30, and 7 to 9. Tea at Station hotel at 5.30. A postcard by the 23rd inst. from members intending to be present will oblige the Secretary. Usual travelling allowance to members.

S. SAKER, Hon. Sec.

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Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Taunton, on Saturday, July 26th. Agenda: Resignation of Hon. Sec. and other important business.

A. J. H. ILES, Hon. Sec.

The Essex Association.—South Western Division.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Loughton, on Saturday, July 26th. Further particulars next week.

THOS. FAULKNER, Dist. Sec.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Gloucester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Mitcheldean on Saturday, July 26th. Full particulars next week.

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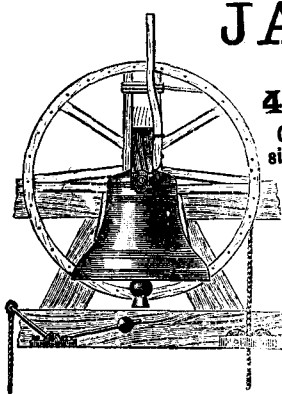
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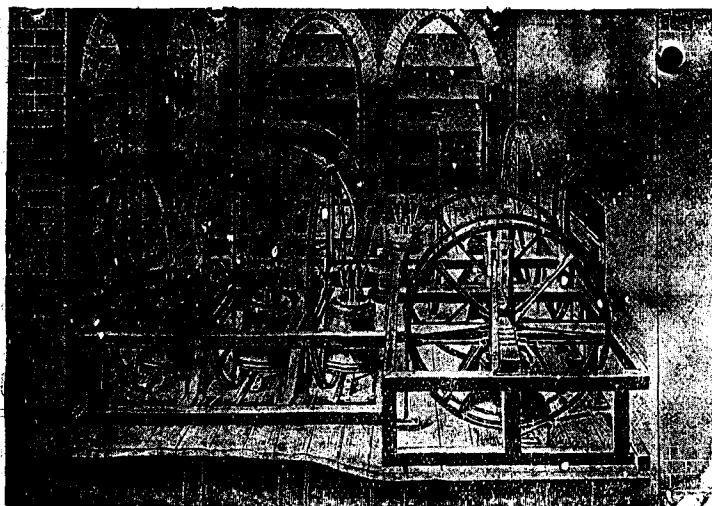
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In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN (Kent). St. Peter. Kent County Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Mears, 1890; 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th by Pack and Chapman, 1775. Tenor, 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 5 in. by Warner, 1886. Timber frame. Bells go well. No repairs since trebles were hung in 1890. Ropes new 1895, fair. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 2nd and 4th in month 9.45 to 10.30 and 2.15 to 3.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.30, during the winter months.

BOXFORD. Eight bells. No return.

BOYNE HILL (Berks). All Saints. Oxford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1867. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Timber frame. Bells go very well. Repaired by Blackburn; no date given. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing 10.30 to 11 and 6.30 to 7 except during Lent. Practice: Thursday, 8, from October to March, inclusive.

BRADFORD (Yorks). St. Peter. Eight bells. No return.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON (Wilts). Holy Trinity. Eight bells. No return.

BRAINTREE (Essex). St. Michael. Essex Association. Eight bells. The trebles by Warner, 1899, and the rest by Mears, 1858. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Originally a ring of six with tenor 22 cwt. Several of the bells having been cracked by clocking, the whole were recast into a lighter ring of eight, the deduction of metal balancing the cost of new frame and rehanging. Bells go excellently. Ropes new 1896, good. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob, and many Minor methods. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.45 and 5.45

to 6.15; voluntary. Practice: Monday and Wednesday, 7. Ringing-chamber is in excellent order.

BRANCEPETH (Durham). St. Brandon. Durham and Newcastle Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1888. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. The whole new 1888. Ropes good. No half-pull ringing: Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 10.45, and 6.10 to 6.30. No regular practice.

BRAUGHING (Herts). St. Peter. Eight bells. No return.

BRAUNTON (Devon). St. Mary. Eight bells. No return.

BRECON. St. Mary. Hereford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Rudhall, 1753. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Rehung in new frame with all new fittings by Taylor, 1894. Ropes new 1894, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 5.30 to 6.30; also 10 to 11 on 1st in month. Practice: Thursday, 8.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5th, a quarterly and committee meeting was held in beautiful weather at Upton-on-Severn. Upwards of 40 members were present. Evening was said at 5 p.m. in the beautiful new church, by the Rev. F. J. W. Taverner, and an appropriate address delivered by the Rector, the Rev. Arthur Beal, M.A. Amongst those present we noticed Gen. Sir Charles C. Johnson, G.C.B., who we are pleased to state is taking a deep interest in the bells and ringers at the above named place.

The minutes of the previous quarterly meeting were read and confirmed. Several new members were added to the roll. Redditch was selected as the place for next meeting in September. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. Arthur Beal for the interest he had taken in making the arrangements so complete for the meeting, for his able address at the service in the church, for presiding, for the use of the schoolroom, tower and bells, also for the splendid meat tea which had been provided free. The rev. gentleman in reply thanked the members for the votes of thanks, and was very pleased to meet with them, and hoped to do so again on some future occasion. The members then adjourned to the Town Hall, where the good things provided and a staff of waiters and waitresses were in waiting. Grace having been said, the tables were somewhat relieved with the weight of the refreshments placed upon them. It was much to be regretted that owing to the long distance some of the members had to travel, they had no time to stay to take part in any ringing. Several touches in various methods were rung on the bells, which were half-muffled as a mark of respect to a late churchwarden whose remains had been interred that day.

Review.

We have been favoured with a proof copy of an article on "Campanology," destined for inclusion in the second volume of the Appendix (vol. xxvi. of the whole work) to *The Times Encyclopædia Britannica*.

An article on the history of bells and their construction, etc., is to be found under the heading "Bell" in the 9th edition of the work, and the article now before us concerns itself mainly with a brief outline of "Campanology" in the sense in which it is most generally understood at present, that is in the sense of change-ringing. The writer (whose initials are the well-known ones "T. L. P.") arranges his subject-matter under the two main heads of (1st) change-ringing itself, and (2nd) its history, subdividing his first portion into the consideration of (a) the general principles of ringing; (b) the various numbers of changes; (c) methods; (d) composition; (e) musical properties; to which last he appends a brief digression on bell-tuning, with special reference to the principles enunciated by the late Prebendary Simpson.

It is only on the plan adopted in the opening of the subject, namely, that in which the general principles of change-ringing are explained, that we find anything to criticise. In the writing or preparation of a paper or lecture to be read or delivered to an audience with no print or diagrams before them, it is not always easy to decide how to tackle an explanation of change-ringing; but when, as in the present instance, it is an article for readers who will have it all down in black and white, we have always felt that by far the best way and quite as brief and concise in which to open the subject is to give a plain lead and explain how it is *pricked*, even going on, it may be, so far as to explain how the plain course is produced, taking for example, it is needless to remark, some perfectly plain method, such as Grandsire Doubles or Triples, or Plain Bob Minor, and *then* to go on to point out the path of the treble. This done, the path of any of the other bells, including an explanation of place-making and dodging, is at once a simple matter to explain and to understand. By the omission of any directions for pricking changes the author not only renders it no less easy for himself to explain the terms just mentioned, and others as well, but he leaves the would-be-learner to grope his way into the manner in which changes are written out. The writing out of changes is the surest way to an insight into the construction of a method, and is half the battle in learning to ring.

Having thus delivered ourselves we have only praise for everything that remains. The heads under which the author considers his subject have been mentioned above, and in a ringing periodical like our own, it is quite unnecessary to dwell at any length on the descriptions and general subject-matter of the various paragraphs, with all of which our readers are thoroughly familiar. We will therefore only note one or two particulars. The word "peal" in its various senses, right and wrong, is admirably described. This is followed by an explanation

of the terms Doubles, Triples, Minor, Major, etc., with an indication of the names of some of the principal methods. The author then touches on the subject of Composition, and makes mention of that which constitutes truth or falsity in composing. Passing on to musical considerations he has just one remark on the fact that on higher numbers of bells than seven a choice of musical changes becomes possible. We should have liked a word inserted here saying that this is accomplished by retaining the heavier bells in certain work, having the lighter five or six bells to make the necessary differences. Having noticed Prebendary Simpson's mode of tuning he brings his article to a close with an excellent *resume* of the history of change-ringing, and a glance at the literature of the subject. In this he mentions the chief ringing treatises of the present day, ending with the Central Council Glossary of Technical Terms. The whole article occupies about two pages and three-quarters (five-and-a-half columns of the Encyclopædia), and we congratulate the Editor in having secured such an able and useful article for his publication.

THE ST. MARY'S (WOOLWICH) SOCIETY.

An ideal day as regards the weather was that on Saturday, July 12th, which the ringers of the above church decided upon for their annual outing. The recent rains had freshened everything up, and the journey to Hastings was pleasant enough, and the country looked charming. The South-Eastern railway had reserved the accommodation, so that we all might be together. Arriving at our destination at 10.30, this gave us over eight hours to spend before it was time to return. A stroll along the promenade occupied the first hour, then we made for Christ Church, Blacklands, where the Vicar had kindly granted the use of the bells. Here Mr. Livermore met us and conducted us to the spacious ringing-chamber, and our ringers tested the "go" of the bells, which were all that could be desired, touches of Grandsire and Stedman being rung. At 1.30 by previous arrangement, we were to dine at The Criterion, and sat down to the number of seventeen. Mr. W. J. Aldridge presided, and was supported by Mr. R. G. Carter, justice being done to the excellent dinner provided by the hostess, everyone being thoroughly satisfied. The toast of "The health of the King" was first drank, and then Mr. Aldridge referred to a very pleasing duty he had to perform, and that was to present to Mr. J. E. Beaven (who was present) in the name of the band, a silver-mounted engraved ebony walking stick as a memento of their feelings toward him, and who had been compelled to resign his membership because he did not feel well enough to continue. This was supported by Mr. R. G. Carter, Mr. H. G. Hill, and Mr. E. O. Masters.

Mr. Beaven, in acknowledging their kindness, expressed in a few words his appreciation of their gift.

The afternoon was spent according to the wish of every individual, but all met at the station for the 7.5 train, and Woolwich was reached at 9.30 after a most enjoyable day.

We beg to thank through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" the Rev. Canon Hodges for the use of the bells; Mr. R. Saker for making the arrangements; and Mr. Livermore for having all things ready.

M,

A FEW DAYS WITH THE BOSTON AND FRIESTON RINGERS.

[BY A MEMBER OF THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.]

Thursday, June 26th, 1902, the day set apart for the Coronation of King Edward VII. (but the hand of the Almighty ruled it otherwise), was also set apart for the dedication service and re-opening of the bells of Frieston church, a remote country village down on the south-east of Lincolnshire, and though this was also put off, I had the pleasure of listening to the bells rung in peal, which reflects every credit upon the founders.

On Friday the worthy secretary of the East Lincolnshire Guild (Mr. T. J. Boyer), made all arrangements with the local company for a touch on Saturday evening. We journeyed there in good time on account of the heat of the day, and was amply repaid by a visit to the interior of the church, which is a fine structure of Norman architecture, and contains many relics of art and beauty. The font dates back to 1660, and has a fine carved oak canopy hanging over it. In the vestry I was shown an old oak chest in a perfect state of preservation bearing the date 1590 and lettered G B F T. The reredos was restored in memory of the late Vicar, the Rev. W. Collins, M.A. The lectern was given by Martha Brighty, in loving memory of her brother Thomas Bringeman, formerly a churchwarden of this church. There are eight stained glass windows on the south side of the church given by various gentlemen of the parish. Some three or four years ago while making excavations outside the church on the south side, a stone coffin was found in a perfect state of preservation, but which bore no inscription or date. We next paid a visit to the top of the tower, and right out in the distance was to be seen the waters of the mighty deep rolling up in majestic splendour from the German Ocean.

Everything up to this had passed off satisfactory, but on visiting the ringing-chamber a change came o'er the scene. A more dismal or miserable looking place it is not possible for any man to conceive. It has no light except from an oil lamp, and all the ventilation obtainable is from a hole made in the belfry floor. Here is a place for belfry reform, and should at once be taken in hand by those in authority. Not much ringing were done as we were labouring under the difficulties of light and heat. But three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles was rung, conducted by F. Sharp. The treble, which is a new bell, and cast by Warner and Sons, bears the following inscription:—"In memory of dear parents, George and Elizabeth Spurr." This bell was given June 26th, 1902, by Elizabeth Upsall.

The 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th bear the inscription: "God save the King," and date back to 1640.

The tenor bears the inscription: "Thomas Norris made me 1640, and was re-cast by John Warner and Sons, London, the cost being defrayed by the parishioners. In honour of God, and in memory of the Coronation of King Edward VII. Weight of tenor 15½."

We all wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Staflurth, for the use of the bells; also all the local company for their kind hospitality.

F. W.

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"AS OTHERS SEE US"

In a paper on "Work in Country Parishes," published in the *Guardian* of May 28th, 1902, the writer ("A Country parson"), after speaking of his dealings with the choir, thus comments upon the ringers:—

"The ringers, if one has a peal of bells, are apt to be more troublesome. I am a strong advocate for change-ringing, and have always taken an interest in the belfry, in which I hold that the clergy ought to show themselves, if not as ringers, as fairly frequent visitors. Yet I have more than once been almost tempted to throw the old thing up, and fall back upon a chiming apparatus that can be worked by one man; so exasperating are the jealousies, the unpunctuality, and the irregularity of the ringers. I have known seven men waiting in a belfry ready to ring, and the eighth ostentatiously walking about the churchyard because of some trifling huff: yet to go and ask or persuade him to come up would give him a fatal conviction of his own importance. They don't seem to mind this sort of thing themselves as much as you would expect; it is the way they all serve each other. But any one with a sense of the morality of keeping appointments gets much disgusted with it. Yet the ringers are excellent fellows in themselves and, as a rule, most respectable, though many people still think that they are not. I can only speak of them as I find them.

We often look at the clergy from the ringers' point of view; it is interesting, now and then, to get a clerical view of ringers.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Friday, July 4th, a few ringing friends of Mr. R. W. Small from Coseley, Dudley, Netherton, Tipton, and West Bromwich, met at St. Martin's tower, and after ringing several touches in the four standard methods, adjourned to The Court House inn, where the rest of the evening was spent in conviviality, the handbells being brought into requisition, several touches of Grandsire Triples, Caters and Royal being rung. Before parting the hearty good wishes of those assembled were tendered to Mr. Small, who sailed for America the following Tuesday, July 7th. Hopes were expressed that he would have a pleasant and safe voyage there, and thoroughly enjoy himself during his stay, and return much benefitted.

Obituary.

GEO. W. THORPE.

The death of the above took place on June 26th, and the body was interred at Walkley Cemetery, Sheffield, on Tuesday, July 1st. The deceased, who was but 20 years of age, and a member of the Walkley company, met with a slight accident a week previous, when it was found he was suffering from appendicitis, and he was at once removed to the Royal Hospital, where an operation was performed, from which he never recovered. In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, the burial service was read by the Rev. W. Lowndes (curate-in-charge), and the remains were carried to the grave by the members of the Walkley company and friends of the deceased. The following ringing members of the respective towers in Sheffield were also present to pay a last respect: W. Burgar, J. Mulligan, T. G. Sarel, J. Mulligan, J. Evinson, — Haynes. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by J. Evinson, John Mulligan, Jos. Mulligan, W. Burgar. Immediately after the service a 720 Bob Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled by L. Berrisford, J. Mulligan, J. Evinson, T. G. Sarel, S. F. Palmer, and W. Burgar conductor. Also 360 Bob Minor. F. Horsfield, J. Thorpe conductor, F. Burgar, G. Heward, W. Burgar, S. F. Palmer. And a course of Kent Treble Bob. S. F. Palmer, J. Mulligan, J. Evinson, T. G. Sarel, J. Dixon, W. Burgar. A beautiful artificial wreath in token of respect and sympathy was subscribed for by his brother ringers at Walkley, and in the city and district of Sheffield.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

The Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Council was held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Tuesday, May 20th. Forty-seven representative members were present out of eighty-five, representing twenty-five out of thirty-four Societies; and, of Hon. Members, six out of eleven.

The President, Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., occupied the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from the Rev. T. L. Papillon, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, the Rev. A. H. Boughey, and the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore.

The President moved, the Rev. F. E. Robinson seconded, and it was carried in silence, all the members standing; "That this meeting desires to place on record its sense of the irreparable loss which the Council has sustained by the death of the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. Henry Earle Bulwer, to whose commanding ability and untiring labour the firm position to which the Council has attained is so largely owing; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Bulwer with the expression of the Council's deep sympathy with herself and her family in their great sorrow."

The President moved, Mr. Snowdon seconded, and it was carried with acclamation, that the Rev. Charles D. P. Davies be elected to the office of Hon. Secretary until the next meeting.

Statements were made respecting the muffled peals rung or attempted as tributes of respect to the late Hon. Secretary. The President moved, the Rev. F. E. Robinson seconded, and it was resolved, that the accounts be passed, viz.: Balance from last year, £74 18s. 9d.; Subscriptions, £10 17s. 6d.; Sale of Glossary, £53 7s. 3d.; Other sales, 9s. 5d.; making total receipts £139 12s. 11d. Expenditure: Printing Glossary, £34; Postages, reporting, etc., £5 19s. 5d.; making a total of £39 19s. 5d., and leaving a balance in hand of £99 13s. 6d. The Glossary account (included in the above), showed sales £53 17s. 3d.; Printing, £34; Carriage of parcels, £2 19s. 11d.; Balance of profit, £16 17s. 4d.; there being still a number of copies unsold.

On the motion of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, seconded by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter was elected an Hon. Member of the Council.

On the motion of Mr. J. S. Pritchett, seconded by Mr. C. H. Hattersley, Mr. T. Lockwood was re-elected an Hon. Member of the Council.

On the motion of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, seconded by Mr. G. Williams, it was resolved that it be an instruction to the Peal Collection Committee to proceed with the publication of the collection in instalments, the selection to be left in the hands of the Committee, and 1000 copies of each instalment to be printed.

On the motion of Mr. W. T. Cockerill, seconded by Mr. S. Reeves, it was resolved that the Committee on Legitimate Methods be requested to re-draft their report, and publish the same in "THE BELL NEWS" before the next meeting.

The President reported the progress of the work of the Committee on the Condition of Rings of Bells.

On the motion of Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by Mr. G. Williams, the Draft Rules for Belfries and Associations were adopted, subject to the addition of a paragraph to the latter recommending affiliation with the Central

Council, and it was resolved that 1000 copies of the Belfry Rules and 200 copies of the Association rules be printed.

Upon the motion of the President, seconded by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, it was resolved that the best thanks of the Council be accorded to the Mayor of Worcester for the use of the Guildhall.

In connection with a letter from Mr. Lindoff it was unanimously agreed that nothing in the rules of the Council precluded the affiliation of either Irish, Scotch or Welsh Associations.

Upon the motion of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, seconded by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, the following rules in regard to the performance of peals were agreed to *nem. con.*

That, to the conditions already laid down by the Council as constituting a legitimate peal, the following be added:—

- (1) That any shift, or other error in ringing, be immediately corrected.
- (2) That no call be made, or having been made be altered or withdrawn, later than during the change at which a call would properly take effect.
- (3) That no person other than those ringing in the peal shall take any part in the calling or in rectifying an error.
- (4) That, if more than one person shall ring any bell, the fact be stated in publishing and booking the peal.
- (5) That every bell must, during the peal, sound at every change.

That in the case of a peal rung to surpass a previous peal compliance with these further conditions is desirable:

- (1) That not less than 7 days' notice shall be given in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS" stating the tower, day, and hour, at which the attempt is to be made, and the number of changes proposed to be rung.
- (2) That similar notice shall be sent to the Conductor, or if he cannot be traced, to some member of the band who rang the peal which it is proposed to surpass; or if no member of the band can be traced, then to the Secretary of the Guild or Association under whose title the said peal was rung.
- (3) That a Sealed Copy of the figures of the proposed peal, which figures shall be strictly adhered to, be lodged, previous to the attempt, with the Secretary or other responsible officer of the Guild or Association under whose title the band is to ring; and that in the event of the peal being accomplished, such officer shall immediately forward direct to "THE BELL NEWS" for publication the said Sealed Copy unaltered; but that if the attempt shall prove unsuccessful, he shall instead return the Sealed Copy unopened to the Conductor.
- (4) That if possible a competent representative of each of the bands shall be present during the whole of the performance.
- (5) That, if the peal shall be completed, a statement on the following lines signed by each member of the band shall be prepared, which shall be shewn, if required, to the representative of the band whose peal has been surpassed:—

"We, the undersigned, hereby testify that, to the best of our belief, the peal of _____ rung at _____ on the _____ day of _____ 19____ was truly performed in accordance with the conditions for record peals laid down by the Central Council."

- (6) That any objection which may be taken to a peal be raised at the earliest date, and in no case after the lapse of three months, unless in respect of the truth of the composition, as to which the figures of the sealed copy shall be deemed conclusive evidence.

- (7) That each bell shall be rung throughout the peal by one and the same person.
- (8) That the Conductor shall not make use of written or printed matter as an aid to memory during the performance.
- (9) That no ringer shall have any refreshment handed to him while taking part in a peal.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee opened in an eloquent address a discussion on "Ringers as Church-goers; are we satisfied with the present standard of attendance?" The Rev. F. E. Robinson, Mr. King, Mr. Daniell, and Mr. Snowdon also spoke and infused interest into the subject.

The President reported that the Church Congress held at Brighton had placed "Ringing" on their list, and that he and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies read papers on the subject.

A vote of thanks to the President, moved by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and seconded by Mr. W. Snowdon, concluded the meeting.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held in the Christ Church schoolroom, Tunstall, on Saturday, July 5th. The Rev. J. W. Alston, Vicar of Cobridge, presided, members being present from Stoke, Hanley, Audley, Norton, Biddulph, Brownedge, Lawton, Leek, Kingsley, and Tunstall. Mr. W. Twigg (Hon. Sec.) read the annual report, which was considered to be very satisfactory, three new towers having joined during the year viz.: Hanley, Biddulph, and Brownedge; also several young members from other towers. The statement of accounts, which had been audited by Mr. Page, of Stoke, were also read by the secretary, which showed that the year began with a balance in hand of £21 7s. 3d., and the income during the year had been £11 9s. 1d., and the expenditure, including a grant of £5 towards the two new bells at Tunstall, £16 12s. 5d., leaving a balance in hand of £15 18s. 11d. On the proposition of Mr. Page, seconded by Mr. D. Preston, of Bucknall, the accounts were passed as satisfactory. The Chairman proposed, and Mr. H. Page seconded, the re-election of Archdeacon Lane as President, which was carried. The vice-presidents having been re-elected, Mr. H. Page proposed the re-election of the Rev. H. C. Frith, Hon. Clerical Secretary and Treasurer, and Mr. W. Twigg as Hon. Lay Secretary, and in doing so said he did not think they could have a better Secretary than Mr. Twigg. Mr. J. E. Wheeldon (Norton) seconded, and the proposition was carried unanimously. Mr. H. Page was re-elected chairman of committees. Four new members were elected at the meeting. After a vote of thanks to the chairman the members partook of a substantial tea provided by the ringers of Tunstall. Tea over the members made their way to the tower, where a peal-board, presented by the churchwardens to commemorate the ringing of a peal of Bob Triples, being the first on the bells since the addition of the two new bells, was unveiled by the Rev. H. P. Barchard, curate of Tunstall, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, who was away with the Sunday School children on their annual treat.

The members afterwards attended Evensong, when a very appropriate address was given by the Rev. J. W. Alston.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. D. H. Briggs, Vicar, for the use of the bells, the schoolroom, and the church, and also to the Tunstall ringers for the tea. The remainder of the evening was devoted to ringing.

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."

ASSOCIATIONS.

SIR,—Without wishing to make any comment on the subtleties passing between Mr. Drake and Mr. Tilney Bassett, as to which my attitude is that of the old Scotch woman who said "that she would not presume to understand the minister's sermon," will you allow me to suggest that in your editorial note you seem to me to have overlooked one very important point, when you ask whether it does not seem more in accordance with the fitness of things that a County Association should comprise members of the County alone.

It seems to me that an association exists in order that the members of it, whether regarded as local bands or individuals, should be able to obtain the greatest amount of practical and social advantage by the fact of associating. And it is evident that as the railway system is the fundamental element in producing this result, it has to be taken into serious consideration. Whatever the future development of the motor car or light railways may bring about, I venture to think that at present the first consideration which a local band should take, is that of satisfying themselves to which neighbouring Association the means of locomotion available to the public will enable them to fit in best.

R. A. DANIELL.

BOW BELLS.

SIR,—Your last issue contains an extract from the *Norfolk and Norwich Notes and Queries*, in which we are told that Bow Bells were cast from the same moulds as the St. Peter Mancroft bells at Norwich. This is either true or false. It may be true, but when a writer presents such a hopeless inaccuracy as to evolve out of his inner consciousness such a firm as *Peck and Chaplin*!!!! as former proprietors of the Whitechapel Foundry, the Exercise may reasonably ask to be certified on the point.

Will therefore Mr. Hughes, who knows all about the Whitechapel history, kindly inform us whether the statement is right or wrong?

R. A. DANIELL.

ST. PETER MANCROFT BELLS.

SIR,—St. Peter Mancroft bells were surely cast by Pack and Chapman and not by Peck and Chaplin. I can find no founders of that name in Stahlshmidt's "Surrey Bells and London Bell Founders," moreover Bow bells are larger, and until very late in the 19th century were but ten in number, and obviously a tenor of 53 cwt. could not be struck up from the same template as a bell of 43 cwt., to say nothing of the other bells of the peal. Information on this point will very greatly interest readers of "THE BELL NEWS."

JOHN B. HESSE.

THE SALISBURY GUILD AND HAMPSHIRE.

SIR,—I quite agree as to the trivial nature of this discussion. It was begun by a letter of Mr. Matthews to me on December 10th last; and though both Associations have resolved that no alterations be made, the Secretaries of each seem determined to damage their own towers. I have done all I could to prevent any change, and in return am actually told I wanted to start a rival Association. Why should Mr. Matthews be privileged above all other men to make insinuations he cannot substantiate and will not withdraw?

H. DRAKE.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 1902.

The suggestion we made last week relative to the geographical or diocesan status of the various ringing Guilds and Associations, has brought up our friend **MR. DANIELL**, who points out some existing conditions which militate against the proposal. Of course there are a many difficulties in the way; as there are in most movements for reform. But can it be said that an arrangement which allows members to come from all parts of the world is a good one and practically unsusceptible of improvement?

To many persons the *modus operandi* of selection among

cricketers for a match does not seem the best. A cricket match between Lancashire and Somersetshire, say, is often determined by the skill of people entirely from another county, say Notts. Yet are not the professionals belonging to Notts. made members, so to speak, of the county club they play for. Is such an arrangement to be commended?

It may be asked—"How does this apply?" Let us see. Companies are sometimes anxious to ring a peal in some method more difficult than is usual with them. They are short of a bob-caller. This does not stand long in their way. Some competent person is fixed upon, his expenses paid him, and he attends and calls the peal to order. It is considered necessary, so that such peal should be booked, that the professional gentleman should be made a member of the local Association. We are afraid this practice is growing, and it is an evil, we think. It would be prevented if the overlapping we are alluding to could be lessened or prevented.

Last week we inserted a cutting from a newspaper which had reference to the bells of St. Peter Mancroft. It appeared exactly as sent, without any revision. Why so? Because our readers might see another instance of people writing upon matters which they are not entirely acquainted with. We were under the impression that our readers would smile at the remark about the "same bell-moulds;" and the words "Peck and Chaplin" were certainly too good to be tampered with. The correspondence this week upon the subject will enlighten those who may not be aware that "Pack and Chapman," not the other people, were the great founders of Whitechapel; and that the statement about one ring of bells being cast in the "old moulds" of another is arrant nonsense.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

Thorington church bells will be re-opened on Wednesday next, July 23rd. Dedication Service at 2 p.m. Coronation festivities to follow in the afternoon. The bells will be available for ringing all the afternoon. All ringers will be made welcome, by giving notice by Tuesday 22nd.

W. J. NEVARD.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 12, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, HIGHGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST PYE Treble.	THOMAS TITCHENER 5.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 2.	WILLIAM PYE 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7.
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On Saturday, July 12, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; REV. E. B. JAMES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

JESSE B. TYLER Treble.	HARRY WHITTLE 5.
FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. 2.	JAMES L. WELLS 6.
WALTER FERN 3.	ALBERT MOULT 7.
THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 4.	JOHN RAWSON Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK G. BURLEIGH.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 12, 1902, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

REV. A. T. BEESTON .. Treble.	TOM MARSHALL 5.
ALFRED BARNES 2.	GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. 6.
WILLIAM BRAMMER 3.	JOHN W. BAYLEY 7.
HIRAM MEAKIN 4.	EDWARD READER Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
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THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 12, 1902, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 27 cwt.

CYRIL HERBERT Treble.	MORTIMER MATTHEWS .. 5.
ALBERT NASH 2.	ERNEST HERBERT 6.
FRED NASH 3.	WALTER CHIBNALL 7.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 4.	JOSEPH NICHOLS Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal. First peal on the bells by the Association.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.

On Saturday, July 12, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

THOMAS ARROW Treble.	ADRIAN R. BOTTING .. 5.
JAMES JUDD 2.	JOHN ANSELL 6.
WILLIAM H. JUDD 3.	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. 7.
GEORGE THOMPSON .. 4.	WILLIAM SHORT Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 12, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; LATES'S ONE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING .. Treble.	ERNEST ALLEN 5.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 2.	JOHN HOYLE 6.
CHARLES HAZELDEN .. 3.	JAMES HUNT 7.
JOHN J. JONES 4.	†ALFRED WINCH Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

†First peal. Rang as a welcome home to Lord Kitchener.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 12, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THUPSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE ALLDER Treble.	PHILBERT W. WILKINS .. 5.
JOHN BASDEN 2.	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 6.
JESSE ELDRIDGE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 4.	JAMES W. WILKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sunday, July 13, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s called two different ways. Tenor 9 cwt.

ROBERT HUTTON Treble.	†EDGAR R. FULLER 4.
GEORGE SMITH, SEN. .. 2.	W. L. DUFFIELD 5.
JOHN WILSON† 3.	GEORGE SMITH, JUN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by R. HUTTON.

†First peal. The ringer of the 4th had never rung a 720 before.

Miscellaneous.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

WENHASTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, June 14th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Taylor, A. Miles, J. Youngs, S. Ellis, G. Eastaugh conductor, T. S. King. Also three courses of Oxford Treble Bob. G. Eastaugh, A. Miles, W. Taylor, S. Ellis, J. Youngs, T. S. King.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

OLDBURY.—On Thursday evening, June 12th, at Christ Church, for special practice, 1330 Grandsire Triples, taken from Penning's one-part, in 48 mins. S. Bowcutt, A. Lees, R. Hall, J. W. Parish, T. Harris, J. Jaggar conductor, J. Tilley, A. Knight. These bells were rung on the Sunday after the evening service, and also on the Monday, in celebration of the Peace rejoicings.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WICKHAM (Hants).—Recently, 720 Bob Minor. W. Holmes, W. Langford, W. Singleton, W. Churcher, N. Welch, G. E. Chappell conductor. And 720 Grandsire. H. Merritt, W. Langford, W. Singleton, W. Holmes, W. Churcher, G. E. Chappell conductor. A 720 Bob Minor. H. Merrett, W. Singleton, W. Langford, W. Churcher, N. Welch, G. E. Chappell conductor. On April 2nd, 720 Grandsire Minor. H. Merrett, W. Singleton, W. Langford, N. Welch, W. Churcher, G. E. Chappell conductor. A 720 Bob Minor. H. Merrett, W. Singleton, W. Cooper, W. Churcher, J. W. Whiting, G. E. Chappell conductor. And 720 Oxford. N. Welch, W. Singleton, W. Cooper, W. Churcher, G. E. Chappell conductor, J. W. Whiting. By a local band, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, non-conducted. H. W. Merrett, W. Singleton, W. Langford, G. E. Chappell, N. Welch, H. J. Smith. On May 2nd, 720 Bob Minor. H. Merrett, W. Singleton, W. Langford, N. Welch, G. E. Chappell conductor, W. F. Churcher. On June 3rd, 720 Bob Minor. H. Merrett, W. Langford, W. Cooper, W. Singleton, G. E. Chappell conductor, W. F. Churcher. And 720 Oxford Bob. H. Merrett, W. Singleton, W. Cooper, N. Welch, W. F. Churcher, G. E. Chappell conductor. This was N. Welch's first 720 of Oxford, and great credit is due to him, it being his second attempt.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Monday, June 2nd, at the parish church, on the occasion of peace being restored in South Africa, a peal in seven different Treble Bob Minor methods was attempted, but it had to be abandoned after ringing two 700s owing to the bad go of the 4th. T. Weller, E. Jordan, T. M. Stedman, C. Taylor, J. Akehurst, F. Tullett conductor. The bells were also rung on Sunday, June 8th, before the Thanksgiving Service in the morning.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, June 15th, for Divine Service at St. Thomas's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. A. Cave, H. A. Poole, G. Price, R. H. Leaker, F. G. Cooper, A. W. Brighton conductor, F. Leader, S. Abram. At St. Nicholas, after morning service, 560 For-

ward Royal. F. G. May conductor, F. W. Elles, A. W. Brighton, J. Thomas, H. Pring, W. Knight, J. Hinton, J. Burford, H. H. Tucker, W. A. Cave. For evening service at St. Stephen's, 280 Forward Royal and 360 Cambridge Surprise Royal. C. H. Horton, J. Hinton, G. Jaynes, F. G. May conductor, J. Thomas, W. Knight, C. H. Tomkins, C. H. Gordon, J. Burford, A. W. Brighton. At St. Mary Redcliffe, after evening service, 1191 Stedman Cinques, in 43 mins. A. W. Brighton, F. G. May, J. Thomas, J. Hinton, A. Stowell, C. H. Gordon, F. W. Elles, J. Burford, C. H. Tomkins, G. T. Daltry, W. A. Cave conductor, F. J. Cooper. Tenor 50 cwt

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STEDHAM.—On Saturday, July 12th, 720 each of Bob Minor, Duke of York and Kent. C. Best, W. R. Madgwick, E. J. Boxall, H. Churchill, A. B. Bennett, T. Stroud conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OXENHOPE (Yorks).—On Monday, June 2nd, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins., two 720s of Oxford Treble Bob, the first in 27 mins. and the 2nd in 28 mins. W. B. Smith, A. Howley, J. W. Nicholson, A. Smith, C. A. Pawson, J. Almond. Rung on the occasion of the declaration of peace in South Africa. The ringers wish to thank Mrs. Pawson, of Fern Hill, Oxenhope, for providing a good breakfast at 9.15.

WATH-ON-DEARNE.—On Saturday, June 7th, 720 each of College Pleasure and London Scholars', 240 each of Arnold's Victory and Kent Treble Bob Minor, 120 each of College New Treble and Killamsh Treble Bob. E. G. Nicholls, A. Crossman, W. Allwood, W. Lambert conductor, R. J. Ricketts, A. Nash. Also 120 Violet. W. Allwood, R. J. Ricketts, A. Nash, W. Lambert, E. G. Nicholls, A. Crossman. On Sunday, June 8th, 720 and 432 Tulip, 360 and 120 Primrose. J. Aaron, A. Crossman, R. J. Ricketts, W. Lambert conductor, W. Allwood, A. Nash. On Tuesday, June 10th, 288 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Lambert, E. G. Nicholls, R. J. Ricketts, A. Nicholls, W. Allwood, A. Nash conductor. On Sunday, June 15th, 240 Duke of York. J. Aaron, E. G. Nicholls, R. J. Lambert conductor, A. Nash, W. Allwood. And 240 Sandal Exercise. J. Aaron, A. Crossman, R. J. Ricketts, W. Lambert conductor, A. Nash, W. Allwood. On Tuesday, June 17th, 120 each Treble Bob Minor, Snowdrop, Morning Pleasure, Queen Bess, York Miuster, York Delight, College New Treble, Killamsh Treble Bob, Morning Exercise. J. Aaron, A. Crossman, R. J. Ricketts, W. Lambert conductor, A. Nash, W. Allwood. Also 120 each of Violet and Duke of York, and 72 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A. Crossman, E. Nicholls, R. J. Ricketts, W. Allwood, A. Nash, W. Lambert conductor. On Sunday, June 22nd, 240 Primrose. J. Aaron, A. Crossman, R. J. Ricketts, W. Lambert conductor, D. Brearley, W. Allwood. 180 Bob Minor. A. Brearley, A. Nash, R. J. Ricketts, W. Lambert conductor, D. Brearley, W. Allwood. And 240 London Scholars' Pleasure. J. Aaron, A. Crossman, R. J. Ricketts, A. Nash, D. Brearley, W. Lambert conductor.

WALKLEY, SHEFFIELD (Yorks).—On Thursday, May 29th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. F. W. Horsfield, J. Thorpe, L. Berrisford, S. F. Palmer, G. W. Thorpe, W. Bugar conductor. This is the first 720 by F. W. Horsfield, who was proposed and seconded a member of the above Association previous to starting.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

BRIXTON (Surrey).—On Monday, June 2nd, at the church of St. John the Divine, Vassall Road, the bells were fired for the peace rejoicings, and touches of Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire rang by the above. Afterwards a well-struck 518 Grandsire Triples was rung strictly non-conducted. B. E. Battrum, W. Shepherd, F. G. Perrin, E. H. Oxenham, J. E. Davis, H. Langdon, F. J. Shepherd, H. Peck.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ARLSEY (Beds).—On Saturday, June 2nd, an attempt for a peal for a peal came to grief after ringing 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 1440 Kent Treble Bob, and 500 Oxford. J. Hare, G. D. Coleman, W. Finedon, L. Flint, S. Coleman, C. R. Lilley conductor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

WALTHAM (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, February 22nd, 720 Bob Minor. J. W. Chapman, J. Bell, A. W. Long, P. Long, J. W. Seamer, G. Wheldon conductor. Also another 720 by the same company, J. W. Seamer conductor. On Thursday, May 1st, 720 Minor. H. Fuller, G. Wheldon, E. Daddy, A. W. Long, J. W. Seamer conductor, W. Heyhoe. On Friday, May 2nd, 2520 Grandsire Triples. W. E. Meffin, G. Wheldon conductor, A. Abbott, A. W. Long, P. Long, J. W. Seamer, W. Hollingsworth, J. Bell. Also 720 Bob Minor. W.

Meffin, J. Bell, C. Abbott, J. W. Seamer, P. Long, A. W. Long conductor. On May 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. E. Meffin, J. Bell, E. Abbott, A. W. Long, P. Long, J. W. Seamer, G. Wheldon conductor, S. G. Steeles. And 224 Triples. J. W. Seamer conductor.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday morning, March 9th, for Divine Service, 1312 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 53 mins. F. S. W. Butler, E. Collingburn, G. Swannack, G. R. Winter, T. Spurr, H. Warburton, H. Haigh conductor, G. Wilson.

EAST RETFORD (Notts).—On Easter Sunday evening, for Divine Service, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 50 mins. A. Swannack, E. Collingburn, A. T. Winter, R. Miles, G. W. D. Metcalfe, G. R. Winter, H. Haigh conductor, H. Warburton. On Sunday, April 27th, for morning service, 252 Bob Triples. A. Swannack, A. T. Winter, F. W. Abbott, R. Miles, G. W. Metcalfe, G. R. Winter, J. B. Joynes conductor, R. F. Bescoby. On Monday, June 2nd, to commemorate the proclamation of peace in South Africa, 1260 Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. A. Swannack, E. Collingburn, A. T. Winter, G. Swannack, G. R. Winter, H. Warburton, J. B. Joynes conductor, R. Miles.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

KNOWLE (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, July 12th, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins. J. Johnson, E. T. Allaway, H. F. Street, W. Bryant, T. Miller, A. E. Pegler conductor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Saturday, May 31st, at St. George's church, 416 Double Norwich. J. L. Robinson, A. Barnes, Rev. A. T. Beeston, H. Meakin, F. Holt, T. Marshall, J. W. Bayley, E. Reader. Also 380 Superlative Surprise. G. D. Warburton, H. Meakin, A. Barnes, F. Holt, T. Marshall, Rev. A. T. Beeston, J. W. Bayley, E. Reader conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Lieutenant-Colonel Leah, who was an honorary member of the above Guild, and a much-respected townsman, being a churchwarden at St. Mary's parish church for thirty-two years.

SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL SOCIETY.

WELLINGTON.—On Monday, June 2nd, at All Saints' church, 980 Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins. J. Rowley, T. Pritchard, R. Nicholls, J. Evason, R. Rowley, E. Childs, J. L. Wells, G. Moore. On Sunday, June 8th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. J. Rowley, J. Evason, R. Nicholls, J. Peach, T. Pritchard, E. Childs, J. L. Wells, G. Moore. Both touches conducted by J. L. Wells, who bails from Swindon.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA.—On Tuesday, June 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, on the back six. F. Brand, J. J. Peake, J. G. Waddy, A. Morton, J. T. Frenchum, R. Briscoe conductor. 642 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. J. Clarkson conductor, J. Newton, R. Alcock, Rev. W. P. Wright, W. Whittle, W. Rudd, J. H. Blakiston, T. Metcalfe. A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Carter, T. Metcalfe, J. Baxter. W. Rudd, A. McFarlane, W. Porter, J. H. Blakiston conductor, W. Walland. 1024 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. H. Stephenson, R. Moncaster, N. Kidd, J. W. Newton, Rev. W. P. Wright, F. P. Howcroft, W. Newton, G. J. Clarkson conductor. 336 Double Norwich, J. Hall, W. J. Titchener, T. Metcalfe, W. Newton, J. Carter, W. Rudd, J. H. Blakiston, A. McFarlane. 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Stephenson, R. Haswell, R. Briscoe, J. Baxter conductor, W. D. Lister, F. Howcroft, W. Newton, W. Porter.

ASHOVER (Derbyshire).—On Monday, June 2nd, at the peace rejoicings, 720 Bob Minor. C. B. Johnson, A. Tomlinson, G. Beardow, W. Buxton conductor, G. Eastwood, W. Hopkinson.

ASHLEWORTH (Gloucestershire).—On Thursday, April 24th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Doubles. S. Roberts, J. M. Turner, W. Etheridge, B. Etheridge conductor, F. Belcher, G. Finch. Also 620. B. Etheridge conductor, J. M. Turner, W. Etheridge, J. C. Clarke, F. Belcher, O. Tinfley. And two 480s and 360 by the same.

BLETHLEY (Bucks).—On June 2nd, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, 7-6-8 behind. H. Sear, A. N. Atkins, L. Meager, E. Marks, F. Hedges conductor, F. Sear, H. Thurlow, F. Goodman. On June 5th, 360 Grandsire Doubles, 4-6-8 behind. F. Hedges conductor, H. Sear, L. Meager, F. Sear, E. Marks, J. Atkins, A. N. Atkins, F. Goodman. On Saturday, June 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. N. Atkins, H. Sear conductor, L. Meager, W. Tucker, F. Hedges,

N. Alderman, E. Marks, F. Goodman. And 168 in the same method. F. Sear, L. Meager, C. Valentine, W. Tucker, E. Marks, N. Alderman, F. Hedges conductor, A. N. Atkins. On Sunday, June 8th, for Peace Thanksgiving Service, 480 Grandsire Doubles, 4-6-8 behind. A. Crance, H. Sear, K. Meager, F. Sear, E. Marks, A. N. Atkins, F. Hedges conductor, H. Thurlow. And 518 Grandsire Triples. A. Crance, F. Hedges conductor, L. Meager, H. Sear, A. N. Atkins, E. Marks, W. Tucker, H. Thurlow.

CLIFTON (Beds).—Recently 120 Bob Doubles. A. Daniel, L. Harlow, J. Hare, W. Finedon, A. Pratt, T. Ireland. Another 120. A. Daniel, L. Harlow, R. Musgrave, M. Finedon, C. R. Lilley, T. Ireland.

ERDINGTON (Warwickshire).—On June 2nd a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 46 mins. H. Witchell, J. Jennings, W. Ward, E. Stringer, F. Fay, B. Witchell, G. Swann conductor, T. Ward.

GOSPORT.—On Sunday, April 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Wales, R. Brown, R. Fuge, B. Clark, H. Reynolds, A. Clark, F. Burnett conductor, J. White. On May 10th, 419 Grandsire. F. Wales, A. Clark, R. Fuge, B. Clark, H. Reynolds, A. Coombes, F. Burnett conductor, R. Brown. On Sunday, May 17th, 672 Grandsire. A. Clark, B. Clark, R. Fuge, H. Reynolds, R. Brown, A. Coombes, F. Burnett, J. White. On Sunday, June 8th, 504 in the same method. F. Wales, A. Clark, R. Fuge, B. Clark, R. Brown, H. Ford, F. Burnett, R. Gardner. For evening service, 616 Grandsire Triples. F. Wales, A. Clark, H. Reynolds, B. Clark, R. Brown, H. Ford, F. Burnett composer and conductor, R. Fuge. On Thursday, June 12th, a quarter-peal in the same method. A. Clark, H. Reynolds, R. Fuge, B. Clark, H. Westbrook, R. Gardner, F. Burnett conductor, R. Brown.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Sunday, June 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. A. H. Ward conductor, W. Bellamy, E. Robinson, J. Wooley, G. Horton, A. Coppock, J. Pagett, G. H. Rawding.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Sunday morning, June 1st, for Divine Service at the parish church, 518 Grandsire Triples. T. Cure, H. Street, F. Pallett, T. W. Chapman conductor, H. Cure, H. Argyle, E. T. Allaway, J. Ballard. For evening service 342 Bob Major. F. Pallett, H. Cure, H. F. Street, G. Winter, H. Argyle, T. W. Chapman conductor, J. T. Clarke, E. T. Allaway. And 168 Stedman Triples. H. Cure, H. F. Street, E. T. Allaway, G. Winter, H. Argyle, J. T. Clarke, T. W. Chapman, F. Pallett. Also 112 Grandsire Triples. T. Cure, H. F. Street, E. T. Allaway, G. Winter, H. Argyle, J. T. Clarke conductor, A. E. Clayfield, J. Goodyear.

MARGATE (Kent).—On Sunday, June 8th, by the local company, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Eves, A. H. Saxby, Rev. A. L. Brine, J. Blytheman, C. W. Player, J. Larkins, S. G. Twyman conductor, E. Float. Tenor 22½ cwt.

WELLS (Somerset).—On Thursday, May 29th, at St. Cuthbert's church, on the occasion of the triennial meeting at the Theological College, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. T. T. Hayward, E. G. Such, J. F. Holloway, A. E. Mills, Rev. W. M. K. Warren, C. H. Shearn conductor, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, W. Farley.

WINLATON (Durham).—On Sunday evening, June 1st, for Divine Service, 720 Double Oxford in 26 mins. P. Jones, B. Jones, G. Ross, Z. Scott, J. Smith, W. C. Bennett conductor.

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A. Morton, J. G. Woddy, being the first conducted by J. G. Woddy. On Friday, April 25th, 1902, a 720 of Bob Minor, was rung by R. Underwood, J. T. Frenchum, R. Briscoe, A. Morton, J. Peake, J. G. Woddy, conducted by J. G. Woddy, being the first 720 by J. Peake on the 5th. Sunday evening, May 4th, 1902, 720 of Bob Minor by J. Kinchin, A. Morton, J. T. Frenchum, J. G. Woddy, J. Hutchinson, R. Briscoe, (conductor). This is the first 720 by J. Kinchin. Sunday Evening, May 11th, 1902, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob by, T. Thirkell, F. Brand, J. G. Woddy, J. T. Frenchum, J. Hutchinson, A. Norton, (conductor). First 720 of Kent with a bob bell. by J. Hutchinson.

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The Premiums received during the year were £3,489,955, being an increase of £167,613 over the year 1900.

The Claims of the year amounted to £1,563,775. The number of Deaths was 6,723, and 6,105 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 651,558.

INDUSTRIAL BRANCH.—The Premiums received during the year were £5,529,461, being an increase of £81,764.

The Claims of the year amounted to £2,104,939. The number of Deaths was 211,670, and 2,227 Endowment Assurances matured.

The number of Free Policies granted during the year to those Policy-holders of five years' standing who desired to discontinue their payments was 74,798, the number in force being 771,279. The number of Free Policies which became Claims during the year was 17,880.

The total number of Policies in force at the end of the year was 14,334,820; their average duration exceeds nine and a half years.

The Assets of the Company, in both branches, as shewn in the Balance Sheet, are £43,292,026, being an increase of £3,396,698 over those of 1900.

The Staff Provident Fund, which was founded in 1898 for the benefit of the outdoor staff, shews a satisfactory increase for the year, the total amount standing to the credit of the Fund being £101,960.

General Balance Sheet of the Prudential Assurance Company, Limited, on the 31st December, 1901.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Shareholder's capital	1,000,000	0	0	British Government Securities.. ..	3,554,093	7	5
Ordinary Branch Funds.. .. .	22,660,953	10	2	Indian and colonial government securities ..	4,194,854	6	7
Industrial Branch Fund	18,274,017	18	6	Railway and other debentures and debenture stocks	3,050,669	14	6
Reserve Fund	900,000	0	0	Loans on County Council, Municipal and other rates	9,340,533	17	11
Investments reserve Fund	250,000	0	0	Freehold ground rents and Scotch feu duties ..	3,317,456	3	10
Claims under life policies admitted	207,054	18		Freehold and leasehold property	2,293,593	5	10
				Mortgages on property within the United Kingdom	5,809,857	10	7
				Railway, Gas, and Water Stocks	6,109,593	16	0
				Suez Canal shares	167,677	11	7
				Telegraph and other shares	81,715	3	9
				Metropolitan Consolidated Stock, and City of London bonds	339,332	17	1
				Bank of England stock	200,559	18	6
				Colonial and Foreign corporation stocks	332,538	5	7
				Foreign government securities	1,106,291	17	7
				Reversions and Life Interests.. .. .	923,844	14	4
				Loans on the Company's policies	1,148,138	11	0
				Rent charges	181,975	10	5
				Outstanding premiums.. .. .	467,379	9	6
				Cash in hands of superintendents and agents balances	41,172	11	0
				Outstanding interest and rents	341,910	8	8
				Cash—on deposit, on current accounts, and in hand	288,837	5	8
	£43,292,026	7	4		£43,292,026	7	4

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Notices.

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The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Association will be held at Pentre to-day, Saturday, July 19th, at 4.30 p.m.

REV. C. L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*
J. H. ALDRIDGE, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewis-ham District.—Important. — The Rector of Crayford has been unavoidably compelled to withdraw his permission for the meeting to take place at Crayford to-day, Saturday, July 19th, as announced in this column. Arrangements have therefore been made to hold the meeting at Erith instead. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. All other arrangements as previously announced.

P. E. BEX, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
Barnehurst, Bexley Heath.

The Middlesex County Association.—NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.—A meeting of this Association will be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, to-day, Saturday, July 19th, by kind permission of the Rev. J. Cullin. The bells will be raised about 4 o'clock. Members and friends of the Association are cordially invited.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*
18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will take place at Halewood today, Saturday, July 19. Bells ready at 4. C. A. CLEMENTS, *Secretary*, 5, Marsden Road, Southport.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's parish church, Bury, to-day, Saturday, July 19th. Bells open at 3. Meeting at 6.30. Z. LORD.

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Mr. Bance's, The Queen's Head, Broadway, Mitcham, on Saturday, July 19th. The bells of the parish church (8), by kind permission of the Vicar, will be open for the use of members and friends from 3 o'clock. Tea will precede the meeting at Mr. Bance's at 6 p.m.

CHAS. DEAN, JUN., *Hon. Sec.*
72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Audley, to-day, Saturday, July 19th.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly and annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 22nd, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As an amount of important business requires consideration, every member is earnestly requested to attend.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
61, Roland Road, Handsworth.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at Hellingly on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 3 to 5.30, and 7 to 9. Tea at Station hotel at 5.30. A postcard by the 23rd inst. from members intending to be present will oblige the Secretary. Usual travelling allowance to members.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*
Arran, Baldslow Road, Hastings.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Taun-

ton, on Saturday, July 26th. Agenda: Resignation of Hon. Sec. and other important business. Dinner at Wickenden's at 1.30 p.m. Meeting in St. Mary's Schools at 2.30 p.m.

A. J. H. ILKS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—South Western Division.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Loughton, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells ready at 3. Tea at 5.30, rs. each to those giving notice before Wednesday next.

THOS. FAULKNER, *Dist. Sec.*

Association for the Dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol.—Gloucester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Mitcheldean on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m., also ten handbells if required. Service at parish church at 4 p.m., with address by the Rector. Tea at The Greyhound at 5, business meeting to follow. Those intending to be at tea, send post card to Dr. Searancke, Carisbrooke House, by the 24th. Trains at Mitcheldean Road, 1½ mile. Down—2.30, 4.11, 6.39, 9.34; Up—2.35, 4.56, 7.6, 9.30. Conveyance (6d.) will meet the 2.35. It is hoped the meeting will be well attended and successful.

ALFRED T. FORD, *Hon. Branch Sec.*
Stroud, July 15, 1902.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Reddish, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells ready at 5, meeting at 7 o'clock.

J. SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames, on Saturday, August 2nd, at 4.30, by kind permission of the Rev. W. Russell.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—A general meeting will be held at Shildon, near Bishop Auckland, on the afternoon of Saturday, August 2nd. The new peal of eight bells, tenor 14 cwt., will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Durham, and will be at the disposal of the members afterwards. Free tickets for tea will be given out in the belfry. General meeting after tea. Committee to meet later. Those intending to be present must notify the President, R. S. Story, Esq., 8, Lombard Street, Newcastle, not later than Tuesday, July 29th.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*

Wylam-on-Tyne.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bournemouth St. Peter's (by permission of the Winchester Guild) on Monday, August 4th. Committee 3 p.m. General meeting 3.30. Short service 4.15. Tea at The Quadrant 4.45, 8d. each to those sending names to REV. H. DRAKE, *Branch Sec.*

The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—All meetings of the above Society will be suspended during the month of August. The next practice will be held on Friday, September 12th. E. H. OXENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

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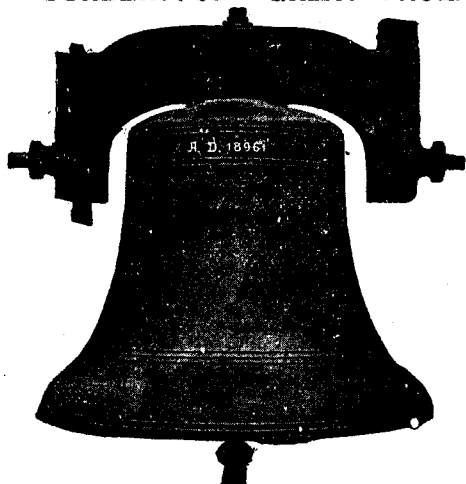
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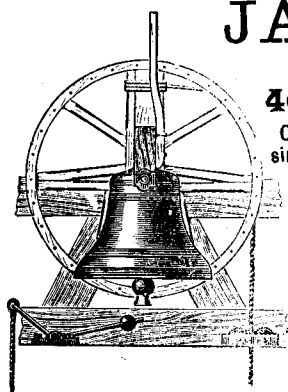
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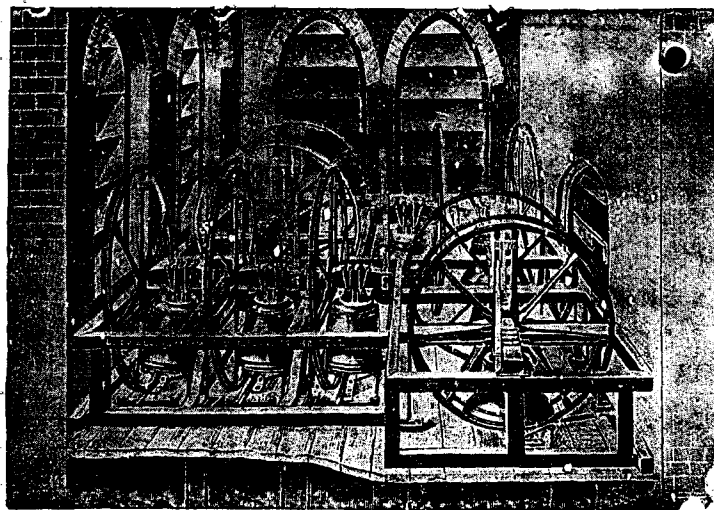
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

BRENTWOOD (Essex). St. Thomas. Eight bells. No return.

BREWOD (Staffordshire). St. Mary. Eight bells. No return.

BRIDGNORTH (Salop). St. Leonard. Hereford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. Treble, 3rd, and tenor by Warner, 1874; the rest by Roberts, 1681. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go excellently. Rehung by Warner, 1874. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire and Darlaston Bob. Sunday ringing (usually) 6.30. Practice: Saturday, 7.30, except in Lent. Ringing-chamber admirably arranged. Chiming apparatus fitted.

BRIDGWATER (Somerset). St. Mary. Eight bells. Treble and 5th by Taylor, 1899, and tenor, 28 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in. by the same, 1868. Founders of the rest unknown. 2nd, 1745; 3rd, 1650; 4th, 1615; 6th and 7th, 1721. Iron frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung in an iron frame by Taylor, 1899. Ropes new 1899, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing 9.30 to 11, and 5 to 6.30. Practice: Monday and Thursday, 7.30. Ellacombe apparatus fixed. Visitors are welcomed.

BRIDPORT (Dorset). St. Mary. Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1887. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Iron frame. Bells go well. Warner's chiming apparatus fitted. Since the bells were hung in 1887 they have been occasionally overhauled by Warner. All in good order. Ropes renewed when required. Half-pull ringing occasionally. No method mentioned. Sunday ringing 9 a.m., and on 1st Sunday in month for morning and evening services. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30, except during Lent.

BRIERLEY HILL (Staffs). St. Michael. Worcester

and District Association. Eight bells. All by Barwell. Date not given. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Rehung by Taylor in an iron frame, 1902. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.15 and 6. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

BRIGG (Lincolnshire). St. John the Evangelist. North Lincolnshire Association. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1874. Tenor 9 cwt., diameter 2 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells go fairly. No repairs since hung in 1874. Ropes good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

BRIGHOUSE (Yorks). St. Martin. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1874, except 7th, 1845. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Bells go well. Repaired by Shaw, date not given. Ropes new 1899, good. Method: Treble Bob. Sunday ringing 9.45 to 10.30, and 5.45 to 6.30. No regular practice.

BRIGHTLING (Sussex). St. Thomas a Becket. Sussex County Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, the back six 1815, and the trebles 1818. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Bells go very well. Re-fitted and rehung by Warner, 1887. New floor required to ringing-chamber. Ropes new 1896, fair. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 1st and 3rd in the month, 10 to 11, and 2 to 3. Practice: Tuesdays, 7. Michaelmas to Lady-Day. This ring was put up in honour of the Duke of Wellington's victories.

BRIGHTON (Sussex). St. Nicholas. Sussex County Association. Ten bells. All by Mears. No date given. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Blackburn; no date given. Ropes fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6.30 to 7. If visitors require, meet at 6. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

St. Paul. Sussex County Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, the front four 1873, the back four 1853. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Clocking permitted, but seldom done. No special repairs needed. Ropes new 1899. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.35, and 6.15 to 6.50 except in Lent. Practice: Thursday, 8.15.

St. Peter. Sussex County Association. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1882. Tenor 10 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. No repairs have been required since the ring was hung in 1882. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, College Exercise, Double Oxford, Double Norwich, Duffield; and the following Surprise methods, viz.: London, Cambridge, Oxford, Gloucester, Bristol, Norfolk, New Cumberland, Superlative, and Champion. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6.15 to 7. Practice: Monday, 8.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual festival of this Guild was held at Maidenhead on Monday week. The neighbouring town of Marlow was originally selected by the members as the

venue for this year's gathering, and this choice held good until a week or two ago, when the question of a caterer for the dinner raised unexpected difficulties. There are plenty of capable caterers in Marlow, but the river season being now at its height, the majority had their hands pretty full, and none were found who were prepared to cater at a price which the Festival Committee, with the experience of previous years before them, regarded as reasonable. This is greatly to be regretted, and cannot be said to reflect any credit upon the town, more especially as the Committee, at short notice, were able to make satisfactory arrangements with the leading caterer (Mr. E. Spindler) of Maidenhead. The change of venue so late in the day naturally caused considerable inconvenience to the Guild officials, and greatly affected the attendance at the festival, and the incident is on all counts much to be regretted. The thanks of the officers and members generally are due to Canon A. H. Drummond, Vicar of Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, and President of the South Bucks and East Berks branch of the Guild, who on being communicated with, at once consented to receive the Guild, and arranged a service in his church, this taking place at 11 o'clock, and being fairly well attended. The choir were present, and sang the musical portion of the service in admirable style, Mr. J. W. Elliott presiding at the organ. The sermon was preached by the Archdeacon of Buckingham (the Ven. C. F. Bourke), who took for his text the words, "One body, every one members one of another." In the course of an appropriate and excellent discourse, delivered extempore, the Archdeacon alluded to the bells as a type of church work, first of real work, next of joint work, variety, and steadfastness, and he dwelt especially upon the desirability of bell-ringers attending divine service, and so setting a good example to churchgoers and raising the tone of the belfries. He was listened to with keen interest and appreciation, and the service as a whole was greatly enjoyed.

The annual business meeting was subsequently held in the schoolroom adjoining the church. The Master of the Guild (the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Drayton Vicarage, Abingdon) presided, and many other clergy were present. In the unavoidable absence of the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Dunsden Vicarage, (Secretary of the Guild), the duties of secretary at the meeting were discharged by Mr. A. H. Cocks, of Poynetts, Skirmett, the festival secretary, who in various respects rendered invaluable services during the day. The minutes of two previous meetings were read and confirmed, the election of officers of the Guild was proceeded to. The first appointment was that of the Master, and on the proposition of Canon Drummond, seconded by Mr. J. Evans (Hughenden), the re-election of the Rev. F. E. Robinson was carried by acclamation, and was briefly acknowledged. On the motion of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, seconded by Mr. J. F. Barlow (Chipping Norton), the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer of the Guild. A letter was read from Mr. A. W. Pike, of Reading, resigning the position of assistant hon. secretary, and Mr. A. E. Reeves, of Radstock Road, Reading, was elected in his stead. Mr. J. Eggington (Reading) was re-elected hon. auditor. Under the head of "correspondence," a letter, sent by the Bishop of the Diocese to the Secretary, was read, regretting that the Festival was to be held at a time when it was impossible for him to attend and preach the sermon. It was stated, amid applause, that the Bishop had promised to preach at next year's festival, the venue of which was next discussed.

Bicester, Witney, Henley-on-Thames, and Chipping Norton were suggested, and the voting resulted as follows: For Witney 25, Bicester 20, Chipping Norton 6. It was agreed that the autumnal meeting should be held at Chipping Norton.

The Rev. J. B. Kirby then addressed the meeting in reference to the peal of bells at Wooburn Parish Church. He had, he said, received a letter from the Secretary, stating that at a recent Committee meeting it was resolved to recommend that the sum of five guineas be voted from the Guild Funds towards the cost of the restoration of the bells at Wooburn, that vote being conditional upon the Vicar first raising the sum of £200. He was pleased to tell them that not only had £200 been raised, but £250 had been subscribed in hard cash, while the promises amounted to another £25. He trusted therefore that the Committee's recommendation would be adopted. His experience was that the last £50 which was required in undertakings of this character was always very hard to get, and he could assure them that if they voted this sum their action would be much appreciated by the parishioners of Wooburn. They had worked hard in the matter for more than a year, and he believed that when the work was actually completed they would have a very successful ringing peal. A start had been made with the work that day, and it would be completed in about three months. He had pleasure in putting the claim of Wooburn before them, and hoped that the recommendation of the Committee would be carried out. Canon Drummond said that as President of the South Bucks and East Berks branch of the Guild, he had great pleasure in moving that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. Mr. Evans (Hughenden) seconded the proposition, which was carried with hearty unanimity, and the Rev. J. B. Kirby suitably thanked the Committee for their resolution and the meeting for so thoroughly endorsing it.

The Master, the Rev. C. F. Coleridge, and Messrs. W. P. Routh and F. W. Hopgood were elected as delegates to the Central Council, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge gave an interesting account of the proceedings at the Central Council Conference in Worcester last Whitsuntide.

Mr. Cocks having explained the circumstances which led to the Festival being held at Maidenhead instead of Marlow, the meeting terminated, and those present walked down to the Maidenhead Town Hall, and were joined by other members of the Guild, who had been unable to reach the riverside town in time for the service and meeting. Here luncheon was partaken of, and proved a very enjoyable function, Mr. E. Spindler catering to the general satisfaction. The Mayor of Maidenhead (Councilor W. F. Good) presided, wearing his gold chain of office, and he was supported by Canon Drummond, Canon Blagdon, the Revs. J. B. Kirby, F. E. Robinson, G. F. Coleridge, Mr. W. Blowfield, and others. Grace was said before and after meat by Canon Drummond. The usual loyal toasts having been submitted from the chair and duly honoured, Canon Drummond proposed "Success to the Guild."

Mr. A. H. Cocks responded to the toast, apologising for the short notice at which they had been called together, and expressing his thanks to Mr. Collins for the trouble he took to get someone to cater for them at Marlow. They were thankful also to Canon Drummond for taking them in at such short notice, and to the organist and choristers of All Saints' for their services so freely given.

The health of the Archdeacon of Buckingham (with

thanks for his sermon) was proposed by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge and heartily drunk to.

Canon Blagden gave the health of the Mayor of Maidenhead for so kindly taking the chair, and said that in the Guild Festivals they had been favoured over and over again by the presence of Mayors at their festive board, and it was a great encouragement and source of strength to them to find that they were backed up in their work by those who held the position of chief magistrates in the various towns they visited.

The Mayor in responding, said he was glad the Guild had visited Maidenhead, and, as a humble worker in the church they had just visited, he extended them a hearty welcome, with the hope that they would carry away with them nothing but the pleasantest possible recollections of their visit. Other toasts honoured were those of "The Master," proposed by Mr. Routh, and responded to by the Rev. F. E. Robinson; and "The choir of Boyne Hill," responded to by Mr. W. Smith.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN DIVISION).

A very enjoyable meeting was held at Shipley, on Saturday, July 12. Members were present from Brighton, (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas), Crawley, Heene, Pulborough, Shipley, and the whole Lymminster branch. The bells were started soon after 4 o'clock, and touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and Oxford Single Bob Minor, Grandsire, and Stedman Doubles were brought round. At 5.30 an excellent tea was provided by the Vicar, the Rev. E. S. Arkle, at the Vicarage, situated in beautiful picturesque scenery, to which 16 sat down, the rev. gentleman presiding. The usual business meeting followed, letters being read from Messrs. A. B. Bennett and F. B. Tomkins, expressing regret at not being able to be present. The minutes of the last meeting were read, and approved. A discussion ensued as to the next quarterly peal, it being proposed by Mr. Lindup, and seconded by Mr. F. Bennett, that Shoreham be the tower selected, providing the bells can be obtained. The Secretary said he was sorry to announce that the last quarterly peal, arranged to take place at Pulborough, was obliged to be postponed, as the bells could not be obtained. Mr. F. Bennett proposed a most hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for providing the tea, and meeting them in such a social way, also for the use of the bells. The rev. gentleman suitably replied, and remarked that he should be pleased to give the members another welcome at some future time, and should also be pleased to grant the use of his bells for a peal. The tower was again visited, and ringing continued till eight o'clock.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

On Saturday, July 5th, the members of St. Mary's parish church, Staines, opened the new ring of eight given to the church by Sir Edward Clarke, K.C.; tenor 15½ cwt. in E. The bells were cast and hung by Messrs. Warner, and went fairly well considering new ropes, and the incomplete condition of the sound floor, and other fittings which had to be done in the ringing chamber for the convenience of the ringers. It was Sir Edward and Lady Clarke's wish to hear the bells before they went away for a few days. Several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

The usual quarterly meeting was held at Erith, on Saturday, July 19th. The attendance was again a very small one, but the local band and the towers of Crayford and Woolwich, with a few unattached members, were represented, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob were rung. The committee meeting was held in the tower about 8 p.m., Mr. G. Wilson (Erith) being voted to the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read, the Hon. Secretary expressed to the meeting the regret of the Rector of Crayford at having to withdraw his permission for the present meeting to be held at Crayford. It was explained that this was on account of the coronation festivities and entertainment to the old people, which was being held in a room adjoining the church, thereby making it impossible for the bells to be rung. The Hon. Sec. also apologised for his own unpunctuality, which was due to the same cause.

Mr. Axtell was elected a member of the Association, and the election of Messrs. H. Gibbs, R. McWhinter and T. Hargood previous to peals were confirmed. Some discussion then took place as to where the annual district meeting should be held, and a letter was read from the Hon. Secretary of the Woolwich band on the matter.

Mr. J. Garrard said he thought that Woolwich had had an annual district meeting since Erith had had one, and proposed as follows: "That the annual district meeting be held at Erith on Saturday, October 25, failing Erith at Woolwich." It was seconded by Mr. E. Barnett, and carried unanimously.

The usual vote of thanks to the Rector of Erith concluded the meeting.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING AT HERSHAM, SURREY.

This meeting took place on Monday, July 14th, and proved a very successful gathering. Out of forty-six towers affiliated, twenty sent members or representatives. The extreme ends of the diocese—Bournemouth and Hersham—met, but in order to do so the former band started on Saturday. The business meeting was held in the parish room punctually at 11 a.m., the President, J. P. Stillwell, esq., in the chair, with about 130-140 members present, including the Revs. F. G. Hume (Oakley), E. C. Kirwan (York-Town), H. Wheat (Hursley), E. W. Carpenter (Thorpe), R. A. Sidebottom (Romsey), H. A. Spyers (Purbrook), and the Hon. Secretary, Rev. C. E. Matthews (Bursledon). The minutes of the last quarterly meeting at Haslemere were read, and with one correction passed; and according to custom, the last annual's minutes were read.

A letter from the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey, resigning the Mastership of the Guild, was read, and the officers then retired. The President was immediately reinstated, amidst much applause. He then proposed that the Rev. C. E. Matthews be Master of the Guild for the next twelve months. Mr. T. W. Fairey (York-Town) seconded, and the proposition was carried nem. con. In returning thanks for his elevation to this office, Mr. Matthews said he felt himself a most unworthy successor to their late Master, whose preferment to a Yorkshire benefice was not only a personal loss to all present, but a loss to the whole diocese. He also felt that he was unqualified for such an office from a ringing point of view; however he could assure them that he did not intend to be a mere figure-head; but that his interest in the affairs and prosperity of the Guild would be the same in the future as it always had been.

Mr. H. White (Basingstoke) was then proposed as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, by Messrs. Grist and Heathorn (Bournemouth and Woolston).

Mr. Jones (Guildford) then moved that Mr. White be paid £20 a year for his services. The work of the Guild had so increased

that he did not think they could expect it done for nothing, and he maintained they could afford to give this salary. Mr. Grist felt they could not have a better man, so active and business-like as Mr. White was known to be.

Mr. White said that while he was not afraid of the work, nor the amount of time it would involve, he felt they ought to have a clergyman for this office. Their Secretaries had all been clergymen, and he considered that they had more influence in such a position than a layman, and therefore he hoped some clergyman would be found to succeed their late Secretary.

The Rev. H. Wheat (Hursley) said it was evident that Mr. White was not afraid of the work, but afraid of the money! He should like to know whether they could afford £20?

The Treasurer said they could not safely do so.

Mr. H. C. Ingram (Portsea) proposed, Mr. Harper seconding, that Mr. White be paid at the rate of sixpence a head for every performing member.

Mr. C. Willshire proposed the Rev. E. W. Carpenter as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer; Mr. G. Prime seconded. At first Mr. Carpenter did not see how he could accept the office, being situated in the extreme corner of the diocese. He had not come to the meeting with any idea of accepting any office, and was afraid the duties would be too onerous.

Mr. H. White said that if Mr. Carpenter would only accept the office, he would give him all the help he possibly could. Ultimately Mr. Carpenter said he would do his best for the next twelve months, and was unanimously elected.

The members of the Standing Committee were re-elected, and District Secretaries were reinstated for another year. Four representatives were nominated to serve on the Central Council, viz.: the Master, Messrs. H. White, J. W. Whiting, and C. Willshire. The President then proposed his son as a life member, his name being very well received. H. B. Kitchen, esq. (of Twyford) was elected an hon. member, and six new performing members were attached to four towers. The election of the Rev. E. C. Kirwan, Vicar of York-Town, as assistant Hon. Secretary for Surrey, was confirmed.

The balance-sheet was next discussed; Mr. White, who had again acted as auditor, explaining a few of the items. The Ryde annual festival had cost them about £52 which was about £20 in excess of the usual expenses. They ought to consider their financial position more carefully before they launched into such heavy expenditure. More cash should be spent in instruction, for it was evident that O represented their work under this item.

The Master explained that Ryde was chosen last year for two reasons, because they had a good balance in hand; and because they felt that a visit to the island might arouse an interest in the Guild's work. The Ryde and Brading bands stood alone there, and deserved encouragement.

The Rev. H. Wheat, in proposing the adoption of the balance-sheet, added a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. White for auditing the accounts. The Rev. F. G. Hume seconded. Carried nem. con. Mr. White said he should always be pleased to assist the Guild in every he could.

The question of a new district for York-Town, which would divide the diocese into eight instead of seven districts was discussed. The following towers were named: Chertsey, Hawley, Walton-on-Thames, York-Town, Farnborough, Yateley, Bagshot, Horsell, Chobham, Ockham, Pirbright, Weybridge, Esher, and Hersham. Mr. Jones moved, Mr. White seconding, "that these form the new district." Carried. Mr. C. Pearce was elected Secretary for the new district, receiving 24 votes; Mr. G. Hawkins receiving 8.

Mr. B. Chorley (Holy Trinity, Guildford) then moved "That Rule ix. be abolished." He contended that there were some towers where the bells were unringable, and the Guild should make grants from its funds for the restoration of such peals, and then proceed to instruct the ringers. He did not think the Guild was fulfilling one of the objects for which it was formed. Moreover, they had never, so far as he knew, assisted their members in times of sickness. He thought most of the members could afford to pay their own expenses to the meetings, and then they would have more money to spend in restoring bells, etc.

Mr. Pulling seconded.

Messrs. Woodiss and White both considered that all the performing members were thankful for the assistance of the Guild in the matter of railway fares, many of them being poor men.

They could not form themselves as a Guild into a benefit or sick club. On being put to the meeting the proposition was lost by a large majority.

The Master then asked whether they cared to discuss the matter of the overlapping of the Salisbury Guild with Hampshire. He had had some correspondence with the Secretary of that Guild, and they had all seen Mr. Drake's letters in "THE BELL NEWS." It was decided at once to pass on to the next business.

Mr. White proposed that the next annual meeting be held at Winchester. Mr. Fairey seconded. Carried unanimously. Thirty-nine voted in favor of a Saturday, thirty-two for a Monday. The President remarked that the change of day would probably be welcomed by many of their members. A vote of thanks to the Vicar of Hersham concluded the business.

The annual service was held at 12.30 in the parish church of St. Peter, and was fully choral, the usual form of service and the well-known hymns being heartily rendered. The Rev. F. W. Fagan took the prayers; the lesson, John xv. to v. 14 being read by the Rev. C. E. Matthews. An admirably practical sermon was delivered by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Vicar of Thorpe, from 2 Kings xiii. 17-19. After describing the condition of the Israelites at this period, and the visit of Elisha to King Joash, he pointed to the obvious lesson to be learnt from the unconcern and lethargy of the king in only shooting three arrows upon the ground instead of five or six. Joash was like many in these days, his heart was not in his work, he would not persevere, he had no enthusiasm. They might say the same of some ringers and of their work. In order to ring methods they must persevere, and put their backs into their work. They must leave nothing to chance, or expect others to help them through a peal when they had not troubled to study the method. They were all in responsible positions in the Church of God, and they must show their example, so that others could be influenced by it, and do their work quietly and consistently as loyal churchmen. No man lived to himself, and no ringer could do so. They probably knew the old fable of the crab and his children. He was distressed because his children walked sideways, and his children said to him "Father, show us the example and we will follow you." The moral was obvious. They must set an example which others could copy and thank God for, then they would always be an enormous influence for good in the tower, in the parish, in the diocese, and in the Church of God.

The annual dinner followed at 1.30 in the Village Hall. The President took the chair, supported by the Vicar, officers of the Guild, and Mr. F. L. Vaux, the donor of the Hersham ring of eight. On this occasion the Guild defrayed part of the cost of the dinner, with excellent results, 122 members enjoying the good things provided. The President gave the loyal toast, and the National Anthem was sung. The Master then moved a very cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar for receiving them so kindly, and to Mr. Churchwarden Vaux for his arrangements. The Vicar replied that he was delighted to welcome them, and that it was solely through the generosity of Mr. Vaux that he was able to do so. Mr. Vaux's health was drunk with musical honours, and he briefly replied.

The neighbouring towers were visited during the afternoon by various bands. At Chobham the Rev. H. S. Acworth kindly provided tea for those ringing there.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the representatives of the various towers was held in St. Thomas's vestry, Salisbury, on Tuesday, July 15th, for the transaction of various details of business. Objection was raised to the incomplete nature of the minutes, and also to a postcard by which the meeting was summoned, but no resolution was come to in the matter. Various private letters which the Secretary had received were read, in spite of a vehement protest on the part of the writer of one of them that his permission had not been obtained. It was afterwards agreed that it was unfair to have read them, as it was impossible to understand the meaning intended without the remainder of the correspondence, which the Secretary was unable to produce.

The Secretary reported that he was excluding strictly all those towers whose subscriptions had not been paid. As the

Secretary of the East Dorset branch had neglected to collect subscriptions, there were only seven towers left in the branch. Of these there were some who had been causing trouble; he had had some correspondence, and two had withdrawn, and he believed that others would shortly do the same. The branch would then consist of Cranborne and Sturminster Newton only.

With regard to the Hampshire towers, the majority of the meeting were evidently of opinion that it was a pity the matter had ever been raised, and that it should be now dropped; but it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the President (Earl Nelson) and of Mr. Palairet (the Master), who, as he also is not now in the diocese, is an interested party.

The President said he thought it only reasonable that his wishes as to the agenda of such meetings should be regarded; he regretted that the Secretary had not seen his way to put down for discussion the very subject for which he had asked him to call this meeting, viz.: to consider how they could best promote the practice of change-ringing. This would have been much more profitable to discuss than the matters which had been before them that morning.

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."

ASSOCIATIONS.

SIR,—I am still unconvinced by your comments. I do not think that analogies derived from cricket or football are true, because in these cases professionals earn their livelihood by playing for some particular county or club. Of course there is nothing of this sort in ringing. Even in the case you mention in your third paragraph the tendency is to promote good ringing, which seems a desirable end whether in the case of bands who are voluntary, or of those who receive some pay. Many good strikers of methods cannot conduct them.

Inasmuch as change-ringing is carried on all over the country and it is an established custom that wherever a ringer finds himself he should for the time being be treated in a touch or in a peal as if he was a member of the particular band or Association with whom he is ringing, why should not he be so in fact? Surely no good end would be gained by refusing to admit members of other Associations. Why, for instance, should the Rev. F. E. Robinson be told to confine his energies to his own diocese?

No doubt in certain cases the present system may be liable to be abused, but what system in human affairs is not?

R. A. DANIELL.

ST. PETER MANCROFT BELLS.

SIR,—Of course the bells of St. Peter Mancroft were cast by Pack and Chapman in 1775. The tenor having been cracked was recast by Thomas Mears in 1814. I can scarcely see how these, or any other bells, can have been cast in the same moulds as any previous peal; as the mould of any casting must be broken up to get the casting out. Possibly the St. Peter's bells might have been swept up with the same crooks as those of St. Mary-le-Bow; but I scarcely see how this can be, since St. Peter's tenor is 62 in diameter, and weighs 41 cwt., while Bow tenor is 66½ in diameter and weighs 53 cwt. Apropos of mistakes in names of bell-founders I may say that not many years ago I saw an appeal for funds for rehanging the bells of a village church in which it was stated that the estimate of Messrs. "Meyers and Steinbancke of Birmingham?" was so and so.

J. R. JERRAM.

SIR,—Owing to holiday circumstances I have only just seen your issue of July 12th containing the article from the *Norfolk Chronicle* respecting Mancroft bells. The late Rev. H. Earle Bulwer and myself wrote to the *Chronicle* concerning the absurd "facts" in the article, and our contributions were inserted in the two succeeding issues of the paper. Mr. Bulwer clearly explained to the uninitiated the impossibility of casting two rings of bells from the same moulds, and I simply mentioned that the majority of the bells at Bow were thirteen years older

than their supposed "parents" at Mancroft. The Mancroft ring were cast in 1775, whilst Bow were all cast in 1762 except the tenor (1738) and two trebles (1881). The inscriptions in "R. W.'s" article are also incorrect in several instances.

C. E. BORRETT.

EXPLANATION.

SIR,—I hear there is a rumour in the Eckington and Sheffield district that I have said "North Wingfield tower is closed to visitors until the local band have rung their first peal." I hereby beg to give it a most emphatic denial. On the contrary, I have always given every ringer I came in contact with a hearty invitation to come and ring, the only restriction being that they will give a few days' notice so that preparations may be made for them. I may also state that any band of ringers, come from wherever they will, are welcome, and I feel sure they will be satisfied with the tone and "go" of the bells. Trusting this will clear the atmosphere a little.

T. ALLIBONE, *Steeplekeeper at North Wingfield.*

ST. PETER MANCROFT AND BOW BELLS.

SIR,—As Mr. Daniell invites me to inform your readers as to the accuracy of some points in the article copied from the Norwich paper into your paper of the 5th inst., I beg to mention that the statement that Bow bells was a copy of the Norwich set is obviously incorrect. St. Mary-le-Bow tenor is a half ton heavier, and three inches larger in diameter than the Norwich bell; besides, Bow bells were cast in 1762, thirteen years before the Norwich set; the two separate "crooks" are still in existence at the Whitechapel Foundry. The following are the weights of the two sets:—

	Bow BELLS, CHEAPSIDE.			ST. PETER MANCROFT, NORWICH.		
	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
Tenor	53	0	22	43	1	19
11th	34	1	6	28	2	2
10th	24	2	5	21	3	6
9th	20	2	26	19	1	27
8th	17	0	11	14	0	18
7th	13	2	4	11	2	7
6th	12	0	7	9	3	19
5th	10	1	4	9	0	5
4th	9	0	2	7	3	8
3rd	8	3	7	6	3	20
2nd	8	2	16	6	2	15
Treble	8	0	21	6	3	5

Cwt. 220 1 19 186 0 11

N.B.—The Norwich tenor was recast by T. Mears in 1814, the original bell weighed 41 cwt. The name of the founders is, of course, a mistake; it should be Pack and Chapman. Mr. Mears joined Chapman in the business.

A. J. HUGHES.

[Mr. G. Williams's letter will appear next week.]

CLIFTON, BEDS.

On Saturday, June 21st, a pleasant afternoon was spent at Clifton, the occasion being the unveiling of a peal tablet recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on May 3rd, 1902, of which the following is a copy:—

"Clifton, Beds. On Saturday, May 3rd, in 3 hrs. and 2 mins., at the church of All Saints, a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, John Holt's ten-part. Tenor 11 cwt. in G. Charles R. Lilley, *Treble*; Isaac Hills, 2; John Hare, 3; Joseph Church, 4; John W. Barker, 5; Frank Webb, 6; Fred. Wilford, 7; Leonard Harlow, *Tenor*. Conducted by Charles R. Lilley. First peal on the bells."

In the absence of the Rector, the Rev. J. Pycock, M.A., the churchwardens and other local clergy were present; also Messrs. C. R. Lilley, Hare, Tysoe, and Finedon, of Bedford. The tablet was unveiled by A. Rousley, Esq., churchwarden, assisted by G. Horne, Esq., churchwarden. These gentlemen heartily congratulated the ringers of the peal, and expressed a hope that it would not be the last rang there, as they would do anything to encourage change-ringing. Mr. Lilley hoped the day would not be far off when the local band would be able to ring a peal. He had been asked to make up a band for another peal, with two of the local band standing in, and he would do all in his power to assist them. They had a very enthusiastic captain in Mr. L. Harlow, and with assistance they would soon get on. It is no easy task to ring a peal at Clifton, as it is not a circle, but they run 81273456. After the ceremony of unveiling the local company rang some 6-scores of Bob Doubles.

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SATURDAY, JULY 26, 1902.

IN the next column will be found some particulars of a meeting of the Middlesex Association at St. Matthew's, Clapton, last Saturday. The interesting portion of this meeting consisted in having the presence of Dr. ARTHUR NICHOLS, of Boston, America (a gentleman whose contributions to this journal have been more than once appreciated). He was accompanied by his daughter, both of them, we are pleased to read, taking part in the ringing at the above church. Many readers of this paper will not require to be told that Dr. NICHOLS is a most enthusiastic ringer, and that he has worked hard, and is

still endeavouring to secure the establishment of change-ringing in his own country. Certainly if the Art can possibly take root in any place outside the British Empire, the United States of America should become a natural soil for its growth. Should change-ringing ever become popular among our American cousins, the future ringing historian will assuredly lay stress upon the fact that the pioneer in the cause was Dr. NICHOLS. And ringers all over the world will welcome the introduction of Miss MARGARET NICHOLS to their ranks. What a great thing it would be if such distinguished visitors could take a peal back with them across the Atlantic. We should think a ladies' peal in the present day not absolutely impossible, if one of the sex could be found to call it.

That eminent change-ringer and musician, Mr. W. GORDON, has changed his residence. For many years he has been well-known to the ringing community and others as a publisher of handbell music of every conceivable kind. His stock is now replete with everything that may be required in this direction, and further music is being constantly added.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.)

An interesting feature of the meeting held by this Association on Saturday last at St. Matthew's, Clapton, was the introduction into the ranks of its ringing members of Dr. Arthur H. Nichols and Miss Margaret H. Nichols, of Boston, U.S.A., who were present at the meeting. Both took part in the ringing, and Miss Nichols scored her first touches of Grandsire Triples on tower bells, by ringing the 5th bell through a touch of 433 changes, and subsequently, through another touch of 504 changes. This performance may be said to be unique of its kind. Desirous of initiating herself into the mysteries of change-ringing, Miss Nichols has had some practice on handbells; but as method-ringing in the United States is at present very much in its infancy, and opportunities for practising the Art on church bells are few and far between, she was naturally desirous, during her present visit to London, of testing how far she could put into actual practice on church bells her experience gained on handbells. This meeting supplied the desired opportunity; and it is only fair to say that the manner in which she performed her task was as creditable to herself, as it was surprising to the assembled ringers. With a little more practice, Miss Nichols should look forward with confidence to ringing her first peal on these shores, before setting her face homewards.

The Hon. Secretary reviewed the work of the Association since the presentation of the last Report, and shadowed forth the arrangement he hoped to be able to make for holding the Annual Meeting at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on September 27th next. He incidentally alluded to the question of overlapping, and thought that the county of Middlesex had as great a claim upon ringers who earned their living in London, as surrounding counties had upon the same ringers on the ground of local residence.

There was a satisfactory attendance on the whole; although more than one band of ringers within convenient distance of the place of meeting was unrepresented.

The Provinces.

BRIDGEND.—THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 16, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s Bob Minor, each called differently.

JOHN EVANS Treble.	RICHARD EVANS 4.
JOHN EVANS 2	DAVID J. HURFORD 5.
A. SPRACKLEN 3.	JOHN COX Tenor.

Conducted by J. Cox.

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY, NORWICH.

On Thursday, July 17, 1902, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT G. WARNES .. Treble.	JOHN WOODS 5.
FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. 2.	EGBERT BORRETT 6.
ALBERT ROUGHT 3.	SAMUEL SMITH 7.
HERBERT W. STANLEY .. 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by W. EVERSFIELD, and Conducted by A. G. WARNES. Reference elsewhere.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, July 18, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY BROOKS Treble.	ALFRED MILES 5.
FRANK PEIRCE 2	FREDERICK POUNDS 6.
FRANCIS P. POWELL .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
GEORGE BARTLETT 4.	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

ARLSEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and Grandsire. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN HARE Treble.	SIDNEY COLEMAN 4.
GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 5.
WALTER FINEDON 3.	EDMUND C. CHASTY Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal ever rung on the bells. First peal in seven methods by Messrs. Hare, G. D. Coleman, S. Coleman, and Chasty.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, July 19 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	WILLIAM TILLET 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 6.
ALBERT E. DURRANT .. 3.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Handbell Peals.**OXHEY, HERTS.****THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS***On Saturday, July 19, 1902, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,***AT THE PARISH ROOM,****ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. 5040 CHANGES:****HOLT'S ORIGINAL.**

HENRY HODGETTS.. .. 1-2.	WILLIAM HODGETTS . . 5-6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 3-4.	GEORGE N. PRICE.. .. 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.**Umpire—Frederick W. Brinklow.****THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, July 20, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,***AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. W. BRIGHTON, 71, SOUTHSK ROAD,
FOREST GATE, LONDON, E.,****ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES.**

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE.. .. 3-4.	ERNEST PYE 7-8.
WILLIAM KEEBLE 9-10.	

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.**Umpire—A. W. Brighton.****Date Touches.****THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****CLAY CROSS.**—On Tuesday, June 26th, at St Bartholomew's church, a date touch of 1902 Bob Minor, in 65 mins. J. Maycock, W. Holland, W. Goodge, J. Maycock, F. Marshall conductor, F. Maycock.**THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****BURY ST. EDMUNDS.**—On Saturday, June 7th, in commemoration of peace in South Africa, a date touch of 1902 Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. 25 mins. G. Farrants, G. Debenham, W. Salisbury, A. Moore, H. Smith, H. Simpson, E. Evans, H. Moore, G. Lilley, R. Moore.**HORRINGER.**—On Wednesday, April 23rd, a date touch of 1902 Bob Minor. H. Turner, G. Carter, A. Moore, G. Debenham conductor, W. Salisbury, G. Lilley.**Miscellaneous.****THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.****KELVEDON (Essex).**—On Saturday, July 5th, on the occasion of a wedding, 720 each of Oxford, Kent, Double Court, and New London. H. Elliott, E. W. Beckwith, J. Sadler, D. Elliott, H. Evers, W. Elliott.**STANSTED.**—On Sunday, July 13th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 York Surprise. J. Cavill, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, G. Gray, J. Luckey, W. Watts conductor. For evening service, 360 College Pleasure. G. Jordan, J. Luckey, G. Gray, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. On Wednesday, July 18th, for practice, 720 College Youths' Delight. J. Luckey, I. Hammond, T. J. Watts, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. Also 720 New Cambridge Surprise. T. Jordan, I. Hammond, G. Jordan, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor. This makes 94 different methods rang on these bells. On Sunday, July 20th, for evening service, 720 College Pleasure. G. Jordan, J. Luckey, G. Gray, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor.**THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.****REIGATE.**—On Sunday, June 1st, on receipt of the news of peace in South Africa, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Howard, F. T. Hoad, sen. conductor, P. Knight, W. Card, G. Croucher, W. Argent, F. T. Hoad, jun., A. Moseley. And 336 in the same method. On Monday, June 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1278 changes. P. Knight,**G. Thompson, H. Ewins, H. R. Thorpe, T. Brown, W. Card, W. Argent, F. Hoad, jun., H. Reeves conductor, A. Moseley.** On Sunday, June 8th, 545 Stedman Caters. G. Thompson, G. Croucher, F. Hoad, conductor, G. Huggett, J. Ansell, W. Card, W. Argent, F. Hoad, jun., H. Reeves, A. Moseley. And 395 Grandsire Caters. G. Thompson, F. Hoad, jun., G. Croucher, H. Ewins, T. Brown, H. R. Thorpe, J. Ansell, W. Card, H. Reeves conductor, A. Moseley. And 504 Stedman Triples. F. T. Hoad, sen. conductor, G. Croucher, H. R. Thorpe, J. Ansell, G. Huggett, W. Aagent, F. T. Hoad, jun., A. Moseley.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****ST. LEONARD'S-ON-SEA.**—On Sunday, May 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. J. Burgess, C. Hill, T. Waterhouse, H. Harvey, F. Medhurst, T. Hunnisett, G. Watson, H. Denman. Composed and conducted by G. Watson.**THE ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.****LAVENHAM.**—On Sunday evening March 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. F. Stannard, P. Poper, E. Evans, G. Garter, G. Cobb, A. Moore conductor, H. Turner, S. Roper. On handbells, 720 Bob Minor. A. Moore, H. Moore, A. King, R. Moore, H. Turner conductor. And another 720. A. Moore, H. Moore, A. King, H. Turner conductor.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****SIDCUP (Kent).**—On Wednesday, May 21st, seven members of the abov Association paid a visit to St. John's church, and rang 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Emery, W. Ingham, G. R. Newton, R. Hims, G. Durling, R. Brett-Smith conductor. First 720 on the bells after being rehung by Warner. A 720 Oxford Treble Bob was attempted, but came to grief owing to a change course just before the finish. J. Emery, W. Ingham, R. Hims, R. Brett-Smith, G. R. Newton conductor, G. Durling. A 6-score of Stedman Doubles. W. Ingham, T. Durling, R. Hims, G. Durling conductor, G. R. Newton, J. Emery. And a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. G. Durling, T. Durling, G. R. Newton, J. Emery conductor, R. Brett-Smith, R. Hims.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****WATH-ON-DEARNE.**—On Monday, June 2nd, 504 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Aaron, W. Allwood, R. J. Ricketts, W. Lambert conductor, E. G. Nicholls, A. Crossman. Also 240 Primrose and 120 Kent. J. Aaron, A. Crossman, W. Allwood, A. Nash, R. J. Ricketts, W. Lambert conductor. And 720 each of College Treble and College Exercise, 120 each College Treble, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, and College Pleasure. J. Aaron, A. Crossman, R. J. Ricketts, W. Lambert conductor, A. Nash, W. Allwood.**THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.****WITHYCOMBE RALIEGH.**—On Monday, July 7th, for practice, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. H. Burch conductor, J. Snow, J. Hayman, R. Snow, R. Manley, W. Manley, A. H. Snow, G. Stocker. On Sunday, July 13th, for morning service, 700 in the same method. G. Stocker, J. Hayman, J. Snow, H. Burch conductor, R. Snow, R. Manley, A. H. Snow, A. Cross.**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.****CLARE (Suffolk).**—On Saturday, June 7th, 336 Bob Major. G. Dawson, C. T. Hopkins, H. Bottrill, W. Miller, J. Moule, W. Doran, G. Hayden, W. Keeble conductor. And a touch of Grandsire and Stedman Triples.**CAVENDISH (Suffolk).**—On Saturday, June 7th, 720 Cambridge. G. Dawson, H. Bottrill, W. Keeble, J. Moule, W. Miller conductor, G. Hayden.**LAVENHAM.**—On Saturday, June 7th, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Bottrill, W. Doran, W. Miller, C. T. Hopkins, J. Mardell, J. Moule, G. Hayden, W. Keeble conductor.**GREAT WALDINGFIELD.**—On Saturday, June 7th, 720 London Surprise. F. Withers, W. Miller, W. Doran, J. Moule, J. Mardell, W. Keeble conductor.**SUDBURY.**—On Sunday, June 8th, for morning service at St. Peter's church, 518 Grandsire Triples. G. Dawson, J. Mardell, H. Bottrill, W. Miller, W. Keeble conductor, J. Moule, G. Hayden, F. Withers. Also 704 Kent Treble Bob. H. Bottrill, C. T. Hopkins, J. Mardell, W. Miller, W. Doran, J. Moule, G. Hayden, W. Keeble conductor. At All Saints church, 240 Bob Major. G. Dawson, H. Bottrill, J. Moule, W. Miller, J. Mardell, G. Hayden, W. Doran, W. Keeble conductor.**GESTINGTHORPE (Essex).**—On Sunday, June 8th, 720 Worcester

Surprise. H. Bottrill, W. Miller, J. Moule, W. Keeble conductor, J. Mardell, G. Hayden. Also 360 Kent F. Withers, C. T. Hopkins, J. Mardell, W. Miller, W. Doran, W. Keeble conductor.

FOXEARH (Essex).—On Sunday, June 8th, 168 Stedman Triples, 240 Bob Major and 224 Kent. W. Keeble conductor, W. Miller, W. Doran, J. Moule, J. Mardell, G. Hayden, G. Dawson, H. Bottrill, F. Withers, S. Evans, J. Mingay.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

RIPLEY (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, June 20th, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. G Simpson, H. Day, W. Fox, C. Allsopp, B. Greator, J. Pagett, H. George conductor, A. Clarke.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEENHAM (Barks).—On Sunday evening, June 8th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Wigmore, R. Hatto, J. Avery, F. Webb, J. Avery, W. Horne conductor. On Sunday, July 13th, after the evening service, 720 Bob Minor. F. Wigmore, H. Hatto, F. Hopgood, F. Webb, J. Hatto, W. Horne conductor.

GREAT MARLOW (Bucks).—On Monday, July 14th, on the occasion of the annual festival, 504 Grandsire Triples and 224 Bob Major. F. Hopgood, C. Chapman, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, W. P. Routh, Esq., W. Horne, A. Osborne, H. Goodger, J. W. Wilkins, C. Collins, R. Chapman, H. Pickering.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Sunday, June 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Crane, H. Sear, R. Meager, F. Hedges conductor, A. N. Atkins, E. Marks, M. Lane, V. Sear.

CHISLEHURST. — On Monday, May 12th, at the church of St. Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. W. Durling, G. T. Durling, W. A. Jones, R. Hims conductor, G. French, G. R. Newton, R. Brett-Smith, G. Head. First quarter-peal as conductor.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, July 13th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. J. Plumb, H. Stubbs, W. Dixon, W. Pickworth, T. Langdon, A. Jacob conductor. After evening service, 720 Bob Minor. A. Jacob, W. Pickworth, W. Dixon, T. Langdon, M. Fenson, H. Stubbs.

HALLOW (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, June 1st, after peace was declared, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Smith, A. Harris, W. Rouse, W. Page, L. Clay, J. Batchelor, A. Winterton, J. Oakey. And another 504. R. Smith, C. Bowkett, W. Page conductor, W. Rouse, L. Clay, A. Winterton, J. Batchelor, J. Oakey. These touches were rung after 11 o'clock at night. On Monday, June 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. R. Smith, A. Harris, W. Page conductor, W. Rouse, L. Clay, J. Batchelor, A. Winterton, J. Oakey.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Sunday evening, June 1st, after Divine Service at the parish church, on the proclamation of peace, a 6-score each of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, 7-6-8 covering. R. Rowell, E. G. Baker, W. T. Johnson, G. Baker, T. Measures conductor, C. Colls, J. J. Palmer, H. Cole, J. Wright.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, June 22nd, for morning service at St. Andrew's church, 517 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, R. Watson, A. J. Hessian, J. Coales, F. Sear conductor, A. Bramall, J. B. Fenton, R. Clarke. On Sunday morning, July 6th, for Divine Service, 517 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, R. Watson, A. J. Hessian, J. Coales, F. Sear conductor, A. Bramall, J. B. Fenton, J. George. On Sunday evening, July, 6th, for Divine Service, 644 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, J. B. Fenton, A. J. Hessian, J. Coales, F. Sear, J. George conductor, A. Bramall, A. J. Sticks longest touch.

SAXLINGHAM (Norfolk).—On July 6th, four of the Quidenham ringers, with R. Hutton, of Bunwell, paid a visit to this place, and rang a 720 of Bob Minor for morning service. E. G. Kemp, R. Hutton, W. Baldry, W. Ringer, J. Wilson conductor, J. Woods. For afternoon service another 720. G. Aldiss, J. Sage, R. Baldry, J. Wilson, R. Hutton conductor, G. Aldiss. After service another 720. R. Hutton, H. Buckenham, R. Baldry, W. Ringer, Rev. R. W. Pitt, J. Woods conductor.

WELLS (Somerset).—On May 29th, at the Cathedral, for the early Celebration of the Holy Communion, on the occasion of the triennial festival of Wells Theological College, 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Holloway, E. Lush, T. Hayward, W. Mills, Rev. W. Warren, A. Mills, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn conductor, W. Farley.

THE RINGERS' ONLY TRUE BADGE.—In Gold, Silver or Bronze.—COLDWELL (Ringer), Mirfield, Yorks.

RE-ISSUE OF "TREBLE BOB," PART I.

We are glad to see this instructive work again in print. Its value is so well known that we need only place the preface to second edition before our readers to fully explain its scope. It runs as follows:—

In such kindly remembrance have my brother's writings been held by the Exercise that I feel that some apology is due for the late appearance of this issue, which has been repeatedly called for. I fear the great "bread-and-butter question"—which takes so much time to argue out—is my only real excuse.

In preparing for the press I have had the advantage of the Author's own notes, and have had also a not inconsiderable correspondence with readers who have been puzzled with the somewhat terse, but nevertheless correct, expressions which my brother now and then uses. This issue is page for page the same as the previous one, with of course, all known errors and misprints corrected.

Additional notes and explanations have been introduced in the Appendix, with a series of reference numbers connecting one to another, and to the annotated pages. As the Author's writings were primarily intended for students, I rest assured that the more advanced members will forgive certain additional explanations which, as Editor, I have felt it wise to insert. Each of these has been arrived at by careful reading from the beginner's point of view.

Some of the explanatory notes (selected by the Author) are from the pen of the late Rev. George Pope, M.A., sometime Rector of Rempstone, Notts. Readers of "Ropesight" will remember an acknowledgment therein to this gentleman for his criticism of some parts of that work when in ms. form. As Mr. Pope has been gathered to his rest, I take this opportunity of seeking to place on record his scientific grasp of many of the beauties of our Art, as shown, for instance, in some of his articles which appeared in *Church Bells* as early as 1880. Although I am not able to point to any practical ringing done by him, all that is known to me proves how eminently suited our Art is to the mental abilities of our clergy when they will trouble to master its details.

I am also indebted to my brother's old friend and correspondent, Mr. Henry Dains, of the Cumberland Youths, for a very interesting explanation which he has permitted me to introduce into the Appendix under note 41 (page 41).

As the price charged for the first edition resulted in an absolute loss, it is trusted that the slight extra charge for this issue will meet with the approval of the Exercise, if only for the sake of keeping in print the first, and most scientific, book my brother ever wrote.

Leeds, June, 1902.

WM. SNOWDON.

Other particulars will be found in our advertisement columns, and we have no doubt that many will be interested therein, as the work has been out of print for a dozen years or more.

MACCLESFIELD PARISH CHURCH.

AN APPEAL FOR HELP.

DEAR SIR,—Would you kindly publish the following on behalf of W. W. Steel, one of our company. He has been one of our regular ringers for twelve years, and a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild for a like period. Nineteen months ago he was compelled to give up work, and has been pronounced to be suffering from locomotor ataxia. He has been a brass moulder by trade, and we can speak with confidence of his self-helpful character when he was well. He has a wife and four young children, and his long illness has been a terrible strain upon them.

This fund will be closed on Monday, August 18th, and the list of subscriptions will be published in a following issue.

Signed—LUCIUS SMITH, Vicar, W. WALMSLEY, Conductor, 88, High Street, who will gratefully receive subscriptions towards this needy case.

BOB MAJOR.—H. J. Tucker informs Mr. H. G. Rowe that the peal of Bob Major published June 28th last is his composition, and appeared in this paper November 15th, 1890.

CHURCH BELLS OF SUFFOLK.—BY THE REV.

J. J. RAVEN, D.D., F.S.A., of Emmanuel College, Cambridge. With upwards of 90 illustrations. Half-morocco, Roxburgh, 27s. 6d. nett; in cloth 20s. nett; packing and postage 1s. 6d. extra. This edition is limited to 500 copies. The large paper edition was all sold within a few days of issuing the first prospectus.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING, 1902.

ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS.

SOCIETY.	PRESENT.	ABSENT
Ancient Society of College Youths ..	W. T. Cockerill ..	M. A. Wood .. E. P. O'Meara .. T. H. Taffender ..
Royal Cumberland Youths ..	R. A. Daniell .. H. Dains .. A. Jacob ..	H. Barton ..
St. James's Society ..	(Unrepresented) ..	C. F. Winney .. W. Weatherstone ..
Bedfordshire Association ..	Rev. W. W. C. Baker ..	
Bath and Wells Association ..	(Unrepresented) ..	Rev. H. C. Courtney .. F. N. Quantock-Shuldham .. H. W. Tomkins .. G. Walker ..
Birmingham and District Society ..	(Unrepresented) ..	
Birmingham St. Martin's Guild ..	W. H. Godden ..	
Chester Diocesan Guild ..	F. T. Spence .. W. Gordon ..	
Cleveland and North Yorks. Asso. ..	C. T. Clarkson ..	
Devonshire Guild ..	Rev. M. Kelly ..	J. G. Wollaston .. T. Hudson .. W. Holmes ..
Durham and Newcastle Association ..	R. S. Story ..	C. Sillitoe .. Rev. T. L. Papillon .. N. J. Pitstow .. Rev. E. B. James ..
Ely Diocesan Association ..	(Unrepresented) ..	
Essex Association ..	W. J. Nevard ..	E. P. Debenham .. F. W. Thornton .. Rev. F. J. O. Helmore .. Rev. E. W. Carpenter .. Rev. C. A. Clements .. R. Ridyard .. J. Eachus ..
Gloucester and Bristol Association ..	B. Keeble .. Rev. H. A. Cockey .. F. G. May ..	J. W. T. Holgate .. Rev. H. J. Cheales .. C. W. P. Clifton .. W. Benthams .. J. Basden ..
Hereford Diocesan Guild ..	J. E. Groves ..	
Hertford County Association ..	(Unrepresented) ..	
Kent County Association ..	W. Haigh ..	W. Wakley ..
Lancashire Association ..	Rev. H. J. Elsee ..	
Leeds and District Society ..	(Unrepresented) ..	
Lincoln Diocesan Guild ..	Rev. H. L. James .. G. Chester ..	Rev. B. Darley ..
Liverpool Diocesan Guild ..	(Unrepresented) ..	
Middlesex Association ..	A. T. King .. J. Waghorn ..	
Midland Counties' Association ..	Sir A. Heywood, Bart. .. S. Cooper .. J. Griffin ..	
Central Northamptonshire Asso. ..	G. R. Hensher ..	
North Notts. Association ..	(Unrepresented) ..	
Norwich Diocesan Association ..	C. Mee .. W. Catchpole .. J. Motts ..	
Oxford Diocesan Guild ..	Rev. F. E. Robinson .. Rev. G. F. Coleridge .. W. E. Yates ..	F. W. Hopgood ..
Salisbury Diocesan Guild ..	T. Blackburn ..	H. H. Palairat ..
Stafford Archdeaconry Society ..	A. Smith .. S. Reeves .. R. Cartwright ..	
Surrey Association ..	Dr. A. B. Carpenter .. C. Dean ..	
Sussex County Association ..	G. Williams .. S. Saker .. Rev. C. D. P. Davies ..	G. F. Attree ..
Winchester Diocesan Guild ..	Rev. C. E. Matthews .. J. B. Whiting ..	Rev. R. C. M. Harvey .. H. White ..
Worcester and District Association ..	R. E. Grove .. J. Smith ..	
Yorkshire Association ..	W. Snowdon .. C. H. Hattersley .. G. Bolland ..	W. Stainthorpe ..
Hon. Members ..	J. Carter .. F. W. J. Rees .. J. S. Pritchett .. J. A. Trollope .. F. E. Ward .. J. W. Taylor ..	Rev. J. H. Pilkington .. Rev. A. H. F. Boughey .. J. Pettit .. W. H. Thompson .. T. Lockwood ..

Societies represented ..	25
" unrepresented ..	9
Representatives present ..	47
" absent ..	38
Hon. Members present ..	6
" absent ..	5
Total Members present ..	53
" absent ..	43

RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, June 7th, the Preston (Suffolk) St. Mary's company had their third annual outing, Sproughton being the place fixed upon. The first ringing for the day, as early as 7.15 a.m., was at Preston, a 720 of New London. At the meeting-house of The Six Bells inn, at eight o'clock, the band were met by Mr W. Kinsey, H. Girdwell, of Felsham, and T. Levitt, of Hitcham. At 8.15 in two waggonettes the ringers started for Monks Eleigh, where time only allowing 360 to be rung, that number of Kent was well-struck on the grand old peal of six. Then away to Bramford, passing on the edge of Bildeston, where hangs a good peal of six, tenor 18 cwt, but in a shocking condition. Bramford being reached about 12.20 the party were met by the brothers Mee, F. Rolfe, and E. Rivers, and after a light refreshment Mr C. Mee piloted us to the tower. These are a nice little ring of six, but are in need of an expert bell-hanger. One more mile brought the company to their destination, and within two-and-a-half miles of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, but time would not allow them to visit it. Dinner was now awaiting us, Mr Kinsey being voted to the chair, and Mr C. Mee to the vice-chair. Justice was soon being done to the splendid provision, every one enjoying it to the utmost. The cloth being removed the chairman proposed "The Health of the King," which was drank with musical honours. Then "The Sproughton Ringers," being suitably responded to by the vice-chairman, who in proposing "The Health of the Felsham and Preston Companies" said it gave him great pleasure in meeting them. Mr. A. Symonds proposed a vote of thanks to the vice-chairman for his kindness for arrangements at Bramford and Sproughton. Mr. C. Mee suitably replied. The handbells were brought out and courses of Treble Bob Royal and Stedman Triples were rung double-handed. Then on the tower bells 720 of Oxford. Once more being all together, the Sproughton company gave some good tunes on the handbells, and songs by F. Mee, E. Rivers, and A. Rivers, followed by "God save the King" and "Auld lang Syne." The company wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the Vicars for the use of their bells. A. S.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

Mr J. W. Steddy, who until this week advertised "Apartments" at Ramsgate, has from domestic circumstances, been obliged to relinquish the premises. His address is now 64, Northgate Street, Canterbury. In giving us this information Mr Steddy says: "Please withdraw my advertisement in 'THE BELL NEWS.' I am surprised that more ringers do not advertise in your valuable paper; only a week ago two ringers from London called on me for apartments for a week."

Mr W. J. Sevier has removed from Victoria Pier, Portsmouth, and returned to Eastwood, Notts.

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 Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at Hellingly to-day, Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 3 to 5.30, and 7 to 9. Tea at Station hotel at 5.30. Usual travelling allowance to members.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

Arran, Baldslow Road, Hastings.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association—The Annual Meeting will be held at Taunton, to-day, Saturday, July 26. Agenda: Resignation of Hon. Sec. and other important business. Dinner at Wickenden's at 1.30 p.m. Meeting in St. Mary's Schools at 2.30 p.m.

A. J. H. ILES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—South Western Division.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Loughton, on Saturday, July 26th. Bells ready at 3.

THOS. FAULKNER, *Dist. Sec.*

Association for the Dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol.—Gloucester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Mitcheldean to-day, Saturday, July 26th. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m., also ten handbells if required. Service at parish church at 4 p.m., with address by the Rector. Tea at The Greyhound at 5, business meeting to follow. Trains at Mitcheldean Road, 1½ mile. Down—2.30, 4.11, 6.39, 9.34; Up—2.35, 4.56, 7.6, 9.30. Conveyance (6d.) will meet the 2.35. It is hoped the meeting will be well attended and successful.

ALFRED T. FORD, *Hon. Branch Sec.*

Stroud, July 15, 1902.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Reddish, to-day, Saturday, July 26th. Bells ready at 5, meeting at 7 o'clock.

J. SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames, on Saturday, August 2nd, at 4.30, by kind permission of the Rev. W. Russell.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—A general meeting will be held at Shildon, near Bishop Auckland, on the afternoon of Saturday, August 2nd. The new peal of eight bells, tenor 14 cwt., will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Durham, and will be at the disposal of the members afterwards. Free tickets for tea will be given out in the belfry. General meeting after tea. Committee to meet later. Those intending to be present must notify the President, R. S. Story, Esq., 8, Lombard Street, Newcastle, not later than Tuesday, July 29th.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*

Wylam-on-Tyne.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Middleton parish church, on Saturday, August 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. Any ringer welcome. A good muster requested.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bournemouth St. Peter's (by permission of the Winchester Guild) on Monday, August 4th. Committee 3 p.m. General

meeting 3.30. Short service 4.15. Tea at The Quadrant 4.45, 8d. each to those sending names to REV. H. DRAKE, *Branch Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—A District Meeting will be held at Hoddesdon on Monday, August 4th. The bells will be open for ringing from 2.30. The business meeting will be held at 6. All members and friends are cordially invited.

W. H. LAWRENCE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—All meetings of the above Society will be suspended during the month of August. The next practice will be held on Friday, September 12th. E. H. OXENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT QUIDENHAM.—This was J. Wood's 68th peal, rang in his 68th year; also the longest peal yet rung on these bells. The ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th and 7th hail from Norwich; the 5th man belongs to the local company; the tenor man from Pulham. The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, also the veteran J. Woods for making all arrangements.

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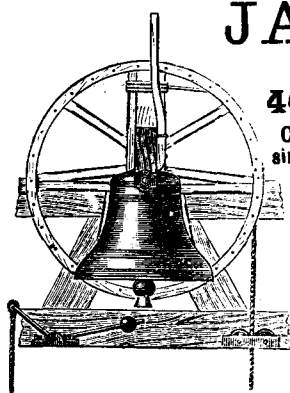
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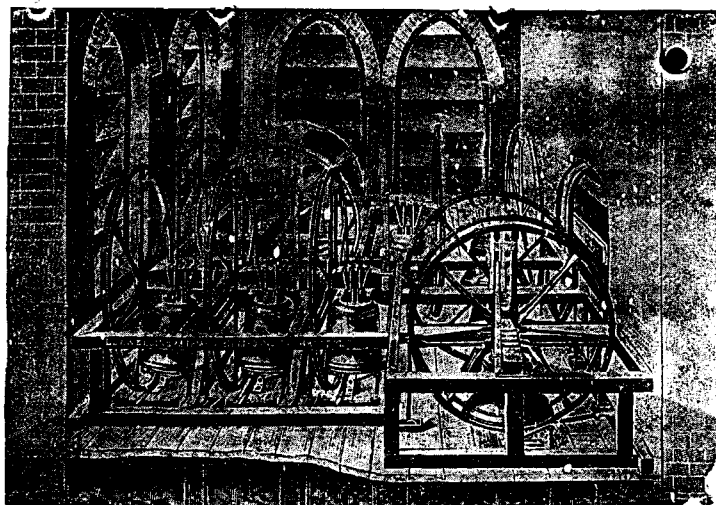
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THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

BRISTOL (Gloucestershire). All Saints. Gloucester and Bristol Association. Eight bells. All by Rudhall, 1887. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Rehung with new fittings by Yorke, 1873. Ropes new 1899, poor. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Forward, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise. No Sunday ringing or regular practice.

Christ Church. Ten bells. No return.

St. James. Ten bells. No return.

St. Matthew. Eight bells. No return.

St. Mary Redcliffe. Gloucester and Bristol Association. Twelve bells. Treble and 2nd by Mears, 1872; 3rd and 4th by the same, 1823; 5th and 6th by Rudhall, 1698; 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th by Bilbie, 1763; 11th and tenor by Rudhall, 1622. Tenor 50 cwt, diameter 5 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well and are in fair condition. Repairs by Taylor; no date given. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, and various Surprise methods. No Sunday ringing. Practice: monthly, Monday, 8.

St. Mary-le-Port. Gloucester and Bristol Association. Eight bells. Trebles by Smith; the rest by Lewis. No date given. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Bells go fairly. No further information given.

St. Nicholas. Gloucester and Bristol Association. Ten bells. Treble, 2nd, 3rd by Taylor, 1898; 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th by Rudhall, 1764; 8th, 1817; 9th, 1856; no founder mentioned. Tenor by Mears, 1804, 36 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 10 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring was rehung in new frame by Taylor, 1898. Ropes, good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain

and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: alternate Tuesdays, 5.30 and also after service. Practice: Tuesday, 7.45.

St. Peter. Eight Bells. No return.

St. Philip. Gloucester and Bristol Association. Eight bells. Founders and dates unknown. Tenor 25 cwt. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Wheels repaired by Schuler, 1900. No difficulty in getting necessary repairs done. Ropes new 1900; good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: first in month, 10.30 to 11, 2.30 to 3, and 6 to 6.30. No regular practice.

St. Stephen. Gloucester and Bristol Association. Ten bells. Trebles by Llewellyn, 1891; the rest by Rudhall. Date unknown. Tenor 21 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring was rehung by Llewellyn in 1891. Some of the clappers and wheels require repair, which is under consideration. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, Forward, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.45.

Temple Church. Eight bells. No return.

St. Thomas. Gloucester and Bristol Association. Eight bells. Tenor 29 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 7 in., by Llewellyns, 1894. The rest believed to be by Bilbie. 5th and 6th are dated 1600. Bells do not go well. They were all rehung with new fittings by Llewellyns, 1894. Ropes fair. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 11, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 7.30.

SAINTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

The bells of the parish church of Saintbury have been rehung, tuned, and quarter-turned, with all new hangings, and the 4th recast; they are now a splendid ring of six. The work has been well carried out by Messrs. White, of Appleton. The Rector and churchwardens certify that "the workmanship is good, and the go of the bells is excellent."

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, June 21st, the grand old ring of bells at Lavenham were rung in celebration of the addition of the two trebles. This celebration has annually been held for the past ninety-one years. At 7.0 a.m. the local company met and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by J. P. Bradley; and this served as a birthday compliment to Samuel Slater, of Glemsford, the company wishing him many happy returns. During the course of the day touches in various methods were rung, the visitors taking part in them being the Rev. H. W. T. Eyre (Great Totham), E. Evans, A. Moore, H. Turner (Bury St. Edmunds), H. Gladwell, W. Kinsey (Felsham), G. Brown, C. Sillitoe (All Saints, Sudbury), A. Avis (Withersfield).

THE RINGERS' ONLY TRUE BADGE.—In Gold, Silver or Bronze.—COLDWELL (Ringers, Miskfield, Yorks.)

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The members of this association held their quarterly meeting at Pentre, on Saturday, July 19th. About a dozen members arrived by the 3.30 train, and at once proceeded to the belfry, and having raised the bells, some touches of Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major were rung. Afterwards a shortened service, with address by the Rev. Henry James (curate) was held in the church.

The Vicar being away on his holiday at the Channel Islands, the chair at the business meeting was taken by the Rev. Henry James, who on behalf of the Vicar gave the members a very cordial welcome.

The minutes of the last quarterly meeting having been read and duly signed, the Hon. Secretary read the balance sheet for the year ending the 31st December 1901, which was passed.

It was decided that the next quarterly meeting be held at Chepstow.

It was proposed by Mr. J. W. Jones, and seconded by Mr. J. Clutterbuck, that the £5 which was offered to Penarth for the completion of the octave there be offered to the Vicar of Newcastle, Bridgend, for the same purpose, and that Hon. Secretary write to that effect. This was carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Atwell, that the heartiest congratulations of the meeting be accorded to the Hon. Secretary on his recent appointment to the rectory of Caerphilly, a record of which to be entered in the minute-book. Carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks was given the chairman for presiding, and in replying he said that it had given him much pleasure to do so.

A very kind invitation to tea was received from Mrs. Lewis, of the Vicarage, Mrs. Lewis taking great interest in all, after which a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. Lewis for her generosity. Mr. Lewis, son of the Vicar, then invited the members to the library for a smoke, which was much enjoyed.

The members then returned to the tower where touches of Grandsire, Bob Triples, and Bob Major were rung, and thus ended a very enjoyable afternoon and evening.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(S. W. DIVISION.)

A successful meeting was held at Loughton on Saturday, July 26th. Members attending represented the towers of West Ham, Barking, Barking Road, Woodford, Leytonstone, etc., beside members of the local company. Amongst the visitors during the afternoon were Dr. and Miss Nichols (of Boston, U.S.A.), the lady successfully accomplishing some touches of Grandsire Triples. Tea was served at The Gardeners inn, about twenty sitting down.

The business meeting was held afterwards, the Master of the branch, Mr. E. A. Davies, presiding, supported by the general Secretary (Rev. H. T. W. Eyre), the Rev. E. Colnett, and Mr. J. A. Weller. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Rev. E. Colnett was elected an honorary member. A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector of Loughton, proposed by the Master, was carried unanimously. On the proposition of Mr. A. Carter, Romford was the place chosen for the next meeting in November.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of this society was held at Rothwell on Saturday, July 26th, and there was only a moderate attendance. Touches of Kent Treble Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise Minor, and other Minor methods were rung on the tower bells, the striking being fairly good, ringers from the following places taking part: Leeds, Armley, Bramley, Calverley, Bradford, Woodlesford, Tong, Headingley (St. Chad's), and the local company.

The business meeting was held at The Swan hotel, the President, Mr. G. Barraclough, in the chair. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting which were passed on the proposition of Mr. F. Woodhead, seconded by Mr. H. Lockwood.

Mr. J. C. Abbishaw next proposed that the next meeting be held at Calverley on August 31st, which was seconded by Mr. H. Lockwood, and carried.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and the local company for their kind arrangements was proposed by Mr. F. Woodhead, seconded by Mr. John Thackray, and carried unanimously. Mr. W. Abbishaw responded, giving all a hearty welcome.

SERIOUS BELFRY ACCIDENT.

On Monday last, the Norton (Derbyshire) company visited Scarborough to spend a day at the seaside. At three o'clock the visitors met at the parish church, a permit to ring having been obtained early in the previous week. We found the 2nd with the stay off, the tenor without a rope, and a note fastened on No. 1—"Beware of the treble." After some difficulty a start was made for a touch of Grandsire; the 2nd rope, after about ten minutes' ringing, slipped the wheel. "Stand" was an absolute necessity under such conditions. Then Mr. J. Allen, who had been ringing the 7th, crossed over to the 6th, and pulled her off at handstroke; at the backstroke the stay gave way, taking Allen up to the floor above, a distance of 18 feet, where he received a severe blow on the crown of his head, the rope taking the flesh from his hand. With a dreadful thud he dropped to the floor, when to the dismay of all, it was seen that he had received serious injury. After a lapse of about ten minutes he regained consciousness, and was then carefully taken down the belfry steps, placed in a cab, and driven to the Royal Hospital, accompanied by Mr. James Biggin, where he was detained. The Rev. — Hall, Vicar of Norton, and Mrs. Hall, who had accompanied the party, which comprised about one hundred church workers and friends, decided to stay in Scarborough until Allen was out of danger.

The sad affair put quite a damper on the spirits of all the party. The cause of the accident is the stay being cracked previously, in consequence of a number of young hands learning to pull a bell. Another incentive to the catastrophe was the existence of a knot at the rope's-end, which prevented Allen allowing it to slip through his hand when the bell went over. In fact the whole thing was done so quick that no one had time to say "let go." I have received a wire from Mr. Hall this (Tuesday) morning with the information that Allen is about the same, and not fit to be removed.

E. J.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

How is this? some of you will be saying when you read the above headline. "Thought you were defunct, or had retired on a well-earned pension" etc., etc. Well you know this is the slack season, as it is called. Everything is slack, quiet, stagnant. Even ringing is lying low for a time. So I have been invited not to be backward in coming forward just to bring some grist (not he of Bournemouth) to the mill in my own particular line. That is why I am before you now.

No; I am sorry to say the retiring pension which has been mooted by several friends has no existence. Nothing of the kind; either retiring or the reverse. Those friends whom I have just alluded to as having mooted such a question, have surely been the victims of the sportive faculties of my young friend JINGLE, who is well-known as one able to "get at you," as it is called. But enough; let me proceed on my way to "note and comment" upon subjects relevant to the time.

There has been a lot happened since I last tried to edify you. [Perhaps this sentence is not strictly grammatical, but we mustn't be too particular this weather]. There has been a lot of correspondence happened, has there not? What a wonderfully energetic man is the Rev. H. Drake. To parody or paraphrase some lines of Thackeray's, thus:

His pseudonym is Herbert Drake
And if I'd committed crimes,
By lor! I would'nt have that man
Attack me in *The Times*.

Or in the "B.N." either. Why? because he is one of those whose adherent propensities are so strongly developed; he sticks to you, aye, closer than a brother, in discussion or argument, and only lets you go when—Ah! There is one case, though in which he cannot get along. He has tried his best, or nearly, but the gentleman he wants to argue with is not purchasing just now.

Some of you have seen the word, I think of Yankee origin, "high-falutin." I can hardly describe its meaning here, but we can take the following newspaper extract as "high falutin," very. It is concerning a peal of G. T. rung at Leighton. Omitting formal parts, here it is:—

"The ringers emerged triumphantly from their self-imposed ordeal. The visitors were Mr. C. R. Lilley, from Bedford, who is a noted ringer and a far famed conductor; there is little fear of a breakdown when conducted by his sharp eye to every rope and keen ear to each sound, and most important of all his true calling in every part."

The other visitors are dealt with quite modestly. I don't suppose for a moment that the beneficiary of this paragraph is responsible for it. Not for a moment. I expect though he whispered something into the ear of a reporter, which has been made the most of.

This kind of thing is always unfortunate. In the present day there is no hiding such rubbish. It will come out, and then those concerned have to run the gauntlet. We have had plenty of this "high-falutin," but it has generally been connected with conductors of that arrangement called "stoney." In this case our friend Lilley has not escaped the bitterness of severe criticism. A letter

has been placed in my hands, from a Bedford man, which I must not give, and this is very uncomplimentary to Mr. Lilley. Perhaps he will in future strive to discourage "high-falutin."

In making any allusion to the interesting schedule now under compilation by Sir Arthur Heywood, I will not animadvert upon the conduct of those people who have not sent in any return. If I did I should be carried away, not by the exuberance of my own verbosity, but by honest indignation. In the number of our paper for June 14th last, there is given the particulars of the bells at St. Leonard's church, Bilston, Staffordshire. These particulars contain one item which is splendidly unique. Perhaps readers may not have noticed it. We are told that the bells are good, and go fairly. But read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest what follows: "SEXTON ALLOWS NO CHANGE-RINGING! [Please Mr. compositor set this up in capitals.] It is the richest bit I have read for a long time, and it is a mystery to me how it never came out in the correspondence columns. Let's repeat it again. "The Sexton allows no Change-ringing!" Not the Vicar, or the Churchwardens, or the sidesmen, or the parish clerk, mind you, but the man at the lowest rung of the ecclesiastical ladder—the Sexton! who "allows no Change-ringing!"

It almost takes one's breath away. The organ-blower and gravedigger of St. Leonard, Bilston, will consider their *locus standi*. Perhaps with the sexton they will be objecting to the performance of an anthem in the church. Verily the impudence of some people is amazing.

But what can the Vicar and churchwardens be about to allow an officer of the calibre of sexton to control the belfry in such a manner; What should be the worth of the sexton's likes or dislikes with regard to change-ringing? Nothing at all. I appeal to the Vicar of St. Leonard, Bilston, to change this. If I recollect aright the bells are a model of hanging, and require therefore to be handled by men of experience, viz.: change-ringers.

A change has occurred in the executive of the Winchester Guild. The Rev. C. E. Matthews, the late Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, becomes Master. Well, it is a post of honour, and he has worked hard to deserve it. The rev. gentleman and myself are very old friends, as he will admit. He has acted before now as a critic of these effusions, but kindly and complimentary. He tells us he is not going to be a mere figure-head, Good. Haste, my dear friend, to get a peal; the new Hon. Secretary can call one for you in quick sticks, and in any method under the sun, or over it. If you would however specially desire my co-operation in the matter I am willing to oblige. I think that is the recognised orthodox hint.

In the new Honorary Secretary and Treasurer—the Rev. E. W. Carpenter—the Guild have a most expert ringer. For many years he served the Kent County Association in the same office he now holds in the Winchester Guild, and won golden opinions and esteem from all.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

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."

THE WINCHESTER AND SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILDS.

SIR,—As a native of Hants., and having been a member of the Winchester Guild since its foundation in 1879-80, I have been somewhat interested in the various correspondence that has appeared in these columns with regard to a few towers on the extreme border of Hants. adjoining Dorset, what most ringers I should say would consider "much ado about nothing."

I, like the old Scotch woman (quoted by Mr. Daniell) do not presume to understand the minister's sermon, nor can I altogether agree with your remarks in your editorial of the 12th inst.; but as far as I have been able to gather from the Salisbury Guild report for year ending March 31st, 1902, the towers of Bournemouth, Christchurch, Fordingbridge and Ringwood (all in Hants.), have been admitted in perfect bona-fide, Bournemouth having been affiliated since its foundation in 1882. The Secretary there states that "at present there is no rule that admits these towers." Having just looked over the rules I fail to see one that says they "cannot be admitted," therefore to exclude them—they having been elected bona-fide members—would require a new rule, then according to present Rule V. they could still retain their membership.

Now as to the difficulty between these two neighbouring Guilds it looks very much as if these two said towers have been neglected by the Guild in whose diocese they are situated, and have joined the neighbouring Guild with the idea of getting better served. They like most of us could soon see that the Wimborne and East Dorset branch of the Salisbury Guild had been fortunate in obtaining the services of an exceptional energetic Hon. Secretary, and as he (Mr. Drake) says in his report for 1901-02, there must be much greater consideration for local requirements and circumstances than has distinguished the Guild in the past. This is a hint should be taken also by the Winchester Guild, for I venture to say that had the requirements of the above-mentioned towers been looked after more keenly by the Winchester Guild they would have had no cause to have sought the assistance of its adjoining neighbour. Rule I. of the Winchester Diocesan Guild says it has for its objects (1) The recognition of the true position of ringers as Church Officials; (2) The due care and use of church bells and belfries; (3) The cultivation of change-ringing. Now as a member ever since its formation—although non-resident for over half that time—I make bold to say that if 1 and 2 of this rule has been complied with, 3 has been very much neglected in Hampshire. These are facts the annual reports will prove. I will only mention two districts as an example; Portsmouth, containing eighteen towers, over half of which an official meeting of the Guild has never been held; Petersfield, eleven towers, two-thirds of these have never had an official meeting of the Guild. I mention these in preference to any of the others, being frequently in those districts, and am well acquainted with the means of locomotion to a large number of these towers, but Rule IX. provides for this difficulty, therefore there can be no excuse as to being get-at-able, and to carry out Rule I. efficiently would be. If these outlying towers will not come to the Guild, the Guild should go to them; and had this been put more in practice there is not the least doubt but that the towers previously mentioned would have had no cause to have gone over to the adjoining Guild. Although we have in Sussex many towers not affiliated to our Association, our rule is to hold meetings at these towers, by so doing we gradually get them affiliated. Sussex being divided into three divisions, each division holds a meeting quarterly, this gives one monthly or twelve in the year, thus giving members an opportunity all over the county to attend at least one or two meetings a year without journeying from one end of the county to the other. Apologising for troubling you with these few remarks.

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

P.S.—I have asked and have been asked several times, why the Winchester Guild meeting held at Gosport in April 1901, and at which the memorial brass erected by the Winchester Guild to the memory of our dear old friend James Hewitt; of

Gosport, was never reported in our ringing papers. I am sure this is an oversight, as the consequence is that we have no record of it in our ringing papers.

BOW BELLS.

SIR,—I am obliged to Mr. Hughes for responding to my request. His words read to me as meaning that the Bow tenor was cast in 1762, and not in 1738 as stated by Mr. Borrett. Is this so?

R. A. DANIELL.

EXPLANATORY.

SIR,—I received this (Monday) morning some letters expressing surprise and regret that I had sent to you a report of a Committee Meeting of our Guild so misleading and with so little truth in it. I wish therefore to inform your readers that I sent no report to you of the Committee Meeting; that therefore the report should be looked upon as written by an unauthorised irresponsible correspondent. Having been present at the meeting I can vouch that the report is very inaccurate, vague and misleading.

H. E. TILNEY-BASSETT.

"CORONATION."

To our Gracious King,
All the bells shall ring
On Coronation Day;
And each peal proclaim,
His mighty domain,
As melody floats away.

And our noble Queen,
Who always has been
So good to all the nation;
Our bells we will raise,
To sound out her praise,
With notes of jubilation.

The metal shall sound,
In good changes or round
From every tower and steeple;
And voices will sing,
Long live the King,
From all good loyal people.

Major and Triples,
Will ring out in ripples
All in good tune and time;
Caters and Royal,
To show we are loyal,
In every land and clime.

So here's peace and health,
Long life and wealth
To King and Queen so dear;
God send that they may,
Reign o'er us and stay,
For many a long, long year.

So our bells we'll swing,
And merrily ring,
With joy and adoration;
And success to all,
Who ring or call,
For King Edward's Coronation.

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Ringers' Outings.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SOCIETY, MARGATE.—On Thursday, June 5th, the above society had their second annual outing. Leaving Margate by the 6.10 train, Ashford was reached at 7.36, where a brake was waiting to convey them round the country. The little village of Woodchurch was the first stopping place, and about an hour was spent in ringing Stedman Doubles and Minor methods on the ring of six. Proceeding, Tenterden was reached at 11, when the bells of St. Mildred were soon ringing in Grandsire Triples, 504 of which was soon brought round in capital style; after which several touches of Stedman Triples were rung. The bells here go lovely, and the tone is excellent. Rolvenden was the next stopping place, when a good dinner was provided at The Bull hotel. Afterwards a visit was paid to the church tower, when touches in several methods were rung. Cricket was then indulged in, and then the return journey was made. Tea was partaken of at Tenterden, and then the tower was scaled to see the magnificent view from the top. Ashford was reached at 7.45, ringing here again was the order, several touches being done. The return was made by the 9.10 train which arrived at Margate at 10.30. The weather was all that could be desired and all spent a very enjoyable day. The company was accompanied by the Rev. A. L. Brine, who is a member of the band. The Rev. Ashton T. Gwatkin, Vicar of Margate met them at Ashford on the return journey.

THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The above society had their usual annual outing on Saturday, July 19, 1902, the places visited being Mommouth and Ross. Dinner was served at The White Swan, Mommouth, to which about twenty-five members and friends sat down. Ross was visited on the homeward journey to Cheltenham, and some good ringing was done at both Mommouth and Ross. The Society desire to thank the Incumbents of Mommouth and Ross for their kindness in allowing the use of the bells; and the Ringers for having everything in readiness for them. Special thanks on this latter score being due to Mr. Jones of Mommouth and Mr. Clark of Ross.

THE ST. STEPHEN'S WESTMINSTER SOCIETY.—This branch of the Ancient Society of College Youths held its annual outing on Saturday, July 12th. Lewes in Sussex was the selected place, and when the members to the number of a dozen arrived there they were accorded a hearty welcome by Mr. J. Goldsmith. After a stroll round, dinner was served at the King's Head and the men showed that the Sussex air quite agreed with their appetites. Mr. Goldsmith had obtained permission for South-over bells to be used, and although much noisier than those at home touches in several methods were brought round. A social evening was spent at the King's Head; the handbells were brought into use, and many good songs were to be heard. Many local ringers joined the party as well as Mr. Keith Hart and friends from Brighton. After breakfast on Sunday, a brake and pair took the party to Ringmer where touches of London and Superlative Surprise were rung for service. The drive was continued round about Lewes until dinner time and was greatly enjoyed. The afternoon was too warm for much exertion so a shady spot was found in a meadow and the time passed away in smoking and exchanging fairy tales. After tea another visit was paid to tower and the bells rang out merrily for evening service. The time passed all too quickly and soon after nine farewells were said, and the return journey to London commenced. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon Mrs. Goldsmith of the King's Head for the able way in which all the wants of the party were supplied, and the members wish to thank her, Mr. J. Goldsmith her son, Mr. Keith Hart, and all the other friends for so kindly adding to their enjoyment.

THE ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—On Saturday, July 12th, the members of the above society had their annual outing; the places agreed upon were Bakewell and Youlgreave, Derbyshire. The route from Sheffield embraces some of the most beautiful scenery in Derbyshire. Leaving Sheffield about 8.30 a.m., we arrived at Bakewell shortly before 12. We then agreed to drive on to Youlgreave, and to ring at Bakewell on returning. We were met at Youlgreave by the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Stamper, who informed us that his churchwarden's wife had died that morning, but he could endeavour to

obtain permission for us to have a pull. As they had no objection we ascended the tower and having raised the bells we rung short touches of Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and Stedman Triples. After having had a walk through the Vicarage Grounds, and ringing changes and tunes on the handbells, we adjourned to tea, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. After having had a walk through the village, we left Youlgreave for Bakewell where Mr. Thackray was waiting for us. We raised the bells and rung an excellent touch of 720 Kent Treble Bob Major, after which a short touch of Grandsire Triples with some of the local band. The following members took part in the ringing during the day: C. H. Hattersley, (President), A. Brearley, D. Brearley, J. Holman, John Mulligan, T. Silvester, S. Seed, W. Burgar, J. T. Rew, W. Smithson, and W. Lomas (Hon. Sec). We then commenced our journey for home which we reached about 10 p.m., it being unanimous that it was one of the most pleasant outs than we had had. L.

THE LEWISHAM (KENT) SOCIETY.—On Saturday, July 12th, the members of St. Mary's, Lewisham, and St. Margaret's, Lee, with other friends, had their outing to Eastbourne. Leaving London Bridge by the 6.25 a.m. train, their destination was reached soon after eight. After breakfast which was thoroughly enjoyed, the journey in the early morning having sharpened everyone's appetite, the members parted company for the time being, some going bathing, some sailing and rowing, while others explored the town. Meeting again at 12.30 at the Star Hotel, old Eastbourne, all partook of and enjoyed an excellent dinner. After the usual toasts had been drunk, some with musical honours, the proprietor, Mr. Herriot, brought up a splendid gramophone which gave some excellent selections of music and songs, one selection being especially interesting, the sacred hymn "Lead kindly light" being rendered first by the chimes of church bells, then on the organ and finally by a choir and organ. The company then adjourned to St. Mary's tower, when the peal of eight bells were soon set in motion and several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, some of the local band joining in. After ringing, the steeplekeeper very kindly took the party to the top of the tower, where a splendid view was obtained. The company then broke up again, some going back to the sea, others climbing Beachy Head, to meet again after tea at the station to catch the 7.50 train back to London Bridge, all having thoroughly enjoyed a good day's outing. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar of St. Mary's, for his kindness in permitting them to ring, and the steeplekeeper for his help in making the various arrangements for the outing.

THE GUISELEY COMPANY.—This company had their annual trip to York on Saturday the 26th, ult. Mr. W. H. Howard, of the York company, came to meet them at the station, taking them to the Minster, and showing the principal places, which was very interesting. They then rung on the Tower light eight a few courses of Treble Bob. They wish to thank Mr. Howard for shewing them around the Minster and other places in York.

Bishop Gibson, Vicar-General of the diocese of Pretoria, in a letter to the "Guardian," after notifying that August 13 is the date fixed for the election of a Bishop of Pretoria, asks the prayers of the Church for the diocese for that date, and "that when the new Bishop has been chosen many priests may be ready to come out and strengthen his hands, and reinforce the little band of twenty-six clergy who, in spite of their wholly inadequate numbers, are honestly struggling to do their best to overtake the enormous work which God has given us in this land."

SAXLINGHAM (Norfolk).—On July 6th, four of the Quidenham ringers, with R. Hutton, of Bunwell, paid a visit to this place, and rang a 720 of Bob Minor for morning service. E. G. Kemp, R. Hutton, W. Baldry, W. Ringer, J. Wilson conductor, J. Woods. For afternoon service another 720. G. Aldiss, J. Sage, R. Baldry, J. Wilson, R. Hutton conductor, G. Aldiss. After service another 720. R. Hutton, H. Buckenham, R. Baldry, W. Ringer, Rev. R. W. Pitt, J. Woods conductor.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 1902.

THE town of Scarborough is, as is well-known, a fashionable sea-side resort situate on the Yorkshire coast. We do not recollect ever to have heard that it was a place where change-ringing was at all known, or in fact that either of the churches in the town contained any bells worthy of the name. But it has just gained a notoriety of another kind, unfortunately, a notoriety which is very rarely heard of, and one which is certainly not wanted to be heard of by any one.

The particulars of an accident in the belfry of the parish church, Scarborough, will be found on another

page, and it is unnecessary, therefore, to recapitulate them. The circumstance affords another instance of the culpable—we had almost written criminal—neglect into which the most costly ornaments of the Church are allowed to fall. This particular instance seems to denote a case of extraordinary disregard. The account of the condition of the bells which is furnished by our old friend Mr. EDWIN JAMES, savours of romance almost. One bell without a rope; another with a stay absent; a third dangerous; together with a general ruin and decay all round, is the position of affairs. Yet with church bells in this state, the authorities most unwisely give permission to a visiting company to ring. True it is that they had taken care to affix a notice to "beware of the treble," but this merely increases the irony of the situation. They should long ago have ascertained the condition of the bells by the employment of a skilled church bell hanger, and then closed the tower to all until the necessary repairs had been effected. Had this very necessary work been done, the local hospital would last week have had a patient less.

It is hoped that the Vicar and wardens of the parish church of Scarborough will have a genuine and complete restoration of their bells without delay.

That eminent change-ringer and musician, Mr. W. GORDON, has changed his residence. For many years he has been well-known to the ringing community and others as a publisher of handbell music of every conceivable kind. His stock is now replete with everything that may be required in this direction, and further music is being constantly added.

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1902, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22½ cwt.

GEORGE WILSON Treble.	EDWARD PRICE 5.
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES .. 2.	WALTER INGHAM 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	HARRY WARNETT 7.
THOMAS TAYLOR 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by HARRY WARNETT.

The Provinces.

COITY, NEAR BRIDGEND.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 23, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s of Bob Minor each called differently.

JOHN EVANS Treble.	*HOPKINS JENKINS 4.
ARTHUR SPRACKLEN .. 2.	DAVID J. HURFORD 5.
JOHN EVANS 3.	JOHN COX Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN COX.

*First peal. First peal on the bells.

NORWOOD GREEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 23, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Court Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt.

THOMAS J. BARKER .. Treble.	HENRY CHANDLER 4.
JOHN BASDEN 2.	*WILLIAM FOSTER 5.
GEORGE GLADMAN 3.	CHARLES EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS

*First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 23, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S COMPOSITION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT S. STORY .. Treble.	WILLIAM STORY 5.
WILLIAM HOLMES 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 6.
S. OCTAVIUS FERRY .. 3.	ROBERT RICHARDS 7.
HUGH D. DALL 4.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

Reference elsewhere.

REIGATE, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 24, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANCIS T. HOAD, SEN. .. Treble.	WILLIAM BURKIN 5.
GEORGE THOMPSON 2.	WILLIAM ARGENT 6.
HUGH R. THORPE 3.	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. 7.
HENRY REEVES 4.	WILLIAM H. CARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS T. HOAD, SEN.

BUCKMINSTER, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS.

On Saturday, July 26, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 6-scores of Old Doubles, fourteen of Canterbury Pleasure, fourteen of Grandsire, and seven of Plain Bob

Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS HENRY MORRIS* Treble.	JOSEPH MURRAY 4.
WILLIAM JOHNSON BROWN† 2.	GEORGE HY. HUDDLESTON 5.
WILLIAM HENRY DYKE .. 3.	*WALTER CLARKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. H. HUDDLESTON.

*First peal. †First peal with a hob bell. First peal on the bells.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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.

JOSEPH CHURCH .. Treble.	WILLIAM STAPLETON .. 4.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 2.	CHARLES CHASTY 5.
FRED. WILFORD 3.	WILLIAM FREEMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, July 26, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford, Kent, Woodbine and Violet Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

FREDERICK PLEASANCE .. Treble.	HARRY CATTERMOLLE .. 4.
HARRY DAVY 2.	JAMES ROSE 5.
THOMAS DAVY 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

WINLATON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES CLIFF Treble.	*Z. SCOTT 4.
JOHN W. ROBINSON 2.	*J. SMITH 5.
GEORGE T. ROSS 3.	†WILLIAM C. BENNETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM C. BENNETT.

*First 5040 of Minor. †First peal as conductor.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, EPSOM COMMON,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN MOULE Treble.	ERNEST PYE 5.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

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

First peal in the method on the bells, and was rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of A. W. Brighton.

DUCKLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Monday, July 28, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently, Tenor 7 cwt.

JOSEPH CLARKE† .. Treble.	THOMAS BULL 4.
CHARLES EDWARDS 2.	HARRY BROOKS 5.
HENRY DRUCE 3.	NOBLE SPINDLOW .. Tenor.

Conducted by NOBLE SPINDLOW.

Rung to celebrate the Rector's birthday, and being made Doctor of Letters. †First peal. First peal of Minor on the bells, and by the above branch.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SONNING (Berks).—On Sunday, July 13th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Hammonds, A. W. Reeves, G. Wright, J. Ward, W. Hands, F. Dentry, A. E. Reeves conductor, G. Brown.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

LONDON.—On March 2nd, at All Saints church, Fulham, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 48 mins. A. S. Ough, C. Charge composer and conductor, A. Cutmore, J. Herbert, A. Jones, W. Hollier, W. T. Elson, J. H. B. Hesse, R. Charge, W. Charge. On March 6th, for practice on the front six 720 Bob Minor. A. S. Ough, W. Charge, C. Charge, W. Hollier, J. Herbert, W. T. Elson conductor. On March 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259

changes, in 49 mins. A. S. Ough, W. Charge, W. T. Elson composer and conductor, A. Jones, J. Crombie, J. Herbert, H. Adams, J. H. B. Hesse, C. Charge, S. How. On May 25th a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 47 mins. A. S. Ough, A. Cutmore, R. Charge, A. S. Wright, C. Charge, A. Jones, G. Iles, J. H. B. Hesse, W. T. Elson, W. Charge. On July 20th, 223 Grandsire Triples. A. S. Ough, J. Herbert, A. Jones, H. Adams, Miss Nicholls (Boston U.S.A.) J. W. Driver conductor, W. T. Elson, H. Daynes. On July 20th, at St. Mary's church, Mortlake, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. W. T. Meaton, J. Howes, A. Jones, H. Last, H. Adams, J. H. B. Hesse, W. T. Elson composer and conductor, A. Jones.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORSHAM.—On Sunday, July 27th, for evening service, 504 Court Bob Triples. J. Brown, G. Williams, H. Burstow, H. Mance, E. Waller, G. Woodman, W. Short, J. Garman.

LINDFIELD (Sussex).—On Saturday, July 26th, a visit was paid by the Divisional Hon. Secretary. Mr. G. Williams and Messrs. F. W. Rice and G. Paice from Crawley, when a 504 of Grandsire Triples was brought round. F. Willey, G. Williams conductor, G. Tomsett, H. Tomsett, A. Tomsett, G. Paice, F. W. Rice, E. Patching. Also 462 Grandsire Triples. E. Patching, G. Williams conductor, H. Tomsett, A. Tomsett, F. W. Rice, G. Paice, G. Tomsett, F. Willey. The local band here gladly welcome any brother-strings on a practice night.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—On Sunday, July 27th, for evening service at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. A. H. Ward conductor, G. Ward, C. Hart, J. Pagett composer, C. Draper, S. Maskery, E. Willis, G. Wheldon.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

FRIESTON.—On Friday, July 25th, the local company rang a 720 of Minor. J. Sharp, W. F. Harwood, E. Clayton, E. Rollinson, H. Staffurth, J. Sharp conductor. On Saturday, July 26th, another 720 was rung. E. Sellars, A. O. Barber, J. Sharp, E. Rollinson, E. Clayton, W. Barker conductor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WEST HAM.—On Sunday, May 25th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles. W. H. Etheridge, T. Cranfield, W. H. Dallimore, J. Waits, S. J. Bird, I. Slade. On June 1st, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles. W. H. Etheridge, T. Cranfield, A. J. Waits, J. Waits, W. H. Dallimore, S. J. Bird. On Sunday, July 13th, before evening service, with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. E. A. Billups, mother of a member of the local company, the usual whole pull and stand being also rung. Also 720 Grandsire Doubles. T. Crick, T. Cranfield, A. J. Waits, J. Waits, W. H. Dallimore, W. H. Etheridge. On Sunday, July 27th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles. W. H. Etheridge, T. Cranfield, A. J. Waits, J. Waits, W. H. Dallimore, S. J. Bird. All conducted by W. H. Dallimore.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, July 27th, for Divine Service in the morning at the parish church, 640 Kent Treble Bob. F. Webb, W. Farrow, H. Collins, S. Slater (Glensford), C. H. Howard conductor, P. Holmes, H. Coote, E. F. Slade. For afternoon service, 656 Bob Major. H. Collins, W. Farrow, A. Papworth (Stanstead, Suffolk), S. Slater, B. Wiffen, G. Sentance, C. H. Howard conductor, E. F. Slade.

THORINGTON.—On Sunday, July 27th, for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor. W. Andrews, W. J. Nevard, W. J. Hazell, G. Lancaster, G. Miles, G. A. Andrews conductor.

GREAT BENTLEY.—On Sunday evening, July 27th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Dines, W. J. Nevard, W. J. Hazell conductor, G. Lancaster, G. Miles, G. A. Andrews, P. Clarke.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

HALLOW (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, June 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Matthews L. Clay, A. Winterton, W. Rouse, G. H. Phillott, Rev. J. F. Hastings, W. Page conductor, J. Oakley.

HARTLEBURY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, June 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. H. Oldnall, A. Harris, H. Matthews, A. Winterton, L. Clay, J. Batchelor, W. Page conductor, J. Thompson.

ASHLEWORTH.—On Friday, July 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, being ten-and-a-half 6-scores, each called differently. S.

Roberts, J. M. Turner, F. Belchar, B. Etheridge conductor, A. Dance, T. Taylor. And two 6-scores by the same.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, July 27th, for Divine Service, 1200 Kent Treble Royal. G. Hollis, C. P. Clifton, B. A. Knights, G. W. Bemrose, W. J. Tbyng, S. Price, F. W. S. Butter (Gainsborough), J. Hunt, G. Davies, A. Knights conductor

DUNCHURCH (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, July 21st, after evening service at St. Peter's church, 240 Bob Minor. G. Kilby, A. Hill, J. W. Chandler, A. Tennant, H. Kilby, W. Steggall conductor. Also 120 Bob Minor. W. Pannell, H. Hill, H. Kilby, W. Steggall J. W. Chandler, A. Tennant. All the above hail from London. Also 180 Bob Minor. A. Bramall, A. Hill, J. B. Fenton, W. Steggall, A. Dubber, J. George conductor. And 120 Grandsire Doubles. A. Hicks, A. J. Hessian, A. Bramall, W. Steggall, J. George conductor, W. Pinfold. The ringers desire to thank the Rev. W. R. Jubb for his kindness in allowing the use of the bells on this occasion.

DONCASTER (Yorks).—On Sunday afternoon, July 27th, in memory of the late W. Newsome, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled, in 50 mins. R. Bayers, H. Brock, G. Halksworth, H. Marwood, C. Armitage, G. Clow, H. G. Wilson, W. Howard.

FELSHAM.—On Sunday, July 27th, 720 Superlative Surprise. J. Horrex, T. Hollocks, A. Hollocks, T. Levitt, H. Gladwell, W. Hollocks conductor. A 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob. H. Crick, A. Symonds, H. D. Poulson, T. Levitt, W. Hollocks, W. Kinsey conductor. A 720 of Violet Treble Bob. J. Horrex, H. Gladwell, T. Hollocks, A. Hollocks, W. Kinsey, W. Hollocks conductor. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Hollocks, H. Gladwell, H. Poulson, T. Levitt, J. Horrex, W. Kinsey conductor.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On Sunday, July 13th, for Divine Service, 324 Gradsire Caters. G. E. English (Newark), H. Wright, R. Christian J. Godfrey, R. Spalding (Haddiscoe), W. Secrett, J. E. Davis (Camberwell), D. Hayward conductor, J. Matthews, F. Pestell. On Sunday, July 20th, for evening service, 528 Grandsire Cinques. R. Tooley, W. C. Rumsey, A. W. Grimes, W. T. Groom, W. Howchin, W. Rought, J. Moy, J. G. Rumsey, G. Moy, G. E. Symonds, D. Hayward conductor, J. Matthews. Ringers of 2, 3, 4, 8 and 10 belong to the 2nd Suffolk Volunteers; 6, 7 and 9 to the 3rd Norfolk Volunteers.

HAMPSTEAD (Middlesex).—On Sunday, July 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. J. Miles, H. Watson, E. Pryor, E. Bonfield, W. H. Pryor, W. J. Nudds, F. Smith conductor, W. J. Norton.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, July 20th, for morning service, 560 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, R. Watson, A. J. Hessian, J. Coales, A. Bramall, J. George conductor, J. B. Fenton, R. Clarke. On Monday, July 21st, 560 Bob Major. J. Coales, R. Watson, A. J. Gillings, F. Sear, A. Dubber, J. B. Fenton, A. Bramall, J. George conductor. And 168 Stedman Triples. A. J. Hessian, A. Dubber, A. J. Hicks, F. Sear, A. Bramall, J. B. Fenton, J. George conductor, R. Watson.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—Recently, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob. W. Pannell, A. Hill, J. W. Chandler, W. Steggall, H. Kilby, A. Pittam conductor. For evening service four 6-scores of Grandsire, each called differently. G. Kilby, A. Pittam, A. Tennant, W. Steggall conductor, A. Hill, W. Berry. On Sunday, 29th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Hill, A. Tennant, A. Pittam conductor, J. W. Chandler, H. Kelly, W. Steggall. On Sunday, July 13th, for morning service, 720 Treble Bob. W. Pannell, A. Hill, J. W. Chandler, A. Pittam conductor, H. Kilby, W. Steggall. On Tuesday, July 22nd, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. G. Kilby, A. Hill, A. Pittam, W. Steggall, H. Kilby, J. W. Chandler conductor. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Pannell, W. Steggall conductor, A. Pittam, J. Chandler, H. Kilby, A. Hill. And a 6-score of Stedman. J. Chandler, A. Hill, A. Pittam conductor, W. Steggall, H. Kilby, W. Berry.

WYMONDHAM (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, July 20th, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor. J. Murray, W. J. Brown, W. H. Dyke, E. Marriott, T. Morris, G. H. Huddleston conductor. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor. T. Thorneycroft, W. J. Brown, W. H. Dyke, J. Murray, E. Marriott, G. H. Huddleston conductor.

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THE PRIORY BELLS, BRECON.

[From the Brecon St. Mary's Parish Magazine.]

The following document, reprinted from a recent number of "Archæologia Cambrensis" may be of interest. Some of our Antiquarians may be able to throw further light on the subject. Its date seems to be shortly after the suppression of the lesser monasteries: 27 Henry VIII. (A.D. 1536).

"To the right honorable Sr Richard Ryche, knyght Ch'uncellor of the king's court of Augmentac'ons of the revenues of his grace's crown.

"In most humble wyse complayning shewyth unto youre good maistership yo'r orators Wyll'm Thomas and Will'm Waler of the towne of Brecknocke, and all others the burgesses of the same towne. That where the laite pryory of Brecknocke was the tyme out of mynde the paryshe church of all the hole town of Brecknocke and the sayd burgesses and other inhabytaunts of the same towne had three litle bells in the stypell there and the pryor had too [two] great belles there, and the said burgesses and inhabyt'nts of the sayd towne dyd allways paye to the sayd pryor and his p'decessors iiij*d* sterling at any tyme that they wold have that the said too great bells to be runge at any buryall there, Soe hit good Sir that yo'r said orators be informyed that certen p'sons do intende to bye the said bells of the kyng's heighnes nformyng your mastership that the said three belles do belong to the kyng's highnes as well as the other too great belles, wherfore pleasith hit yo'r good maistership of yo'r goodness to be so good maister to the sayd powre towne that they may have and kepe ther said tre belles, and that noo sale be mayd therof, and they will dayly praye for the p's'vac'on of yo'r mast'ship's long to contynewe."

Apparently the petition was unsuccessful, which is not to be wondered at when it is remembered that this "Sr Richard Ryche" was the man who, as the King's Solicitor-General, by treachery and perjury secured the death of Sir Thomas More and Bishop Fisher, of Rochester.

At any rate the five-bells at present hanging in the Priory Tower only bear dates 1745, 1763, and 1793.

Though one has the inscription:—

"We were all cast at Gloucester by Abel Rudhall, 1745."

Inscriptions on the others are:—

"Peace and good neighbourhood."

A. R.

"Prosperity to the Town of Brecon."

It is interesting to notice how that not only was the sacred edifice in the old days divided into the two parts, the Parochial Church and the Conventual Church, but that the bells were likewise divided into the Parish Bells and the Convent Bells.

We hope the day is not far distant when, restored to their former glory, the Priory Bells will once more ring a merry peal.

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DEAR SIR,—Would you kindly publish the following on behalf of W. W. Steel, one of our company. He has been one of our regular ringers for twelve years, and a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild for a like period. Nineteen months ago he was compelled to give up work, and has been pronounced to be suffering from locomotor ataxis. He has been a brass moulder by trade, and we can speak with confidence of his self-helpful character when he was well. He has a wife and four young children, and his long illness has been a terrible strain upon them.

Signed—LUCIUS SMITH, Vicar, W. WALMSLEY, Conductor, 88, High Street, who will gratefully receive subscriptions towards this needy case.

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The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames, to-day, Saturday, August 2nd, at 4.30, by kind permission of the Rev. W. Russell.

C. EDWARDS, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—A general meeting will be held at Shildon, near Bishop Auckland, this Saturday afternoon, August 2nd. The new peal of eight bells, tenor 14 cwt., will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Durham, and will be at the disposal of the members afterwards. Free tickets for tea will be given out in the belfry. General meeting after tea. Committee to meet later.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Middleton parish church to-day, Saturday, August 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. Any ringer welcome. A good muster requested.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bournemouth St. Peter's (by permission of the Winchester Guild) on Monday, August 4th. Committee 3 p.m. General meeting 3.30. Short service 4.15. Tea at The Quadrant 4.45. 8d. each to those sending names to REV. H. DRAKE, *Branch Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—A District Meeting will be held at Hoddesdon on Monday, August 4th. The bells will be open for ringing from 2.30. The business meeting will be held at 6. All members and friends are cordially invited.

W. H. LAWRENCE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—All meetings of the above Society will be suspended during the month of August. The next practice will be held on Friday, September 12th. E. H. OXENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next meeting of the above Society will be held at Lindley, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, August 16th, instead of the 9th, owing to the Coronation. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. Meeting house The Globe inn. The annual 6-bell contest will be held at Armitage Bridge, near Huddersfield, to-day, Saturday, August 2nd.

WALTER IDLE, *Secretary.*

47, Vulcan Road, Deansbury.

The Waterloo Society, London.—After Sunday next, August 3rd, there will be no ringing at St. John's, Vassall Road, Brixton, during August. The next practice there will be on September 8th. F. J. SHEPHERD, 29 Warner Road, Camberwell, S.E.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT ST. JOHN'S, NEWCASTLE.—This is the first peal rung on these bells since 1898, the tower having been closed to ringing since that date. However, the church authorities considered that they would like to have the bells rung again, and the bells and belfry having got into a very delapidated

state, they put them into the hands of Messrs. R. S. Story and S. O. Ferry, who, with the help of a few of the local men, overhauled them and made them ringable, hence this peal.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. C. L. Routledge, the Secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, has removed from Wylam, to 62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle. This is now his only address.

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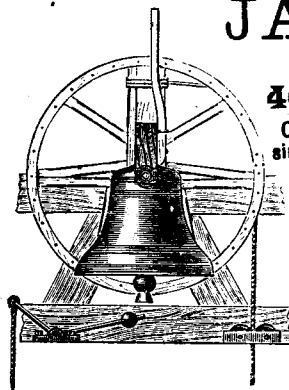
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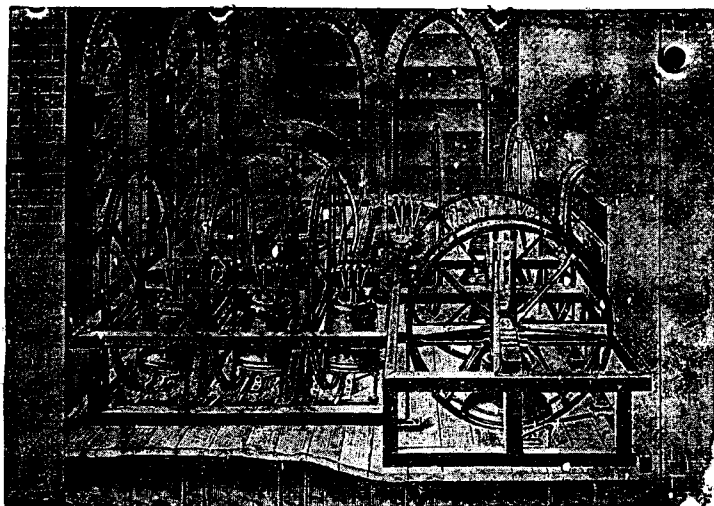
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

BROAD CLYST (Devon). St. John the Baptist. Devonshire Guild. Eight bells. The two trebles by Mears, 1897; the rest by Bilbie, 1768. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. Chiming apparatus fitted. General repairs in 1897 by Stokes. All now in good order. Ropes fair. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 11, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice, Wednesday, 7.45.

BROMBOROUGH (Cheshire). St. Barnabas. Chester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1880. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go very well. Overhauled by Taylor; no date given. Ropes, moderate. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

BROMLEY (Kent). SS. Peter and Paul. Kent County Association. Eight bells. All by Janaway, 1773. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung with new fittings by Banks in 1878, and further repairs in 1894 by Warner. Ropes new 1899, good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, and Oxford Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11, and 6.30 to 7. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

BROMSGROVE (Worcestershire). St. John. Worcester and Districts Association. Ten bells. The two trebles and 7th by Mears, 1816; 3rd, 4th, 6th and tenor by Rudhall, 1773; 5th by the same, 1701; 8th by Barwell, 1897; 9th, 1790, founder unknown. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in. Combined wood and iron frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Barwell in a new frame, 1897. Ropes new 1893, good. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing on special occasions only, 10 to 11, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

WEST BROMWICH (Staffordshire). All Saints. Archdeaconry of Stafford Association. Eight bells. Treble by Mears, 1842. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. by the same, 1848; 2nd and 7th by Taylor, 1832; 5th by Blews, 1872. The remainder are dated 1711, but no founder is mentioned. Timber frame. The bells do not go well, and several are badly worn. The ring were rehung by Blews in 1872. Ropes new, 1897. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing 10 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7. Thorough repairs are being undertaken.

Christ Church. Archdeaconry of Stafford Association. Twelve bells, all by Mears. Treble and 2nd, 1850; 8th and tenor, 1829; the rest in 1847. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go well, and the authorities have been advised to rehang them in a new frame, but funds are not forthcoming. Ropes new 1891, good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, etc. No Sunday ringing or practice since bells were condemned as unfit for ringing three years ago.

GREAT BUDWORTH (Cheshire). St. Mary and All Saints. Chester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Rudhall; no date given. Tenor 22 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. They were rehung by Llewellins in 1886. It has been recommended that the bells should be again rehung, but there are no funds. Ropes new 1897, fair. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday and Thursday; no hour stated.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The first quarterly meeting of the new session of the East Dorset branch was held at St. Peter's, Bournemouth (by permission of the Winchester Association), on August 4th. There was a fairly large attendance, (although many who had promised were unable to attend), the following towns sending members; Ringwood, Sturminster Newton, Christchurch, Verwood, West Moors, Bournemouth, and visitors attended from Fareham, Salisbury, and Devizes. The chairman, Rev J. C. M. Mansell-Pleydell, presided. The report and balance-sheet were adopted, from them it appears that a promising start has been made, but much hard work remains to be done if the branch is to succeed.

The Secretary thanked the meeting for the pleasant manner in which his efforts had been spoken of, and regretted that he felt obliged to lay his resignation before them. He had not been successful at the Committee meeting lately held at Salisbury, and he felt he ought to give them the opportunity of appointing someone else who might represent them better, or at least employ better tactics.

The Chairman said that now matters were settling down harmoniously it would probably disturb them were there any change.

The Secretary said he only wished to do what was best for the harmony and advantage of the Guild; at the committee meeting he had declined to defend himself in

any way, or discuss personalities of any kind; he wished to keep the discussion to matters profitable to the Guild. The result was he had to allow himself to be "sat upon" by two or three members, and then they would not hear him in defence of the East Dorset branch of the Guild, but "sat upon" that as well. Perhaps some one else, therefore, might help the branch now better. He would, however, abide by the decision of the meeting.

It was proposed by Mr. J. Beale, seconded by Mr. A. Grist, and carried unanimously, that the Secretary be asked to reconsider his resignation.

The Secretary thanked them for their kindness, and hoped he should be able to deserve it.

It was then proposed: "That this meeting has heard with great pleasure from the general Secretary that the four Hampshire towers will not be excluded from an integral position in the Guild." For the first time at an East Dorset meeting, a voice was raised in opposition on this question, the visitors saying they thought the Salisbury Guild ought not to take the Hampshire towers. These arguments were however directed against the taking of the towers away from the Winchester Guild, which, it was explained, no one even had so much as thought of. The idea was for each Guild to help the other to grow.

The Chairman expressed the very great gratitude they felt for the help received from Hampshire; he himself and his band had learnt what they so far could practise of change-ringing through being in union with Hampshire, and he was glad to know that Hampshire towers were similarly being taught by Dorset men. He was sorry that they should be at all annoyed by the fact of this matter bringing them so much forward. Also he considered these Associations should be for union, and not for keeping ringers apart by hard and fast lines. If however the Hampshire ringers wanted to keep themselves to themselves, and were unwilling to help Dorset with its smaller opportunities, he hoped they had sufficient pride not to insist on the matter under those circumstances. He thought however they would all go together at least as far as the resolution before them. The resolution was then carried almost unanimously.

It was then unanimously resolved: "That this meeting hopes the President will allow the existing rule of two years' grace as to arrears to be continued in East Dorset." It was decided to arrange for the next quarterly meeting at Blandford on November 6th. Thirty-three new members were elected. A pleasant tea was provided afterwards at The Quadrant.

The bells were kept going in changes all day, a 500 of Grandsire Triples being rang in the afternoon, and another of Stedman Triples in the evening, both being well-struck.

A BANK HOLIDAY RINGING TOUR IN THE ROOTHINGS, ESSEX.

On Monday, August 4th, an expedition organised by the Rev. H. T. Eyre, Hon. Secretary of the Essex Association, visited "The Roothings," a sparsely inhabited agricultural district consisting of about ten parishes, each from six to eight miles distant from the nearest railway station, though within thirty-five miles of London. The river Roding (pronounced locally "Roothing") runs through the district, and gives its name to no less than eight parishes, viz., Abbest, Aythorp, Beauchamp, Berners, High, Leaden, Margaret, and White Roding; a

fine corn-growing district, prosperous enough in the old days of high prices, but now affording a bare subsistence to squire, parson, or farmer. A brake started from Chelmsford station with Messrs. Eyre, B. Keeble (Romford), and Beckwith and Elliott (Coggeshall), picking up on the way the Master (Rev. T. L. Papillon) and a contingent of six ringers from Writtle. The first halt was at Good Easter, seven miles from Chelmsford, where there are five bells hanging in a wooden tower, which "wobbles" visibly as they are being rung. Some Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were here brought off with difficulty, and after half-an-hour's stay, during which we were courteously welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. J. M. Gibbin, we moved on to High Easter, three miles further, where there is a fine heavy ring of six, tenor reputed 20 cwt., with ample room for two more. Here we were joined by Mr. H. J. Tucker, of Bishops Stortford, and 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung. Dinner was then served at one of the inns, at which, by the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. E. F. Gepp, we were joined by seven of the local ringers. Towards the end of the repast the Vicar himself, now eighty-three years of age, and very infirm, came down in his bath chair to welcome the party, and said a few kindly words in response to an expression of thanks for our reception offered in the name of those present by the Master of the Association. At 2.30 p.m. a move was made for White Roding, five miles distant, where there are five bells not much rung, and going badly, on which a 6-score of Doubles was found by those who tried it rather severe exercise. Another three miles brought us to Hatfield Broad Oak, where there is a fine ring of eight in excellent order, but as yet no change-ringing; some of the local ringers, so far as we could learn, being in the hopeless condition of being perfectly satisfied with themselves, and confident that no outsider can teach them anything. However, after the rough going of some of the bells in other places, it was a pleasure to ring here, and after the Master had taken part in a touch, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by J. Barrett, of Stepney, was rung by T. Lincoln (Writtle), F. Radley (Writtle), H. J. Tucker (Bishops Stortford), H. Head (Writtle), W. Lincoln (Writtle), A. Head (Writtle), D. Elliott (Coggeshall), W. Emery (Writtle). This was D. Elliott's first quarter-peal in the method; Coggeshall being one of the towers not uncommon in certain parts of Essex in which nothing but Major finds favour. After this the whole party, with some of the local ringers, were hospitably entertained with tea at the Vicarage by the Rev. F. W. and Mrs. Galpin; and on returning to the tower, a good touch of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by H. J. Tucker, F. Radley, T. Lincoln, D. Elliott, H. Head, W. Lincoln, E. Beckwith, and A. Head. During our stay at Hatfield the rain came down in torrents, and we seemed to be in for a wet night; but fortunately it cleared off shortly before our departure at 7.15 p.m. The fifteen miles back to Chelmsford was quickly performed by an excellent pair of horses, and an enjoyable day, well organised and carried through with most punctual adherence to the time table, came to a satisfactory close. It may be hoped that this expedition, like others before it, has sown some seed of change-ringing in previously barren soil.

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ORIGINAL.

By HENRY DAINS.

In your issue for December 28th, 1901, I gave the Major of this system, and with your permission I will now give the Doubles and Minor.

I do not propose to give the plain course in this case as was done with Major, but I think it best to give the actual changes of the first part of the composition, so that those who may wish for a shot at these Doubles may learn the rule to ring direct from this paper.

	120.	
	1 2 3 4 5	
	2 1 4 3 5	
	2 4 1 5 3	
2nds	4 2 5 1 3	
	4 5 2 3 1	Bob
	5 4 2 1 3	
3rds	5 2 4 3 1	Bob
	2 5 4 1 3	
	2 4 5 3 1	
4ths	4 2 3 5 1	Bob
	2 4 3 1 5	
	4 2 1 3 5	
	4 1 2 5 3	
2nds	1 4 5 2 3	Bob
	1 5 4 3 2	
	5 1 4 2 3	
3rds	5 4 1 3 2	Single
	4 5 1 3 2	
	4 1 5 2 3	
	1 4 2 5 3	
	1 2 4 3 5	

Five times repeated; bob for single at 3 of the last two parts of each half. The composition may be given by course-ends as follows:

	120.			
	1 2 3 4 5	2nds	3rds	4ths
	2 4 3 1 5	-	-	-
	1 2 4 3 5	-	-	-

Five times repeated.

but single must be used for bob at last 3 for third and sixth parts.

MINOR ORIGINAL.

I am giving this in a similar manner, viz., by the actual changes, which may be rang as a touch or as part of the 720 composition by Mr. J. A. Trollope, that follow.

	120.	
	1 2 3 4 5 6	
	2 1 4 3 6 5	
	2 4 1 6 3 5	
In	4 2 6 1 5 3	Bob
	4 6 2 1 3 5	
Before	6 4 1 2 5 3	Single
	6 1 4 2 5 3	
Out	1 6 2 4 3 5	Bob
	1 2 6 4 5 3	
	2 1 4 6 3 5	
	2 1 1 3 6 5	
	4 2 3 1 5 6	
	4 3 2 5 1 6	

Nine times repeated with bob for single at before of the last four courses of each half of the touch.

720.

	1 2 3 4 5	M	B	O
	4 5 2 3 1	-	-	-
	3 1 5 2 4	-	-	-
	2 4 1 5 3	-	-	-
	5 1 3 4 2	-	-	-
	4 3 2 1 5	-	-	-
	1 5 3 2 4	-	-	-
	2 4 5 3 1	-	-	-
	3 1 4 5 2	-	-	-
	5 4 2 1 3	-	-	-
	1 3 4 2 5	-	-	-

Five times repeated.

Single for bob at last before of 3rd and 6th parts.

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."

"OVERLAPPING."

SIR,—I doubt whether the prohibition of overlapping would affect the abuse you refer to; it would be impossible to enforce a residential qualification for membership in each tower.

In any case it does not apply here, where four towers connected with the Winchester Guild are acting as nursing-mothers to change-ringing in East Dorset. The Secretaries of the respective Guilds seem, however, determined to strangle the puny infant with red tape; it finds it hard enough to breathe as it is, owing to the abnormal number of five-bell towers on which it has to subsist.

I had considered Mr. Tilney-Bassett's reference to his predecessor's "day-book" as convincing evidence, to be a somewhat ponderous joke, especially as he himself discredited the accuracy of his reading of it; by pointing out that one representative of a Hampshire tower "joined the Guild as a member of the Verwood company"! As I find that some members have been trying to take this seriously, I may state that the member referred to has never, so far as I know, ever been to Verwood, and certainly has never had anything to do with the Verwood company. As a matter of fact he "joined the Guild" long before there was anyone in Verwood who knew anything about ringing. Shortly after I was elected, Mr. Tilney-Bassett's predecessor asked me to forward to this member a receipt for three years' arrears of subscriptions. It is for "admitting" this member (who "joined the Guild" years before I knew of its existence), that I am being treated as a sinner of the deepest dye. Will not the absurdity of the position penetrate even the hide-bound officialism of a Diocesan Secretary, and cause the matter to be left alone at last? The fact that I owe my position almost entirely to the votes of the towers in question has not been and cannot be refuted, and proves conclusively that I cannot have been guilty of the crime of "admitting" them.

I think Mr. Matthews can hardly understand the force of his words in your issue of April 19th. He accused me in set terms of a *suppressio veri*, for which there were no grounds, and more obnoxious than if he had made the more direct accusation. Surely he did not intend this? He then insinuates that I wanted to start a rival Association; for this he has not even the shadow of a shade of foundation, while it is absolutely contradicted by my actions. If I had any wish for a rival Association, could I have been so foolish as to travel to Winchester and Salisbury, and beg each Association to take steps to stop such a rival being formed?

As to my loyalty to the Winchester Guild, of which I am a ringing member, I would point out these facts. When I came here, I found two of the four Hampshire towers in dispute firmly attached to the Winchester Guild, I have not failed to pair t

out to them that however much they may help us, we must always consider their first obligation to be to their own Association. A third tower were only round-ringers; by the efforts we were making in the Salisbury Guild I induced them to take up change-ringing, and myself instructed them. Surely we might have claimed that tower for our Guild, especially, as the Vicar told me it would be useless for them to think of joining the Winchester Association. Yet I induced him to change his mind, and he took his somewhat unwilling band to their own Diocesan Association. The fourth tower are also being taught change-ringing by a Dorset member of our Guild. They have an unreasonable prejudice against the Winchester Association, yet I have at length just got their leading member elected, and the whole band might have joined had it not been for Mr. Matthews' letter.

I have not the very least animosity against Mr. Matthews, nor do I care about his letter on my own account, the contrary facts are too well-known. But I do care, that while it stands, it is injuring Mr. Matthews himself and his Association. Will he not assure us that he, on his part, bears no ill-will?

North Petherton, Bridgwater.

H. DRAKE.

THE SALISBURY GUILD.

SIR,—Is not Mr. Tilney-Bassett a little too hard on you? He certainly has no cause to complain of your report of the last Salisbury meeting, and I am sure he would not have wished it to be less vague. I have read it again, and it seems to me as correct an unbiased report as you could have published without going into details not suitable for general interest. I hope you will get an equally fair reporter for future meetings.

Mr. G. Williams will see from the letter I have already sent you, that he is incorrect in saying that the four Hampshire towers have owing to neglect by the Winchester Association left that body. On the contrary I have told everyone that I wanted to use the Salisbury Guild (on the spot) to strengthen the Winchester Guild (afar off).

With this exception Mr. Williams has "hit the nail" every time. I cannot think how he has managed to get the facts so accurately. If the officers of the Guilds concerned were as well up in these facts, there would never have been any difficulty.

H. DRAKE.

"BOW BELLS."

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Daniell, Mr. Borrett is correct in giving the date of Bow tenor as 1738. It was cast in that year by Richard Phelps, and was a recast of a former bell, dated 1669, but as the date of the peal was the subject in question, I merely gave the date of the bells being made into ten. It is recorded that "June 4th, 1762, being the King's Birthday, the ten bells were then rung for the first time." The bells in twelve were added in 1881.

A. HUGHES.

THE WINCHESTER AND SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILDS.

SIR,—Although many ringers will agree with Mr. Williams that "much ado about nothing" exactly describes the commotion which has been raised over a few towers on the extreme border of Hants, will you allow me to state what the Winchester Guild has done of late years in that part of the diocese. I will deal first with those towers cited by Mr. Williams. Bournemouth was affiliated in 1882, and for 20 years it has never missed our annual meeting. A successful quarterly meeting was held there in November, 1900. Christchurch has always been loyal since its incorporation in 1887, and the Annual Festival held there in 1895 was very well attended. Previous to August 1899, the ring of six at Fordingbridge was unringable for some time. In that month the Guild opened the increased peal of 8; members attending from long distances. From January—June 1902, the District Secretary has been giving instructions to the ringers here. Ringwood joined us in 1886, and continued in union until 1891, when the report for that year contains an entry "no return." With the object of reclaiming this tower, the Guild held a meeting there in October 1898, and not a single member of the local company appeared in the belfry. In the face of these facts, I therefore refuse to admit that these towers "have been neglected by the Guild in whose diocese they are situated." I am in corres-

dence with the Right Hon. Earl Nelson—President of the Salisbury Guild—and I decline to discuss this matter any further in "THE BELL NEWS." It is merely a local matter, and does not concern the Exercise at large.

With regard to Mr. Williams' other remarks; it was freely admitted and much regretted at the last annual meeting that nothing had been spent on instruction during the year 1901.

It is impossible, and I maintain, out of place, to give here a detailed account of the doings of the Portsmouth and Petersfield District of the Guild. When the diocese was divided into districts in 1896, we appointed the best men obtainable to preside over each division, and they were instructed to hold quarterly meetings in their several districts. In several districts these meetings proved a failure—on many occasions there were not enough men to ring. It is possible, however, that the Guild might have done more, and if Mr. Williams' remarks serve to give an impetus where it is needed, his letter will have been of service. Every member of this Guild, however, will agree with me, when I say, that no one could have worked more zealously and untiringly in advancing the objects of the Guild than Mr. J. W. Whiting, our Portsmouth Secretary. Again, however, I am of opinion, that the points raised by Mr. Williams should form subjects for discussion in Committee or at a general meeting, rather than in the columns of "THE BELL NEWS."

I am constrained to plead "Guilty" to Mr. Williams' P.S. In eight years I have sent between 40 and 50 reports of our doings to "THE BELL NEWS," and the report of the Gosport meeting in April 1901, is the only one I failed to publish. A short account of it, however, appeared in our last annual report; and if it is not too late, and you will allow me, I will correct the omission in your columns.

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS.

Bursledon Vicarage, Southampton.

THE ACCIDENT AT ST. MARY'S, SCARBOROUGH.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me to correct a statement made by your correspondent "E. J." as to the cause of the above accident. He says it was caused through the stay having been previously cracked by some "young ringers." This is not so. The stay was not, nor is now, broken, as "E. J." would have seen, had he taken the trouble to go among the bells before writing his account of the accident. The cause of the bell going was through the slider slipping over the block, and for it to do so, I think the bell must have been very carelessly rung.

"E. J.'s" remarks about the other bells are also rather misleading. The treble is not "dangerous," but wants careful handling, owing to one of the bars supporting the frame not being fixed so as to allow a sufficient length of stay passing to catch the slider in a secure manner. This defect is being remedied by the "young ringers."

With regard to the 2nd being without a stay, it was unfortunately broken while ringing for service on the Sunday. "Young ringers" will break stays occasionally, aye, old ones too, sometimes. Here again a little explanation is needed. We were informed on the Sunday morning that the Norton ringers were going to ring at about 7 p.m. on the Monday. Had they done so, they would have found a new stay fixed. As to the 2nd rope slipping the wheel, I have never known it to do so.

"Tenor without a rope"—quite true; it was so worn that I took it off on the Sunday and had it spliced in case it might come down when the Norton men were ringing. Surely it was not too much trouble for them to fix it on the wheel.

Your editorial remarks as to the general state of bells and belfry are quite exaggerated. The condition of the bells is not what it ought to be—far from it—but to say that it is dangerous to ring them, and that the tower ought to be closed, is sheer nonsense.

The St. Mary's voluntary ringers regret that such an accident should have occurred, and desire to express their sympathy with Mr. Allen.

H. FERGUSON.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—The peal of Superlative rung by members of the Middlesex Association at Christ Church, Epsom, on July 26th, and published as the first in the method on the bells is incorrect. The first peal rung there was by the Sussex County Association on December 26th, 1893, conducted by James Parker.

JOHN BEAMS.

Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. LAURENCE SOCIETY.—On Monday, July 21st, the new band of ringers in connection with St. Laurence's, Reading, had its annual outing. The route chosen was by brake to Shiplake, Henley, Great Marlow, and Boyne Hill, Maidenhead. The members, to the number of fourteen, met at the old tower at 7.0 am., and were soon on the road for the first stopping-place, Shiplake, where the bells have been augmented from six to eight by Messrs. Warner and Sons. These bells go well, but the new ropes and long draught rather puzzled the lads at first, but after a few rounds they managed to pull off a touch of Grandsire Triples. At Henley they rang several touches very creditably on the fine-toned bells. After luncheon a start was made for Great Marlow, which was reached a little before 1.0, putting up at The Two Brewers, kept by host Truss, a well-known change-ringer. Here a capital dinner was done justice to. After a walk round the town, several touches of Grandsire were rung, a start being directly afterwards made for Maidenhead, where several good touches were rung, the local men standing in. After partaking of tea, a move was made homewards, Reading being reached about 9.30. It was intended to have made a call at Sonning, but time would not allow of it. The Vicar (Rev. R. P. Newhouse) joined the party at Henley and proceeded with it as far as Maidenhead, where he took train for home; his son, Mr. L. C. Newhouse, went the round and assisted in the ringing at the different towers. This young St. Laurence's company (considering that a little more than a year ago they could not pull a bell) rang their bells well, and are a credit to their instructor, Mr. W. Newell, who conducted the ringing, and made all arrangements for the outing, which was carried out very successfully. The ringers wish to thank the several Vicars who so readily granted them permission to ring.

ST. MARY'S WHITECHAPEL SOCIETY had their annual outing on July 26th. They went to Hoddesdon, where dinner was had at The Maidenhead inn; Mr. Williamson (in the absence of Mr. Pettit) presiding. During the day several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. In the afternoon some of the Waltham Abbey company joined the party. Before leaving a hearty vote of thanks was awarded the host for the way in which he catered for the party; to the Rector for giving permission to ring; and to Mr. Knight for having the bells in readiness. After the rendering of a few songs the company left for London, having spent a most enjoyable day.

THE WRITTLE (ESSEX) SOCIETY.—On Friday, August 1st, the Writtle choir and ringers had their annual outing. The place chosen being Yarmouth, arrangements were made to have a pull on the bells. Mr. D. Hayward offered, with two or three of the local ringers, to assist us so as to hear the twelve bells, and 168 Grandsire was first rung to try them; then three courses of Caters by the Writtle company, assisted by Mr. Hayward. Afterwards the twelve were rung in rounds, this being the first time any of the Writtle men, excepting the writer, had heard twelve bells. We wish to thank Mr. Hayward and his friends, who were kind enough to meet and assist us, the ringing being much enjoyed by all.

W. LINCOLN.

THE HUGHENDEN SOCIETY.—On Saturday, August 2nd, the members of this society, accompanied by the Vicar, the Rev. R. W. Carew Hunt, spent a most pleasant day in visiting some of the historical Oxfordshire churches. A start was made at 7 o'clock sharp, reaching Stokenchurch after a drive of nine miles. Proceeding after a brief stay the party arrived at Watlington, where the Vicar, the Rev. S. C. Saunders, had most kindly provided a substantial breakfast, to which ample justice was done, the ringers afterwards adjourning to the tower and tapping off several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles on the ring of six. After heartily thanking the Vicar for his hospitality, a drive of $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles brought the party to Ewelme, where was spent a most interesting half-hour inspecting the beautiful cloisters, the splendidly-preserved monuments and shields, and the panelled altar-tomb to the memory of Thomas Chaucer, son of the famous poet, M.P. for Oxfordshire 1400-2, and later Speaker of the House of Commons, the party being in charge of Mrs. Simcox, the Vicar's wife. The visitors then proceeded to Dorches-

ter, reaching there about 1 o'clock. An excellent dinner was partaken of at The Crown, after which an hour's ringing was indulged in on the fine ring of eight. Subsequently Mrs. Poyntz, the wife of the esteemed Vicar, piloted the party over the magnificent old Abbey, fully explaining in a most interesting manner its wonders. The homeward journey was begun about 4 o'clock, calling at Thame to again refresh the inner man with a substantial tea, and paying a visit to Thame tower for a few final touches and to view the church. Hughenden was reached about 10.30, and the weather having been all that could be desired, every one enjoyed the outing. The ringers wish through the medium of this journal, to thank the respective Vicars and steeplekeepers, and all who contributed to the day's enjoyment, especially the Rev. S. C. Saunders and Mrs. Poyntz. A. G. J.

BELFRY RHYME.

The Rev. W. M. K. Warren thinks the following (inscribed on a tablet in the tower of Brushford church) will interest our readers:—

"Rules, orders and regulations as established at the belfry of Brushford, the 7th day of June, 1803, by the joint consent of the ringers and Robert Gooding, churchwardens."

"Let awful silence first proclaimed be,
Next, let us praise the Holy Trinity,
Then homage pay unto our Valiant King,
And with a Blessing raise this pleasant ring.
Hark, how the chirping Treble sings it clear
And covering Tom comes rolling in the rear;
Now up and set; let us consult and see
What Laws are best to keep sobriety.
Then all consent to make this joint decree,
Let him who swears or in an angry mood
Quarrels or strikes, altho' he draws no blood,
Or wears his hat; or spurs, or turns a Bell
Or by unskillful handling mars a peal,
Pay down his sixpence for each separate crime.
This caution shall not be effaced by time—
But if the Sexton these defaults shall be,
From him demand a double penalty.
Whoever does our Pastor disrespect
Or Warden's order wilfully neglect,
By one and all be held in foul disgrace,
And ever banish'd this harmonious place.
Now round let's go with pleasure to the ear
And pierce with pleasing sounds the yielding air,
And when the Bells are up, then let us sing
God save the Church, and bless great George our King."

MACCLESFIELD PARISH CHURCH.

AN APPEAL FOR HELP.

DEAR SIR,—Would you kindly publish the following on behalf of W. W. Steel, one of our company. He has been one of our regular ringers for twelve years, and a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild for a like period. Nineteen months ago he was compelled to give up work, and has been pronounced to be suffering from locomotor ataxia. He has been a brass moulder by trade, and we can speak with confidence of his self-helpful character when he was well. He has a wife and four young children, and his long illness has been a terrible strain upon them.

Signed—LUCIUS SMITH, Vicar, W. WALMSLEY, Conductor, 88, High Street, who will gratefully receive subscriptions towards this needy case.

This fund will be closed on Monday, August 18th, and the list of subscriptions will be published in a following issue.

NOTICE.—The Rev. Herbert Drake will be at North Pether-ton, near Bridgwater, till September 7th next; so he hopes that any ringers who wish to look him up while on their travels will not make a fruitless journey to Verwood—as happened last year during his holiday.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 1902.

In our issue of last week, it will be remembered that we commented upon an unfortunate accident which had taken place in the ringing-chamber of Scarborough parish church. The particulars were supplied by a gentleman who is proverbially accurate when forwarding a report, or information of any kind. In this current number, a correspondent impugns our friend's accuracy in every particular, but his assertions, or contradictions, do not by one iota strengthen his case. When a bell is thrown over, we are reasonably apt to imagine that the stay has gone; to repudiate such a belief, and say, in order to

confute an opponent, that the slider is accustomed to slip over the block (*sic*), is a mode of explanation, or illustration, comical in the extreme. But this is the way our correspondent puts his contentions, every one of them; and while granting him a little credit for a species of ingenuity, we insist that he has completely given away his case. Let our readers compare Mr. JAMES's statements with our correspondent's explanations; it will afford them some amusement, if nothing else.

And when our correspondent—H. FERGUSON—says that our remarks as to the state of the bells at Scarborough "are quite exaggerated," he is still more amusing. Take his own letter. (1) "The bell goes over through the slider slipping over the block." (2) "The treble wants careful handling owing to one of the bars supporting the frame not being fixed so as to allow a sufficient length of stay passing to catch the "slider in a secure manner!" And yet after writing this he takes exception to our remarks, and says the bells are not in a dangerous state. This is, to use his own words, "sheer nonsense." We repeat that in the hapless condition of these bells it is our bounden duty—H. FERGUSON notwithstanding—to call upon the church authorities to have them at once put into thorough order by a practical church bell hanger. No "young ringers" can effect what is required, and it is "sheer nonsense" to say they can. Our only object is to hear that a proper restoration has been accomplished. And bellringers, even those of the "Agony" order, should always, in season and out of season, strive for the proper care and complete condition of the bells they are connected with, and never attempt to depreciate any efforts, either in word or deed, pointing to their thorough restoration.

Mr. WM. GORDON, the eminent change-ringer and musician, has changed his residence. For many years he has been well-known to the ringing community and others as a publisher of handbell music of every conceivable kind. The stock is now replete with everything that may be required in this direction, and further music is being constantly added. The new address is Dona Street, Webb Lane, Stockport.

The Provinces.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 30, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 37½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLMES Treble.	S. OCTAVIUS FERRY.. .. 6.
WILLIAM HOLMES 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER.. .. 7.
ROBERT C. HUDSON.. .. 3.	HUGH D. DALL.. .. 8.
WILLIAM T. ROBSON 4.	ROBERT RICHARDS 9.
ASA HOLMES 5.	ERNEST E. FERRY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

First peal of Bob Royal by all the band and by the Association on tower bells.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 30, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

VINCENT J. S. O'BRIEN .. Treble.	CHARLES DOWNING 6.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS 2.	JAMES RICHMOND 7.
WILLIAM SOMMERVILLE .. 3.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 8.
FRED G. MAY 4.	HENRY T. HOWELL 9.
ALBERT STOWELL 5.	JOHN MASON Tenor.

Composed by W. T. PATES, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

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(THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, July 31, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOSEPH J. ALLEN* .. Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	HARRY A. HORREX 6.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT .. 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY 7.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 4.	WILLIAM FYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal of Superlative; also on the bells. Further reference elsewhere.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1902, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 26½ cwt.

T. HAIGH Treble.	D. BREARLEY 5.
T. HODGSON 2.	W. BIGGIN 6.
C. JACKSON 3.	T. GOFTON 6.
A. HAIGH 4.	W. T. COCKERILL Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by C. JACKSON.

First peal on the bells.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, August 2, 1902, in Three Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	*EGBERT BORRETT 7.
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 2.	*FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 8.
WILLIAM MOTTS 3.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE.. 9.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 4.	*WILLIAM WOOD.. .. 10.
EDGAR PEMBERTON 5.	ARTHUR R. ALDHAM 11.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM*.. 6.	*ARTHUR GILLINGHAM .. Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal of Stedman Cinques. This peal was specially arranged for Mr. Arthur R. Aldham, who is a member of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, and is paying a visit to his native town.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX AND HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, August 2, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; LATES'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HUBERT EDEN Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.
JOSEPH J. ALLEN 2.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	HARRY A. HORREX 7.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT .. 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

EDGAR HANCOX* Treble.	EDWARD T. GRIFFIN .. 5.
REV. H. G. BIRD 2.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 6.
WILLIAM H. JOINER.. .. 3.	WILLIAM HONOR 7.
JOSEPH J. PRATT 4.	JOHN PEDDLE Tenor.

Conducted by J. J. PRATT.

*First peal.

REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 2, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS JACKSON Treble.	GEORGE D. WARBURTON.. 5.
CECIL DARWIN* 2.	JOHN W. BAYLEY 6.
TOM MARSHALL.. .. 3.	EDWARD READER 7.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 4.	GEORGE MARSHALL Tenor.

Conducted by EDWARD READER.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

BOXLEY, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE DRAIKES Treble.	WILLIAM T. HYLAND .. 4.
JOSEPH E. GREYSTED .. 2.	ALBERT J. DAY 5.
CHARLES E. SMITH 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

First peal on the bells.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1902, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by WILLIAM GRIMES.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 4, 1902, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

WILLIAM GORDON Treble.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN. 6.
FREDK. THOS. SPENCE .. 2.	RICHARD T. HOLDING .. 7.
WILLIAM WILCOX 3.	JAMES DILLON 8.
THOMAS SALE 4.	EDWIN BREEZE 9.
JOSEPH KETTLE.. .. 5.	JAS. MARTIN Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and Conducted by WM. GORDON,

First peal of Royal by all, and the first in the method by the Guild.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE 5.
WILLIAM PAGE 2.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 4.
GEORGE N. PRICE* 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Cambridge Surprise. First peal of Cambridge Surprise on the bells.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1902, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 30 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	*WILLIAM TILLET 7.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	*GEORGE MOY 8.
ARTHUR R. ALDHAM .. 3.	EDGAR PEMBERTON 9.
EGBERT BORRETT* 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 10.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE.. 5.	ALBERT G. WARNES.. .. 11.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 6.	FREERICK KNIGHTS.. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal of Maximus.

GREAT MILTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 4, 1902, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM J. SMITH Treble.	EDWIN HIMS 5.
WILLIAM BENNETT 2.	FREDERICK WEBB 6.
HARRY G. JUDGE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM JEFFERY 4.	ANTHONY STRANGE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells which have been rehung by Messrs. Webb and Bennett, and the "go" of them is excellent.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1902, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. 10 lbs.

CHARLES E. BORRETT .. Treble.	ERNEST F. POPPY 5.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	WILLIAM PYE 6.
FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
JAMES TANN 4.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY J. BORRETT* .. Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE 5.
CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 2.	FREDERICK SMITH 6.
ERNEST F. POPPY 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
WILLIAM PYE 4.	FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method.

Miscellaneous.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROTHERHAM (Yorks).—Recently, at the parish church, 539 Grandsire Caters. G. Oakes, J. Ensor, A. Ensor, C. Gleen, W. Lambert, T. Lee, J. Andrews, W. Coates, F. Coates conductor, W. Hirst.

BOLSOVER.—Recently, at the parish church, 720 Duke of York. S. Coupe, F. Godber, J. Flint, F. Wagstaffe, J. Goodwin, W. Lambert conductor.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, August 3rd, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. A. Jones, F. G. Goddard, A. Jones, F. Holden, W. Steggall, J. Howes composer and conductor, H. Browning, A. Fryer.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Sunday, July 20th, at St. John's, Vassall Road, Brixton, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. S. Collins, F. J. Shepherd, H. Langdon, C. S. Burden, J. E. Davis conductor, F. Davis, E. H. Oxenham, W. Shepherd. Quickest quarter-peal on the bells.

LEATHERHEAD.—Recently, at the parish church, a peal was to have been attempted, but owing to illness near a short touch of Grandsire Caters was rung. S. J. Collins, H. Langdon conductor, J. Hoyle, F. G. Perrin, E. Brett, E. J. Webb, J. E. Davis, E. H. Oxenham, A. Dean, A. H. Winch.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday, July 19th, at 4, Keythorpe Street, on handbells, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Cleal, 1-2; T. H. Taffender, 3-4; C. F. Winney, 5-6; W. Willson, 7-8. Also a touch of Stedman Caters. A. Millis, 9-10; the rest as before.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

REIGATE.—Recently, at the parish church, a course of Kent Treble Bob Royal. H. Ewins, F. Holden, R. Thorpe, F. T. Hoad, sen., G. Croucher, G. Thompson, J. Ansell, F. Sparks, H. Card, F. T. Hoad.

ASHTREAD.—Recently, for practice, the last 742 of Holt's Original. F. Holden conductor, H. Cobbett, C. Otway, J. Wyatt, J. Hoyle, E. Hull, A. Dean, D. Anscombe. Also 518 Grandsire Triples. A. Jones, A. R. Jones, F. Holder conductor, E. H. Oxenham, E. Brett, E. J. Webb, H. Langdon, A. H. Winch. And 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major. E. H. Oxenham, S. J. Collins, A. R. Jones, H. Langdon, F. Perrin, E. Brett, J. E. Davis conductor, A. Dean. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. H. Oxenham. A peal of Stedman was lost after some good ringing. A. Dean, F. Holden, J. Hoyle, F. Perrin, E. H. Oxenham, H. Langdon conductor, J. E. Davis W. Crockford.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BEXHILL.—On Sunday morning, August 3rd, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. J. Livermore, jun., H. Hobbs, J. Beal, J. Livermore, sen., N. Cruttenden, J. W. Burgess, T. Hunnisett conductor, W. Burt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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BURNLEY.—On Thursday, May 29th, at Holy Trinity church, 1680 Bob Major. W. Walton, T. Burrows, J. R. Eastwood, R. Hartley, N. Townend, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, June 1st, 576 Bob Major. J. R. Eastwood, D. Campbell, R. Hartley, W. Walton, N. Townend, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. Also 800 Bob Major. J. W. Stirk, D. Campbell, J. R. Eastwood, R. Hartley, W. Walton, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, June 8th, 560 Bob Major. T. Burrows, D. Campbell, J. R. Eastwood, R. Hartley, N. Townend, R. Ashworth, D. Heys, T. Redman conductor. Also 736 Bob Major. J. R. Eastwood, J. W. Stirk, T. Burrows, R. Hartley, D. Campbell, R. Ashworth, N. Townend, T. Redman conductor. On Thursday, June 19th, 720 Bob Minor. T. Mouncey, T. Burrows, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, T. Redman conductor, W. Heaton. On Sunday, June 22nd, 640 Oxford. D. Campbell, R. Hartley, W. Walton, W. Taylor, J. W. Stirk, R. Taylor, R. Ashworth, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, July 6th, 560 Bob Major. T. Burrows, W. Walton, J. R. Eastwood, D. Campbell, J. W. Stirk, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, July 20th, 720 Kent. D. Campbell, T. Burrows, R. Hartley, N. Townend, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor.

Also 720 Bob Minor. N. Townend, D. Campbell, T. Burrows, D. Heys, R. Hartley, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, July 27th, 800 Bob Major. D. Heys, T. Duxbury, D. Campbell, W. Walton, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On Wednesday, July 30th, 768 Kent. D. Campbell, T. Burrows, R. Hartley, W. Walton, N. Townend, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor.

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NORTON-IN-THE-MOORS.—On Sunday, July 27th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Wheeldon, B. Pegge first 720 Treble Bob, W. A. Tabbarnor, G. H. Goldstrau, E. E. Johnson first 720 as conductor, A. E. Ryles.

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BOURNEMOUTH.—On the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the East Dorset Branch, 518 Grandsire Triples. A. Grist, J. Whiting, A. Randall, I. Green, F. M. Stewart, G. Preston, J. Bristow, T. Belben. Also 504 Stedman Triples. F. M. Stewart, *T. Green, E. Hinton, J. W. Whiting, W. Kerley, *J. Bristow, G. Preston, F. Phillips. *First 500 of Stedman.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On July 10th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. A. J. Nicholas, J. Huddleston, J. Leighton conductor, T. Suart, T. P. Jackson, J. Burrows. On July 13th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. J. Huddleston, W. H. Dennison, E. Gartrell, T. Suart, T. R. Jackson conductor, J. Burrows. On July 20th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. A. Jackson, W. H. Dennison, E. Gartrell, T. Suart, conductor, T. P. Jackson, J. Burrows. On July 22nd, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. E. Gartrell, A. J. Nicholas, T. P. Jackson, H. Haigh conductor, T. Suart, J. Burrows. On July 24th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. J. Huddleston, A. J. Nicholas, J. Williams, T. Suart, J. Leighton, J. Burrows conductor. On July 27th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. W. S. Forshaw, J. Huddleston, W. H. Dennison conductor, T. Suart, T. R. Jackson, J. Burrows. On August 3rd, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. T. Shuttleworth, J. Huddleston, W. H. Dennison, T. Suart, T. R. Jackson conductor, J. Burrows.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—On Sunday, May 4th, 809 Grandsire Caters. J. S. Strutt, J. Howes conductor, G. Strutt, J. Wight, H. Last, A. Strutt, H. G. Naish, J. H. B. Hesse, J. Strutt, J. Chandler.

LEICESTER.—On July 19th, at St. John's church, 504 Stedman Triples. G. Cleal conductor, W. Willson, jun., T. H. Taffender, W. Willson, A. Millis, C. H. Fowler, C. F. Winney, J. Morris. At St. Martin's church, 642 Stedman Caters. G. Cleal, S. Cotton, C. F. Winney conductor, T. H. Taffender, J. O. Lancashire, J. Buttery, A. Millis, J. S. Needham, W. Willson, A. Martin. Messrs. Winney and Taffender hail from London.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, July 20th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. Williamson, W. Truss, J. Scholes, E. Wallage conductor, S. Parmenter, E. J. Webb, E. Hall, G. Barrell.

LIMPSFIELD (Surrey).—On Thursday, June 19th, on the occasion of the dedication of the tower, spire and ring of bells, the gift of Ernest Alexander, Esq., by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Southwark, 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. B. Selby, H. J. Selby, J. L. Harris, G. Chantler, G. Steer, D. Wright conductor. And 216 Plain Bob. D. Wright, J. L. Harris, G. Steer, G. B. Selby, G. Chantler, H. J. Selby conductor. A 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. J. Selby conductor, G. Steer, G. Chantler, J. L. Harris, G. B. Selby, D. Wright. Also 360 Grandsire Minor. D. Wright conductor, G. B. Selby, J. L. Harris, H. J. Selby, G. Chantler, G. Steer. A 720 Plain Bob. G. Steer, R. Stone, D. Wright, G. Chantler, H. J. Selby, J. L. Harris conductor. And 720 Grandsire Minor. R. Stone, G. Steer, G. Chantler, D. Wright conductor, J. L. Harris, G. B. Selby. The go of the bells is excellent. Messrs. Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated on the splendid ring.

PERRY BARR (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, August 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins. C. Davis, W. Cooper, jun., W. Cooper, sen, F. Jones, W. G. Ellis, G. Mitchison, C. Williams, F. Williams.

RIPLEY (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, July 30th, at All Saints church, 532 Grandsire Triples. G. Simpson, H. Day, J. Bourne, H. George, J. Pagett, W. H. Frost, F. Day, A. Clarke. Also 252 Grandsire Triples. J. Shaw, H. Day conductor, J. Bourne, G. Simpson, J. Bennett, F. Day, J. Pagett, A. Clarke.

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The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next meeting of the above Society will be held at Lindley, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, August 16th, instead of the 9th, owing to the Coronation. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. Meeting house The Globe inn. The annual 6-bell contest will be held at Armitage Bridge, near Huddersfield, to-day, Saturday, August 2nd.

WALTER IDLE, *Secretary.*

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Lawton, Cheshire, on Saturday, August 16th. All members intending to be present must give notice to Mr. W. Rigby, Lawton, Cheshire, not later than Wednesday, the 13th inst.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild—Arch-deaconry of Wilts. Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Erlestoke on Saturday, August 16th, at 3 p.m. The Rector of Great Cheverell has kindly offered to provide tea in the rectory grounds, situate about one mile from Erlestoke. Both churches will be open for ringing. Nearest Station West Lavington (one mile). Notice of intention to attend should reach me four clear days beforehand.

CHARLES D. HEGINBOTHOM.

3, Estcourt Street, Devizes.

The Sussex County Association—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Buxted on Saturday, August 16th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Members intending to be present will oblige by writing Mr. A. Causeley, Post Office, Buxted, by August 15th.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

2, Grove Street, Brighton.

The Essex Association—North Western Division.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Stansted, on Saturday, August 30th. Tea at The Barley Mow at 5 o'clock at 6d. each to those who signify the same to me not later than Tuesday, August 26th. The towers of Stansted and Farnham (each six bells) will be open to members from 11 o'clock.

H. J. TUCKER, *Div. Sec.*

Bishop Stortford.

The Kent County Association—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Margaret's, Rochester, on Saturday, August 30th. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at Longley Road Mission Room at 5.30; half fares up to 2s. will be allowed. Members intending to be present must let me know on or before Wednesday the 27th inst.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

65, Clive Road, Rochester.

The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—All meetings of the above Society will be suspended during the month of August. The next practice will be held on Friday, September 12th.

E. H. OXENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. C. L. Routledge, the Secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, has removed from Wylam, to 62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle. This is now his only address.

DONCASTER, YORKS.

On Sunday, July 27th, to the memory of the late Mr. William Newsome, who had been a ringer at the parish church from his youth, and also a life member of the Yorkshire Association, was rung a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled, in 55 mins. R. Bayles, H. Brock, G. Halksworth, H. Marwood conductor. C. Armitage, G. Clow, H. G. Wilson, W. Howard.

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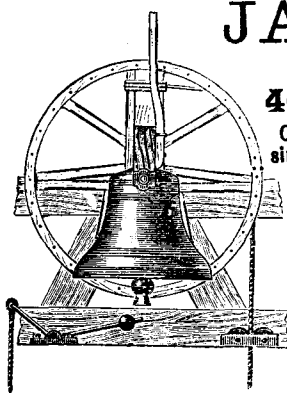
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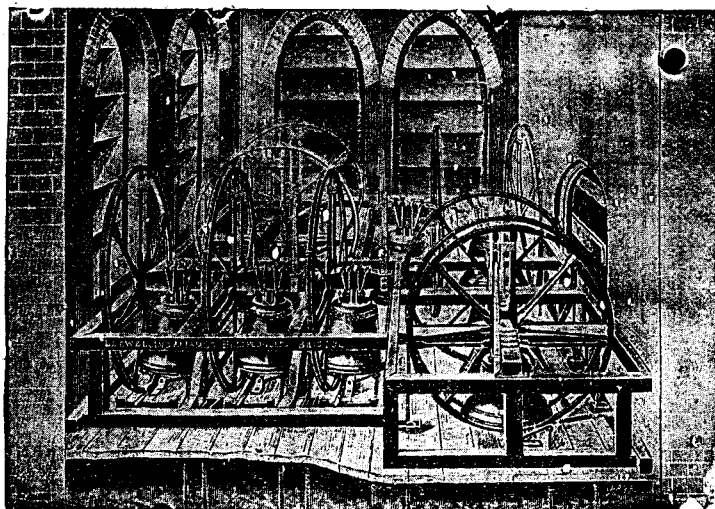
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

BUNBURY (Cheshire). St. Boniface. Chester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. The two trebles and 6th by Mears, 1895, 5th by the same, 1817; 3rd, 1715; 4th, 1758; no founder mentioned, nor any particulars of 7th and tenor. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring of six was hung in a new frame in 1893, and the trebles added in 1895 by Mears. All in good order. Ropes new 1897, fair. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 8, during winter months only.

BUNGAY (Suffolk). St. Mary. Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1820. Tenor 16 cwt. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring was rehung by Day, 1875. Ropes only middling, having been in use twenty years. Method: Grandsire. No Sunday ringing. Practice: Monday before full moon, 8. Comfortable ringing-chamber.

BURFORD (Oxon). St. John the Baptist. Oxford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. 2nd and 5th by Bond, respectively, 1880 and 1885; 4th by Neale, 1635. No information as to founders or dates of the rest. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were rehung by by Bond about 1875, and the same firm have done necessary repairs since. There is a Sanctus bell in addition to the eight. Ropes good; renewed when required. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10, and 5.15 to 6.15. Practice: Tuesday (also by special arrangement), 7 in winter, 8 in summer.

BURGH (Lincolnshire). SS. Peter and Paul. East Lincolnshire Association. Eight bells. The two trebles by Taylor, 1898; 3rd and 4th by the same, 1869. The remaining four were cast, 6th and tenor in 1616, the 5th 1826, and the 7th in 1526; no founder being mentioned. Tenor 25 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Combined timber and iron

frame. Bells go well. Repairs are needed, but have not been undertaken through lack of funds. Ropes new 1897, good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. No regular practice.

BURGHILL (Herefordshire). St. Mary. Eight bells. No return.

BURNHAM (Bucks). St. Peter. Oxford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. The two trebles, 1897, and the 3rd, 1892, by Taylor; 4th by Mears, 1855; 5th, 1624; no founder mentioned; 6th by Lester, 1744; 7th by Knight, 1671. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in., by Swain, 1755. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs done as needed. Ropes new 1900, good. Method: Oxford Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday during winter months.

BURNLEY (Lancashire). Holy Trinity. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Gillett, 1889. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 5 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Shaw, 1898. Clock hammer believed to be endangering tenor. Ropes good. Methods: Treble Bob and Minor methods. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30. Chiming apparatus is fixed but not used.

St. Peter. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1803, but the tenor, 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft., 10 in. was recast by the same firm about 1860. Timber frame. Bells go very well. Clocking permitted. The ring were rehung by Shaw, 1886. All in good condition. Ropes fair; they are home-made. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: last in month 10 to 10.30 and 6 to 6.30. No regular practice.

BURTON-ON-TRENT (Staffordshire). St. Modwen. Midland Counties' Association. Eight bells. All by Rudhall, 1726. Tenor 21 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Clocking permitted. Last repaired locally by Buxton. Churchwardens have been recommended to rehang the ring, but funds are not forthcoming. Ropes excellent. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: alternate; no time given. No practice. Bells and fittings are in bad order.

St. Paul's. Midland Counties' Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1872. Tenor 26 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Repairs by Taylor, 1894. All in excellent condition. Ropes new 1898, good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Duffield, and the following Surprise methods: Superlative, Cambridge, London, and New Cumberland. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 10.50, and 5.30 to 6.20. Practice: Thursday, 7.45.

OPENING OF A NEW RING OF EIGHT AT SHILDON, DURHAM.

Taking advantage of the date of dedication of the new ring of eight recently hung in the new tower of St. John's church, Shildon, the Durham and Newcastle Association held its first August meeting at the same place on Saturday, August 2nd. The dedication of the tower and bells

took place in the afternoon, when the service was attended by a large congregation. The members of the Urban Council and the tradesmen of the district marched in procession from the Council's buildings to the church. The ceremony, in the unavoidable absence of the Bishop of Durham, was performed by the Bishop of Richmond. The clergy present included the Vicar (Rev. Horatio Spurrier, M.A.), the Revs. F. E. Loxley (curate), Canon Headlam, J. J. Knight (Eastgate); F. J. Hill (Coundon); J. Roscamp (St. Helen's); E. Hudson (South Church); R. D. Edwards, V. N. Kemp (Escomb); C. Atkinson (Etherley); A. T. Gledhill (Evenwood); H. T. Lovejoy (Hamsterley); J. G. Ryles (Hunwick); J. W. Milner (New Shildon); E. W. Dunn (Medomsley); J. Short (Spennymoor); and G. R. Wilkinson (Hebburn). Colonel Sandys, M.P., Dr. Fielden, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Markham, Mrs. J. T. Proud, Mr. R. S. Story, Mr. S. O. Ferry, etc., were also present.

After the dedication service the bells were rung by the members of the Association; touches of Stedman, Treble Bob and Grandsire being the order of the day. Tea was provided in the schoolrooms for the members, Mr. Edwin Titt, the wife of an old leading member of the district, presiding at the table. A general meeting of the members was afterwards held in the vestry, the President, R. S. Story, Esq., in the chair. Mr. Lungley (Darlington), proposed, and Mr. Baxter seconded, that those peals rung to celebrate the Coronation of King Edward be limited to eight days, from August 9th to August 16th inclusive, and that those peals have a specially illuminated entry in the peal-book. Carried unanimously.

The special arrangements for the next annual meeting (the twenty-fifth), were carefully discussed, and the carrying out of these were left in the hands of the sub-committee.

The election of several new members, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Shildon closed the meeting.

The new bells are of beautiful tone and well hung, and do the Loughborough foundry great credit. The tenor weighs 14 cwt. in G.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

Wednesday, July 23rd, was the occasion of the dedication of the clock, tower and bells, font, baptistry and porch at the above church by the Right Rev. the Bishop of St. Asaph. The bells, which are the gift of Mrs. H. Drew, were opened by the St. Mary's (Handbridge), Chester ringers. Immediately the bells were dedicated a course of Stedman Triples was rung, and at the conclusion of the service 1260 Stedman Triples was rung. T. Chamberlain, R. Sperrin, V. Cain, J. Tomlinson, J. Moulton, W. Moulton, H. Dew conductor, E. Channell. The ringers then adjourned to the schoolroom to partake of tea, which was provided. After enjoying a good meal they moved to the vicarage lawn where a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on the handbells, which was greatly appreciated by the assemblage present. V. Cain, J. Tomlinson, J. Moulton, H. Dew, W. Moulton. Then back to the tower, when a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1248 changes), was rung. T. Chamberlain, R. Sperrin, V. Cain, J. Tomlinson, J. Moulton, W. Moulton, E. Channell, H. Dew conductor. The "go" of the bells, which were supplied and hung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, was all that could be desired.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The fifteenth Annual Festival in connection with the above named Guild was held at Macclesfield on Monday, Aug. 4th, 1902, when 150 members of the Guild attended from Chester, Bowden, Stockport, Crewe, Alsager, Grappenhall, Macclesfield, Gawsorth, Prestbury, Bollington, Davenham, Wirral. The Festival began by service in St Michael's Parish church at 11 o'clock. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Lucius Smith, M.A., who took as his text Col. iii. 17: "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and The Father by Him." The sermon was excellent, and was listened to with much attention.

The Annual General Meeting was afterwards held in the National School, Duke Street, under the presidency of the Master of the Guild, the Archdeacon of Chester. Amongst those present were the Rev. H. Leigh Mallory, Rev. Lucius Smith, Rev. A. T. Beeston, and the Secretaries Rev. Richard Greenall of Grappenhall Rectory, and Mr. F. T. Spence. The following seven Honorary members were then elected to serve on the General Committee, Rev Canon Blencowe (West Kirby), Rev. Canon Holme (Great Budworth), Rev. H. Leigh Mallory (Mobberley), Rev. J. H. Thorpe (Stockport), Rev. Lucius Smith (Macclesfield), Hatt Cook, Esq., (Northwich), J. Stringer, Esq. (Sandbach). The following seven change-ringing members were then also appointed: Messrs. R. T. Holding (Crewe), F. T. Spence (Grappenhall), W. Gordon (Stockport), H. W. Wilde (Chester), J. Dillon (Wirral), W. Walmsley (Macclesfield), and J. Ashmole (Davenham). Mr. Hy. Dew (Chester), and Mr. J. Ashmole (Davenham), were elected representatives to serve on the Central Council for the next three years.

The Treasurer's statement of account shewing a balance in hand of £56 6s. 6d. at December 31st, 1901, was then declared and passed. Two applications were then made for grants of £5 each; the first from Alsager, towards the addition of two bells to complete the octave; the second from Christ Church, Macclesfield, towards the rehanging of the eight bells. Both these applications were favourably considered and allowed. It was then decided that the place of meeting next year should be at Stockport on August Bank Holiday.

The meeting then went to dinner, which had been prepared in an adjoining apartment by Mr. Heafey, a caterer in the town, and full justice was done to a thoroughly good repast. At its conclusion the Master said a few words about the Coronation, and when a verse of "God save the King" had been sung, the ringers departed to the various towers which were opened for their use. One company went away to the parish church, Stockport, and were successful in ringing a peal of Bob Royal, 5040 changes. In the parish church, Macclesfield, one company rang a touch of Plain Bob Major, another a touch of Treble Bob, a third company got a touch of Stedman, and a fourth, a touch of Grandsire. Two bands of ringers also visited Higher Sutton; one went to Prestbury, and one or two bands went to Bollington, and so a day to be remembered passed away, and was acknowledged to be a thoroughly enjoyable one.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The twelfth annual meeting of this Association was held at Taunton on Saturday, August 2nd. Dinner was

partaken of at Messrs. Wickenden's restaurant at 1.30, and 33 members were present.

After dinner "The King, and Queen and the Royal Family" was proposed by the Rev. H. C. Courtney, and Mr. H. W. Tompkins gave "The Church," coupling with the toast the names of the four clergymen present, viz., the Revs. H. C. Courtney, J. de Y. Aldridge, K. Warren, and Tilney Basset, each of these gentlemen suitably responding.

Mr. A. J. H. Iles proposed "Other Ringing Societies," and said he believed the toast had never been given before at the dinners of this Association.

Service was held in St. Mary's church at three o'clock, about fifty members being present, and the Rev. Preb. Askwith, R.D., the vicar, giving a splendid address.

After the service the members went to St Mary's schoolroom, where the business meeting was held. Preb. Askwith, who presided, called on the Hon. Sec. (Mr. A. J. H. Iles) to read the minutes of the last quarterly meeting, and this was done. Mr. Iles next read the annual report, which was adopted, but the balance-sheet was returned for revision, as some items of next year's expenses had been included by mistake, thus bringing it up to date instead of to the end of last year.

Mr. Boutflower then retired from office, as he had only accepted the mastership to oblige members of the association, who were in want of a master.

Mr. Iles said he had looked round among the various towers within the diocese for a resident ringer who was not only willing but fit to take over the now vacant office, and that he had found such a one in the person of the Rev. J. de Y. Aldridge, of Milverton, whom he begged to propose.

The Rev. H. C. Courtney seconded, and Mr. Aldridge was unanimously elected.

The Rev. J. de Y. Aldridge returned thanks, and said he would do all in his power to serve the association and to carry on the work which his position demanded.

The Hon. Secretary said he had been quite unable to do the work which was expected of him, as he lived most of the year in London. He therefore, wished to retire from the office.

Mr. A. E. Coles, of Bridgwater, was elected to succeed Mr. Iles, and he suitably returned thanks for his election.

The following new members were elected:—Messrs. Lilley, of Swindon (life member); S. R. Dodington, Shrewsbury; G. Strawbridge, A. Burn, H. Kendall, N. Gadd, W. Merritt, and P. Alexander Bridgwater; J. Hunt, S. Mason, and C. Dawson, Minehead.

The Rev. J. de Y. Aldridge and Mr. H. J. Poole were elected to represent the association on the Central Council.

Mr. Boutflower then presented Mr. H. W. Tompkins with a cheque for a sum of money collected from the various towers in the diocese in recognition of his services rendered during the past seven years.

Mr. Tompkins returned thanks for the gift.

Mr. Iles thanked Mr. Boutflower for the assistance he had rendered him during the past year.

On the motion of Mr. Poole, seconded by Mr. Iles, Milverton was chosen as the place of the next meeting.

The Rev. Preb. Askwith was thanked for presiding and also for his excellent address, after which the members returned to the bells, which were kept going until late in the evening, many successful touches being brought home.

A VETERAN BELL-RINGER.

One of the oldest bell-ringers in the country took part in the celebration of Coronation Day at Peterborough parish church on Saturday, August 9th. He was one of eight ringers who in Lincolnshire celebrated the anniversary of Her late Majesty's birthday on May 24th, 1837, when she was Princess Victoria, and of course before she ascended the throne. He assisted in ringing at her Coronation, and at her wedding, and having been an active ringer throughout her glorious reign, he had for a short time a hand in the half-muffled ringing at the above church on the mournful occasion of Her Majesty's funeral. He has assisted on very many of the birthdays of the members of the Royal Family, and other State occasions in the last sixty-six years, and amongst other occasions of rejoicing, on the termination of the war with Russia in 1856, the Victorian Jubilees of 1887-97, and also the termination of the war in South Africa, 1902. By Mr. Holdich's request the members of St. John's belfry sang the National Anthem on Coronation Day, in which he most heartily joined, and then he rang the 2nd through two short touches. Mr. Holdich, who is hale and hearty, is in his eighty-third year, and is a retired solicitor. His record will be hard to beat, and I should like to know through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" whether it can be beaten.

E. G. B.

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AN APPEAL FOR HELP.

DEAR SIR,—Would you kindly publish the following on behalf of W. W. Steel, one of our company. He has been one of our regular ringers for twelve years, and a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild for a like period. Nineteen months ago he was compelled to give up work, and has been pronounced to be suffering from locomotor ataxia. He has been a brass-moulder by trade, and we can speak with confidence of his self-helpful character when he was well. He has a wife and four young children, and his long illness has been a terrible strain upon them.

Signed—LUCIUS SMITH, Vicar, W. WALMSLEY, Conductor, 88, High Street, who will gratefully receive subscriptions towards this needy case.

This fund will be closed on Monday, August 18th, and the list of subscriptions will be published in a following issue.

RYDE (Isle of Wight).—On Tuesday, June 2nd, 504 Grandsire Triples. S. V. Salisbury, H. Coombes, J. Norris, E. Hatcher, P. Long, H. Jennings conductor, E. Brett. On Tuesday, June 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins. S. V. Salisbury, H. Coombes, W. H. Fussell, E. Hatcher, C. Stainer, D. Long, H. Jennings conductor, E. Brett. On Sunday, August 3rd, for morning service 336 in the same method. S. V. Salisbury, H. Coombes, W. J. Jones, E. Hatcher, C. Stainer, P. Long, H. Jennings conductor, E. Brett.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Thursday, July 31st, 503 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Hicks, A. Dubber, A. J. Hessian, J. Coales, F. Sear, J. B. Fenton, A. Bramall, A. Coleman. This was rung for a wedding. On Saturday, August 9th, the following ringing took place at St. Andrew's church on the occasion of the Coronation: a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins. A. J. Hicks, A. J. Gillings, A. Dubber, J. Coales, F. Sear, J. George composer and conductor, J. B. Fenton, A. J. Hessian. A 447 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Hicks, A. J. Gillings, A. J. Hessian, J. Coales, A. Dubber, J. George, J. B. Fenton conductor, R. Clarke. And 504 Stedman Triples. A. J. Hessian, J. B. Fenton, A. J. Gillings, F. Sear, A. Dubber, W. H. George, J. George conductor, J. Coales. First 504 of Stedman on the bells.

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The Coronation.

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CORONATION OF EDWARD VII., KING OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND; EMPEROR OF INDIA, ETC.

The ringers assembled at 6.30 a.m., and aroused the natives around the sacred building by ringing a touch of Grandsire Cinques and firing the bells, and a touch of Stedman Caters brought the time for early Communion at 8. a.m. They met again at 10.15, and rang for three quarters of an hour, when the Coronation Service commenced, which was held in the spacious nave, and the form of prayer appointed with a little alteration was said, and Handel's Coronation anthem, "Zadok the Priest," was well sung, and the National Anthem. After the remaining prayers the Dean pronounced The Blessing; the organist, Mr. T. T. Noble, playing a recessional Coronation march, his own composing. The ringers were again in evidence by giving more salutes and changes on the bells. The next business in hand was to attend to the Invitation of the Very Rev. the Dean, and Chapter, for the presence of the ringers, along with other members and servants of the Minster in the Library, to discuss the question of a feast they had provided most generously and without stint. It is needless to mention how much it was enjoyed, as everyone looked very happy at the conclusion.

The Dean in a kind and pleasing manner spoke a few words to all assembled, saying how glad he was to meet them, and to welcome them, and speak words of kindness and encouragement for what had been done and what was to be done in the future, and in conclusion wished "Health, Happiness and Prosperity to all."

At this point the Dean announced the King's Coronation as an accomplished fact, upon which the whole company rose and gave three ringing cheers, which were repeated for Her Majesty the Queen.

The company now adjourned to the grounds of the Deanery, and a game of Cricket was played between two elevens of choir-men and ringers, and masons and other workmen, when the men of stony chippings were too strong for the men of sound, as the result of the scoring sheet showed, masons 73, choir-men 50. As all the company present could not join the players, they contented themselves by looking on and enjoying cigars and the weed.

During the afternoon the Dean's lady had a table set out in the grounds, from which her ladyship dispensed refreshing cups of tea to all who wished to accept of her bounty.

At the conclusion of the evening service the ringers once more ascended the tower steps and concluded the day as they had begun it, by ringing a few more courses of changes, and ceased the bells, heartily thanking the Dean and Chapter for the grand day they had enjoyed.

GOD SAVE THE KING! W.H.H.

CORONATION DAY AT ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH, BRIGHTON.

A rather unique form of service had been arranged at St. Nicholas Church, the clergy and choir assembling on the ancient church tower battlement and the congregation being grouped in the church-yard below. Both enclosures had been thrown open, and, brief though the service was, it attracted a very large number of people, who

overflowed from the churchyard into the adjoining public thoroughfare. The choir sang "Lord of Life Eternal," a thanksgiving Te Deum, "Raise the song ye loyal voices," "Now thank we all our God," and the National Anthem. Happily the morning was delightfully fine; and perfect in its simplicity, the novelty of the service seemed to appeal very strongly to those present. There was something strikingly impressive to the congregation in the singing of the choir up in cloudland as it were, and the National Anthem was especially well rendered. Later in the morning after all had come down, the bells were put on the swing, for a special Coronation service was held in the church, and there was again a large congregation: the form of service was that issued by command of the King. Special hymns were again sung, and the choir gave a stirring rendering of Handel's Coronation anthem and the National Anthem.

The Ancient Holy Edifice of St. Nicholas has existed—at least—a thousand (1000 years). "The Old Church," as people love to call it, stood where it does to-day, when Duke William landed with his Normans on the Sussex beach at Pevensey. The ringers present for the ringing previous to the Coronation service, being G. King, J. Fox, Giddings, F. Bacon, and W. Palmer (tower-keeper).

RINGERS' WEDDINGS.

At St. Margarets Church, Ipswich, on Tuesday, August 5th 1902, was solemnised the marriage of Mr. Willie Roughton, second son of Mr. S. Roughton of Kettering, Northants, to Miss Alice Gillingham of North Hill Villa, North Hill Road, Ipswich. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. William Gillingham; the officiating clergyman being the Rev. T. Green, of St. Nicholas, Ipswich. After the ceremony, to show their appreciation of Mr. Roughton, formerly a respected member of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, several members of that Society, including Mr. Arthur R. Aldham, of Barwell, Leicestershire, assembled and rang upon the bells, 504 changes of Grandsire Triples, followed by Whittingtons, in which two of the bride's brothers took part, Mr. H. C. Gillingham, and Mr. Albert Gillingham. There are also four brothers who chime for Divine Service at the above church every Sunday. Later in the day the ringers assembled at their meeting house and spent a most enjoyable evening with the bridegroom and his best man, Mr. Cliff Newman, of Irthlingborough.

At the parish church, Horsley, Derbyshire, occurred a pretty little wedding, the bride being Miss Smith, sister to one of the ringers, and the bridegroom, Mr. Johnstone, of Derby. The bells were left set on Sunday evening, and swung off at the end of the ceremony, several 120s being well rung by the local ringers, firing also at intervals. A second brother officiated at the organ. The ringers were supplied with refreshments during the day at the residence of the bride's parents, and on the following evening they were invited to supper, when they spent a very pleasant evening.

At St. Peter's church, Brighton, on Sunday, August 3rd, the Rev. Neville Shaw solemnised the union of Mr. F. Buckland to Nellie, eldest daughter of Mr. Harris, of Marden, Kent, in holy matrimony. The happy couple are well known amongst members of our Exercise, who wish them a long and happy future.

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

THE WINCHESTER AND SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILDS.

SIR,—I am much obliged to Mr. Matthews for his letter of last week which substantiates in the main my few remarks of the week previous. I was glad to know my remarks re towers mentioned on the extreme western borders were somewhat incorrect, but this seems to imply—Then what is all this fuss about between the two Guilds? Now Mr. Matthews has let the cat out of the bag in mentioning that quarterly meetings should have been held in each division. This is the crucial point. I was on the committee in 1896 chosen to divide out the different districts, and I left that committee meeting at Guildford with the full impression that quarterly meetings were to be held in each division, and I venture to say that had this suggestion been adhered to, the Winchester Diocesan Guild would have penetrated many of the outlying towers it has not done up to the present, and would have been carrying out the objects for which the Guild was formed. Mr. Matthews said a few meetings had been held, but some had proved a failure; but it would be an extraordinary success if out of seven districts, making twenty-eight meetings in the year, all had been well attended. Having had ten years' experience as district secretary, I know what it is to have a successful meeting as well as a failure. I never let the latter dishearten me. Not wishing to continue the controversy on this subject, I am writing privately to Mr. Matthews; thanking Mr. Drake for his kind remarks last week, also for his correction with regard to the towers mentioned.

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

THE SALISBURY MEETING.

SIR,—I, too, was at the meeting you reported on July 26th, and can testify that it was a good and fair report you published.

AN ONLOOKER.

A RED-LETTER DAY FOR PETERSFIELD RINGERS.

Thursday, July 10th, will ever be remembered by the members of the St. Peter's belfry when they accepted the kind invitation of their late Master, the Rev. C. Edwards, Rector of Mottisfont, to visit him at his beautiful rectory. The party left Petersfield at 7.21 a.m., arriving at Dunbridge at 9.45, where the Rector was awaiting them. Arriving at the rectory they were at once regaled with light refreshment beneath a large cedar tree on the lawn, and after a lengthy chat about old times they wandered about the rectory garden and grounds, watching the trout at the bottom of the lawn in the river Test; then, by the kind permission of Mrs. Vaudrey, the ringers were conducted over that mansion known as "Mottisfont Abbey," going into the crypt, which has lately been opened up and the floor levelled, the old ruins having been built on in the time of Henry VIII. After walking through the very extensive grounds, and visiting the spring from which the name of Mottisfont has originated, they visited the church of St. Andrew, and had a ring on the five tiny bells therein. Punctually at one o'clock they were summoned to the beautiful dining-room of the rectory, where a splendid dinner was awaiting them. Ringers' justice having been done to the repast, the Rector called on Mr. Downs, the tenor-man and oldest ringer, to give his favourite old song—"The wind that blows across the wild moor." Then the party, with the Rector and Mr. Harding (Master of the St. Andrew's company), took train to Romsey, and had a ring on the Abbey bells, which had been raised in readiness for them by Mr. White, one of the Romsey company. Then a journey back to Mottisfont, where after having tea, they amused themselves in various ways. Before taking leave of the beloved Rector, hands were linked, and Auld lang syne heartily rendered. Home was finally reached at 11.40, every member of the company declaring it to have been the most enjoyable day he had ever spent.

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Ringers' Outings.

THE NORTON-LE-MOORS (Staffordshire) COMPANY.—On Saturday, July 19th, this company went to Buxton, starting at 3.30, arriving there at 9.0 p.m. A most appetising supper was in readiness at Miss Johnson's, Denton Villa, which was soon disposed of. The various points of interest in the town and neighbourhood were kindly shown and explained to the visitors by Mr. Barton, of Fairfield. Sunday morning, a constitutional before breakfast, and after the repast rung Oxford Treble Bob for Divine Service at Burbage church. After dinner Mr. Barton's services as "guide, philosopher, and friend" were again requisitioned, he leading the party through Corbar Wood, and up to Solomon's Temple, the latter being a lofty eminence from where a splendid view of the country is obtained. For Divine Service in the afternoon at Fairfield the visitors rung. The return journey was commenced at 6.0, home being reached about 11.0, every one agreeing that the outing had been most enjoyable. The company wish to tender their sincere thanks to Mr. Barton for so greatly adding to their pleasure by ungrudgingly and cheerfully giving up so much of his valuable time in order to make the visit so agreeable, and he is assured that his efforts were most successful, and highly appreciated.

THE ST. OSWIN'S GUILD, WYLLAM-ON-TYNE.—This year York was the place selected, and the choir and ringers, accompanied by Rev W. S. Lloyd, arrived there about 9.45 a.m. on Saturday, July 19th, and at once made for the Minster to hear Matins. Dinner was had at The Black Swan, a famous old Yorkshire hostelry, and ample justice done to all the good things. On clearing the tables, the Rev. W. S. Lloyd, on behalf of the ringers, presented Mr. C. L. Routledge with a handsome silver-mounted Malacca cane, suitably inscribed, as a memento of his connection with the Wylam belfry, and as a parting gift on his leaving that village to reside in Newcastle. Mr. Routledge, who was, in the apt terms of Mr. Lloyd, "floored with a walking-stick," replied in suitable terms, and thanked the members for their kindly gift, and for their parting good wishes. He said it was his intention to keep up his connection with Wylam belfry in the future by attending all the practices he could. The party was afterwards photographed, and then made for Clifton church, where Mr. T. Haigh had kindly made arrangements for an hour's ring. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung in capital style by W. May, J. Bean, C. L. Routledge (conductor), A. Pigg, H. Wilkinson, and E. Weightman. After this the Minster tower was visited, and a great treat afforded the Wylamites by hearing a touch of Stedman Caters rung on this heavy peal, two of their number taking part in the touch, by kind permission of Messrs. Howard and Haigh. The agility of the genial vice-President of the Yorkshire Association rather surprised the Northumberland men. A safe home-arrival concluded a very pleasant outing, and one not marred by a single drop of rain.

THE ST. THOMAS'S SOCIETY, ERDINGTON (Warwickshire).—On Wednesday, August 6th, the members had their second annual excursion, for which Sharpness and Ilfracombe were chosen. The company, the members of which had engaged a saloon, were accompanied by two reverend fathers from the Abbey and other friends, and left Penn station by an excursion train at 4.42 a.m., arriving at Sharpness at 8.20. We then went on the magnificent steamer "Westward Ho!" and landed at Ilfracombe about 2.30 p.m. Tracks were immediately made for The Newhaven Hotel, where a good substantial dinner was partaken of, and which had full justice done to it, as the sea-breeze had somewhat sharpened our appetites. After walking round the town, we made our way to the landing-stage, and commenced our homeward journey about 5.0 p.m. After another merry time on steamer and train, we reached home about 2.20 the next morning, all having thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. During the journey several touches of Stedman Triples were rung on handbells.

E. S.

HYTHE (Kent).—On Sunday, August 10th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. A. R. Manning, T. Richards, E. Cheesman, H. W. Hire, P. W. Crunden, W. Fright, jun. S. Gower conductor, B. B. Baker. Rung to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the conductor's marriage.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 1902.

It is gratifying to read in the public prints that the ceremony of the Coronation has successfully been carried through. The feelings of gratification are enhanced by the fact that His Majesty the KING is restored to health, and has been able, not merely to undergo the immediate ordeal of the ceremony in the Abbey of Westminster, with scarcely any fatigue, but to fulfil several other functions of a public nature appertaining to Royalty. The whole of the circumstances in conjunction with the spectacle are of a nature to cause every subject of our

KING to ponder upon the greatness and extent of the Empire upon which the orb of day never sets.

The records of peals which follow (and we have several others which were received after regulation hours) show that the Exercise has bravely and satisfactorily done its devoir. One of the peals performed on Coronation Day deserves to be mentioned, and that is the peal at the Imperial Institute. Such a performance was peculiarly appropriate, and MR. WINNEY and all concerned are to be congratulated upon their success.

The Metropolis.

Coronation Peal.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 9, 1902, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

ON THE ALEXANDRA RING OF BELLS IN THE QUEEN'S TOWER,
IMPERIAL INSTITUTE, SOUTH KENSINGTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 38 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	SAMUEL E. JOYCE 6.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 2.	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 7.
HENRY R. NEWTON 3.	JOHN N. OXBORROW 8.
WILLIAM E. MOSS 4.	ALFRED PALMER 9.
GEORGE N. PRICE 5.	WALTER PRIME Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

This peal was rung after the Sacring and Crowning of the King and Queen in the Abbey church of St. Peter at Westminster. It is the first peal on the bells.

* THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 7, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE E. WILSON .. Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
GEORGE CONYARD 2.	*WILLIAM BERRY 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	HARRY WARNETT 7.
EDWARD N. PRICE 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE R. NEWTON, and
Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

*First peal of Double Norwich.

The Provinces.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 31, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER DE MERTON,

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.

JOHN T. ESON Treble.	ALBERT ROBINSON 4.
WILLIAM STAPLETON .. 2.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 5.
CHARLES CHASTY 3.	FRANK WEBB Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

First peal on six bells by J. T. Eson, who was proposed a member of the Association before starting for the peal.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Monday, August 4, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 5.
JOHN AUSTIN 2.	†JAMES E. GROVES .. 6.
THOMAS J. SALTER .. 3.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 7.
JOHN JAGGAR 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

†First peal in the method. This is believed to be the first peal of Major rung on the bells.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 6, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Treble.	BENJAMIN BASSETT .. 5.
JOHN MULLIGAN 2.	ALBERT D. STONE .. 6.
WILLIAM HILLMAN .. 3.	WILLIAM PAGE 7.
GEORGE NORRIS 4.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This composition has the 2nd her full extent at home and never in 5-6 at a court send.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 6, 1902, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 28 cwt.

ERNEST C. DENHAM* .. Treble.	CHARLES GILES 5.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	JOHN SWAIN 6.
HENRY WHITE 3.	AMBROSE OSBORNE .. 7.
CHARLES COX† 4.	ERNEST BRUCE Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 6, 1902, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES TANN Treble.	ROBERT WHITING .. 5.
HERBERT MATTHEWS .. 2.	FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. 6.
CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 3.	CHARLES TANN 7.
DAVID RUTH 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAMES TANN.

This peal was arranged for the ringer of the 4th, formerly of Pulham, who hails from London.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 8, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Worcester,
Chichester, and Cambridge.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

Rung in honour of the conductor's 37th birthday, and this is his 100th 720 of London Surprise.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1902, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM WILLSON .. Treble.	WALTER PERKINS .. 5.
JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. 2.	JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. 6.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 3.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. 7.
CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 4.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. Tenor.

Composed by J. S. WILDE, and Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of W. Roughon, Esq., late of Kettering, now of Trowbridge, Wilts, to Miss Gillingham, of Ipswich.

The following peals were rung in honour of the Coronation of King Edward VII. :—

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, August 9, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

JAMES DOWLER Treble.	WALTER C. HUNT 5.
WILLIAM SHORT 2.	ERNEST ALLAWAY 6.
JOSEPH PIGOTT 3.	WILLIAM H. BARBER 7.
JOHN NEAL 4.	HARRY WITHERS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by HARRY WITHERS.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE OXHEY SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 9, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK HODGETTS† .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5.
WILLIAM NORRIS 2.	WALTER NORRIS 6.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT .. 3.	HUBERT EDEN 7.
WILLIAM HODGETTS 4.	REGINALD SEARLE Tenor.

Conducted by HUBERT EDEN.

†First peal. The above ringers are all members of the local company. It was intended to have rung Stedman Triples, but two of the band being unable to ring at the last moment, the above was arranged instead.

BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 9, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qrs. 23 lbs.

FREDERICK MARKLAND* .. Treble.	JOHN EDWIN MARKLAND .. 5.
ADAM HOLDEN† 2.	JOSEPH MARKLAND 6.
WILLIAM HODGSON† 3.	RICHARD VICKERS 7.
ROBERT HOLDEN 4.	†ROBERT DAVENPORT Tenor.

Conducted by F. MARKLAND.

†First peal. *First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by the local company.

CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

HENRY DAY† Treble.	ALLEN ROWLEY 5.
LEWELLYN BROOKS 2.	JOHN CLUTTERBUCK 6.
WILLIAM B. BISS 3.	WILLIAM COOMBES 7.
WILLIAM G. MILLER* .. 4.	*CHARLES ORAM Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM COOMBES.

*First peal. †First peal on the treble.

MIDHURST.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY MAGDALENE AND DENIS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Bob Minor, Duke of York, and Kent, and two of Woodbine and Oxford, each called differently.

Tenor 11½ cwt

CLEMENT BEST Treble.	ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. 4.
THOMAS E. ELLIS 2.	THOMAS STROUD 5.
EDWARD J. BOXALL† .. 3.	JAMES LEE Tenor.

Conducted by A. B. BENNETT.

†First peal.

WOBURN, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT OLD ST. MARY'S TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Treble.	†MAURICE SMITH 5.
CYRIL HERBERT 2.	WALTER SMITH 6.
WALTER FINEDON* 3.	ERNEST HERBERT 7.
MORTIMER MATTHEWS .. 4.	MARK LANE Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by CHAS. R. LILLEY.

†First peal of Bob Major. *First peal on eight bells.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDK. T. C. NEVETT .. Treble.	WILLIAM PYE 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	LEWIS SILVER 7.
HARRY F. DAWKINS .. 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. E. Huntley. It is also G. R. Pye's 201st peal, a list of which will be found elsewhere.

CAPEL, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 9, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Violet, Oxford, College Exercise, Kent, London Scholars', and College Pleasure.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

THOMAS WELLER .. Treble.	EDWIN JORDAN 4.
JOHN AKEHURST 2.	CHARLES TAYLOR 5.
THOMAS M. STEDMAN .. 3.	*FREDERICK TULLETT Tenor.

Conducted by F. TULLETT.

*First peal as conductor.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH)

On Saturday, August 9, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS BURROWS .. Treble.	NOAH TOWNEND 5.
RICHARD ASHWORTH .. 2.	RENNIE HARTLEY 6.
DAVID CAMPBELL 3.	THOMAS MOUNCEY 7.
WILLIAM WALTON 4.	TOM REDMAN Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BEDFORD.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs. in D.

JOHN W. BARKER .. Treble.	BERNARD JEALOUS 6.
CHARLES CHASTY 2.	ISAAC HILLS 7.
JOHN R. SHARMAN† .. 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 8.
JOSEPH CHURCH 4.	CHARLES W. CLARKE 9.
MAURICE SMITH† 5.	†A. NUNNELY-WOOD Tenor.

Composed by BERNARD JEALOUS, and
Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARKE.

†First peal of Grandsire Caters. It was also the fifth man's first attempt for a ten bell peal, and was rung by the present and past members of the St. Paul's society.

BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 9, 1902, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PAKISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.	Tenor 24 cwt.
RALPH GRINDLEY* Treble.	FRANK JONES 5.
JOSEPH SHONE 2.	JAMES DILLON 6.
JOSEPH WOODS 3.	THOMAS HUGHES 7.
JAMES PICKIN† 4.	HENRY REYNOLDS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES DILLON.

*First peal away from the tenor. †First peal away from the treble.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN COUNTIES' BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 9, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, two different
720s of Double Oxford Bob, and three different 720s of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON* .. Treble.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. 4.
JOSEPH W. FLOWERS* .. 2.	GEORGE TOMKINSON .. 5.
ROBERT MARSHALL .. 3.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

*First peal. First peal of Minor by the local band. This is the first peal on the six bells, the treble having been added to commemorate the Coronation.

WADDESDON, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 9, 1902, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores, each called differently.

THOMAS SAUNDERS Treble.	BENJAMIN THORNE 4.
ERNEST SAUNDERS 2.	THOMAS WAKENELL 5.
CHARLES SKINNER 3.	ERNEST SLADE Tenor.

Conducted by T. WAKENELL.

First peal by all except the conductor.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

FREDK. SHOBRIDGE .. Treble.	PERCY REED 5.
LIONEL SHOBRIDGE .. 2.	BEN REED 6.
ALBERT SAYER 3.	GEORGE WILLSHIRE .. 7.
JONATHAN DOORNE .. 4.	ALBERT GOLDER .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLSHIRE.

Messrs. F. Shobridge and Doorne were elected members previous to starting for the peal.

WHITLEY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob,
Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM CHARLTON† .. Treble.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. 4.
JAMES E. GOFTON .. 2.	RICHARD A. GOFTON .. 5.
THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 3.	WILLIAM THOMPSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

†First peal.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK TINDALL .. Treble.	ALFRED J. CHERRYMAN .. 4.
EDWARD G. GODLEY* .. 2.	FREDERICK F. TRUSLER .. 5.
MARTIN BROOMFIELD .. 3.	FREDERICK W. STEELE .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STEELE.

*First peal.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1902, in Three Hours and Thre Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qrs.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. Treble.	THOMAS PRICE 6.
ROBERT J. DAWE 2.	BENJAMIN HOBBS 7.
ALFRED J. TURNER 3.	KEITH HART 7.
ROBERT C. MAYO 4.	HERBERT BROCKWELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by BENJAMIN HOBBS.

†First peal.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1902, in Three Hours,
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.

ROBERT C. MAYO .. Treble.	WILLIAM PELLING .. 5.
HENRY STALLAM 2.	RICHARD W. HOATHER .. 6.
ROBERT J. DAWE 3.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. 7.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 4.	JOHN F. STEADMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 10, 1902, in Three Hours and — Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COUNTY BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM GRIMES.

Rung also as a birthday compliment to William J. Groom, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 11, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720s each of College
Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

JOHN MAYES .. Treble.	ALPHAUS J. BERRY .. 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	CHARLES NUNN 5.
WILLIAM ROSE 3.	GEORGE E. SYMONDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

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BUSHEY, HERTS—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 11, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LATES'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT ..	5.
HUBERT EDEN 2.	JOSEPH J. ALLEN ..	6.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT 3.	HARRY A. HORREX ..	7.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 4.	FREDERICK EDWARDS ..	Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SAXMUNDHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, August 3rd, at St. John's church, 720 Bob Minor. W. Rose, G. Berry, H. Smith, W. Cooper, J. W. Avis conductor, A. Avis. On Monday, August 4th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Rose, G. Berry, H. Smith, J. W. Avis, W. Cooper conductor, A. Avis.

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA.—On Monday, August 4th, at St. Peter's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Watling conductor, G. Berry, H. Smith, J. W. Avis, W. Cooper, A. Avis.

BENHALL.—On Sunday, August 3rd, for afternoon service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. W. Avis, C. Thompson, W. Fisher conductor, H. Thompson, G. Berry, A. Avis. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Fisher conductor, G. Berry, H. Smith, J. W. Avis, W. Cooper, A. Avis.

KELSALE.—On Sunday, August 3rd, for evening service, 720 Bob Major. W. Fisher conductor, J. W. Avis, H. Smith, F. Page, G. Berry, F. Thompson, W. Cooper, A. Avis.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—On Thursday, June 19th, for practice, 336 Grandsire Triples. S. Williams, L. Brooks, H. Day, W. Miller, G. Hardage, A. Rowley, W. Coombes conductor, C. Oram. And 280 Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, W. Northey, W. Miller, G. Hardage, W. Biss, A. Rowley conductor, C. Oram. On Sunday, June 22nd, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples. T. Butler, L. Brooks, A. Rowley, W. Biss, W. Coombes conductor, G. Hardage, G. Aldridge, C. Oram. On Sunday, July 6th, for Divine Service, 476 Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, A. Rowley, W. Miller, G. Hardage, J. Clutterbuck, W. Coombes conductor, C. Oram. And 168 in the same method. W. Williams, L. Brooks, W. Biss, A. Rowley, W. Miller, J. Clutterbuck, W. Coombes conductor, H. Day. On Sunday, July 27th, 336 Grandsire Triples. F. Dite, L. Brooks, H. Day, W. Miller, W. Heath, A. Rowley conductor, W. Canter, C. Oram. And 518 in the same method. H. Day, L. Brooks, W. Northey, W. Biss, W. Heath, G. Hardage, A. Rowley, F. Dite. On Monday, August 4th, in honour of the coming of age of the Marquis of Bute, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, W. Heath, W. Miller, W. Biss conductor, G. Hardage, A. Rowley, F. Dite. 168 of the same. H. Day, L. Brooks, W. Heath, W. Miller, W. Biss conductor, G. Hardage, A. Rowley, F. Dite. And 504 in the same method. H. Day, W. Heath, W. Northey, W. Biss, A. Rowley, G. Hardage, W. Coombes conductor, T. Nortney. On Thursday, August 7th, on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the Seamen's Hospital by the Marquis of Bute, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, W. Heath, W. Miller, W. Biss, G. Hardage, A. Rowley conductor, W. Canter. 168 in the same method. F. Dite, L. Brooks, W. Biss conductor, W. Miller, W. Heath, A. Rowley, G. Hardage, H. Day. And 336. H. Day, L. Brooks, W. Biss, W. Miller, W. Heath, A. Rowley, G. Hardage, F. Dite.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST (Sussex).—On Tuesday, August 5th, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 300 Bob Minor and 240 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, Kent and Oxlord. C. Best, T. E. Ellis, E. J. Boxall, H. Churchill, A. B. Bennett conductor, T. Stroud.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD

HEAVITREE (Devon).—On Sunday, August 3rd, for evening service, the last 742 of Holt's Original. W. Hancock, C. Carter, W. C. Burrough, J. Leaver, W. Milfin, J. R. Sandover, W. Shepherd conductor, F. Shepherd.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On Tuesday, April 15th, 720 Oxford Bob. H. Carter, A. Wright, C. Gale, W. H. Lawrence, A. Phillips conductor, A. Lawrence. On Tuesday, May 6th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Wright, W. H. Lawrence, C. Gale, A. Smith, G. Carter, A. Lawrence conductor. Also 720 Double Court. A. Wright, C. Gale, A. Phillips, A. Smith, A. Lawrence, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Sunday, May 11th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. H. Carter, C. Gale, A. Wright, W. H. Lawrence, A. Phillips conductor, A. Lawrence. On Sunday, May 18th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Carter, A. Phillips, A. Lawrence, A. Smith, W. H. Lawrence conductor, S. Page. On Sunday, May 25th, 720 College Single. H. Carter, A. Wright, C. Gale, A. Phillips, A. Lawrence, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Thursday, May 29th, 720 Oxford Bob. J. Smith, A. Wright, A. Lawrence, A. Smith, A. Phillips conductor, W. H. Lawrence. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Phillips, A. Wright, C. Gale, A. Smith, W. H. Lawrence, A. Lawrence conductor. On Saturday, May 31st, four of the Little Munded Society, with G. H. Barker, of Ware, and H. Austin, of Bengoe, visited Royston, and rang 720 College Single, conducted by A. Lawrence. Also 720 Oxford Bob, conducted by W. H. Lawrence. This is the first Minor on the bells for twenty years, and probably the last until the bells are rehung, as they go very badly. Messrs. Taylor have received instructions for the recasting of some and rehanging of all. On Sunday, June 8th, 720 Oxford Bob. H. Carter, A. Phillips, C. Gale, A. Smith, A. Lawrence, W. H. Lawrence conductor. On Saturday, August 9th, in honour of the Coronation of the King, 360 each of Oxford and Plain Bob. H. Carter, A. Phillips, A. Smith, A. Lawrence, W. H. Lawrence, G. Carter.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

HECKINGTON.—On June 8th, 1902, 672 Bob Major. W. Woods, J. T. Holmes, J. Hilton, T. Woods, H. P. Nash, J. Clark, J. R. Green, W. Dickinson. On June 15th, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Houlden, T. Woods, J. Hilton, E. Houlden, W. Woods, J. T. Holmes, W. Dickinson conductor, J. Clark. On June 15th, 672 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. R. Green, J. T. Holmes, J. Hilton, E. Houlden, H. P. Nash, J. Clark, W. Dickinson, W. Woods conductor. On July 6th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Houlden, E. Houlden, J. Hilton, W. Dickinson, T. Woods, J. T. Holmes, W. Woods, J. Clark. And 704 Kent Treble Bob. E. Houlden, J. T. Holmes, J. Hilton, T. Woods, H. P. Nash, J. Clark, W. Woods, W. Dickinson conductor. On July 27th, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Houlden, E. Houlden, J. Hilton, T. Woods, H. P. Nash, J. Clark conductor, J. T. Holmes, W. Woods. On August 3rd, 720 Bob Major. W. Houlden, T. Woods, J. Hilton, W. Woods conductor, H. P. Nash, J. T. Holmes, R. Richardson, J. Clark.

HORSHAM.—On Sunday, August 3rd, for morning service at St. Mary's church, 448 London Surprise. G. Williams conductor, F. Bennett, R. J. Dawe, G. N. Price, A. W. Brighton, W. Page, H. P. Harman, E. Wightman. And a plain course of Cambridge Surprise. G. Wilson ringing the treble.

WARNHAM.—On Sunday, August 3rd, for evening service at St. Margaret's church, 448 Cambridge Surprise. G. Wilson, W. Page, F. Bennett, G. N. Price, G. Williams conductor, R. J. Dawe, A. W. Brighton, E. Wightman.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE.—On Thursday, July 31st, at the parish church, on the occasion of the annual school treat, 784 Bob Major. G. Leonard, W. Farrow, F. Webb, P. Holmes, C. H. Howard, A. B. Wiffen conductor, H. Coote, H. J. Collins. On Saturday, August 9th, 1040 Bob Major. G. Leonard, W. Farrow, F. Webb, P. Holmes, C. H. Howard conductor, A. Papworth, A. B. Wiffen, H. J. Collins.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Saturday, August 9th, 1299 Stedman Caters, in 50 mins. G. Hollis, G. W. Bemrose, G. Davies, W. J. Thyng, B. A. Knights, S. Price, C. P. Clifton, A. Craven, A. Knights conductor, D. Farthing.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

LONDON.—On Saturday, August 9th, at St. John's, Vassall Road, Brixton, 1152 Treble Bob Major. F. Davis, W. Shepherd, S. Collins, E. J. Webb, F. G. Perrin, J. E. Davis, H. Langdon conductor, G. W. Wild. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. Collins, G. W. Wild conductor, F. G. Perrin, H. Langdon, F. Davis, J. E. Davis, W. Shepherd, E. J. Webb. Rung in honour of the Coronation.

Notices.

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The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next meeting of the above Society will be held at Lindley, near Huddersfield, to-day, Saturday, August 16th.

WALTER IDLE, *Secretary*.

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Lawton, Cheshire, to-day, Saturday, August 16th.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild—Arch-deaconry of Wilts. Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Erlestoke to-day, Saturday, August 16th, at 3 p.m. The Rector of Great Cheverell has offered to provide tea in the rectory grounds, situate about one mile from Erlestoke. Both churches will be open for ringing. Nearest Station West Lavington (one mile).

CHARLES D. HEGINBOTHOM.

3, Estcourt Street, Devizes.

The Sussex County Association—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Buxted to-day, Saturday, August 16th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

2, Grove Street, Brighton.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's church, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.

ZEB LORD, *Sec.*

The Essex Association—North Western Division.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Stansted, on Saturday, August 30th. Tea at The Barley Mow at 5 o'clock at 6d. each to those who signify the same to me not later than Tuesday, August 26th. The towers of Stansted and Farnham (each six bells) will be open to members from 11 o'clock.

H. J. TUCKER, *Div. Sec.*

Bishop Stortford.

The Kent County Association—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Margaret's, Rochester, on Saturday, August 30th. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at Longley Road Mission Room at 5.30; half fares up to 2s. will be allowed. Members intending to be present must let me know on or before Wednesday the 27th inst.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

65, Clive Road, Rochester.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Flixton, on Saturday, August 30th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7. A good muster is requested.

J. SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting of this Society will be held at Calverley, on Saturday, August 30th. Bells at liberty from 2 till 9 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. at The Thornhill Arms.

CHARLES PRATT, *Sec.*

Park View, Calverley.

The St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—All meetings of the above Society will be suspended during the month of August. The next practice will be held on Friday, September 12th.

E. H. OXENHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT GRAVESEND.—This was G. R. Pye's 201st peal, made up as follows: on tower bells—Grandsire Triples 7, conducted 2; Grandsire Caters 3, conducted 1; Stedman Triples 23, conducted 3; Stedman Caters 24, conducted 1; Stedman Cinques 4 (including a 11,111); Bob Major 4, conducted 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 13, conducted 2 (including a 10,464); Kent Treble Bob Royal 10; Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major 1; Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1; Double Norwich Major 21 (including a 15,072); Superlative Surprise Major 34, conducted 1; Cambridge Surprise Major 5; New Cambridge Surprise Major 2; New Cumberland Surprise Major 1; London Surprise Major 5; Double Oxford Bob Major 1; Duffield Major 1; seven methods on six bells 1. On handbells—Grandsire Triples 1; Stedman Triples 15, conducted 4, one non-conducted; Stedman Caters 6; Stedman Cinques 1; Kent Treble Bob Major 6, conducted 2; Kent Treble Bob Royal 2; Double Norwich Major 3, conducted 2; Superlative Surprise Major 2; New Cambridge Surprise Major 3. Total rang 201; conducted 19.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, August 3rd, at St. Edward's church, on the occasion of Mr. H. F. Dawkins' birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by the Editor. J. Kent, B. Cousins, H. Catterwell, W. Nash, G. Roughton, A. J. Perkins, H. F. Dawkins conductor, W. Watson.

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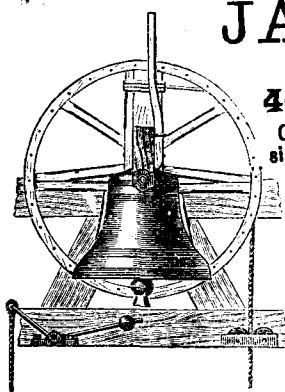
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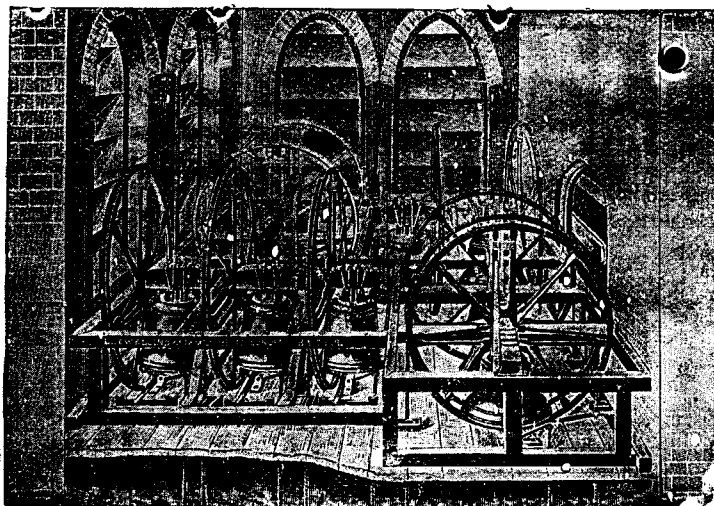
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

BURY (Lancashire). St. Mary. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. The two trebles by Taylor, 1892; the rest by Rudhall, 1722. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Iron frame. Bells go well except 7th. The ring was rehung in an iron frame in 1892 by Taylor. The 7th requires rehanging, and louvres need alteration, but the authorities are indifferent. Ropes new 1898, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30. A chiming apparatus is fitted.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS (Suffolk). St. Mary. Eight bells. No return.

St. James. Ely Diocesan Association. Ten bells. All by Osborne, 1785. Tenor 31 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The four front bells and tenor were recently rehung by Day. Ropes new 1897, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: half-an-hour before service on 1st in month and upon festivals. Chiming apparatus is fitted. Practice: Saturday, 8, fortnightly.

BUSHEY (Herts). St. James. Hertfordshire Association. Eight bells. The two trebles by Warner, 1889; 3rd, 4th, and tenor by the same, 1887; 5th and 6th by Eldridge, 1664; 7th a 14th century bell, founder unknown. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Warner, 1895. Ropes good. Ringing-chamber needs repairs which are promised. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Oxford Bob, and Canterbury. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

BUXTED (Sussex). St. Margaret. Eight bells. No return.

CAERLEON (Monmouthshire). St. Cadoc. Llandaff

Diocesan Association. Eight bells. All by Warner; the two trebles 1886, and the rest 1881. Tenor 7 cwt., diameter 2 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. New tower required, but definite action is delayed. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. No Sunday ringing or regular practice, but visiting bands are welcome at short notice.

CALDICOT (Monmouthshire). St. Mary. Chepstow and District Association. Eight bells. Five by Mears, 1858; three by Llewellins, 1883, when bells were rehung. No further particulars given. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 5 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1899. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 5.15 to 6. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

CALNE (Wilts). St. Mary. Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. No founder mentioned. Tenor 26 cwt. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Tenor and 4th rehung by Blackburn; date not given. New frame required, no steps taken as there are no funds. Ropes bad; not used for some time. No half-pull ringing. Bells are chimed by Ellacombe apparatus. No practice.

CALVERLEY (Yorks). St. Wilfrid. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears; no date given. Tenor 11 cwt. Timber frame. Bells go well. Thoroughly repaired by Shaw; date not mentioned. Ropes good. Methods: Plain and Treble Bob, London and Oxford Treble Bob, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise. Sunday ringing: 9.30, and 5 to 6. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.

One of the most memorable days in the life of every inhabitant of the above village was, we should think, Wednesday, July 23rd, for on that day was held the Coronation festivities, and also the ring of bells in the old parish church was opened after its augmentation to six by the addition of a new treble from the foundry of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The new bell bears an inscription to the effect that it was cast to commemorate the Coronation of King Edward VII. Its addition is solely due, we believe, to the energy of the local ringers, and more especially to Mr. W. J. Nevard, of the neighbouring village of Great Bentley, who offered most generously to hang the bell free of charge, and which he has done to everyone's satisfaction, thus making a very musical ring of six, tenor 12 cwt. The opening service was held at 2 o'clock, after which 720s of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Bob Minor, and Cambridge Surprise were rung. The ringers were kindly invited to the Coronation tea, and afterwards a most enjoyable evening was spent. The visitors included Mr. H. Bowers (Great Bardfield), Mr. C. Sillitoe (Sudbury), and Messrs. E. W. Beckwith and D. Elliott (Coggeshall).

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The bells were raised soon after 3 p.m., and the ringing commenced with 120 Grandsire Doubles. Touches of 168, 167, and 503 Grandsire Triples were also brought round before 5 p.m., when all the members present with the addition of a few lady friends attended a short service, consisting of a shortened form of evening prayer, followed by the singing of the "Old Hundredth," which all joined in most heartily, accompanied by the organ. A short and appropriate address was given by the Rector, the Rev. G. S. Pownall, taking the words from the first verse of Psalm c.—"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

An excellent tea had been arranged by Mr. Causley, one of the local men, which was partaken of in the grounds of a refreshment establishment just out of the park, the beautiful afternoon adding much to the enjoyment.

The Rector occupied the chair, and amongst those present were Mr. G. F. Attree (Master), Mr. A. B. Bennett (Hon. Secretary), Mr. G. Williams (Hon. Divisional Secretary), Messrs. T. Card and E. Mankelow, etc. The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed.

The Rector of Buxted, as an hon. member, and eleven members of the Buxted band, were then elected as a new branch of the Association, on the proposition of the Hon. Divisional Secretary.

Mr. Bennett (Hon. Secretary), in seconding, gave a few very encouraging words of advice, urging them to persevere. He was sure they would then never regret having become affiliated to the Association.

It was proposed by Mr. G. Williams, and seconded by H. Stalham, that the following members be also elected: Dr. Henry Reeks (Shoreham), Life Member; Rev. J. H. Halliwell (Vicar of St. Paul's, Brighton), Honorary Member; Rev. C. E. Rose and J. Farmer, additional active members of St. Paul's, Brighton. This was carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr. F. Bennett, seconded by the Divisional Secretary, and carried, that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Hurstpierpoint.

The Master then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for granting permission for the meeting and use of the bells; also for his excellent address. He hoped now the Buxted band had joined the Association they would be able to influence their neighbours at Uckfield, only two miles distant, and bring them in also.

The Rector briefly replied, saying how pleased he was to welcome members of the Sussex Association to Buxted. He was also pleased to become an hon. member, and thanked them for his election. The tower was again visited, and owing to the report to him by the Divisional Secretary and others of the unsatisfactory "go" of some of the bells, he (the Rector), with the Master, etc., was induced to make a general inspection of the frame, etc., which was found to oscillate very much, the result being a bellhanger to be consulted. This was really the chief

success of the meeting, the Rector being fully convinced that something was required to be done at once, by remarking on seeing the sway of the frame and its supports, that he thought it hardly safe to ring them again until seen to. However a touch each of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich was brought round, Mr. Causley, secretary of the local band, scoring his first 500 on the treble at this meeting, he never having rung changes on eight bells before; and another member belonging to the East Grinstead company scored his first 500 on a bob bell.

"THE BELL NEWS" was introduced to the Buxted band for the first time at this meeting.

ST. MARY'S, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.

At a recent meeting of St. Mary's Church Council, Bury St. Edmunds, it was resolved that the fine ring of bells in the tower should be put in thorough repair. The bells are of splendid tone. The treble, 2nd, 5th, 6th and tenor were cast by Richard Phelps, of London in 1734; the 3rd by Mears and Stainbank in 1869, 4th in 1627, and the 7th by Pack and Chapman in 1776. The weight of the tenor is 28 cwt. in D.

The churchwardens examined the bells as best they could, and called in a bell hanger, from whom they had received an estimate and specification for the work. The details showed that the sixth bell (the curfew bell) must be rehung with new wheel, etc., a new crownstaple fixed, the clapper rounding bell reforged, and the bell half-quartered upon a new stock for the clapper to strike the bell in a fresh place, the sound-bow being much worn. The 4th, 3rd, 2nd, and treble bells to be rehung, with new wheels, etc., and numerous refittings and repairs, the 4th bell to be quarter-turned on new stock, as this bell also was much worn upon the sound-bow. The tenor 7th and 5th bells to be cleaned and the fittings repaired. All the above work will be carried out in accordance with the detailed specification, to the satisfaction of the Vicar and Churchwardens, or those whom they might appoint to examine the work, for the some of £48. 15s.

THE HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2nd, the annual six-bell contest in connection with the above society was held at St. Paul's church, Armitage Bridge. There was seven companies competing. The ringing commenced at 1.45, and finished about 7.30. There was some excellent ringing during the afternoon, and the decision of the judges, Messrs. S. H. Kitchen (Elland), and C. Hollings (Barnsley), gave general satisfaction. Each company had to ring a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. The following companies competed and rung in the order given: Dewsbury, New Mills (2), New Mills (1), Holmfirth, Huddersfield, Almondbury, Tong. The judges' decision was as follows:

Almondbury: 164 faults. 1st prize. Association silver challenge cup, and six marble timepieces.

Huddersfield: 182 faults. 2nd prize. Six electro-plated butter-coolers.

New Mills (No. 1): 258 faults. 3rd prize. Six electro-plated cruets.

Holmfirth: 262 faults; Dewsbury: 332 faults; New Mills (No. 2): 850 faults. Tong: rung out.

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UNVEILING OF A PEAL BOARD AT ST. MARY'S, RICHMOND, YORKS.

On Thursday August 14th, an interesting ceremony took place in the belfry, being the unveiling of a peal-board by the Rector, in the presence of Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Casson, (a guest of the Rector's) and the following members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association: R. Briscoe, F. Brand, J. T. Frenchum, J. G. Kinchin, A. Morton, J. Peake, T. Thirkell, R. Todd, R. Underwood, J. G. Woddy, and T. Lungley, the latter being a visitor from Darlington, and also a member of the College Youths.

Mr. R. Briscoe (leader of the ringers) referred to the accomplishment of a peal of 5040 changes on March 4th last as being the first time such an event had been done on the bells, and as is customary in such cases, a permanent memorial of the feat had been established by means of a board, on which the particulars of the event had been recorded. He remembered the kind interest Mr. and Mrs. Robinson took in the matter, when it became known that an attempt was about to be made to do that which is the ambition of all change-ringers, viz:—a peal of 5,040 changes.

In this instance the feat had been performed on six bells, but he hoped in the near future that two more bells would be added to the ring, and that a 5000 on 8 bells would eventually be accomplished by the Richmond ringers. Should such an event take place a fresh peal board would be necessary, and he hoped the Rector would be there to unveil that too. He also wished it to be understood that the success attained by the ringers was in a very great measure due to the kind interest the Rector, Mrs. Robinson, and the Rev. A. E. Ayre invariably took in all matters connected with the belfry. Referring to church bell-ringing generally, he attributed the great improvement in the conduct and management of belfries throughout the country to the formation of bell-ringers' Associations, and the greater interest taken in the ringers by the clergy. He had now great pleasure in asking Mr. Robinson to unveil the board containing particulars of the event.

The Rector said before he unveiled the peal-board, he should like to again congratulate the ringers on the accomplishment of the feat, and that he could vividly call to mind the actual ringing of the bells on that occasion, and how anxious he was until the peal had been successfully completed. He would be sorry to lose Mr. Briscoe as leader of the ringers, as everything had progressed so harmoniously under his guidance, and the art of change-ringing had improved to a standard hitherto unknown in Richmond, but he hoped that the course of study he was taking up at the York Training College would result in great advantages to him in his future career.

A vote of thanks to the Rector, proposed by Mr. Morton, and seconded by Mr. Frenchum, supported by Mr. Underwood, concluded the meeting.

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."

THE BELFREY ACCIDENT AT SCARBOROUGH.

SIR,—I am pleased to state that Mr. Allen returned home from the Scarborough Hospital this week-end, and we hope in

a few weeks he will be able to follow his employment as usual. Mr. Allen is very grateful for the kind treatment he received, and wishes to thank the many kind friends who visited him.

In reference to my account of the accident I was away from home on the 9th and therefore did not get my "BELL NEWS" until the 16th.

I thank Mr. Ferguson for his correction. My attention was too much taken up with the injured man to give a thorough inspection of what had taken place; I knew to my sorrow the bell was over, and as we have no wood slides to our bells my only idea was the stay; but it matters not one iota, as one is part of other, and the slide must have had too much play to allow it to lift. Then in respect to the tenor rope it was not too much trouble, but I must remind young ringers that when visitors come 80 miles for only a day's trip they don't expect to wait until 7 p.m., for things to be put in order; the general rule is after a slight refreshment to make straight for the tower. Our instructions from the Bishop were to hand; his post-card to the Sexton whom we should find in the church, and time, except the dinner hour; and moreover when men go for an outing they put on clothes that would not be improved by several visits under a bell to put a rope through, I had two journeys up myself and did not want a third. Mr. Dixey, and Mr. Biggin fared bad ere the job was completed. If ever the St. Mary's voluntary ringers pay a visit to Sheffield or any tower in Yorkshire I don't suppose they would be called upon to do such a duty unless the rope broke during ringing. When the young ringers have remedied the defects to the slides, it would be well to do likewise to the 7th pulley box, and also look at the gudgeons of the 4th, for the bell kicks bad when up at centre; it would perhaps be as well to have a general sweep down with a brush, other defects may then be found. I may also suggest a new set of ropes, the removal of the chiming apparatus from the middle of the ringing chamber to one side. Allen in his fall only missed this by a few inches, had he fallen on it the result would have been fatal. Some wainscoting on the bare walls and a decent carpet would not be amiss; and if visitors are to be encouraged to visit Scarborough for the sake of a ring, and find a rope off, a little water and soap in one corner would be useful. Surely with only one peal in a place like Scarborough funds would be no object. Now's your time to strike, while its hot.

E. JAMES.

"STEDMAN."

SIR,—Some years ago we were informed in your advertising columns that a book on Stedman by the late Jasper W. Snowdon was in progress, and would shortly be issued. I see the notice has been taken out of "THE BELL NEWS" for some time now, and I, and a great many more of my friends would like to know when we may expect to see it published. I could guarantee a dozen copies from our own tower, and I have no doubt that it would have a very large sale; perhaps Mr. Wm. Snowdon will be able to give a definite date as to when we may expect publication.

R. T. HOLDING.

Crewe.

HORSHAM.—On Sunday, August 3rd, for morning service at St. Mary's church, 448 London Surprise. G. Williams conductor, F. Bennett, R. J. Dawe, G. N. Price, A. W. Brighton, W. Page, H. P. Harman, E. Wightman. And a plain course of Cambridge Surprise. G. Wilson ringing the treble.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Coronation, with its accompanying festivity, is all over, and we shall be able to settle down again into our natural usual condition. Complaints are heard on all sides that business is slack; and this is attributed in a great measure to the Coronation. How that can be I cannot tell. I know nothing of the workings of economic science, or the law of supply and demand. The great disappointments caused through the Coronation being postponed may have had something to do with it. We shall hope for better times, all of us. In fact we are always hoping for "the good time coming," as an old song has it; but when it comes, none of us make haste to acknowledge its arrival.

One great calamity attendant upon the disestablishment of the Church would be that church bells and bellringing would become subject to the whims and oddities of every species of crank. On governing bodies such as District Councils, Parish Councils, and the like, there would always be people with some special grievance, having some axe of their own to grind; and when the pocket became affected such persons would become troublesome. In the following account, taken from a Surrey paper, being part of the proceedings of a District Council meeting at Molesey, near Hampton Court, we may very easily see what would happen:—

"THE RINGING OF ST. MARY'S BELLS.

"Mr. McLachlan wrote that he had received a letter from the Rev. W. Park of St. Mary's road bitterly complaining of the ringing of St. Mary's church peal of bells. Mr. Park stated that on the evening of July 24th the bells rang peals for an hour and a-half, and on inquiry he found that the practice was to be continued. The din and the noise were simply awful. If such clamouring was continued he would be compelled to give up his tenancy and leave the neighbourhood. Under these circumstances Mr. McLachlan appealed to the Council for some action or protest being made by them to the Vicar, as these tenants in St. Mary's road paid a considerable amount in rates to the parish, and their leaving would entail a considerable loss to the Council as well as himself. He felt sure the Council would safeguard the comfort not only of his tenants, but of other residents in St. Mary's and adjoining roads. If it were possible to have the peals rung whilst the Council were sitting, they would be able to judge whether his complaint was justified or not.—The Chairman said they could do nothing in the matter.—Mr. Stanton supposed the tower was too low, and so made the bells more objectionable.—The Chairman said the bells were there before the houses were built.—Mr. Masters: But when Mr. McLachlan let the houses he told the tenants that the bells were not rung, which as the Council knew was the case at that time.—Dr. Hardwicke regarded bells as entirely out of date when everybody carried a watch.—Resolved to reply that the Council had no jurisdiction over the bells."

The Mr. McLachlan above-mentioned is afraid of his rents. He is a man of property, and if the church bells are rung his tenants may move away. Thus the pocket would be affected—a terrible catastrophe! which every one would regret. What contemptible bosh was let go at this meeting by a Dr. Hardwick, who is without a spark of poetry in his soul. The chairman however was equal to the occasion, and virtually sat upon the complaint of the McDougall.

A word of advice to this gentleman, I mean Mr. MacLachlan (what an awful name!) It was suggested that the church tower was too low. Very well. Now there is a chance for him. He being a man of property can have the tower made higher at his own cost, and then the sound

of the bells will not annoy his tenants. Or another thing: perhaps the louvres of the bell-chamber require deadening shutters. He should offer to provide and fix these. If he won't do either he will lose all his tenants, for Molesey bells are going to be rang periodically.

I think I have heard that the ringers of Molesey from some cause or other were debarred from ringing for some time. But this gave dissatisfaction, and several influential inhabitants are pleased to hear the bells ring again. No power on earth can stop the ringing if the Vicar wills it. Thousands of churchmen and ringers all over the world will highly commend the Vicar for having the bells properly rung.

In my last there were some allusions to a newspaper report of a peal at Leighton Buzzard, in which some extravagant eulogy was bestowed on the conductor, Mr. C. Lilley. The writer thinks, I suppose, that the following letter is sufficient to rehabilitate him in the eyes of those who have formed an opinion very much adverse to his fulsome remarks:—

"Answering a paragraph which appeared in 'THE BELL NEWS' of August 2nd, concerning a peal rung at Leighton, and respecting Mr. Lilley—in the first place I published it in our Leighton paper, and an unknown person kindly made a portion public in 'THE BELL NEWS,' he was at liberty so to do if he will allow me to make more full details. The peal we rang was a success, and I saw no reason why it should not be published in our own local paper (do you?) and to express my opinion in general (did I do wrong?). Mr. Lilley and all others were in utter ignorance of my doing so until it appeared in print the following Tuesday. Mr. Lilley did not even pass a remark on the ringing of the peal, or in any way express a wish to have it made public. I imagine it to be a very jealous friend who has so insulted a fellow-ringer just because he came and gained a peal successfully, and I thought it justice to give him credit. Our motto is—"Give honour where honour is due:" he deserved it after riding twenty miles to the belfry, and at once taking his stand, where he remained for 3 hrs. 9 mins.; then coming direct from the church he resumed his ride home. Therefore if he whispered it must have been when riding alone on the road, and his kind friend must have been listening. It was quite unknown here that he had any desire for praise. If the gentleman will do as Mr. Lilley did, bring several of his friends, and let three or four of our local band stand in, and conduct as he did, we shall only be too pleased to give him a Very High Falutin without any whispering. But alas! he has not courage enough to sign his name. If he would like me to deal more elaborately with the other visitors who rang, with pleasure will do so. Trusting this will convince all readers that Mr. Lilley was quite ignorant of what I had printed, hoping he will still be esteemed for his energy shown in the ringing world. I take all blame on myself for what has appeared in print.—Yours, J. Nicholls."

After reading this rigmarole, our friend Lilley will surely remark—"Save me from my friends." Mr. J. Nicholls meant well, I dare say, but let him refrain from writing to the papers in future. He is not competent for the work. Fulsome language is always objectionable, and in fact very contemptible.

One or two correspondents have called my attention to the fact that many sextons are good change-ringers. I am perfectly aware of it. I have rung with many estimable men holding the office. If my friends will read the page again they will see I was referring to one solitary individual sexton—he of St. Leonard's, Bilston, who "allows no change-ringing!" I hope that the attention of the Vicar of Bilston has been called to such an anomaly as that of an ignorant sexton reigning supreme in the belfry.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES ON HANDBELLS AT FULHAM. Miss Nichols, who is on a visit to London with her father, Dr. Arthur H. Nichols, of Boston, U.S.A., rang her first touch of Stedman at a special meeting arranged by Mr. E. P. O'Meara at St. Augustine's church, Kilburn, by the kind consent of the Vicar, the Rev. R. C. Kirkpatrick, on July 30th. Her next practice was a 504 of Stedman Triples on the following evening at the fortnightly meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths at the church of St. Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge, conducted by Mr. Thomas Langdon. After this meeting Miss Nichols rang 7-8 in a 504 in the same method at the society's meeting-house, the veteran ringer, Mr. Matthew A. Wood, taking part. An attempt for a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was arranged on August 7th, at 13, Harbledown Road, the society's meeting-room not being available, which came to a successful issue, the band being stationed as follows: C. F. Winney (conductor), 1-2; H. P. Harman, 3-4; G. N. Price, 5-6; Miss Margaret H. Nichols, 7-8. After this a peal was attempted on August 12th at the headquarters of the Ancient Society of College Youths, which however came to grief after ringing just over a quarter-peal. In another attempt which was made on the same evening, nearly 2,000 changes were rung. The next meeting was on Friday, August 15th (Miss Nichols in the meantime having rung her first peal—a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Matthew's church, Upper Clapton, conducted by Mr. A. W. Brighton), when after ringing twenty-four courses this attempt came to grief. A further attempt was made on Sunday, August 17th, at 3.30, this being the only date available, when a first-class peal was rung in 2 hrs. 26 mins., with very little effort on the part of the band, the previous peal attempts being excellent practice for this end. This peal was rung with such ease that after an interval of about an hour Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the same band in 2 hrs. 30 mins., the bells coming round at 9.40 p.m. Miss Nichols was heartily congratulated by the band at the conclusion of both peals. It is worthy of note that Miss Nichols is the first lady ringer to score a peal of Stedman Triples double-handed. All the foregoing ringing was witnessed by Dr. Nichols. During her visit to London Miss Nichols has been a regular attendant at the meetings of the St. Mary Abbots (Kensington) ringers. The band wish through the medium of this paper to return thanks to Mr. Hughes for very kindly lending his handbells, and to Mr. Joseph Barry, of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths, and Mr. William E. Moss, of the Ancient Society of College Youths far acting as umpires to both peals.

THE PEAL AT UPPER CLAPTON.—This, the first peal of Miss Margaret H. Nichols, of Boston, U.S.A., after a comparatively brief study of the method, is almost unique in the annals of the Exercise. It is not often that a peal of Stedman Triples is rung as a first peal in any circumstances, but when a young lady comes triumphantly through the ordeal, it speaks volumes for her ability, and stamps her as no ordinary ringer. The peal was rung practically without a hitch, save for the slipping wheel of the rope of the 2nd bell. It was William Pye's birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

THE PEAL AT HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—This is the longest peal ever rung in the county in the method having the tenors parted throughout, and is a quarter-peal of the 40,000 to be obtained upon eight bells. The members wish to kindly thank the Rev. William Pearson for granting permission to ring this peal, and for his kindly consideration after the conclusion of the peal.

THE PEAL OF BOB MAJOR AT NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSH.—This is the first peal on the bells, which have recently been augmented to eight by Messrs. Taylor, the "go" of which is in every way satisfactory. Messrs. Butler, Diaper and Worthington hail from Gainsborough, Stowmarket and Staveley, respectively; the rest belong to the Chesterfield company. E. Diaper was elected a member of the above Association previous to the commencement of the peal. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and Mr. Allibone for having everything in readiness.

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THE LAVENHAM SOCIETY.—On Saturday, July 19, this company had their outing, a most enjoyable day being spent under the piloting of Dr. J. B. Johnson, Stowmarket and Felsham being the places selected. arriving at the first named about 12 o'clock we were soon met by some of the local company who gave us a hearty welcome. A 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung by W. Bobby, H. Parker, F. Parker, J. Moore, A. Smith, A. Symonds, L. Leeks, T. King (conductor) this was followed by a splendid dinner at The Queens Head hotel and an hour's stroll round the town followed. Then another visit to tower and 1088 of Kent was rung. Chat and handbell ringing, brought us on verge of departure, then an eight miles pleasant drive and we were among our Felsham friends, at which place a capital tea was had. Then a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor; and after a few touches on the handbells we came to the principal item of the day in proposing a vote of thanks to Dr. Johnson for the great kindness he had shown to the Lavenham-company on this occasion. The Dr. responding said it gave him much pleasure in doing what he had done for the ringers and wished them every success, after this came the homeward journey, every one being satisfied with such a splendid outing. The company wish, through "The Bell News," to thank the Vicars for the use of their bells, also the Stowmarket and Felsham ringers for meeting them.

THE ST. MICHAEL'S (HONITON) BRANCH OF THE DEVON GUILD had an outing on Tuesday last to Lyme Regis accompanied by Messrs. J. E. Baker and A. E. Pike, from Ottery St. Mary. A start was made from The Dolphin hotel about 8 a.m., and a beautiful drive over the hills brought us to Kilmington, and some scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung on the handy little ring of six. Axminster and Uplyne were then visited, but the bells went badly. On arriving at Lyme we found a most welcome dinner awaiting us. The Rev. T. B. Panther presided, and the Vicar of Lyme also sat down with us. There being no ringing to be done owing to illness near the church, we went for a sail on the ocean, then, by the kind invitation of the Rev. Jacob, we had tea at the Vicarage and met the local ringers. A drive home in the evening concluded a pleasant day which all thoroughly enjoyed.

THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, (SHIPLEY).—On Monday, July 28th, six members of this society visited Loughborough and Leicester, for their annual outing. A very pleasant journey of about three hours brought us to Loughborough, and we wended our way to the bell foundry of Messrs John Taylor and Co., where we were very kindly received by Mr. John Taylor himself. After the usual greetings, we were delivered into the care of Messrs Grundy and Lane who very kindly shewed us round the magnificent works, pointing out everything of interest, after which we went to have a pull on the foundry bells. These are a fine, but light peal of eight, tenor 6½ cwt, but they are very musical indeed. After ringing several touches we wended our way to All Saints' church and had the pleasure of seeing the fine peal of ten bells, which hang in the tower. Leaving Loughborough about 2 p.m., we had a very nice ride to Leicester where we had dinner, then a general look round the town till time to wend our way to the church of St. John the Divine, where we were met by Mr. Wilson, and other ringing friends. We rang several touches. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Wilson, the steeple keeper of St. John's, and his ringing friends for their kindness in meeting us, also the Vicar of St. John's for the use of the bells. And Mr. Taylor for his extreme kindness in allowing us to look through his works, and to Messrs Grundy and Lane, for so kindly explaining the various works, and for making up for ringing on their bells. The Shipley ringers left Leicester at 9.30 p.m., well pleased with their outing, and arrived home 1.10 a.m. on Tuesday morning.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 1902.

THE records this week, so far as metropolitan peals are concerned, possess several features somewhat out of the ordinary. Our distinguished American visitors have been much *en evidence*, Miss MARGARET NICHOLS having rung no less than four peals, viz.: two in hand and two on Church bells. Some very interesting particulars about these performances will be found in the "notes" on another page.

A few weeks ago we indulged in a hope that Miss NICHOLS would be able to take a peal back home with her, and this hope has been more than realised. Whatever results may ensue by the spread of the intelligence of

these peals among our American cousins across the water, of course we cannot say. Naturally the idea arises to the mind that the progress of change-ringing in the western continent will receive an impetus from these pleasing events. DR. NICHOLS has worked hard to popularise the Art in his native country, and perhaps he is of the opinion that his daughter's achievements when noised abroad will greatly assist his labours. There is something poetical in the fact that a daughter of the land of Stars and Stripes has, in the heart of the Empire of Great Britain, take part in a peal upon church bells which has been rung to celebrate the Coronation of our King.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Tuesday, August 12, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 32 cwt.

ARTHUR CUTMORE Treble.	ARTHUR E. BRADLEY .. 6.
HENRY G. MILES 2.	ERNEST G. STIBBONS .. 7.
ALBERT V. SELBY 3.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 8.
WILLIAM E. JUDD 4.	WILLIAM FOX 9.
JOHN T. KENTISH 5.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

This composition has the 6th the extent at home in nine courses. It was attempted on Coronation Day, but was lost in the 6th course. First peal of Royal by the local band.

Coronation Peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 14, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, UPPER CLAPTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
HUBERT EDEN 2.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 6.
MISS MARGARET H. NICHOLS* 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
WILLIAM PYE 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by A. W. BRIGHTON.

*First peal. Reference elsewhere.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, August 18, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ACTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE BRUSH Treble.	ARTHUR CUTMORE 5.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 2.	WILLIAM E. JUDD 6.
MISS MARGARET H. NICHOLS 3.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 7.
ALBERT V. SELBY 4.	JOHN T. KENTISH Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

This peal was attempted on August 11th, but was unfortunately lost after ringing 2900 changes, and was Miss Nichols' first attempt for a peal.

Handbell Peals.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, August 17, 1902, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes[†]
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. F. WINNEY, 13, HARBLEDDOWN ROAD, FULHAM, S.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND, THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

GEORGE N. PRICE 1-2	CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 5-6.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 3-4.	MISS MARGARET H. NICHOLS 7-8.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpires—Joseph Barry and William E. Moss. Witness—Dr. Arthur H. Nichols. Every six-end was ticked off from manuscript by the umpires in this peal. Further reference elsewhere.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, August 17, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. F. WINNEY, 13, HARBLEDDOWN ROAD, FULHAM, S.W.,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

GEORGE N. PRICE 1 2.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 5 6
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 3 4.	MISS MARGARET H. NICHOLS 7 8.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpires—Joseph Barry and William E. Moss. Witness—Dr. Arthur H. Nichols. The conductor has now called this peal from each pair of bel's, being only the third person to attain this end.

The Provinces.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 720 each of College Sing'e Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

ALPHAUS BERRY Treble	HARRY CATTERMOLLE .. 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	FRANK CULLUM 5.
WILLIAM ROSE 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

First peal in five methods on the bells.

BATILE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 6, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM J. THOMAS .. Treble.	SYDNEY SAKER 5.
FREDERICK LOCK 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE 6.
WALTER FRANKS 3.	WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 7.
JAMES LIVERMORE 4.	WILLIAM ELDRIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BILLENNESS.

This peal was arranged for Mr. Dawe, it being the fiftieth tower in which he has rung a peal.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 10, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s of Oxford Treble Bob 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.

This is the first peal on the bells since the tenor and 2nd were recast.

TWYFORD, HANTS.

On Tuesday, August 19, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs.

WALTER YOUNG* Treble.	†GEORGE SMITH 5.
JOHN E. BALLARD 2.	†THOMAS SPRATT 6.
REGINALD ABRAHAM* .. 3.	JOHN ASHFORD 7.
HENRY WHITE 4.	*CHARLIE E. ABRAHAM .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE SMITH.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. †First peal as conductor and first attempt.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY, NORWICH,

On Tuesday, August 12, 1902, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

PERCY ARTIS* Treble.	EDWARD FRANCIS 5.
FREDERICK KNIGHTS.. .. 2.	WILLIAM BALES.. .. 6.
EGBERT BORRETT 3.	SAMUEL SMITH 7.
ALBERT ROUGHT* 4.	ALBERT G. WARNES.. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

*First peal of Kent Major. This peal was arranged as a birthday compliment to A. Rought, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 13, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM LOWERY Treble.	SAM. RUTTER 5.
JAS. L. ROBINSON† 2.	FRED HOLT 6.
TOM MARSHALL.. .. 3.	*JAMES DILLON 7.
GEORGE D. WARBURTON.. 4.	FRED. T. SPENCE Tenor.

Composed by J. Cox, and Conducted by W. LOWERY.

First peal as conductor. †First peal with a bob bell *Fiftieth peal.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, August 16, 1902, in Five Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
10,080 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE.. 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	EDGAR PEMBERTON 6.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 3.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Reference to this peal elsewhere.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 16, 1902, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS Treble.	ARTHUR WORTHINGTON .. 5.
GEORGE W. BEMROSE† .. 2.	EDWARD DIAPER 6.
PERCY HANDBY* 3.	ARTHUR CRAVEN 7.
FREDERICK S. W. BUTLER 4.	CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON Tenor.

*First peal. †First peal of Bob Major. Further reference elsewhere.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 16, 1902, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD .. Treble.	JAMES GEORGE 5.
HARRY BRIGGS 2.	JOSEPH B. FENTON 6.
GEORGE CLEAL 3.	WILLIAM WILLSON 7.
JOSIAH MORRIS 4.	CHARLES H. FOWLER .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by CHARLES H. FOWLER.

The ringers desire to thank the Vicar, the Rev. David Dewar, M.A., for the use of the bells.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 16, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM PYE Treble.	FREDK. T. C. NEVETT .. 5.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 2.	BERTRAM PREWITT 6.
ERNEST PYE 3.	HARRY A. HORREX 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH)

On Monday, August 18, 1902, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN SMITH Treble	GEO. E. TURNER 5.
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR.. .. 2.	WM. H. SHUKER 6.
WILFRID J. MOSS* 3.	ALFRED CROSS 7.
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by H. CHAPMAN.

*First peal.

Handbell Peal.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 17, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. LANGSTONE, ST. ANDREW'S ROAD,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE.. .. 3-4.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7-8.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpires—W. Watson and H. Catterwell.

The following peals were rung in honour of the Coronation of King Edward VII. :—

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 9, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford, Kent, and Woodbine Treble Bob,
Double Court, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

FREDERICK PLEASANCE .. Treble.	HARRY CATTERMOLLE.. .. 4.
JAMES ROSE 2.	FREDERICK POTTER 5.
GEORGE KEMP 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

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

On Saturday, August 9, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

GEORGE CHESHIRE* .. Treble.	GEORGE CLEAL 6.
SAMUEL COTTON 2.	*EDWARD E. SMITH 7.
ALFRED MILLIS 3.	JOSEPH S. NEEDHAM 8.
FRED H. DEXTER* 4.	†ALFRED MARTIN 9.
JOHN O. LANCASHIRE .. 5.	*THOMAS TAYLOR Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by GEORGE CLEAL.

*First peal of Caters. †First peal of Caters away from the tenor. It may be of interest to state that this is the first peal rung on the present ring of ten, and in the tower. The last peal rung at St. Martin's was a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on March 27th, 1837, on the old peal (of which only four remain), and in the old tower.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 37½ cwt.

WILLIAM HOLMES Treble.	S. OCTAVIUS FERRY 6.
ALFRED F. HILLIER 2.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 7.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE 3.	HUGH D. DALL 8.
JOHN FOREMAN 4.	ERNEST E. FERRY 9.
ASA HOLMES 5.	ROBERT RICHARDS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 11, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST E. FERRY Treble.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 5.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 2.	ASA HOLMES 6.
S. OCTAVIUS FERRY 3.	HUGH D. DALL 7.
WILLIAM HOLMES 4.	ROBERT RICHARDS Tenor.

Composed by T. DAY and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

BUCKLAND DINHAM, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY BEACHEM† Treble.	EDWIN R. PRESCOTT 4.
FREDERICK PRESCOTT† 2.	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 5.
STEPHEN BROWNJOHN 3.	*ROWLAND WILLIS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor. ‡First peal with a bob bell.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 12, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. Treble.	REV. H. C. BELL 5.
HAROLD HUMFREY 2.	FREDERICK WEBB 6.
THOMAS SHORT 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HARRY HOLFIELD 4.	AMOS FAWDRY Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

TUNSTALL, KENT—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 12, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE DRAIKES Treble.	JOSEPH E. GRENSTED 4.
CHARLES E. SMITH 2.	THOMAS JULL 5.
ALBERT J. DAY 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Thursday, August 14, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr.

ALBERT BROOKS† Treble.	FRANCIS P. POWELL 5.
FREDERICK POUNDS 2.	JOHN MONK 6.
HARRY BROOKS 3.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN 7.
THOMAS BULL 4.	JESSE BROOKS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 15, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS MACLAREN Treble.	ERNEST E. FERRY 5.
ROBERT FALCONER* 2.	ARTHUR M. C. FIELD 6.
OSWALD SIMM 3.	JOHN FOREMAN 7.
EDWARD A. WEIGHTMAN .. 4.	GEORGE WARDLE Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

*First peal.

DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday August 16, 1902, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S COMPOSITION. Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM HOLMES Treble.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 5.
ALFRED F. HILLIER 2.	HUGH D. DALL 6.
ASA HOLMES 3.	ROBERT RICHARDS 7.
S. OCTAVIUS FERRY 4.	ERNEST E. FERRY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, and the first since the 4th bell has been recast and the bells rehung in 1896.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS UPSHALL† Treble.	ALFRED JOHN LE CLERCQ .. 5.
HY. LEWIS GARFATH, JUN. .. 2.	CHARLES FRY 6.
ALBERT EDWARD SMITH* .. 3.	EDWARD CLAPSHAW 7.
HY. LEWIS GARFATH, SEN. .. 4.	ALFRED BAIGENT Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY L. GARFATH, SEN.

†First peal away from the tenor. *First peal with a bob bell. A start was made on Coronation Day, but unfortunately came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 25 mins.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

G. H. GUTTERIDGE Treble.	PHILBERT W. WILKINS 5.
JOHN BASDEN 2.	JESSE ELDRIDGE 6.
WILLIAM NEWELL 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
REV. H. C. BELL 4.	JAMES W. WILKINS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN COUNTIES' BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 16, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, two different 720s of Kent Treble Bob, 720 Double Oxford, and three different 720s of Bob Minor. Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON* .. Treble.	RUPERT RICHARDSON 4.
JOSEPH W. FLOWERS* 2.	GEORGE TOMLINSON 5.
ROBERT MARSHALL 3.	REV. H. LAW JAMES Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

This is the first peal on the bells, the 2nd having been recast for the Coronation.

RYE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. (RYE BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 18, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

EDWARD CURD Treble.	CHARLES PRICE 5.
GEORGE BILLENNESS .. 2.	ERNEST S. REED 6.
FRANCIS A. VINCETT .. 3.	WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 7.
THOMAS A. VINCETT .. 4.	WALTER TOMSETT Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BILLENNESS.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Hillingdon West and published on the 2nd inst. should have been credited to the Middlesex County Association, not the Midland Counties' Association.—The time occupied in ringing the peal of Grandsire Caters at Bedford on August 9th was 3 hrs. 25 mins., not 3 hrs. 39 mins.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On Wednesday, August 13th, at the Cathedral, on the back eight, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. L. Lampard first quarter-peal, F. Smith, E. Lampard, J. W. Elkins, W. C. Lampard, C. Russell, W. H. George conductor, D. Froome. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Lampard.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

COLCHESTER.—On Sunday, August 3rd, for Divine Service at St. Peter's church, 288 Kent Treble Bob. A. B. Wiffen, W. Howell, G. Jordan, R. W. Stannard conductor, W. Green, P. Holmes, W. Birch, R. W. Stannard conductor. Messrs. Holmes, Runter and Wiffen belong to the 2nd Essex Volunteers.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHISLEHURST.—On Monday, August 11th, an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, but was lost after ringing 4288 changes, in 2 hrs. 35 mins. G. J. Taylor, H. P. Harman, R. Hims, W. Weatherstone, G. R. Newton conductor, R. Brett-Smith, W. Ingham, T. Groombridge. This was intended as a welcome to Mr. Groombridge, who has returned to Chislehurst, and as a farewell to Mr. Taylor, who is leaving the district for Shrewsbury. All the above are members of the College Youths.

BELBROUGHTON (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, June 22nd, 720 Bob Minor. A. Walker, J. Bates, W. Short, H. Withers, J. Parton, H. Martin conductor. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Bates, A. Walker, H. Withers, W. Short, H. Martin, J. Barber conductor. This is the first 720 on these bells for nineteen years.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Sunday, August 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Weller, E. Jordan, G. F. Williams, C. Taylor, T. M. Stedman, F. Tullett conductor. Also 240 College Exercise. T. Weller, T. Stedman, F. Tullett, G. F. Williams, C. Taylor, E. Jordan conductor. And 240 Woodbine and Oxford. T. Weller, G. F. Williams, C. Taylor, F. Tullett, T. M. Stedman, E. Jordan conductor. And 720 New London Pleasure. T. Weller, G. F. Williams, T. M. Stedman, C. Taylor, E. Jordan, F. Tullett conductor.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, for Divine Service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. H. Garfath, B. Chorley, J. Heathorne, A. W. Tawney, H. Garfath, sen., C. Fry, E. Clapshaw, T. Upshall.

MANSFIELD (Notts).—On Saturday, August 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. On Sunday evening, August 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. After service, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Carr, W. Gosling, sen., G. Hardstaff, H. Allsopp, F. May, C. Read, W. Gosling, jun. conductor, J. Wised.

WOBURN (Beds).—Recently, 704 Kent Treble Bob. M. Matthews, C. Herbert conductor, Chas. Herbert, E. Herbert, S. Avis, D. Harris, W. Chibnall, M. Lane. On June 22nd, 1008 Bob Major. W. Janes, Cyril Herbert conductor, C. Herbert, E. Herbert, S. Avis, D. Harris, M. Matthews, M. Lane. On July 21st, 560 Double Norwich. W. Smith, Cyril Herbert, D. Harris, E. Herbert, M. Matthews, M. Lane Rev. W. W. C. Baker, W. Chibnall conductor. And 252 Stedman

Triples. Cyril Herbert conductor, D. Harris, E. Herbert, M. Matthews, M. Lane, Rev. W. W. C. Baker, W. Chibnall, W. Smith. On handbells, 528 Bob Maximus. C. Herbert, 1-2; D. Harris, 3-4; E. Herbert, 5-6; Cyril Herbert conductor, 7-8; M. Matthews, 9-10; S. Avis, 11-12.

WILLESDEN (Middlesex).—On Saturday, June 9th, a 720 and two 360s of Plain Bob. G. Kilby, A. Hill, J. W. Chandler, A. Tennant, H. Kilby, W. Steggall. Also two 6 scores of Stedman Doubles. W. Steggall, A. Hill, J. W. Chandler, A. Tennant, H. Kilby, W. Berry. On Sunday, August 10th, for morning service, 360 Kent Treble Bob. A. Hill, A. Tennant, J. W. Chandler, A. Pittam, H. Kilby, W. Steggall. All the above were conducted by W. Steggall.

The following touches were rung in honour of the Coronation:—

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ALSAGER.—On Saturday, August 9th, at St. Margaret's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Edwards, J. Simons, J. Kettle, R. T. Holding, jun., W. Cartwright, T. Cartwright, R. T. Holding conductor, J. Edwards. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells, which have lately been increased to eight by the addition of two trebles, to commemorate the Coronation of King Edward VII.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Saturday, August 9th, at St. Martin's church, 651 Stedman Cinques. T. Pigott, J. Joynes, J. Pigott, W. Short conductor, T. Reynolds, W. H. Barber, H. Withers, A. Walder, J. Neal, W. H. George, J. Buffery, W. Painter. Also 782 in the same method. T. Pigott, J. Joynes, W. Short, A. Walker, T. Reynolds, J. Neal, H. Withers, J. Pigott, J. Buffery, W. H. George, W. H. Barber, conductor, W. Painter. At the meeting house—The Tamworth Arms—on handbells, 503 Grandsire Triples. H. Withers, 1-2; W. Short, 3-4; W. H. Barber, 5-6; W. H. George conductor.

ALDRINGTON (Sussex).—On Sunday, August 10th, at St. Leonard's church, a date touch of 1902 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 5 mins. G. Dray, G. A. Steele, M. Broomfield, A. J. Cherryman, F. F. Trusler, F. W. Steele conductor. And 720 Woodbine, in 28 mins. F. Tindall, F. F. Trusler conductor, M. Broomfield, A. J. Cherryman, E. J. Godley, F. W. Steele.

CHESTER.—On Saturday, August 9th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins. H. Jones, T. Chamberlain, R. Sperrin, W. Sconce, J. Moulton, J. Sconce, H. Dew conductor, E. Channell.

DOVER.—On Thursday, August 7th, at St. James's church, 720 Bob Minor, in 29 mins., being the first 720 on the bells by a local band. A. Saunders, E. Potter, J. B. Saunders, H. Wood conductor, C. Turner, H. Saywell.

LAVENHAM.—On Saturday, August 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Symonds, F. G. Symonds, F. Parker, T. King conductor, H. Smith, J. P. Bradley, L. Leeks, A. Bartlett.

MAIDSTONE (Kent).—On August 9th, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. A. Burrridge, R. Simmonds, J. Constable, W. Mannering, E. Elliott, A. Tawney, T. Mannering conductor, J. Bonny.

PULHAM MARKET.—On Saturday, August 9th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. F. Borrett, H. Borrett, A. Wier, C. Baker, E. Borrett, W. Roope. And 360 Bob Minor. F. Borrett, A. Smith, C. Roope, C. Baker, E. Borrett, W. Roope. 300 Bob Minor. F. Borrett, W. Roope, jun., A. Smith, C. Baker, E. Borrett, W. Roope. Another 300 in the same method. F. Borrett, D. Ruth, jun., A. Smith, C. Baker, J. Allen, E. Borrett. And 120 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. E. Borrett, W. Roope, A. Smith, C. Baker, J. Allen, F. Borrett.

REDENHALL.—On Saturday, August 9th, 112 Bob Major. F. Borrett, H. Borrett, W. Barrett, W. Hobbs, C. Candler, E. Borrett, F. Smith, J. Souter. 57b Oxford Treble Bob. E. Smith, H. Borrett, W. Barrett, C. Candler, E. Poppy, F. Borrett, F. Smith, J. Souter. And 928 Oxford Treble Bob Major. F. Borrett, H. Borrett, W. Borrett, A. Smith, E. Borrett, E. Poppy, F. Smith, J. Souter.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Saturday, August 9th, at St. Saviour's church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Lucas, R. Elliott, G. Lucas, E. D. Lillywhite, F. G. Hull conductor, F. Perrin, G. B. Lucas, W. J. Jones. Also 720 Bob Major. H. Lucas, R. Elliott, E. D. Lillywhite, G. Lucas, G. B. Lucas conductor, F. Bottrill, F. Perrin, F. Hull.

Notices.

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The Lancashire Association — Rossendale Branch. — The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's church, Ramsbottom, today, Saturday, August 23. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. ZEB LORD, Sec.

Proposed St. Asaph Diocesan Association — A meeting will be held at the Church House, Wrexham, on Thursday, August 28th, at 3 o'clock, for the consideration of the above. Suggestions from non-resident ringers will be appreciated by THOS. JAMES. Llangollen.

The Essex Association — North Western Division. — A district meeting of the above will be held at Stansted, on Saturday, August 30th. Tea at The Barley Mow at 5 o'clock at 6d. each to those who signify the same to me not later than Tuesday, August 26th. The towers of Stansted and Farnham (each six bells) will be open to members from 11 o'clock. H. J. TUCKER, Div. Sec.

Bishop Stortford.

The Kent County Association — Rochester District. — The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Margaret's, Rochester, on Saturday, August 30th. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at Longley Road Mission Room at 5.30; half fares up to 2s. will be allowed. Members intending to be present must let me know on or before Wednesday the 27th inst.

A. OSBORNE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

65, Clive Road, Rochester.

The Lancashire Association — Manchester Branch. — The next meeting of this branch will be held at Flixton, on Saturday, August 30th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7. A good muster is requested.

J. SMITH, Branch Sec.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society. — The next monthly meeting of this Society will be held at Calverley, on Saturday, August 30th. Bells at liberty from 2 till 9 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. at The Thornhill Arms. A peal will be attempted at Calverley at 2.30 prompt. CHARLES PRATT, Sec.

Park View, Calverley.

The Lancashire Association — Bolton Branch. — The next meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, August 30th, at the parish church, Bolton. Bells ready at 5. Business at 7. All members are requested to attend. Business — the election of two representatives to serve on the committee.

HY. MOSS, Branch Sec.

The Central Northamptonshire Association. — By kind permission of the Rev. R. Duke a quarterly meeting will be held at Great Addington, on Saturday, August 30th. Ringing from 2 to 8 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 o'clock. T. R. HENSHER, Hon. Sec.

Wellingtonborough.

The Middlesex County Association. — North and East District. — A meeting of members of this Association will be held at St. Sepulchre's church, E.C., on Saturday, August 30th, by kind permission of the Rev. T. D. Gibson. All members and friends of the Association are cordially invited. Members are also reminded that the annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, September 27th, at St. Margaret's, West-

minster, as to which particulars will be announced later. The Hon. Sec. will be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date. ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The St Margaret's Society, Westminster. — All meetings of the above Society will be suspended during the month of August. The next practice will be held on Friday, September 12th. E. H. OXENHAM, Hon. Sec.

The Archdeaconry of Salop Guild. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, September 6th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 3.30 p.m., preacher, Rev. J. J. Morris, Vicar of St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury. Business meeting at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.

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The Winchester Diocesan Guild — A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Lymington, Hants (8) on Saturday, September 6th. Meeting at 3.30. Tea at 4.30. After that date all communications, etc., must be addressed to the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Thorpe Vicarage, Chertsey.

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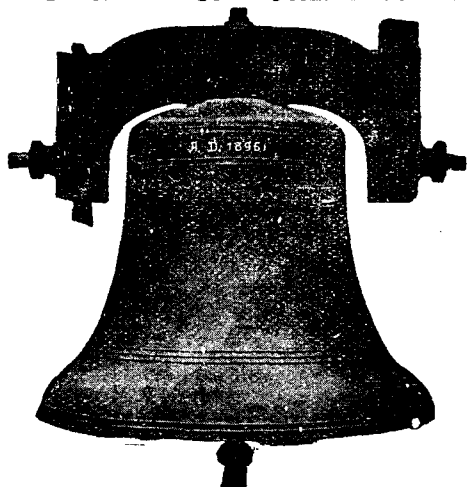
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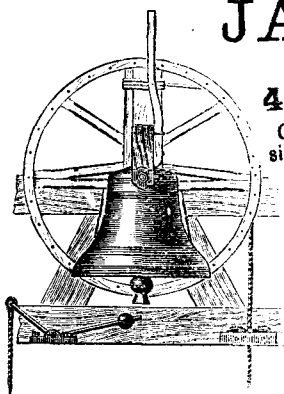
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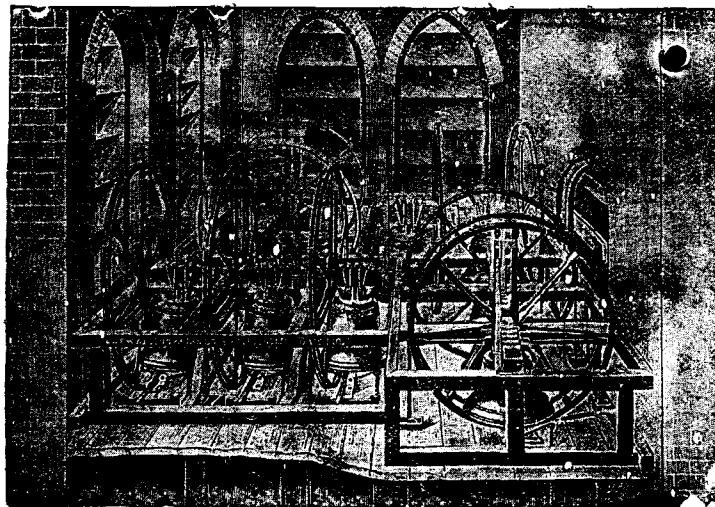
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

CAMBRIDGE. St. Andrew the Great. Ely Diocesan Association. Eight bells. Treble and tenor by Mears, 1856; 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th by the same, 1843; 7th by Crabbe, 1667. Tenor 10 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 1 in., by Newman, 1722. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Ropes fair. There are no ringers attached to this church. The St. Mary's company occasionally ring the bells.

St. Mary the Great. Ely Diocesan Association. Twelve bells. All except the 11th by Mears as follows: treble, 2nd, and tenor, 1770; 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 10th, 1722; 7th, 8th, 1823; 11th by Dobson, 1825. Tenor 30 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. All in good order. Ropes fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, and Treble Bob. No Sunday ringing. Practice: Monday, 8.

CAMPSALL (Yorks). St. Mary. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd, 5th, and tenor by Warner, 1879; the rest by Hedderley, 1729. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Mallaby, 1879. Ropes seven years old. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30, during winter.

CANTERBURY (Kent). Christ Church Cathedral. Kent County Association. Ten bells. Treble and 2nd by Mears, 1802; 3rd and 6th by the same, 1855; 4th, 5th, by Knights, 1726; 7th and 8th by the same in 1727 and 1728 respectively. Tenor, slight crack in crown, 30 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 9 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Blackburn, 1897. All now in good order. Ropes fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 1st in month, 2 to 2.45. Practice: Tuesday, 7.15; but fortnightly during July and August,

St. Stephen. Eight bells. The two trebles by Mears, 1844; the rest by Catlin, 1746. Tenor, diameter 3 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. There are no funds to recast the 5th, which is cracked. Ropes new 1892, good. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman. No Sunday ringing or practice mentioned.

CARDIFF (Glamorgan). St. John the Baptist. Llandaff Diocesan Association. Ten bells. The two trebles by Taylor. No further information given as to founders or dates. Tenor 27 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Taylor about ten years ago. There is an extra bell not hung to ring. Everything in good order. Ropes ten years old, fair. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing, alternate Sundays for one hour before both morning and evening services, hours not stated. Practice: Thursday, 7.

CARISBROOKE (Isle of Wight). St. John the Evangelist. Eight bells. No return.

CARLISLE (Cumberland). St. Stephen. Cumberland Association. All by Mears, 1864. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were rehung ten years ago by Wharton. Ropes new five years ago, moderate. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, etc. Sunday ringing: forty-five minutes before morning and evening services. Practice: Monday, 8.

CARSHALTON (Surrey). All Saints. Surrey Association. Eight bells. The back six by Mears, 1804. The trebles were cast in 1845, but no founder is mentioned. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 2 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. They have been thoroughly overhauled by Warner; date not stated. Ropes new 1894, fair. Method: Grandsire. No Sunday ringing except on festivals. Practice: Tuesday, 8, except in Lent or on vigils.

CATTISTOCK (Dorset). SS. Peter and Paul. Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Van Aerschodt, 1881. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Treble and tenor have been rehung by Bond; date not stated. All in good repair. Ropes good. No half-pull ringing now. Sunday ringing: first in month for 20 minutes. Practice: Wednesday, 8; winter months only. There are twenty-seven other bells, the whole forming the carillon.

THE LATE JOHN DAY.

The members of the St Martin's Guild of Birmingham have decided to erect peal-tablets in the towers of St. Martin and Aston and Harborne parish churches, to commemorate the muffled peals rung as a mark of respect to the above. The executive therefore take this opportunity to inform the country members of the Guild wishing to subscribe that subscriptions may be sent to and will be acknowledged by the Honorary Secretary, W. H. Godden, 61 Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, or to any of the Guild's officers,

CHURCH BELLS IN THE TRANSVAAL.

Church bells have always played a prominent part in the primitive life of the Boers. Each village church has its bell, supported from a wooden crossbar, with the rope hanging loosely down in convenient reach. When the Boers first settled down in the Transvaal they established themselves in small parties in the most inaccessible parts of the country. This locality was chosen to guard as possible against sudden attacks from the natives. Then they erected their church. It was the rule in these dorps in the event of any night attack by the Kaffirs for the person who first became aware of the danger, to warn the rest of the little community by ringing the church bell. It is perhaps needless to say that this rule was not always observed. The man who took on himself the post of bellringer on one of these occasions presented an uncommonly good target for the evening, and the majority of the people did not lose sight of the fact. I well recollect an old Boer, Hendries Potgieter, with whom I once travelled from the Limpopo, telling me of an incident of this kind in which his father took a prominent part. I have forgotten the name of the dorp, if indeed I ever knew it, for in these days few of the villages had any distinguishing name, but were known by the mountain range or hill under which they nestled. The natives made a raid, on the village of which I write, one night, and cleared the cattle kraals of every kind of stock. Not content with this, they even went to the length of killing a beast, and cut pieces off the carcase to have a meal. When the village awoke in the morning, and realised their loss, they were at first overwhelmed. Then grief gave place to anger as further investigation revealed the fact that the beast had been felled outside the house of my companion's father. This anger was redoubled when it was further seen that his fence had been cut down and a fire made on his mud stoep to cook the meat. It was decided that all this could not have happened without the individual in question having been aware of it. A meeting of the villagers was at once summoned, and the suspected person brought forward to explain why he had not rung out the alarm. He protested that he had heard nothing unusual during the night, and his family bore him out in this assertion. "He was told," said my informant sadly, "that he was a liar and the descendant of liars, and given an hour in which to leave the dorp." In an hour's time he appeared, riding one horse and leading another, and the village turned out to jeer and mock at him as he rode out into the veldt, one man even going to the length of firing at him, but without effect. Later on his wife and family joined him, and the family settled down in the spot where my companion was then living. The position of bellringer to the villages in those days was invariably held by the eldest inhabitant. In return for performing this duty the ringer received two cows every year from the village fund. For this he had to give his services at any time when required, no matter whether the occasion was a funeral, or a wedding, or an ordinary church service. Some of these old bells, still to be seen in isolated dorps, are cracked and scarred and worn. They have been mute witnesses of troublous times in the past. Let us hope their successors will witness a more peaceful era in the future.

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ST. PETER'S, CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.

On Sunday, August 3rd, the ringers of St. Peter's met at the house of Mr. James Perry, the captain and secretary, to shew their kindly feelings towards him on the occasion of his leaving Congleton to reside at Worcester, in the hope of benefitting his wife's health. The ringers presented Mr. Perry with a valuable silver-mounted ebony walking-stick, suitably inscribed, with horn-crook handle, as a slight token of their respect and esteem, and in recognition of the services he had so freely given to them for many years past. The senior ringer, Mr. Arthur Moore, made the presentation, and spoke in a very eulogistic manner concerning what their late secretary had done for them, and they could not let the opportunity pass without shewing their appreciation of Mr. Perry's services and kindness.

In responding, Mr. Perry said he was unaware what was to take place. It was a most pleasing surprise, knowing the ringers had been doing no ringing since ringing the old year out and the new one in, and having had no ringing pay for seven months, they must have put themselves out of the way to get such a handsome present, one that he should prize all the days of his life. He said he had no idea when the ringers asked him if he would let them come and have a practice on the handbells, as they had done on several occasions, that they had started with walking-sticks. He thanked them one and all.

Mr. Perry afterwards told the members that when the dispute with the Churchwardens and Corporation was settled about the Sunday ringing, he would come from Worcester (eighty-three miles), and ring at the commencement of service ringing, and also at the Coronation. He came at the Coronation, and when he arrived at Congleton he went to see the Vicar, and found the Corporation had paid the £500 over to the churchwardens, and they have put it out at $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. interest with the Corporation to pay the ringers' salaries. "So Peace is declared," and the old bells of St. Peter started at 9.30 on Sunday morning, August 10th, for service ringing regularly, being a grand finishing up of the Coronation ringing. The bells were left set on Saturday night, and we started on the Sunday morning to the delight of all the ratepayers and inhabitants both young and old. We commenced with firing, and rang at both services, and at night fired them down, and the ringing was good throughout, considering the bells have been silent so long, and ringers out of practice only on handbells, J. P.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On a recent Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. F. Pounds, H. Brooks, W. Lucas, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, T. Bull, J. Monk conductor, F. P. Powell, J. Brooks. On Thursday, July 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Brooks, H. Brooks, W. Lucas, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, F. Pounds, J. Monk conductor, J. Brooks, T. Bull. On Sunday evening, August 10th, for Divine Service, 336 in the same method. T. Brown, H. Brooks, F. Pounds, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, T. Bull, J. Monk conductor, J. Brooks, F. Bressey. On Monday, August 11th, for practice, 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. Monk conductor, F. Bressey, F. Pounds, H. Brooks, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, J. Brooks. 120 of Bob Doubles. A. Brooks, J. Monk conductor, F. Pounds, H. Brooks, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, F. Bressey. 120 Stedman Doubles. H. Brooks, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn conductor, G. Pounds, J. Monk, J. Brooks, F. Bressey.

MANSFIELD (Notts).—On Saturday, August 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. On Sunday evening, August 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. After service, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Carr, W. Gosling, sen. G. Hardstaff, H. Allsopp, F. May, C. Read, W. Gosling, jun. conductor, J. Witsed.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

I suppose most of you read carefully, and with great interest, the first page of this paper every week. If you don't then you ought to. Connected with last week's chapter of "Our Church Bells," there is an occurrence, or incident, or feature worth mentioning. At St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds, there is a good ring of eight bells. We find that "no return" has been made of these bells, though the ten at St. James's are particularized. Yet strange it is that on the next page of the same paper appears an account of a meeting of the St. Mary's Church Council, called to consider the advisability of putting the fittings of the bells in proper repair. The work I am happy to say is to be effected, and, speaking advisedly, not before it was wanted. The ringing-chamber, so far as I can recollect, is susceptible of improvement also. I recollect on one occasion the late revered Hon. Secretary of the Central Council commenced to ring the 6th here in a touch of Grandsire Triples, but he soon had enough of it, and called to your humble to take the rope, which I did. The bells certainly "went like houses" then, and therefore one reads with satisfaction that they are to be rehung.

Buxted in Sussex is another place from which "no return" was made. In the same paper was a long account of what seems to have been a very successful meeting there of the Sussex Association. At this meeting we read that the "B.N." was introduced to the Buxted band of ringers for the first time. That being so no one can wonder at the apathy of Buxted people in ringing matters. They ought to show up well in the midst of such Arcadian surroundings as Buxted enjoys. The report of this meeting reads well, and there should be quite a revival of ringing in this beautiful part of the county.

My friend Edwin James has closed the Scarborough question so far, by explaining away the contentions of the local gentleman who traversed the statements originally made. All would like to hear that the Scarborough bells had been rehung in a proper and workmanlike manner. Now it would be evincing a proper spirit, and quite in accordance with this improving and reforming age, if the Vicar of Scarborough were to make enquiry as to what ought to be done with the bells. And not only the bells, but the ringers. The days are gradually disappearing when ringers in our towns, aye, and villages also, can be allowed to remain isolated, without any connection with some ringing Guild or Association within their neighbourhood. The time may come when when the Church authorities will press upon their ringers that they must not hold aloof, but become affiliated with their brethren around them. This may not commend itself to the callers of Cowtail Bob or Stedman's Agony, of course, because they would have to take a very back seat; in fact, their occupation would be clean gone. The clergy everywhere should insist that their bells should be only rung in a scientific manner. The church organ is used by men of skill; why should not the church bells be only rung by skilled ringers?

There should be a kind of inuseum established for the reception of the many newspaper cuttings which arrive at the office. I have had the following handed to me for the edification of readers of this paper. It is taken

from the *Philadelphia Press*, and may afford amusement to some perhaps. But it will be rejected if offered for deposit in the proposed museum.

"OUR LIBERTY BELL.—The Prince of Wales during his visit to Philadelphia in 1860 rescued the Liberty Bell from a dirt heap, and raised it to that position which it now occupies in the American people's hearts. The prince saw the portraits of the men who stirred up the Revolution, and made complimentary comments upon them. He looked with interest on the manuscript of the Declaration of Independence, and did not flinch when he had placed in his hands the swords of men who had hewed down the flower of his royal progenitor's army. Finally, he came to a garret. This was where the bell was rung when the Declaration was read, he was told. Then he wanted to know what had become of the bell. They found it for him with the aid of their canes. It was hidden away beneath a mass of waste paper and other debris. No one seemed to mind what had been discovered except the Prince of Wales. He was apparently appalled. For a moment he forgot he was a Briton. He gazed upon the poor cracked bell that had rung at a nation's birth, and then he spoke the words that made the American people see that they were neglectful. "This old bell," he said, "is the greatest relic this republic has to-day. It should occupy the chief place of honour in this Hall of Independence. It is to you what the Magna Charta is to England. It is cracked, but it is an inspiration. Believe me, my friends, it affects me more than anything I have been shown." That was the renaissance of the Liberty Bell. No more dirt was thrown upon it. During the Civil War its name was used to stir the Union soldiery; and then, when the Chicago World's Fair began, it was taken there, so that men and women from all parts of the world might see it. To-day the Liberty Bell is America's greatest relic; and the Prince of Wales, now King Edward VII., made it so."

There need not be any further comment made on this.

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A RING OF SIX BELLS AT STEBBING, ESSEX.

What has been talked of and hoped for, for some years, has now become an accomplished fact,—the old peal of fine bells at Stebbing has been augmented to six by the addition of a new treble.

This was first brought about by the strenuous efforts of the Vicar, the Rev. E. Clapton, M.A., who took up his residence as Vicar of Stebbing at the beginning of last summer. Mr. Clapton was very pleased to find a company of change-ringers, but with only five bells and those in very bad repair. Long previous to this the ringers themselves had guaranteed £5 towards a new bell, if an effort was made. The new Vicar took the matter in hand in real earnest, and communicated with the firm of Messrs Mears and Stainbank, bellfounders, of Whitechapel, London. A representative was sent down to ascertain what wanted doing, and after thoroughly examining the bells, etc., it was found that the fourth bell was badly cracked and the second was very much out of tune, so much so, that it would have to be recast before a new treble could be added. The estimate came to £177 2s., to add new treble, recast two old bells, put all new fittings, and rehang the whole peal. To raise this large amount seemed a hopeless task to the ringers and most people, but the Vicar did not lose confidence in the matter. A meeting was called, and a committee formed, and the whole parish worked with a will, and the money was speedily forthcoming from all quarters, many neighbouring companies of ringers liberally contributing. The whole of the money was raised by voluntary subscriptions.

The bells were opened on Coronation day by the local ringers, when owing to their being engaged in the other portions of the festivities only short touches were rung. The first 720, Plain Bob Minor, was rung on Monday evening, August 18th, by the following local men: A. Barker, E. Hynds, H. C. Ruffel, H. Emery, E. Claydon (conductor), J. T. Barker. This was followed by a second 720 in the same method, in which W. Lewis rang the 2nd, this being his first 720, J. T. Barker (conductor). On Sunday August 24th, a 720 Bob Minor was rung for divine service: A. Barker, E. Hynds, H. C. Ruffel, H. Emery, J. T. Barker (conductor), E. Claydon. All the above, the Vicar included, are members of the Essex Association. The go of the bells is splendid, and reflects great credit on the firm of Mears and Stainbank.

WATH, NEAR RIPON.

The parish church of St. Mary, Wath, has until recently contained a ring of five bells only. A few months ago a treble was added as a memorial of the late Queen, and was supplied by Messrs. Shaw and Sons of Bradford. The bells have been overhauled and tuned on the system of the late Canon Simpson under the superintendence of Mr. G. J. Clarkson, the president of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. The peal, tenor 8½ cwt., in B., is a very musical one. On Saturday afternoon, Aug. 2nd, a party of ringers attended by invitation to formally inaugurate the peal. The company included several from Sharrow, amongst them Mr. J. Baines (as keen and ardent for a pull at 81 years of age as anyone present), Mr. W. Pick, Mr. C. Bucklin (who, after an eight mile walk from East Witton had entrained at Masham), Mr.

G. J. Clarkson (from Stockton) and Mr. J. Pinkney (from Thornaby).

At 5 o'clock an adjournment was made to the Rectory Coach House where ample provision was made by the Rector, who at the conclusion expressed a hearty welcome to his guests, whom he trusted to receive and entertain in larger numbers another year. He trusted his own ringers would join the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, and become proficient in the Art.

A vote of thanks to the Rector was proposed by Mr. G. J. Clarkson and carried by acclamation. The party were then invited to take a stroll through the grounds of this thoroughly typical old English Rectory. The meeting, although a small one, was in every way enjoyable and likely to lead to good results. On the Sunday morning the Rector preached an eloquent sermon on the subject of bells.

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."

"ORIGINAL."

SIR,—Mr. G. Hawkins, of Hawley, writes me that he composed the 720 of Original Minor published over my name by Mr. Danis in "THE BELL NEWS" of August 8th, during last January. I forget exactly when I gave it to Mr. Danis, but it would be during the winter. It is really an adoption of Annable's 6-part peal of Bob Triples, and I never meant it to be taken as a new composition. However Mr. Hawkins has as much right to it as I have, and I hope that if anyone does ring it they will do so as his composition.

I must apologise to Mr. Daniell for not having replied to his recent articles, but I will do so when I can get a few minutes
Ealing, W. J. A. TROLLOPE.

P.S.—Most 5040s of Bob Triples run 720 Original Minor.

A LETTER OF THANKS.

SIR,—Will you please allow me space in your paper to thank all those members of the Kent County Association of bell ringers (Rochester District), who so kindly assisted me during my recent trouble.
Rainham. W. WALKER.

VETERANS.

SIR,—In a recent issue there appeared an article—"A Veteran Bellringer." In reply to which may I say, we have in our company at Nutfield, Surrey, a member who is in his 84th year, Mr. John Burkin. He commenced ringing at Nutfield at the age of 15, in the year 1834, and never having left his native village, has been connected with the same tower ever since, a period of 68 years, and still rings once a week for practice, and, twice every Sunday for service. He can ring several Plain and Treble Bob Minor methods, and on the occasion of our present King's Coronation, he rang the second at Nutfield to a 720 of Bob Minor, the ringer of the treble (A. W. Hersey) in the same, in contrast to the veteran's age, being only 15.
Nutfield, Surrey. W.B.

SIR,—In "THE BELL NEWS" for August 16th "E. G. B" gives an account of a Veteran Bellringer—Mr. Holdich, at Peterborough parish church—and would like to know whether his record can be beaten. Mr. Robert Lewis of Dolgelley, 86 years of age, rang on the Coronation of King William IV.; he also rang muffled at his death; also at the Coronation of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria; also at both jubilees of her late Majesty; also rang muffled on the day of her late Majesty's funeral; also on the Coronation of their Most Gracious Majesties King Edward VII., and Queen Alexandra.
Dolgelley. D. R.

Ringers' Outings.

THE ST. NICHOLAS WITH ST. LEONARD GUILD, BRISTOL.—On August bank holiday, the second annual outing took place, the destination being Torquay, which was reached about 11 o'clock. Dinner had been ordered for 12.0 at The Rising Sun, and was ready to time, the company doing it ample justice after their long journey. After dinner we proceeded to Upton church, where, at about 1.30 a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted. This lasted for about twenty mins., when "stand" was called, owing to the miserable condition of the bells. After tea we chartered two cabs and drove to Marychurch, near Torquay, visiting the beautiful church of St. Mary there. Here we found the bells went better than at Upton, but were informed that the tenor had never been pulled up by any one man. However, we were very pleased to be able to show them that one of our band could do so, but not without a struggle nevertheless. Here we rang a short touch each of Stedman, Grandsire, and Bob Triples, and then lowered the bells. The steeplekeeper very kindly took us to the top of the tower, where a splendid view of the surrounding country could be obtained, and Babbicombe church seen in the distance. Then back to The Rising Sun to pick up coats, umbrellas, etc., and then on to the railway station, where we found the guard had very kindly reserved two first-class compartments for us. The return journey was commenced at eight o'clock, Bristol being reached about 1.30 a.m., after a very pleasant time. It should be mentioned that the cigars which Miss Shepherd gave to the Guild for the outing were very much enjoyed. The best thanks of the Guild are due to Mr. F. G. May and Mr. C. Scull for the able way in which they arranged and carried out the various items connected with this outing.

V. J. S. O'B.

THE FRAMSDEN COMPANY, SUFFOLK.—The annual outing was on Saturday, July 26th. By brake to Framlingham, where owing to serious illness near the church ringing could not be had. Thence to Sweffling, where touches of Treble Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles were rung in fine style. Then to Rendham, a nice little village, with a clean well-kept church, very ancient, with its gallery, and one of those decorations to the pulpit rarely met with nowadays—a richly-carved sound-board. Touches of Treble Bob Minor and Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung, Mr. Lambert, a local man, taking part. After about an hour's ringing we were invited by several of the leading inhabitants to partake of refreshments, and to their amusement we rung several touches on the handbells. The next place was Kelsale, a pretty little village about a mile from Saxmundham, where at The Eight Bells inn we dined previous to ringing. Afterwards the Rector invited us to the Church Institute to tea, where we spent a most pleasant afternoon. Little Glemham was the next place, where we had a pull on the musical ring of five (which ought to be eight). Then for home; after the most successful outing it has been our lot to enjoy. We thank the many subscribers to the outing fund, and the rev. gentlemen who placed their bells at our disposal, especially the Rector of Kelsale for providing us with tea, thus adding additional pleasure to the day.

B.

THE ELHAM (KENT) SOCIETY.—On Tuesday, August 12th, this company had their first summer outing. The ancient town of Sandwich was the place selected. Wingham was soon reached, and here the Vicar conducted the party over the grand old church, where a splendid ring of eight is silent through lack of funds to restore the tower. Therefore no ringing could be done, but a few rounds were chimed. [Let the benevolently-inclined pay a visit to these bells, whose sweet tone alone appeals for help.] Ash church was next visited; here the bells were in readiness. They are a fine ring of eight, and go well. Sandwich was reached at last, and the party were soon engaged in the demolition of a substantial repast at The Sandwich Arms. The cloth being removed, a few draws at the fragrant weed indulged in, and St. Peter's church was visited, but owing to the unsafe state of the tower, no ringing was allowed. So the visitors found their way to St. Clement's, arriving just as the clerk had locked up, which he is evidently very careful to do after every visitor he shows round. He gave a very minute history of the church

which was very interesting, and concluded by allowing the party to obtain a beautiful view of the surrounding country from the top of the tower. Then the party divided: the doctor, tailor, saddler, watchmaker, draper, and butcher, essayed to row down the river to Risboro Castle, and the tide being favourable they accomplished the journey in quick time, but on starting back against the tide they found navigation not so easy, and taking a zig-zag course continually "fouled" the shore, and finally abandoned the boat within sight of—but a good way off—the starting point, and arrived at headquarters half-an-hour late for tea, attaching all blame to the boat, of course. After a capital tea (during which the boatmen received their due share of chaff) a start was made for home, which was reached at 10.15 p.m., all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The Elham men thank the parishioners for their kind subscriptions; the Vicars of Wingham, Ash, and Sandwich; and to the Hon. Secretary—Mr. E. Smith—for making such complete arrangements.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.—On Monday, August 4th, the St Peter's company took advantage of an excursion by the S.E.R., to Folkestone, to pay a visit to that picturesque part of Kent. A move was at once made to the tower of the parish church, and the grand peal of bells were set swinging to Cambridge Surprise, and a good touch was brought round. A touch of Stedman Triples was then accomplished in good style, then from the tower to a restaurant was the order, and every one seemed to know what it was to be hungry. After satisfying the inner man, a char-a-banc was boarded, and a drive to Hythe much enjoyed. A touch of Cambridge Surprise was tapped off, and then, through the kindness of the Vicar of Hythe, we saw everything of interest connected with his grand old church, including the crypt with its gruesome contents, there being loads and loads of skulls and other human remains stacked up like bundles of firewood as much as anything else that we could think of. Train time came all too soon, and after a good return journey, enlivened with songs and other good things, Reading was reached just before 11.0 p.m., everyone having spent a grand day in a grand neighbourhood. R.T.H.

THE GARSTON COMPANY recently had an outing to Shrewsbury and Ludlow. At the former place visits were paid to St. Mary's and St. Chad's churches, and other points of interest were examined. After dinner we went to Hopton Heath by train, from thence by wagonette to Leintwardine, all being ready for ready for tea at The Lion, which was soon disposed of (not the lion, but the tea). The belfry was visited, and a touch of Grandsire Minor was rung. To bed at 10.30, and then up at 6.30 in the morning for a walk before breakfast. Afterwards a 720 of Bob and 360 Grandsire Minor. The wagonette again appeared, for a splendid drive of about nine miles to Ludlow. A 518 of Grandsire Triples was rung at the parish church. A visit was paid to the ruins of Lullow Castle, and then time had arrived for the return home. The ringers thank the Vicars of Ludlow and Leintwardine for the use of their bells.

H.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL ON HANDBELLS AT FINSBURY PAVEMENT HOUSE.—This was E. Pye's 300th peal, made up as follows:—Grandsire Triples, 6, on handbells, 1; Caters, 3; Cinques, 1; Stedman Triples, 56 (one non-conducted), on handbells, 16; Caters, 35, on handbells, 6; Cinques, 6 (including a 11,111), on handbells, 1; Bob Major, 4; Kent Treble Bob Major, 11 (including a 10,464), on handbells, 6; Royal, 17, on handbells, 2; Maximus, 4; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; Royal, 2; Double Oxford Bob Major, 1; Duffield Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 36 (including a 15,072), on handbells, 3; Superlative Surprise Major, 53, on handbells, 3; Cambridge Surprise Major, 9; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 5, on handbells, 3; New Cumberland Surprise Major, 1; London Surprise Major, 5; Seven Minor methods, 1. On tower bells, 259; on handbells, 41; total—300.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 1902.

AMONG the accounts of ringers' outings this week, we find that a company of ringers were prevented having a pull on account of the unsafe condition of the tower. In two instances we find this was so. Though the church authorities at the places referred to are to be commended rather than otherwise in taking every precaution in such case, even to the extent of not allowing the bells to be rung, it is not out of place to say that some immediate and prompt action should be taken to make such a building as a church tower practically safe and sound. A tower is a most important part of the edifice, giving it a character which it could not have without it. We fear that when towers show signs of instability, the remedy is to silence the bells, instead of adopting prompt and efficient measures of restoration.

The Metropolis.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, August 23, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, WALTHAMSTOW,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE B. LUCAS Treble.	HARRY A. HORREX 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	FRANK HULL 7.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.*On Saturday, August 23, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	THOMAS LANGDON 5.
EDWARD P. O'MEARA .. 2.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 6.
MISS MARGARET H. NICHOLS 3.	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 7.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE 4.	HERBERT LANGDON .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Dr. Arthur Nichols, M.D., sat in the tower during the whole of the time, and was most delighted at the success of his daughter in change-ringing.

Handbell Peal.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, August 17, 1902, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,***AT FINSBURY PAVEMENT HOUSE, CITY,**

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.**

HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE 3-4.	MISS MARGARET H. NICHOLS 7-8.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpires—I. G. Shade, W. Shepherd and A. T. King. This is E. Pye's 300th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

The Provinces.**BIRMINGHAM.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.***On Monday, August 18, 1902, in Three Hours,***AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BRUERTON'S TWELVE-PART.**

Tenor 12 cwt.

RICHARD HACKLEY .. Treble.	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 5.
JOHN T. PERRY 2.	JOHN NEAL 6.
THOMAS COLLINSON .. 3.	ALBERT HACKLEY 7.
CHARLES MACKENZIE .. 4.	ALBERT E. FORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM G. ELLIS.

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

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, August 20, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.**

Tenor 24½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS .. Treble.	GEORGE HOLLIS 5.
GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 2.	WILLIAM J. THYRG .. 6.
EDWARD E. DIAPER .. 3.	CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON .. 7.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 4.	ARTHUR CRAVEN .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

First peal of Major in the method on the bells. E. Diaper hails from Stowmarket.

GLOUCESTER.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,
AND THE ST. MICHAELS JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.***On Thursday, August 21, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,****A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.**

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

JESSE GILLET .. Treble.	FRANCIS E. HART 6.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 2.	JOHN AUSTIN 7.
RICHARD A. JUDD .. 3.	THOMAS NEWMAN 8.
WALTER T. BENNETT .. 4.	ERNEST E. DAVIS 9.
THOMAS LAVER 5.	GEORGE CONDICK .. Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM H. BARBER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

This peal was arranged for Mr. T. Laver, who hails from Exeter. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Webb, a resident in the parish.

BUSHEY, HERTS.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Thursday, August 21, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.**

Tenor 13 cwt.

WM. G. WHITEHEAD .. Treble.	†FREDK. T. C. NEVETT .. 5.
HENRY HODGETTS† .. 2.	FREDERICK EDWARDS .. 6.
HUBERT EDEN† .. 3.	†JOSEPH J. ALLEN .. 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT .. 4.	†HARRY A. HORREX .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

†First peal in the method.

HARROLD, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, August 23, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****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.

THOMAS WRIGHT* .. Treble.	SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. 4.
CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 2.	WILLIAM STAPLETON .. 5.
WILLIAM FREEMAN .. 3.	FRED WILFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARKE.

*First peal.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday August 23, 1902, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.**

WILLIAM POWELL .. Treble.	WILLIAM C. JONES .. 5.
ALBERT HILL 2.	ARTHUR HADLEY .. 6.
LIONEL LONGNEY .. 3.	†HENRY WILKES .. 7.
HUBERT SALISBURY† .. 4.	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by LIONEL LONGNEY.

†First peal. First peal on the bells. L. Longney was elected a member of the Association before starting for the peal.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, August 23, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.**

Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDERICK A. HOLDEN† .. Treble.	ERNEST ALLEN 5.
GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 2.	JAMES HUNT 6.
JOHN J. JONES 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
BARZILLAI HAWKINS .. 4.	ALFRED H. WINCH .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

†First peal of Stedman.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1902, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

G. T. MARSHALL Treble.	W. A. THOMPSON 5.
H. JENKINS 2.	J. W. STICKNEY 6.
F. OSGERBY 3.	D. W. BROWN 7.
T. STOCKDALE 4.	H. BLYTH Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. STICKNEY.

SHILDON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(DARLINGTON AMALGAMATED SOCIETY)

On Saturday, August 23, 1902, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr.

JAMES BAXTER Treble.	THOMAS CLARK 5.
GEORGE PARK 2.	G. J. LUNGLEY 6.
ROBERT B. WILSON 3.	ERNEST C. HUNT 7.
EDWIN J. TITT 4.	WM. H. PORTER Tenor.

Composed by T. G. MILLER, and Conducted by JAMES BAXTER.

First peal on the bells, and first attempt. E. Titt belongs to Shildon; the rest hail from Darlington. Messrs. Taylor are to be congratulated upon the splendid "go" of these bells.

CHATHAM, KENT—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES F. TURNER .. Treble.	JAMES TULLETT 5.
GEORGE CONYARD 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 6.
ALFRED W. TAWNEY 3.	WILLIAM HAIGH 7.
WILLIAM EASTER 4.	LEWIS SILVER Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1902, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

ON THE VICTORIAN MEMORIAL BELLS OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
LATES'S ONE-PART.

WILLIAM WILLSON Treble.	GEORGE CLEAL 5.
JOHN O. LANCASHIRE 2.	CHARLES H. FOWLER 6.
SAMUEL COTTON 3.	JOHN BUTTERY 7.
ALFRED MILLIS 4.	JOSIAH MORRIS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

First peal on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt. This composition is now rung by this Association for the first time.

NOTTINGHAM.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 25, 1902, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY, LENTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

THOMAS HORTON† .. Treble.	SAMUEL WESLEY 5.
FREDERICK WEBB 2.	JOHN HICKMAN 6.
WILLIAM HEXTER† 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
ALBERT COPPOCK† 4.	*EDWARD BLAGDON Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

†First peal of Stedman. *First peal. This is the first peal of Stedman ever rung in Nottingham, and the first in any method on the bells.

OAKLEY, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 25, 1902, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being twenty-one 6-scores of Grandsire, and twenty-one of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

SYDNEY J. SMITH* .. Treble.	WALTER FINEDON 3.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 2.	MAURICE SMITH 4.
FREDERICK HOLT Tenor.	

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells. This peal was arranged for the ringer of the treble, who hails from Luton.

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 25, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Horsham New Bob, London New Bob, London Single, College Single, Oxford Single, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

T. W. GILMOUR .. Treble	H. HARRISON 4.
J. W. BELL 2.	*H. H. BARKER 5.
H. PERCIVAL 3.	J. MARTIN Tenor.

Conducted by H. H. BARKER.

First peal by all the band except J. Martin. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Canon Leigh, M.A. *First peal as conductor.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Tuesday, August 26, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM MOTTS .. Treble.	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 5.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
EDGAR PEMBERTON 4.	ALBERT GILLINGHAM .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This peal was arranged and rang to celebrate the twenty-first birthday of Lewis W. Wiffen, one and all wishing him many happy returns. This is supposed to be first peal ever rung in Ipswich in this method.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, August 26, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
LATES'S ONE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE N. PRICE .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 2.	†THOMAS HARFORD 6.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WALTER INGHAM Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT P. HARMAN.

First peal in the method.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EASTERN DIVISION.)

On Tuesday, August 26, 1902, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

GEORGE H. HOWSE .. Treble.	*GEORGE PENFOLD 5.
SYDNEY C. SAKER* 2.	*GEORGE WATSON 6.
THOMAS PRICE* 3.	*JOSEPH SHARP 7.
FRANK BURGAR 4.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. Tenor.

Composed by J. S. WILDE, and Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

*First peal of Treble Bob. This is the first peal of Treble Bob rung in the borough of Eastbourne.

Handbell Peal.**BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**

On Wednesday, August 20, 1902, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR ROBERT J. HUNT, 123, TENANT STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

CARTER'S ODD-BOB ONE-PART.

ROBERT J. HUNT 1-2.	THOMAS MILLER 5-6.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 3-4.	WILLIAM SHORT 7-8.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

Referees—Ernest T. Allaway and Joseph Pigot. Further reference elsewhere.

PEAL CORRECTION.—In the peal of Grandsire Caters rang at St. Martin's, Leicester, recorded last week, it was stated that it was Edward E. Smith's first peal of Grandsire Caters; this was an error.

Date Touches.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.**

HIGHER SUTTON.—On Wednesday, August 13th, at St. James's church, a date touch of 1902 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins., in the following methods: 720 Canterbury Pleasure, 720 Bob Minor and 462 Graudsire. J. Slack, T. Taylor conductor, W. H. Ingham, H. Davenport, T. Wood, J. Manifold. Rung in honour of the Coronation.

GARBOLDISHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, August 9th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1902 Bob Minor. W. Bason, jun., W. Bloomfield, Rev. C. L. Kennaway, W. Bason, sen, J. Bason conductor, J. Bennett.

Miscellaneous.**THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

KELLY (Devon).—On Thursday, August 21st, on handbells, a plain course of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. Miss Agnes M. Kelly, 1-2; Miss Dorothea Kelly, 3-4; Rev. Maitland Kelly, 5-6; Miss Margaret C. Kelly, 7-8. Rung in honour of the Rev. M. Kelly's birthday.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST.—On Saturday, August 23rd, 720 Kent. C. Best, A. B. Bennett, W. R. Madgwick, W. Billenness (first 720), C. Tribe, T. Stroud conductor. And 720 Oxford. T. Stroud, C. Best, C. Tribe, A. B. Bennett conductor, W. R. Madgwick, W. Billenness.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Sunday, August 24th, for morning service at St. James' Bolton, 720 Bob Minor, with tenor covering, in 26 mins A. Ainge, B. T. Copley conductor, A. Benson, H. Good, J. Boddy, B. E. Howe, A. Gill. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. F. Palframan, B. T. Copley, J. Boddy, A. Benson, H. Good conductor, A. Gill, B. E. Howe, S. Palframan.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, August 24th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble. F. Webb, P. Holmes, H. Pilcher, G. Sentance, A. B. Wiffen, C. H. Howard conductor. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor, 42 singles. G. Leonard, F. Webb, H. Pilcher, A. B. Wiffen, G. Sentance, C. H. Howard conductor.

STANSTED.—On Wednesday, July 23rd, for practice at the church of St. Mary the Virgini, 720 Cambridge Delight. T. J. Watts, I. Hammond, G. Gray, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. This is the first 720 in the method by all the band and on the bells. On Sunday, July 27th, for morning service, 720 Duke of York. G. Jordan, J. Luckey, G. Gray, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. For evening service 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. T. Jordan, G. Jordan, G. Gray, J. Luckey, T. J. Watts, W. Watts conductor. On Wednesday, July 30th, for practice, 720 Double Stedman Slow Course. W. Prior, I. Hammond, J. Luckey, H. J. Tucker, T.

Jordan, W. Watts conductor. Also 720 Durham Surprise. W. Watts conductor, I. Hammond, W. Prior, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, G. Jordan. On Sunday, August 3rd, for morning service, 720 Double Oxford Bob. J. Cavill, J. Luckey, G. Gray, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Cavill, H. Little, G. Gray, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor.

GARBOLDISHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, August 9th, at the parish church, in honour of the Coronation, 720 Bob Minor. W. Bason, jun., W. Bloomfield, J. Chenery, Rev. C. L. Kennaway (rector), J. Bason, On Thursday, August 14th, 720 Bob Minor. S. Moule, W. Bloomfield, J. Chenery, W. Bason, J. Bason conductor, J. Woods.

CHESTER.—On Sunday evening, August 10th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins. J. Moulton, R. Sperrin, V. Cain, W. Sconce conductor, W. Moulton, J. Sconce, E. Channell, J. Tomlinson.

HASKETON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, August 10th, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Markham, F. Crappnell, W. Watling, J. Barber, H. Cutting, W. Fisher. Also 360 in the same method. J. Watling, H. Burch, W. King, W. Fisher, W. Steel, A. Hatcher. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Markham, F. Crappnell, C. King conductor, W. King, W. Leggett, A. Hatcher. Also 720 in the same method. J. Last, H. Burch, W. King, F. Watling conductor, W. Steel, A. Hatcher.

HIGHER WALTON (Lancashire).—On Saturday, August 9th, at All Saints church, 1919 changes in the following methods: 119 Bob Minor, 360 London Single, 720 Oxford Bob, 720 College Single, in 1 hr. 15 mins. J. Eccles conductor, C. Clarke, H. Hunt, H. G. Brewer, A. Harwood, W. King.

EDENHAM (Lincolnshire).—On August 6th, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. T. Faber, W. Bellamy, J. Alford, A. Holmes, W. G. Jones conductor. Also 360 Stedman Doubles. W. Bellamy, G. Sentance, J. Alford, A. Holmes conductor, W. G. Jones. On August 7th, as a last mark of respect to Thomas Allen, of Witham-on-the-Hill, Lincolnshire, who died suddenly on Sunday evening, August 3rd, 480 Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-muffled. C. Lusson, T. Faber, G. Sentance, A. Holmes, J. Alford conductor. The usual whole pull and stand was also rung. Deceased was the oldest member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. On Sunday, August 10th, for Divine Service, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. G. Goswell, T. Faber, H. Cunningham, A. Holmes, W. G. Jones conductor. Also 240 Grandsire, standing as before.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 10th, for Divine Service in the evening at the church of St. Mary Abbot, Kensington, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. E. Moss, W. E. Garrard conductor, Miss Margaret Nichols (first quarter-peal), A. V. Selby, E. G. Stibbons, W. Fox, A. F. Harris, H. G. Miles.

NUTFIELD (Surrey).—On Saturday, August 9th, 720 Bob Minor. A. W. Hersey aged 15. J. Burkin aged 83. E. Fuller, T. S. Leeson, G. Potter, W. Burkin conductor.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Sunday evening, August 10th, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, 503 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Hicks, R. Watson, A. J. Hessian, J. Coales, A. Dubber, J. George conductor, J. B. Fenton, R. Clarke. On Tuesday, August 12th, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Hicks, A. J. Hessian, A. J. Gillings, J. Coales, A. Dubber conductor, J. George, J. B. Fenton, R. Clarke. On Sunday, August 17th, for morning service, 503 Grandsire Triples. A. J. Hicks, R. Watson, F. Sear, A. J. Hessian, J. Coales, A. Bramall, J. B. Fenton conductor, J. George.

WATH, NEAR RIPON.—On Saturday, August 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Burnett, J. Baines, J. Metcalfe, W. Pick, G. J. Clarkson, C. Bucklin. Also 720 Bob Minor. F. Greenwood first 720, C. Howroyd, J. Baines, E. Burnett conductor, W. Pick, W. Gibson. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Burnett, J. Baines, J. Metcalfe, J. H. Pinkney, W. Gibson, G. J. Clarkson conductor.

WORDSLAY (Staffordshire).—On Saturday, August 9th, in honour of the Coronation, 720 Grandsire Minor. T. Darby, G. H. Green, E. S. Chapman, W. Fryer, W. Lawrence, H. Jones. The bells were also fired. Messrs. Husselbee, Lawrence and Darby have been ringers at this church for fifty-seven years.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	1	4	6	3	5	7
2	4	1	6	3	7	5
4	2	6	1	7	3	5
4	6	2	7	1	5	3
6	4	7	2	5	1	3
6	7	4	5	2	3	1
7	6	5	4	3	2	1
5	7	5	6	3	4	1
5	7	3	6	4	2	1
6	5	3	7	4	6	1
3	5	4	7	6	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	2	1
4	3	6	5	2	7	1
4	6	3	2	5	1	7

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Four times repeated, with bob for single in 2nd and 4th courses complete the touch.

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5040.						
1	2	3	4	5	3	5
4	1	3	2	5	-	3
2	3	5	1	4	-	3
1	5	4	3	2	-	3
3	4	2	5	1	-	3
5	2	1	4	3	-	3
4	5	1	2	3	-	3
2	1	3	5	4	-	3
5	3	4	1	2	-	3
1	4	2	3	5	-	3
3	2	5	4	1	*	3
4	2	5	3	1	-	3
3	5	1	2	4	-	3
2	1	4	5	3	-	3
5	4	3	1	2	-	3
1	3	2	4	5	-	3
4	3	2	1	5	-	3
1	2	5	3	4	-	3
3	5	4	2	1	-	3
2	4	1	5	3	-	3
5	1	3	4	2	-	3

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241356

423165

243615

426351

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425613

245163

421536

412563

145236

142563

BOB.

412563

145236

154263

512436

SINGLE.

412563

145236

145263

412536

720.

23456

54263 -

25634

62345

36452

54326 -

23564 -

52643

65432

46325

34256

Five times repeated; single mid-way and end.

First rung at St. Mary's, Walton-on-the-Hill, on August 5th, 1902.

720.

23456

54263 -

25634

63245 S

42653 -

64532

56324

23546 -

45263 -

26435 S

34256 -

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The Essex Association—North Western Division.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Stansted, to-day, Saturday, August 30th. The towers of Stansted and Farnham (each six bells) will be open to members from 11 o'clock.

H. J. TUCKER, Div. Sec.

Bishop Stortford.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Margaret's, Rochester, to-day, Saturday, August 30th. Tower open for ringing at 4 p.m.

A. OSBORNE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Flixton, to-day, Saturday, August 30. Bells ready at 5 o'clock Meeting at 7. A good muster is requested.

J. SMITH, Branch Sec.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting of this Society will be held at Calverley, to-day, Saturday, August 30th. Bells at liberty from 2 till 9 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. at The Thornhill Arms. A peal will be attempted at Calverley at 2.30 prompt.

CHARLES PRATT, Sec.

Park View, Calverley.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held to-day, Saturday, August 30th, at the parish church, Bolton. Bells ready at 5. Business at 7. All members are requested to attend. Business—the election of two representatives to serve on the committee.

HY. MOSS, Branch Sec.

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—By kind permission of the Rev. R. Duke a quarterly meeting will be held at Great Addington, to-day, Saturday, August 30. Ringing from 2 to 8 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 o'clock.

T. R. HENSHER,

Wellingborough.

Hon. Sec.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting of members of this Association will be held at St. Sepulchre's church, E.C., to-day, Saturday, August 30th, by kind permission of the Rev. T. D. Gibson. The bells will be raised at 4.30 p.m. Members are asked to take note that the annual general meeting is unavoidably postponed to Saturday, October 4th, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, as to which particulars will be announced later. The Hon. Secretaries will be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.

ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.

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The Archdeaconry of Salop Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, September 6th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 3.30 p.m., preacher, Rev. J. J. Morris, Vicar of St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury. Business meeting at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.

J. MACKAY, Hon. Sec.

Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Lymington, Hants (8) on Saturday, September 6th. Meeting at 3.30. Tea at 4.30. After that date all

communications, etc., must be addressed to the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Thorpe Vicarage, Chertsey.

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The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's church, Staines, on Saturday, September 6th. Ringing to commence at 4 sharp. Tea at 6, kindly provided by the Vicar. Members and friends are cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Lampton, Hounslow.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Brown Edge on Saturday, September 6th. Members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. George Redfern, Brown Edge, Stoke-on-Trent.

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

The Hertfordshire County Association.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, September 6th. Bells of the parish church will be available from 3 p.m.

J. EARWICKER, Hon. Sec. St. Albans District.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bootle on Saturday, September 13th. Bells ready at 4.

WALTER HUGHES.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bradley, on Saturday, September 13th. Bells ready at 4. Service in church at 5 p.m.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

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The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Association will be held at Chepstow on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available after twelve o'clock.

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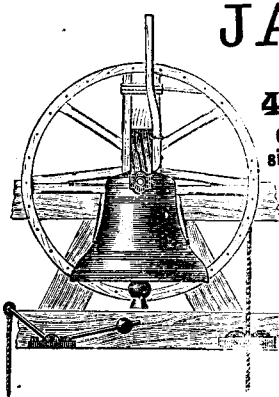
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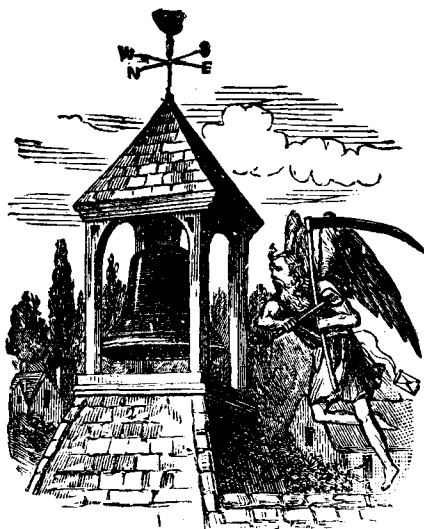
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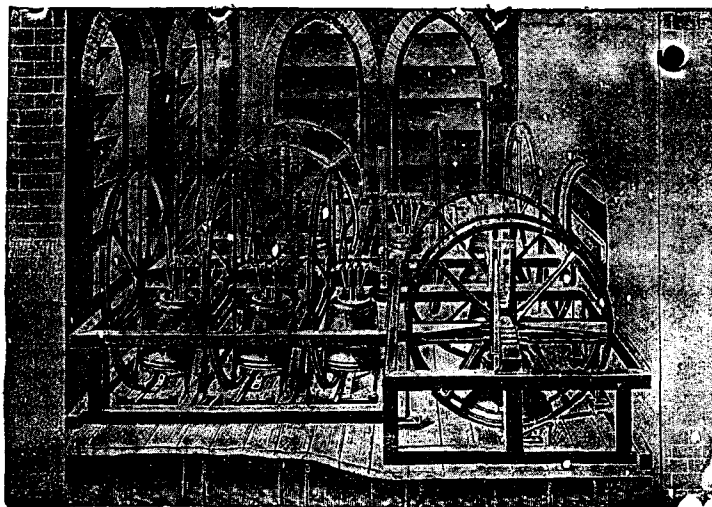
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

CAVERSHAM (Oxon). St. Peter. Eight bells. No return.

CAYTHORPE (Lincolnshire). St. Vincent. North Lincolnshire Association. The two trebles, 1759; 3rd, 4th, and tenor, 1744; 6th, 1656; 7th, 1639. No founder's name on any of the bells, but they are reputed to be by Mears. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 5 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring was rehung in 1896 by Mears. Ropes fair. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30, when six ringers are present. Practice: Monday and Thursday, 7.30, in winter; at other times by arrangement.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT (Worcestershire). St. Gassion. No return.

CHARD (Somerset). St. Mary. Eight bells. No return.

CHARLTON KINGS (Gloucestershire). Dedication not known. Gloucester and Bristol Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd, 5th and 7th by Mears, 1893; 3rd by Rudhall, 1801; 4th, 1688; 6th, 1630. Tenor 20 cwt., 1723. No founders of these last three are given. The 6th requires quartering. Timber frame. Bells go well. Back six rehung in new frame for eight by Barwell, 1888. The two trebles added in 1893 and hung by White. Ropes, good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, and Double Norwich. Sunday ringing: morning 10 to 11; evening 5.30 to 6.30 by arrangement (whatever this may mean). Practice: Tuesday, from September to March inclusive, 7, otherwise 7.30.

CHARLTON HORETHORNE (Somerset). SS. Peter and Paul. Eight bells. No return.

CHATHAM (Kent). St. Mary. Kent County Association. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1900. Tenor 25 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Iron frame. The bells do not all go

well, and are not pealable. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 9.45 to 10.45, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 7.30.

CHEADLE (Staffordshire). St. Giles. No return.

CHELMSFORD (Essex). St. Mary. Essex Association. Ten bells. All by Pack and Chapman, 1777. Tenor 21 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring was put in good order by Warner, 1897. Ropes bad. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: half-an-hour in morning; quarter-of-an-hour in evening. Practice: 8 in summer, 7.30 in winter.

CHELTENHAM (Gloucestershire). St. Mary. Gloucester and Bristol Association. Ten bells. Treble, 1883, founders name not given; 2nd and 4th by Mears, 1883; the rest by Rudhall, 1823. Tenor 22 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go very well. The ring was rehung by White in 1883. There is also a clock bell in A by Rudhall, 1823. It has been recommended that the ring should be increased to 12. The church authorities approve, provided funds can be raised. Ropes new 1900, good. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11, and on first in month also 3.30 to 4. Practice: Thursday, 7.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On a recent Monday evening the Painswick Society met at the belfry of the parish church to welcome Dr. Arthur and Miss Margaret Nichols, and to have a ring with them on the Painswick bells. After Dr. and Miss Nichols had viewed the bells and scenery from the top of the tower, the back ten bells were raised in peal, after which Miss Nichols in company with seven of the Painswick band rang in splendid style a 350 Grandsire Triples. Then she took part in a 648 Grandsire Caters. T. Wright, J. Austin, A. Gwinnett, C. West, Miss Nichols, W. Hale (conductor), S. Baker, G. Miles, Rev. E. B. James, A. Hanks. The twelve bells were then rung in rounds and tittums, in which both Dr. and Miss Nichols took part.

Dr. and Miss Nichols were very delighted with the "go," and especially the grand tones of the Painswick bells. Dr. Nichols went and listened to the ten bells on the bowling-green of The Falcon hotel, and heartily congratulated the ringers on their good ringing. A large number of parishioners who had been informed that Miss Nichols was ringing, listened very attentively to the bells, and many stepped into the tower and watched the lady ringing changes in company with the other ringers. The Painswick ringers gave Dr. and Miss Nichols a hearty send-off, and trust that both will again visit Painswick and ring the bells.

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HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—(EASTERN DIVISION.)

The bells of the above place (which only a few days ago were dedicated after having been rehung as a last token of respect and esteem to our beloved Sovereign who has passed away), were on Saturday, July 26th, visited by the above society, the occasion being the usual quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division.

A goodly muster was present, and the bells were rung during the afternoon and evening, and much admired by all. The only fault to be found by anyone was that such a pretty little peal was not eight instead of six, and the ringers expressed a hope that such may be the case before they visited the place again.

At 5.30 a meat tea was served at The Station hotel, over which Alderman Strange, Mayor of Eastbourne, kindly consented to preside. There were also present Archdeacon Sutton, of Pevensey, Mr. Saker, Hon. Sec. of the Eastern Division, and Mr. Stroud, Secretary of the local band, and representatives from Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, Rye, Pevensey, All Saints and Christ Church, Eastbourne, and Southover, Lewes.

Mr. Saker read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly confirmed. In the course of his remarks which followed, he said he was sorry not to have seen records of many peals by this division since the last meeting. At the last meeting he had been instructed to write to Mrs. Bulwer and convey the sympathy of the Association to her on the occasion of the death of her husband, the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer. This he had done, and now read a letter which he had received in reply from Mrs. Bulwer. All members of the ringing world knew how greatly he would be missed, and those who took "THE BELL NEWS" no doubt had seen various other remarks and peals to his memory recorded by various associations.

Archdeacon Sutton said that he had the work of the Association very much at heart, and he was always pleased to be present at their meetings.

Alderman Strange said that this was the first meeting of this kind he had the pleasure of attending. He held that these Associations were good organisations. Many a man and woman had been brought back to the paths of rectitude through the church bells, and the ringers had a noble duty to perform.

A vote of thanks to Alderman Strange for presiding, and Archdeacon Sutton for his presence closed the meeting.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Archdeaconry of Wilts. branch of the above Guild was held at Erlestoke on Saturday. Ringers assembled in this picturesque little village from Westbury, Frome, Devizes, Erlestoke, and Potterne to exercise their skill on the light ring of six, the "go" of which leaves but little to be desired, but some of the bells strike unevenly; however this is easily remedied by bearing in mind the peculiarity of each bell. Two 6-scores of Grand-sire Doubles were rung, the first on the bells, and by the ringers of the treble and tenor. W. Hunt, W. J. Prescott conductor, C. D. Heginbotham, C. H. Hampton, Rev. H. Tilney Bassett, W. Tyler. They adjourned then to Great Cheverell, where the Rev. J. H. Burn, chairman of the branch, entertained them to a most acceptable tea on the lawn of his rectory, from which the extensive view of the country on this sunny afternoon added greatly to the enjoyment. The minutes of the previous meeting were

read and approved. After a walk round the gardens a move was made to the tower where there is a ring of five bells, four of which have a very sweet tone. It was a pity that two of the company had now to leave, as the local ringers have often declared the impossibility of ringing half-pull changes on these bells, and the visitors were anxious to disprove this. However the twenty-four changes were rung half-pull with the tenor covering, the Rev. J. H. Burn ringing the 3rd. This ended a very pleasant meeting for combined practice.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

Recently on the occasion of the home-coming of Lieut. J. T. Carpenter Garnier, of Rookesbury Park, from the South African War, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. H. W. Merrett, W. Cooper, W. Churcher, N. Welch, G. E. Chappell conductor, J. W. Whiting. And 720 Bob Minor. W. Holmes, W. Cooper, W. Singleton, W. Churcher, G. E. Chappell conductor, J. W. Whiting. Also 720 Oxford Bob. H. W. Merrett, W. Singleton, W. Cooper, N. Welch, W. F. Churcher, G. E. Chappell conductor. On Wednesday, August 13th, the Rev. H. Wheat and Mr. H. Westbrooke, of Hursley, and Mr. Cooper, of Swanmore, paid a visit to Wickham for the purpose of having a ring, the two first having travelled fifteen miles by motor car, which the writer thinks is a most handsome way of getting about the country for ringing purposes, and it is hoped he will often pay a visit now he has such a splendid car, and such meetings as this tends to improve and make the practice a very great pleasure. The following was brought round: 720 Grand-sire Minor. W. Singleton, Rev. H. Wheat, W. Cooper, N. Welch, G. E. Chappell conductor, H. Westbrooke. And 720 Bob Minor. H. W. Merrett, Rev. H. Wheat, W. Cooper, W. Singleton, N. Welch, G. E. Chappell conductor. Also 120 Grand-sire Doubles. H. Smith, W. F. Churcher, W. Singleton, N. Welch, H. Westbrooke conductor, W. Holmes. And 120 conducted by W. Cooper. Afterwards refreshments were served, and a start was made for home at 10 p.m.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(NORTH-WESTERN DIVISION.)

A district meeting was held at Stansted on Saturday, August 30th, but was not so well attended as we should have liked to have seen it, no doubt owing to harvest operations, but it was represented from Saffron Walden, Stansted, Manuden, and Bishops Stortford. Ringing was commenced at the parish church about 12 o'clock, and kept up during the day. Tea and business was held at The Barley Mow at five o'clock, the chair being taken by the Master (Rev. G. H. Oakshott), supported on the right by the Secretary, Mr. H. J. Tucker, and on the left by Mr. Dyer (churchwarden), while the vice-chair was taken by the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. H. T. Eyre. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and passed, it was proposed that the Rev. A. E. Austin and Mr. A. Dyer (churchwarden), become honorary members, which was carried. It was also proposed and carried that the next district meeting be held in December at Saffron Walden.

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THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this association was held in St. Michael's Church Parish Room, Workington, on Saturday, when a goodly number of ringers from Aspatria, Carlisle, Cleator Moor, Cockermouth and Workington put in an appearance. The chair was taken by Mr. John R. McAvoy, the secretary of the Workington ringers, who in a few well-chosen remarks expressed his pleasure at being called upon to preside over the deliberations of the members. The Rev. Nigel Buchanan, of Carlisle, wrote expressing his regret at not being able to be present.

The hon. sec. read his annual report, which, among others things dealt with the last shield competition and the general progress which has been made in the art of change-ringing in this diocese since the institution of these competitions, and contained a dissertation upon the best means to be adopted in order that each band of ringers might acquire a thorough knowledge of the art. The report (which was received with applause by the members) together with the statement of accounts, which showed a satisfactory balance in hand, were adopted.

The president, the Rev. Canon Rawnsley, of Crosthwaite; the vice-presidents, and the hon. sec., Mr. J. D. Baxter, of Cleator Moor, were unanimously re-elected, the latter being accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his services, which he suitably acknowledged.

The question of altering the competition rules was then discussed at length, and ultimately the hon. secretary's proposal that each competing band be allowed half-an-hour's practice in the morning of the competition—in addition to the practice already allowed—was carried by a majority. It was decided to hold the next competition at Cockermouth on the day after Good Friday, the touch to be "720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor." Mr. Harry Chapman, of Salford, whose services were highly spoken of, was again selected as adjudicator. A medal was chosen from samples produced, and the usual resolution as to payment out of the funds of a portion of the railway fares of competing bands was passed.

The next annual meeting was arranged to be held at Cleator Moor.

After the conclusion of the meeting the members sat down to a capital repast, which had been provided by the kindness of the rector, the Rev. H. E. Campbell, and accorded him a hearty vote of thanks for the same, in which were also included Mr. McAvoy for presiding over the meeting, the Workington ringers for the arrangements made by them, and the ladies who so kindly presided over the tables. Several touches were rung on the bells during the afternoon.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of this society was held on Saturday, August 30th, at Calverley, in beautiful weather, a good many ringers from the following places being present: Leeds, Armley, Bramley, Rothwell, Wakefield, Shipley, Bradford, Headingley, Holbeck, Tong, and the local company. Ringing commenced shortly before 4 p.m., and was continued up to 8.30 by various companies in touches of Treble Bob and Stedman. The business meeting was held at The Thornhill Arms, Mr. George Barraclough (President), in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting was passed as read on the proposition of Mr. F. Woodhead, seconded by Mr. W.

Wood. It was proposed and seconded that the next meeting be held at Tong. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and the local company for their kind arrangements, on the proposition of Mr. E. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. J. C. Abbishaw, was carried unanimously. Some ringers took advantage of a garden party held in the grounds of the Lodge, and spent a pleasant hour, and seeing the pleasant games of the school children. Handbell ringing in various methods up to a late hour brought another pleasant meeting to a close.

PRESENTATION TO A RINGER.

On Tuesday evening, August 12th, at Holy Trinity church, Guildford, Mr. George Gunner, a member of the above society, was presented with a handsome marble clock on the occasion of his marriage, which took place on August 2nd.

Mr. C. Willshire said it gave him great pleasure to present the clock to Mr. Gunner, and he wished him and his bride every happiness, and he hoped the good feeling which happily existed among the members of Holy Trinity would long continue, and that the Society would, with Mr. Gunner's assistance, score many more peals.

Mr. Gunner thanked Mr. Willshire for his kind reference to his wife, and also the members for their handsome present; and he hoped to ring many more peals at Holy Trinity.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill writes:—"While congratulating Mr. W. H. Barber and his colleagues on their handbell performance of August 20th, I do not think the words 'and is thought to be the finest performance yet rung in the method on handbells,' which appear in the note on page 245, will hold good. Surely precedence must be given to a non-conducted peal such as I had the privilege of hearing in the capacity of umpire on December 7th last, at the residence of Mr. C. F. Winney, 13, Harbledown Road, Parsons Green, S.W."

PALATINE.—Mr. J. Heckingbottom, of Hall Lane, Armley, Leeds, writes to say that the new method in last week's "BELL NEWS," *Palatine*, by J. Martin, of Liverpool was published in "THE BELL NEWS" on April 6th, 1899, under the name of Stanstead Double Bob, and composed by Isaac Cavill, of Stanstead, Essex.

BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Sunday, August 24th, for morning service at St. James' Bolton, 720 Bob Minor, with tenor covering, in 26 mins A. Ainge, B. T. Copley conductor, A. Benson, H. Good, J. Boddy, B. E. Howe, A. Gill. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. F. Palframan, B. T. Copley, J. Boddy, A. Benson, H. Good conductor, A. Gill, B. E. Howe, S. Palframan.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

There is a well-known saying that "out of evil comes good." Parenthetically, this does not imply that we are to do evil in order that good may come. We now and then see when some untoward event has taken place, results happy in themselves follow which would not have come about had no such untoward event occurred. This is plainly seen in the recent Scarborough disaster, which all of you are thoroughly acquainted with. "Out of evil cometh good." The bells at the parish church of Scarborough are found to be in a most wretched condition, stays and sliders conspicuous by their rottenness or absence, a bell is thrown, and a ringer seriously injured. Herein lay "the evil" in this case. Publicity is given to the affair in this journal, a correspondence with commentary ensues, and the following letter from a gentleman who says he is the "Hon. Sec. of St. Mary's Guild of Hon. Ringers" (this last "hon." would be better left out), Scarborough, follows. This letter is placed here, and I have had it set in large type. Herein is "the good." Mr. Alcock is the Hon. Sec. of the "hon." ringers, and this is what he writes:—

"In reply to your correspondent, Mr. James, in thanking him for the many suggestions he makes for improving St. Mary's belfry, allow me to draw his attention to the fact, which he seems to have forgotten, that we have only been started at the most four months. He certainly could not expect us, strangers more or less, to take possession of a church belfry, to do just what we liked. We naturally had to get permission before we could in any way attempt improvements. Neither could he expect the Vicar to grant us permission to do anything till he (the Vicar) was sure we meant business. Unfortunately Mr. James and his fellow-ringers came before we had got fairly settled, and I might say his letters and "BELL NEWS" comments went a long way towards cooling our interest in bell-ringing. But thanks to Mr. Ferguson's unflagging attentions, he has infused us with fresh enthusiasm, the result being that a guild of honorary ringers has recently been formed, and we have got to work in real earnest and are now practising change-ringing two nights a week and ringing every Sunday for morning service. The Bishop has kindly cleaned the belfry and ringing-chamber for us. We have remedied the slides and done other small improvements (not forgetting the water, soap, etc.), and for other improvements the Bishop has invited an expert on bells, the Rev. G. F. Twycross, curate-in-charge, Mr. Ferguson, and myself to meet him in the belfry at a convenient date to discuss the whole question. I think you will agree with me in saying we have not been idle when you take into consideration that the past three months is the busiest time of the year at Scarborough, and the inhabitants have very little time to devote to pleasure. As to bells not being ready for Mr. James and party, their time of arrival was unfortunately misunderstood. We were distinctly told they were coming at 7 p.m., and had we known they were coming earlier we should most certainly have had everything in readiness. *Re* your remarks in "THE BELL NEWS" of August 30th about ringers being properly connected with a Ringing Association, correspondence has already been opened with the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association with the idea of joining the same. The state of the bells is due to the fact that they have been in charge of the Cowtail Bob ringers for the past thirty years, hence their condition, which the young ringers are trying to remedy, and so far they have not met with much

encouragement either from your paper or your correspondents. None regret more than we that Mr. Allen met with such a painful accident, and sincerely hope that he is quite recovered and following his usual employment. Trusting that in future when we have visiting ringers we shall be able to give them a more hearty welcome.—W. E. ALCOCK."

This letter isn't bad at all. In fact, it's good because it's hopeful. Mr. Alcock may rest assured that after this week the eyes of the whole ringing world will be upon him, figuratively. He, and the young ringers of Scarborough, will have the good wishes of everyone who reads this paper, and that is no light thing to say. It is encouraging to read that the vicar and church authorities of Scarborough are becoming imbued with a spirit of enquiry into bell matters. Shouldn't wonder if the Vicar became a ringer himself. Better that than anything, next to his own calling. The "B.N." criticism you see has, as usual, worked a change. "Out of evil cometh good." When next I visit Scarborough, I hope I shall be able to have a hand-ful of Stedman with Mr. Alcock and his friends.

I have had a letter from a Divisional Secretary of one of the leading Associations commendatory of my remarks upon the words "no return." This may as well be printed, and omitting all formal or unnecessary portions, here it is:—

"Mr. Plain Speaker,—Dear Sir,—I was glad to see your remarks in connection with report on 'Our Church Bells.' I may say I carefully note any *no return* given of any tower in my division, and at once send an extra form asking for particulars to be filled in at once without fail, and which has so far been carried out, and I think if every Secretary or district secretaries of the various Associations and Guilds in the country did the same, we shall have a fairly complete list of 'Our Church Bells, their condition, etc., etc.'"

Secretaries, and all whom it may concern, here is an example for you to follow.

One remarkable thing about several of these places from which no returns are sent, is that they are good centres of change-ringing. An opportunity was given me to look over this week's list, and which you will read on the first news-page. As soon as I saw it, I was completely transmogrified, flabbergasted, and horrified! Northamptonshire people, when they hear of anything out of the usual way, say that such event, person, or thing, is an "out an' outer." The first paragraph in this week's *Our Church Bells* is positively an "out-an'-outer." Caversham, above all places—"no return!" Why my old friend and pitcher, Tom Newman, what's come to you? The place where a model company of ringers dwell, who go to sleep when ringing Double Norwich, and think Superlative slow—Caversham—sends "no return!" Terrible lack of courtesy, my dear friend, somewhere, and who is responsible? Tell me. Let the party who failed in courtesy in this matter be blackballed. Among the no-returns, Caversham takes the bun.

Now then, the Hon. Sec. of the Oxford Guild, or the Divisional Secretary, or some one, see to this matter at once, like the divisional secretary who wrote the short letter above given has always done. It is not anybody's

business to make amends for this lack of courtesy, neglect, and abominable (I had almost written "diabolical," but that would be personal) indifference, but some official of the Guild. Rout-'em up, Mr. Master; I mean the culpable person.

The following paragraph is cut from a trade journal. It seems very extraordinary that such intelligence did not find its way to this paper in a regular manner. But it is another instance of the old story—apathy and indifference. Was not there one of the deceased's colleagues, either in Stepney or Doncaster, who could have put together a short obituary notice of this description, even if out of mere respect to his memory. I lay stress upon such neglect as this, because I have painfully experienced the loss of old friends, intelligence of whose decease has been a shock, because unexpected. No public intimation of their death had been made in this paper, and a long time afterwards it happens that enquiries are made concerning them, when somebody present remarks: "Oh! he has been dead more than five years ago!" This ought not to be. There is within my recollection at the present time one or two painful instances of this sort. The following paragraph is taken from the *Printers' Engineer*:—

"At the end of last month, an old and faithful servant of the *Doncaster Gazette* Company passed away in the person of Mr. William Newsome, at the age of seventy-six. For the long period of fifty-nine years, over twenty-five as Foreman, he had been connected with the paper, and up to the time of his decease resided in the house which formed part of the *Gazette* property. Mr. Newsome retired on a superannuation allowance granted by the Typographical Society three months ago, and on the 17th of last month was presented by the firm and employees with an illuminated address and a purse of gold. His health was then giving way. Bell-ringing was the deceased gentleman's pastime; when only eighteen years of age he joined the bell-ringers of the Doncaster Parish Church, and during a brief period of employment in London joined the Stepney Society of Change-Ringers. On returning to Doncaster in 1863, he rejoined his former associates in the Parish Church belfry, until nine years ago, when the pulling of the ropes became too much for him. Mr. Newsome was a Freeman of the Borough of Doncaster, and a trustee for eleven years."

The last of the coupons has appeared. They were twenty-seven in number, as those friends who have collected them know. I hear that some of the holders of these tickets have already sent them on, several heavy batches having come to hand. I promised in my last to give you "the griffin" about them. Yes; all of them must come to the office not later than Saturday, the 13th instant. That I hope is clear. Again the coupons must not be sent to the publisher at Ave Maria Lane, London, but to the office at Walthamstow. That also I hope is clear. Thirdly, if you want any back numbers to make up your sets of coupons, send to the publisher, Mr. E. W. Allen, Ave Maria Lane, London, for them with required cash in stamps or notes; and mark, once more, never to send to the office for papers either now or at any other time. Let this lesson be twelve times repeated; then perhaps you may remember it, for it has been dinned into your ears any number of times.

When you have carried out all these simple arrangements properly—and no vestige of success will attend you if they are done improperly—then wait in patience for the appearance of the following number to see if you are among the prize-holders. If you are among the un-

successful ones, never mind. According to the old saying: "It is better to try and lose than not to try at all." Let this console you. But should you become the happy possessor of a nice peal of handbells, you will of course send a contribution to your local hospital, and swear by the "B.N." in future, if you swear at all, which I hope you don't.

The reports of Ringers' Outings are coming up I see. But they have an awful sameness. Could not some of the writers strike out an original line? Then they are written much too long, and have to be clipped, you know. I hear there is a report of one outing sent in that will probably take up more than a whole page. This is coming it rather strong, unless it is full of wit and humour, then we shouldn't mind so much. In one of the outing reports last week it was stated that "all were ready for tea at The Lion, which was soon disposed of." The writer was very careful to explain that it was the tea, not the lion which was eaten. Not bad.

I am glad to see that the publications of the Central Council are now advertised. That is a very good job, for I have been asked more than once where they are obtainable. I have often seen enquiries about them on post-cards addressed to the editor of this paper. These works should go off quickly, not hang on hand, and every member of the Exercise should have copies, for no ringer's library can be complete without them.

Talking of advertisements, I also see that a very prominent man among us, has a splendid piano for sale. Ah! I expect he wants a much more ornate instrument, though the one for sale is quite out of the common; in fact a splendid thing. I expect he will laugh at this, and think of old times, when as musicians, we were very young.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1902.

WE hear from one or two sources that some of the peals which have been reported of late ought never to have been allowed the privilege of a record. What we have been told about these performances is by no means gratifying, for they bring discredit not only upon those who foist them upon the Exercise, but also upon the Exercise at large. We refrain from mentioning the names of those who are implicated in such shady transactions as falsely-rung peals, but an extract from a letter received this week from a correspondent respecting the tricks of a certain bob-caller, may be made public. Mentioning the individual by name, he says: "He will have anything, good, bad, or indifferent. I have had a few experiences of his talents, but they will not do for me. I once set my bell in the middle of a peal of Grandsire Triples he was calling,

as he had shifted two bells, and put them right again two leads after." And more to the same effect. Our correspondent is to be depended on. What surprises us is that persons of such a calibre should in these days be allowed to call at any time. When they again attempt to publish a peal-report, we must have independent and satisfactory testimony of its truth.

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 29, 1902, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

EDGAR WIGHTMAN Treble.	WILLIAM FOREMAN 6.
HARRY HOSKINS 2.	*GEORGE H. DAYNES 7.
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BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 9.
JOHN J. LAMB 5.	WILLIAM BERRY Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

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Tenor 37½ cwt.

JOHN SIMM Treble.	*S. OCTAVIUS FERRY 6.
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ERNEST E. FERRY 3.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 8.
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Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

*First peal of Grandsire Caters. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to J. E. R. Keen, and is his fiftieth peal which are recorded in another column.

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DENISON HAYWARD 3.	SAMUEL SMITH 7.
GEORGE SMITH 4.	ARTHUR JACOB Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by ARTHUR JACOB.

*First peal of Kent. This peal was arranged for Messrs. Hayward and Jacob, who hail from Yarmouth and London respectively. D. Hayward is a member of the Great Yarmouth company.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
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HORACE F. STREET* .. Treble.	JOSEPH PIGOT 5.
ARTHUR E. PEGLER 2.	WILLIAM H. BARBER 6.
HARRY WITHERS 3.	†WALTER C. HUNT 7.
THOMAS J. SALTER 4.	ARTHUR CHAMBERS Tenor.

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ROBERT ROFFEY* 2.	ERNEST ALLEN 6.
JOHN J. JONES 3.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 7.
GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 4.	JAMES HUNT Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

*First peal of Major with a bob bell. It was the first peal by G. Condick, jun. for the above society, and who hails from Gloucester.

BEESTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 28, 1902, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY Treble.	ALBERT H. WARD 5.
WILLIAM HEXTER 2.	ALBERT E. THOMPSON 6.
JOHN W. THOMPSON 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
CHARLES DRAPER 4.	REUBEN CLIFFORD Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.-THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 30, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

G. W. T. SMITH Treble.	ALBERT E. REEVES 5.
FRANK HOPGOOD 2.	CHARLES GILES 6.
ERNEST BRUCE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
AMBROSE OSBORNE 4.	WILLIAM HORNE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN COUNTIES' BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 30, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720s each of Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. Treble.	RUPERT RICHARDSON 4.
JOSEPH W. FLOWERS 2.	GEORGE LADD 5.
ROBERT MARSHALL 3.	REV. H. LAW JAMES Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

This is the first peal of Minor on these bells, the treble having been added as a Coronation memorial.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 30, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

HENRY DAWKES Treble.	RICHARD BURROW 5.
ROBERT PICKERING 2.	HERBERT KNIGHT 6.
JOHN PERRY 3.	THOMAS J. SALTER 7.
WILLIAM FISHER 4.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, of Brighton, and
Conducted by THOMAS J. SALTER.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALFRED E. MIDMORE* .. Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE 6.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	THOMAS PRICE 7.
ROBERT C. MAYO 3.	JOHN JAY, JUN. 8.
KEITH HART 4.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.. .. 9.
EDMUND H. LINDUP† .. 5.	WILLIAM PALMER Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by F. BENNETT.

*First peal on ten bells. †First peal of Grandsire Caters. Messrs. Price, Midmore and Mayo, for whom this peal was arranged, hail from Eastbourne.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, GOSFORTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S COMPOSITION. Tenor 22½ cwt.

HUGH D. DALL.. .. Treble.	ASA HOLMES 5.
WILLIAM HOLMES 2.	ERNEST E. FERRY 6.
ALFRED F. HILLIER.. .. 3.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN.. .. 7.
SENGENT POWER 4.	S. OCTAVIUS FERRY Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. R. KEEN.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, and the first peal of Stedman the conductor has called.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

HENRY W. KIRTON.. .. Treble.	HARRY WHITTLE 5.
THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 2.	ALBERT W. THOMPSON .. 6.
LEONARD J. TAYLOR .. 3.	JAMES WELLS 7.
FRANK PERVIN 4.	JOHN YATES Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. COLBURN.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 1, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S VARIATION OF WASHBROOK'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

HERBERT P. HARMAN .. Treble.	GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 5.
RICHARD HIMS†.. .. 2.	WALTER INGHAM 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 7.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 4.	*WALTER C. FARR Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

*First peal. †First peal in the method.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—The time occupied in ringing the peal of Bob Major at Upton-on-Severn recorded in last week's issue should read 3 hrs. 10 mins.; also the first peal of Bob Major by Messrs. Salisbury and Wilkes, not their first peal.—The name of the ringer of the tenor in the peal of Doubles at Oakley, Beds., recorded in last week's issue, was Frank Webb, not Frederick Holt as stated.

Date Catches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GREAT CROSLY.—On Tuesday, August 17th, at St. Luke's church, a date touch of Minor, 1902 changes, in 1 hr. 1 min., being 222 Plain

Bob, 240 each of Palatine, London, College, and Oxford Single, Horsham and London New Bob, Canterbury Pleasure. Longest touch on the bells

Miscellaneous.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RUSPER (Sussex).—On Sunday, August 24th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Woodman, T. Andrews, J. Akehurst, E. Jordan, C. Taylor, W. Short, G. F. Williams conductor, T. M. Stedman. Ruag after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Treble Bob. For evening service another 576 Treble Bob, standing as before.

BATTLE.—On Tuesday, August 19th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Livermore, jun., W. J. Thomas, F. Bugar, J. Livermore, sen., W. Franks conductor, W. H. Eldridge.

HASTINGS.—On Wednesday, August 13th, for practice, at Christ Church, Blacklands, 168 Stedman Triples. J. Livermore, F. Butler, J. Bugar, R. Ford, C. Saker, S. Saker, W. Franks conductor, W. Swain.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALKLEY, SHEFFIELD.—On Thursday, August 7th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. F. Horsfield, J. Thorpe conductor, L. Berrisford, C. H. Lake, G. Heward, S. F. Palmer. On Saturday, August 9th, an attempt was made to ring a 5040 of Bob Minor, but after ringing 1770 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins., it suddenly came to grief. F. Horsfield, J. Thorpe conductor, L. Berrisford, C. H. Lake, G. Heward, S. F. Palmer. This is the longest length by all, and on the bells. And a 1080 Bob Minor, for morning service. On Sunday, August 7th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Bob Minor. F. Horsfield, J. Thorpe conductor, L. Berrisford, C. H. Lake, G. Heward, S. F. Palmer. On Sunday morning, August 24th, 720 Bob Minor, standing as before.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BITTON.—On Saturday, August 9th, for the Coronation Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor. C. Edwards, A. Miller, A. Brookes, C. Beer, G. Hillier, W. Sommerville conductor. On Monday, August 18th, with the bells muffled, 720 Bob Minor. C. Edwards, A. Brookes, A. Miller, W. Sommerville conductor, G. Hillier, C. Beer. For practice, on Wednesday, August 20th, 720 Bob Minor. C. Edwards, A. Miller, G. Hillier, A. Brookes, W. Sommerville conductor, C. Beer.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GRIMSBY.—For practice on Monday, August 4th, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 27 mins. A. W. Long, D. Rushton, E. Rushton, J. Bell, P. C. Long, G. Weldon.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

LIVERPOOL.—On Saturday, August 9th, 720 Grandsire Minor. S. Gough, A. Edwards, S. Carter, W. Hughes conductor, W. J. Rawlinson, T. Jennions, E. Hitchmough. On Wednesday, August 13th, 720 Grandsire Minor. S. Gough, A. Edwards, J. Grace, T. Jennions, W. J. Rawlinson, W. Hughes conductor, E. Hitchmough.

WEST DERBY.—On August 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. Rev. E. L. Edwards, J. Aspinwall, H. H. Barker, E. Caunce, W. Hughes, T. Hammond conductor.

LEINTWARDINE.—On Friday, August 22nd, 720 Bob Minor. T. Gough, W. J. Rawlinson, J. Aspinwall, T. Jennions, W. Hughes conductor, G. W. Hughes. Also 360 Grandsire. E. Hitchmough, W. J. Rawlinson, S. Carter, T. Jennions, W. Hughes conductor, J. Aspinwall.

LUDLOW.—On Friday, August 22nd, at the parish church, 518 Grandsire Triples. S. Gough, S. Carter, W. J. Rawlinson, J. Aspinwall, T. Jennions, W. Hughes, G. W. Hughes conductor, E. Hitchmough.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Monday, September 1st, at St. Andrew's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. A. Coleman, R. Watson, A. Dubber, J. Coales, F. Sear, J. George, J. B. Fenton, A. Bramall. This composition is taken from Holt's Original, and was conducted by James George. Rung to celebrate the 72nd birthday of Mr. John Coales, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

MACCLESFIELD.—On August 26th, for practice, 1008 Stedman Triples. W. Walmsley conductor, J. Hankinson, W. McKinnell, W. Matthews, A. Mottershead, W. Gayes, J. Norbury, F. Stoneley.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ABERGAVENNY.—On Thursday, August 28th, five 6-scores of Grand-sire Doubles, each called differently, on handbells. H. Horsington, 1-2; C. W. Harris (totally blind), 3-4; F. S. Wilson conductor, 5-6. This is the first time the above has been rung in Abergavenny by local ringers.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAVENDISH (Suffolk).—On Saturday, August 2nd, to commemorate the 80th birthday of George Maxim, of Cavendish, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Slater, H. Thompson, G. Maxim aged 88, T. E. Slater aged 17, F. Wells, O. Garwood conductor. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. C. Honeybell conductor, H. Thompson, G. Maxim, F. Wells, S. Slater, O. Garwood. Our correspondent adds: "In the Oxford we have the oldest and youngest ringers of this neighbourhood ringing together. May they do so for many years to come."

GLEMSFORD.—On Saturday, August 9th, in honour of the Coronation, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. Z. Slater, C. Adams, F. Wells, T. E. Slater, C. Honeybell, S. Slater conductor. The same band also rang the following touches of Oxford Treble Bob: 240, 288, 264, 120 and 144. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. Slater conductor, C. Honeybell, Z. Slater, F. Wells, G. Moore, C. Clare, A. Aviss. On Sunday, August 10th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Slater, C. Honeybell, Z. Slater, T. E. Slater, G. Moore, O. Garwood conductor. On Tuesday, August 12th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Slater conductor, G. Smith, O. Garwood, F. Wells, R. Theobald, G. Moore. On Wednesday, August 13th, on the occasion of the Horticultural Show in the rectory grounds, 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. Slater conductor, C. Adams, Z. Slater, F. Wells, C. Honeybell, O. Garwood. And 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. Slater, C. Honeybell, Z. Slater, F. Wells, P. O. Bixby, O. Garwood conductor. The following touches were also rung: 240, 288, and 144 Oxford Treble Bob, two 360s of Double Court, and 120 Plain Bob, in which T. E. Slater and others took part. Total number of changes rung during the day 3003. On Thursday, August 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. Slater, conductor, R. Brett (Aynsford), E. Brett (London), F. Wells, C. Honeybell, G. Moore. And 300 Bob Minor. C. Honeybell, S. Slater, G. Moore, T. E. Slater, E. Brett, R. Brett conductor. The brothers Brett are descendants of the Wm. Brett who joined the Royal Cumberlands in 1835, whose name is found on peal boards in various steeples in London and elsewhere.

ICKLETON (Cambs).—On Saturday, August 9th, at the parish church, 1320 Grandsire Doubles, in 50 mins. F. Bowtell, E. Webb, P. Webb conductor, A. G. Lilley, J. Webb, F. Crick. And 720 Grandsire. S. Bowtell, 6; others as before.

BEXHILL.—On Monday, August 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Livermore, jun., J. W. Burgess, J. Beal, J. Livermore, F. Bugar composer and conductor, M. Cruttenden, F. Lock, W. Swain.

EDGBASTON (Birmingham).—On August 9th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1902 Doubles, being 480 Plain Bob, 480 Canterbury, 360 St. Dunstons, 582 Grandsire. J. Johnson, W. Bryant, E. T. Allaway conductor, H. F. Street, R. Hunt, T. Clayton. On Sunday, August 24th, for Divine Service, 720 Plain Bob, in 23 mins. J. Johnson, H. F. Street, J. Pigott conductor, E. T. Allaway, R. Hunt, W. Bryant.

GARGRAVE (Yorks).—On Sunday, August 24th, at St. Andrew's church, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Townson, H. Birtwhistle, J. E. Fishwick, W. Yeoman, J. Wane, C. Langstroth. For evening service, 720 Kent. W. Townson, C. Langstroth, H. Birtwhistle, W. Yeoman, J. Wane, J. E. Fishwick conductor.

LYE (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, August 24th, at the parish church, 209 Grandsire Triples. W. Short conductor, T. Pigott, E. T. Allaway, H. F. Street, R. James, J. Pigott, J. R. Werring, T. Redman. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Short conductor, T. Pigott, E. T. Allaway, H. F. Street, R. James, J. Pigott, J. R. Werring, J. Bass. And 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Short conductor, T. Pigott, E. T. Allaway, H. F. Street, R. James, J. Pigott, J. R. Werring, T. Redman. The above are the longest touches of Triples and Major on the bells, which are the lightest ring of eight in the kingdom, the tenor weighing only 3½ cwt.

GARBOLDISHAM (Norfolk).—On Saturday, August 9th, at the parish church, in honour of the Coronation, 720 Bob Minor. W. Bason, jun.,

W. Bloomfield, J. Chenery, Rev. C. L. Kennaway (rector), J. Bason, On Thursday, August 14th, 720 Bob Minor. S. Moule, W. Bloomfield, J. Chenery, W. Bason, J. Bason conductor, J. Woods.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Saturday, August 9th, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. W. Allen, G. A. Hensman, H. Rainbow, H. Blundell, A. P. Hensman, A. O. Stewart, W. Farey conductor, C. Fennell. On Tuesday, August 19th, for practice, touches of Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire. W. Farey, H. Blundell, H. Rainbow, G. A. Newman, A. P. Hensman, W. Allen, A. O. Stewart, S. Lawrence, J. Metherell. On Sunday, August 19th, 1152 Kent Treble Bob. T. Harris, G. A. Hensman, S. Lawrence, W. Allen, A. P. Hensman, H. Rainbow, A. O. Stewart, H. Blundell conductor.

OLD HILL (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, August 24th, for morning service at Holy Trinity church, 336 Grandsire Triples. F. Foxall, J. P. Mason, W. Adams, J. Baggridge, H. Cartwright, W. S. Foxall, W. Priest, W. Green. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. W. S. Foxall, H. Johnson, W. Adams, J. P. Mason, J. Baggridge, W. Priest, W. Green, H. Cartwright.

TUE BROOK (Liverpool).—On August 9th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Hutton, F. Larkey, W. Page, G. Dickinson, E. Cannc, W. Twist, A. Lovall, G. Page. Another quarter-peal. R. Hutton, G. Dickinson, W. Page, F. Larkey conductor, A. Lovall, W. Twist, E. Cannc, G. Page. And 630 Grandsire Triples, R. Hutton, E. Cannc, W. Page, F. Larkey, G. Dickinson, W. Twist, A. Lovall conductor, G. Page.

WALDRON (Sussex).—On Saturday, August 23rd, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples was lost after ringing about 3000 changes, in 1 hr. 45 mins. W. Jenner, H. Rann, G. Smart, A. Turner, A. Hobden, B. Hobbs, A. Reed conductor, W. Rapley. On Sunday, August 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Rann, A. Reed, E. Jennings, J. Beal, A. Turner, A. Hobden, G. Smart conductor, G. Scother. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Jenner, H. Hobbs, J. Beal, H. Rann conductor, J. Gaston, J. Burgess, A. Reed, G. Scother.

HASKETON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, August 10th, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Markham, F. Crapnell, W. Watling, J. Barber, H. Cutting, W. Fisher. Also 360 in the same method. J. Watling, H. Burch, W. King, W. Fisher, W. Steel, A. Hatcher. And 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Markham, F. Crapnell, C. King conductor, W. King, W. Leggett, A. Hatcher. Also 720 in the same method. J. Last, H. Burch, W. King, F. Watling conductor, W. Steel, A. Hatcher.

THE LATE JOHN DAY,

The members of the St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham have decided to erect peal-tablets in the towers of St. Martin and Aston and Harborne parish churches, to commemorate the muffled peals rung as a mark of respect to the above. The executive therefore take this opportunity to inform the country members of the Guild wishing to subscribe that subscriptions may be sent to and will be acknowledged by the Honorary Secretary, W. H. Godden, 61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, or to any of the Guild's officers.

The New Palace Steamers are now announcing their last days of sailing, and soon the "La Marguerite," "Royal Sovereign," and "Koh-i-noor" will be back again in dock for the winter. The last "Koh-i-noor" husbands' boat to Margate will run to-day, Saturday, September 6th, and "La Marguerite" trips to the Continent will end on Thursday, the 11th, she making her last voyage to Calais on that date. The "Royal Sovereign," however, will continue to sail to Margate until the 15th, leaving that port after the 8th inst. somewhat earlier in order to secure as much daylight as possible on the homeward journey.

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A TEN-PART PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

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First rung at South Wigston by members of the Midland Counties Association, on Saturday, November 2nd, 1901, and conducted by George Cleal. The composer wishes through the medium of this paper to thank Mr. Cleal for the skilful way in which he conducted this intricate composition, and to the six others for their excellent striking throughout.

To avoid confusion the course-ends are shown when the observation bell in this case the 4th is in 7th place, so the calls at the various places are as usually understood, viz., 3 in slow, 12 in quick, etc. The 4th bell has been chosen for the observation simply to avoid the otherwise inevitable three-call set. The thin black lines shew the sixes which the last call makes the observation bell omit. The course-end in brackets at beginning of peal is the natural course-end, which followed by S at 1 would produce rounds at the second six. Commence from rounds with a slow six, calling the S at three at the go off. The S at 14 at the end produces rounds instead of the natural course-end 1237564.

This peal, which has only twenty-two two-call sets, was composed with the express object of reducing consecutive calls to a minimum. The composer does not for a moment hold that bob and single peals are desirable, but as Stedman Triples contains such objectionable features as fourteen and eight-pull dodges, it seems a question of evils. Again, isolated singles come nearer to the composer's ideal, viz., double dodging throughout.

A variation of this peal will appear next week.

NUTFIELD (Surrey).—On Saturday, August 9th, 720 Bob Minor. A. W. Hersey aged 15. J. Burkin aged 83. E. Fuller, T. S. Leeson, G. Otter, W. Burkin conductor

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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."

THE SALISBURY GUILD AND HAMPSHIRE.

SIR,—Mr. George Williams's reference to district meetings is a curious coincidence with my own suggestion to Mr. Matthews when he first raised this question. I replied to him that as our desire was for union by way of meetings among us as friends, while wishing to avoid the difficulties of red tape, the latter might be overcome by arranging for individual members to pay their subscriptions each to their own diocesan association; but to hold joint meetings of our own East Dorset branch, and the adjacent division of the Winchester Association. His reply was: "I do not see at present how we can meet your wishes, as Ringwood was formerly affiliated to us." This reason seems inadequate, not to say contradictory.

The facts mentioned by Mr. Matthews in your issue of Aug. 9. are interesting, but he does not refer to the disputed period. Were I to use his terms I should say he had purposely omitted it, but of course I do not believe that for a moment. As there has been no record published of that period, the Salisbury Diocesan report not having been issued that year, perhaps it would be well to give a short summary of the events.

Having been elected a ringing member of the Winchester Association in October, 1900, and of the Salisbury Guild in November, 1900, I started a band of ringers affiliated to the latter Guild at Verwood, and took steps to see how a local Association could be formed; I was told either directly, or through friends, that the towers of Ringwood, Christchurch, and Fordingbridge (all in Hampshire) would join hands with us at Verwood and Cranbourne in Dorset, and Bourne-mouth in Hampshire. The then Secretary said it would be best for all to join the Salisbury Guild. I was invited to a committee meeting at Salisbury to discuss Mr. Tilney-Bassett's scheme for dividing the diocese into districts. I pointed out that this division of Dorset was unworkable, and suggested another division which would include these four towers of Hampshire in the East Dorset branch. The committee unanimously agreed to this, and three of those four towers sent a representative to the annual meeting in June 1901, in order to carry this scheme into effect. It was largely through their help that this was carried through, and Mr. Tilney-Bassett and myself elected to our present positions. (The representative from Ringwood had been elected some months before, and those from Christchurch and Bourne-mouth were members of many years' standing.) For six months we worked together, and had frequent meetings, until in December, 1901, Mr. Matthews objected to our meeting at Ringwood. This objection he afterwards withdrew, but has done his best since to misinterpret what has been done here, and hinder any united work.

Then to everyone's surprise, Mr. Tilney-Bassett suddenly turned round and insisted on getting rid of the Hampshire towers. Our branch has pointed out that this is a breach of faith, and he has made various promises, which resemble the proverbial pie-crust. Both the Winchester Association and the Salisbury Guild have twice emphatically expressed their desire that no alteration be made in the present arrangements. But at present these two self-willed officers seem as determined as ever to defy every one else. If Mr. Tilney-Bassett was elected in order to carry out a certain scheme why does he not do so and cease this mischievous interference?

Mr. Matthews says that his Association has been instructing, the Fordingbridge band for the past few months, but he omits to state that this was done at my request, and entirely by my arrangements, his words convey quite an erroneous impression I was anxious that both they and the Ringwood men (who also owe their change-ringing to Dorset) should join the Winchester Guild first. But as they would not, I used our Guild as the stepping-stone.

My sole object has been, and is, to use the Guilds to help one another. Everyone is—and has long been—heartily sick of these questions, and all are only too desirous that those who are raising these difficulties should let matters rest, and let us work for union, and not division.

H. DRAKE.

Notices.

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The Archdeaconry of Salop Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, to-day, Saturday, September 6th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 3.30 p.m., preacher, Rev. J. J. Morris, Vicar of St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury. Business meeting at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.

J. MACKAY, Hon. Sec.

Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Lymington, Hants (8) to-day, Saturday, September 6th. Meeting at 3.30. Tea at 4.30. After this date all communications, etc., must be addressed to the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Thorpe Vicarage, Chertsey.

CHARLES E. MATTHEWS.

Bursledon Vicarage, Southampton

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's church, Staines, to-day, Saturday, September 6. Ringing to commence at 4 sharp. Tea at 6. kindly provided by the Vicar. Members and friends are cordially invited.

C. EDWARDS, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Lampton, Hounslow.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Brown Edge to-day, Saturday, September 6th.

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

The Hertfordshire County Association.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden to-day, Saturday, September 6th. Bells of the parish church will be available from 3 p.m.

J. EARWICKER, Hon. Sec. St. Albans District.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bootle on Saturday, September 13th. Bells ready at 4.

WALTER HUGHES.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bradley, on Saturday, September 13th. Bells ready at 4. Service in church at 5 p.m.

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The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Association will be held at Chepstow on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available after twelve o'clock.

REV. C. L. PRICE, Hon. Sec.

J. H. ALDRIDGE, Asst. Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association of Six-Bell Ringers.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Blackrod, on Saturday, September 13.

JAMES HIGSON, Sec.

The Heavy Woollen District Society.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Holmfirth, on Saturday, September 13th. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. Meeting house, The King's Head inn.

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The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Northern Branch.—A General Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 13th, at Louth (8 bells). Divine Service in the parish church at 5

o'clock. Tea, 1s. per head, will be provided in the parish room at 5.30 p.m. Will those intending being present please communicate with Mr. Smith, 7, Uppgate, Louth, by Wednesday next, the 10th inst.

P. O. BIXBY, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at East Crompton, on Saturday, September 13th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.30 All ringers welcome.

JAS. JACQUES, Sec.

The Yorkshire Association.—The meeting at Beverley will be held on Saturday, September 20th, the local hon. sec. being Mr. W. Gibson, of Brithunus Place, Long Lane, Beverley. The N.E. Railway will run an excursion from Leeds at 12.45, returning at 8.35, return fare 1s. 9d.

Leeds, Sept. 2 WM. SNOWDON, President.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 9th inst.; at St. Magnus, London Bridge, on the 11th inst. and 25th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 16th; and at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 30th, all at 8 p.m. Business meetings after the two latter.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

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The Norwich Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Norwich, on Thursday, September 25th. A special service will be held at St. Peter Mancroft at 12.45, when an address will be given by the Rev. Dr. Raven. Dinner at 1.30 in the Mancroft Parochial Hall, Chapel Field East, at 2s. 6d. for honorary members and friends, and 1s. 6d. for company members. Business meeting after dinner for election of officers. For particulars as to rail fares, etc., see printed circulars, which have been sent to all masters of companies.

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The Middlesex County Association.—Members are asked to take note that the annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, October 4th next, at St. Margaret's church, Westminster, as to which particulars will be announced later. The Hon. Secretaries will be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.

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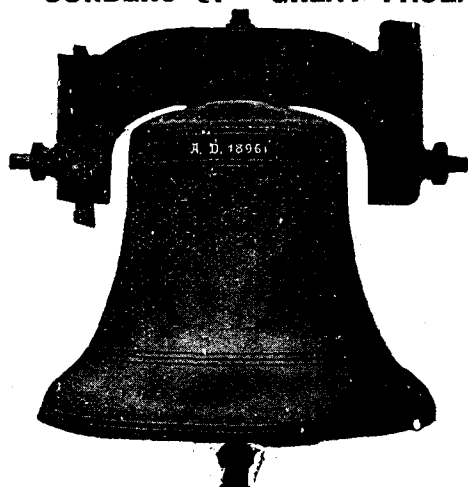
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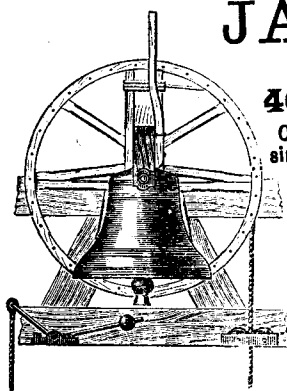
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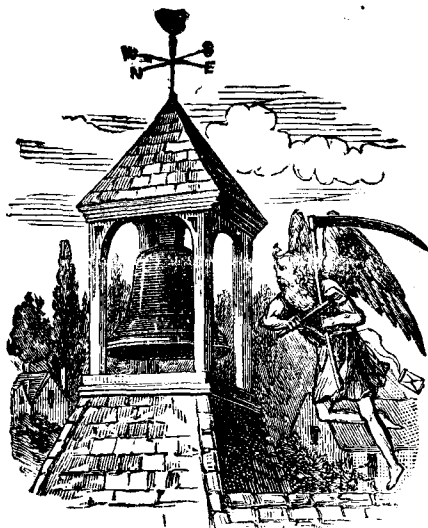
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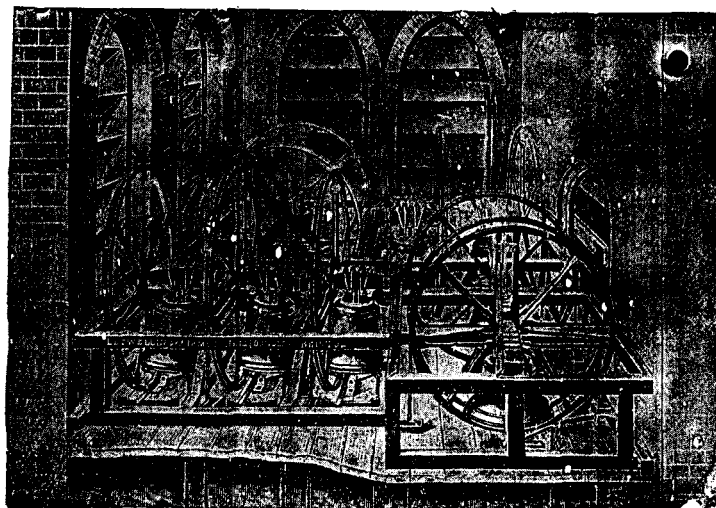
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

CHEPSTOW (Monmouth). St. Mary. Chepstow and District Association. Eight bells. All by Evans, the two trebles in 1749, the rest in 1735. Tenor 21 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were quartered, and rehung with new fittings by Warner, 1888. Ropes new 1891; fair. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Darlaston Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Monday and Saturday, 7.30. Visitors welcome.

CHERTSEY (Surrey). St. Peter. Winchester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd and tenor by Mears, 1859; 3rd by Phelps, 1710; 4th by Lester and Pack, 1756; 5th and 6th about 1300; 7th by Mot, 1588. The 5th, known as the abbey bell, was probably the bell tolled for the death of Henry VI. in 1471, when his remains were sheltered by the monastery on the journey by water to Windsor for burial. This is the bell to the clapper of which Blanch Heriot clung to save her lover, who had promised to give himself up for execution if a reprieve did not arrive from the King before the curfew sounded. Tenor 20 cwt. Timber frame. Bells go very well. The ring were rehung by Mears, 1859. A carillon playing four tunes was fixed by Benson. Methods: "Our own methods." Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: "When necessary on Thursday evenings." "The bells are too well-known to need further description."

CHESTER. Christ and the Blessed Virgin Cathedral. Chester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. 6th, 1606; 5th and 7th by Rudhall, 1827; the rest by Warner, 1867. Tenor 35 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Bells go comfortably. Repairs by Warner, 1895. There is a small extra bell cast in 1626. Ropes new 1895. Methods:

Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob. No Sunday ringing except on festivals. Practice: Tnesday, 7.30. A carillon is fixed.

St. Mary-on-the-Hill. Chester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1895. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Ropes, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.40, and 6 to 6.25. Practice: Wednesday, 7.

St. Mary-without-the-Walls. Chester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1887. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Iron frame. Bells go well except tenor. Ropes new 1896; good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, Double Norwich and London Surprise. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: (usually) Saturday, 7. Two more bells are to be added, and the tenor rehung.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire). St. Mary and All Saints. Midland Counties' Association. Ten bells. All by Mears, 1819. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Day, 1896. Ropes new 1895, fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11, and 5.40 to 6.30, except on morning of 1st in month. Practice: irregular.

CHICHESTER (Sussex). Holy Trinity. Sussex County Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Phelps, 1729. Tenor 22 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. by the same, 1706; 3rd, 1583; 4th, 1674; 5th and 6th, 1665; 7th, 1587; founders not stated. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repaired by Taylor, 1896. Ropes new 1899, good. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30. Practice: Tuesday, 8; in winter, Saturday.

CHIDDINGSTONE (Kent). St. Mary. Kent County Association. Eight bells. Treble and 5th by Patrick, 1784; 2nd and 4th by Mears, 1838; also 4th, 1838; 3rd and 6th, 1893. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 4 ft., 1867. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were rehung by Mears, 1893. Ropes new 1893, bad. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Wednesday, 7.30. It would appear that the tower has been condemned, and that the bells are not now rung.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

WELCOME HOME TO MR. WILLIAM ROCK SMALL.

On Thursday evening, August 28th, a few ringing friends met at St. Martin's parish church and rang 1316 changes (part of Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples), as a compliment to the above ringer on his return from America. A very sociable evening was afterwards spent together. During his six weeks' stay he has visited Troy and Magna Falls, Albany, Hartford, and many other cities in the east, in many of which he has inspected some of the large manufacturing concerns, which have given him an excellent impression of American enterprise and ingenuity to bring home with

him. It has been his pleasure during his travel to be the guest of General Superintendent Charles A. G. Winther, of the Chapman Valve Company, Mr. and Mrs. William Joy, of Boston, and others. He speaks very highly of the cordiality accorded him by all with whom he has come in contact, which has helped him to thoroughly enjoy himself. In fact he states that it has been to him the most enjoyable outing he ever experienced.

On Sunday, August 31st, a quarter-peal of Bob Major was attempted for morning service, with Mr. Allen Rowley, of Cardiff, brother of one of the local ringers, but was unfortunately lost near the end owing to the breaking of the 3rd rope. The ringers who took part were: S. Baker, W. Fisher, E. Goodreds (Coseley), S. Reeves, T. Horton (West Bromwich), W. Hinton, T. Horton, E. Jones, B. Lewis, Albert Rowley, W. R. Small, J. Small, J. Smith, and H. Smith, of the local band; Allen Rowley (Cardiff), and Jno. W. Smith (Netherton).

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

An interesting marriage was solemnised at St. George's church, Stockport, on a recent Wednesday. The contracting parties were Miss Annie Sumner, of Crosby Street, Stockport, and Mr. Thomas Jackson, of Lowfield Road. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. J. H. Thorpe, B.D. (Vicar). The bride was given away by Mr. Robert Bullock, her brother-in-law. The bridesmaids were Miss Annie Wood and Miss Alice Scott, and the best man, Mr. Stephen Jackson. The bridegroom is one of the ringers at St. George's church, and while the bridal party was entering the church, his fellow-ringers ascended the tower and rang. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson subsequently left for Llandudno, where the honeymoon is being spent. In the evening the ringers met together, and rang a date touch of Stedman Triples.

The following is a list of presents: St. George's ringers, coal vase; Mr. and Mrs. Bullock, brass curb suite; Mr. and Mrs. Booth, tea service; Mr. and Mrs. Scragg (Handforth), framed pictures; — Maynard, silver cruet; Miss Turly (Southport), silver sugar bowl and spoons; Miss Scott (Heaton Norris), butter cooler; Mr. and Mrs. Scott (Hyde), silver jam dishes; Mr. Thomas Johnson, silver jelly dish; Mr. and Mrs. S. Jackson, vases; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jackson, damask cloth; Misses Jolliffe and Brown, damask cloth and tidy; Mrs. Langton, tidy; Miss Moss, sugar bowl and jug; Mrs. and Miss Woods, salts; Miss Gant (Bredbury), table centres; Mrs. Booth (Hyde), tray cloth and doyleys; Miss Bullock, teapot; Misses Webster, Cooper, and Buxton, flower stand; Miss Armitage, table centres; Miss E. Bullock, framed pictures; Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, hand-painted mirror; Mrs. Johnson, pickle jar; Mr. and Mrs. T. Bullock, cake dish; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bayley, linen table cloth; Mrs. Goodison, Miss Hickton, and Eva, silver jam spoons.

INTERESTING PRESENTATION.

An interesting ceremony took place at St. George's church, Stockport, the other evening, when Mr. Thomas Jackson was made the recipient of a handsome present from his fellow-ringers on the occasion of his marriage with Miss Annie Sumner. The presentation, which took place in the belfry, was made by the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Thorpe, B.D.), who was accompanied by Mr. Charles Christie Miller. Ringers from Reddish and New Mills were also present.

In making the presentation the Vicar said he was

pleased to do so at the request of the steeplekeeper, Mr. Bailey. He thought the majority of ringers were married men, and as such were men to be relied upon, for a married man had the responsibilities which ballasted the ship and prevented him from being blown over by many of the storms of life. Mr. Jackson was one of their most efficient ringers, and was their treasurer. He was sorry the future Mrs. Jackson was not present on that occasion, but it was a long way up to the belfry, and there was a difficulty in getting ladies up. There was, he thought, something in common between matrimony and bell-ringing. An old bachelor had said that ladies were like bells, you never knew what sort they were until you rung them. Marriage was regarded too much from the "juggling" standpoint; he noticed that from many people who came to give out their banns, but marriage was a serious stop. Two persons were putting themselves into the closest relationship, and were exposing themselves to each others' influence. Some people before marriage were religious minded, but influence of a worldly and unchristian partner seemed to discourage and then to entirely dissipate their religion. A pernicious practice obtained in that part of the country. When a young couple set up housekeeping, their friends from all round the district visited them Sunday after Sunday, and the result was that many young couples never got into the habit of going to church. Those who were living under a sense of the Divine care and protection were led to keep a brave heart under the experience of life, and that was half the victory. In the case of their young friends he felt sure they would encourage and help each other in the service and fear of God, and that their interest in Church matters would continue and very greatly increase. There were three things which young people should keep in their minds when they were going to be married: the eye, the head and the heart should be satisfied; the eye satisfied, for the man should admire the woman: the head should be satisfied, for the man should respect his wife; and the heart should be engaged, for a man should love his wife. It was part of his business to study the diseases of the mind and soul, and he saw that in a great many of the novels unfortunately circulated in the town through the agency of the Stockport Free Library, persons got married and fell in love with somebody else afterwards. That was a very wrong state of things. In launching upon the sea of matrimony Mr. Jackson had their warmest and heartiest greetings. They were presenting him with that handsome coal box, a remembrance of the warmth of their feelings. He had great pleasure in making the presentation, and in wishing Mr. Jackson prosperity, long life and happiness.

Mr. Jackson briefly replied, thanking his fellow-ringers for their handsome gift, and the Vicar for so kindly making the presentation.

Mr. Jno. Bailey in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for making the presentation, said that in him they had a warm supporter of the belfry.

Mr. James Booth having seconded, the motion was heartily carried.

In replying, the Vicar said that bell-ringers should remember above all others that they should be most regular in attendance in the House of God. There was nothing more wrong than for men to point the way for other people to go, and not to go that way themselves.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Our American friends, Dr. and Miss Nichols, are making the most of their stay in the old country. The young lady has certainly turned her visit to good effect. Perhaps we may hear of more peals from the provinces in which she will have taken part. They could hardly have visited a more historical place (campanalogically considered) than Painswick, and it is pleasing to hear that they were quite taken up with the bells, and also with Painswick in general. There are lots of other picturesque towns in the old country (from a ringer's point of view) with which the Doctor and his daughter would be equally delighted.

This reference to Painswick brings to my mind the correspondence which appeared some time ago concerning the restoration of the bells. Admirers of these bells had something to say about the manner and shape in which such restoration should be proceeded with. That excellent and enthusiastic Painswick ringer, William Hale, was much exercised in the matter, and he did not hesitate to say anything that came first in his mind. He was said to be a thorn in the sides of some of those who wanted the restoration carried out this way, when he wanted it the other. It was hinted that he was a descendant, or a distant relative, or in some way connected with the late Archdeacon Hale, who was once a Canon of St. Paul's, and who had the character of possessing an unchangeable mind, and could not easily be got to alter an opinion once formed. However this may be, our friend William Hale, of Painswick, was only actuated by sincere zeal for the welfare of his beloved bells. It may be supposed that their restoration has completely satisfied him.

About Archdeacon Hale mentioned above the following is told. He was a martinet among the Cathedral officials, vergers, and so forth. One of these latter had greatly displeased him, and the offender was sent for. With stern countenance the Archdeacon asked—"Are you aware sir, in what way the Egyptians were plagued for their continued disobedience?" The answer was: "Yes: they had Hale!"

Four places in last number I see sent "no return." Caversham, one of these four, was mentioned last week, and T. Newman sends the following letter concerning the omission:—

"THE CAVERSHAM 'NO RETURN.'—As I have been asked to say why I had not sent any return for Caversham, I will do so as briefly as possible. Before doing so I should like to thank the editor for his little article in last week's issue re trickery of bob-caller. I think all such should be named, and struck off the list. Now sir, this is the reason, and this only, which caused me to leave the Oxford Guild after eighteen or nineteen years' membership, just at the time I had the returns in hand: All the other members of the band remained in the Guild, and as far as I know never intended to leave it, but those straightforward lovers of truth and justice, the officials, deliberately printed and circulated broadcast in their report—'Caversham: no ringers.' Since then I have taken no interest in any ringing matters outside the church I am connected with, hence 'no return.' I now challenge any member of the Oxford Guild to state what rule, if any, they have got which will cover their action towards the Caversham company. Then, sir, they can start black-

balling to their heart's content, as it will have no effect on Tom Newman."

This is no explanation at all, but something like biting off your nose to spite your face. What has the work and objects of the Central Council to do with your differences with the Oxford Guild? Shake off this temper, and play the man. Join your Guild again, and ventilate your grievances in a proper and legitimate manner. Don't sulk; make what you consider the proper representations to the Guild officials, and I am sure you will have a patient hearing. The worthy Master of the Guild is proverbially just and fair. No more spleen, Tom.

Some peal-faker has had a rap of the knuckles. Who is it? Whom does the cap fit? I invite the gentleman peal-mangler to make himself known without delay. I appeal to him to come forward and say that he would have foisted—yes, foisted—a false performance on the Exercise. I ask him to make himself known as a defaulter in calling, before another copy of this paper appears, and express contrition for his offence. Else he will be blown on, and then—

The coupons are coming along in bushels, I am told. I am sorry for this, in one sense, because there will be so many disappointments. Only four prizes, and about 150 competitors already! Next week myself and another of the staff will examine them, and decide who are to be the fortunate ones. The following number will contain their names and addresses. Look for my page next week. I am pleased to see that my instructions of last week have been regarded; there is really nothing like plain speaking.

The cricket season is done with I think, for this year. Now the papers will, I suppose, have a page of statistics daily about the refined sport of football. Talking of cricket, there was an old-fashioned parish clerk in a certain county who was a dabster at this game, and joined a team at every opportunity. One hot Sunday morning he fell asleep during the sermon. Waking just at the completion, his dream had been about his favourite game, so instead of uttering the customary "Amen," he ejaculated in a somewhat loud voice—"Over!"

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THE BIRMINGHAM HANDBELL PEAL, ETC.

SIR,—I see in your last issue that Mr. Cockerill does not relish the idea of the Birmingham peal having precedence over the non-conducted peal rang by the College Youths. Now, sir, in the first place nothing could be greater than the contrast between the two compositions. Carter's peal, which consists of a lot of mixed-up calling and odd bobs, and only one observation-bell, is beyond all doubt the most difficult peal to call yet rung, while Thurstans's one-part, if set out in three-course blocks, will, after the first eighteen courses be found to repeat over and over again. The same of Lates's one-part, only the latter runs in five-course blocks instead of three. Both have two fixed bells and anyone who understands calling Stedman could call either Thurstans's or Lates's one-part almost as easy as they could Thurstans's four-part. I'll admit that the honours were more evenly divided in the College Youths' peal, but as a performance the Birmingham peal must take the precedence; and if it had been rung by the College Youths no doubt Mr. Cockerill's opinion would have been vice versa.

W. PYE.

SIR,—I see in your issue of the 6th instant some remarks concerning the recently-rung handbell peal of Stedman Triples at Birmingham, in which it is not thought to rank with the silent peal referred to. I am inclined to think the composition is not sufficiently known of this new peal: of course it is only Stedman Triples after all. But there is a difference in peals of Stedman in point of difficulty of ringing and conducting. Take for instance a short course peal of Stedman Cinques and an ordinary one. A band may ring the latter easily, but the former not so easily. I know this from experience. Then again with regard to a silent peal: the band who ring in it are thoroughly acquainted with the composition, and they know, and consequently expect, the positions into which they come. They also have the advantage of the observation-bell, which tends to help them much; whereas in this new composition you don't get the comfort of an observation-bell, you are driven from pillar to post, as it were, and as the men ringing it (except the conductor) know nothing of its construction, they find it much more difficult to ring than a silent peal band do. The odd manner of the calling don't make it any easier. The author, Mr. John Carter, declares it to be the hardest peal in all methods to call. In my opinion it is the masterpiece of Stedman conducting double-handed.

T. MILLER.

SIR,—Allow me to congratulate Mr. W. H. Barber on conducting the odd bob one-part peal of Stedman Triples, first upon church bells, and then upon handbells, the latter of which I consider the masterpiece of conducting, especially when calling it from non-observation bells. The ringers also have performed no mean feat in ringing such a peal.

JOHN CARTER.

SCIENCE AND ART, AND STEDMAN TRIPLES.

SIR,—Is not Mr. Cockerill in your last issue raising the question of Science and Art once more? It is true that statements such as he criticises are not worth making, as it is impossible that such a belief can rest on any substantial basis; for granting that the Birmingham performance was faultless, who can possibly assume, except as a wild guess, that no one else ever rang as well before? Obviously no opinion on the point can be worth anything except in the case of a person who has heard all the Stedman Triples handbell peals that have yet been rung. But when it is claimed that of two performances one is finer than the other because it is non-conducted, the superiority is based on a larger amount of science being displayed by the individual performers. But supposing the case of one handbell peal being conducted and struck perfectly throughout, and another non-conducted and struck though truly yet in an inferior style—e.g. bad leads, or hesitation at times, which performance would rank the higher? and why? Perhaps when, if ever, Mr. Drake, Mr. Matthews, and Mr. Tilney-Bassett have composed their existing differences, these redoubtable controversialists will favour us

with a discussion on the exact psychological relation between conducting and striking, a subject which seems to be eminently adapted to their distinguished dialectical gifts.

R. A. DANIELL.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

SIR,—Your remarks in to-day's issue upon falsely-rung peals tempt me to re-tell a story which, I think, bears repeating. In the year 1886 the late Mr. J. Field, of Oxford, whom on my invitation had helped us in our early struggles to learn change-ringing, came to conduct our first attempt at a peal. We had passed the half-way single, and all seemed going well, when he stopped us, and explained that two bells had shifted. I asked him afterwards if it could not have been put right, and he said: "Yes; I could have called them into place again, and finished the peal without anybody being the wiser; but it would have been no credit to you or me."

T. L. PAPILLON.

Writtle, Sept. 6th.

MR. LANCASHIRE'S PEALS.

SIR,—I should like to ask Mr. J. O. Lancashire what improvements (if any) there is in his peal of Stedman Triples, starting into the first change of the six instead of the general start, i.e. the fifth change of the six. I contend that any one method on any number of bells should have but one way of going into changes, and Stedman starting into the first change of the slow six is better for all numbers of bells from five to eleven, since peals can be got in any number of changes. Is this Mr. Lancashire's view?

JOHN CARTER.

"STEDMAN."

SIR,—Although I have not been away from home during this holiday season, it seems as if some of your recent numbers must have been spending a few quiet days at the sea-side, en route for Leeds; at any rate your issue of August 22nd has only just come to hand! Allow me to thank Mr. Holding for his letter, and to inform him that the turn of "Stedman" has come at last. It is a settled fact that it is to be the next publication of the Jasper Snowdon series, thanks to the ever-willing pen of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, now busy with one or two final revisions of the finished work.

The Exercise has been very patient, but when they have the book before them I believe they will own that they have no cause for regrets; but I will not enter further into the matter at present.

For the sake of accuracy it may be well to point out that no advertisement has ever been withdrawn; the book's appearance being a future event of uncertain date I have not thought it fair to trouble your columns with any particulars of it.

Leeds, September 9th.

WM. SNOWDON.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—I notice in my letter of last week I stated that I attempted to start a local "Association" of the Salisbury Guild. It would have been better understood if I had said a local "Branch" of that Guild. Can it be that a similar mistake on someone's part is the cause of all the feeling manifested in the matter?

H. DRAKE.

NOTES TO PEALS.

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THE ST. THOMAS'S (PENDLETON) SOCIETY. — The annual outing took place on Friday, August 1st. A visit to the Irish capital having been decided upon, a party of fifteen ringers and friends meeting at Victoria Station, Manchester, "go" was called for Liverpool per train, at 6.30 p.m. Thence per City of Dublin Steamship Co's. steamer Cork of Dublin, which left port at 9 p.m. for an all night sail across the Irish Sea. Later in the evening when some of the party were retiring to rest it transpired that there were only twelve sleeping berths reserved for fifteen men, three being minus sleeping accommodation, causing much confusion in each of the berths, the result being an almost sleepless night for the party. It was in the "sma' wee hour's o' the morn," as our Scotch friend would say, when we were all more or less busy with our toilet, and were on deck before 5 a.m. to witness a beautiful sunrise over the Irish mountains. After a splendid passage across, arriving in Dublin at 6 a.m. none of our party having been afflicted with mal-de-mer during the journey, but having tucked in a goodly number of courses of ozone, we were all in good form for doing justice to a substantial breakfast when we arrived at our destination, the Coffee Palace, Townsend Street, Dublin, head-quarters during our brief sojourn. The breakfast being supplied in good time, the ringing of knives and forks became musical to the ears, then again as the "innards" of each member derived satisfaction from the good things disposed of, there was the gentle chatter of conversation on the previous night's confusion, and the rippling laughter over the fun derived from the sleepless night. Breakfast over, we were not long before we fell into the hands of Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, who most kindly and courteously took us in hand to be our guide and escort for a period of three days. The first item on the program was a visit to Guinness's brewery, where the whole process of the manufacture of the genuine Dublin Stout was explained to our party by the young gentleman in uniform who acted as guide. To some of our members the best and most and interesting part of this show was the tasting room, where we were all permitted to quaff the frothy beverage from a small silver flagon, and partook of the stout for Home and Foreign Consumption. Jupiter Pluvius being well to the fore on Saturday, our progress and wanderings through the Irish capital were scotched to a great extent, however, we managed to put in a very fair round considering the barometrical conditions. In the afternoon we paid a visit to Holy Trinity Church and rang Treble Bob Royal and Stedman Triples on the grand ring of ten, tenor 38 cwt. Sunday morning saw us off early after breakfast wending our way in the direction of St. Patrick's Cathedral, where we rang Treble Ten for morning service. Only a few of us found our way to the same place for afternoon service, but with the assistance of our friend Lindoff and Mr. Waghorn, of London (who was on a visit there), and two of our Irish brother-strings, we were successful in pulling off a good touch of Grand-sire Caters. A drive on the jaunting cars round Phoenix Park, and a visit per electric car to the Hill of Howth, completed the day's programme. Monday we paid a visit to Bray, taking Kingstown and Dalkey en route. Having the usual permit to ring from Archdeacon Scott, of Bray, we soon had the bells going to the tune of Treble Bob Major, a 670 being rung, 504 Stedman Triples. A course of London Surprise Major and 2 courses of Superlative Surprise Major. The day was brought to a close by a social evening to give Mr. Lindoff a hearty farewell, he not being at liberty to be with us beyond the third day. At the meeting, Mr. Barratt, speaking on behalf of the Manchester visitors, thanked Mr. Lindoff for his kindness in having obtained permission to ring at the various towers, and in a very unassuming manner acting as guide to the whole party, to the various places of interest in and around the City of Dublin, at the same time expressing the desire that it would not be the last time we should come in contact with such an able, scientific and genial brother-string as friend Lindoff. In conclusion, he hoped Mr. Lindoff would kindly accept a small present in the shape of a box of cigars of a good brand, as a token of esteem and respect by the visitors. Mr. Brown said he could endorse all that had been said in reference to friend Lindoff, and that on behalf of the company, he personally was extremely well pleased with

Mr. Lindoff, and all that he had done for them during his short visit, and that he hoped Mr. Lindoff would convey his best thanks of the visitors to the clergy and wardens for granting them permission to ring at the various churches. Mr. Lindoff in reply said it had given him much pleasure to be with them for a few days, and whatever he had done for them he felt amply satisfied had they only derived pleasure from the same, and that he was willing at all times to do what little he could for brother-strings visiting the Irish metropolis. Having promised to convey the thanks of the visitors to proper quarters and kindly thanking them for the small token, he resumed his seat amid applause from the company. This brought another pleasant day to a close. The following day, Tuesday, we were thrown entirely on our own resources, Mr. Lindoff having resumed his daily avocation, and Mr. Waghorn returning home on that day; we decided upon paying a visit to Lucan, some of the party going on to visit the salmon leap at the village of Leizip, this portion of the party caused a disarrangement, as dinner was ordered for one o'clock prompt at headquarters, and not being able to reach there, a wire had to be forwarded to reduce the number of diners by five. The other ten in number that returned to time paid a visit to Glasnevin cemetery in the afternoon, the lost ones reaching headquarters in time for tea. In the evening Mr. Lindoff joined us again, and as eight members of our party were returning on the night boat for Liverpool, we bid them bon-voyage and good night; friend Lindoff escorting the remnants of the party to Merrion Square, to enjoy a splendid programme of music discoursed by His Majesty's Irish Guards Band. Afterward assembling at a place within the meaning of the Act, for a little light refreshment, and to bid a final farewell to Mr. Lindoff, as we were all returning home per steamer "Wicklow," at noon the following day, Wednesday, which opened wet and boisterous, and we had a lively passage across of about ten hours' duration, when several of men were absently-minded feeding the fishes, or pretending to do so. However we all reached Manchester safe, after one of the most enjoyable outings the Pendleton company has ever had. Through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" we all desire to express our best thanks to Mr. Lindoff, Mr. Waghorn, and our Irish friends, and also to the clergy and churchwardens for permission to ring, and all others who in any small way contributed to the success of this outing. W. B.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY. EDMONTON (Middlesex). — On Saturday, August 30th, the above society had their annual outing, the places selected being Reigate and Redhill. Starting from Edmonton at 6.40, they reached Reigate at 9 o'clock. After a little refreshment and a walk round the old town, 12 o'clock found them at the parish church, where they met Mr. F. Hoad, jun., the steeplekeeper, who conducted them to the tower, and after a few touches on this grand ring of bells, a move was made for Mark Dean's Dining Rooms, where a first-rate dinner was in readiness, of which all partook heartily. The next movement was a stroll through the park, and after meeting Messrs. F. W. and J. Rice and G. Paice, at the church at 3.15, a try was made for a touch on the ten bells, but there seemed something wrong at the rope's end, so Double Norwich and Stedman Triples was indulged in, which soon brought tea time. After tea, soon found them making for St. John's, Redhill, where they found that Mr. Dewey had everything ready, and a few touches of Stedman and Double Norwich soon brought train time, so Red Hill Station was found, and Edmonton was reached shortly before midnight, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Messrs. Hoad and Dewey and friends for having everything ready and meeting them. Mr. Hoad accompanied the party all day for which they thank him very much. This is the first visit to Reigate and Redhill, and it is hoped it is not the last. F. J. P.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1904.

OUR observations last week were connected with some intelligence we had received about falsehood in peal-ringing. That is to say, it had come to our knowledge that there were instances of late where the principal object was to force a peal anyhow, quite irrespective of its truth or genuineness. The time was when a simple shift of two bells only was not seriously regarded if they were "replaced" within a few changes. Of course we cannot allow even that now. But in the cases which have recently been brought before us, the most miserable bungling has been perpetrated, hardly believable, in fact. Such miserable abortions as these must be prevented. Whoever takes part in them and keeps silence concerning their worthlessness assists the dishonest aims of the caller. Some drastic remedy will have to be adopted if any more of such displays are heard of. We are afraid the evil is more serious than imagined.

The Provinces.

**DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
(DERBY DISTRICT.)**

On Saturday, August 30, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.**

GEORGE WARD Treble.	GEORGE DAWSON 5.
ALBERT H. WARD 2.	SAMUEL MASKREY 6.
CHARLES DRAPER 3.	EDMUND WILLIS 7.
WILLIAM HICKLING 4.	JOHN FLOWERS Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES DRAPER.

NOTTINGHAM.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 27, 1902, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.**

JOSEPH WOOLLEY* Treble.	*HERBERT W. NEEDHAM 5.
THOMAS HORTON 2.	*HENRY WOODING 6.
SAMUEL WESLEY 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
JOHN HICKMAN 4.	*ROBERT GEE Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman; also the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 4, 1902, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM BERRY Treble.	HARRY HOSKINS 5.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	ISAAC G. SHADE 6.
EDWARD N. PRICE 3.	CHARLES WILKINS 7.
WILLIAM FOREMAN* 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

*First peal of Double Norwich and first attempt. This composition is now rung for the first time.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 5, 1902, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor about 16 cwt.

HENRY W. KIRTON Treble.	JOHN W. THOMPSON 5.
ALBERT E. THOMPSON 2.	THOMAS H. COLBURN 6.
FRANK PERVIN 3.	*JAMES L. WELLS 7.
JOSEPH DAVIS 4.	HARRY WHITTLE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

*First peal in the method. J. Davis was elected a member previous to starting for the peal. This composition which is believed to be produced by the least number of calls (fifty-seven only), is now rung for the first time.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, September 6, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5504 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES HUNT Treble.	THOMAS BETTISON 5.
SAMUEL PRICE 2.	JOHN FLINT 6.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 3.	JOHN P. TARLTON 7.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

This peal which is now rung for the first time contains the 6th the extent in all positions, and the 5th the extent wrong at five course-ends.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1902, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr 20 lbs.

WILLIAM PELLING Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE 5.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER 6.
EDMUND H. LINDUP 3.	GEORGE A. KING 7.
KEITH HART 4.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

HARWICH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

WALTER HONEYWOOD .. Treble.	ARTHUR T. MORRIS 5.
JAMES COTTIS* 2.	GEORGE THOMPSON 6.
ERNEST G. FENN 3.	THOMAS STEWARD 7.
ROWLAND FENN 4.	CALEB FENN Tenor.

Composed by ALBERT C. HARDY, of Barking, and
Conducted by CALEB FENN.

*First peal. This is the quickest peal rung on the bells, and is the conductor's 50th peal, an account of which will be found elsewhere.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 6, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor about 12 cwt.**

WILLIAM F. WEBB Treble.	†THOMAS GIBBS 5.
JOHN NEAL 2.	JOHN T. PERRY 6.
HENRY GROSVENOR 3.	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 7.
CHARLES MACKENZIE 4.	ALBERT E. FORD Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN T. PERRY.

†Proposed a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1902, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.**

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble.	EDWIN WHEATER 5.
THOMAS B. KENDALL 2.	JAMES COTTERELL 6.
JOHN PALFRAMAN 3.	JOHN T. EASON 7.
ALBERT SCOTT 4.	JOHN WM. BARKER Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by JAS. COTTERELL.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 6, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.**

JESSE ELDRIDGE Treble.	J. J. PRATT 5.
MAURICE SMITHERS 2.	GEORGE GUTTERIDGE 6.
FREDERICK GOMM 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
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On Saturday, September 6, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble.	GEORGE B. LUCAS 5.
HENRY S. REEVES 2.	WILLIAM PYE 6.
ERNEST PYE 3.	HENRY G. ROWE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. G. Rowe.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sunday, September 7, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs.

ARTHUR THOS. GODLEY .. Treble.	CHARLES CHAPMAN 5.
EDWARD MANKELOW 2.	GEORGE A. CARD 6.
WILLIAM SPICE 3.	JAMES MAYNARD 7.
GEORGE TURLEY 4.	THOMAS CARD Tenor.

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by JAMES MAYNARD.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 8, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBIN POTTER* Treble.	ERNEST E. FERRY 5.
JOHN S. RICHARDSON* 2.	EDWARD A. WEIGHTMAN .. 6.
OSWALD SIMM 3.	JOHN FOREMAN 7.
THOMAS MACLAREN 4.	GEORGE WARDLE Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

*First peal.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 8, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT BISHOPWEARMOUTH PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRANK NAISBY Treble.	THOMAS T. GOFTON 5.
JOSEPH W. PARKER 2.	*THOMAS RICHARDSON .. 6.
JOHN J. LEIGHTON 3.	*ROBERT W. LOVIE 7.
ROBERT C. HUDSON 4.	WILLIAM T. ROBSON Tenor.

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

*First peal of Double Norwich.

Handbell Peal.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 7, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. LANGSTONE, ST. ANDREW'S ROAD,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM PYE 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 5-6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3-4.	*HARRY CATTERWELL .. 7-8.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—W. Watson. *First peal.

PEAL CORRCTION. — The peal of Stedman Triples at Beeston, Notts., was rung on Tuesday, August 26th, and not on the 28th, as stated in "THE BELL NEWS" of last week. It was the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

Date Touches.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

COTGRAVE (Notts).—On Saturday, August 9th, to commemorate the Coronation of King Edward VII. a date touch of 1902 Doubles in Grandsire, Plain Bob and Canterbury. H. Marriott, G. H. Simpson, W. E. White, W. White conductor, T. Squires.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, August 31st, for Divine Service in the morning at the parish church, 576 Bob Major. G. Leonard, C. H. Howard conductor, F. Webb, P. Holmes, H. G. Collins, A. B. Wiffin, H. Coote, A. Aviss. For evening service 720 Bob Minor, tenor covering G. Leonard, F. Webb, C. H. Howard conductor, A. B. Wiffin, G. Sentance, A. Aviss, H. Coote.

BOCKING.—On Sunday afternoon, August 31st, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Radley, W. Moore, F. Warren, A. B. Wiffin, C. H. Howard conductor, A. Aviss.

STEBBING.—On Monday, August 25th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. A. Barker, E. Hynds, H. C. Ruffell, H. Emery, J. T. Barker, C. H. Howard conductor.

HARWICH.—On Sunday, September 7th, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1280 changes, in 44 mins. C. Fenn composer and conductor, J. Cottis, G. Moss, G. Thompson, A. T. Morris, A. Ramsey first quarter-peal, E. G. Fenn, R. Fenn.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

RUGBY.—On Monday, September 8th, at St. Andrew's church, 504 Stedman Triples. A. J. Hessian, A. J. Gillings, A. J. Hicks, F. Sear, A. Dubber, J. B. Fenton, J. George conductor, R. Watson. This is the first 504 of Stedman on the bells by the local band. It is also Hicks's first 504 with a working bell in any method.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THATCHAM (Berks).—On Wednesday, August 27th, 720 Plain Bob. T. Diggins, E. Wits conductor, F. Denniss, H. Hatto, A. W. Bird, A. Osborne. Also 360. T. Diggins, H. Hatto, F. Denniss, E. Wits, A. W. Bird, A. Osborne conductor. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. F. Denniss, E. Wits, A. Osborne, H. Hatto, A. W. Bird, J. Randall. A. Osborne, who hails from Reading, wishes to thank his Thatcham friends for the obliging way they met to have a pull together.

READING (Berks).—On Monday, August 25th, for practice at St. Mary's church, several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, also a plain course of Kent Treble Bob Major. H. Davis, F. Webb, H. Tucker, N. Cox, C. Cox, A. Osborne, C. Moulden, J. Swain, E. Bruce, A. E. Reeves, R. T. Hibbert, J. F. Tarrant, C. Giles, W. P. Routh, Esq., E. Denham, E. Holloway, H. Egby. These practices are very beneficial to the St. Mary's men, giving them a chance of ringing and learning Stedman Triples. The St. Mary's ringers taking part in the Stedman were J. Swain, C. Cox, N. Cox, F. Webb and A. Osborne. They wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank those friends (who they don't often have the pleasure of seeing in the tower) for the most valuable help they afforded them.

HIGH WYCOMBE (Bucks).—On Saturday, August 9th, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Phipps, R. Coles, F. Hayes, P. W. Wilkins, J. W. Wilkins conductor, B. Page. On Sunday evening, August 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Butler first quarter-peal, J. W. Wilkins, P. W. Wilkins, F. Biggs, F. Hayes, B. Page, R. Coles conductor, W. Phipps. Composed by J. W. Wilkins, and rung after the special thanksgiving service.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEE (Kent).—On August 21st, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. G. R. Simmonds, F. G. Deal, J. E. Davis, H. Warnett conductor, J. Last, T. Taylor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SPALDING (Lincolnshire).—On Tuesday, September 2nd, at the parish church, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. W. Bennett, J. S. Wright, J. T. Brown, G. Mackman, R. Smith, R. Mackman conductor, J. W. Jarvis, F. Facer.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAWLEY (Hants).—On Saturday, August 30th, at Holy Trinity

church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. W. Hoare, A. Smith, W. Ives, G. Hawkins conductor, M. Steer, B. Hawkins, J. Bunch, S. Riddle.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ST. NEOTS.—On Sunday, August 31st, for morning service, three courses of Grandsire Triples. S. Torns, J. Jones, L. Flint, S. Coleman, G. D. Coleman, H. Fields, W. J. Goss, E. C. Chasty. At the residence of Mr. G. D. Coleman, on handbells, retained in hand, a plain course of Grandsire Caters, W. J. Goss, 1-2; L. Flint, 3-4; S. Coleman, 5-6; G. D. Chapman, 7-8; H. Fields, 9-10. And a plain course each of Grandsire Triples, Bob Triples and Bob Major. L. Flint, 1-2; S. Coleman, 3-4; G. D. Coleman, 5-6; W. J. Goss, 7-8.

EYNESBURY.—On Sunday, August 31st, for afternoon service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins. J. Jones, H. Fields, W. J. Goss, L. Flint, S. Coleman, E. C. Chasty conductor.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Wednesday, August 27th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins. S. Dawson, G. Dawson, W. Hickling, sec., W. Fox, B. Greatorex, B. Sugden, J. Pagett composer and conductor, W. Hickling, jun. Also 504 Grandsire Triples, W. Bates, J. Pagett, W. Hickling, B. Sugden, B. Greatorex, F. Hickling, W. Fox conductor, J. Flowers. Also 180 Duffield Major. S. Dawson, G. Dawson, W. Hickling, B. Sugden, B. Greatorex, F. Hickling, J. Flowers, J. Pagett conductor. And another touch of Stedman, conducted by W. Hickling. The above was rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Flanders, of Duffield, to Mr. Bakewell, of Derby.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRAPPENHALL.—On Sunday, August 10th, for evening service, to commemorate the coronation, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. J. Mainwaring, F. T. Spence, S. Spence, S. J. Jenkins, S. Horsfall, J. W. Booth, J. E. Ashcroft, A. Kinsey. Composed by the Editor, and conducted by F. T. Spence.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Saturday, August 9th, 518 Grandsire Triples. V. Sear, F. Hedges conductor, L. Meager, W. Sear, A. Atkins, E. Marks, H. Sear, H. Thurlow. On the occasion of General French visiting this place 360 Grandsire Doubles. F. Sear, L. Meager, H. Sear, E. Marks, F. Hedges conductor, H. Thurlow.

BALDOCK (Herts).—On Wednesday, September 3rd, 448 Grandsire Triples. D. Ellingham, A. Buck, J. Cawdell conductor, B. Bidnell, T. Webb, A. Bray, G. T. Spicer, C. Castle. Also 252 Stedman Triples. J. Morley, G. T. Spicer conductor, J. Cawdell, A. Castle, T. Webb, A. Bray, C. Castle, G. Gentle. And 252 with D. Ellingham treble, the rest as before. A 240 Grandsire Major. A. Buck, J. Morley, J. Cawdell, A. Castle, T. Webb, A. Bray, C. Castle, G. T. Spicer conductor. On Sunday, September 7th, 322 Grandsire Triples. D. Ellingham, A. Buck, J. Morley, A. Castle, G. T. Spicer conductor, A. Bray, C. Castle, G. Gentle.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Monday, August 25th, 720 Stedman Minor, in 23 mins. W. H. Barber conductor, H. F. Street, J. Pigott, E. T. Allaway, T. Pigott, A. E. Pegler. And 720 Oxford Bob Minor in 23 mins. E. T. Allaway, H. F. Street, J. Pigott conductor, E. T. Allaway, T. Pigott, A. E. Pegler.

CHPSTOW (Monmouthshire).—On Saturday, September 6th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Darlston Bob Triples, in 44 mins. J. Smith, G. Hobson, J. Prickett, J. Morley, W. Freestone, R. Hughes, R. Thompson conductor, B. Tamplin. On Saturday, August 30th, 720 Grandsire Minor, tenor covering. G. Hobson, J. Prickett conductor, T. Williams, W. Freestone, J. Morley, R. Hughes, J. Davis.

DUDLEY (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, August 16th, at St. Thomas's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins., was rung in honour of the marriage of Arthur Spittle, youngest son of Mr. S. Spittle. H. Sheppard, J. Goodman, jun., W. Micklewright conductor, J. Mills, E. Fellows, S. J. Hughes, J. Goodman, sen., H. Goodman. On Sunday, August 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 48 mins. H. Sheppard, H. Goodman, W. Micklewright composer and conductor, J. Mills, J. Goodman, jun., S. J. Hughes, Alfred Rowley, Allen Rowley, J. Goodman, sen., H. Smith. This quarter-peal was arranged for Allen Rowley, who hails from Cardiff. On Monday, September 1st, for practice, 395 and 323 of Grandsire Caters, and 360 of Bob Royal. H. Sheppard, W. Micklewright, Rev. H. Drake, W. Potter, J. Goodman, H. Goodman, S. Spittle, Allen Rowley, A. Rowley, J. Goodman, sen., H. Smith.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, August 31st, for Divine Service at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 50 mins.

A. S. Ough, W. T. Meeton, A. R. Jones, A. L. Jones, J. Howes, J. Herbert, R. Charge, J. H. B. Hesse, W. T. Elson composer and conductor, R. Burgess.

HAMPSTEAD (Middlesex).—On Tuesday evening, July 29th, 224 Bob Major. W. J. Miles, C. Pryor, E. Young, E. Bonfield, W. H. Pryor, N. Alderman, F. Smith, W. J. Nudds (conductor). Also 270 Grandsire Caters. W. J. Miles, W. H. Pryor, R. Bevan, E. Bonfield, C. Pryor, E. Young, W. J. Nudds, N. Alderman, F. Smith conductor, W. J. Norton. On Saturday, August 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. J. Norton, H. Watson, C. Pryor, E. Bonfield, E. Pryor, W. H. Pryor conductor, M. Woodcock, W. J. Miles.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—At the residence of A. Symonds, on August 23rd, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. J. S. Symonds age 11, 1; H. S. Symonds age 14, 2; A. Symonds conductor, 3-4; F. G. Symonds, 5-6. On Sunday, August 31st, 720 Kent. J. S. Symonds, 1; H. S. Symonds, 2; A. Symonds, 3-4; F. G. Symonds conductor, 5-6. It is believed that the first two are the youngest ringers in the diocese of Ely. And 720 Bob Minor. F. G. Symonds, 1-2; E. Simpson, first away from the treble, 3; H. S. Symonds, 4; A. Symonds conductor, 5-6. For evening service 1064 Grandsire Triples. F. G. Symonds, H. Parker, F. Parker, J. Moore, H. Smith, T. King conductor, L. Leeks.

STOKE, NEAR COVENTRY.—On August 31st, for morning service, five 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. W. Chatfield, S. Hope, W. Maund, H. Horwood, J. H. White conductor, E. Johnson. Also 360 in the same method, A. Flowers ringing the tenor. After service 600 Grandsire Doubles. G. Chatfield, W. Maund, H. Horwood, S. Hope, J. H. White conductor, E. Johnson. These are the first 6-scores on the bells since being augmented to six.

SHALFORD (Surrey).—On Saturday, August 9th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. W. Worsfold, P. Worsfold, R. Crowhurst, T. Streeter, E. Lucas, W. Trewin conductor.

TIDENHAM (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, August 31st, after evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles. G. Hobson, R. Hughes conductor, T. Williams, J. Smith, J. Morley, B. Tamplin.

TUNSTALL (Staffordshire).—Recently, for practice, 560 Bob Major. H. Smith, F. Smith, A. A. Clay, G. A. Smith, J. Johnson, F. Darlington, W. Thompson, W. Harratt conductor. On Thursday, May 1st, 504 Bob Triples. A. Clay, F. Smith, G. A. Smith, H. Smith, J. Johnson, F. Darlington, W. Thomson, J. Darlington. On May 22nd, 588 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. H. Smith, F. Smith, G. A. Smith, A. A. Clay, J. Johnson conductor, F. Darlington, W. Thompson, J. Darlington. On Sunday, June 1st, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples, standing as before, conducted by Wm. Thompson.

WALDRON (Sussex).—On Saturday, August 23rd, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples was lost after ringing about 3000 changes, in 1 hr. 45 mins. W. Jenner, H. Rann, G. Smart, A. Turner, A. Hobden, B. Hobbs, A. Reed conductor, W. Rapley. On Sunday, August 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Rann, A. Reed, E. Jennings, J. Beal, A. Turner, A. Hobden, G. Smart conductor, G. Scother. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Jenner, H. Hobbs, J. Beal, H. Rann conductor, J. Gaston, J. Burgess, A. Reed, G. Scother.

WALTHAM ABBEY (Essex).—On Sunday evening, September 7th, for Divine Service at the Abbey, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. F. Carter, G. E. Peace, A. S. Reeves, G. Thurgood, D. Tarling, W. A. Alps conductor, G. Dent, G. Cole.

THE LATE JOHN DAY.

The members of the St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham have decided to erect peal-tablets in the towers of St. Martin and Aston and Harborne parish churches, to commemorate the muffled peals rung as a mark of respect to the above. The executive therefore take this opportunity to inform the country members of the Guild wishing to subscribe that subscriptions may be sent to and will be acknowledged by the Honorary Secretary, W. H. Godden, 61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, or to any of the Guild's officers.

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The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bootle to-day, Saturday, September 13. Bells ready at 4.
WALTER HUGHES.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bradley, to-day, Saturday, September 13. Bells ready at 4. Service in church at 5 p.m.
W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*
16, Wilmcote Place, Oxford Street, Dudley.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Association will be held at Chepstow to-day, Saturday, September 13th. Bells available after 12 o'clock.
REV. C. L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*
J. H. ALDRIDGE, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Society.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Holmfirth, to-day, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. Meeting house, The King's Head inn.
WALTER IDLE

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Northern Branch.—A General Meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, Sept. 13th, at Louth (8 bells). Divine Service in the parish church at 5 o'clock. Tea, 1s. per head, will be provided in the parish room at 5.30 p.m.
P. O. BIXBY, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at East Crompton, to-day, Saturday, September 13th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. All ringers welcome.
JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Yorkshire Association.—The meeting at Beverley will be held on Saturday, September 20th, the local hon. sec. being Mr. W. Gibson, of Brithunus Place, Long Lane, Beverley. The N.E. Railway will run an excursion from Leeds at 12.45, returning at 8.35, return fare 1s. 9d.
Leeds, Sept. 2. WM. SNOWDON, *President.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, London Bridge, on the 25th; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 16th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 30th, all at 8 p.m. Business meetings after the two latter.
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
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The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Baldock on Saturday, September 20th. Tower open from 1 p.m.
J. SHEPPARD, *District Sec.*

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Norwich, on Thursday, September 25th. A special service will be held at St. Peter Mancroft at 12.45, when an address will be given by the Rev. Dr. Raven. Dinner at 1.30 in the Mancroft Parochial Hall, Chapel Field East, at 2s. 6d. for honorary members and friends, and 1s. 6d. for company members. Business meeting after dinner for election of officers. For particulars as to rail fares, etc., see printed circulars, which have been sent to all masters of companies.
C. E. BORRETT,
Hon. Sec. pro. tem.

10, Chester Street, Norwich.

The Midland Counties' Association.—

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Long Eaton on Saturday, September 27th. The bells (8) at Long Eaton, and Sawley (6) will be open for ringing from 2.0 p.m., but will be closed during the time of tea and meeting. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Tea (1s. each) at 4.45 p.m., both in the Infants' National schoolroom, Clay Street. Will those who intend being present for tea kindly inform Mr. J. E. Hexter, 45, Upper Wellington Street, Long Eaton, not later than Thursday, September 25th, so that proper arrangements may be made. The hon. secretaries will be pleased to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.
W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*
Colgrave, Notts.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Tong (6 bells) on Saturday, September 27th. Business meeting at The Greyhound inn at 7 p.m.
CHARLES PRATT, *Sec.*
Park View, Calverley.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at King's Norton on Saturday, September 27th. Service in church at 5.10. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting afterwards.
JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, September 27th. All ringing matter to be sent to Mr. J. Shepherd, 39, Dale Street, Bacup. Notice for tea to be sent to Mr. J. Barratt, 7, College Croft, Eccles. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS.
J. WILSON.
J. SHEPHERD. } *Hon. Secs.*

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Southport on Saturday, September 27th. Full particulars by circular.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM,

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern Division.—A district meeting, at which officers for 1903 will be elected, will be held at Writtle on September 27th. Tea (price 6d.), followed by business meeting, at 5 p.m. The towers of Chelmsford (10 bells), Galleywood (8), and Widford (8) will also be open. A bus leaves Chelmsford station for Writtle at 4 p.m. Notice of intention to attend should be given to the Rev. T. L. Papillon, or W. Lincoln (Writtle), at least three days before, or tea cannot be guaranteed.

W. H. JUDD, *Master.*
G. GREEN, *Secretary.*

Cleveland and North Yorks. Association. A General Meeting will be held at Middleham (ring of 6, tenor 11 cwt.), and East Witley (ring of 6, tenor 7 cwt.), on Saturday, September 27th, when both rings will be available during the day. The local band will provide tea on the rectory lawn if fine, in the schools if wet (ladies welcomed), and by the kind permission of the Rector the rectory garden will be open to members and their friends. Busses meet all trains at Leyburn Station, fare sixpence. Members intending to be present at the tea are requested to send in their names to Mr. G. J. Clarkson, 6, Finkle Street, Stockton-on-Tees, not later than Wednesday, September 24th. A meeting of the committee will be held after the tea.

The Middlesex County Association.—Members are asked to take note that the annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, October 4th next, at St. Margaret's church, Westminster, as to which particulars

will be announced later. The Hon. Secretaries will be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.

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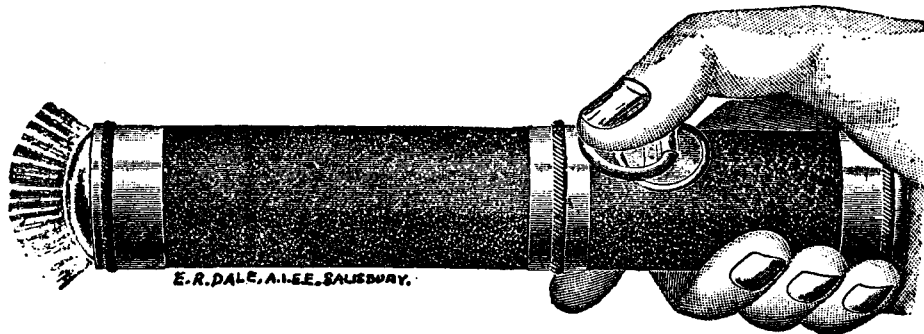
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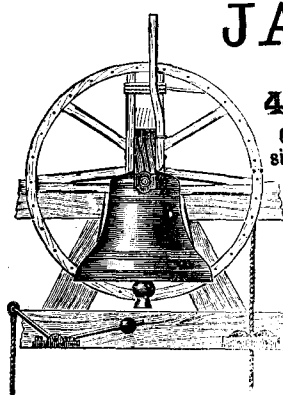
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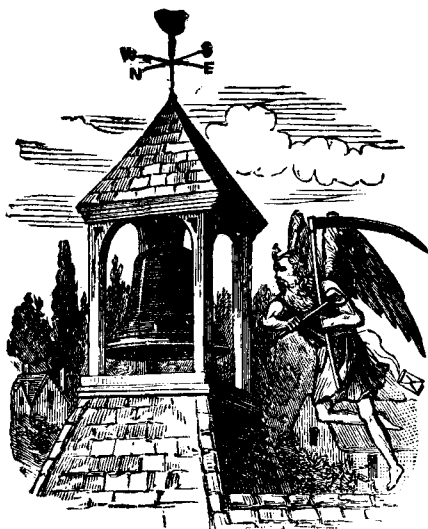
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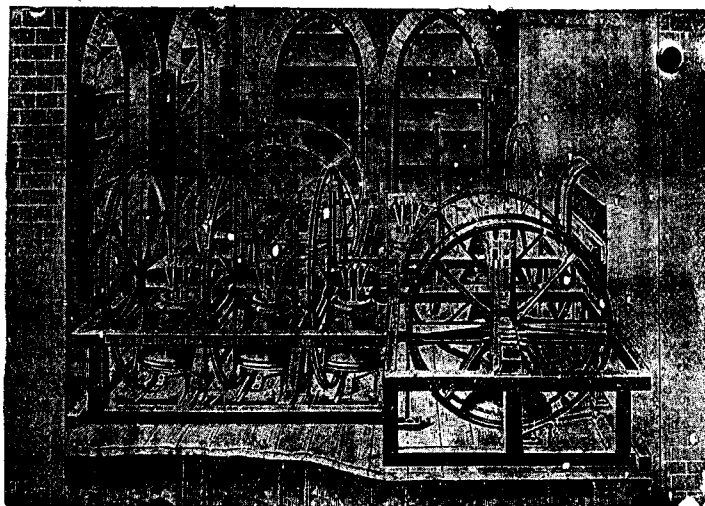
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

CHILHAM (Kent). St. Mary. Eight bells. No return.

CHIPPING CAMPDEN (Gloucestershire). St. James. Eight bells. No return.

CHIPPENHAM (Wilts). St. Andrew. Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. Eight bells. All by Rudhall, 1734. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ellacombe's chiming apparatus is fitted. The ring were rehung by Gillett, 1892. Ropes new 1892; indifferent. No half-pull or Sunday ringing. Practice: alternate Wednesdays, 7.

St. Paul. Gloucester and Bristol Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, treble, 2nd, 4th, 6th and tenor, 1875; the rest 1866. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. No repairs since the ring were rehung by Mears in 1875. Ropes, fair. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 1st in month 10 to 11, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30, when possible.

CHIPPING NORTON (Oxon). St. Mary. Oxford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Rudhall, 1825, except 4th by Bond, 1889. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were rehung by Bond, 1889. Ropes, good. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 5.30 to 6. Practice: Monday, 8. Visitors always most welcome.

CHISLEHURST (Kent). St. Nicholas. Kent County Association. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1858. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Goslin, 1895. Recommendations promptly attended to. Ropes, fair. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 6.30 to 7. Practice: Monday, 7.30.

CHITTLEHAMPTON (Devon). St. Hieritha. Eight bells. The two trebles by Taylor, 1880; the rest by Evans, 1739. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were rehung by Taylor, 1880. Ropes, good. No half-pull nor regular Sunday ringing nor practice.

CHOBHAM (Surrey). St. Lawrence. Eight bells. No return.

CHORLEY (Lancashire). St. Lawrence. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1896. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 4 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. No information as to ropes. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday and Thursday. No hour stated.

CHRISTLETON (Cheshire). St. James. Chester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. 2nd by Warner, 1871. The rest by Rudhall; treble, 1830; 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 1743; tenor 11 cwt., diameter 2 ft. 11 in., 1812. Timber frame. Bells go well. Sound-bow of 7th is much worn. The ring were rehung by Warner in new frame with new fittings, 1877. Ropes new 1895, fair. Methods: Grandsire and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 10.45, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: occasionally during winter months.

EGREMONT PARISH CHURCH.

DEDICATION OF THE NEW TOWER, RING OF BELLS, AND CLOCK.

On Tuesday afternoon the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Carlisle dedicated a portion of the tower, ring of bells and clock at the parish church, Egremont. The ring of eight bells was the gift of the Right Hon. Lord Leconfield. The bells were supplied by Taylor's. The weight of the whole bells is about 53 cwt. Each bell bore the year 1902. The tenor weighs 13½ cwt. It is in the key of G flat. The clock is a full Cambridge quarter-clock, and strikes the hour on the large tenor bell. The dial is 5 ft. 6 in. in diameter. The hands are made of stout copper and gilded. The clock is fixed on an iron bracket and bolted into the wall. The frame is of solid cast iron, and is perfectly planted top and bottom. In 1881 the old church was completely removed, and a new church erected on the same site by Mr. John Smith, Egremont, but owing to lack of funds the tower was only partly erected at that time. The tower has been completed by Mr. James Smith, Egremont.

Before the hour of service (three o'clock), people came in numbers to the church, which was well filled. The choir was in attendance, and Miss Towerson presided at the organ. The Bishop was attended by some of the local clergy, and the Rector (Rev. W. Thwaites). After the clock in the church tower had chimed three, the service commenced by singing the hymn, "All people that on earth do dwell." After the Rector had offered a short prayer, the choir chanted special psalms lxxiv. and cl. Special lessons were read. The first lesson was read by

the Rev. G. B. Armes from Numbers x. 1-10; while the second lesson was read by the Rev. —. Newbold from Hebrews x. 19-25. After the collect for the day had been read, the Bishop read special prayers. Another hymn, "Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire," was afterwards sung. The Bishop ascended the pulpit, and delivered an excellent sermon. He took for his text the 9th verse of the 12th chapter of St. Matthew, "Who hath ears to hear, let him hear." His Lordship, at the close, congratulated the parishioners upon being the possessors of such a fine tower, peal of bells, and clock. The Bishop referred to the kind gift of Mr. T. Hartley, of Armathwaite Hall, who had contributed £400 to the completion of the tower. Mr. Hartley's noble example was followed by Mr. John Stirling and Mr. Lindow, who each gave £100, and the Earl of Lonsdale, who gave £50. Then there was the bazaar which produced nearly £500, and in addition there were other little gifts, so that now they had their four-squared tower with hardly any debt upon it, except such as they defrayed that day. He thought they could congratulate themselves that in addition to this noble tower was the peal of bells, the gift of the Lord of the Manor, who felt he would like to do something more for the church, and had also given £700 to the benefice. They then came to the donor of the handsome clock, whose name was well-known to them all, Miss Robley, whose association of former years prompted her to do something for this parish. She felt that she could not do anything more consistent with her feelings than contribute this clock. He was not astonished to see such a large attendance of the congregation and clergy of the neighbourhood on this occasion to rejoice with admiration at these three great gifts. Gifts of this kind brought responsibilities with them. When they heard the bells ringing, and the clock striking, they would remember that the Lord said, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

The Bishop having pronounced the concluding prayer, proceeded down the centre aisle of the church to the tower where he dedicated the portion of the new tower, peal of bells and clock, the congregation standing the while. The Bishop returned to the chancel, and the Rector to the prayer desk, and the ringers from St. John's church, Cleator Moor, sounded the bells and produced a very pleasant effect. Afterwards a hymn, written for the occasion by the Rev. Canon Rawnsley (tune "Austria," was sung by the choir and congregation. During the singing of the hymn a collection was taken, which was devoted to the building fund and to the cost of cleaning and beautifying the church, and amounted to about £8. The Bishop read appropriate prayers before the final blessing.

The following are the names of the ringers from Cleator Moor: Messrs. G. Temby, J. Davis, P. Pearson, A. Smith, T. Pearson, J. C. Pearson, J. Joyce, and J. D. Baxter. The treble was rung by G. Temby, while the tenor was rung by J. D. Baxter, the captain of the Cleator Moor ringers.

After the service most of the congregation adjourned to the Town Hall, where a public tea was held. The tables were beautifully spread, and the tea was much enjoyed.

Immediately after the tea the Rector said perhaps the only regret of the day was that the Bishop had to return early, and therefore what he said must of necessity be brief. The Rector said he had to apologise for the absence of a good many friends. Mr. A. Helder, M.P., who was at present at Harrogate, in wishing them success,

sent a cheque for £5. Mr. John Stirling also expressed regret at not being in the neighbourhood, otherwise he certainly would have been with them. Mr. Lindow, as they all well knew, was engaged with the wedding of Miss Agnes Lindow Burns-Lindow. Mr. Hugh Jefferson also expressed regret, and forwarded his kindly promised cheque of £10. The Rector, continuing, said they could not omit to express their hearty thanks to his Lordship for coming and giving them that kind and fatherly address, and they hoped that they should have many more visits from his Lordship.

The Bishop said the Rector had given him three minutes wherein to express his hearty thanks for the kindly way in which they had received his efforts to-day in furtherance of what must be to them a great acquisition in their noble tower—their excellent ring of bells and their chiming clock. He wished them all the best wishes in the use of them.

STAUNTON, NEAR GLOUCESTER.

Early in the present year, a wish was expressed by many of the parishioners of Staunton to have a new treble added to the present ring of five, to commemorate the Coronation of King Edward VII.

A public meeting was held in May under the presidency of the Vicar (Rev. T. Hayes), when several donations were announced, and collecting cards given out, and it was arranged to hold another meeting in Whit-week.

At this second meeting the Vicar announced that enough money had been raised to purchase the new bell, and also to recast the tenor, which was found to be badly cracked. The order was at once given to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who deserve great credit for the way in which they have executed the work, the two new bells being in perfect tune with the four old ones, and the go of them splendid.

The bells were dedicated on August 22nd, and opened by friends from Gloucester and Maisemore, and the local company.

The record of the first peal by the visiting company will be found in its proper place.

LATE NOTICE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—BRISTOL BRANCH.—A Meeting will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, September 27th. Service at St. Paul's church at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided for members after the service at the Rectory, after which a business meeting will be held.

C. H. GORDON, Branch Sec.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Sidney Wade has removed to 7, Alexandra Terrace, Sirdar Road, Wood Green, and after September 20th this will be J. R. Sharman's address.—Mr. T. R. Hensher, Hon. Secretary of the Central Northamptonshire Association, has removed to 11, Midland Road, Wellingborough.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

I have not much to write about this week. There is no doubt a wide variety of topics whereupon I could trench, but the fact is that after my exertions of late in your behalf it struck me I had earned a short holiday. Why not? all the other members of the company are flying their kites to the seaside—Scarborough perhaps—and it behoved me to do ditto; not at the seaside though, but in rural scenes, among the lowing herds and bleating—well, you'll understand. In a cosy room on the upper floor of a farm-house these lines are penned, and perforce they must be few.

A copy of last Saturday's paper lies before me, with other documents received from the office, and by the latter I am at once reminded of my duty to those of my friends (who in an evil moment, some of them) embarked on the handbell competition. The examination of the coupons and the reading of the letters accompanying some of them, were anything but comical. I don't say such work had a tendency to shorten one's existence, but it was a job which I shall not willingly undertake again. There were a great many matters to consider and decide upon; and some conflict of opinion was exhibited between those who had to decide the all-important questions connected with the awards. This is what really drove me into the country for a change.

But you will say "Cut this short, and let's have it without any more gas." So you shall. Mind there is no appeal against either of the awards. I am almost afraid to write down the names of those happy people who have been fortunate in this affair; because some of you will chafe, and grumble, and—well, be disappointed. But without further hesitation, I will make the plunge. Here it is:—

1st Prize (12 bells).—Mr. F. T. Spence, Grappenhall, near Warrington, Cheshire.

2nd Prize (10 bells).—The St. Marie's company, Sheffield.

3rd Prize (10 bells).—The Meltham parish church company.

4th Prize (8 bells).—Mr. C. Smith, 4, Granville Terrace, Aldeburgh-on-Sea, Suffolk.

That is over, thank goodness. Let neither of the above-named ask my acceptance of a testimonial, because I cannot entertain the idea for one moment. But the two societies mentioned had better write to Messrs. Shaw and Co. of Bradford, and in polite and becoming language inform them to what address the bells are to be sent.

We seem to be in for a spell of correspondence anent Stedman Triples. Very well. But it is hoped that those who rush into print on this or any other question will exercise great care in keeping to the point. Unhappily in most of the debates on ringing questions, an opportunity is very often grasped to personalize. Feelings are allowed to run high, without any attempt at restraint. Let us agree to differ like gentlemen. Those who can't do so should refrain from ventilating their opinions in public. In the first of the letters which appeared last week, the two or three lines at its close, giving an opinion not asked for, would have been better left unwritten, much better.

The contribution to this subject of Stedman Triples

last week by Mr. Daniell was quite refreshing by its humour. The references to three distinguished correspondents, two of whom at any rate, afford us plenty of reading, was enjoyable. But however Mr. Drake and Mr. Tilney-Bassett may not only amuse but also instruct us, it must be admitted that Mr. Matthews has kept from the affray. Some people wonder what it all means, and I am positively unable to tell them. Several funny tales are told about Wiltshire, one of which is that some of the inhabitants, seeing one night the reflection of the moon in a pool, obtained any quantity of rakes, and raked away as hard as they could to capture the moon. This is why the Wiltshire people are called "moonrakers." 28800

PLAIN SPEAKER.

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."

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SIR,—Surely the question between Mr. Bassett and Mr. Drake is, after all, one of the utmost simplicity. Mr. Bassett is in the position of a servant of the Guild, so is Mr. Drake, and so are the President, the other officers, and the members of the Committee. It is not the function of servants to make or alter rules, but only to obey and enforce them, and so long as the rules of the Guild exist in their present form, the obvious duty of the officers is to carry them out, whether they like them or not. If they do not, how can the rank and file of the members be expected to observe them?

Now, on the rules as they stand, it is quite clear that the only way in which persons resident outside the diocese can enter the Guild is by becoming Life Members, and that the towers in which they ring, being outside the district for which the Guild is formed, cannot be affiliated to it. The answer to Mr. Drake's contention therefore is, that if he wants the towers in which he is interested to be affiliated, he must do his best to get the rules so altered as to authorise such affiliation. At present, Mr. Bassett, in refusing to recognise them, is simply doing his duty, and moreover he would be very wrong if he did otherwise, and thus took upon himself the functions of a legislator. I sincerely hope that he will not, on any pretext, allow himself to depart from the position he has taken up, that the rules bind him, and must be obeyed, regardless of results. The only body capable of altering the rules is the Annual Meeting, and no request or resolution of any other person or body not even a mere resolution of the Annual Meeting itself, is sufficient to authorise any departure from them. The rules must be altered before any outside towers can be legally admitted.

As to the merits of the proposal to admit towers belonging to the diocese of Winchester, I venture to think that it is a two-edged affair, and that, if for reasons which may appear good, we poach on the Winchester district, we shall not be in a position to complain if that, or some other Association at some future time poaches upon our district. Undoubtedly, towards the boundaries of the district of every Association, there will often be some towers which are more accessible to, or can be more easily helped by, the neighbouring Association than to or by their own, but if this is admitted as an excuse for poaching, the result must inevitably be that in a few years no boundaries at all will be recognised, and the several Associations will poach on each others districts to any extent which they may consider desirable in their own interests. I am strongly of opinion that this Guild should remain what it calls itself, a "Diocesan Guild," and that the rules on this point should not only be relaxed, but that if necessary they should be strengthened, so as to make it quite clear that towers outside the diocese cannot be admitted on any terms whatever.

C. H. HAMPTON, *Member of the Committee.*

THE BIRMINGHAM HANDBELL PEAL, ETC.

SIR,—The handbell peal at Birmingham, conducted by Mr. W. H. Barber, was undoubtedly a splendid performance from a

caller's point of view, but how it is possible for it to take precedence over the silent peal I fail to observe. My reasons are: When one is ringing Stedman double-handed, and you have a shade of a doubt as to the work of either one of the bells, the reverse one will immediately inform you, so that with an odd-bob composition it would not be much more difficult to ring; and with a conducted peal any one of the band could correct an error; not so with silent ringing. We shall no doubt shortly be favoured with the figures of Mr. Carter's composition. However I am informed that, as with other compositions of Stedman Triples, the 7th is retained as the observation, with the exception of the usual number of singles which disturb it for a very short period. Now with a non-conducted peal of Stedman Triples one knows that each man must be a complete master of the method, which requires a great amount of practice. The composition, not an easy matter either, Mr. Pye will admit from his own experience in trying to ring it in hand, he having verbally stated that with his band, with the four-part, they could count on success at every attempt, but when they essayed the one-part they could not get on very well. If Mr. Pye thinks the one-part requires no more calling than the four-part, why is it he always calls the latter in hand, although he often calls the other in the tower? The one-part has only been called in hand by three conductors, viz.: Messrs. Winney, Witchell, and Pye; the latter had it in hand a long time before he accomplished it, and has never called it in hand since. Now might we not impress on Mr. Pye that he should confine himself to the matter under discussion? We are discussing the merits of two specific performances, and this subject, and this only, should be adhered to.

T. H. TAFFENDER.

SIR,—With reference to a letter appearing under the above heading in your issue of the 13th instant, I beg to be allowed to draw your attention to some former letters published in your columns between June 10th and July 29th, 1899, and round about April 14th, 1900, and September 9th, 1900, in the same strain.

I think I am right in saying that the majority of your readers would prefer to read letters, on this or any other subject requiring criticism, written without bias, in a gentlemanly manner, and without descending to personalities.

G. N. PRICE.

SIR,—As a double-handed Stedman ringer, I fail to see what difference it makes whether the composition is odd bob or even. I do not think that a peal of Stedman Triples on handbells can be compared with a short-course peal of Stedman Cinques in the tower, as the men who ring a peal on handbells have a great deal more practice and experience than the average Stedman Cinques ringer. The peal in question may be a difficult one to conduct, but you have the privilege of correcting a mistake in the ringing which you have not in a silent peal.

H. R. PASMORE.

THE GO-OFF IN STEDMAN.

SIR,—I quite agree with Mr. Carter that it is better to start at the first change of a slow six. Why should ringers adhere so slavishly to the go-off of our fathers and grandfathers, which has only its similarity to Grandsire to recommend it. We can get much better part-ends, such as:—

5 1 2 3 4 6 7
4 5 1 2 3 6 7
3 4 5 1 2 6 7 etc.

by starting from the commencement of a six; and also if Stedman Caters or Cinques are brought home at a slow instead of a quick six there is no risk of repetition. At the same time, so long as we adhere to the method, I do not think that any go-off should be binding.

J. O. LANCASHIRE.

TREATISE ON STEDMAN.

SIR,—Mr. Snowdon is evidently under a complete misapprehension when he says that I am "busy with one or two final revisions of the finished work." I have been under the impression that Mr. Snowdon fully understood that my part of it is *absolutely finished*, and has been so for about two years. I have made no secret of this, and practically all my friends have known it for a long time. I therefore cannot understand Mr.

Snowdon's mistake on the point. There is nothing more that I can do to it, except to correct the proof when that is required. All therefore that remains to be done at present is in Mr. Snowdon's hands, certainly not in mine.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

FALSE PEALS.

SIR,—Your last two editorials on the subject of the "cooking" of peals by conductors reminds me of the law passed by the Central Council at Derby last year.

We are now allowed "ten changes from the moment at which the error becomes apparent" to detect and correct a change-course. The "moment the error becomes apparent" depends entirely upon the ability of the conductor and the knowledge of the composition he is calling. Take Treble Twelve for instance. A muddle takes place immediately after a course-end, and two bells shift; the shift is not noticed until ten changes before the next course-end, and is then corrected. According to the number of calls in the course there may have been anything from 500 to 750 changes rung incorrectly, and yet the peal may be saved because the error was corrected within ten changes from the time it was noticed, or before the next course-end was reached.

Will this law, passed by the powers that be, tend to raise or lower our standard for peal-ringing? I think it will certainly tend to lower it.

Men who used to ring their peals absolutely correct, can now avail themselves of the latitude allowed by the Council; and the men who used to allow themselves a little latitude—although unlawfully as it were—will take still more because the Council allows a certain amount.

Why should the Exercise be satisfied with a lower degree of excellence than that which obtained in days gone by? On numberless old peal-boards in the country will be found: "The peal was rung without the misplacing of a bell, or the repetition of a single change." There can be no doubt about the peal ringing standard of the ancients: there must be no misplacing of a bell. I think it a pity that "by law established" it is allowed nowadays.

I heard a Norfolk ringer sum the whole question up the other day, and put it in a nutshell. He said; "If the bells had to be put right, they must have been wrong, and if the bells were wrong, how could you call it a true peal?"

C. E. BORRETT.

Obituary.

FRANCIS BRAMLEY.

We regret to announce the death, at the early age of twenty-seven, of the above-named ringer, which took place at Widmerpool on Monday, September 1st. He was for over three years a member of the East Retford parish church company, and although he never scored a peal he rang several quarter-peals in different methods, and was an enthusiastic ringer until his removal to Nottingham in February 1900. About six months ago he had to give up work owing to consumption, which ended in his death as above stated, to the great regret of all his late fellow-ringers. He was buried at Widmerpool on Thursday, September 4th, when the East Retford company was represented by Mr. F. W. Abbott. In the evening at East Retford church, 1458 Grandsire Caters with the bells half-muffled, was rung as a last token of esteem for their late brother.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Saturday, August 9th, at the church of St. Magnus, London Bridge, 600 Stedman Caters. J. Pettit conductor, G. T. Taylor, G. Dorrington, W. Cooter, H. Pasmore, M. A. Wood, E. Horrex, W. Ingham, W. Langdon, T. Langdon. Also at the church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, 400 Grandsire Triples. J. Pettit, W. Cooter, J. Bonney, J. Comb, M. A. Wood conductor, G. J. Taylor, W. Ingham, T. Bone. And 504 Stedman. J. Pettit conductor, W. Cooter, J. Bonney, M. A. Wood, G. Dorrington, G. J. Taylor, W. Ingham, T. Bone.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, August 24th, for Divine Service at St. Paul's church, 224 Superlative Surprise. A. N. Wood, C. R. Lilley, W. Hall, M. Smith, I. Hills, C. Chasty, C. W. Clarke, G. W. Barker. Also 168 Grandsire Triples. S. J. Smith, A. N. Wood, I. Hills, F. Webb, C. W. Clarke conductor, C. Chasty, M. Smith, A. J. Armstrong. On Tuesday, August 26th, 504 Stedman Triples. A. N. Wood, B. jealous, W. Finedon, M. Smith, I. Hills, C. W. Clarke, C. Chasty, A. J. Armstrong. On Sunday, August 31st, a course of Kent Treble Bob Royal. A. N. Wood, M. Smith, W. Finedon, C. W. Clarke, W. Hall, S. Callip, I. Hills, C. Chasty, F. Webb, C. R. Lilley.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

HALLOW (Worcestershire).—On Tuesday, August 26th, a peal was arranged here for Mr. C. H. Pearce, of York Town, Surrey, but it came to grief after ringing 48 mins. T. Bullock, H. Matthews, C. Pearce, W. Rouse, G. Checketts, A. Winterton, W. Page conductor, J. Oakley. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD.—On Thursday, August 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstans' four-part, in 51 mins. C. Willshire conductor, A. Frankum, H. Hutton, A. Gilling, R. Wood, F. Chorley, F. Blondell, T. Maynard. Rung half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late J. H. Wiles, Esq., churchwarden of Holy Trinity, who was interred at Guildford cemetery that day.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT BARDFIELD (Essex).—On Sunday, September 7th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. E. Townsend, H. Bowers, G. H. Sentance, F. Suckling, W. Gould, B. Wiffen conductor.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday, September 7th, for morning service, 720 Bob Major, G. Leonard, G. H. Sentance, A. B. Wiffen conductor, P. Holmes, H. Pilcher, W. H. Hammond, H. Cooke, C. H. Howard. On Monday, September 8th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, with tenor covering. G. Leonard, W. Sadler, P. Holmes, A. B. Wiffen, G. H. Sentance, C. H. Howard conductor, H. J. Collins.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Monday, September 8th, at the residence of Mr. J. Ballard, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Knight, E. Ham, T. Nicholsod, C. Holdaway, J. Ward, F. Redgate, J. Ballard. Composed by F. Redgate, and conducted by J. Ballard.

DOVER.—On Monday, August 25th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles), in 28 mins., with the tenor covering, being the first 720 on the bells by a local band since they were rehung. A. Saunders, E. Potter, J. B. Saunders, H. Wood conductor, C. Turner, H. Saywell, C. Sheaff.

HUNTINGDON.—On Saturday, September 6th, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major was lost after 2 hrs. good striking. S. Westley, S. W. Hawksford, L. J. Flint, S. J. Coleman, H. Fields, G. D. Coleman, W. Goss, C. R. Lilley conductor. And 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Goss, S. W. Hawksford, G. D. Coleman, S. J. Coleman, L. J. Flint, H. Fields, S. Westley, C. R. Lilley conductor. On handbells, a course of Bob Major. L. J. Flint, S. J. Coleman, G. D. Coleman, C. R. Lilley. And a course of Grandsire Caters. S. J. Coleman, C. R. Lilley, S. W. Hawksford, H. Fields, G. D. Coleman, L. J. Flint.

LUTON (Beds).—On Saturday, August 23rd, for practice at the parish church, 518 Grandsire Triples. A. Brightman, C. R. Lilley, Ren. W. W. C. Baker, M. Laue, F. Bonner, M. Matthews, J. Rookwood, H. Shaw. On Sunday, August 25th, for service, 360 Doubles. S. Smith, A. Brightman, F. Bonner, B. Wilson, J. Rookwood, B. Gutteridge, A. Sharpe, T. Gutteridge.

NORTH STONEHAM (Hants).—On Sunday, August 3rd, two 6-scores of Doubles. W. Mundy, W. Ball, C. Fray, A. Marks, W. Tucker conductor, W. Roe. Also two 6-scores. E. Dumper, W. Ball, C. Fray conductor, A. Marks, W. Ree, W. Tucker. On Wednesday, August 6th, two 6-scores. W. Mundy, W. Ball, C. Fray, A. Marks, W. Tucker conductor. Rung on the back five. And a 6-score. W. Mundy, W. Ball, C. Fray, A. Marks, W. Tucker conductor, Rev. Kenworthy Brayne.

OLD WOLVERTON (Bucks).—On Sunday, July 27th, for afternoon service, 720 Doubles. W. Bull, W. Beal, C. Valentine, W. Bonham, W. Tucker conductor. And two 6-scores. W. Bull, W. Beal conductor, T. Baal, W. Bonham, W. Tucker, C. Valentine. On Friday, August 8th, several 6-scores.

SHERE (Surrey).—On Tuesday, August 26th, for practice at St. James's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Crumper, C. Street, J. Chapman, J. Bignall, M. Bignall, M. Sanders, H. Fellowes, G. Dartnall. First on the bells by a local band.

SETTLE (Yorks).—On Sunday, August 17th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Tomlinson, H. Edmondson, H. Graham, W. Middleton, W. H. Parker, C. J. Lord conductor, W. F. Clark, W. Slinger.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Sunday evening, July 13th, 360 Bob Minor. A. Clarke, E. Yates, C. Valentine, W. Bonham, W. Tucker, G. Cowley conductor. On Sunday, July 20th, 360 Minor. A. Clarke, E. Yates, G. Cowley, W. Bonham, C. Valentine, W. Tucker conductor. On July 27th, 360, standing as before. On Thursday, August 7th, 720 Bob Minor. A. Claakk, R. Valentine, E. Yates, W. Bonham, C. Valentine, G. Cowley conductor. On Coronation Day, 720 Bob Minor. H. Clarke, G. Valentine, sen., G. Cowley, W. Bonham, C. Valentine, W. Tucker conductor. Several 120s of Doubles were rung during the day, and the bells were fired.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Thursday, September 4th, at St. Saviour's church, on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of St. Barnabas' church by Mr. Richard Foster, of Chislehurst, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was lost in the last part. After service 559 Grandsire. H. Lucas, W. Doran, G. Lucas, E. D. Lillywhite, F. Hull, H. Freeman, F. Butler conductor, W. Jones. And 336 in the same method, W. Abrahams, 5; conducted by H. Freeman. This was Mr. R. Foster's 80th birthday, and the ringers wish him many happy returns.

WOOD GREEN (Middlesex).—On Sunday, September 7th, at St. Michael's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Dixon, H. J. Martin, W. Pickworth, J. Armstrong, T. Langdon, A. Jacob conductor. And 720 Bob Minor. A. Jacob conductor, J. Armstrong, W. Dixon, H. J. Martin, M. Pensom, W. Pickworth.

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The Metropolis.

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THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Monday, September 15, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ISLINGTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LATES'S ONE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR R. JACOB* Treble.	HERBERT LANGDON 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE 2.	*THOMAS LANGDON 6.
HENRY HODGETTS 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD 7.
HERBERT P. HARMAN 4.	JOSEPH BARRY Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

This is the first peal on the bells by the above Society since 1838. *Cumberland Youths.

Silent Handbell Peal.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, September 12, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE MEETING-HOUSE OF THE ABOVE SOCIETY, THE COFFEE POT, WARWICK LANE, E.C.,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LATES'S ONE-PART.

HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 1-2.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 5-6.
GEORGE N. PRICE 3-4.	ARTHUR W. BARKUS .. 7-8.

Umpires—Joseph Barry and William E. Moss. This peal was rung on strictly non-conducted principles, without a word being spoken, or a sign of any kind being made.

The Provinces.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

HENRY PRICE Treble.	FREDERICK HOLDEN 5.
WILLIAM S. SMITH 2.	EDWARD HULL 6.
HARRY CORBETT 3.	ARTHUR DEAN 7.
JOHN WYATT 4.	WILLIAM FARRELL Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

STAUNTON, NEAR GLOUCESTER.

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

On Saturday, September 6, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 16 lbs. in G.

GEORGE BRUNSDON Treble.	GEORGE CONDICK 4.
JOHN AUSTIN 2.	RICHARD BRUNSDON 5.
JESSE GILLET 3.	THOMAS NEWMAN Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

RICHMOND, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 10, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Grandsire, Bob Doubles, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Bob Minor. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN J. PEAKE Treble.	ALBERT MORTON 4.
FRANK W. BRAND 2.	JOHN T. FRENCHUM 5.
JOHN G. WODDY 3.	RICHMOND BRISCOE Tenor.

Conducted by RICHMOND BRISCOE.

Rung as a farewell peal on the departure of R. Briscoe for the Training College at York.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 10, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LATES'S ONE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD Treble.	FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT 5.
HUBERT EDEN 2.	JOSEPH J. ALLEN 6.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 3.	HARRY A. HORREX 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	FREDERICK EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, September 10, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LATES'S ONE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY HODGETTS Treble.	JOHN BASDEN 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE 2.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 6.
WILLIAM HODGETTS 3.	CHALLIS F. WINNEY 7.
ALLAN H. TABER 4.	HENRY BROWNING Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 10, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM HANCOCK† .. Treble.	JOHN R. SANDOVER 5.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 2.	FERRIS SHEPHERD 6.
WILLIAM C. BURROUGH .. 3.	FRANK DAVEY 7.
THOMAS LAVER 4.	JOHN RICHARDS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Rung as birthday compliments to W. Hancock and the conductor. †First peal.

RYE, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 12, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES LIVERMORE, JUN.* Treble.	ERNEST S. REED 5.
GEORGE BILLENNESS† .. 2.	WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 6.
FRANCIS A. VINCETT 3.	THOMAS A. VINCETT 7.
CHARLES PRICE 4.	EDWARD CURD Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

*First peal, aged 14. †First peal as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. A. J. W. Crosse, upon his return from Durban, South Africa, where he has been doing duty.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JESSE SCREEN† Treble.	JAMES HALL 5.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	JOHN R. FRISBY 6.
THOMAS H. REEVES* .. 3.	JAMES HARES 7.
JOSEPH WALKER 4.	*THOMAS DAVIES Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

†First peal away from the tenor. *First peal.

THE RINGERS' ONLY TRUE BADGE.—In Gold, Silver or Bronze.—COLDWELL (Ringer), Mirfield, Yorks.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(SPROUGHTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 13, 1902, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qrs.

WALTER BROWN* Treble.	CHARLES PARKER 5.
FRANK ROLFE 2.	PHILIP RAMPLIN 6.
GEORGE MEE 3.	*ALFRED RIVERS 7.
HARRY MEE 4.	FRED MEE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by FRANK ROLFE.

*First peal of Bob Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1902, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM DENNER Treble.	WILLIAM T. H. TIMBRELL .. 5.
SAMUEL OAKES 2.	EDWIN TIMBRELL 6.
ALFRED POTTER 3.	JOSEPH POTTER 7.
ROBERT SANDERSON .. 4.	JOHN POTTER Tenor.

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, and Conducted by JAMES POTTER.

This peal has the 6th its extent at home at nine course-ends.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM WEBB Treble.	FREDERICK JONES 5.
JOSEPH PORTER 2.	JOHN T. PERRY 6.
WILLIAM G. ELLIS .. 3.	ALBERT HACKLEY 7.
THOMAS COLLINSON .. 4.	ALBERT E. FORD Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM G. ELLIS.

F. Jones was proposed a member of the above Association before starting for the peal.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART (No. 2).

J. MADDOCK Treble.	F. SADD 5.
W. J. BOWDEN* 2.	E. E. BURGESS 6.
E. C. SWEET* 3.	*A. E. COLES 7.
H. BOOBIER* 4.	*R. G. FURLAND Tenor.

Conducted by J. MADDOCK.

*First peal.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN J. JONES Treble.	JAMES HUNT 5.
CHARLES HAZELDEN .. 2.	FREDERICK HOLDEN .. 6.
ERNEST ALLEN 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. 4.	BENJAMIN B. WICKENS .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

HOLBECK, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY WILLIAMS Treble.	WILLIAM WOODHEAD .. 5.
W. O. TALBOT 2.	BENJAMIN SHAW 6.
WALTER WOOD 3.	HENRY LINDSAY 7.
F. P. POWELL 4.	ALFRED NAYLOR Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALFRED NAYLOR.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, September 13, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15½ cwt.

ALBERT GILLINGHAM .. Treble.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 5.
JAMES MOTTS 2.	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 6.
EDGAR PEMBERTON .. 3.	WILLIAM MOTTS 7.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

(THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.)

On Monday, September 15, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 27½ cwt.

FRED JAKEMAN Treble.	ISAAC SCHOFIELD 6.
THOMAS JAKEMAN 2.	JOHN CRABTREE 7.
E. B. SHAW 3.	JOHN LEIGH 8.
SAMUEL STOTT 4.	SAMUEL BOOTH 9.
WILLIAM JAKEMAN .. 5.	ALBERT ADAMS Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, and Conducted by WILLIAM JAKEMAN.
Rung as a farewell peal to the conductor who is leaving Ashton for America.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE
ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Monday, September 15, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT G. WARNES .. Treble.	THOMAS FAULKNER 6.
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2.	EDWARD FRANCIS 7.
ALBERT ROUGHT* 3.	EGBERT BORRETT 8.
HERBERT W. STANLEY* .. 4.	GEORGE MOY 9.
JOHN MOY 5.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

*First peal of Royal. This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent in 5-5, the 2nd and 3rd being never there, and is now rung for the first time.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 15, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 20 cwt.

W. BROWN Treble.	F. SHERATON 4.
C. W. CLARKE* 2.	W. SHERATON 5.
J. ANDERSON 3.	†A. MEYERS Tenor.

Conducted by A. MEYERS.

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

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 15, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 18½ cwt.

FREDERICK POUNDS Treble.	THOMAS BULL 5.
HARRY BROOKS 2.	JOHN MONK 6.
MARK WOODCOCK 3.	*FRANK SMITH 7.
WALTER LARGE 4.	TOM JONES Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK SMITH.

*First peal as conductor.

Handbell Peals.

OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1902, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

IN THE PARISH ROOM,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

HENRY HODGETTS 1-2.	WILLIAM HODGETTS 5-6.
GEORGE N. PRICE 3-4.	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire—Francis A. Smith.

SPROUTHTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SPROUTHTON BRANCH.)

On Sunday, September 14, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. HARRY MEE,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

PHILIP RAMPLIN 1.	HARRY MEE 4.
GEORGE INCE 2.	FRANK ROLFE 5-6.
ARTHUR E. MOORE 3.	ALFRED RIVERS 7-8.

Composed by W. WILLSON, and Conducted by FRANK ROLFE.

This peal was specially arranged for A. E. Moore, of Bury St. Edmunds, and this is his first peal in the method, also his first peal on handbells.

WOBURN, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 16, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT 20, BEDFORD STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

MORTIMER J. MATTHEWS 1-2.	CYRIL HERBERT 5-6.
ERNEST HERBERT 3-4.	*SIDNEY AVIS 7-8.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by CYRIL HERBERT.

Umpire—Charles Herbert. *First peal of Bob Major on handbells.

Date Touches.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THORINGTON.—On Sunday, September 14th, a date touch of Minor, 1902 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins., in the following methods: 102 Plain Bob, 360 Double Court, 720 Kent, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Miles, G. M. Rashbrooke, W. J. Nevard, G. Lancaster, W. J. Hazell, G. A. Andrews conductor. Longest touch on the bells since the new treble was added in July last.

Miscellaneous.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HERNE (Kent).—On Sunday, August 24th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 29 mins. J. Harford, H. Langdon, J. Town, E. Webb, H. P. Harman conductor, G. Durling. These bells are sadly in need of repair, as they go very bad.

FOLKESTONE.—On August 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. G. Miller, W. Seeley, S. Barker, S. Binfield conductor, H. Croucher, F. Jordan, H. Petts, F. Kedwell. On August 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. T. Pilcher, T. Newman, S. Barker, W. Seeley, H. Croucher, W. Newell, S. Binfield conductor, F. Kedwell.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, August 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. B. Miller, T. G. Deal, F. Davis, E. H. Nixon, F. W. Thornton, J. Law, J. Davis conductor, W. J. Jeffries. On Sunday, August 31st, for evening service, 1344 Grandsire Triples. W. Bull conductor, T. G. Deal, W. J. Jeffries, E. H. Nixon, G. H. Daynes, J. Law, J. Davis, F. Davis. On Sunday, September 7th, for morning service, 896 Double Norwich. F. Davis, F. G. Deal, S. J. Collins, E. H. Nixon, G. H. Daynes, J. Davis, W. Berry, W. J. Jeffries conductor.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRAWLEY.—On Sunday, August 17th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 25 mins. T. Andrews, W. Ansell, W. Stanford, G. F. Williams conductor, F. T. Hoad, jun., W. Short, H. Cook, G. Woodman. For evening service 192 Treble Bob. T. Andrews, J. Newham, W. Ansell, A. Mills, W. Short, F. T. Hoad, H. Cook, G. F. Williams conductor.

RYE (Sussex).—On Saturday, September 6th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples was lost after ringing 4242 changes, in 2 hrs. 37 mins., owing to the assistant organist of the church turning the gas off at the meter in mistake. J. Livermore, jun., aged 14, G. Billenness conductor, G. Willis, F. A. Vincett, E. S. Reed, W. Billenness, T. A. Vincett, E. Curd.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—On Saturday, August 9th, the following touches were rung in honour of the coronation: 168 Grandsire Triples. F. Dite, L. Brooks, H. Day, W. Miller, W. Biss conductor, W. Heath, A. Rowley, C. Oram. Also three 336s, standing as above, conducted by W. Biss. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, W. Heath, W. Miller, W. Biss conductor, G. Hardage, A. Rowley, F. Dite. Also two 504s Grandsire Triples. F. Dite, L. Brooks, W. Biss conductor, W. Miller, W. Heath, G. Hardage, A. Rowley, C. Oram. H. Day rang the treble in one of the 504s instead of F. Dite. On Thursday, August 7th, 910 Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, W. Biss conductor, W. Miller, W. Heath, G. Hardage, A. Rowley, F. Dite.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KILLAMARSH.—On Sunday, September 1st, for evening service, 720 Wells Surprise. F. Hall, H. Greaves, J. Emson, W. Lambert, W. H. Turton, C. Severn conductor.

BOLSOVER.—On Sunday, September 1st, for morning service, 720 Killamarsh Treble Bob. R. Coupe, F. Godber, J. Flint, F. Wagstaffe, J. Goodwin, W. Lambert conductor. For evening service 360 Duke of York. S. Coupe, F. Godber, W. Lambert, F. Wagstaffe, T. Bettison conductor, J. Flint. And a plain course of Violet Treble Bob. J. Flint, 3; W. Lambert, 6; the rest as above.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday, September 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. E. Taylor, W. Hiscott first quarter-peal with a bob bell, F. Dunaway, J. Steed, C. Legg, W. H. Marsh conductor, W. Ford, J. Jordan.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WELLS (Norfolk).—On Saturday, August 16th, 1440 Bob Major. J. Skinner, F. Wilby, C. Ayres, W. C. Hendry, R. W. Cooke, W. Savory, F. Cooke, W. J. Howson conductor.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD.—On Sunday, August 17th, for morning service 480 Kent Treble Bob Royal. J. Hunt, A. Kingston conductor, G. Hollis, G. W. Bemrose, P. Handby, S. Price, F. S. W. Butler, E. Diaper, C. W. P. Clifton, A. Craven. For evening service, 1256 Grandsire Caters, in 47 mins. A. Knights conductor, G. Hollis, B. A. Knights, G. W. Bemrose, D. Farthing, S. Price, C. W. P. Clifton, E. Diaper, W. Thyng, G. Mee. On Saturday, July 26th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but after ringing 1 hr. 45 mins. it unfortunately came to grief. P. Handby, G. W. Bemrose, D. Farthing, B. A. Knights, C. W. P. Clifton, G. Hollis, F. S. W. Butler conductor G. Mee.

(Other Miscellaneous Touches will be found on page 281.)

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 Yorkshire Association.—The meeting at Beverley will be held on Saturday, September 20th, the local hon. sec. being Mr. W. Gibson, of Brithunus Place, Long Lane, Beverley. The N.E. Railway will run an excursion from Leeds at 12.45, returning at 8.35, return fare 1s. 9d.

Leeds, Sept. 2. WM. SNOWDON, *President*.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, London Bridge, on the 25th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 30th, at 8 p.m. Business meetings after the two latter. WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

Frodingham, Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern District. A meeting of the above will be held at Baldock to-day, Saturday, September 20th. Tower open from 1 p.m.

J. SHEPPARD, *District Sec.*

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting will be held at Norwich, on Thursday, September 25th. A special service will be held at St. Peter Mancroft at 12.45, when an address will be given by the Rev. Dr. Raven. Dinner at 1.30 in the Mancroft Parochial Hall, Chapel Field East, at 2s. 6d. for honorary members and friends, and 1s. 6d. for company members. Business meeting after dinner for election of officers. For particulars as to rail fares, etc., see printed circulars, which have been sent to all masters of companies. C. E. BORRETT, *Hon. Sec. pro. tem.*

10, Chester Street, Norwich.

The Midland Counties' Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Long Eaton on Saturday, September 27th. The bells (8) at Long Eaton, and Sawley (6) will be open for ringing from 2.0 p.m., but will be closed during the time of tea and meeting. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Tea (1s. each) at 4.45 p.m., both in the Infants' National schoolroom, Clay Street. Will those who intend being present for tea kindly inform Mr. J. E. Hexter, 45, Upper Wellington Street, Long Eaton, not later than Thursday, September 25th, so that proper arrangements may be made. The hon. secretaries will be pleased to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date. W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

Cotgrave, Notts.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Tong (6 bells) on Saturday, September 27th. Business meeting at The Greyhound inn at 7 p.m. CHARLES PRATT, *Sec.*

Park View, Calverley.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at King's Norton on Saturday, September 27th. Service in church at 5.10. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting afterwards. JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Eccles on Saturday, September 27th. All ringing matter to be sent to Mr. J. Shepherd, 39, Dale Street, Bacup. Notice for tea to be sent to Mr. J. Barratt, 7, College Croft, Eccles. Further particulars by circular.

A. E. WREAKS.

J. WILSON.

J. SHEPHERD.

} *Hon. Secs.*

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Southport on Saturday, September 27th. Full particulars by circular.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM,

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern Division. A district meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, September 27. Tea (price 6d.), followed by business meeting, at 5 p.m. The towers of Chelmsford (10 bells), Galleywood (8), and Widford (8) will also be open. A bus leaves Chelmsford station for Writtle at 4 p.m. Notice of intention to attend should be given to the Rev. T. L. Papillon, or W. Lincoln (Writtle), at least three days before, or tea cannot be guaranteed.

W. H. JUDD, *Master*.
G. GREEN, *Secretary*.

Cleveland and North Yorks. Association. A General Meeting will be held at Middleham (ring of 6, tenor 11 cwt.), and East Witton (ring of 6, tenor 7 cwt.), on Saturday, September 27th, when both rings will be available during the day. The local band will provide tea on the rectory lawn if fine, in the schools if wet (ladies welcomed), and by the kind permission of the Rector the rectory garden will be open to members and their friends. Busses meet all trains at Leyburn Station, fare sixpence. Members intending to be present at the tea are requested to send in their names to Mr. G. J. Clarkson, 6, Finkle Street, Stockton-on-Tees, not later than Wednesday, September 24th. A meeting of the committee will be held after the tea.

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

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Treeton on Saturday, September 27th. Members are requested to attend, as important matters will be brought before the meeting.

E. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Fulbourn on Saturday, September 27th. A tea will be provided at Fulbourn at 4 p.m. Cherryhinton bells also available. All ringers welcome. P. WEBB, *Dis. Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held on Saturday, October 4th, at the parish church, Bradley. The bells will be available for ringing during the afternoon from 2 o'clock. There will be a short service in church at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6 o'clock at one shilling per head for all those sending in their names on or before September 30th. Subscriptions are now overdue, and should be paid at this meeting. S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

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The Middlesex County Association.—Members are asked to take note that the annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, October 4th next, at St. Margaret's church, Westminster, as to which particulars will be announced later. The Hon. Secretaries will be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.

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The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Archdeaconry of Wilts. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, October 4th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting.

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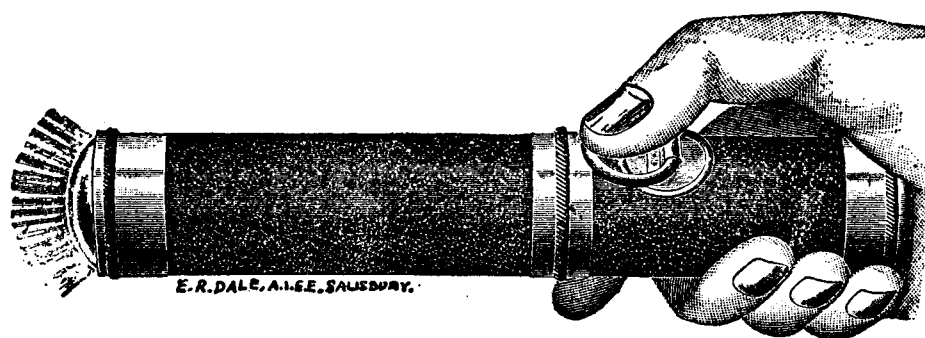
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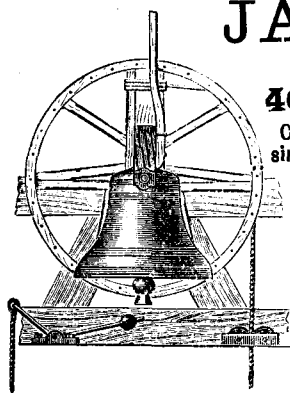
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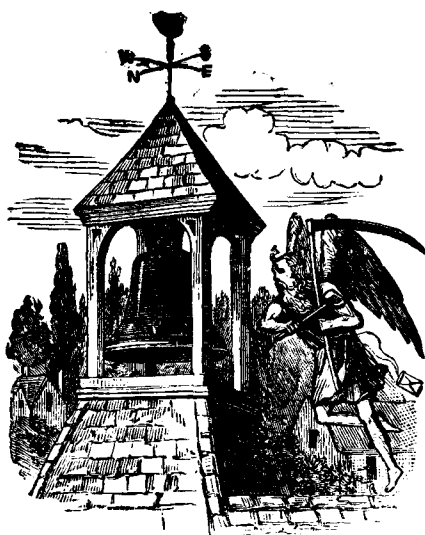
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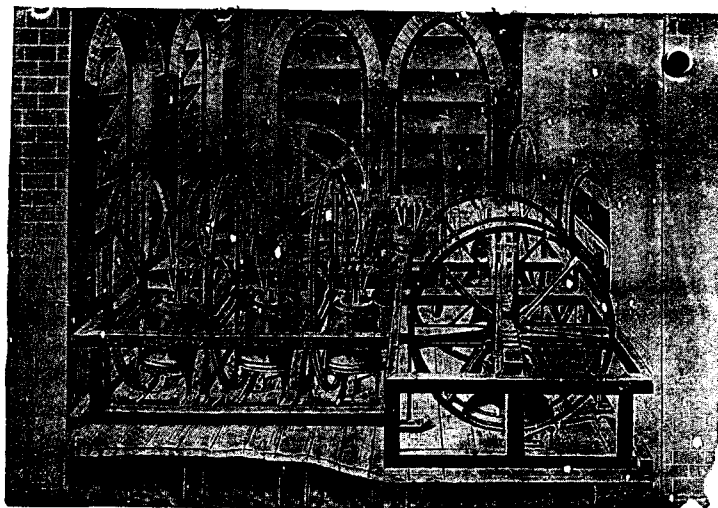
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THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

CHURCH STRETTON (Salop). Dedication not given. Eight bells. No return.

CIRENCESTER (Gloucestershire). St. John the Baptist. Gloucester and Bristol Association. Thirteen bells. The odd bell by Taylor, 1895, to make an alternative ring of eight, with the 9th as tenor. The rest by Rudhall as follows: treble and 2nd, 1722; 3rd, 1713; 4th, 1786; 5th, 1729; 6th, 1787; 7th, 1761; 8th, 1718; 9th, 1715, but recast by Taylor, 1895; 10th, 1746; 11th, 1734; tenor 28 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in., 1736. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor, 1895, with new fittings. Sound in ringing-chamber requires deadening. Ropes new, 1895, good. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11. Practice: Monday, 8.15.

CLARE (Suffolk). SS. Peter and Paul. Ely Diocesan Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd, and 4th by Mears, 1781, 1829, and 1779; 3rd and 5th by Graye, 1640 and 1661; 6th by Dier, 1579; 7th, date and founder unknown. Tenor 28 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in., by Newman, 1695. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were rehung by Day in 1900, with new frame and fittings. Ropes new 1900, good. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 10.45, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Saturday, 7.30. The bells are available for peal-ringing.

CLIFF-AT-HOO (Kent). St. Helen. Kent County Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, the two trebles, 1860, the rest 1859. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs to treble and 4th by local man in 1896. Further repairs needed. No half-pull ringing at present. Sunday ringing: 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Saturday, 8.

CLIFFORD (Herefordshire). St. Mary. Hereford

Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All recast by Mears, 1897. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung with new frame and fittings by Greenleaf, 1897. Ropes new, 1897. Method: Grandsire. No regular Sunday ringing. Practice: Friday, 7, during winter months.

CLIFTON (Gloucestershire). St. Andrew. Gloucester and Bristol Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1868, except the tenor, 11 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in., by Jeffries, 1838. Timber frame. Bells go well. Slight repairs by Llewellyns; date not given. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Forward. No regular Sunday ringing. Practice: Monday, 7.30.

Emmanuel. Gloucester and Bristol Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1884. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. No repairs since hung 1884, as none are required. Ropes fair. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman. No regular Sunday ringing, nor any practice, owing to the bells being so near Clifton College.

CLYST HONITON (Devon). St. Michael. Eight bells. All by Taylor, the two trebles in 1884, the rest in 1882. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The back six were hung by Luxton, 1882, and the trebles by Clarke, 1884. No repairs since. Ropes good, new when bells were hung. Methods: "No, the old style of change-ringing." No Sunday ringing. Practice: Wednesday, 7, except in Lent.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Great Addington on Saturday, August 30th. Fine weather prevailing, there was a record attendance, over eighty members being present, the belfries represented being: Kettering, Wellingborough, Raunds, Thrapston, Irthlingborough, Northampton, Higham Ferrers, Rushden, Earls Barton, Burton Latimer, Desborough, Rothwell, Irchester, Finedon, Mears Ashby, and Great Addington. Thanks to the liberality of Mr. S. L. Lane, of the Manor House, and Mr. J. R. Wilkinson, a substantial tea had been provided Mr. Gray, the village schoolmaster, who was assisted in his onerous task by his two daughters, the large company of ringers necessitating two sittings down, and it is a compliment to which the caterers under the stress of circumstances are entitled to say that their untiring efforts gave the greatest possible satisfaction. After tea a meeting was held in the Parish Room. The Rev. E. C. Channer, Ravensthorpe, occupied the chair, supported by the Rev. R. Copeman, Stoke Albany, and the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell, of Wilbye, and Mr. T. R. Hensher, the Hon. Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, a discussion ensued upon the advisability of holding the next quarterly meeting at Thrapston. The

secretary pointed out that Thrapston ringers were in the Higham Ferrers Second Deanery Association, but he was not quite sure whether that Association was still in existence. If not he would like to see the Higham Ferrers Second Deanery belfries embraced within their Association. Mr. Hensher was empowered to communicate with the Rev. G. M. Edmonds, Stoke Doyle, the members deciding, on the motion of the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell, seconded by Mr. Martin (Higham Ferrers), to hold the next meeting at Thrapston provided it was agreeable to do so, and as an alternative meeting place Mr. W. Hensher's motion in favour of Kettering was heartily adopted. One new ringing member was from Thrapston, and the Great Addington ringers, seven in number, also became members.—Rev. W. St. George Coldwell moved a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rector (Rev. R. Doke), and the churchwardens (Messrs. Hollis and Harris) for the use of the bells; to Mr. S. L. Lane and Mr. J. R. Wilkinson, their kind host; and to Mr. Alfred Gray and his band of assistants for the excellent repast provided. The reception accorded them on all sides had assured them all that it was well worth their while as members of the Association to visit Great Addington. They had received great kindness at the hands of the church workers of Great Addington, and they had been loyally entertained by the kind people who gave them the tea, and he hoped the merry peals heard that afternoon and the efforts put forward would arouse even greater interest in parishioners and ringers who were anxious to strengthen the work and foster the objects of the Association. The Secretary regretted the somewhat serious illness of Mr. Walter Perkins, a Finedon ringer, who was suffering from typhoid fever, and on behalf of the members expressed the wish that he might have a speedy recovery to health.—An apology for non-attendance was read from the Rev. A. S. Lindsay (vice-president), who was away from home enjoying his holiday.—Grants of one guinea each were made to Isham and Desborough, where the bells were being increased and rehung.

Votes of thanks to the Chairman and Secretary concluded the meeting. The pretty peal of six in the church of All Saints, the gift of the late Viscountess Downe were in use from 2.0 p.m., to 8.0 p.m., by kind permission of the Rev. R. Doke. A social evening at the Hare and Hounds concluded a very pleasant day.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

QUARTERLY MEETING AT LYMINGTON, HANTS.

The weather favoured this Society's visit on Saturday, September 6th, and though the members present were not numerous, the most friendly spirit prevailed throughout the proceedings, the young members of the local band being evidently very keen.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter, whose election as secretary and treasurer took place at the last annual meeting, was present in his official capacity, and it was a source of regret that, owing to the necessity of his getting home that night, he was compelled to leave before the meeting terminated. The Master (Rev. C. E. Matthews) reported that in accordance with instructions from the annual meeting he had forwarded to his predecessor (the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey) a cheque for the amount subscribed by the members of the Guild, as a mark of their appreciation of his efforts on their behalf extending over a period of eleven years, first as Hon. Secretary and later as Master, and read a letter he had received in reply and which it

was unanimously resolved should be recorded on the minutes.

The whole of the members of the Ringwood band, fourteen in all, including the curate, the Rev. F. B. Phillips, were elected members of the Guild. The incorporation of this band in its entirety constitutes the best answer to all the unnecessary correspondence that has lately appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" concerning this and neighbouring towers. One member of the Lymington band, Mr. Hesketh, being qualified, was elected; and Mr. G. Preston of Christchurch was appointed to instruct the band, and as they all appear not only willing but anxious to qualify for membership there is every reason to believe that before the next report is issued the Lymington band will have joined the ranks of those affiliated to the Guild.

It was decided that fresh lists of the districts and circular embodying the terms upon which an instructor might be supplied to bands, should be issued.

At the request of the meeting the Master undertook to write a letter to Mr. H. Burling, whose wife was accidentally killed on the floating bridge at Southampton on the Saturday previous, expressing the sympathy of the members with him in his sad and sudden bereavement.

The subject of having more time for the business of the meetings was introduced by Mr. Willshire, of Guildford. A discussion ensued and various suggestions were offered, among others that of abolishing the arrangements for certain bands to leave at fixed times for ringing at towers in the neighbourhood. The Master suggested that as this was a subject of great importance it should be well considered before any ultimate decision was arrived at, and it was resolved that the matter should stand over for further discussion at the next quarterly meeting, to be held at Chertsey on Saturday, November 29th.

A vote of thanks was heartily accorded to the Vicar of Lymington, the Rev. B. Maturin, for his kind welcome, and his liberality in providing tea for the whole party.

An attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples in the morning, but this unfortunately came to grief after about an hour and a half ringing.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the Archdeaconry of Wilts. branch was held at Hilmarton on Saturday the 13th instant. The members attending from outside towers as well as the local ringers were by the kindness of the vicar, the Rev. E. W. W. Payne, entertained to tea on the vicarage lawn, and the weather being all that could be desired a very enjoyable time was spent. At the conclusion of the tea a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality was moved by the Secretary, Mr. G. D. Heginbotham.

The bells, which are a very sweet toned ring of six, were kept going by one band or another throughout the afternoon and evening.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. A. W. Pike has removed to 2, St. Bartholomew's Road, Reading.

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STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly meeting of this Association was held on Saturday, September 6th, at Brown Edge, and this being the first meeting the Association had held at that village, and the day being fine, a good number of ringers were present. The Rev. H. C. Frith (Clerical Secretary), was also present, having made a special effort to attend. The tower contains a very nice ring of six bells, which are in good condition, the "go" of them being easy. During the afternoon touches in various methods were rung, the Rev. H. C. Frith taking part in one of them. At six o'clock the members adjourned to the schoolroom and partook of an excellent tea, at which the Vicar, the Rev. E. J. Sturdee, and Mrs. Sturdee were present. A hearty welcome was given to the members by the Vicar, who said he hoped it would not be the last time by a many that they would pay a visit to Brown Edge.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Twigg (Hon. Secretary), to the Vicar and Mrs. Sturdee for the kind reception accorded to the members, and also to the Brown Edge ringers for the excellent tea provided.

During the evening selections were given on the hand-bells by the Brown Edge ringers, and several more touches on the tower bells, which brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

COLLINGHAM, NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.

The ring of bells here have been rehung and quarter-turned, with all new hangings, by F. White and Sons, of Appleton. They were opened by the Collingham ringers with several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. The bells go well and the workmanship is excellent. Much credit is due to the Rev. S. Griffith, Rector of Winthorpe, for the manner in which he instructed the Collingham ringers in the methods of change-ringing.

RICHMOND, YORKSHIRE.

On Monday, September 8th, 1902, the company at the parish church, Richmond, spent a very pleasant evening at the residence of Mr. Morton, postmaster of Millgate, Richmond. They were invited to commemorate the ringing of the first 5040 on the church bells by Mr. Morton and five other change-ringers, also for the purpose of giving the leader of the company (Mr. Briscoe) a cordial send-off on his departure for the training college at York. The proceedings commenced with a substantial repast, followed by ping pong and other games. Subsequently the Rev. A. E. Ayre, president, said that Mr. Briscoe's loss as leader of the company would be severely felt. During his leadership the art of change-ringing had improved to an extent unknown hitherto in the history of Richmond church. He had great pleasure in asking Mr. Briscoe to accept a travelling rug, accompanied by the wishes of all present that he might have a successful and prosperous career.

Mr. Briscoe made a suitable reply. He said that their tower last year had the best report in the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. They were at the top now. Let them by harmonious working and perseverance keep there. He thanked them most heartily for their kind present.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Morton for the very pleasant evening.

GREAT BARDFIELD (Essex).—On Sunday, September 7th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. E. Townsend, H. Bowers, G. H. Sentance, F. Suckling, W. Gould, B. Wiffen conductor.

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A TEN-PART PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES. A VARIATION.—By JOHN O. LANCASHIRE, Leicester.

I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	1234567	
S	S													2453167*	
B												B		5142367	
S	S		S				S					B		1654327	Part end.
S	S		S				S					B		6215347	
S	S		S				S				B	B	B	3415267	
S			S		S		S			B				4625137	
B			S		S		S			B				2164537	
S	S		S				S					B		1326547	
The last seven courses to be three times repeated.														1543267	Part ends
														1265437	
														1432657	
S	S		S				S					B		4513627	
S	S		S				S					B	B	6213547	
S			S		S		S				B			(1234567)	
S			S		S		S				B	S		2613547	
S	S		S				S					B	B	5413627	
S			S		S		S				B			4263157	
B			S		S		S				B			6124357	
S	S		S				S					B		1562347	
The last seven courses to be four times repeated, adding a single at 1 in the first course of the first, second, third and fourth repetitions.														1345627	Part ends.
														1623457	
														1456237	

Has twenty-one two-call sets and one three-call set. *The second single brings up this course-end. The course-end enclosed in brackets does not come up, but is the natural course-end from which (if followed by S at 1 as usual) the succeeding courses would be pricked. The thin black lines show the sixes which the last call makes the observation bell (in this case the 7th) omit. Commence from rounds with a slow six, calling a single at the go off.

A PEAL BY THE REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

231456	2	4	5	6	8	9	10	12	14	461235	2	4	6	7	8	10	14
614325	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	514236	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
243615	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	432516	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
136245	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	624531	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
562314	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	146523	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
123564	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	635142	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
435216	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	256134	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
652341	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	641253	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
423651	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	132645	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
536421	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	521634	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
164352	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	415623	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
543162	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	536412	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
631542	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	265431	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
215364	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	152463	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
653214	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	234156	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
132654	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	642135	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Once repeated; calling S at 11 and bobs at 13 and 17 in the last course brings 461235.

Composed August 6th, 1902.

Once repeated; calling S at 8, and bobs at 9 and 11 in the last course completes the peal.

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."

THE BIRMINGHAM HANDBELL PEAL, ETC.

SIR,—I'm sorry my letter of the 13th has caused so much correspondence, but as the persons who wrote these letters all row in the same boat, little notice can be taken of them. Had an outsider expressed his opinion on the subject a little more notice might be taken of it. Mr. Taffender says I had the peal in hand a long time before I called it double-handed, and that I could not get on very well with it. I now challenge Mr. Taffender to prove this assertion. I have never yet arranged for an attempt for the one-part in hand. I have started for it five times altogether, that was only after meeting short for either Caters or Major. He must remember it's a different matter to start for a peal on the off-chance when you are not very well acquainted with it, than it is when you go for the purpose of calling it; and at that time I had not called it about two or three times. Now for proof as to whether there is any great difficulty in calling it I know two persons who called it at the first attempt, one of them had done very little calling at all. Mr. Pasmore says he fails to see what difference it makes whether it's odd bob or even, and you have the privilege of picking up mistakes; I think he would find he would have enough to do to look after himself if he was calling it from a pair of working bells. His letter, like Mr. Taffender's, proves for itself that it's only want of experience that such foolish letters are written.

Mr. Price says we should write without descending to personalities. There was nothing in my letter of the 13th to offend any straightforward person, but if the boot pinches, let whom it pinches wear it. No straightforward person is offended through being told the truth. I will now draw to a close, as I fear I have already trespassed on your space, so with these remarks my correspondence on the subject ceases. W. PYE.

SIR,—I have read the correspondence under the above heading, and in my opinion there is no comparison between the performances mentioned.

In the silent peal there are four bob-callers, each conducting his own pair of bells.

In the performance of the odd bob peal there was but one, and if the lesson of this odd bob composition is greater than that of the silent peal composition, then W. H. Barber wins, I say nothing of his companions.

But if a capping performance is wanted, then let a company go for the odd bob peal silent. H. DAINS.

SIR,—I think it would be best for all critics of the above to wait until they see the composition before expressing any further opinion. They will then see (as I have) that there is no affinity between Carter's odd bob and Thurstan's or Lates's one-part peal of Stedman Triples. In the former the 7th is the observation-bell, it is true, and her work is regular, regular inasmuch as she is continuously broken. For instance, there are bobs at 2, 6, 10, 12, 14, in every course, the rest of the calling—and there is plenty of it—is irregular. The 7th goes down quick first time instead of slow; bobs at 4, 5, 6, mean in and out quick and make the bob. At 8, 9, 10, 12, the 7th is in slow, after which she is bobbed "home" and "wrong," the style of Stedman orthodox calling being totally revolutionised. The odd calling also compels certain bells to run quick only, for hundreds of changes, and others correspondingly slow; and in double-handed ringing this is not conducive to mental comfort.

Whether such an intricate feat excels an easy (composition) silent peal is a matter of individual opinion, and cannot be settled by a newspaper controversy. There is much to be said on both sides. It is not the mental calling of a silent peal—for all being conductors the peal is safer than with one only—but the almost unavoidable trips which must not be corrected; which the band must persistently fight against. From a conductor's point Mr. Barber has certainly captured the finest trophy up to date. I think the figures should appear as soon as possible.

WILLIAM WILLSON.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SIR,—Out of all the correspondence about this subject the only practical fact I can extract is that Mr. Drake's efforts for the benefit of ringing in his neighbourhood have given rise to misunderstanding, and to a lot of disputes *inter alia* about such a thing as a boundary—which appear, I imagine, to most of your readers to be utterly contemptible. Certainly if the views expressed in Mr. Hampton's letter in your last issue are those generally held by Diocesan Associations, we in London may be thankful we are not afflicted by such bodies. Making a hard and fast rule about the coincidence of Associations and Diocesan boundaries is about as flagrant an instance as could be found of sacrificing the spirit to the letter. A diocese is a business area marking the jurisdiction of an administrative ecclesiastical officer—the Bishop—whose business in life it is to administer the functions of his office within it. It is as much a business area as a county. But ringing Associations are voluntary bodies existing for the purpose of promoting the improvement of ringing both in itself and as Church work, and here we have the revolting spectacle of Churchmen worshipping the fetish of an arbitrary line in such a way as to make what is necessary to the business of the Church a hindrance to the promotion of one kind of Church work. I do not know whether Mr. Drake finds the welfare of ringing in his neighbourhood likely to be strangled with red tape, but if so I feel sure that if he will discuss the matter with Mr. Carpenter, the new Hon. Secretary of the Winchester Guild, a man well-known in the Exercise and of wide views and common sense, a satisfactory arrangement for co-operation can be arrived at.

R. A. DANIELL.

SIR,—May I call your attention to a printer's error in my letter appearing in your issue of Saturday last, which, if not corrected, will have the effect of obscuring my meaning. It is this, that in the last sentence the word "not" has been omitted, and the sentence should run as follows: "I am strongly of opinion that this Guild should remain what it calls itself, a Diocesan Guild, and that the rules on this point should not only not be relaxed, but that if necessary they should be strengthened," etc. C. H. HAMPTON.

REPLY TO MR. LANCASHIRE.

SIR,—Replying to part of Mr. Lancashire's letter in your last issue, he states that better part-ends can be obtained, and gives three rows as examples, which is the same as in Thurstan's, Lates's, Brook's and other peals. I contend that he misses the main point, which is that by going off into the first change of the six you can get peals in numbers which are impossible when you start the usual way. Also I differ most strongly from his views that any go-off should be allowed. If that is to be why not permit a conductor to utilise any kind of bobs he considers most convenient? because in either case it is only a question of explaining to your band before you start. A long time ago I went to St. Martin's, Birmingham, and the conductor after telling us to start with a slow six, cried "go." Some of the ringers either did not hear or did not understand, and the result is better imagined than described. By all means let us have uniformity, and be strictly confined to one go-off, and one alone in any method. I am glad Mr. Lancashire has given me this opportunity of expressing my views.

JOHN CARTER.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BORDEN.—On Sunday, August 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Excell, S. Hutson, H. Baker, G. Foster, C. Millway, J. Tassell, W. Tassell, R. Staines. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. J. Excell, G. Foster, H. Baker, C. Millway, W. Tassell, J. Tassell, R. Staines, E. W. Nettle.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SAXLINGHAM.—On Monday, August 11th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. G. Aldis, Rev. R. W. Pitt, R. Baldry, E. Fuller, J. Wilson conductor, A. Aldis. And 720 in the same method. G. Aldis, H. Buckenham, J. Wilson conductor, Rev. R. W. Pitt, G. King, A. Aldis.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED.—On Sunday, August 10th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, for morning service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. T. Jordan, G. Jordan, G. Gray, T. J. Watts, J. Luckey, W. Watts conductor. On Sunday, August 17th, for morning service, 720 Superlative Surprise, 2nd the observation. G. Jordan, J. Luckey, G. Gray, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Cavill, H. Little, G. Gray, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. On Wednesday, August 20th, for practice, 720 London Surprise, 5th the observation. W. T. Prior, I. Hammond, W. Prior, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. Also 720 Double Court Bob. W. Watts conductor, I. Hammond, J. Luckey, W. Prior, W. T. Prior, T. J. Watts. On Sunday, August 24th, for morning service, 720 Duke of York, 2nd the observation. J. Luckey, G. Jordan, G. Gray, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. For evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Cavill, H. Little, G. Gray, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. On Wednesday, August 27th, for practice, 720 Double Oxford Bob. T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor. Also 720 Bob Minor. F. Tharby, H. Little, W. Watts, W. T. Prior, T. Jordan, J. Luckey conductor. And 720 Chichester Surprise. H. Little, W. Prior, J. Luckey, W. Watts, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts conductor. On Friday, August 22nd, at the house of Mr. W. T. Prior, on handbells, 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. Prior, W. Prior, T. J. Watts, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. And a plain course of Grandsire Triples. T. J. Watts, W. Prior, T. Jordan, G. Prior, W. Watts.

GREAT WALTHAM (Essex).—On Thursday, September 18th, ten members of the St. Michael's Guild, Braintree, together with Messrs. Lincoln and Head, of Writtle, Piper and Runter of Chelmsford, W. Sadler of Coggeshall, and G. F. Williams of Horsham, paid a visit to this parish for the purpose of having a pull upon the very fine ring of bells hanging in the tower of the parish church. Touches of Bob and Treble Bob Major and a course of Stedman Triples were successfully brought round. The bells are in excellent going order, tenor 25½ cwt., but are very seldom rung. The Vicar, the Rev. Canon Hutton, informed us that owing to the proximity of the tower to the village the parishioners objected to the bells being rung long at a time.

BRAINTREE.—On Wednesday, September 17th for practice at St. Michael's church, 1280 Bob Major. W. Sadler, A. B. Wiffen conductor, W. Farrow, C. H. Howard, P. Holmes, G. Sentance, G. F. Williams, H. J. Collins. For evening service on Sunday, September 21st, 1040 Bob Major. G. Leonard, A. B. Wiffen conductor, F. Webb, C. H. Howard, P. Holmes, G. Sentance, W. Grimwade, H. J. Collins.

THE MIDDLESEX CONNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHGATE.—On August 17th, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples. G. Beater, A. R. Glasscock, W. Tegg, J. Armstrong, H. Miller, J. E. Miller, S. Wade conductor, C. Bale. On August 31st, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples. G. Beater, A. R. Glasscock, F. W. Ford, J. Armstrong, H. Miller, J. E. Miller, S. Wade conductor, C. Bale. On September 14th, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. R. Glasscock, H. Miller, F. W. Ford, J. Armstrong, W. Pickworth, W. H. Hollier, J. E. Miller, S. Wade conductor. On September 21st, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes. G. Beater, A. R. Glasscock, H. Miller, J. Armstrong, S. Jones, W. Pickworth, J. E. Miller, S. Wade conductor.

BOLTON, BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Sunday, September 21st, being the Harvest Festival, for morning service, 672 Plain Bob Major, conducted by B. T. Copley. And 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. B. T. Copley, F. Palframan, J. Boddy, A. Benson, H. Good, A. Gill, B. E. Howe conductor, S. Palframan. For afternoon service 360 each of Bob Minor, conducted by A. Gill, Kent Treble Bob, conducted by A. Benson, and Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by J. Boddy. F. Pal-

framan, A. Benson, J. Boddy, H. Good, B. E. Howe, A. Gill. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by H. Good. F. Palframan, B. T. Copley, J. Boddy, A. Benson, H. Good, A. Gill, B. E. Howe, H. Brame. Also 368 Plain Bob Triples, C. Baker ringing the tenor. On Monday evening, for the Cantata service, 704 Oxford Treble Bob Major, conducted by J. Palframan. F. Palframan, B. T. Copley, J. Boddy, A. Benson, H. Good, A. Gill, B. E. Howe, J. Palframan.

EAST WITTON.—On June 15th, 462 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Peacock, J. Shields, J. Croft, J. Jacques, W. Peacock, C. Bucktin conductor. In the evening 360 Duke of York, standing as before. On June 22nd, 720 Duke of York, standing as before. On Sunday, July 6th, 300 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Peacock, W. Craggs, J. Croft, J. Jacques, W. Peacock, C. Bucktin conductor. In the evening 360 Duke of York. J. Croft, J. Jacques, J. Shields, W. Craggs, W. Peacock, C. Bucktin. On July 13th, 720 Duke of York. R. Peacock, J. Shields, J. Croft, J. Jacques, W. Peacock, C. Bucktin. In the evening 462 Oxford Treble Bob, standing as before. On July 20th 360 Kent Treble Bob. In the evening 720 Duke of York, standing as before. On July 28th, 360 Kent Treble Bob. In the evening 360 Duke of York. On August 3rd, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Peacock, J. Shields, J. Croft, D. Craggs, W. Peacock, J. Jacques. In the evening 462 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Peacock, J. Shields, D. Craggs, J. Jacques, W. Peacock, C. Bucktin. On August 9th, 462 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob. In the afternoon 720 Duke of York and 720 Kent Treble Bob. On August 10th, 360 Duke of York. On August 17th, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Peacock, J. Shields, J. Croft, W. Craggs, W. Peacock, J. Jacques. In the evening 360 Duke of York. R. Peacock, J. Shields, J. Croft, W. Craggs, W. Peacock, J. Jacques. On August 24th 360 Duke of York. R. Peacock, J. Shields, J. Croft, W. Craggs, W. Peacock, C. Bucktin. In the evening 360 Kent Treble Bob. R. Peacock, J. Jacques, J. Croft, W. Craggs, W. Peacock, C. Bucktin. On August 31st 360 Duke of York. R. Peacock, J. Shields, W. Craggs, J. Croft, W. Peacock, J. Jacques. In the evening 360 Oxford Treble Bob. R. Peacock, J. Shields, W. Craggs, W. Peacock, J. Croft, C. Bucktin.

GREAT HORRISLEY (Essex).—On Sunday, August 24th, for morning service, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. W. Andrews, G. M. Rashbrooke, G. Lancaster, W. J. Nevard, G. A. Andrews. A local man rung the tenor. After service 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. J. Nevard, G. M. Rashbrooke, G. Lancaster, G. A. Andrews, E. W. Beckwith, D. Elliott. During the afternoon 720 Double Court, and 720 Cambridge Surprise, being the first in the method on the bells. G. Lancaster, G. M. Rashbrooke, W. J. Nevard, G. A. Andrews, D. Elliott conductor, E. W. Beckwith. For evening service 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. M. Rashbrooke, W. J. Nevard, G. Lancaster, G. A. Andrews, E. W. Beckwith, D. Elliott. The ringers were entertained during the day by the Rector, the Rev. J. Storr.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—On Tuesday, August 19th, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 48 mins. G. Naish, J. Wright, J. H. B. Hesse, E. Stacey, H. G. Naish, J. Baldwin, J. Howes composer and conductor, J. Chandler. On Sunday, August 24th, 521 Grandsire Caters. G. Naish, J. Strutt, G. Strutt, J. Wright, E. Stacey, H. Last, H. G. Naish, J. H. B. Hesse, J. Howes conductor, J. Chandler. On Tuesday, September 3rd, for practice, 485 Grandsire Caters. G. Naish, J. S. Strutt, J. Howes conductor, J. Wright, A. Strutt, E. Stacey, H. G. Naish, J. Baldwin, J. H. B. Hesse, J. Chandler.

WIGSTON MAGNA (Leicestershire).—On Sunday morning, September 7th, for Divine Service, 360 Grandsire Doubles. W. H. Humberstone, A. Briers, J. W. Sampson, A. Roe, T. Humberstone, H. Evatt. For evening service 600 in the same method. W. H. Humberstone, A. Briers, T. Humberstone conductor, A. Roe, A. Ladkin, P. Carter.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1902

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, August 12th, at The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, on handbells, a short touch of Stedman Triples was rung by Messrs. H. P. Harman, W. E. Moss, Dr. Arthur H. Nichols, C. F. Winney, and Miss Margaret H. Nichols. This was perhaps the only touch Dr. Nichols took part in on this visit, he having with characteristic generosity given way entirely to his clever daughter, Miss Nichols, during their ringing tour. Dr. Nichols was very diligent in watching all the ringing, and was well up in the method. On Tuesday, August 19th, previously to the monthly practice at St. Paul's Cathedral, Miss Nichols, after a little practice, rung 1-2 to a 210 Grandsire Triples, and afterwards at St. Paul's rung the 2nd to a short touch

of Stedman Cinques, conducted by Mr. Pettit, this being the first touch rang by a lady on St. Paul's bells, and likewise the first touch of any kind by a lady on a ring of twelve bells. Afterwards Dr. Nichols and Miss Nichols graciously supported the Master at the fortnightly meeting, and Dr. Nichols presented some interesting historical photographs and a ringing book he had brought from Christ Church, Philadelphia, and read a letter giving an historical reminiscence from the only survivor who took part in the peal of Grandsire Triples there, conducted by the late H. W. Haley. During the evening Miss Nichols rang a silent touch of Stedman Triples with that grand old veteran, Mr. W. Cooter, ringing 1-2, and Miss Nichols 7-8. The late Mr. James Dwight told the writer that Mr. Cooter used to be the King of Stedman Triples, and it was a delight to ring with such a Master of calling, as it has been my privilege. To those who have not had the pleasure of hearing or seeing Miss Nichols ring handbells, it is interesting to say this lady handles the bells like Mr. W. Cooter and Mr. J. C. Mitchell, two of the prettiest and cleanest hitters of a pair of handbells one could possibly see or hear.

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The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 5.
GEORGE R. PARDON .. 2.	JOHN T. KENTISH, JUN. .. 6.
FREDK. G. PERRIN .. 3.	THOMAS G. MILLER .. 7.
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER .. 4.	ARTHUR T. KING .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT P. HARMAN.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, September 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS THE MARTYR, LONDON BRIDGE, E.C.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 6.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT .. 2.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 7.
WILLIAM HODGETTS .. 3.	ARCHIBALD J. HARRIS .. 8.
HUBERT EDEN .. 4.	HARRY A. HORREX .. 9.
GEORGE N. PRICE .. 5.	ALFRED D. PECK .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

†First peal on ten bells.

The Provinces.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Monday, September 15, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS MANSFIELD .. Treble.	GEORGE DENT .. 5.
JOHN AUSTIN .. 2.	ERNEST E. DAVIES .. 6.
THOMAS NEWMAN .. 3.	GEORGE CONDICK .. 7.
WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 4.	REV. E. BANKES JAMES .. Tenor.

Composed by FRED. G. MAY, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 16, 1902, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

JAMES LIVERMORE, JUN.† .. Treble.	*WILLIAM H. ELDRIDGE .. 5.
JOHN SINDEN .. 2.	CHARLES R. CARTER .. 6.
WILLIAM J. THOMAS .. 3.	WALTER FRANKS .. 7.
CHARLES J. HYLAND .. 4.	JAMES LIVERMORE, SEN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER FRANKS.

*First peal with a bob bell.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Wednesday, September 17, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

JESSE GILLETT Treble.	FREDERICK MUSTY .. 5.
JOHN AUSTIN 2.	GEORGE DENT .. 6.
THOMAS NEWMAN 3.	GEORGE CONDICK .. 7.
FRANCIS E. WARD 4.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

BUSHEY, HERTS—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 18, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; LATES' ONE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH J. ALLEN Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT .. 5.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 2.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 6.
HUBERT EDEN 3.	HARRY A. HORREX .. 7.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT .. 4.	FREDERICK EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

The conductor has called this composition from every bell, and is believed to be the first to do so.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 18, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

WILLIAM FINCH Treble.	WILLIAM BENNETT .. 5.
ALBERT E. EDWARDS† .. 2.	GEORGE HOLIFIELD .. 6.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HARRY HOLIFIELD .. 4.	EDWARD HIMS .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. C. Caudwell, churchwarden of Drayton. †First peal of Stedman.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE—LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 20, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWES Treble.	SAMUEL HOLT .. 5.
WILLIAM SCHOFIELD .. 2.	JAMES JACQUES .. 6.
EDMUND SCHOFIELD .. 3.	DAN RENSHAW .. 7.
JAMES ARROWSMITH .. 4.	JOHN HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by JOHN HARRISON.

SPELDHURST, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.

PERCY TURLEY Treble.	GEORGE TURLEY 5.
JAMES BAKER 2.	ARTHUR T. GODLEY 6.
STEPHEN PERKINS, JUN. .. 3.	JAMES MAYNARD 7.
CHARLES CHAPMAN 4.	WILLIAM SPICE Tenor.

Composed by W. GARRARD, and Conducted by JAMES MAYNARD.

This is A. Godley's first peal in the method with a bob bell, and was rung as a birthday compliment to him, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH)

On Saturday, September 20, 1902, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE J. TAYLOR Treble.	WALTER BROWN 5.
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR 2.	JOHN R. PRITCHARD 6.
WILLIAM PYLE 3.	RICHARD RIDYARD 7.
GEORGE E. TURNER 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by H. CHAPMAN.

It was intended to have rung a peal of Treble Bob Royal, but meeting one short the above was rung instead. G. J. Taylor was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

OLD WOLVERTON, BUCKS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1902, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

HARRY SEAR Treble.	CHARLES WM. CLARKE .. 4.
FRED HOPPER 2.	WILLIAM STAPLETON .. 5.
WILLIAM HOPPER 3.	FRED WILFORD Tenor.

Conducted by FRED. WILFORD.

This is the first peal on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. — Mawby for the use of the bells.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER Treble.	WILLIAM PAGE 5.
JOSEPH PIGOTT 2.	*ROBERT G. KNOWLES .. 6.
THOMAS PIGOTT 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
JOHN SMITH 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal of Stedman. This is the first peal of Stedman rung in Malvern.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(MELTON MOWBRAY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 20, 1902, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SPIBY Treble.	ALBERT V. POTTER 5.
ERNEST J. GALE 2.	WILLIAM MOORE 6.
CHARLES DALBY 3.	RICHARD H. BARTRAM .. 7.
GEORGE L. ENGLISH* .. 4.	WALTER JAMES Tenor.

Conducted by R. H. BARTRAM.

*First peal. This peal was arranged for G. English, who was proposed a member of the Association.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Primrose, Tulip, College Treble, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York and Violet. Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK HALL Treble	GEORGE BURNHAM 4.
HARRY GREAVES 2.	WILLIAM H. TURTON .. 5.
JAMES EMMEN 3.	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor.

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 21, 1902, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

JOSEPH PIGOTT Treble	JOHN SMITH 5.
THOMAS J. SALTER 2.	WILLIAM PAGE 6.
ABRAHAM WINTERTON* .. 3.	WILLIAM SHORT 7.
THOMAS PIGOTT 4.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal of Stedman Triples; also first peal of Stedman on the bells.

ECCLES.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, September 22, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble.	GEORGE TAYLOR 5.
JOHN SMITH 2.	JOHN R. PRITCHARD .. 6.
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR 3.	SAMUEL GREENHALGH .. 7.
WILLIAM PYLE 4.	RICHARD RIDYARD Tenor.

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, and Conducted by RICHARD RIDYARD.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. F. D. Cremer, Vicar of Eccles, who returned from abroad on that day, where he had gone for his health after an accident.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 22, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ARTHUR W. DURLING .. Treble.	GEORGE FRENCH 5.
RICHARD HIMS* 2.	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH .. 6.
GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 7.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 4.	WALTER INGHAM Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD HIMS.

*First peal as conductor.

WARE, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 23, 1902, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 22 cwt.

MATTHEW ELLSMORE .. Treble.	HERBERT BAKER 5.
REV. WILLIAM S. WILLET 2.	WILLIAM PYE 6.
GEORGE H. BARKER .. 3.	*WILLIAM HENRY LAWRENCE 7.
HENRY S. REEVES 4.	EDWARD EDWARDS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman on the bells, and the second peal since 1781, the last being a peal of Grandsire in 1882. The bells have just been rebung.

BIRMINGHAM—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 23, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

THOMAS PIGOTT* Treble.	ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 7.
WILLIAM SHORT 2.	JAMES GEORGE 8.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 3.	ALF. PADDON SMITH 9.
CHARLES DICKENS 4.	THOMAS MILLER 10.
ALBERT WALKER 5.	WILLIAM H. BARBER 11.
SAMUEL REEVES 6.	WILLIAM PAINTER Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

*First peal of Stedman Cinques.

Handbell Peals.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1902, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

IN THE WORKSHOP OF MR. G. JONES, COACHBUILDER, CHURCH ST.,
ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM HODGETTS .. 1-2.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5-6
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 3-4.	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 7-8.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

This peal was rung on a large set of handbells, these being the only ones available, the weight of the 6th and 7th and tenor being 2 lbs. each. Umpires—Harry A. Horrex and Joseph J. Allen.

The following peals are the result of a ringing tour in the north of England and Scotland:—

EDINBURGH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1902, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE Treble.	GABRIEL LINDOFF 5.
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2.	JAMES GEORGE 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	*CHARLES JACKSON 7.
ERNEST PYE 4.	WILLIAM H. BARBER Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells, and first peal of Double Norwich ever rung in Scotland.

EDINBURGH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 15, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

Tenor 42 cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6.
WILLIAM PYE 2.	CHARLES JACKSON 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	JAMES GEORGE 8.
CHARLES MEE 4.	ERNEST PYE 9.
GABRIEL LINDOFF 5.	ROBERT S. F. MURPHY .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 15, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES.

Tenor 37½ cwt.

ROBERT S. F. MURPHY* .. Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6.
WILLIAM H. BARBER 2.	CHARLES JACKSON 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	WILLIAM PYE 8.
CHARLES MEE 4.	ERNEST PYE 9.
JAMES GEORGE 5.	ROBERT RICHARDS Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

*First peal in the method away from the tenor.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 16, 1902, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ERNEST PYE Treble.	WILLIAM PYE 6.
GABRIEL LINDOFF 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7.
CHARLES MEE 3.	CHARLES JACKSON 8.
JAMES GEORGE 4.	WILLIAM H. BARBER 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE 5.	ROBERT S. F. MURPHY .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 18, 1902, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5001 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7.
WILLIAM H. BARBER 2.	*HARRY CHAPMAN 8.
CHARLES MEE 3.	*CHARLES JACKSON 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	JAMES GEORGE 10.
WILLIAM PYE 5.	ERNEST PYE 11.
GABRIEL LINDOFF 6.	ROBERT S. F. MURPHY .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

First peal on the twelve bells. *First peal of Stedman Cinques.

HEADINGLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble.	JAMES MOTTS 5.
CHARLES MEE 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 7.
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES.

Tenor 41 cwt.

CHARLES MEE Treble.	CHARLES JACKSON 7.
JAMES MOTTS 2.	FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 8.
WILLIAM PYE 3.	JAMES GEORGE 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN 10.
GABRIEL LINDOFF 5.	ERNEST PYE 11.
WILLIAM KEEBLE 6.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES GEORGE Treble.	ERNEST PYE 5.
WILLIAM PYE 2.	FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7.
WILLIAM H. BARBER 4.	GABRIEL LINDOFF Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

First peal in the method on the bells. Further reference to the above peals will be given next week.

PEAL CORRECTION.—In the handbell peal at Sprogbton reported last week, the ringer of the 2nd should read George W. Mee not George Ince, as reported, and the umpire was Frederick Mee.

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 Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 30th, at 8 p.m. Business meeting after.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
Frodingham, Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

The Midland Counties' Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Long Eaton to-day, Saturday, September 27th. The bells (8) at Long Eaton, and Sawley (6) will be open for ringing from 2.0 p.m., but will be closed during the time of tea and meeting. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Tea (1s. each) at 4.45 p.m., both in the Infants' National schoolroom, Clay Street. The hon. secretaries will be pleased to receive all outstanding subscriptions at an early date.

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

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Tong (6 bells) to-day, Saturday, September 27th. Business meeting at The Grey bound inn at 7 p.m. CHARLES PRATT, *Sec.*
Park View, Calverley.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at King's Norton to-day, Saturday, September 27th. Service in church at 5.10. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting afterwards.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Eccles to-day, Saturday, September 27th. All ringing matter to be sent to Mr. J. Shepherd, 39, Dale Street, Bacup.

A. E. WREAKS, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. WILSON. }
J. SHEPHERD. }

The Essex Association.—South-Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Writtle to-day, Saturday, September 27th. Tea (price 6d.), followed by business meeting, at 5 p.m. The towers of Chelmsford (10 bells), and Widford (8) will also be open, Chelmsford only after 6.30 p.m. A bus leaves Chelmsford station for Writtle at 4 p.m., and Writtle for Chelmsford at 7.

W. H. JUDD, *Master.*
G. GREEN, *Secretary.*

Cleveland and North Yorks. Association. A General Meeting will be held at Middleham (ring of 6, tenor 11 cwt.), and East Witton (ring of 6, tenor 7 cwt.), to-day, Saturday September 27th, when both rings will be available during the day. The local band will provide tea on the rectory lawn if fine, in the schools if wet (ladies welcomed), and by the kind permission of the Rector the rectory garden will be open to members and their friends. Busses meet all trains at Leyburn Station, fare sixpence. A meeting of the committee will be held after the tea.

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

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Treeton to-day, Saturday, September 27. Members are requested to attend, as important matters will be brought before the meeting.

E. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A district meeting of the above will be held at Fulbourn to-day, Saturday, September 27th. A tea will be provided at Fulbourn at 4 p.m.

Cherryhinton bells also available. All ringers welcome.
P. WEBB, *Dis. Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Bristol Branch.—A meeting will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, September 27th. Service at St. Paul's church at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided for members after the service at the Rectory, after which a business meeting will be held.

C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held on Saturday, October 4th, at the parish church, Bradley. The bells will be available for ringing during the afternoon from 2 o'clock. There will be a short service in church at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6 o'clock at one shilling per bead for all those sending in their names on or before September 30th. Subscriptions are now overdue, and should be paid at this meeting.

S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, Westbromwich.

The Middlesex County Association.—Members are asked to take note that the annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, October 4th next, at St. Margaret's church, Westminster. If the afternoon (3 p.m.) service in Westminster Abbey is resumed by that date, members are requested to attend it, the Canon in residence having very kindly offered to conduct over the Abbey at the close of the service any ringers who may like to avail themselves of the privilege. Ringing will commence at 2.30 p.m., and will continue on such conditions as may be found possible when the arrangements for the Abbey services are known. The business meeting will be held at 5.30 at the Mission Room in Little Tothill Street. At the conclusion of the meeting the bells of St. Martin-in-the-Fields will be available by the kind permission of the Rev. J. F. Kitto and the executive of the Royal Cumberland Society; but there can be no ringing at St. Margaret's between 4.30 and 7 o'clock. There will be no special catering, the proximity of suitable places of refreshment rendering such provision unnecessary.

C. EDWARDS, } *Joint*
ARTHUR T. KING, } *Hon. Secs.*

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Archdeaconry of Wilts. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, October 4th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting.

C. D. HEGINBOTHAM, *Hon. Sec.*

3, Estcourt Street, Devizes.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Leesfield on Saturday, October 4th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30. Business important. A good muster is earnestly requested.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Bedfordshire Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, October 4th. Tea at 5 p.m. Committee meeting at 5.45 p.m., to consider revision of rules. Local secretaries are requested to send approximate numbers attending to
REV. W. W. C. BAKER,
Ridgmont Vicarage, Aspley Guise, R.S.O.

Ely Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting of the Sudbury branch will be held at Lavenham on Saturday, October 4th. The church tower will be open for ringing all day by permission of the Rev. Canon Scott. The tea and meeting will be held at The Swan inn at 4.30 p.m.

H. B. WOOLLEY, *District Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern District.—The meeting at Baldock which Canon Nairne was sorry to postpone at the last moment on account of a funeral, will be held on Saturday, October 4th.

J. SHEPPARD, *District Sec.*

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dulverton on Saturday, October 4th. Bells available all day. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea at The Lamb hotel at 5.30. Business immediately following.

A. E. COLES, *Hon. Sec. and Treas.*
Bridgwater.

East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ripley (8 bells), on Saturday, October 11th. Meeting in parish room at 5.30 p.m. All members and ringing friends invited.

T. ALLIBONE, *Secretary.*
North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—By kind permission of the Vicar the next quarterly meeting will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, October 11th. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea and business 5.30. Members intending to be present kindly inform the undersigned by Wednesday, October 8th.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. The 265th annual dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 8th. Full particulars next week.

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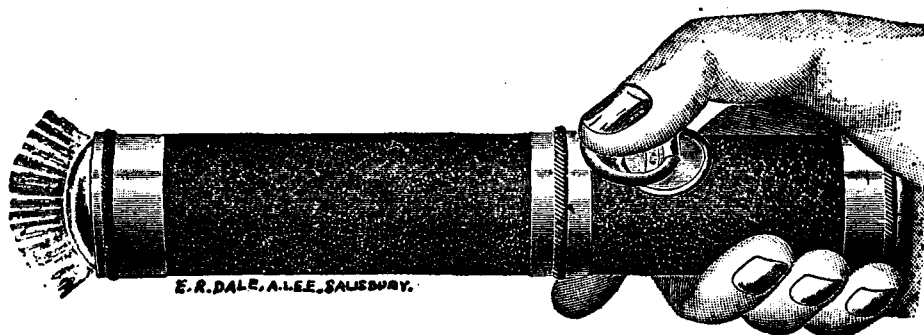
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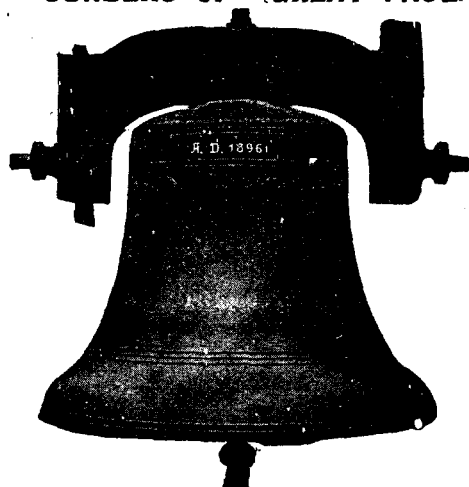
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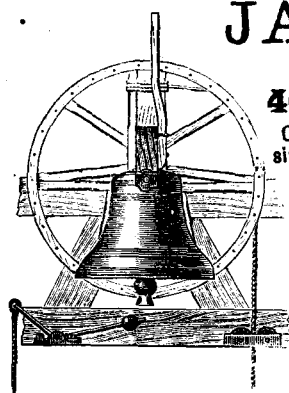
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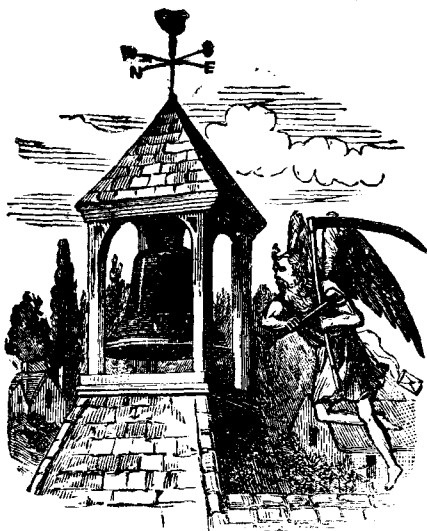
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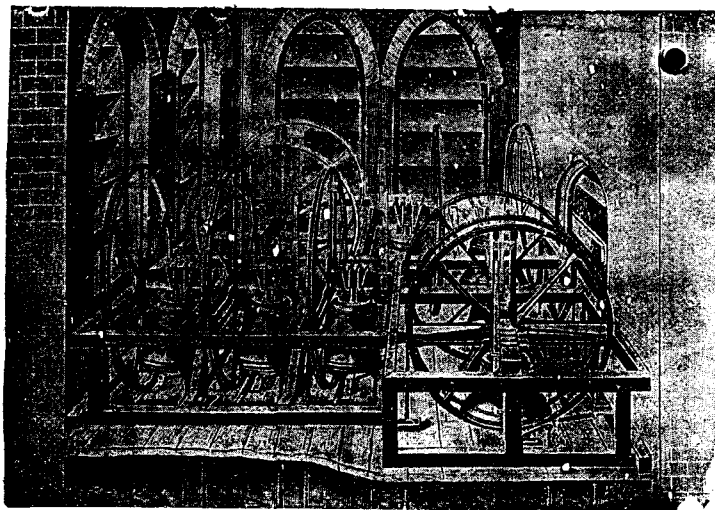
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

COALBROOKDALE (Salop). Holy Trinity. Hereford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1852. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Mears, 1896. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: first in month, 10 to 11. Practice: Friday, 7.30.

COCKERMOUTH (Cumberland). All Saints. Eight bells. No return.

CODDENHAM (Suffolk). St. Mary. Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd, and tenor by Lester, 1892; 3rd and 7th by the same, 1740; 4th by Mears, 1806; 5th and 6th by Warner, 1878. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were rehung by Day in 1878. Ropes good. No half-pull ringing or practice. Sunday ringing occasionally.

COGGESHALL (Essex). St. Peter-ad-Vincula. Essex Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Warner, 1876; tenor 22 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. by the same, 1877; 3rd by Bryant, 1806; 4th by Graye, 1681; 5th and 7th by Gardiner, 1733; 6th by the same, 1757. Timber frame. Bells go very well. The back six were rehung by Warner, 1876, and the two trebles added. Ropes good. Methods: Plain, Treble, and Double London Court Bob, and Double Norwich. Sunday ringing irregularly. Practice: Monday and Saturday, 8. Church authorities shew great interest in keeping bells in order.

COKER (Somerset). St. Michael. Eight bells. No return.

COLCHESTER (Essex). St. Peter. Eight bells. All by Lester, 1763. Tenor 21 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. General repairs by Howell, 1893.

Ropes new 1893, fair. Methods: Grandsire, Plain, and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: alternate Sundays 10 to 10.45, and 6 to 6.45. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

COLERNE (Wilts). St. John the Baptist. Gloucester and Bristol Association. Eight bells. No founder or date given of back six. Trebles by Warner, 1877. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were rehung by Warner, 1877. Ropes bad. No funds to replace them. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: when possible for evening service. Practice: Wednesday, 7.30.

COLN ST. ALDWYN (Gloucestershire). St. John the Baptist. Gloucester and Bristol Association. Eight bells. The two trebles by Mears, 1865; the rest by Rudhall, 1725. Tenor 9 cwt., diameter 3 ft. Timber frame. Bells go very well. No further information given.

COLWALL (Herefordshire). St. James. Hereford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. The back six by Rudhall, 1778; the two trebles by Mears, 1896. Tenor 11 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Mears, 1896. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Plain, and Darlaston Bob. Sunday ringing: for festivals 5.30 to 7 a.m. Practice: Monday, 7.30.

CONGLETON (Cheshire). St. Peter. Chester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Mears, the two trebles and tenor, 1867; 3rd, 1806; 4th, 5th and 6th, 1720; 7th, 1757. Tenor 14 cwt. Timber frame. Bells are not pealable. Clocking permitted during wakes. Repairs by local man, 1892. Some of the bells are badly worn on soundbow. Bells want rehanging, but no interest taken by church authorities. Ropes fair. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: formerly 10 to 10.30. No practice now.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

A meeting of the above branch was held at Disley on Saturday, April 13th, when there were eighteen members present from the different towers in the branch. The tower bells were set in motion about 4 o'clock, and a 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung, followed by touches of Plain Bob. At 5 o'clock an adjournment was made for tea, to which ample justice was done.

The business meeting was afterwards held in the belfry, Mr. M. Birch (Bollington), being in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. It was resolved to hold the annual meeting of the branch at Macclesfield in January. It was also resolved to hold an extra meeting at Congleton on the last Saturday in October. A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the ringers for making the arrangements, brought the meeting to a close.

The majority of the ringers then went on to New Mills, where a short time was spent in viewing the aqueducts which carry the roads and railways across the ravine hollowed out by the river Goyt. Some of them are of tremendous height, a factory built by the waterside

looking quite a small affair. They then went on to the church where they found the sexton waiting for them. They soon had the bells going to the tune of Grandsire Triples, a touch of 756 being brought round. Several more touches were rung, everybody being well pleased with the "go" and tone of the bells. The visitors desire through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the Rev. A. T. Baeston for making arrangements for them to have a ring, and to the sexton for his kind attention. Some spent the rest of their time in viewing the fair, and others in having a walk round the village, all meeting together again at the station for the return journey, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

UNVEILING OF PEAL-BOARDS.

An interesting ceremony was performed on Thursday evening, September 11th, at Holy Trinity, Guildford, the occasion being the unveiling of eleven peal-boards by the Rector, Canon Grant. Among those present beside the members of the Holy Trinity society were J. Reeks, Esq., E. Foster, Esq., C. G. Mason, Esq., F. H. Thompson, Miss White (Basingstoke), and W. W. Thorne (Ockham). At Canon Grant's request Mr. B. Chorley explained that the boards which the Rector had kindly consented to unveil, were records of peals rung since the bells were rehung in 1899. The first peal (Holt's Original) was rung on April 11th, 1899, and conducted by Mr. C. Willshire. This was the first peal on the bells since 1813. After this peal, the Holy Trinity band, who were being instructed by Mr. Willshire, made rapid strides in the art of change-ringing, and had succeeded in ringing peals in all the standard methods, the last peal by the band being a peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans's four-part), conducted by F. Blondell, this being the first peal of Stedman ever rung in Guildford by a local band, and the second in the Winchester diocese. The boards recorded three peals of Grandsire (Holt's Original), conducted by C. Willshire; four of Stedman Triples, conducted by C. Willshire (2), C. F. Winney (1), F. Blondell (1); Plain Bob, 1, conducted by F. Blondell; Treble Bob, 2, conducted by F. Bennett (1), C. Willshire (1); Double Norwich, 1, conducted by W. Pye.

Canon Grant having unveiled the boards, expressed the pleasure it gave him, and said he was proud of a good many things in Guildford, but of nothing more than the ringing of Holy Trinity church bells. When he first came to Guildford the bells were so badly hung that it was hardly possible to ring them at all. At last money was collected, and the bells were rehung, and from that time forward the bells had gone well. He felt proud of the ringers of Holy Trinity, and congratulated them most heartily upon the excellence of their ringing, and concluded by congratulating Mr. Willshire, Mr. Chorley, Mr. Blondell, and all most heartily, and thanking them all sincerely for the way in which the ringing was done.

A few touches on the tower and handbells, and a vote of thanks to the Rector, brought the proceedings to a close.

ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, WOOLWICH.

Before ringing commenced on Sunday morning, September 21st, the ringers had assembled some fifteen minutes earlier than usual, the occasion being to unveil a new peal-board kindly given to the tower by Mr. W. J. Aldridge, Master of the Woolwich band. The Rector

(Canon Escreet), being present, he commenced the proceedings by the usual prayers which precede the Sunday ringing at this church, and then said it gave him great pleasure to be there on such an interesting occasion, for he had now been Rector of Woolwich nine years, and had never been absent from the tower on the anniversary of his coming among them, namely September 21st (St. Matthew's Day), and should he be there another twelve months his rectorship will have been the longest since Rector Brown's time. It was also his twenty-first wedding-day. He now asked Mrs. Aldridge to remove the covering, and this must have afforded her much satisfaction, considering the board contains the records of two peals conducted by her husband, the lettering of which was done by fretwork by their own son of thirteen years of age. The peals were accomplished by members of the Kent and Middlesex Associations, the first being on September 21st, 1901, a peal of Stedman Triples, Thurstans's four-part, in 2 hrs. 56 mins., and the second on Saturday, November 23rd, 1901, 5120 Treble Bob Major, in the Kent Variation, in 3 hrs. 10 mins., both conducted by W. J. Aldridge. Mr. F. W. Thornton, one of those who took part, was also present, and he expressed to those assembled, that owing to a recent bereavement in the loss of a child under very sad circumstances, Mr. W. Foreman would also have been present.

Ringling then proceeded for morning service, two touches being brought round, including 504 Stedman Triples.

THE STOCKTON-ON-TEES SOCIETY.

On Saturday, September 13th, ten members of this society visited their old friend vice-president J. Wrightson at the typical agricultural Yorkshire town of Thirsk, and attempted a peal of Kent Treble Bob on the beautiful ring of eight, tenor 17 cwt., at the grand old parish church. Having received a hearty welcome from the Vicar and ringers, who had everything in readiness, "Go Kent" was called by conductor Stephenson at 3.40 p.m., and for 2 hrs. 40 mins. all went along swimming, 3648 changes being run off splendidly, when a trip occurred from which they never recovered, and "stand" was called, the usual regrets being expressed, but too late. An adjournment was made to The Black Horse, where a substantial tea was provided by host Wilkinson, which also went along swimmingly, and no trips occurring, this touch was brought round in good style. The party then had free access to a singing entertainment in the "Dublin Variation," the artist accompanying himself in a combined "hip and thigh shillalegh" and mouth organ.

Time going on, and the hat coming round, which was not forgotten, a move was again made to the tower to enable the other members to have a pull, and a 576 Kent Treble Bob was brought round, the bells lowered in peal, and with a hurried handshake a rush was made for the 9.15 p.m. train, arriving home at 10 p.m. after a very pleasant afternoon. The ringers wish through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS" to thank the worthy Vicar for the hearty reception given them, also for the use of the bells, and to their old friend vice-president Wrightson for having all in readiness.

HOLY TRINITY, CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—Ringing every Sunday morning 10 to 10.45 a.m.; evening 6 to 7 p.m. Practice Saturday evening, winter, October to February inclusive, 7.30 p.m.; summer, 8.0 p.m. Method, Grandsire, F. HOUNSELL, Local Secretary.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Fulbourne (near Cambridge) on Saturday last, when nearly forty members were present. Many of the ringers had previously called at the neighbouring village of Cherryhinton, where there is a nice light ring of five. After tea in the assembly room at Fulbourne, the Vicar of Cherryhinton (Rev. A. H. Samman) presided over the usual business proceedings, and expressed the great pleasure he felt in thus meeting the Association, and his hope that ere long its roll of members in that district might be considerably increased. Several new members were thereupon elected, and it was arranged to hold the next meeting at Sawston on December 26th. The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the chairman and also the Rector of Fulbourne for kindly granting the use of the bells. Several 720s of Minor and of Grandsire Doubles were rung in the tower during the afternoon and some Treble Bob on handbells. Mr. Percy Webb, of Ickleton, Saffron Walden, is the energetic local secretary.

FORMATION OF A RINGERS' SOCIETY.

A meeting with the object of forming a society in connection with the ringers of St. John the Baptist, Eltham, Kent, was held in the belfry, presided over by the captain, Mr. H. Wilkes, the society to have for its object the art of change-ringing, the proper care of the bells and belfry, and the true recognition of ringers as church officials. Mr. H. Wilkes was unanimously elected Master of the new society; Mr. F. Fraser, Assistant-Master; and Mr. Joseph E. Sykes, Secretary and Treasurer, and F. and H. Morris and H. Wilkes, jun., as members. A code of rules were drawn up and adopted, and a decision to hold a dinner and meeting annually, and the usual annual meeting was arrived at. The proceedings terminated with touches on the handbells.

PRESENTATION.

The members of the Thetford St. Peter's company met on Saturday evening for a handbell practice with their ex-captain, Mr. E. R. J. Dunk, who was spending a few hours in Thetford, and after ringing several touches of Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major was presented with an umbrella. In making the presentation Mr. T. Fitzjohn, the present captain, said the thanks of the company were due to him for the pains he had taken to teach them the art of change-ringing, and asked him to accept the small gift on their behalf as a token of the respect they had for him, and hoped he would be spared many years to carry it.

Mr. Dunk, who was taken by surprise, said he failed to find words to thank them sufficiently for so handsome a present, which he should always be proud of, and he hoped to have many a ring with them yet, and hoped they would persevere and do their best to promote the art of change-ringing in the neighbourhood.

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PORTMADOC, WALES.

The enclosed is taken from *The Portmadoc Church Magazine*. Visitors to Portmadoc are always welcomed, and the new company is trying its best to get on with the art of change-ringing.

"The following are extracts from a letter to the Vicar written by a clerical bell ringer who spent some days at Portmadoc during August:—

"Among the many enjoyments of my holiday in Wales, the visit to the belfry at your church will linger long in my memory. The parish is fortunate indeed in having one 'who loveth our nation and hath built us a synagogue'—for it so often happens that the tower and the bells are considered unnecessary in days when it is hard to raise money for urgent needs. But I am thankful that there is a return to the good old days in this respect, that a church is not thoroughly furnished till its tower or spire points for ever upwards, and its voice in full octave can be heard in every house in the parish. But the bells are of no avail if no strong arms are forthcoming to learn their method, and to ring them aright; and I must congratulate you most heartily on the progress which your band has made in a very short time. They not only handle the ropes in the best style, but their method-ringing is quite up to the best traditions of campanology. The hearty welcome which was extended to a brother-string from England was eloquent of the true spirit of fellowship which unites all church-workers together. I do hope that every member of the band will always bear in mind the high spiritual purpose which underlies the pleasure of ringing—namely, to bring the people of God to his House—and then they will be working for eternity. Please give them my best benediction.—CYRIL EDWARDS, Rector of Mottisfont, Romsey."

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

OUR BELLS AND THEIR CONDITION, ETC.

SIR,—Allow me to call attention to an absurdity which appeared in your number for September 6th under this heading, which is almost equal to the "Peck and Chaplin" they quoted a few weeks ago.

Under "Caythorpe, Lincolnshire," in the account of the peal of eight is this statement: "The two trebles, 1759; 3rd, 4th, and tenor, 1744; 6th, 1656; 7th, 1639. No founder's name on any of the bells, but they are reputed to be by Mears."

How can this possibly be, since the Mears family did not commence business till somewhere about 1780? The bells dated 1744 and 1759 might possibly have been cast by Phelps or Lester, who carried on the Whitechapel foundry about that time. But I have evidence to the contrary. The bells above-mentioned (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and tenor) have the ornaments and lettering of Thomas Eayre, of Kettering, and were no doubt cast by him; while the 6th, dated 1656, has the mark of George Oldfield, of Nottingham (G.O. with a cross, crescent, and star). The 7th has also an inscription commonly used by the Oldfields ("All men that heare my mournful sound," etc.), and was probably either the work of George or Henry Oldfield.

J. R. JERRAM.

[The Central Council Committee can only publish what they receive. They cannot possibly check such inaccuracies.—ED.]

THE GO-OFF IN STEDMAN.

SIR,—Of course I should not dream of controverting any views about composition enunciated by our distinguished composers, but on the particular point named in the above heading I venture to submit that Mr. Carter's analogy between going off in various ways in Stedman and the use of unrecognised calls is false. It is true that in other methods a variation of the mode of going-off may amount to the use of an unrecognised call—e.g. starting a peal of Grandsire Caters with two bells lying still which ought to be dodging—but in going off in Stedman the method is untampered with whether the start is made with a quick or slow six or any change forming part of either. It seems to me, therefore, that Mr. Carter's plea for uniformity in this case is pedantic, as no principle is violated by variety.

R. A. DANIELL.

TREBLE BOB COMPOSITIONS.

SIR,—Upon reading the peal records in your issue of August 30th, I noticed a 5184 reported as having been rung at Christ Church, Eastbourne (Sussex County Association), composed by J. S. Wilde, conducted by J. S. Goldsmith. I at once wrote to the conductor for, and he kindly gave me the figures of the composition, also the source from whence they were obtained, viz.: page 87, C.C. 1895 Appendix.

Now sir, as your columns will amply testify, about the date when this Appendix appeared, I at once claimed this composition, basing my claim upon the fact that the peal had been rung as my composition on April 7th, 1894, at St. Mary's, Debenham, by the Norwich Association, vide report for that year, p. 44.

I do not now write to blame either Mr. Wilde or Mr. Goldsmith, but to ask those who possess the Appendix mentioned to place the peal there to my credit, and save the trouble of again claiming this composition. But I believe it has been rung several times, at various places, as the peal of another person.

When I made this peal—now of course a matter of history—twelve to fourteen years ago, I obtained from the same set of course-ends ("unique," the late Rev. H. E. Bulwer called them) a 5088, handed to Mr. J. Cheesman before he left the old country to explore the Australian continent; a 6336, first conducted by Thomas Card, a Man of Kent; and another 5184. The last has since been composed and rang as a peal by Arthur Craven, vide Norwich report for 1898, p. 54, but long before then I had it rung; although I cannot now say by whom or where. Of course it's a composer's ambition to see his compositions rung, but

when he sees them rung, and handed over to another person, what becomes of the ambition? Well, I will not mention names now.

The following I also found at same time, and which is made from the same set of course-ends. It has never been rung or published till now.

5760.

2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
2	6	3	5	4	2			I
6	5	3	2	4	I	-		
5	2	6	4	3	-			
4	5	2	3	6	-		2	
5	3	6	2	4	2	-		
3	2	5	4	6	-			
2	3	6	4	5	-	I	2	

Twice repeated.

This peal, in three parts, is too long, but if the first two courses be called—

2	3	4	5	6	M	B	W	H
2	6	3	5	4	2			I
5	3	6	2	4	I	-		2

the number is 5024 changes; without the 2nd ever in 6th's place at a course-end. This curtailment may be done in either part at the conductor's will.

HENRY DAINS.

47, Richmond Road, Islington, N.

FALSE PEALS.

SIR,—Sir Arthur Heywood has very kindly written to me and pointed out that I have mixed up the original motion on the subject of true peals, proposed by the Rev. F. E. Robinson at Derby, and the amendment, proposed by Mr. J. S. Pritchett, and finally carried. The latter (which I carelessly overlooked in turning up the official minutes) was as follows: "That in the ringing of a peal any shift occurring amongst the bells shall invalidate the performance unless it is perceived at the time and immediately corrected." I cannot understand how Mr. Robinson's proposition is apparently recognised as the one passed by the Council. I have discussed it with several in this district as well as with visiting ringers, and all seemed to think we were allowed the latitude mentioned in my letter. From the fact that no correction was made by anyone in your last issue, it would appear that many others were under the same misapprehension as myself. I feel therefore rather glad than otherwise that this mistake of mine should be the means of giving fresh prominence to the most important question concerning practical ringing with which the Council has dealt. C. E. BORRETT.

SIR,—I thought perhaps some of the older members of the Exercise might have expressed their views on the deterioration of standard alleged by Mr. Borrett in your issue of September 20th, but as I do not see any reference to this subject in your last, I wish to know whether there is any better evidence in favor of his view than what he has advanced. I should myself be indisposed to attach any more importance to statements on peal-boards such as he instances than to contemporary statements on tombstones or in dedications. They may be true; but their period was one of stilted and exaggerated language in such matters, and their accuracy is not above suspicion. But even granting that these statements on peal-boards are literally accurate, they are quite consistent with a lower general standard which made the strict truth of the particular performances worthy of exceptional record.

If the Derby resolution to which Mr. Borrett refers is susceptible of the meaning he attributes to it, I apprehend it to be an instance of the difficulty of so using human language as to provide for all contingencies—a difficulty of which the construction of Acts of Parliament and other documents furnishes daily example—but I can hardly suppose that anyone would avail himself of such a meaning in practice. R. A. DANIELL.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SIR,—Mr. Daniell appears to me to have missed the point of

the discussion. No one has any idea of "strangling Mr. Drake's efforts with red tape," nor has anything whatever been done which can by any possibility have that effect. The whole question is whether the Guild is to be governed in accordance with its rules or not. By those rules, ringers residing outside the Diocese can be admitted to membership as life members only, on payment of one subscription of 2s. 6d. and once admitted, they are members of the Guild for all purposes, and have all the privileges of membership. The only grievance that the St. Peter's Bournemouth Ringers can have is that, whereas they were entitled to become members on payment of 2s. 6d., they have for years, contrary to the rules, been charged an annual subscription of 1s. each, and I consider that every one of them who has paid three annual subscriptions is entitled to be enrolled as a life member at once, without any further payment. The Verwood ringers, in like manner, are, I think, entitled to be enrolled as life members on payment of the life member's subscription, i.e. 1s. 6d. in addition to the 1s. they have paid, and I have no doubt that if Mr. Drake had put the matter in this way, Mr. Bassett would have at once included them in their proper place in the list of members. Instead of doing so however, he wanted to affiliate their towers to the Guild, and thus, in point of fact, take possession of towers within the territory of the Winchester Guild, without thereby in any way improving the position of the men themselves, though running the risk of causing soreness between the two Guilds. It is, no doubt, in Mr. Daniell's opinion, a knock down blow to my argument to dub it "contemptible," but personalities never yet helped the person indulging in them, and I maintain, notwithstanding this terrible denunciation, that right and reason are on my side of the argument. The Guild, when it was formed, decided, as I think wisely, to make the boundaries of the Diocese its own, and the Winchester Guild has done the same, and to wilfully and unnecessarily overstep these boundaries would be, I submit, a very improper proceeding on the part of either Guild. The want of necessity is obvious, for all the men affected can obtain the full advantage of all the privileges of this Guild by becoming life members, and Mr. Drake's efforts for the improvement of ringing in his neighbourhood cannot possibly be affected by the mere fact that the towers in which his efforts are, I suppose, made do not appear in the report of the Guild as towers belonging to the diocese, which they are not. I can only suppose that Mr. Daniell, when writing his letter, did not know the facts of the case, and I shall be surprised if, after this explanation, he still maintains that Mr. Drake has any grievance. For my part I have done with the discussion.

C. H. HAMPTON.

SIR,—Every question may be resolved into the utmost simplicity by begging all awkward questions as Mr. Hampton does.

So far is his interpretation of the rules from being "quite clear," that all the officers of the Guild have taken the opposite view, Mr. Tilney Bassett alone excepted. Moreover they were framed in their present form in order to include an out-Diocesan tower, namely Bournemouth, then already in the Guild. Thus Mr. Tilney Bassett has, by making a new rule of his own to exclude such towers, taken "upon himself the functions of a legislator," the very thing which Mr. Hampton so strongly condemns.

But this is not all: our existing rules were added to in June 1901 by Mr. Tilney Bassett himself after notice he had given a year previously; and by those new rules Mr. Tilney Bassett's own revised scheme for East Dorset includes those four towers which are under discussion. Mr. Hampton could hardly have a more decidedly legal alteration than that. That there is no question of "poaching" is evident from the fact that our action has caused the towers which joined us at first to also join the Winchester Guild. "Poaching" does not usually mean making presents.

Mr. Hampton will not lose a single chance of change-ringing if these towers are cut off from the Guild; therefore it is not fair for him to insist that we, who would do so, should have such rigorous treatment meted out to us. As Mr. Daniell has well said, Associations must, if they are to do any good, follow the lines of communication. As Dorset is, I believe, the worst

served of all counties for both roads and railways, it follows that exceptions are needed here if anywhere.

e.g. it is now over a year since Chardstock, at the other side of the county, joined us, and asked for instruction, and it does not seem likely that those responsible will be able to provide it. Had they applied to the Bath and Wells Association they could easily have been reached at once. In any case the personal attacks on me for starting this matter is beside the point, as my predecessor tells me he admitted another tower from outside the diocese during his period of office.

Mr. Hampton signs himself "member of the committee"; this does not mean he is a Committee-man elected by the Guild, but that he is the correspondent for St. John's, Devizes.

H. DRAKE.

THE BIRMINGHAM HANDBELL PEAL, ETC.

SIR,—The question to be determined as to the superiority of either of the performances referred to in this discussion is—In which performance was the combined total mental output of the entire band the greater? Unless you can get the various mental factors which have been referred to reduced to a common denominator, I do not see how we can get at their relative value. But how is this to be done? Mr. Dains in effect says that it can't be. But perhaps it is not beyond the power of the ingenious Mr. Attree. Anyhow the question is not to be solved by such a hopelessly unscientific process as selecting one factor only and neglecting the rest, still less by vulgar and irrelevant insults to individuals, or swelled headed impertinences to the Exercise at large.

R. A. DANIELL.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Pye, I quoted his verbal statement, which he does not deny; it was common conversation at the period he had it in hand. It matters to me not one iota how many times he started for the peal, I stated what I did merely to illustrate the fact that it is not an easy composition to ring in hand. Although we have another observation besides the 7th, that is not a musical bell in 6th's place, neither is it retained in that position after the first eighteen courses. I concur with Mr. Dains that Mr. Barber has called (so far as we are given to understand at present) the most arduous composition yet known. But that is not the thing, it's the amalgamated points in the performances which I maintain does not place it in a superior position. For instance, we have two brass bands, one of third-rate character with a first-class cornet-player; the other all second-rate instrumentalists; from which do you get the best music?

T. H. TAFFENDER.

Obituary.

ROBERT KEEBLE.

We regret to announce the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at Monks Eleigh, Suffolk, on Thursday, September 11th, after six weeks' suffering from cancer, at the age of seventy-two. Deceased was interred in the parish churchyard on September 16th, the remains being borne to their last resting-place by four members of the club to which deceased belonged, about twenty members following. He was for over fifty years a ringer at the above parish church, and seldom failed to attend Divine Service if he rang for it. He only took part in one peal, viz., seven 720s at Monks Eleigh on June 26th, 1898, reported in its proper place. His last ringing was 360 New London on July 23rd, and he had rung in twenty-five towers in Suffolk. In his early ringing, he was a frequent visitor to the tower of Preston, and much respected by the late Jesse Symonds and his son Henry. Accompanying the members of his family at the funeral was a sincere ringing friend; A. Symonds, of Lavenham. His own wish was for no muffled ringing. He leaves an aged widow and family to mourn his loss.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1902.

WOODSTOCK, CAPE COLONY, SOUTH AFRICA.

Mr. J. Priest, an old Essex ringer now at Woodstock, South Africa, writes: We are getting on fairly well with our band, considering since I last wrote we have lost six of them that we had at the opening, so you see we have been handicapped, but I may tell you we have now a very decent young company, and seem the right sort for change-ringing, which we hope to tackle shortly, as we are expecting a peal of handbells which Mr. L. Green is purchasing. He has taken over the instructing during the absence of Mr. Stephens, who is at Grahamstown re-hanging their bells. I see there is great progress at home in restoring several peals, I hope it will continue.

Trusting all brother-strings are all well, with best wishes for future prosperity.

FROM *The Cape Argus*.—It may prove of interest to those musically inclined, to learn that on Saturday, (August 9th), Coronation Day, the bells of St. Mary's, Woodstock, were rung no less than five times during the day, 7 till 8 in the morning, both before and after Divine Service, attended by the Mayor and Corporation, again in the afternoon and at night. The ringers taking part were: L. Green (conductor), 1; Rev. W. Rowley, 2; J. Priest, 3; F. Oakes, 4; H. Cock, 5; S. A. Davies, 6; C. Oakes, 7; G. Lane, 8. The Rev. W. Barrett, of St. Hilda's, paid a visit during the afternoon and rung a few changes on the tenor. When it is stated that with the exception of Messrs. Green, Priest, and Lane, the ringers consist of persons who three months ago were entirely ignorant of the Art of bell-ringing, it speaks much for the attention given to the Guild by Mr. L. Green, the conductor, who by-the-way is an old ringer of the Ancient Society of College Youths, London, and by Mr. Priest, member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, London. Although at present only the principal chords have been rung, it is hoped before long to attempt change-ringing, for which the pretty peal at St. Mary's is so well adapted.

PROPOSED RINGING TOUR.

On Monday next, October 6th, a ringing tour in Devon commences. The company are: Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Rev. F. E. Robinson, Rev. S. W. Willett, Rev. H. A. Cockey, Rev. M. Kelly; Messrs. G. Williams, W. W. Gifford, A. Brighton, C. R. Lilley, H. White.

CORRECTION.—In the report of the touch of Stedman Triples, at St. Paul's meeting-house, rung by Messrs. Cooter, Harman, Winney, and Miss Margaret H. Nichols, it should have been stated that it was a "select" touch, not a "silent" touch.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, ISLINGTON,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and five 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS .. Treble.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 4.
HARRY MILLER 2.	FRANK C. NEWMAN .. 5.
JOHN E. MILLER 3.	SIDNEY WADE Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

This is the first 5040 on the bells.

The Provinces.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 22½ cwt.

WALTER FINEDON Treble.	CYRIL HERBERT 5.
ERNEST HERBERT 2.	WALTER CHIBNALL .. 6.
MORTIMER MATTHEWS .. 3.	REV. W. W. C. BAKER .. 7.
SIDNEY AVIS 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.
Further reference elsewhere.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 23, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

RALPH MOORS* Treble.	JOHN G. ORFORD 5.
HENRY SKELDING 2.	WILLIAM WHITEHOUSE .. 6.
FREDERICK BRACE 3.	ALBERT J. SKELDING .. 7.
THOMAS HEATHCOCK .. 4.	ALBERT E. PARSONS .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by A. E. PARSONS.

*First peal. First peal on the bells since their augmentation.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 23, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM ROBSON Treble.	*THOMAS H. NAISBY 5.
ROBERT MILLER* 2.	THOMAS T. GORTON 6.
JOHN J. LEIGHTON 3.	FRANK NAISBY† 7.
T. DITCHBURN* 4.	†J. FURNISS Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK NAISBY.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. *First peal in the method, †First peal in any method. ‡First peal as conductor.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 24, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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.	*GEORGE H. DAYNES .. 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	WILLIAM BARRY 7.
EDWARD N. PRICE 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE CONYARD, and
Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

*First peal of Double Norwich.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 24, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN DYSON Treble.	DAVID BREANLEY 5.
REGGIE DYSON 2.	†GEORGE MERRIMAN .. 6.
HENRY CHARLESWORTH* .. 3.	JOHN R. BREARLEY 7.
JAMES ASPINALL 4.	*WILLIAM HARRISON .. Tenor.

Composed by J. BARKER, and Conducted by D. BREARLEY.

*First peal. †First peal of Major.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 25, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

ALEXANDER EVANS Treble.	ERNEST MADDOCK† 5.
HENRY J. POOLE 2.	FRANK MILLARD 6.
WALTER H. GILLARD .. 3.	EDGAR E. BURGESS .. 7.
JOSEPH MADDOCK 4.	HENRY BOSLEY† Tenor.

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On Thursday, September 25, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Grandsire, Oxford Bob, and two each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

First peal on the bells since being overhauled by Messrs. Taylor.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(ASHBY PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.)

On Friday, September 26, 1902, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

A. E. TAYLOR* .. .. .Treble.	G. HATTON, SEN. .. .. .5.
E. W. BEADSMOORE† .. .. .2.	*H. A. WHEATCROFT .. .. .6.
H. HATTON .. .. .3.	J. H. DUNMORE .. .. .7.
G. HATTON, JUN. .. .. .4.	G. THORNLEY .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by E. W. BEADSMOORE.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SMART .. .. .Treble.	JOHN PAICE .. .. .5.
BENJAMIN BASSETT .. .. .2.	WILLIAM HILLMAN .. .. .6.
HARRY EVANS .. .. .3.	EDMUND LINDUP .. .. .7.
ALFRED W. GROVES .. .. .4.	ARTHUR ARNELL .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by EDMUND LINDUP.

Rung to commemorate the sixtieth birthdays of Messrs. Evans and Smart, and the forty-first of Mr. Bassett.

WAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, September 27, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

HARRY WITHERS .. .. .Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. .5.
THOMAS FIGOTT .. .. .2.	JOSEPH FIGOTT .. .. .6.
JAMES GEORGE .. .. .3.	WILLIAM SHORT .. .. .7.
HORACE F. STREET .. .. .4.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of W. H. Barber to Miss E. Hancox.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1902, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALFRED H. WINCH* .. .. .Treble.	HENRY BROWNING .. .. .5.
FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. .. .2.	GEORGE A. RANSOM .. .. .6.
EDWARD STACEY† .. .. .3.	JOHN H. B. HESSE .. .. .7.
THOMAS BEADLE .. .. .4.	HENRY E. DARE .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE A. RANSOM.

*First peal away from the tenor. †Elected a member of the above Association previous to starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Robert Johnson, he having reached the age of 70, and having rung at Sunbury for the past fifty-four years.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Monday, September 29, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs.

JAMES MOTTS .. .. .Treble.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. .. .5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. .. .6.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. .. .3.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. .. .7.
LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. .. .4.	ALBERT GILLINGHAM .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This peal was arranged by special request to oblige the Vicar, the Rev. W. C. Pearson, and it is his first peal in the method.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 29, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

DORA WHITE† .. .. .Treble.	J. E. BALLARD .. .. .5.
ALICE WHITE .. .. .2.	W. NEWELL .. .. .6.
HENRY WHITE .. .. .3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. .. .7.
E. J. MENDAY .. .. .4.	*GEORGE MARTIN .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the Dedication Festival.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 29, 1902, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK TURNER .. .. .Treble.	*ARTHUR OVERTON .. .. .5.
BENJAMIN GREATORIX† .. .. .2.	JOHN WARDMAN .. .. .6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. .3.	FREDERICK JOHNSON .. .. .7.
WILLIAM FOX .. .. .4.	BENJAMIN SOWTER .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by BENJAMIN GREATORIX.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 29, 1902, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

FRED PALFRAMAN .. .. .Treble.	*HERBERT SUGDEN .. .. .5.
THOMAS THOMPSON .. .. .2.	JOSEPH BROADLEY .. .. .6.
JOHN PALFRAMAN .. .. .3.	THOMAS B. KENDALL .. .. .7.
EDWARD WHEATER .. .. .4.	GEORGE A. NETTLETON .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by THOS. B. KENDALL.

*First peal in the method.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 29, 1902, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE .. .. .Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. .. .5.
HERBERT RANN .. .. .2.	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH .. .. .6.
JOHN SMART .. .. .3.	EDMUND LINDUP .. .. .7.
ALBERT D. STONE .. .. .4.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

C. W. Goodenough, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Bournemouth, and was elected a member previous to starting. It was also his first peal of Stedman.

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MIDDLESBROUGH.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Monday, September 29, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN HALL.. .. .	Treble.	WILLIAM RUDD'.. .. .	5.
JOHN H. JONES	2.	*EDWARD ASTLEY	6.
ALEXANDER MCFARLANE..	3.	JOHN H. BLAKISTON.. ..	7.
CHARLES HALL	4.	THOMAS METCALFE	Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. J. K. Bealey, B.A., Vicar of Middlesbrough. It was also the first peal in the method by E. Astley, who hails from Gosforth.

Handbell Peals.

WOBURN, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 28, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT 20, BEDFORD STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

CHARLES HERBERT	1-2.	CYRIL HERBERT	5-6.
ERNEST HERBERT	3-4.	JOHN D. MATTHEWS	7-8.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

J. D. Matthews hails from Leamington, and this is his first peal on handbells. Referee—H. D. Harris.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The ringer of the 3rd in the peal at Old Wolverton was William Freeman, not William Hopper as recorded last week.

Date Touches.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

PADIHAM.—On Tuesday, September 23rd, at St. Leonard's church, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1902 changes, in 1 hr. 17 mins. D. Campbell, T. Duxbury, T. Redman, R. Ashworth, N. Townend, C. Parkinson, T. Mouncey, R. Hargreaves. Composed by J. R. Werring, of Birmingham, and conducted by T. Redman.

STOCKPORT (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, September 3rd, a date touch of 1902 Stedman Triples, in 1 hr. 18 mins., composed by J. P. Bradley, West Ham. J. Booth, G. Astbury, H. Meakin, J. Mottershead, J. W. Bayley, E. Reader, T. Marshall conductor, G. Marshall.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MENDLESHAM.—On Sunday, September 14th, after Divine Service, 720 Stedman Doubles. G. A. Tyte, W. Arbon, A. A. Baker, A. Clements, F. W. Foster conductor. For evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles. H. Torble, W. Arbon, G. A. Tyte, A. Clements, F. W. Foster conductor.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Saturday, September 27th, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. W. Williamson, J. Scholes, G. Dorrington, E. Wallage, A. Peck, M. A. Wood, W. Prime, J. Monday. Composed and conducted by M. A. Wood. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Walter Williamson, who is leaving London to settle in his native village, Somersham, Hunts., after being in the City Police nearly 30 years.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SALTBURN-BY-THA-SEA.—On Wednesday, September 10th, 180 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering. W. Rudd, S. Smith, T. Barber, E. Astley, J. H. Blakiston, J. W. Ward, G. Hicks, W. Lobley. And 360 in the same method. W. Rudd, E. Astley, T. Metcalfe, D. H. T. Drake, J. H. Blakiston, J. W. Ward, W. D. T. Drake, G. Hicks. The brothers Drake belong to Oxford University, and are visiting Saltburn.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Friday, September 12th, at the parish church, 720 Bob Minor. W. J. Titchener, J. H. Jones, N. Kidd, W. Walland, J. H. Blakiston conductor, J. W. Ward. And 1024 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. J. Titchener, J. H. Jones, T. Metcalfe, N. Kidd, C. Hall, E. Astley, J. H. Blakiston conductor, A. McFarlane.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Saturday, August 9th, at St. Giles's church, in honour of the Coronation, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, but a change-course occurred after ringing 2 hrs. H. Key, S. J. Lawrence, W. Rogers, A. Moore, F. Hoppes, W. Roberts, E. Haxley, F. Wilford conductor. On Saturday, September 13th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Caters, but was lost after ringing 2½ hrs. owing to the tenor going bad. F. Wilford, A. Moore, J. Houghton, W. R. Hensher, W. Rogers, T. R. Hensher conductor, F. Hopper, H. Sear, C. W. Clarke, W. Roberts. On Thursday, September 18th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Rogers, H. Key, S. J. Lawrence, H. Johnson, F. Hopper, A. Moore, F. Wilford conductor, E. James. On Sunday, September 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Freeman, S. J. Lawrence, F. Wilford conductor, E. Haxley, F. Hopper, W. Rogers, W. Roberts, E. James.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MAIDENHEAD.—On Sunday, August 3rd, at All Saints, Boyne Hill, for evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. G. Martin conductor, F. Dentry, F. Bissley, A. Martin, J. Aldridge, W. Walker, A. E. Reeves, F. Richardson. On Sunday, September 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Richardson, G. Martin conductor, A. Walker, F. V. H. Sinkins, A. Martin, W. H. Fussell, F. R. Richardson.

DUNSTER (Somerset).—On Sunday evening, August 31st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. C. Thrush, J. Hole, R. Hole, G. Stacey, P. Elliott, J. Jones, J. Grabham conductor, C. Welch. On Sunday evening, September 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (the first quarter of Thurstan's peal.) J. Hole, G. Stacey, F. Carter, R. Hole, A. Doble, J. Jones, J. Grabham, C. Thrush. F. Carter hails from Waltham Abbey, Essex.

KNEBWORTH.—On Wednesday, September 10th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor, 7-8 covering. C. Seymour, H. Day, T. Groom, W. Chalkley, G. Gates, T. Pateman conductor, J. Dennis, J. Spencer. It may be interesting to know that the ringer of the tenor is over 70 years of age, and has been ringing for more than half a century.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday evening, September 14th, at St. Lawrence's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for Divine Service, in 50 mins. G. Hope, J. Fuller, W. Rumborn, E. Blagrove, H. Rundam, E. Denham, W. Newell conductor, H. Glanville. The above was the first quarter-peal by all except the conductor. The striking was good, and the leading well observed.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday, August 17th, for evening service, 1024 Superlative Surprise Major. G. Roughton, A. J. Perkins, H. F. Dawkins, G. R. Pye, W. Keeble, W. Pye conductor, W. Watson, E. Pye. On Sunday morning, September 21st, for Divine Service, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Vyse, B. Cousins, A. J. Perkins, W. Nash, G. Roughton, H. F. Dawkins conductor, G. R. Pye, W. Watson.

THORINGTON (Essex).—On Sunday, September 14th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Avis, G. Lancaster, G. M. Rashbrooke, G. A. Andrews, G. Miles, W. J. Nevard conductor. A touch of Bob Minor, standing as before.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Tuesday, September 16th, on the occasion of a wedding at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1250 changes, in 51 mins. H. J. Maynard first quarter-peal, C. T. Hopkins, G. Grimwade, J. H. Wilkins, R. J. Maynard, F. Hull, J. Cullen, W. R. Pinsent, F. A. Nunn conductor, W. Crockford.

WOOD GREEN (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, September 21st, for morning service, 892 Grandsire Major. A. Cooper, A. Harber, C. Tyler, O. Brown, W. Devy, E. J. Tyler, W. Johnson conductor, J. Malpass.

THE LATE JOHN DAY,

The members of the St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham have decided to erect peal-tablets in the towers of St. Martin and Aston and Harborne parish churches, to commemorate the muffled peals rung as a mark of respect to the above. The executive therefore take this opportunity to inform the country members of the Guild wishing to subscribe that subscriptions may be sent to and will be acknowledged by the Honorary Secretary, W. H. Godden, 61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, or to any of the Guild's officers.

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.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford—The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society will be held to-day, Saturday, October 4, at the parish church, Bradley. The bells will be available for ringing during the afternoon from 2 o'clock. There will be a short service in church at 5 p.m. Subscriptions are now overdue, and should be paid at this meeting. **S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.**

10, Bull Street, Westbromwich.

The Middlesex County Association.—Members are asked to take note that the annual general meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, October 4th, at St. Margaret's church, Westminster. If the afternoon (3 p.m.) service in Westminster Abbey is resumed by that date, members are requested to attend it, the Canon in residence having very kindly offered to conduct over the Abbey at the close of the service any ringers who may like to avail themselves of the privilege. Ringing will commence at 2.30 p.m., and will continue on such conditions as may be found possible when the arrangements for the Abbey services are known. The business meeting will be held at 5.30 at the Mission Room in Little Tothill Street. At the conclusion of the meeting the bells of St. Martin-in-the-Fields will be available by the kind permission of the Rev. J. F. Kitto and the executive of the Royal Cumberland Society; but there can be no ringing at St. Margaret's between 4.30 and 7 o'clock. There will be no special catering, the proximity of suitable places of refreshment rendering such provision unnecessary.

**C. EDWARDS, } Joint
ARTHUR T. KING, } Hon. Secs.**

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Archdeaconry of Wilts. Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Marlborough to-day, Saturday, October 4th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting.

C. D. HEGINBOTHAM, Hon. Sec.

3, Estcourt Street, Devizes.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Leesfield to-day, Saturday, October 4th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30. Business important. A good muster is earnestly requested.

JAS. JACQUES, Sec.

The Bedfordshire Association.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woburn to-day, Saturday, October 4th. Tea at 5 p.m. Committee meeting at 5.45 p.m., to consider revision of rules. **REV. W. W. C. BAKER.**

Ridgmont Vicarage, Aspley Guise, R.S.O.

Ely Diocesan Association.—A quarterly meeting of the Sudbury branch will be held at Lavenham to-day, Saturday, October 4th. The church tower will be open for ringing all day by permission of the Rev. Canon Scott. The tea and meeting will be held at The Swan inn at 4.30 p.m.

H. B. WOOLLEY, District Sec.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern District.—The meeting at Baldock which Canon Nairne was sorry to postpone at the last moment on account of a funeral, will be held to-day, Saturday, October 4th.

J. SHEPPARD, District Sec.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be

held at Dulverton to-day, Saturday, October 4. Bells available all day. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea at The Lamb hotel at 5.30. Business immediately following.

A. E. COLES, Hon. Sec. and Treas.
Bridgwater.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Giles's, Cripplegate, on October 7th; at St. Magnus, London Bridge, on the 9th and 23rd; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 14th; and at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 28th. Business meetings after the two latter.

W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ripley (8 bells), on Saturday, October 11th. Meeting in parish room at 5.30 p.m. All members and ringing friends invited.

T. ALLIBONE, Secretary.

North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—By kind permission of the Vicar the next quarterly meeting will be held at Billingshurst on Saturday, October 11th. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea and business 5.30. Members intending to be present kindly inform the undersigned by Wednesday, October 8th.

H. EVANS, Hon. Div. Sec.

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Horbury on Saturday, October 11th. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Meeting-house—The King's Arms, School Street. **WALTER IDLE, Secretary.**

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Halliwell, on Saturday, October 11th. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 m.

G. PINCOTT, Branch Sec.

Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Sowerby, October 11th. Bells ready from dinner. Business meeting in school at 6 o'clock.

WRIGHT INGHAM, Sec.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Salehurst (Robertsbridge Station S.E. Railway), by the kind permission of the Rev. E. J. Sing, on Saturday, October 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at The Eight Bells at 5.15 sharp. Members intending to be present will oblige by sending in their names by Thursday, October 16th. The Secretary would also be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions for 1902.

S. SAKER, Hon. Sec. Eastern Division.

"Arran," Baldslow Road, Hastings.

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday afternoon, October 18th. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 5.30. Tea at 6. Members intending to be present must send their names to me through the Secretaries of their bands before the previous Thursday. Half railway fares, but not exceeding two shillings, will be allowed to all members present at 5 o'clock.

C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, Dist. Hon. Sec.

Hythe, Kent.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. The 265th annual dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 8th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. 6d. each) may be obtained of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, E. A. Davies, F. E. Dawe, W. E. Garrard, E. Horrex, H. P. Harman, A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton,

E. P. O'Meara, E. H. Oxenham, W. H. Pasmore, J. Pettit, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, or **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**

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The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—For vouchers and certificates application should be made to the Assistant Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. E. Reeves, 20, Radstock Road, Reading.

R. H. HART-DAVIS.

NOTE TO PEAL,

THE PEAL AT CARDINGTON.—This is the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on the bells, also the first by W. Finedon. The band wish to thank the Rev. E. J. Hillier for the use of the bells, and also for his kindness in providing tea at the conclusion of the peal. Messrs. Lilley and Finedon hail from Bedford; the rest from Woburn.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. G. F. Williams, late of Pine Cottage, East Parade, Horsham, has removed to 25, London Road, Horsham. —After to-day (Saturday), the address of Mr. E. Wightman will be 56, Brockley Road, Brockley, S.E. for a short time

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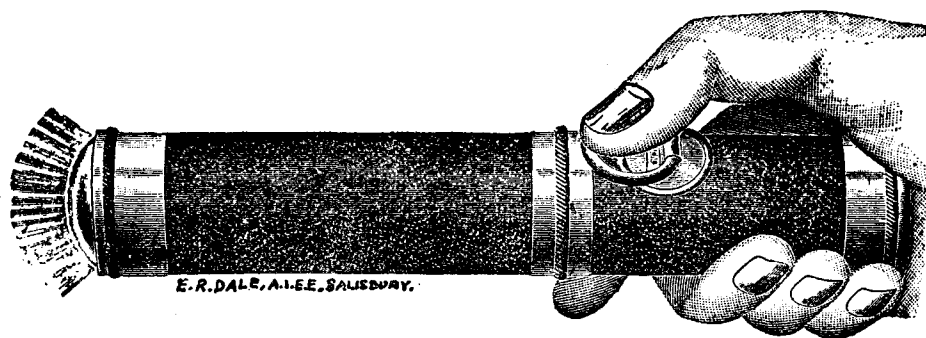
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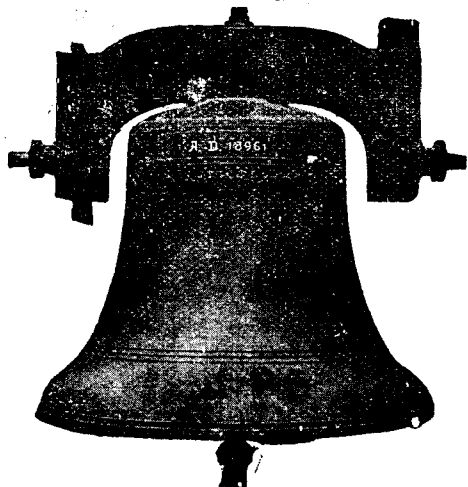
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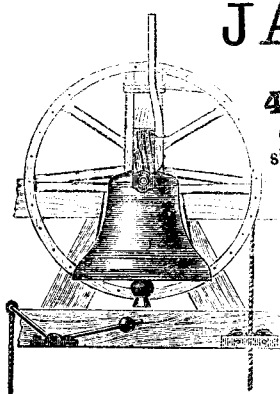
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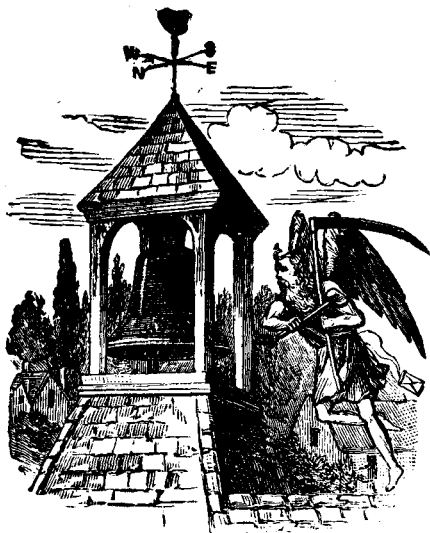
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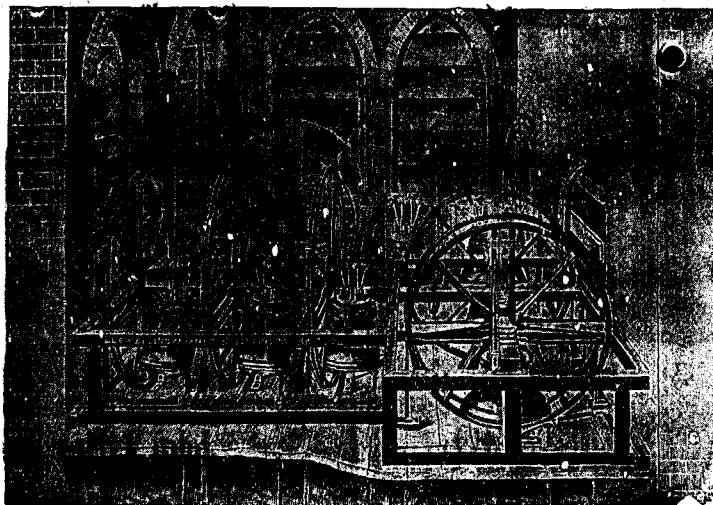
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

CONSETT (Durham). Christ Church. Durham and Newcastle Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor. The two trebles 1889, the rest 1885. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. No repairs since the trebles were hung in 1889. Ropes new in 1889, fair. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 7.

COSELEY (Staffordshire). Christ Church. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd, and 6th by Mears, 1892. The rest by Taylor, 1847. Tenor 11 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Mears 1892. Ropes new 1899, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11 and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 8, except first week in month, Friday.

COVENTRY (Warwickshire). Holy Trinity. Eight bells. Tenor 23 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. By Taylor, 1900. The rest by Mears, 1856. Timber frame. Bells go well but cannot be rung. Clocking permitted. Ropes new 1900, good. No half-pull ringing, Sunday ringing or practice. The tower is a wooden one and unsafe for ringing the whole peal.

St. Michael. Ten bells. All by Pack, 1774. Tenor 31 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Clocking permitted. The ring were taken down in 1885, and rehung to chime only, by Taylor, 1895. The tower is considered unsafe, so the bells are never rung.

COWBRIDGE (Glamorgan). No dedication known. Llandaff Diocesan Association. Eight bells, 1722. No founder or weight of tenor given. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Llewellyns, date not stated. Ropes middling. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10.40 to 11, and 5.40 to 6. Practice: Wednesday, 8.

CRADLEY (Worcestershire). St. Peter. All by Blews, 1875. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. No repairs since hung. Ropes, poor. Methods: Grandsire, Canterbury, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: half-an-hour before each service. Practice: Thursday, 8. These bells obtained first prize at the Vienna Exhibition in 1874.

CRANBORNE (Dorset). SS. Mary and Bartholomew. Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. The two trebles by Warner, 1890, the rest by Mears, date not stated. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Clocking permitted. Ropes good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: morning and evening. Practice: once a week during winter.

CRANBROOK (Kent). St. Dunstan. Eight bells. All by Mears in 1801, except 5th, 1825; and 7th, 1857. Tenor 23 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. The ring are to be rehung. Ropes new 1895, good. No half-pull or Sunday ringing. Practice: Monday, during winter.

CRAWLEY (Sussex). St. John the Baptist. Sussex County Association. Eight bells. All by Gillett, 1880. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes, poor; new set are on order. Methods: all the Standard ones. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30, during winter.

CRAYFORD (Kent). St. Paulinus. Kent County Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1876. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. No repairs since hung in 1876. Ropes new 1898, good. Methods: all the Standard ones. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual general meeting of this Association was held at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Saturday last, the 4th October, by kind permission of the Rev. Canon Henson. Over a hundred members took part in the proceedings of the day, and the gathering was a very representative one, the members attending from all parts of the County; and happily for their enjoyment the day was fine. They were requested to meet at the afternoon service at Westminster Abbey; but, prior to the service, a sufficient number had arrived to enable a short touch to be rung on St. Margaret's bells. At the close of the service, the Canon in residence (Rev. Canon Duckworth) was good enough to conduct all the ringers present, fully sixty in number, over the Abbey, or rather over such portions of it as was possible in the rapidly declining daylight. Under his guidance, the ringers were privileged to spend an hour and a quarter in enlightened progress among the tombs of Kings, Courtiers, Warriors, and Statesmen, and regretfully withdrew when the deepening shadows warned them to be gone. Very beautiful were these sombre shadows of the dying day, and we ventured

to think that even a moonlit scene could hardly added a greater charm than these to the general magnificence of the grand old Abbey.

At 5.30 the business meeting was held at the Mission Room in Little Tothill Street, and was largely attended. The report read by the Hon. Secretary disclosed a record of work done of which any Association might be proud. The following is the list of peals rung since the last annual general meeting on the 21st of September, 1901, viz.:-

	No of peals
Minor (in 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 methods)	8
Surprise Minor (in seven methods)	1
Bob Triples	3
Oxford Bob Triples	1
Grandsire Triples	10
Stedman Triples	32
Bob Major	6
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	5
Kent Treble Bob Major	6
Superlative Surprise Do.	10
New Cambridge Do. Do.	2
London Do. Do.	1
Grandsire Caters	1
Kent Treble Bob Royal	3
Stedman Caters	15
Stedman Cinques	3
Total	107

of which the following were rung on handbells, retained in hand, viz.

	No of peals
Stedman Triples	3
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1
Stedman Caters	2
Stedman Cinques	1
Total	8

These handbell performances deserve something more than a passing notice, their merit being of interest to a far wider circle of ringers than those belonging to the Association. The peal of New Cambridge Surprise Major rung on the 4th March by the brothers (William Ernest and George) Pye and William Keeble may be said to have reached the present high water mark of perfection among handbell performances: and the peal of Stedman Cinques rung on the 30th April last, being the fifth only of its kind ever accomplished on handbells, derives additional interest from the fact that it was the first peal of Stedman Cinques ever rung in the City of London, and the first ever conducted with a pair of non-observation bells. The performers were the brothers Pye before mentioned, Herbert P. Harman, Edgar Wightman and William Keeble. The peal was rung after one preliminary practice only, when three touches attempted were all successfully brought round, one of the touches extending to eleven courses, or rather more than 1400 changes.

After the election of new members: the officers of the Association were elected, viz., Rev. H. G. Bird (President), Mr. F. A. Milne (Treasurer), Mr. J. Basden (Master), and Mr. Arthur T. King (Hon. Sec). The accounts were read and passed subject to audit, Mr. W. Dell, of Hadley, and Mr. J. Cornell of Finchley being nominated for that purpose.

The meeting in point of members, was on the whole the most satisfactory one which has ever been held by the Association, and this was probably due to the fact that, by the kindness of the executive of the Royal Cumberland Youths, the bells of St. Martin in the fields were held at the disposal of the Association, in order to remove the congestion which would undoubtedly have

been experienced if the bells of St. Margaret's had alone been available. The belfries of both churches were well attended, and ringing continued with little intermission till a late hour.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT NORWICH.

The annual meeting was held at Norwich on Thursday, September 25th, and was an exceedingly successful gathering. About 160 members attended from all parts of the diocese, and the bells of St. Peter Mancroft, St. Michael's, St. Giles, St. Gregory, and St. John Maddermarket, were kept going throughout the day. An exceptionally large congregation assembled at St. Peter Mancroft at 12.45 for the special service. The prayers were read by the Rev. F. J. Meyrick (Vicar of St. Peter's), and the Rev. Dr. Raven (past President of the Association), delivered an especially useful and helpful address. A collection was made towards the fund for the restoration of the church.

Dinner was served in the Mancroft Parochial Hall at 1.30, the President (Mr. J. Sanicroft Holmes), in the chair, and supported by 152 members, representing about 40 towers. Amongst those present were the Revs. Dr. Raven, C. L. Kennaway, F. J. Meyrick, E. J. Bowen, C. F. Blyth, W. Morley Smith, E. F. Bingley, R. W. Pitt, H. J. Coleman, W. C. Pearson, and A. Pagon. Messrs. J. W. Pratt, F. Knight, W. Taylor, H. Hopson, G. Moy, F. R. Borrett, W. Grimes, W. Ireley, J. Motts, and C. E. Borrett (Hon. Sec).

The usual loyal toasts were honoured and the President proposed "The Bishop and Clergy," with special thanks to Dr. Raven for his address, and to the Norwich clergy for the use of their bells.

Dr. Raven replied in a characteristic speech, and thanked the members for the hearty welcome they had given him on the two occasions since his illness that he had attended meetings.

The President in proposing "Prosperity to the Association," referred to the critical time the Association had experienced the last six months, and on behalf of the members thanked Mr. C. E. Borrett for carrying on the work of the Secretaryship.

In responding, the Hon. Secretary briefly referred to the work of the society, and urged upon those present the desirability of a more prompt payment of subscriptions, which would relieve the Secretary of much work that was mere drudgery.

The annual report was then read. It referred at length to the irreparable loss the Association had sustained by the death of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, and the arrangements which were made by the President to carry on the work until the Annual Meeting. The number of restorations of bells and belfries was above the average, and the peal total for the past twelve months was far in advance, both in number and variety of methods of any previous year. One hundred and eleven peals had been rung, an increase of thirty-three over 1895, until now the record year.

The report having been adopted, the President was re-elected on the proposition of Dr. Raven, and after returning thanks the President proposed the Rev. Charles Lewis Kennaway, Rector of Garboldisham, as Honorary Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. Holmes said he had known Mr. Kennaway for many years, they having been school companions at Harrow, and every one present knew him as a practical change-ringer and as a Rural Dean for the

Rockland Deanery. He proposed him with the greatest pleasure, for Mr. Kennaway was a busy man, and the busiest men always did the best work.

The proposition was enthusiastically carried, and Mr. Kennaway in returning thanks asked for the help of every member in the work he had undertaken. Mr. Borrett had promised to assist him, but without their co-operation no one could carry out the duties satisfactorily.

The Rev. R. W. Pitt was elected to the vacant Trusteeship, and Mr. J. W. Spratt was elected Auditor for the present year. Messrs. J. Motts, W. L. Catchpole (Ipswich), C. Mee (Sproughton), and C. E. Borrett (Norwich), were elected representatives to the Central Council for the next three years. Eight non-resident Life Members, two Honorary, twenty-six Performing, and ten Probationers were formally admitted, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the President. The members then separated, and the bells of the various churches were kept going until a late hour.

The members of the above Association are asked to note that all matters concerning the society will be dealt with by Mr. C. E. Borrett until the end of the year. He will be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions at once.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The second quarterly meeting of the year was held at Long Eaton on Saturday, September 27th, ringers being present from Burton-on-Trent, Cotgrave, Daybrook, Derby, Duffield, East Bridgford, Ilkeston, Loughborough, Melbourne, Melton Mowbray, Nottingham, Ripley, Sandiacre, Sawley and other places.

During the afternoon the bells were rung by various mixed bands, an adjournment being made at 4.45 p.m., for tea, at which about seventy ringers and friends sat down in the Infants' schoolroom. At the subsequent meeting Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., occupied the chair, supported by the Vicar and both churchwardens of Long Eaton, Rev. A. D. Hill (East Bridgford), Messrs. J. W. Taylor, E. D. Taylor, W. Wakley, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed, the Hon. Secretary read a list of the nominations for membership, and these, twenty-two in number, including one honorary and one life member, were duly elected.

In speaking of the peals rung during the past quarter, the Chairman said that three of them could not be acknowledged by the Association owing to the non-compliance by several ringers with rule 3.

Market Harborough was chosen as the place for the next quarterly meeting, on the proposition of Mr. G. F. Attenborough, seconded by Mr. J. W. Taylor.

The President moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his presence at the meeting, and for the use of the bells. The Rev. R. W. Whittington in reply paid a high tribute to the ability and trustworthiness of his own company of ringers.

The Rev. A. D. Hill proposed a vote of thanks to the churchwardens, mentioning that he had rarely been at an association meeting where both churchwardens and the Vicar were present at the same time; they were most fortunate at Long Eaton that their churchwardens as well as their Vicar interested themselves in belfry matters.

A vote of thanks was given to the Long Eaton company for the excellent way in which they had carried out the arrangements for the day.

Mr. J. W. Taylor moved, and Mr. J. Ward seconded a vote of thanks to the Chairman, to which Sir Arthur replied, saying it gave him great pleasure to be present, and he hoped when next they visited Long Eaton they might have as good a tea, and a peal of twelve bells to ring on.

During the evening the bells of Sawley church and Long Eaton were rung by the visitors in various methods.

THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at Bradley on Saturday, September 13th. The tower was open to members from 4 o'clock, and a free use was made of the privilege. The Worcestershire Association service was said in church by the Rev. S. Cirdon, Vicar, at 5 o'clock, who also gave a suitable address, the members attending in good numbers. At the business meeting, at which the Rev. W. H. Fletcher, curate, presided, the Vicar gave a hearty welcome to the members of the Guild, expressed his pleasure in the work in which they were engaged, wishing them success, and hoped to meet them again, when he would be able to preside at their meeting, which he was sorry not to do on that day, through a prior engagement which he was not able to break.

The order of business was changed by the Master proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness in arranging for the convenience and pleasure of the meeting, to which he briefly responded. The ordinary business of the meeting was then proceeded with. It was decided that the next meeting be held at Smethwick. At the conclusion of the business a vote of thanks was passed to the chairman. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung on the tower bells.

THORINGTON (Essex).—On Sunday, September 14th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Avis, G. Lancaster, G. M. Rashbrooke, G. A. Andrews, G. Miles, W. J. Nevard conductor. A touch of Bob Minor, standing as before.

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."

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SIR,—I find that I have made a careless error in my last letter to you, for which I apologise to all concerned. I knew there were three towers, or rather bands of ringers, affected by the question, and in the absence of the report, which I had not with me when I wrote, I erroneously thought they were the three bands at Verwood, whereas they are those at Christchurch, Ringwood, and Fordingbridge. May I ask your readers to substitute these towns for Verwood in my former letter.

As to Mr. Drake's letter there is nothing in it calling for remark from me, except the last sentence. The rules are in the hands of all the members of the Guild, and by referring to them they can see for themselves how Mr. Drake misapprehends the meaning of them.

The last sentence of his letter, implying, as it does, that I have made a false statement in describing myself as a member of the Committee, deserve some very strong language, but I will refrain, as I object to personalities. I will only point out that Mr. Drake's only source of information as to my status in the Guild must be the report and list of members, and that when he referred to it, to find out who I was, he had before his eyes the fact that I am a Committee-man as well as correspondent. I was a member of the committee before he came to reside in the diocese, and I hold my position as such by virtue of Rule 2, representative for St. John's, Devizes. C. H. HAMPTON.

SIR,—Dorset ringers have for many years had a complaint against the Diocesan Guild in that it has always been managed by Wilts. men, who will not understand the necessities of Dorset and who make it impossible for the two counties to join together

in the Guild. I have found this to be the case on every possible opportunity. But a more egregious instance of such ignorance than Mr. Hampton's last letter I never saw.

Of the fact that while the disorganisation by the secretary is still being threatened, no one will pay any subscription, Mr. Hampton is not ignorant. He can hardly be ignorant that for the same reason all change-ringing is here at a standstill. Some towers that were learning are giving it up—this apathy is spreading into Hampshire; and I doubt whether even those towers which Mr. Tilney-Bassett has allowed to remain in the Guild will remain on, this winter, from all I hear. If this is not being "strangled with red tape," what is?

It is a mere impertinence for Mr. Hampton to inform your readers that so-called "life members" have the same advantages as ordinary members. They will laugh at him, though such a statement might go down at a public meeting. Moreover what is to be done with those ringers in the four Hampshire towers who reside in Dorset? (At St. Peter's, Bournemouth, the county boundary runs between the church and the vicarage.) Are they to get a free dinner, &c., all their lives for 2s. 6d., while their fellow-ringers have to pay an annual subscription? And if they happen to move over the boundary twice in a year must they pay two or three times? The whole thing is ridiculous and unworkable.

Mr. Hampton evidently does not know in which county Verwood is: he is also ignorant of the arrangement existing before I came here, or of the way in which the Guild was formed, yet he calmly conveys his ignorance in the form of information to Mr. Daniell, while he wantonly accuses the latter of "personalities." Such a letter is its own condemnation. H. DRAKE.

SIR,—I do not know how much accuracy and reasonableness Mr. Hampton may have brought to bear on the affairs of this Guild, but unless the amount be greater than he has displayed in his reference to me it is not surprising that Mr. Drake does not altogether accept what he says.

Mr. Hampton says: "It is, no doubt, in Mr. Daniell's opinion, a knock-down blow to my argument to dub it 'contemptible,' but personalities never yet helped the person indulging in them."

I never said Mr. Hampton's argument was contemptible: what I said was that I imagined that the disputes which have arisen *inter alia* about the boundary question appeared to most of your readers to be utterly contemptible. So much for Mr. Hampton's accuracy. I see no reason to modify my opinion. These disputes have been before the Exercise in your columns for nearly a year, and I have not yet met with anyone in personal discussion who does not think them contemptible.

Now as to Mr. Hampton's reasonableness. He says personalities never yet helped the person indulging in them. This is most true. Then why does he indulge in them? Even if I had said that his argument was contemptible, that would not be a personality, for an argument is not a person. But when Mr. Hampton presumes to inform your readers what I thought, that is clearly a personality. Certainly this personality does not help him. For, after all, his argument must be either contemptible or not so, and any opinion I may or may not hold about knock-down blows can have nothing to do with deciding between these alternatives.

In what way do you propose to celebrate the approaching anniversary of this discussion about the affairs of the Salisbury Guild? You have already said you do not remember anything like it. Would you be disposed to offer a set of handbells for the best essay explanatory of all the points that have been raised? If so, do you feel that you understand enough about them to be able to adjudicate between the competitors for the prize?

R. A. DANIELL.

TREBLE BOB COMPOSITIONS.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Dains's letter in your last issue under the above heading, I am sorry to see that he attempts to claim what I have always taken to be one of my peals. My grounds for this idea are: firstly, that I composed it in 1896; secondly, that I rung and conducted it on April 20th, 1898, at St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln; and thirdly, that I was the first person to publish the figures in "THE BELL NEWS." Now comes the question; who is to be the acknowledged author? Mr. Dains

simply says he had it rung years ago, but does not know where or by whom. This evidence he must admit is vague in the extreme. I myself have had to give up claim to things even when I had proved that I was first author, just because I had not published the figures; and again, I have fully 200 compositions now in hand that have never been published, and I am fully aware that should any one publish them I should have to go under, so experience has taught me. Under these circumstances Mr. Dains must admit he is too late; at the same time I always like to think that my compositions are strictly original, and I don't wish to quarrel with this gentleman about it.

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

FALSE PEALS.

SIR,—I beg to withdraw the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major published in "THE BELL NEWS" a few weeks ago and rung at Shildon, owing to the composition being a false one. I took the composition out of my touch book where I had entered it from "THE BELL NEWS" of June 3rd, 1893, expecting it to be a true one. My attention was drawn to the fact that it was not so, and to make sure I sent the figures to our peal referee, Mr. W. Holmes, of Newcastle, for proof, and I have had a reply from him saying it is false in each part. I am very sorry for this, and beg to apologise to the band (several of whom, including myself, rung in a false peal before), for calling a false composition.

JAMES BAXTER.

SIR,—I regret to have to bring to the notice of those who took part in the peal of "Original" rung at Bristol in the early part of the year, that the composition is false, and on behalf of Mr. G. Daltry, the conductor, I beg to withdraw the same from the records of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

F. G. MAY, Hon. Sec.

TO MR. TAFFENDER.

SIR,—In Mr. Taffender's letter last week he states "although we have another observation besides the 7th, that is not a musical bell in 6ths place, neither is it retained in that position after the first eighteen courses." I respectfully point out to him that he is stifling his own argument, and shewing his ignorance of the construction of Thurstans's one-part; seeing that it is possible to have the 6th at home for half the peal. Surely this is a musical bell. If Mr. Taffender likes I will publish the figures for his special benefit shewing the aforementioned. Personally I do not consider the one-part much more difficult than the four-part, neither do I think Thurstans knew what he had produced, or he would never have published it in the form he did, unless it was to confuse the budding conductor.

H. HOSKINS.

THE GO-OFF IN STEDMAN.

SIR,—I am quite of the same opinion on this subject as is expressed by Mr. R. A. Daniell in your last issue, and that in this, or any other method built on the same principle, viz.: wherein all bells are made to do the same work. A similar variation, either in the go-off or coming home, is legitimate. If similar advantage is obtainable in either Duffell or Forward, then composition may be designed without violating the method.

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HENRY DAINS.

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A TRIP TO THE NORTH.

Our readers will have seen a fortnight ago the records of a succession of peals rang in the north of England and Scotland. The following account of the "trip" is sent by William Pye, given as far as possible in his own words, though it has been found necessary to prune it here and there, and publish it in two parts, on account of its length:—

It had been the ambition of several members of the Norwich Association to visit the north of England and Scotland for the purpose of attempting a few peals on some of the famous rings of bells. The trip was not one thought of on the impulse of the moment, but planned months before, and the details thoroughly worked up. No small measure of the success gained is due to Mr. Lindoff, who made all the arrangements for the tour. Eight peals in fourteen attempts were not so bad, comprising as it did two peals of Stedman Cinques, three of Stedman Caters, and one each of New Cambridge, Superlative, and Double Norwich.

It was 7.45 a.m. on Saturday, September 13th, that the first arrivals reached Edinburgh, these were the Messrs. W. and E. Pye, W. Keeble, and I. G. Shade, together with C. Jackson of Hull. Later Messrs. Lindoff and Murphy, who had disembarked at Glasgow, came in, then W. H. Barber and J. George. Glasgow was the place selected for the first peal, but permission could not be had. However, at St. Cuthbert's Edinburgh, a peal of Double Norwich was rung, which ought to have been Superlative, only one of the company could not come up to time. After tea, kindly provided by the Edinburgh ringers, a peal of Stedman was attempted at the cathedral, but after five courses it collapsed. Sunday morning found us at the cathedral, where two touches of Stedman Caters and a course of London Surprise were rung for service. In the afternoon to the port of Leith, where the party boarded the steamer "Wemyss," for a visit to the Forth Bridge, where they had the pleasure of seeing the royal yacht. Returning back to tea, we repaired to St. Cuthbert's, and rung for evening service touches of London Surprise and Stedman Triples, then proceeding to the cathedral a touch of Stedman Caters was rung there for the same purpose. At 8.0 p.m. an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Caters in hand, which in the twenty-fifth course collapsed. By the kindness of the Dean, who allowed us to ring through a service, we were able to make another attempt at the cathedral on Monday morning, and the peal was secured. Bidding our Edinburgh friends farewell, we caught the express to Newcastle, being met at the station by Messrs. Routledge, Hudson, and Ferry. After tea was made for the cathedral, where a peal of Stedman Caters had been arranged for, which was successful after 3 hrs. 39 mins., being the second peal of Stedman Caters during the day: and it may be added that they were both rung within a period of a little more than twelve hours, and at places 125 miles apart. Tuesday morning we went to North Shields, and a peal of Stedman Caters rung there. Returning by the one o'clock to Newcastle, a peal of New Cambridge Surprise Major was attempted at St. Stephen's (tenor 30 cwt.), but after 2 hrs. all was over. The bells are a fine ring, but their go is not good, owing to the vibration of the tower. Through the kindness of Mr. C. L. Routledge and Mr. R. S. Story, we were entertained to dinner with the Newcastle ringers. After the loyal toast that of "The Visitors" was given, and responded to by Messrs. Lindoff and George. Some touches in various methods and some tunes by C. Jackson, recitations, etc., brought to a close a very enjoyable evening. The following morning (Wednesday) the town of Darlington was visited. A peal of London Surprise was attempted, which failed after 1 hr. 55 mins. Leaving the tower it was found we had time to catch the express to York, at which city the company were augmented by the arrival of Messrs. J. Motts, F. R. Borrett, and H. Chapman. At 5 o'clock the company assembled at the Minster for a peal of Stedman Cinques, but after seventeen courses in 1 hr. 41 mins., it was abandoned, the tenor-man realising the hopelessness of the task. Three leads of Treble Twelve were afterwards rung to enable some of the visitors to hear the bells outside. An adjournment was then made to host Breed's, The Lowther hotel, where a very pleasant hour was spent with the local ringers, the party breaking up to meet again the following morning for Halifax.

(To be continued.)

Ringers' Outings.

The Stowmarket company had their annual outing on Tuesday, July 16th, this year Thetford being the place selected. Starting from The Fox hotel at 7 o'clock, Thetford was reached at 10.15., after a beautiful drive past the splendid grounds of Enston Park, the seat of the Duke of Grafton, which was much damaged by fire a little time back. After a little refreshment at The Bull hotel, we were met by Mr. Sear, steeple-keeper, who kindly piloted us to the church. Here we were met by the Vicar and churchwardens, who wished us every success. Several touches of Treble Bob and Grandsire Triples were rung, also a capital course of Grandsire Triples on handbells. After looking round the church a move was made to The Bull hotel where we found a splendid hot dinner awaiting us, which was very much enjoyed. Mr. Sear in the meantime got permission from Messrs. Burrell and Son, Engineers, to look over their extensive works, which was interesting, especially to those who were in that line of business, as this firm is known all over the kingdom for traction engines, etc. As time was getting on 3 o'clock, which was the order for the horses to be ready, so after thanking our friends at Thetford we started for Bury St. Edmunds, which was reached about 5 o'clock. After tea a move was made to the Norman Tower where the beautiful ten bells were soon set going with the help of Mr. H. Turner, to some Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal, and Treble Bob Major. The bells are splendid toned, and all go well. After having a chat with our Bury friends we started for home, via Beyton and Woolpit, which was reached after a most enjoyable day's outing. The ringers wish to thank all those who helped to make the outing such a success, especially Messrs. Burrell and Sons, of Thetford, and our Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. Rouse), for making the arrangements. D.

THE LATE JOHN DAY.

The members of the St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham have decided to erect peal-tablets in the towers of St. Martin and Aston and Harborne parish churches, to commemorate the muffled peals rung as a mark of respect to the above. The executive therefore take this opportunity to inform the county members of the Guild wishing to subscribe that subscriptions may be sent to and will be acknowledged by the Honorary Secretary, W. H. Godden, 61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, or to any of the Guild's officers.

CHISWICK.—On Sunday, September 7th, for morning service at St. Nicholas' church, 1260 Grandsire Triples. J. Judd, W. E. Garrard, G. Brush, H. W. Wilkes, W. E. Moss, J. T. Kentish, A. F. Harris conductor, G. J. White. On September 14th, for evening service at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 1259 Grandsire Caters. W. Sear, W. E. Garrard conductor, J. T. Kentish, H. G. Miles, A. V. Selby, W. E. Moss, A. F. Harris, H. Sear, W. Fox, J. Judd.

DUMBLETON (Gloucestershire).—On Saturday, September 6th, for practice at the parish church, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Slatter, R. Greenall, A. E. Slatter, F. Sallis, T. Sallis conductor, H. Greenall.

LINSLADE (Bucks).—On Sunday, July 6th, at St. Barnabas church, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. W. Jeffs, F. Vickers conductor, A. Cheshire, G. Wright, C. White, E. Field. Another 6-score. F. Vickers conductor, G. Wright, A. Cheshire, T. Wilks, C. White, W. Neale. For evening service another 6-score. W. Jeffs, G. Wright, W. Willis conductor, T. Willis, C. White, E. Field. And another 6-score. F. Vickers conductor, A. Cheshire, W. Willis, G. Wright, C. White, A. Vickers.

TUNSTALL.—On Sunday, July 20th, for Divine Service, 672 Grandsire Triples. A. Clay, F. Smith, D. Preston, W. Thompson, J. Johnson, F. Darlington, G. A. Smith conductor, J. Darlington. On Saturday, August 23rd, after meeting one short for a peal of Treble Bob Major, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Wheeldon, G. A. Smith, D. Preston, E. Wheeldon, C. Preston, W. Carter. On Sunday, August 31st, 588 Grandsire Triples. H. Smith, A. Clay, F. Smith, M. Thompson, J. Johnson, F. Darlington, G. A. Smith, J. Darlington.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1902.

THE Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association will hold its Twenty-fifth Anniversary Festival—its Silver Jubilee—on the 27th of this month. The executive are desirous that special efforts to be present will be made by every member; and it is hardly necessary to say that ringers from any part of the world will be welcomed on such an auspicious occasion.

Twenty-five years is a period long enough, we suppose, to look back upon, and take stock, as it were, of the work and operations of, not only one of the most influential, but one of the oldest of our Associations. And to the President, Secretary, and other officials, the retrospect is a pleasing one. For a short time there was something like a rift in the lute, but through the good temper of the President and Secretary it was well got over, to the satisfaction of all. The "Durham and Newcastle" is going on as prosperously as ever. It is conducted by excellent officers, and we wish these gentlemen, and all the members a most successful Silver Jubilee, and further characteristic progress.

The Metropolis.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, September 30, 1902, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES HOPKINS Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 6.
WILLIAM PYE 2	JOHN H. WILKINS 7.
GEORGE GRIMWADE 3.	WILLIAM B. MANNING 8.
JOHN R. SHARMAN 4.	ERNEST PYE 9.
ROBERT J. MAYNARD 5.	FRANK HULL Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. T. King, who unfortunately through a severe cold was unable to take part in it.

The Provinces.**HENFIELD, SUSSEX.****THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, September 30, 1902, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM MARKWELL* .. Treble.	ALBERT E. LISH 5.
SAMUEL BURT 2	LAZARUS PAYNE 6.
JAMES LISH† 3.	GEORGE PAYNE 7.
CHARLES TYLER 4.	ARTHUR HODGES Tenor.

Conducted by LAZARUS PAYNE.

*First peal away from the tenor. †First peal. Rung on the anniversary of the conductor's wedding-day.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wednesday, October 1, 1902, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt.

HENRY HUTTON Treble.	BEN CHORLEY 5.
JOHN HEATHORNE 2.	RALPH WOOD 6.
GEORGE GUNNER 3.	*ALFRED H. PULLING 7.
FRANK BLONDELL 4.	THOMAS MAYNARD Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

*First peal as conductor. This peal was rung in honour of the return from South Africa of Lieut. K. Grant, West Kent Regiment, son of Canon Grant, Rector of Holy Trinity.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Thursday, October 2, 1902, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. HUNT Treble.	HENRY T. WILSON 6.
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Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. JUDD.

First peal on the ten bells. First peal of Caters by all except the conductor.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Thursday, October 2, 1902, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN COLEMAN* Treble.	RICHARD BUCKLAND 5.
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JOHN WEST 3.	FREDERICK J. HEALEY 7.
JOHN C. TRUSS 4.	ERNEST YATES Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

Reference to this peal elsewhere.

WHITLEY, NORTHUMBERLAND.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, October 1, 1902, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

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WILLIAM CHARLTON .. Treble.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 4.
JAMES E. GOFTON 2.	R. ALDER GOFTON 5.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3.	WILLIAM THOMPSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Thomas W. Duglass, organist of the above church.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**

(LOUGHBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 2, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 6½ cwt.

F. G. BURLEIGH Treble.	H. KIRTON 5.
R. F. LANE 2.	H. W. ABBOTT 6.
T. H. COLBURN 3.	R. CHRISTIAN 7.
E. W. CARTWRIGHT 4.	J. W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. LOCKWOOD, and Conducted by J. W. TAYLOR, JUN.

R. Christian, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Yarmouth.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,***On Saturday, October 4, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES DOWNING .. Treble.	STEPHEN THOMAS 5.
WILLIAM LANDSDOWN .. 2.	HENRY T. HOWELL 6.
CHARLES H. GORDON .. 3.	FRED G. MAY 7.
WILLIAM SOMMERVILLE .. 4.	GILBERT WILTSHIRE .. Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

First peal on the bells. The ringers were complimented by the parishioners when leaving the tower on the striking.

EXETER.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.*On Saturday, October 4, 1902, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

W. J. MANLEY* Treble.	*H. T. BURCH 5.
R. L. MANLEY* 2.	†A. H. SNOW 6.
THOMAS LAVER 3.	JOHN R. SANDOVER 7.
FERRIS SHEPHERD 4.	*E. G. STOCKER Tenor.

Conducted by FERRIS SHEPHERD.

*First peal. †First peal away from the tenor.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.***On Saturday, October 4, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt.

FREDERICK J. STEELE .. Treble.	ALFRED TURLEY 5.
JOHN PERRY 2.	HERBERT KNIGHT 6.
WILLIAM FISHER 3.	JOHN C. ADAMS 7.
ROBERT PICKERING 4.	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. Tenor.

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(SPROUGHTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 4, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs.

WALTER BROWN Treble.	EDGAR RIVERS 5.
GEORGE W. MEE 2.	ALFRED G. RIVERS 6.
FRANK ROLFE 3.	CHARLES MEE 7.
HARRY J. MEE 4.	FREDERICK MEE Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 4, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:
Being 720 each of Duke of York, Violet, New London Pleasure,
Woodbine, Merchants' Return, Oxford and Kent.

WILLIAM WILDE Treble.	ALBERT FERNLEY 4.
JAMES FERNLEY* 2.	SAMUEL FERNLEY 5.
WILLIAM LOWERY 3.	GEO. D. WARBURTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAS. FERNLEY.

*First peal as conductor. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells and by the ringers of the 1st, 4th and 5th. This peal was rung to commemorate the safe arrival of Mrs. J. S. Wilde at Dunedin, New Zealand, Mr. J. S. Wilde being the respected tutor of the company, to whom their thanks are due.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 4, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PENNING'S ONE-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE PIGGOTT Treble.	JOHN JAGGAR 5.
JAMES PIGGOTT* 2.	JOHN TILLEY 6.
JAMES HALL 3.	†FREDERICK HARRIS 7.
REUBEN HALL 4.	WILLIAM GOULD Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN JAGGAR.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. This peal was specially arranged to celebrate the fifty-second birthday of W. Gould.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 4, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lbs.

JAMES W. WILKINS Treble.	PHILBERT W. WILKINS .. 5.
MAURICE SMITHER 2.	J. J. PRATT 6.
F. K. BIGGS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JESSE ELDRIDGE 4.	F. G. HEALEY Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, the 7th having been recast, and all the bells rehung by Mears and Stainbank, the "go" being excellent.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1902, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

JAMES E. GOFTON† Treble.	WILLIAM STORY 5.
R. ALDER GOFTON† 2.	JOHN J. LEIGHTON 6.
ROBERT S. STORY 3.	WILLIAM T. ROBSON 7.
JOSEPH W. PARKER 4.	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

†First peal in the method.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sunday, October 5, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs.

ERNEST ALLEN Treble.	GEORGE PAICE 5.
JOHN RICE 2.	THOMAS CARD 6.
ROBERT J. DAWE 3.	JAMES HUNT 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

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

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 5, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lbs.

JOHN RICE Treble.	THOMAS CARD 5.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE 6.
ERNEST ALLEN 3.	JAMES HUNT 7.
KEITH HART 4.	WALTER CHARMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Monday, October 6, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

HERBERT SHEPPARD .. Treble.	†HARRY GOODMAN 5.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 2.	WILLIAM POTTER 6.
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.† .. 3.	EDWARD GOODREDS 7.
HORACE SMITH 4.	ALFRED ROWLEY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

†First peal of Major.

HERTFORD.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND
THE HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, October 6, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE E. SMITH Treble.	GEORGE H. BARKER 5.
MATTHEW ELLSMORE 2.	HERBERT BAKER 6.
ARTHUR WRIGHT* 3.	†JOSEPH LADLEY 7.
ALBERT PHILLIPS† 4.	EDWARD EDWARDS Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT BAKER.

*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire Triples. †First peal with a bob bell.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Tuesday, October 7, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

WALTER C. HUNT Treble.	JAMES MOTTS 5.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 2.	EDGAR PEMBERTON 6.
WILLIAM MOTTS 3.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7.
WALTER LAST 4.	ALBERT GILLINGHAM .. Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER C. HUNT.

HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 7, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Grandsire, and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM J. DELL Treble.	JOHN ARMSTRONG 4.
HARRY MILLER 2.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 5.
ERNEST W. MARSHALL .. 3.	SIDNEY WADE Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

Handbell Peals.

OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

On Tuesday, September 30, 1902, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

IN THE PARISH ROOM,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

HENRY HODGETTS* .. 1-2.	GEORGE N. PRICE.. .. 5-6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 3-4.	WILLIAM HODGETTS .. 7-8.

Composed and Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

Umpire—Frederick W. Brinklow. *First peal of Bob Major. †First peal of Major on handbells.

Miscellaneous.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HEAVITREE (Devon).—On Sunday, September 14th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. W. Hancock, T. Laver, W. C. Burrough, J. R. Sandover, C. Baker, F. Shephard, W. Shepherd conductor, W. Nethercott.

THE WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GUILD.

WORCESTER.—On Saturday, August 9th, at the Cathedral, a peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted, but owing to a mistake in the time of evening service the peal had to be abandoned after ringing 3 hrs. 5 mins. A. Hill, J. Austin conductor, W. Powell, F. E. Ward, H. Lovell, W. C. Jones, H. Wilkes, H. Middleton, A. E. Pegler, W. H. Johnson. On Sunday, August 24th, 503 Grandsire Caters. B. S. Hill, G. Hinton, W. Powell, A. Hill, W. C. Jones, G. Checketts, H. Wilkes conductor, R. Knowles, W. H. Johnson, T. Malim. On Monday, August 18th, 900 Grandsire Caters. B. S. Hill, G. Hinton, A. Hill, F. Cooper, W. C. Jones conductor, G. Checketts, H. Wilkes, E. Watkins, W. H. Johnson, T. Malim. The following touches were rung during the Musical Festival. On Sunday, September 7th, 1151 Grandsire Caters. B. S. Hill, G. Hinton, W. Powell, A. Hill, W. C. Jones, F. Cooper, H. Wilkes conductor, E. Watkins, W. H. Johnson, T. Malim. On Thursday, September 11th, 809 Grandsire Caters. J. Hill, B. S. Hill, G. Hinton, A. Hill, W. C. Jones conductor, F. Cooper, G. Checketts, E. Watkins, W. H. Johnson, T. Malim. On Friday, September 12th, 828 Grandsire Caters. B. S. Hill, G. Hinton, A. Hill, F. Cooper, W. C. Jones, G. Checketts, H. Wilkes conductor, E. Watkins, W. H. Johnson, T. Malim.

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EGREMONT.—On Saturday, October 4th, at St. John's church, 720 Grandsire Minor was rung by the St. Michael's company, Workington. R. Wilson, J. Phillips, J. Wilkinson conductor, T. Birkett, J. S. Mawson, W. J. Johnson. First 720 on the bells since their inauguration.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BOLSTERTONE.—Recently, at the parish church, a plain course of College Single Major. J. Dyson, R. Dyson, J. H. Charlesworth, L. Jackson, D. Brearley, G. Merriman, J. R. Brearley, W. Harrison. Also 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Dyson, R. Dyson, L. Jackson, G. Merriman, J. R. Brearley, D. Brearley conductor. A plain course of Oxford Minor, with W. Harrison. On Sunday, September 21st, 720 Bob Minor. A. Brearley first 720, D. Brearley conductor, J. Aspinall, G. Merriman, J. R. Brearley, W. Harrison.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM ROYAL.—On Monday, September 22nd, to commemorate

the safe return of W. Watson from South Africa, 2052 Oxford Bob Triples, in 1 hr. 25 mins. J. Bovington, G. Guttridge, J. J. Parker, R. Flaxman, J. Elderfield, G. Alder, C. Clarke, A. Crook. On Sunday evening, September 28th, for the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal in the same method, in 44 mins. J. Bovington, J. J. Parker, J. Basden, G. Stanbrook, J. Elderfield, C. Clarke, G. Basden, F. Bateman.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASSTEAD (Surrey).—On Saturday, September 13th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. A. Winch first quarter-peal away from the tenor. J. H. B. Hesse, G. A. Ransome conductor, F. G. Goddard, T. Beadle, H. Browning, A. Harris, H. Dare. This was rang after an attempt for a peal of Grandsire had come to grief.

EALING.—On Whit Sunday, for Divine Service in the morning at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Harding, E. J. Walsom, E. Harris, A. J. Trollope, J. Basden conductor, H. Browning, A. Fryer, W. Ward. For evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, taken from Thurstans's four-part, in 42 mins. A. H. Taber, E. J. Walsom, G. R. Fardon, J. Basden conductor, E. Harris, F. G. Goddard, H. Browning, W. Ward. The ringing for the King's Coronation consisted of touches of Grandsire Triples, interspersed with firing at intervals during the day. The Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was also rung. J. Basden conductor, E. J. Walsom, E. Harris, A. H. Taber, H. Browning, H. G. Parsons, A. Fryer, A. Harding. On Sunday, September 14th, for morning service, 750 Stedman Triples. L. Copsey, A. H. Taber, F. Rice, J. Basden conductor, F. G. Goddard, E. Harris, H. Browning, A. Harding. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. W. De Burgh, late curate of this church, who volunteered for service in South Africa, and died at Woodstock Hospital, Cape Town, September 4th, 1902.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

WOODCHURCH.—On Sunday, August 24th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Taylor, J. Johnson, W. Duckers, G. Phillips, A. Bennett, W. Bennett. For evening service 720 Oxford Bob. J. Taylor, J. Johnson, W. Duckers, G. Phillips, A. Bennett, W. Bennett. On Sunday, August 31st, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Taylor, J. Johnson, W. Duckers, W. Williams, G. Phillips, W. Bennett. On Sunday, September 7th, for morning service, 720 Canterbury Minor. J. Taylor, J. Johnson, W. Duckers, W. Williams, G. Phillips, W. Bennett conductor. On Monday, September 8th, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble. J. Taylor, J. Johnson, W. Duckers, W. Wilcox conductor, A. Bennett, W. Bennett. This is the first 720 of Oxford Treble Bob by all except the conductor.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STROUD (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday, September 2nd, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Furley, C. King, E. H. Tribe, A. T. Ford, H. Scrivens, W. H. White, E. J. Garrett, J. Adams, G. Dickenson, W. White.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE.—On Monday, October 6th, for practice at St. Michael's church, 1264 Bob Major. A. Cutmore, W. Sadler, F. Webb, H. E. Hammond, P. Holmes, G. Sentance, C. H. Howard conductor, H. J. Collins.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY, NORWICH.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On Tuesday, September 23rd, after an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, 540 Stedman Caters. E. Borrett, P. Sadler, G. Howchin, H. W. Stanley, Rev. J. F. Hastings, A. Webber, D. Hayward, F. Knights, G. Smith conductor, S. Tillett. And 700 Kent Treble Bob Royal, with S. Tillett, and F. Knights conductor. Six of the above journeyed from Norwich to meet for the peal, and after ringing 30 mins. a breakdown occurred, and train time not permitting another start the touches were rung. The peal was arranged for the Rev. J. F. Hastings, who is from Somersetshire, and who was senior curate at Yarmouth parish church some few years since. Mr. Hastings, when at Yarmouth, was the instigator, and started the fund, for augmenting the ring of ten, which was completed about three or four years ago. The ringers are also indebted to him for several alterations and improvements in the belfry made during his curacy.

THE RINGERS' ONLY TRUE BADGE.—In Gold, Silver or Bronze.—Clocks, Watches, and all kinds of Jewellery.—COLDWELL (Ringer), Mirfield, Yorks.

RINGER'S WEDDING.

The well-known ringer, Mr. W. H. Barber, of Birmingham, entered into the bonds of matrimony with Miss E. Hancox, of Bewdley, on Saturday, the 27th ult. This interesting ceremony took place at Clent, Worcestershire, his native village, and passed off in excellent style. Mr. Gabriel Lindoff attended from Dublin, and performed the arduous duties of best man admirably, a fact of which Mr. Barber and his friends feel very proud.

During the afternoon eight members went to Hagley (near to Clent), where there is a pretty ring of eight, and rung a peal of Stedman Triples in honour of the occasion, to the great pleasure of all concerned.

At the conclusion of the peal Mr. Lindoff met the ringers outside the tower, and congratulated them on their performance, at the same time inviting them to Clent to join in the wedding festivities, which were being held at the residence of Mr. T. Barber. On their arrival a very hearty welcome was accorded them.

A happy time was spent by all; and it is sincerely hoped that the success which has attended Mr. Barber in his ringing efforts may follow him in his new venture.

THE MACCLESFIELD SOCIETY,
CHESHIRE.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The above took place in the vestry on Tuesday, the 23rd ult. The Vicar, as President, occupied the chair. The chief item on the agenda was the fund for our afflicted brother-ringer, W. W. Steel, which was closed on the 18th ult.

Mr. Walmsley, who had acted as Secretary, reported that the fund had reached the handsome total of £18 2s. Steel's doctor had recommended him to get a patent porous plastic jacket, to support his back, and at the last quarterly meeting of the Society it was decided that we pay for one out of the fund, the total cost being £2 16s. It is gratifying to say that the jacket has given great satisfaction. This left a balance of £15 6s., and it was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that the balance be placed in the Post Office Savings Bank, in Steel's name, for him to use it as he likes, his brother-ringers having every confidence that he will use it to the best advantage.

It was also proposed, seconded, and heartily carried, that the best thanks of the Society be accorded to all those who have so generously contributed to the fund, and also to the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS" for so kindly publishing the appeal.

It is now almost two years since Steel was compelled to give up his employment, and he is still unable to do any kind of work.

LUCIUS SMITH, *Vicar*.
W. WALMSLEY, *Secretary*.

The following is W. W. Steele's.

SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

	£	s.	d.
Macclesfield Parish Church Co.	1	1	0
Macclesfield Christ Church co.	0	16	0
Liscard company...	...	0	15 6
West Kirby company ...	...	0	15 0
Reddish company...	...	0	15 0
Prestbury company, Cheshire ...	...	0	12 6
Bowden company...	...	0	11 0
Stoke on Trent company ...	...	0	11 0
Cheadle company Cheshire ...	...	0	10 0
Eccles company ...	...	0	10 0
Alsager company ...	...	0	10 0
Birstall company...	...	0	10 0
Gawsworth company ...	...	0	10 0
Ashton u.-Lyne (parish church)	...	0	10 0
Parish Church alms, Macclesfield	...	0	10 0
Higher Sutton company ...	...	0	8 6
Bromborough company ...	...	0	7 6
Leek company ...	...	0	7 0
Rev. R. Greenall, Grappenhall	...	0	7 0
Neston company ...	...	0	6 0
Disley company ...	...	0	6 0
Altringham company ...	...	0	6 0
Warburton company ...	...	0	5 6
Ashton u.-Lyne, St. Peter's	...	0	5 6
Bebington company ...	...	0	5 0
Norbury company ...	...	0	5 0
Burbage company, Buxton ...	...	0	5 0
Knutsford company ...	...	0	5 0
Middlewich company ...	...	0	5 0
Rev. S. A. Boyd, Bath ...	...	0	5 0
Walter Brown, Manchester	...	0	5 0
R. S. S. ....	...	0	5 0
William Pole Routh, Reading ...	...	0	5 0
Archdeacon Barber, Chester ...	...	0	5 0
Collected by Joseph Ashmole,	...	...	...
Northwich ...	...	0	5 0
Witton company, Northwich ...	...	0	4 6
Marple company ...	...	0	3 6
Rev. H. L. Mallory, Mobberley...	...	0	2 6
Rev. L. Smith, Macclesfield ...	...	0	2 6
Walter C. Hunt ...	...	0	2 6
Fred. T. Spence, Grappenhall ...	...	0	2 6
J. Poole, Thornbury Glos. ...	...	0	2 6
Canon Holme, Great Budworth...	...	0	2 0
W. J. Carter, Biddulph...	...	0	2 0
F. C. Goodchild, Macclesfield...	...	0	1 6
M. T. T. ...	...	0	1 0
G. W. Piper, Chelmsford ...	...	0	1 0
Robert K. Knight, Walthamstow	...	0	1 0
W. Timbrell, Chipping ...	...	0	1 0
E. ...	...	0	1 0
J. Martin, Liverpool ...	...	0	1 0
E. Caunce, " ...	...	0	1 0
R. Langford, Crewe ...	...	0	1 0
R. T. Holding, " ...	...	0	1 0
H. Rogers, Bidstone ...	...	0	1 0
W. Wilcox ...	...	0	1 0
T. Wood Jun., Fulshaw ...	...	0	1 0
J. Gratrix, Prestwich ...	...	0	1 0
Collected by Walter Ingham ...	...	1	2 0
Total ...	18	2	0

Mr. Steele writes: "Will you kindly allow me, through the medium of your valuable paper, to thank all those ringers and friends who contributed to the appeal inserted in 'THE BELL NEWS' on my behalf. I also wish to thank you for publishing the same, and to express the high appreciation I feel for the kindness shewn to me by Mr. W. Walmsley and the Macclesfield ringers during my affliction."

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 Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, London Bridge, on the 23rd; at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 14th; and at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 28th. Business meetings after the two latter.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ripley (8 bells), to-day, Saturday, October 11. Meeting in parish room at 5.30 p.m. All members and ringing friends invited.

T. ALLIBONE, *Secretary*.

North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—By kind permission of the Vicar the next quarterly meeting will be held at Billingshurst to-day, Saturday, October 11th. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea and business 5.30.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Horbury to-day, Saturday, October 11th. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Meeting-house—The King's Arms, School Street. WALTER IDLE, *Secretary*.

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Halliwell, to-day, Saturday, October 11th. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 m. G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

Halifax and District Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Sowerby, to-day, Saturday, October 11th. Bells ready from dinner. Business meeting in school at 6 o'clock.

WRIGHT INGHAM, *Sec.*

The Royal Cumberland Society.—On Friday, October 17th, after the usual practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, the annual general meeting will be held at the society's headquarters, The Bedford hotel, Maiden Lane, Covent Garden. Important business will be brought before the society. Members are requested to attend. A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*

10, St. Ann's Road, Hornsey.

The Surrey Association.—The usual quarterly meeting of members will be held in the Mission Room opposite the clock, Epsom, on Saturday, October 18th. Tea at 5.30, meeting to follow. Bells at Christ Church will be open during the afternoon and evening.

CHARLES DEAN, JUNR, *Hon. Sec.*

72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Salehurst (Robertsbridge Station S.E. Railway), by the kind permission of the Rev. E. J. Sing, on Saturday, October 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at The Eight Bells at 5.15 sharp. Members intending to be present will oblige by sending in their names by Thursday, October 16th. The Secretary would also be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions for 1902.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec. Eastern Division*.

"Arran," Baldslow Road, Hastings.

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday afternoon, October 18th. Tower open at 3. Committee

meeting at 5.30. Tea at 6. Members intending to be present must send their names to me through the Secretaries of their bands before the previous Thursday. Half railway fares, but not exceeding two shillings, will be allowed to all members present at 5 o'clock.

C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, *Dist. Hon. Sec.*
Hythe, Kent.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Raithley, near Spilsby, on Saturday, October 18th.

T. BOYERS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, October 18th. Bells ready at 4.

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The Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Dover on Saturday, October 18th, for ringing only. The towers of St. Mary's (8), and St. James' (6), will be open during the afternoon and evening after 3 p.m.

PHILIP H. PIERCE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

P.S.—The St. Peter's tower, Thanet, is not available.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Branch for Archdeaconry of Salisbury.—A meeting for business and practice will be held at Westbury on Saturday, October 18th, at 3 p.m. Tea at Church Institute at 4.30. Heavy ring of six bells. Notice of attendance not later than October 15th.

H. E. TILNEY BASSETT, *General Sec.*
Devizes.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, October 18th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea will be provided at the rectory at 5.30, followed by business meeting. All members intending to be present at tea please notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, October 15th.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
4, South View Road, High Brooms,
Tonbridge Wells.

North Notts. Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harthill on Saturday, October 18th. Tea at 5 p.m. Members intending to take tea please inform the Secretary not later than Tuesday, October 14th. Conveyances will meet the trains at Kiveton Park station. B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*
Harthill, Sheffield.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Birstall on Saturday, October 25th. Bells at liberty from 3 to 9. Business meeting at 7 o'clock at The Bull hotel.

CHARLES PRATT, *Sec.*
Park View, Calverley.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Feering on Saturday, October 25th. Tea at 5 o'clock at The Bell inn. A conveyance will leave Kelvedon station at 3.40 for Feering, returning in time to catch the 7.35 up train. Coggeshall and Kelvedon towers will be open for ringing during the day. Officers for next year will be elected, and members intending to be present must give notice three days before.

ERNEST W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
Coggeshall.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Erith on Saturday, October 25th. Tower will be open from 3 to 9 p.m. Will Secretaries of towers and unattached members please note that tea will be served in the schoolroom at 5.30 for those members only

who inform me not later than Thursday, October 23rd, of their intention to be present. Non-members 1s. each. The business meeting will be held after tea, and half-railway fares up to 2s. will be allowed.

P. E. BEX, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
Barnehurst, Bexley Heath, Kent.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Silver Jubilee.—The twenty-fifth annual festival will be held in Newcastle on Monday, October 27th. The committee would urge all members to attend on this auspicious occasion. The bells at the disposal of visitors are those of the Cathedral (10 bells), and St. John's (all day); All Saints and St. Stephen's, 5 to 9 p.m.; St. George's, 9.30 till 1 p.m.; and St. Mary's, Gateshead, all day, if rehanging is finished. Committee meeting 12 noon in choir vestry; service in Cathedral Lady Chapel at 1.30 p.m. with address by the Lord Bishop of Newcastle. Dinner at Hotel Metropole at 2.30 prompt, followed by General Meeting. Applications for dinner tickets (1s. 6d. to members), must reach the Secretary not later than the 21st inst.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*
62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Southgate on Saturday, November 1st, by kind permission of the Rev. J. Beardall. Tea will be provided, as usual, at The Cherry Tree hotel. The bells will be raised about 3.30 p.m. The Hon. Secretary requests the attendance of all who can conveniently come, and to be notified of their intention. ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

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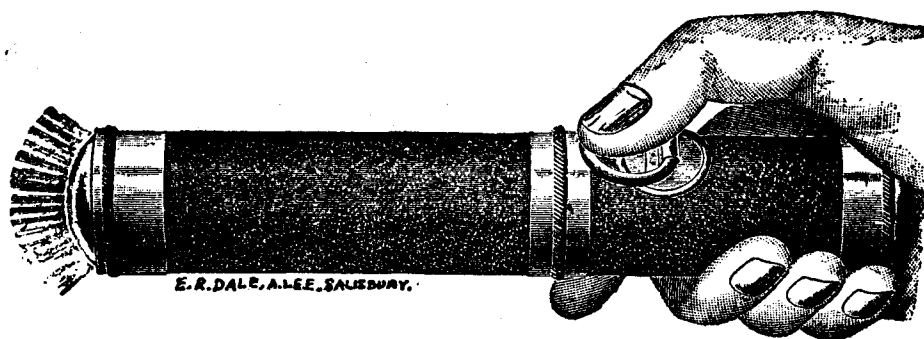
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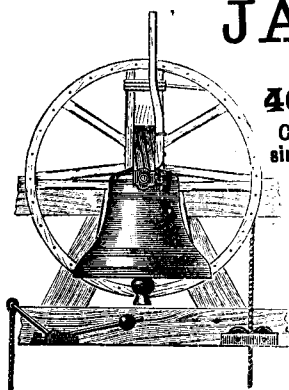
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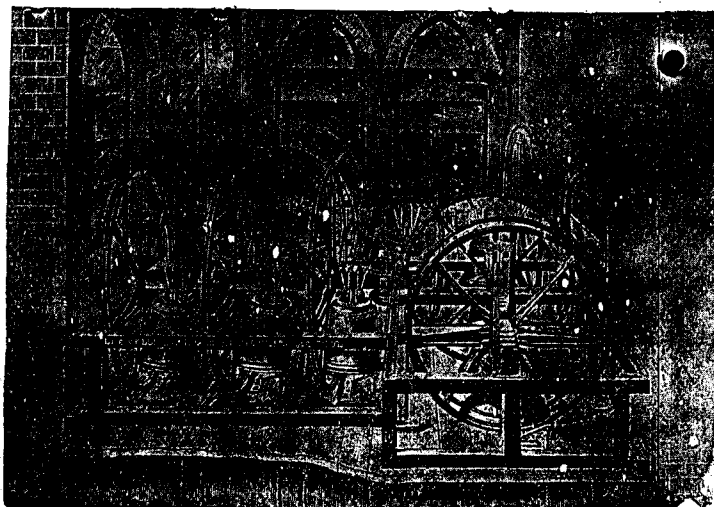
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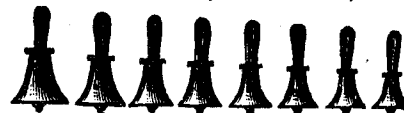
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In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

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CREDITON (Devon). Holy Cross. Eight bells. Tenor 27 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in., by Mears, 1814. The rest by Pennington, 1774. Timber frame. Bells go indifferently. 5th, 7th and tenor rehung by Stokes, 1893. No difficulty in regard to ropes. No half-pull nor Sunday ringing. No regular practice, but bells can be rung at any time. Frame is shaky.

CREWE (Cheshire). Christ Church. Chester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1878. Tenor 21 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Timber frame. Bells go very well. No repairs since hung in 1878. Ropes new, 1899. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.

CREWKERNE (Somerset). St. Bartholomew. Eight bells. Till 1895 only a ring of six, when two trebles were added and several of the old bells recast. No further information as to founders. Tenor 22 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1895, good. "We ring Bob Trebles, but not in half-pull." Sunday ringing: 1st in month. Practice: Saturday: no hour mentioned.

CROSTHWAITE (Cumberland). St. Kentigern. Cumberland Association. Eight bells. Treble, 5th, 7th and tenor by Warner, 1882. The rest by Pack, 1775. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go comfortably. The ring were rehung by Mallaby, 1882. Screwed up annually since. Church authorities look well after bells. Ropes new 1896, good. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: summer, 10 to 10.45, and 5.45 to 6.30; winter, 10.15 to 10.45, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Wednesday, 8, during winter.

CROSTON (Lancashire). St. Michael. Eight bells. No return.

CROYDON (Surrey). St. John the Baptist. Eight bells. No return.

St. Peter. Surrey Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor. Treble, 6th, 7th and tenor, 1866; the rest 1887. Tenor 26 cwt. Timber frame. Bells go well. Slight repairs by Taylor, 1898. Treble is a very poor bell and should be recast, but no steps have been taken owing to want of funds. Ropes worn; new ones on order. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6.30 to 7. Practice: Monday, 7.30.

CUCKFIELD (Sussex). Holy Trinity. Sussex County Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, date not given. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 2 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by local man, 1896. Ropes new, 1898. No half-pull or Sunday ringing. Practice: winter: Wednesday and Saturday, 7.30; spring and autumn, Wednesday, 8.

CULLOMPTON (Devon). St. Andrew. Eight bells. No return.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Delayed in transmission.)

THE BELLS OF BEVERLEY.

Standing under the west tower of the Minster and looking up at the noble pile, it was difficult to realize that we were not at York. True, the nave is narrower than that of its elder sister, but the beauty of the structure, its complete harmony and general stateliness, tended to disarm comparison, and admiration alone held the eye spell-bound. But it was not architecture nor the beauty of the work of past ages that had called Yorkshire votaries from their chief towers, but rather the latest specimens of bell-founding and the modern model of bell-tuning; and these were holding high festivals! the whole air around was stirred with the deep hum-notes of great bells, above which, in measured diatonics, their fundamentals and nominals were pealing forth in the truest of true octaves. Our minds naturally reverted to the long lifework of Lord Grimthorpe, and his constant advocacy of thicker and heavier bells, and to the too short career of Canon Simpson, whose writings in favour of more scientific tuning had borne such triumphant fruit in the magnificent peal to which we were listening. Ever since Canon Nolloth—who preached the Society's annual sermon in 1901—had mentioned what they were doing at the Minster, the Association had been warmly interested in a possible meeting at Beverley. For the Canon had pointed out that as soon as the new peal and the Bourdon were to his satisfaction he hoped the members would assemble and give their opinion on the result. The outcome of all this was that on Saturday, September 20th, was held one of the most interesting meetings that the members have ever had, and that especially in the direction of modern bell-tones. But the fascination of the Minster ring and its Bourdon was not the only attraction, for the Canon's kinsfolk had presented the church of St. Mary with a peal

second only to that at the Minster. This second peal, only a semi-tone higher, and of course a few cwts. lighter, had also been placed at the disposal of the members by the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. R. Fisher. Here then, separated by some three-quarters of a mile, were two of the finest rings in Yorkshire handed over for a day's programme; little wonder therefore that a trip-train from a central town was greatly appreciated and patronised.

Programmes in the hands of the members set out the times of ringing at the two peals, which proved a very convenient plan. After a walk to St. Mary's, at 3.30 p.m. which revealed a beautiful old church worthy of the splendid ring which was then pealing forth, we returned with one of the committee who was summoned for a 4 o'clock meeting at the vicarage. Here the Canon had kindly placed his study at the committee's disposal and we question if ever a meeting was held under more peaceful and agreeable surroundings. A note-worthy item at this meeting was the admission of new members, the number for the current year then totalling up to 54, so systematically does the society, even in its twenty-sixth year, increase its borders. The programmes admonished members to be in time for a photographic group at 4.45 at the west-end of the Minster, and true to time the members rolled up. Rumour had it that Sir Arthur Heywood, President of the Central Council, was likely to be present, nor was it without foundation, but sundry engagements prevented his travelling so far. As it was, the President of the Association was supported on one hand by Canon Nolloth, and on the other by the Mayor of Beverley; grouped around were the chief officers, amongst whom we were glad to see the veteran vice-President, Mr. Howard of York. The photographer having kindly released us from bondage, after taking three plates, we adjourned to the Minster schools for tea, where considerably more than 200 members sat down. We well remember a President of a neighbouring Association jocularly remarking that he never *quite* understood the Yorkshireman's fondness for a tea, but since he had been present at one, and found it was practically a dinner, the mystery was explained. Well, shall we say,—"dinner" over, the business meeting followed, with the President in the chair. Supporting the chair were our previous friends Canon Nolloth, Alderman J. E. Elwell, J.P., and the Mayor, and also Colonel Cussons, (churchwarden), with many others, including the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Wm. Stainthorpe, of Birstall. The minutes of the previous meeting (Bingley) having been read and passed, the President reviewed the work done at the last meeting of the Central Council, and speaking of the great loss it had recently sustained moved:—

"That this meeting desires to place on record its sense of the loss sustained by the Exercise in the death of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, for many years the Hon. Sec. of the Central Council of church bell-ringers, and empowers the President to express its sympathy with Mrs. Bulwer and her family in their sad bereavement." This was carried with every mark of respect, by all standing, in silence, after being seconded by vice-President Howard.

A kind invitation from Halifax for the annual meeting in January 1903, was warmly accepted, on the motion of Mr. Stainthorpe, seconded by Mr. Chas. Jackson of Hull.

Mr. Joseph Broadley of Bradford, and Mr. Jno. Hollis, of Normanton, were elected auditors for the next meeting, on the motion of Mr. Chas. Jackson, and Mr. Pearson of Pontefract.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by vice-president Bolland, hearty votes of thanks were passed to Canon Nolloth and the Rev. R. Fisher, for the use of their respective rings of bells; and to the former also for the use of his schools.

Canon Nolloth, in replying, expressed his satisfaction in seeing present his worship the Mayor, Colonel Cussons, and Mr. John W. Taylor, jun., of Loughborough, as well as such a large number of the associated members. He also made an apology for the absences of the Vicar of St. Mary's, who had written regretting his being away from home on the day of the meeting. The Canon thanked one and all for coming to Beverley, adding that he was naturally much pleased with the many complimentary opinions expressed in regard to the bells which they at the Minster had endeavoured to obtain replete with the modern improvements in tone and tuning. He closed a friendly speech by wishing the society every success in its work of raising the Exercise to as high a level as possible.

On a motion from the chair, seconded by Mr. Pearson, permission was given to the committee to resuscitate the lapsed membership of Mr. A. Crossland, Mr. C. Senior, and Mr. Jno. Garforth, if on further enquiry it was thought desirable.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Beverley branch for their generous arrangements, and to the ladies for their assistance at the tea-tables, on the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Harry Williams.

To this the Rev. R. G. Pyne, of the Minster staff of clergy, and Hon. Treasurer of the local committee, suitably replied; after which a vote of thanks to the chair, on the motion of Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Williams, brought the business to a close.

Amongst the towers represented were Beverley, Bolton, Bradford, Bradfield, Bramley, Cleckheaton, Drighlington, Headingley, Holbeck, Horbury, Huddersfield, Hull, Keighley, Leeds, Oxenhope, Pontefract, Shipley, Skipton, Tong, Wakefield, Winksworth, York, Sutton, Kirk Ella, Hedon, Selby, Sheffield, Low Moor, and Market Weighton. Both rings are by Messrs. Taylor; that at the Minster is a peal of ten in the key of C, tenor 41½ cwt., dated 1901; whilst St. Mary's is a similar ring in D flat, tenor 35 cwt., dated 1900. Both are tuned on the latest modern methods, and the results are excellent. The Bourdon is carefully tuned to the deep G of its peal (that at the Minster); hence, when the bells are being lowered in peal and have arrived at the position where the bottom four have ceased "to clapper," a splendid opportunity arises for the Bourdon (which is used as the service-bell) to commence, as all is then in the key of G, and the effect is both grand and unique.

One of the pleasant features of the day was the interest taken in the proceedings by Canon Nolloth, who as an enthusiastic lover of bells and bell-music was moving about among the visitors and listening to the performances of the various companies, and this from the commencement to the very last.

We cannot close this notice without complimenting the local committee upon the excellence of their arrangements, which worked without a single hitch; one of the most thoughtful details, and certainly one of the most interesting, being a small booklet which was presented as a souvenir to each visitor, wherein were charming photolithos of the Minster and St. Mary's, together with a view of the Bourdon, and the weights and notes of every bell in the two rings.

We are asked to state that copies of the photo. group

may be obtained from Mr. Walter Gibson (the local Hon. Sec. for the meeting), 3, Brithunus Place, Long Lane, Beverley, price 2s. 6d. each.

We hope to refer to these bells again, but are compelled to close this present notice.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting in connection with this Society was held on Saturday, October 4th, at Bradley. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, and some touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Stedman Triples were successfully brought round. A short service was held in the church at 5 o'clock, and the address was given by the Rev. W. H. Fletcher, curate. A committee meeting was afterwards held in the vestry, when five members were elected from the Bradley ringers, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Handsworth on Saturday, January 24th, 1903. An adjournment was then made to the schoolroom, where tea was found to be in readiness. Ample justice having been done, the Rev. T. W. Wilkes, Vicar of Wednesbury, proposed that the best thanks of the members present be given to the Vicar for the use of the bells; to the Rev. W. H. Fletcher for the address in church; and to the ladies who had so kindly managed the tea. This was carried with acclamation.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above was held on Saturday, September 27th, at Chippenham. Service was held at St. Paul's church at 5 p.m., at which about twenty-five attended. The service was conducted by the Rev. F. Griffiths (Rector), Rev. H. A. Cockey (chairman of the branch), and Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower (Bristol). The Rector, in his address, gave the ringers a most hearty welcome, and hoped that they would again visit his parish at no distant date. After service the Rector very kindly invited the ringers to the rectory to tea.

A business meeting was held in St. Paul's belfry previous to the service. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. It was proposed by Mr. Gordon, seconded by the Rev. H. C. Courtney, and resolved, that Mangotsfield be the next meeting place, to be held on Saturday, October 26th.

THE LATE JOHN DAY.

The members of the St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham have decided to erect peal-tablets in the towers of St. Martin and Aston and Harborne parish churches, to commemorate the muffled peals rung as a mark of respect to the above. The executive therefore take this opportunity to inform the country members of the Guild wishing to subscribe that subscriptions may be sent to and will be acknowledged by the Honorary Secretary, W. H. Godden, 61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, or to any of the Guild's officers.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

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First rung on tower bells, May 5th, 1902, at Selly Oak; and upon handbells in Birmingham August 20th, conducted on both occasions by William H. Barber.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

This Association, which was formed mainly for promoting change-ringing and belfry reform in the North Riding, has an extensive and most difficult area to work, in which towers furnished with a ring of bells are mostly too far apart for one band of ringers to afford much assistance to another, yet all the meetings hitherto held have been in every case a success, to which the autumn meeting held on Saturday, September 27th at Middleham and East Witton, was no exception. Apart from the object of the journey it would be impossible not to enjoy a visit to the lovely, historic and interesting Wensleydale. The muster was accordingly a large one, running well on to fifty all told, and representing in addition to the ringers of East Witton and Middleham visitors from Guisbrough, Harrogate, Middlesbrough, Otley, Richmond, Saltburn, Sharow, Stockton, and Thirsk. Evensong was held in Middleham church at 4.30, which was well attended, and an address delivered by the Rector, the Rev. W. Kerr-Smith, at the conclusion of which a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells in the presence of the congregation, an incident probably unique in the annals of change-ringing. After service tea was provided in the schools, at which the Rector presided, supported by Mrs. Kerr-Smith and other leading parishioners, including Dr. Pauli and several ladies, some of whom are assiduously endeavouring to become exponents of the Art. At the conclusion of the tea the chairman proposed "The King," after which Mr. G. J. Clarkson, President of the Association, proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of Middleham and the Vicar of East Witton for the use of the bells of their respective churches, and remarked that the kind attention of the ladies to the visitors had added an unexpected charm to a successful and representative gathering. The vote of thanks was carried by acclamation, after which twenty-nine new members were elected, including five lady, one life, and four honorary members.

The President then referred to the absence of the Honorary Secretary, the Rev. W. P. Wright, as being due to the serious illness of his father, Canon Wright, and proposed a vote of sympathy, which was seconded by Mr. J. H. Blakiston, Vice-President, and carried unanimously.

A course of Grandsire Caters on handbells was then rung by four of the Middlesbrough band, assisted by Mr. G. J. Clarkson.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT CREWE.—This peal was arranged for Mr. A. H. Middleton, who is an artificer in the navy, home on furlough after three years in China and India, formerly a Crewe ringer. Messrs. Baddeley hail from Lawton; Weatherby from Market Drayton; Johnson from Sandbach; the others from Crewe. The band was chosen as far as possible to represent old ringing friends in the branch, and is believed to be the first peal rung by a naval artificer. After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to supper by Mr. Middleton and his step-father, Mr. George Harding, a very pleasant evening terminating about 11 p.m.

THE PEAL AT RAUNDS.—This peal was rung to celebrate the coming of age of Mr. R. Kingsmith, the only son of J. Kingsmith, J.P., "Westfields," who was the donor of the two new trebles to complete the octave. Also Miss Mabel Stubbs, daughter of Mr. J. Stubbs, who came of age on the same date. After the peal the ringers were entertained to some light refreshments by Miss Stubbs. The ringers wish them both many happy returns of the day.

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."

THE SALISBURY GUILD.

SIR,—Mr. Hampton's last letter is even more unjustifiable than his previous one. I did not attempt to interpret the rules, I referred to Mr. Tilney Bassett's new scheme which has supplemented them, and so it would be impossible for anyone to "look at the rules and see how I have misinterpreted them."

His reference to a "false statement" is equally unjustifiable. What I said of his position is exactly what he himself says, though without his ambiguity and circumlocution.

H. DRAKE.

(This correspondence is now closed.—Ed.)

OUR BELLS AND THEIR CONDITION, ETC.

SIR,—Under above heading, in your issue of October 4th, there appears a letter by J. R. Jerram, which I think needs a reply. I filled up the form sent out by the C.C. so long ago that I do not remember exactly what I said, but that which I could verify I did so; that which was by repute I gave as such, and I think the statement "No founders' name on any of the bells, but they are reputed to be by Mears," a fairly guarded statement, and one which does not merit the term "absurdity." If reputation errs in this instance by all means let anyone in a position to do so correct it.

In this same number, October 4th, Congleton (Cheshire) returns eight bells "all by Mears," three of them date given as 1720 (the word reputed does not appear), whether right or wrong I cannot say, not being one of those who know it all; but in either case, the man does not want holding up to ridicule if he filled up the form conscientiously according to his information.

I consider letters such as that by J. R. Jerram are calculated to increase those cases of "ringers' apathy," respecting which complaints are so frequent.

J. P. FALEY.

"THE GO-OFF IN STEDMAN."

SIR,—While I expected a few words from our valued friend, Mr. R. A. Daniell, on the above subject, I did not expect them quite so loud.

My letter could hardly have been so clear as I intended, because I am quite aware that more than two calls in any one method are disallowed. The reference was merely by way of illustrating my views.

What I contend for is to have everything as simple as possible for the ringers, giving the composers quite a second consideration.

A composer, in his own small company of one all told, can utilise his leisure by his own fireside, or in any quiet place he choose, and there solve his mathematical problems for combining small blocks into complete cycles.

On the other hand, the ringers, in a body at such times and places as can be arranged, should each be able to start and continue his work without having to be specially instructed by the conductor as to the go-off or description of calling.

To effect this rigid standard should be laid down allowing only one kind of go-off and not more than two kinds of calls in any one method.

What would the Exercise think of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung with the interior places made nine changes from starting? It would be far better than our present system, although not applicable to anything higher than Triples, and still be legitimate to the method.

While all principles can be treated similarly, to my knowledge only Stedman has been taken advantage of for starting in more than one way, except one peal of Grandsire Triples attempted at West Bromwich many years ago.

JOHN CARTER.

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

SIR,—Mr. Hoskins has been good enough to give us his views with regard to calling the above peal. Might I be allowed to suggest that that gentleman should first call a peal of Stedman Triples, or any other method, or even to ring handbells double-handed, before expressing an opinion on the subject, it would then certainly carry more weight if he did so. As to my ignorance of the construction of said peal, I refer him to the

footnote of the peal rung at St. George's, Southwark, on February 14th, 1902, and published in this paper on February 22nd, 1902, also the silent peal rung in the same tower on October 31st, 1901. The views I have expressed in this have referred to Thurstan's One-Part as placed before the Exercise by its talented composer, and rung by the silent peal bands both in the tower and on handbells. I think Mr. Hoskins had better look at the composition a little more, and he will find that there is not a bell, musical or otherwise, "retained" in the 6th place position for more than twenty courses, which I wish to point out to him, is only a third of a peal of Stedman Triples, and not a half-peal as he states. I am fully aware that by starting at different places in the peal, you can get other bells to do this work, but in the original composition it is the third.

I know that Mr. Hoskins (with the aid of good bands) has been endeavouring for some years to call one of these variations, and he would, no doubt, if successful, publish it as the original composition (as has been done), thereby hoodwinking the Exercise that he had called a peal from a purely non-observation bell. If he wishes to call a musical peal let him attempt the four-part. The one-part is more of a test of ability not only for the conductor, but also the band.

T. H. TAFFENDER.

TREBLE BOB COMPOSITIONS.

SIR,—If Mr. A. Craven really thinks the peal belongs to him, let it so remain, but it stands in my ms. as composed 1892. Like the others I mentioned, it comes from the one-part peal, 5024, given upon page 48 of the same report, and was rang on June 1st, 1895, at St. Mary, Redenhall, Norfolk, conducted by Edward Smith. The following peals are obtained from the same source or course-ends.

5472.						5056.					
2	3	4	5	6	M B W H	2	3	4	5	6	M B W H
2	6	3	5	4	2	2	6	3	5	4	2
6	5	3	2	4	I -	5	2	6	4	3	- 2
5	2	6	4	3	-	2	4	5	3	6	-
2	4	5	3	6	-	4	3	5	2	6	I -
4	3	5	2	6	I -	3	2	4	6	5	-
3	2	4	6	5	-	2	3	5	6	4	- I 2
2	3	5	6	4	- I 2						

Twice repeated.

This peal has 4, 5 and 6 each at six course-ends in 6th place.

Either two parts of the 5472 called thus, reduce changes to 5056 as above.

H. DAINS.

"ORIGINAL."

SIR,—I am very vexed indeed to see the letter by F. G. May in your last issue, the more so as I cannot acquit myself of some responsibility of this affair, as he sent me the composition before it was rung, and I failed to detect the faulty place.

I may also say I was asked by this gentlemen to make the fact known in "THE BELL NEWS," but realising the bread and cheese question is the cause of all (as Mr. Snowdon puts it), and must be my plea for delay, coupled with the fact that I have an excellent peal of Caters in Tittums position, by my friend Mr. Trollope, I wanted to publish at the same time.

I must however tender my very sincere apologies to all the Bristol men ringing in this peal, and especially to Mr. G. Daltry, the conductor of the performance.

H. DAINS.

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A TRIP TO THE NORTH.

(Concluded.)

We reached Halifax about ten o'clock, being met by some of the local ringers and others from neighbouring towers. A peal of Stedman Cinques was accomplished in 3 hrs. 42 mins. Then for Leeds, which town was reached about 5 o'clock. Here an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Cinques, which ceased after ringing twenty courses. A pleasant hour was afterwards spent with the local ringers. Permission had been obtained at Headingley to attempt a peal at each of the eight bells at the same time, going to St. Michael's for a peal of New Cambridge Surprise, which was successful; the remaining five, with Messrs Lockwood, Naylor, and Childs going for Stedman Triples at St. Chad's, which was unsuccessful. Bidding our Leeds friends adieu we started for Sheffield, where on reaching the tower we found Mr. Bugar (steeple-keeper) getting the bells in readiness for us, and we rung a peal of Stedman Cinques in 3 hrs. 54 mins. A pleasant hour was afterwards spent with the Sheffield ringers and Mr. J. W. Taylor (Loughborough). Mr. Hattersley, in proposing "The Visitors," said they were the first company of strangers to ring a peal on the Sheffield bells. The next place to visit was East Retford, which was reached at 10 on Saturday morning. The church possesses a handy ring of ten bells, and the belfry is one of the finest kept in England. Stedman Caters was attempted, but finished in 25 mins., and there was no time to start again. And now for Lincoln, where the last peal of the tour was to be attempted at the cathedral. But permission unfortunately could not be obtained, and as the bells of St. Peter-at-Arches cannot be rung on Saturday, our Lincoln friends had obtained permission to ring at Washingborough, two miles from Lincoln. We were conveyed down the river thero to in a steam-tug. A peal of Superlative, in 3 hrs. 12 mins., was a great success, making a good finish to peal business. Sunday morning saw us at St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln, where touches of London Surprise, Stedman Triples, and Double Norwich were rung for Divine Service. Then a visit to the Cathedral, and other interesting features of the city, was appreciated.

The parting of the ways had by this time commenced: Mr. H. Chapman having returned to Manchester, Messrs. J. Motts and C. Mee to Ipswich, Mr. Jackson to Hull, Mr. Murphy to Dublin, Mr. George to Rugby, Mr. Barber to Birmingham, Mr. Lindoff staying in Lincoln to complete his holiday. The London contingent returned by the 3.33 train. Thus ended one of the most enjoyable and successful tours in the annals of change-ringing.

Where so much has been done by so many individuals to make the comfort and pleasure of a party so complete, it is difficult to know where to begin with the thanks; the thirteen members of the company wish to return their thanks to all, but especially to the Dean of Edinburgh, the Dean of Newcastle, the Dean of York, the Vicars of St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh; St. Stephen's, Newcastle; North Shields, Darlington, Halifax, Leeds, Headingley, Sheffield, Retford, and Washingborough; and many other ringing brethren, too numerous to mention, all of whom, we are sure, did everything in their power to facilitate the objects in view.

ST. GILES, READING.

On Thursday, September 18th, the bells were rung half-muffled for the funeral of Mr. Hickey, an old resident in St. Giles' parish, and whose son, Mr. P. Hickey, is foreman of the belfry. The ringers met at one o'clock and rung the whole pull and stand sixty-seven times, after which the tenor was tolled until the cortege arrived at the church. In the evening Grand-sire Doubles were rung on the back six by E. Harris, E. Holloway, W. Francis, Rev. H. C. Bell conductor, E. Hughes, F. Griffin. Much sympathy is felt with Mr. Hickey in his trouble. Since he has been foreman he has identified himself with the interests of the young band of ringers, and has spared no pains to encourage the beginners and improve the ringers.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1902.

ANOTHER of those events, known as ringing excursions, has just taken place in the County of Devon. The Rev. Maitland Kelly appears to be the moving spirit in these west country affairs, and no doubt he, with the rest of the company, are highly gratified with the results achieved. The arrangements for such tours as this, and another we have read about lately, demands some time and care in order that they may turn out successful. In the case of the Devon tour the scheme of arrangements in detail was printed and circulated among those concerned, previously, so that it cannot be wondered at if they were

accurately carried through, as far as human agency could foresee.

An affair of this sort would be incomplete without the presence of the Master of the Oxford Guild, and we find that he has on this occasion made a good addition to his performances.

The chief event of this tour was a peal on the newly-restored ring of Exeter Cathedral, now the heaviest ring in the world. Our friend Mr. George Williams has scored a triumph in calling the first peal upon them.

A very interesting report of this ringing tour, written by one of the company, will appear next week. The records of peals obtained will be found in their proper place in this number.

A GOLDEN WEDDING.—Mr. John W. Taylor, sen., of Loughborough, and Mrs. Taylor, have recently celebrated their golden wedding. It has been thought appropriate that their portraits should be published in connection with this paper, and accordingly we have yielded to the representations made, and their portraits will appear immediately, accompanied by a specially-written article from the pen of a well-known ringer.

PROPOSED RINGING SOCIETY FOR DEVONIANS IN LONDON.—The first County Society in London was established by Devonians. Ottery St. Mary, a small town in Devonshire, is the only town in England that has a society of its own in the metropolis. Not the least of the customs which tend to make the county famous is bellringing, and in this direction Devonians are again seeking to lead the way by having a Ringing Society of their own in London. All Devonians residing in London or the vicinity who are interested in bellringing are requested to communicate with Mr. Ferris Shepherd, at 29, Warner-road, Camberwell, or with Mr. S. H. Godfrey, 46, Jervis-road, Fulham.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, TOTTENHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

HENRY A. BARNETT, JUN.* <i>Treble</i> ..	†SIDNEY T. DARLINGTON ..	5.
HENRY A. BARNETT ..	WALTER W. DICKENSON ..	6.
JOHN A. DART ..	ALFRED W. DARLINGTON ..	7.
PERCY J. DARLINGTON ..	THOMAS J. MILES ..	<i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by HENRY A. BARNETT, SEN.

*First peal. †First peal in the method away from the treble.

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

On Saturday, October 11, 1902, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED B. PECK ..	<i>Treble</i> ..	THOMAS LUNGLEY ..	5.
HARRY R. PASMORE ..	2.	HENRY R. NEWTON ..	6.
WILLIAM H. PASMORE ..	3.	JOHN W. GOLDING ..	7.
HENRY S. ELLIS ..	4.	FREDERICK DENCH ..	<i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by JOHN W. GOLDING.

The Provinces.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 3, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART (No. 1.) Tenor 22 cwt.

RALPH GILBERT ..	<i>Treble</i> ..	WILLIAM J. GILBERT ..	5.
WALTER GILBERT ..	2.	FRED STUBBS ..	6.
FRANK KIRK ..	3.	HARRY SHARMAN ..	7.
FRED GILBERT ..	4.	HENRY STUBBS ..	<i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by FRED GILBERT.

Reference to this peal will be found elsewhere.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, DURHAM.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 7, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 27½ cwt.

F. P. HOWCROFT ..	<i>Treble</i> ..	R. GREENWOOD ..	5.
W. H. STEPHENSON * ..	2.	T. W. WALLER ..	6.
A. W. BARRETT ..	3.	W. NEWTON ..	7.
JAS. NEWTON ..	4.	T. STEPHENSON ..	<i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by J. NOONAN, and Conducted by T. STEPHENSON.

*First peal. First peal of Major on the bells.

HOLBECK, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 7, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

H. HOWLAND† ..	<i>Treble</i> ..	J. WOODHEAD ..	5.
W. WOODHEAD† ..	2.	F. WOODHEAD ..	6.
F. ASH† ..	3.	†J. A. TEALE ..	7.
H. TOMLINSON* ..	4.	D. YORK ..	<i>Tenor</i> .

Composed by W. HARRISON, and Conducted by H. TOMLINSON.

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

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, October 9, 1902, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JESSE SCREEN ..	<i>Treble</i> ..	JAMES HALL ..	5.
THOMAS HORTON ..	2.	JAMES E. GROVES ..	6.
SAMUEL REEVES ..	3.	REUBEN HALL ..	7.
JOSEPH WALKER ..	4.	JAMES HARES ..	<i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to Mr. Samuel Parkes, one of the oldest ringers connected with West Bromwich, who died in his 79th year and was buried at the cemetery on that day.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 6120 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Worcester, Chichester, Cambridge, Superlative, and 360 Huddersfield.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR ..	<i>Treble</i> ..	GEORGE JORDAN ..	4.
WALTER PRIOR† ..	2.	THOMAS JORDAN ..	5.
THOMAS J. WATTS ..	3.	WILLIAM WATTS ..	<i>Tenor</i> .

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

†First peal of Surprise Minor with a bob bell. This is the longest peal of Surprise Minor yet rang in the county of Essex, also by the Essex Association, and by all the band, and the longest peal on the bells. It was also a brothers' peal.

SIDDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor about 10 cwt.

JESSE GILLET Treble.	ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. 4.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 2.	FREDERICK PROTHEROUGH .. 5.
JOHN J. JEFFERIES† 3.	JOHN AUSTIN Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

†First peal. This is the first peal on the bells.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, October 11, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 18 cwt. in E flat.

WALTER S. BURBIDGE .. Treble.	ALBERT DRAPER 5.
ALFRED LAWRENCE 2.	THOMAS RICKETTS 6.
ALBERT W. BROWN 3.	SYDNEY HILLIER 7.
SYDNEY PALMER* 4.	ROBERT H. LEGG Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS RICKETTS.

*First peal with a bob bell. R. H. Legg was elected a member of the Association before starting.

BERKHAMPSTEAD, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1902, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE R. FARDON .. Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 2.	ISAAC G. SHADE 6.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT .. 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to B. Prewett, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

PADIHAM.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY, BURNLEY.)

On Saturday, October 11, 1902, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qrs.

THOMAS BURROWS Treble.	NOAH TOWNEND 5.
RENNIE HARTLEY 2.	RICHARD ASHWORTH .. 6.
WILLIAM WALTON 3.	THOMAS MOUNCEY 7.
DAVID CAMPBELL 4.	TOM REDMAN Tenor.

Composed by J. ROWE WERRING, of Birmingham, and Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

This peal is now rung for the first time. First peal in the method on the bells.

RUSHTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single and two 720s each of Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qrs. 23 lbs.

EDWARD CHAPMAN .. Treble.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. 4.
ARTHUR MOORE 2.	FRED. HOPPER 5.
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. 3.	FRED WILFORD Tenor.

Conducted by FRED. WILFORD.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR RAMSEY* .. Treble.	HARRY MEE 5.
FRANK ROLFE 2.	CHARLES PARKER 6.
PHILIP RAMPLIN 3.	EDGAR RIVERS 7.
GEORGE THOMSON 4.	ALFRED G. RIVERS .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. REEVES, and Conducted by EDGAR RIVERS.

*First peal.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, October 11, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WM. LOWERY* Treble.	*FRED HOLT 5.
JAS. L. ROBINSON* 2.	*SAM RUTTER 6.
ALFRED BARNES 3.	*WILLIAM MARSHALL .. 7.
G. D. WARBURTON 4.	TOM MARSHALL Tenor.

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD, and Conducted by WM. LOWERY.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1902, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM STORY .. Treble.	ROBERT S. STORY 5.
JAMES E. GOFTON* 2.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 6.
JOHN W. ROBINSON 3.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 7.
R. ALDER GOFTON 4.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and

Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

*First peal of Major with a bob bell.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 11, 1902, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

HENRY HIPEISS .. Treble.	JAMES HALL 6.
THOMAS HORTON 2.	JOHN JAGGAR 7.
SAMUEL REEVES 3.	REUBEN HALL 8.
THOMAS H. REEVES* .. 4.	JAMES E. GROVES 9.
JOSEPH TIMMS* 5.	THOMAS ATKINS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

*First peal of Caters. Rung to celebrate the 50th birthday of the brothers Hall, their brother-strings wishing them many happy returns.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Grandsire, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720s each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES MATTHEWS† .. Treble.	ALFRED PEARMAN 4.
WILLIAM MARRABLE* .. 2.	HENRY G. ROWE 5.
ISAAC CAVILL 3.	WILLIAM CAVILL Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM CAVILL.

First peal as conductor. †First peal on six bells. *First peal in five methods.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 11, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN J. JONES Treble.	ERNEST ALLEN 5.
CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. 2.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. 6.
GEORGE N. PRICE 3.	JAMES HUNT 7.
HARRY A. HORREX 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. Tenor.

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

This is the first peal of Major on the bells.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 11, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE BADDELEY* .. Treble.	THOMAS JOHNSON .. 5.
GEORGE HARDING 2.	ALBERT H. MIDDLETON .. 6.
ERNEST WEATHERBY .. 3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING .. 7.
RICHARD LANGFORD .. 4.	ALBERT CRAWLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING.

*First peal on eight bells. †First peal. Further reference elsewhere.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

HENRY PRICE Treble.	JOHN CRAWFORD .. 5.
HENRY CORBETT 2.	FREDERICK HOLDEN .. 6.
CHARLES OTWAY 3.	JOHN HOYLE 7.
JOHN WYATT 4.	HERBERT CROPLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN WYATT.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 13, 1902, in Two Hours Fifty-two and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

BENJAMIN BASSETT .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT .. 5.
GEORGE BAKER 2.	*EDWARD A. RIDGWAY .. 6.
HARRY EVANS 3.	ALFRED W. GROVES .. 7.
GEORGE NORRIS 4.	EDMUND H. LINDUP .. Tenor.

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and Conducted by F. BENNETT.

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

Handbell Peals.

WHITLEY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 7, 1902, in Two Hours Four and a ½ Minute,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. THOMPSON, CARTINGTON HOUSE,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, College Single, Double Oxford,
Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob.

JAMES E. GOFTON .. 1-2.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. 3-4.
THOMAS T. GOFTON 5-6.	

Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

Referee—William Thompson.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 7, 1902, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

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

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 5-6.
WIRLIAM PYE 3-4.	HARRY F. DAWKINS .. 7-8.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Umpire—W. Watson. The above was the conductor's first attempt to call this composition from a pair of handbells.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 10, 1902, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

IN THE PARISH ROOM,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

HENRY HODGETTS .. 1-2.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. 5-6.
W. M. L. BUCKINGHAM 3-4.	WILLIAM HODGETTS .. 7-8.

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire—Francis A. Smith.

The following peals were rung on the occasion of the ringing tour in
Devonshire:—

EXETER.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, October 6, 1902, in Three Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 6.
HENRY WHITE 2.	REV. H. A. COCKEY .. 7.
REV. W. S. WILLETT .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 8.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 4.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 9.
REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE } Tenor.
	FERRIS SHEPHERD }

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal on the bells.

THORVERTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 7, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Treble.	REV. H. A. COCKEY .. 5.
JOHN W. TAYLOR 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 6.
REV. W. S. WILLETT .. 3.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 7.
HENRY WHITE 4.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 7, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	ERNEST H. OXENHAM .. 5.
REV. MAITLAND KELLY .. 2.	REV. H. A. COCKEY .. 6.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HENRY WHITE 4.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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BOVEY TRACEY, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 8, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PFAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 14½ cwt.

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 2.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
HENRY WHITE .. 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

First peal on the bells.

NEWTON ABBOT, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 8, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT ST. LEONARD'S TOWER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lbs.

REV. H. A. COCKEY .. Treble.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. 5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 2.	CHARLES GILES .. 6.
HENRY WHITE .. 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 4.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

First peal on the bells.

TOTNES, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, October 9, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Treble.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. 5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 2.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 6.
REV. W. S. WILLETT .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HENRY WHITE .. 4.	REV. H. A. COCKEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

ASHBURTON, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, October 10, 1902, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt.

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS .. 3.	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 7.
HENRY WHITE .. 4.	RICHARD T. HIBBERT .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal on the bells.

Miscellaneous.**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

EAST WITTON.—On Saturday, September 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. W. Walland, H. Brown, J. T. Frenchum, J. Nelson, R. Haswell, T. Metcalfe conductor.

MIDDLEHAM.—On Saturday, September 27th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Kinchin Brand, R. Haswell, W. Pick, J. T. Frenchum, W. Wallend conductor. And 720 Bob Minor. J. Wrightson, W. Rudd, J. W. Neasham, W. J. Titchener, J. H. Blakiston conductor, A. McFarlane. On Monday, September 29th, at the residence of Dr. Pauli, 180 Bob Minor, on handbells. G. J. Clarkson, 1-2; Miss Annie Croft, 3; Miss Mary Auton, 4; Miss Hilda Auton, 5; Dr. Pauli, 6. This was followed by a creditable attempt at a course of Bob Major by Mrs. Pauli, 1; Miss A. Croft, 2; G. J. Clarkson, 3-4; Miss M. Auton, 5; Miss D. Dawson, 6; Miss H. Auton, 7; Dr. Pauli, 8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

GARSTON.—On Sunday, August 24th, 720 Grandsire. S. Gough, S. Carter, T. Jennions, W. J. Rawlinson, W. Hughes conductor, E. Hitchmough, E. Bright.

BOOTLE.—On Saturday, September 13th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Gerard, A. Richardson, W. Hughes, F. C. Newton, E. Cauace, J. Aspinwall conductor.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH.—On Sunday, September 14th, at the parish church, 700 Grandsire Triples. G. Stocker, J. Snow, R. Manley, J. Hayman, R. Snow, W. Manley, H. Burch conductor, A. Cross. On Monday, September 15th, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples. R. Manley, J. Snow, J. Hayman, R. Snow, J. Pike, W. Manley, H. Burch conductor, A. Cross.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY.—On Thursday, September 25th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. C. W. Brett, C. Saxby, E. Bursden, G. Jenkins, B. G. Brett, J. Steady, P. H. Pierce conductor, W. Curtis.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

TURVEY (Beds).—On September 4th, 336 Double Norwich. S. Wesley, F. Wilford, A. N. Wood, M. Smith, A. Moore, F. Bennett, Rev. F. E. Robinson, C. R. Lilley conductor. Also 252 Stedman Triples. F. Wilford, M. Smith, W. Finedon, A. Moore, S. Wesley, C. R. Lilley, A. N. Wood conductor, W. Sargent.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—Recently, at St. Paul's church, 252 Stedman Triples. A. N. Wood, B. Jealous, W. Finedon, W. Stapleton, C. Chasty, C. W. Clarke, M. Smith conductor, A. J. Armstrong. And 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Perkins, C. W. Clarke, M. Smith, W. Finedon, A. N. Wood, C. Chasty, F. Webb, A. S. Armstrong.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSEA (Hants).—On Tuesday, June 3rd, 504 Grandsire. W. Cramb, J. Harper, C. Groves, J. Symons conductor, J. Matthews, A. Collins, J. Harris, H. Ingram. On June 4th, 280 Grandsire Triples. W. Cramb, J. Harper, C. Groves, J. Symons conductor, J. Matthews, A. Collins, J. Harris, H. Ingram. On June 5th, 504 Grandsire. W. Cramb, J. Harper, C. Groves, J. Symons, J. Matthews, J. Harris, A. Collins, H. Ingram. On Thursday, June 5th, a 504 of Grandsire. W. Cramb, J. Harper, C. Groves, J. Symons, J. Matthews, J. Harris, A. Collins conductor, H. Ingram. In the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late J. W. D. Pillow. W. Cramb, J. Harper, C. Groves, J. Symons conductor, J. Matthews, A. Collins, J. Harris, H. Ingram. A 322 by the same band after the funeral service. On Sunday afternoon, for Confirmation Service, 546 Grandsire. W. Cramb, J. Harris, C. Groves, J. Symons conductor, J. Matthews, J. Harper, E. J. Harding longest touch with a bob bell, H. Ingram. On Sunday evening, June 29th, 630 Grandsire Triples. W. Cramb, J. Harris, C. Groves, J. Symons conductor, J. Matthews, J. Blackman, J. H. Blake, E. J. Harding. On Sunday, July 20th, 504 Stedman Triples. F. S. Bayley, J. Symons, C. Groves, A. Collins, J. Matthews, J. Harris, E. C. Newman conductor, E. J. Harding. On Sunday, August 24th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. J. Harper, P. Hannam, C. Groves, J. Symons, A. Collins, E. Webb, W. Lebbon conductor, H. Ingram.

EALING (Middlesex).—On Sunday, September 14th, at the parish church, for morning service, 720 Stedman Triples. L. W. Copsey, A. H. Tabor, F. W. Rice, J. Basden conductor, F. Goddard, E. Harris, H. Browning, J. Harding. Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the late curate of Ealing, the Rev. — DeBurg, who died in South Africa just as he was about to return home. He was held in high esteem by all the parishioners, who are truly sorry to lose one who they so devotedly loved.

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).—On Saturday, September 20th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 in the same method. A. Otway, W. Smith, E. Hull, J. Hoyle, J. Wyatt, F. Holden, W. Marks, H. B. Hesse, A. Dean conductor, W. Cropley. On Sunday, September 28th, for evening service, 1259 Grandsire Caters. A. Winch, T. Newnham, E. Hull, H. Wood, W. Otway, C. Otway, W. Marks, F. Holden, A. Dean conductor, W. Cropley. Both composed by W. Marks.

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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, London Bridge, on the 23rd; and at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 28th. Business meeting after the latter.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—The usual quarterly meeting of members will be held in the Mission Room opposite the clock, Epsom, to-day, Saturday, October 18th. Tea at 5.30, meeting to follow. Bells at Christ Church will be open during the afternoon and evening.

CHARLES DEAN, JUN., *Hon. Sec.*

72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

The Sussex County Association—Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Salehurst (Robertsbridge Station S.E. Railway), by the kind permission of the Rev. E. J. Sing, to-day, Saturday, October 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at The Eight Bells at 5.15 sharp. The Secretary would also be glad to receive all outstanding subscriptions for 1902.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec. Eastern Division.*
"Arran," Baldslow Road, Hastings.

The Kent County Association—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Appledore this Saturday afternoon, October 18th. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 5.30. Half railway fares, but not exceeding two shillings, will be allowed to all members present at 5 o'clock.

C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, *Dist. Hon. Sec.*
Hythe, Kent.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Raithley, near Spilsby, to-day, Saturday, October 18th.

T. BOYERS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Aughton to-day, Saturday, October 18th. Bells ready at 4.

WALTER HUGHES.

The Kent County Association—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Dover to-day, Saturday, October 18, for ringing only. The towers of St. Mary's (8), and St. James' (6), will be open during the afternoon and evening after 3 p.m.

PHILIP H. PIERCE, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

P.S.—The St. Peter's tower, Thanet, is not available.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Branch for Archdeaconry of Salisbury.—A meeting for business and practice will be held at Westbury to-day, Saturday, October 18th, at 3 p.m. Tea at Church Institute at 4.30. Heavy ring of six bells.

H. E. TILNEY BASSETT, *General Sec.*
Devizes.

North Notts. Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harthill to-day, Saturday, October 18th. Tea at 5 p.m. Conveyances will meet the trains at Kiveton Park station.

B. DARLEY, *Hon. Sec.*
Harthill, Sheffield.

The Hertfordshire Association.—A meeting will be held at Luton to-day, Saturday, October 18th. Bells of St. Matthew's will be available from 3 p.m.

J. EARWICKER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Ton-

bridge District.—The district meeting announced to be held at Speldhurst to-day, Saturday, October 18th, is unavoidably postponed until Saturday, October 25th. Arrangements as previously announced. Members intending to be present are requested to notify the District Secretary on or before Wednesday, the 22nd inst.

W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

4, South View Road, High Brooms,
Tunbridge Wells.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Birstall on Saturday, October 25th. Bells at liberty from 3 to 9. Business meeting at 7 o'clock at The Bull hotel.

CHARLES PRATT, *Sec.*

Park View, Calverley.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Feering on Saturday, October 25th. Tea at 5 o'clock at The Bell inn. A conveyance will leave Kelvedon station at 3.40 for Feering, returning in time to catch the 7.35 up train. Coggeshall and Kelvedon towers will be open for ringing during the day. Officers for next year will be elected, and members intending to be present must give notice three days before.

ERNEST W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*
Coggeshall.

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Erith on Saturday, October 25th. Tower will be open from 3 to 9 p.m. Will Secretaries of towers and unattached members please note that tea will be served in the schoolroom at 5.30 for those members only who inform me not later than Thursday, October 23rd, of their intention to be present. Non-members 1s. each. The business meeting will be held after tea, and half-railway fares up to 2s. will be allowed.

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

Barnehurst, Bexley Heath, Kent.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Bristol Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Mangotsfield, on Saturday, October 25th (six bells). The Vicar (Rev. A. N. Sharpley) will hold a short service at 4 p.m., to be followed by a business meeting.

C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 28th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As there will be business of an important nature to transact the attendance of every member is earnestly requested.

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

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Autumn Meeting will be held at Chipping Norton on Saturday, October 25th. Evensong 4.30, preacher the Rev. G. A. Littledale. Substantial meat tea in the parish room at 5.30 at 1s. 6d. per head. Those intending to be present will please apply for tea tickets by Tuesday, October 21st, to

J. F. BARLOW, *Organising Secretary.*

Chipping Norton, Oxon.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, October 25th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

W. ASHWORTH, *Branch Sec.*

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Silver Jubilee.—The twenty-fifth annual festival will be held in Newcastle on Monday, October 27th. The committee would urge all members to attend on this auspicious occasion. The bells at the disposal of visitors are those

of the Cathedral (10 bells), and St. John's (all day); All Saints and St. Stephen's, 5 to 9 p.m.; St. George's, 9.30 till 1 p.m.; and St. Mary's, Gateshead, all day, if rehanging is finished. Committee meeting 12 noon in choir vestry; service in Cathedral Lady Chapel at 1.30 p.m. with address by the Lord Bishop of Newcastle. Dinner at Hotel Metropole at 2.30 prompt, followed by General Meeting. Applications for dinner tickets (1s. 6d. to members), must reach the Secretary not later than the 21st inst.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*

62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Southgate on Saturday, November 1st, by kind permission of the Rev. J. Beardall. Tea will be provided, as usual, at The Cherry Tree hotel. The bells will be raised about 3.30 p.m. The Hon. Secretary requests the attendance of all who can conveniently come, and to be notified of their intention.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The Autumnal Meeting will be held at Kidlington, on Saturday, November 8th. Particulars by circular.

F. P. POWELL, *Hon. Sec.*

The Grammar School, Witney.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. The 265th annual dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 8th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. 6d. each) may be obtained of Messrs. W. H. L. Buckingham, E. A. Davies, F. E. Dawe, W. E. Garrard, E. Horrex, H. P. Harman, A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, E. H. Oxenham, W. H. Pasmore, J. Pettit, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, or

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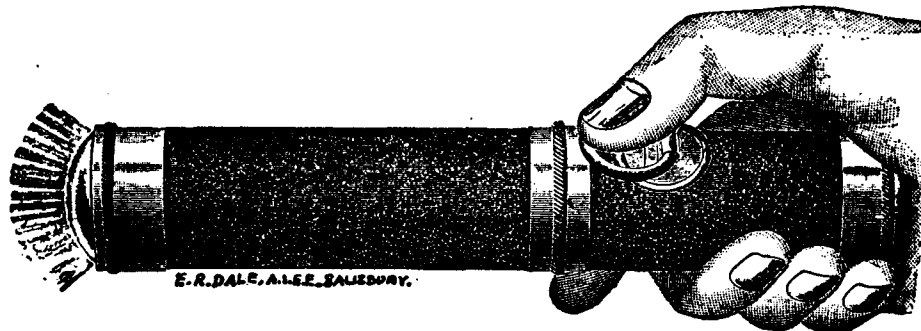
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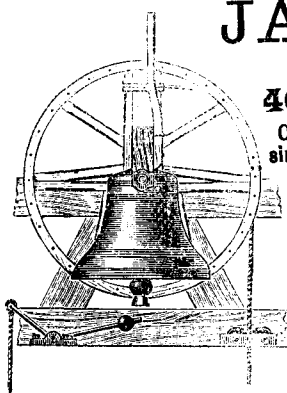
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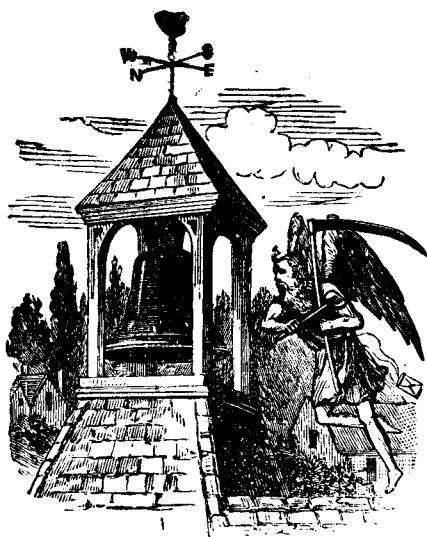
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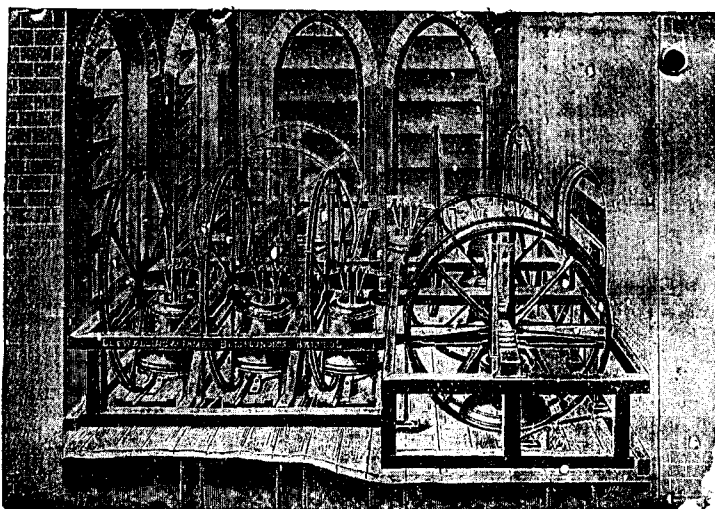
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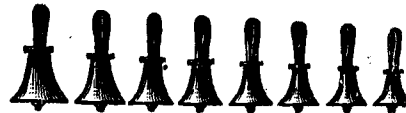
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

CURDRIDGE (Hants). St. Peter. Winchester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1894. Tenor 25 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 1st in month for morning service, and 3rd for evening. Practice: Friday, 8.

NORTH CURRY (Somerset). SS. Peter and Paul. Eight bells. All by Mears; the two trebles, 1894; the rest 1811. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by local man, 1897. Ropes new 1897, good. Nothing stated as to half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: usually for half-an-hour before morning and evening service. Practice: November to February inclusive, Thursday, 7.

CURRY RIVEL (Somerset). St. Andrew. Bath and Wells Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd and 3rd by Taylor, 1897; 4th unknown; 5th, 1781; 6th, 1650; 7th, 1742; founder not stated. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 4 ft., by Llewellyns, 1887. Iron frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were turned and rehung by Taylor, 1897. Ringers have advised a chiming hammer on tenor to obviate clocking. Ropes new 1897, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: half-an-hour before morning service except in Advent and Lent. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30; occasionally also Thursday.

DALSTON (Middlesex). St. Mark. Eight bells. No return.

DARLASTON (Staffordshire). Eight bells. No return.

DARLINGTON (Durham). St. Cuthbert. Eight bells. No return.

St. John. Durham and Newcastle Association. Eight bells. All by Mears. Treble, 2nd and tenor, 1893; 3rd, 1839; the rest 1849. Tenor 10 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. No important repairs

since rehung 1893, but all kept in good order. Ropes new 1894, good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.45 to 10.30, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

DARTFORD (Kent). Holy Trinity. Kent County Association. Eight bells. All by Mears; treble, 1882; 4th, 1773; the rest 1702. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go fairly. No repairs since 1882. 2nd, 3rd and tenor require quarter-turning. Repairs recommended, but nothing has been done owing to want of funds and indifference of church authorities. Ropes new 1899, good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11. No fixed practice night.

DAVENTRY (Northants). Holy Cross. Eight bells, all by Eayre, 1734. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Slight repairs occasionally by local man. Ropes fair. No half-pull or Sunday service ringing. Practice: 1st Sunday evening in month, also Monday, Thursday, and Saturday in Advent.

DAYBROOK (Notts). St. Paul. Eight bells. No return.

COLSTON-BASSETT, NOTTS.

DEDICATION OF CHURCH BELLS.

A most interesting event in the history of this charming little village took place on Saturday afternoon, October 11th, when the Lord Bishop of Southwell dedicated the three new bells which have been presented to the parish church of St. John the Divine by R. Millington Knowles, esq., and were supplied by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. When the present beautiful edifice was built in 1892 by Mr. R. M. Knowles to supersede the old parish church (situate some distance away, and which had been pronounced by the architects of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners to be incapable of restoration), the five bells which the church possessed were removed to the new sanctuary, the tenor bell being recast by Messrs. Taylor before it was rehung. They bore the following dates: Treble, 1606; 2nd, 1755; 3rd, an older bell without a date; 4th, 1608; 5th recast 1902. Thomas Hedderly founded the 2nd. The majority were cast by Oldfield, of Nottingham.

The new bells which are inscribed respectively to the memory of Queen Victoria, the Coronation of King Edward VII., and the death of Captain A. M. Knowles who was killed during the South African campaign, complete the octave in E flat. There was a large congregation at the dedicatory service, and the church was tastefully decorated in anticipation of the harvest festival, which was observed on the following day. The service throughout was well rendered. In addition to the Bishop of Southwell there were present the Revs. M. H. Pimm (Vicar), E. Morse (Shelford), T. W. Swann (Orston), G. H. Laine (Hickling), H. Willson (Upper Broughton), H. P. Ling (Keyworth), and J. Wood (Cropwell Bishop). Other clergy attending the service were the Rev. H. W.

Fitch (Nether Broughton), Rev. H. and Mrs. Staunton (Plumtree), Rev. J. S. and Mrs. Gardner (Long Clawson), Rev. F. Cursham (Flintham), Rev. E. H. Stone (Harby), Rev. T. and Mrs. Williams (Hose). There were also present Mr. and Lady Wilfreda Biddulph, Mrs. Charles Thorold, Miss Muriel Lubbock, Major Robertson, Captain Hill, Miss Mustos, Mrs. A. du Boulay Hill, Mrs. Welby, and others.

The service commenced with the shortened form of Evening Prayer, prefaced by the singing of the Old Hundredth. The Bishop delivered a short address, in the course of which he said that the addition of three new bells to the peal not only completed the musical round, but it placed their village in the rank of places where bell-ringing was a beautiful Art, and a recreation of both skill and science. The Midland Counties might be said to be the home of English bell-ringing, and he hoped that the ringers of the bells in that church would become organised with the Association which not only promoted the art of bell-ringing, but had framed wise and thoughtful rules for the regulation of a proper and reverent demeanour in the belfry. Let them remember that the bells were a part of the consecrated House of God, and further let those who rang the peals to summon the people to church at the hour of Divine worship remember that their service was not completed when the bells ceased to ring. How could they expect others to worship if they who sent out the summons themselves refrained from paying heed to their call? The message of the bells must be "I am the Lord your God." Whether it be that joy or sorrow comes to you, the church is set here to remind you that God is the centre of your lives. When they heard the tones of that peal let them remember that they came from God's House—whether they rang to bid them to a marriage or a funeral, the rejoicing for a national success, or the mourning for a national sorrow—that in all their comings and goings they might keep in mind the will of the Lord their God.

A special hymn of an exceedingly appropriate nature was sung during the offertory, which was for the ringers' fund and for defraying the cost of new handbells, and amounted to £4 5s. 9d. Afterwards the Bishop said the brief office for the dedication of church bells, and formally handed over the bells to the custody of the Vicar and churchwardens, the latter being R. M. Knowles, esq. and Dr. W. Windley.

At the close of the service the first touch on the bells (a plain course followed by 168 Grandsire Triples) was rung. Afterwards touches of Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, and London Surprise were rung. The band for the opening of the bells were the Rev. A. du Boulay Hill (Vicar of East Bridgford), E. D. Taylor (Loughborough), W. Wakley, W. C. Wakley, G. Robinson, E. I. Stone, G. Bull, F. G. Attenborough, L. Bullock (Burton-on-Trent), W. E. White, W. White, T. Squires (Cotgrave). Other ringers were also present from Cotgrave, Melton Mowbray, Harby and Loughborough, in addition to the local band. Tea was provided at the village inn, at which all ringers were welcome. After tea more ringing followed, and was kept up until 8 o'clock.

On the Sunday following, being the Harvest Festival, the bells were again rung for each of the three services by a band made up of E. D. Taylor, W. Wakley, W. C. Wakley, G. Bull, G. Robinson, T. Squires, W. White, and W. E. White, who having driven over from Cotgrave in the morning, were handsomely entertained during the day by the Vicar.

The peal now ranks as one of the best in the county, the ringing-chamber also being well arranged. The opening ceremony and the time spent in the village will be remembered by the ringers as one of the most enjoyable and pleasant in their experience.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.

On Saturday, October 11th, at St. Michael's church, a peal-board recording a peal of Grandsire Triples was unveiled by the Vicar, Canon Lloyd.

Mr. C. S. Burbidge, captain of the local band, asked the Vicar and churchwardens to accept the board, to which the Vicar replied with a few very interesting remarks as to the duties of bellringers generally.

Previous to this the band met in the tower, and the fine ring of bells were started for a peal of Grandsire Triples which was successfully accomplished in 2 hrs. 48 mins. At seven o'clock Mr. Burbidge invited the band to supper at The King's Arms hotel, where a short but pleasant evening was spent.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

After an interval of 13 years the members of the Lancashire Association held their annual meeting at Eccles, on Saturday, September 27th. Companies of ringers ascended the towers of the parish church, St. Thomas', Pendleton, and St. Mark's, Worsley, each of which contains eight bells, and rang short touches. At the conclusion of the business meeting in the evening more ringing was indulged in, while a company also proceeded to Manchester Cathedral (10 bells), where ringing took place until 10 o'clock. In the afternoon a service at Eccles Church was largely attended, the central rows of pews being well filled. The service took the form of shortened evensong, and was intoned by the Rev. W. T. Gifford (curate). The Rev. H. J. Elsee, of St. George's, Bolton, president of the Association, read the lesson, and the Rev. F. D. Cremer (vicar) was the preacher. The special Psalms were 148 and 150, and the hymns "The Church's one foundation," "Hark, hark my soul," and "All people that on earth do dwell." The Vicar took as his text Ephesians 4—16 and Ecclesiastes 9—10.

At the conclusion of the service tea was partaken of at the Albert Street Schools, where arrangements had been made by Mr. J. Barrett and his colleagues. Before leaving the tea tables the Rev. H. J. Elsee proposed a vote of thanks to the vicar, choirmaster, and choir, which was carried with applause. The Vicar replied, and hoped the members would have pleasant recollections of their visit. He offered their best wishes for the success of such an important and useful association. An adjournment was made to the parish room, where the annual meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Rev. H. J. Elsee, president. On the platform there were also members of the committee, with Mr. A. E. Wreaks (secretary) and Mr. H. J. Jackson (treasurer), over 100 members being present.

On the motion of Mr. Eachus, the president was re-elected to the office for another two years, the proposal being received with great heartiness. The other officers re-elected were:—secretary, Mr. A. E. Wreaks; assistant secretary, Mr. J. Wilson; and treasurer, Mr. H. W. Jackson. The Rev. H. J. Elsee, and Messrs. J. Eachus, R. Ridyard and J. Shepherd were elected representatives

on the Central Council. The proposal of the Oldham company to alter rule six as follows, was defeated: after "They shall have full power and control of the funds of the association," add "except monies granted for peal boards, which shall be subject to a general meeting." Two new members were admitted from St. Saviour's, Bolton, and it was decided to hold the next annual meeting at St. George's, Bolton. A vote of thanks to the local branch concluded the meeting.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the above was held at Woburn, on Saturday, October 4th, and was well attended by members from Bedford (St. Paul and St. Peter), Woburn, Aspley, Crawley, Richmond, Luton, Leighton, Emberton, and other places; Mr. J. R. Sharman also put in an appearance. Some well-struck touches were rung in various methods upon the eight bells in the old tower. The visitors were very kindly shewn over the new church, which was brilliantly decorated for the harvest festival.

At five o'clock about thirty members sat down to an excellent tea. The Hon. Secretary (Rev. W. W. C. Baker) presided, supported by the Rev. — Rust, of Crawley, who is also a change-ringer.

After tea the usual business meeting was held. The Chairman said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, and that was to present to Mr. Sidney Avis, from the Association, a framed copy of the certificate; a proceeding unanimously adopted at the last annual meeting. Mr. Avis, in a few well-chosen words, suitably responded. With reference to this presentation it may be mentioned that the Association had discussed at several meetings the question of having a certificate, and its probable cost. Mr. Avis, a member of the Woburn company, took upon himself to design one—and a most excellent design it is—presenting it to the Association free of cost. This presentation certificate was framed by Mr. Cyril Herbert, and Mr. Avis's name was endorsed in Old English by Mr. Charles Herbert.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Luton. Several new members were elected. Part of the members then adjourned to Mr. Herbert's residence for handbell ringing, and part going to the tower. The time for parting came all too soon to end such a very pleasant meeting.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of this guild was held at Southport on Saturday, September 27th. The following places sent members:—Aughton, Bootle, Crosby, Crossens, Croston, Hindley, Ormskirk, Sephton, Tuebrook, Southport, Upholland, and Wigan, 50 members attending. In the afternoon touches were rung at Emmanuel church, where the visitors were received by Mr. Robert Brookfield; and in the evening at Christ church, where the guests were cared for by Mr. James Rimmer.

After dinner a business meeting was held.

The Rev. W. T. Bulpit, Master, presided, and urged the necessity of enthusiasm in order to obtain skill and pleasure.

Mr. John Martin, treasurer, produced the guild accounts, which showed that during the past year the balance had been reduced from £9 9s. to £6 6s. The benevolent fund showed that £5 had been granted to a widow, and that £3 17s. of a balance remained. Mr. Martin recommended that local guilds should be formed and affiliate themselves with the central guild.

The Rev. R. Markham, the Rector of Aughton in moving the adoption of the accounts, thanked the guild for the kind words of his revered father, and dwelt upon the fellowship demanded by Christianity. Members were not to be like their bells, outside the church, though calling worshipers there, but should enter fully and partake of the Communion of fellowship.

The Rev. H. E. H. Probyn, chaplain to the Bishop, said he hoped to become a practical ringer, and wished the men to be proud of their skill, but at the same time to do all for the glory of God.

Mr. Bentham having spoken as to the report, the accounts were passed.

Mr. Ashcroft, J.P., of Croston, proposed the re-election of Mr. Martin, the treasurer, and Mr. William Bentham, the secretary, thanking them for their past services. This was seconded by Mr. John Taylor of Aughton, and carried with applause.

The Rev. E. P. Cook, of Southport, in a witty and humorous speech, proposed a vote thanks to the Master, the Rev. W. T. Bulpit, and asked for it to be carried with ringing cheers.

The Rev. W. T. Bulpit, in responding, exhorted members of the towers to unity and discipline, and to look forward to a welcome from their Heavenly Master.

The Rev. H. E. H. Probyn, curate-in-charge at Crosby, and Mr. Bannister, of Croston, were then elected members of the guild. This brought an earnest and useful meeting to a close.

Methods rung, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Ashford district was held at Appledore on October 18th, when representatives from the following places were present,—Brabourne, Hythe, New Romney, Mersham, Tenterden, Willesborough, Stone, Elmsted, Lyminge, Headcorn, Hastings, and also the local band. Tea was had at The Red Lion, the Vicar of Appledore, supported by the curate, presiding. Touches of Treble Bob Major, Plain Bob, Stedman, and Grandsire were rung.

The annual district committee meeting was held at the same place. Mr. C. W. Blaxland, the hon. district Sec. was unavoidably absent, he having recently been appointed Coroner and Clerk of the Peace for the borough of Hythe. He was re-elected. It was resolved to hold the next annual meeting at Hythe in September, 1903, also interim meetings at Mersham in February, and New Romney in June. Mr. G. Paine was unanimously re-elected as representative on the central committee for the county. Thirteen new members were elected. It was very noticeable that no representative attended from such towns as Folkestone and Ashford, the two largest in the district.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of Appledore for presiding at the tea, and for the use of the tower; also to Mr. D. Paine for the able way in which he carried out the duties of chairman to the committee.

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A RINGING TOUR IN DEVON.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly, of Kelly, N. Devon, being ever on the alert to further the interests of ringers and ringing, has now for some years past invited a select band of ringers to visit the West and ring peals in towers where for the most part change-ringing has been an unknown quantity. Another of these delightful tours has once more come and gone, the doings of the band being narrated as briefly as may be in the following lines. Monday, October 6th, saw the chosen ones assemble at 4 p.m. at the west front of the Cathedral at Exeter. Many clergy and prominent ringers were also present, including Mr. J. W. Taylor and Mr. E. D. Taylor, to whom had been entrusted the work of recasting two bells—the 5th and tenor—and re-hanging the whole peal, the heaviest ringing peal in the world. Mr. Edworthy, most courteous and obliging of steeplekeepers, had everything in readiness. The bells were raised—the front six in peal—Grandsire Caters the method selected as being safest, while to make assurance doubly sure it was decided to have two men on the tenor, seeing that the total weight, including bell, box girder stock (a beautiful creation), wheel, gudgeons (7 inches in length, $3\frac{1}{2}$ diameter) and clapper, mounted up to 4 tons 15 cwt. On the principal of "Birds of a feather flocking together," the Crowthorne pastor was assisted by the Exeter Shepherd as strapper—all the band being much gratified that one who has taken such a prominent place as a ringer in Exeter should be among those who scored the first peal on the noble bells of the Cathedral of the "Ever Faithful City." Without any serious hitch for 3 hrs. 52 mins. the melodious notes of this truly majestic peal floated over the city, the striking of the bigger bells being very highly commended by those competent to judge. Telegrams of congratulation, with letters and post-cards testifying to the "grand performance," "the splendid result," "the magnificent peal," etc., followed in on the following morning—one of the latter coming five days later, stating "that lovely tenor is still sounding in my ears." The Dean and the Bishop of Crediton heartily thanked the band on coming down into the Cathedral, and were evidently well-pleased to hear the opinions of the ringers on the hanging and musical qualities of the grandest peal in all England. It may not be amiss to state that no expense has been spared in putting the bells into perfect order. £1901 18s. 3d. has been subscribed from all sources, of which £1312 has gone to the Loughborough firm, £424 for work to the tower, £50 the architect, and several minor payments, a balance of £36 10s. 3d. being left in hand. It is hoped that the Dean and Chapter will see their way clear to erect a tablet recording the particulars of the restoration, and with it the record of the first peal rung on the bells; the south transept near the chiming apparatus would seem to be a suitable position for this memorial of a memorable event.

Tuesday morning saw the band at Thorverton. Stedman Triples was shortly under weigh, and in 2 hrs. 56 mins. a magnificently-struck peal resulted, earning highest praise from many a critic: "most splendid," said one, while another confessed that he had gone out to "prick faults," but found his occupation gone, as "for fifteen minutes at a time I could not so much as prick half a fault." The Vicar, Mr. Churchwarden Wippell and Mr. J. Ridler entertained the band at The Dolphin in a lavish manner, some of the party bearing off apples of 14 or 15 inches in circumference as a memento of their visit.

Tiverton was the rendezvous for the evening peal, Superlative the method, but, as the bells were found to have much deteriorated in ease of going since the last visit ten years ago, Stedman Triples was substituted, with the veteran at the helm, a peal resulting in due course, though the striking, owing to the dropping of bells, and the weakness of one who stood in as a substitute, was not as perfect as in the morning peal. The ringers returned to Exeter and took up the same quarters as provided for them on the previous night. In passing we must not forget to mention that Tiverton has a lady band of ringers who have made great progress under the tuition of Mr. Mundy. They ring with the sterner sex for Sunday services, and were present in force to welcome the visitors, in company with many of the male members, who accompanied them to the Station.

Wednesday, after a pleasant ride for miles along the sea shore, saw the visitors at Bovey Tracey, where an early start

was anticipated, the bells having been erected last April, and everything expected to be in tip-top condition; alas! two hours' delay ensued, no less than four ropes having to be spliced aloft, while below they were cut off so short that a plentiful crop of blisters was sure to result; nevertheless a good peal of Superlative was tapped off, a rush made to dinner, and four hours only left to cover a mile or so of streets, ring a peal of Major at Newton, and return to the station. Fortunately the bells in the tower, which stands in the middle of the main street, were found to be exceedingly light and in good order, so no difficulty was experienced in catching the train after scoring the second peal of Major in the day. Totnes was shortly reached, and the visitors welcomed by the Vicar and curate, who conducted them to their various billets, the Mayor and leading inhabitants putting up the party and entertaining them right royally for two nights. Mr. A. W. Brighton had hoped to rejoin us at this point, but sent word that he was unavoidably prevented. The Rev. M. Kelly therefore stood in at Ashburton for his first attempt at Double Norwich. Unfortunately the peal broke down after nearly two hours ringing, most of which was very good. Mr. Kelly was pleased at being able to ring so long, and his companions cared little for losing the peal, seeing the pleasure the attempt gave their kind and genial patron. So pleased were they moreover with the splendid peal and admirable hanging, that they determined to come again on the morrow instead of visiting Upton via the Dart by steamer, the Vicar kindly giving leave to ring through service, though the congregation would be large, owing to a dole of loaves being given to those poor inhabitants who attended. (N.B. for the charitable! Don't leave money by will for bread to be distributed in church, after the manner of this ancient charity.) At Totnes in the evening, on the grand ring of bells, a peal of Stedman was rung, the ringing for the most part being of extreme accuracy, but marred by a couple of unfortunate trips, in spite of the good wishes expressed by the Mayor and Mr. J. D. Manley in the belfry previous to the peal. Mr. Williams stood out, never expecting that such a peal would be rung, but stated that "a peal like that was worth listening to, the bells went off at a level beat and never altered." The Mayor kindly took Mr. Williams in tow and showed him the many sights of interest in this ancient town during the progress of the peal. Dr. Kennicott, the great Hebraist, Canon of Christ Church, Oxford, was a ringer at this church in the early part of the eighteenth century.

Friday broke wet and miserable, but what was that to a band determined to ring a good peal of Double Norwich? The peal was started, the service and bread dole went on in the midst, and shortly after "that's all" recorded the successful accomplishment of the first peal on the lovely bells of Ashburton. Cider and cheese followed off a table of such surpassing brilliance that we venture to give the recipe for the benefit of any ringer's wife who takes a pride in her furniture, or indeed for the benefit of any ringer who desires to shave himself without the aid of a looking-glass. (Will two members of the party kindly note?) Recipe: half-pint boiled linseed oil, half-pint vinegar, two tablespoonsful methylated spirit, elbow grease ad. lib. twice a week; finish off with a dry cloth.

A long ride to Axminster brought the party to the hospitable abode of Mr. W. Pitfield Chapple, who was most anxious to have a peal scored on the new ring with tenor of 25 cwt. The splendid reception given us will long live in the memory of the band, some of whom purloined the menu of some two dozen items for late dinner as a memento. Eight thirty a.m. was the order for Saturday, and punctually to the minute the bells were raised and all was ready for a start when the Vicar appeared and regretfully announced that there could be no ringing owing to the death of an old and much-respected inhabitant in the early morning. The disappointment of the ringers at losing the chance of a peal was as nothing compared with the disappointment they shared with Mr. Chapple, who had set his heart on the fulfilment of his desire for a peal to be rung on the bells, to which he himself had presented the tenor. A wire was at once sent to Exeter to Mr. F. Shepherd, who met the party. Leave was obtained for a peal at St. Sidwell's, and soon the bells were going in Stedman Caters, the brothers Shepherd completing the party. This, however, was lost after nearly

two hours, like so many other peals, owing to the impossibility of hearing the bells properly in the belfry.

Thus nine peals were started for, and seven rung during the week, the record of these Devon tours being equalled but not beaten. It only remains to thank the Rev. M. Kelly for the infinite trouble he has once more taken in making this trip of 1902 as delightful as others he has organised during the last ten years, though we know his reward will be best seen in an increased appreciation of change-ringing in the many districts visited. Our grateful thanks are due also to our numerous hosts, Parsons, Mayors, Solicitors, Bankers, Cider Merchants, etc., etc., who entertained us every night; and last, but by no means least, to the church authorities who gave us permission to ring in nine towers, and in almost every case were present before the contemplated peal, and recited the office previous to ringing.

G. F. C.

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."

"THE GO-OFF IN STEDMAN."

SIR,—Mr. Carter's letter in your last issue raises a good many interesting points on which I do not propose to touch now; but if I understand him aright, I still dissent from his view about the above.

If an invariable rule as to the go off in Stedman is to be made because variety would be puzzling to ringers, I think such a reason altogether inadequate and, indeed, derogatory to the Exercise; for I fail to see what additional difficulty can be placed in the way of the practitioner who knows the work of Stedman, except that it is something new in his experience, to start otherwise than with the last two changes of a quick six. But then that difficulty will disappear with a little practice, which of course will at once be indulged in, if composers are going to produce touches or peals going off in various changes of a six.

From what Mr. Jasper Snowden says about Stedman, in "Standard methods," he does not appear to consider that a start in any special way is a necessary part of it. He merely treats the usual go off as accidental.

I have always supposed the rule against more than two calls to have been made in order to protect the method—not to save the ringer perplexity—and therefore I fail to see any resemblance between that rule and a hard and fast rule about the go off in Stedman which is unnecessary for its protection; and consequently the connection of the two in Mr. Carter's sixth paragraph appears to me to be a false classification.

R. A. DANIELL.

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

SIR,—Mr. Taffender's letters referring to this peal are very misleading, and as he is ignorant of what he is trying to teach others, I hope he will not be offended if I tell him that Thurstans's one-part is but a simple variation of the four-part. Mr. Taffender says firstly, that the bell in 6th place is there eighteen courses only; this week it is twenty courses. If he will take the advice he gave Mr. Hoskins and look at the composition again, he will find by starting at the 38th course he will have a 7-6 and a 6-7 in every part throughout the peal; the first half being reverse calling to the last. The 7-6 and 6-7 come at a slow six instead of a quick, the last half being four-part calling. The 6th comes home as usual in that peal by this variation. The composition is as musical as the four-part.

WILLIAM H. BARBER.

(This correspondence is now closed.—Ed.)

OUR BELLS AND THEIR CONDITION, ETC.

SIR,—I am sorry that Mr. Paley should take my remarks amiss; but I may say that anything in connection with bells which is only "reputed" is not worth quoting, unless it can be corroborated in some way. In my long experience in bell matters I have heard a large number of traditions with regard to old bells and have found that nearly all of them are myths.

For instance; it is not uncommon to hear that the bells in a tower were originally in some other tower. This is generally accompanied by some story as to why the exchange was made. In nearly every case of this sort the story has been proved to be without any foundation whatever. I know of several "yarns" of this kind in Lincolnshire, all false. I may add that there is a tradition here in Salisbury that the bells of St. Thomas' church once hung in the old Cathedral [campanile which was demolished 1776-7, notwithstanding all the St. Thomas' bells (except the tenor) bear the date of 1771 and the names of St. Thomas' Churchwardens at that time, together with the name of Robert Wells, the founder. It is true that Wells bought seven of the old bells, (several of which were cracked) from the Dean and Chapter some ten years after the campanile was demolished. But this being so, it is plain that he could not even have used the metal of them in casting the St. Thomas' peal. I merely mention this as an instance of what traditions respecting bells are worth.

I think if those who supply information to the C. C. would take the trouble to study a list of the inscriptions in a County bell book, they would be less likely to make mistakes as to founders. A short history of all founders of bells in each county is given in such works.

J. R. JERRAM.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the above was held at Ripley on Saturday, October 11th, members and friends being present from Ripley, Duffield, Tibshelf, Clay Cross, Bolsover, North Wingfield, Horsley, etc. An excellent tea was provided by the Vicar and churchwardens, to which thirty sat down. The Vicar (Rev. W. E. Bradstock), presided at the meeting, and gave a very instructive address to the members present. The minutes were read and confirmed, after which a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar and his churchwardens (Messrs. Wright and Crossley), for the tea, which was carried unanimously. Both Vicar and Mr. Crossley replied, stating the pleasure it gave them to again welcome the members to Ripley. Special mention must be made of the kindness of the ladies who so kindly prepared the tea and presided at the tables, who were also heartily thanked after tea was over.

The ringers then wended their way to the tower, and the bells were kept going till a late hour by mixed bands to the following methods: Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob. Ripley bells are now a splendid peal of eight. Great praise is due to the local ringers, especially the energetic steeplekeeper, Mr. H. George, for the beautiful way everything is kept in and around the belfry. The best thanks of the meeting are due to the Vicar for the use of the bells; also to Mr. George for having everything in readiness, and making all as comfortable and welcome as possible.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

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A quarterly meeting of the above branch was held at Marlborough on Saturday, October 4th. A large and representative gathering of ringers from local towers, including several clergy, was present. Tea was provided at the Angel Temperance hotel. At the business meeting which followed it was decided, subject to permission being obtained, to hold the next three meetings as follows, viz.—

Pottern, on 1st November, Great Bedwyn on 6th December, and the annual meeting at Devizes on 10th January. The branch Secretary, Mr C. D. Heginbotham, addressing those present, urged upon them the necessity of attending the annual meeting or at all events the great desirability of sending representatives from every tower, as most important business would have to be transacted, including the election of officers for the ensuing year. The bells were rung at intervals throughout the afternoon and evening.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1902.

THE writer of the interesting account of the recent tour in the county of Devon earnestly hopes that the Dean and Chapter of Exeter will see their way clear to erect an appropriate tablet as a memorial of the restoration of the bells, accompanied by a record of the first peal rung upon them—a record which shall be impervious to any destructive agency now or in time to come. In that hope every one of our readers will share. The intense admiration, not unmingled with a sort of awe, with which these famous bells have been regarded by ringers of any age, demands that some lasting memorial of the first peal rung upon them should be founded. The Cathedral authorities, we may imagine, have not lost sight of so important a feature. The balance in hand of the moneys collected

for this happy restoration would provide a good nucleus for another fund for this purpose; but it is imperative that such memorial and record should be worthy of the occasion, entirely out of the common, and of a permanent and imperishable character.

The "Ever Faithful City," as Exeter is designated by the writer alluded to above, is rich in skilled handicraftsmen, designers, and so forth, in every branch of mediæval and ecclesiastical Art. Who has not heard of the renowned HARRY HEMS, whose wonderful establishment is requisitioned by churchfolk in all parts of the world? How he would delight in such a commission as the preparation of this memorial and record. He is half-a-ringer, too, by the way, and we frequently read of him among the St. Sidwell's company. At any rate we hope soon to hear that a movement in the matter has been set on foot.

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FREDERICK WITHERS .. Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 4.
GEORGE HAYDEN 2.	JOHN MARDELL 5.
WILLIAM MILLER 3.	JOHN MOULE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal of Surprise away from the treble by G. Hayden.

The Provinces.

HULL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 30, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 26 cwt.

C. JACKSON Treble.	W. GIBSON 5.
A. MOODY† 2.	D. W. BROWN 6.
F. MOULSON 3.	G. T. MILLER 7.
C. P. BRADLEY 4.	F. MERRISON Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by D. W. BROWN.

†First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of the late Mrs. Dale, wife of J. W. Dale, many years a ringer at the above church.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

(CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, October 11, 1902, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S. Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.

W. T. PATES Treble.	W. TOWNSEND 5.
F. MUSTY 2.	W. DYER 6.
A. W. HUMPHRIS 3.	J. BALLINGER 7.
F. W. WADE 4.	†REUBEN HEMMING .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. DYER.

†First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Townsend and Musty.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Single Bob, and two of Bob, Oxford and Kent, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM SPICE Treble.	ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. 4.
GEORGE PENFOLD 2.	WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 5.
CHARLES TRIBE 3.	THOMAS STROUD Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS STROUD.

First peal on the bells.

HARTFIELD.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Bob Minor, two of Oxford Single Bob, Kent and Oxford, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES TRIBE Treble.	ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. 4.
THOMAS STROUD 2.	WILLIAM SPICE 5.
GEORGE PENFOLD* 3.	*WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. B. BENNETT.

W. Spice was elected a member of the Association in the belfry. *First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 14, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PENNING'S ONE-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

REUBEN HALL Treble.	SAMUEL SPITTLE 5.
JOHN W. PARISH 2.	THOMAS PIGGOTT 6.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 3.	JOHN JAGGAR 7.
SAMUEL REEVES 4.	FREDERICK HARRIS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN JAGGAR.

Reference to this peal elsewhere.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 14, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM BALLS Treble.	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 5.
GEORGE PERRY* 2.	JOHN J. CREASEY 6.
EDGAR HICKS 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

*First peal of Superlative. This composition is now rung for the first time.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 14, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble.	HARRY CATTERWELL .. 5.
STAFF-SERGEANT A. PYE .. 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
HARRY F. DAWKINS .. 3.	WESLEY WATSON 7.
GEORGE ROUGHTON† .. 4.	*ROWLAND P. VYSE Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. Rung to welcome the return of Staff-Sergeant A. Pye, after an absence of three years in South Africa.

HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 14, 1902, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN SHEPHERD Treble.	RALPH SHEPHERD 5.
JOHN KENTISH 2.	HERBERT BAKER 6.
WILLIAM J. KUMNEY .. 3.	ARTHUR SHEPHERD 7.
JOSEPH W. POWERS .. 4.	E. EDWARDS Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT BAKER.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 15, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs.

ALICE WHITE Treble.	AMEROSE OSBORNE 5.
WILLIAM P. ROUTH, ESQ. .. 2.	*JOHN SWAIN 6.
JOHNSON E. HERN .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM HORNE 4.	*JOHN MASKELL Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman. J. Maskell was elected a member previous to starting.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 15, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRANCIS A. SMITH Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT .. 2.	HUBERT EDEN 6.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW* .. 3.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 7.
HENRY HODGETTS 4.	HARRY A. HORREX Tenor.

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM, and

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

*First peal of Double Norwich.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 15, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT CHARLES THE MARTYR CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

EDWARD TAYLOR Treble.	G. HARRY MYERS 6.
ERNEST W. MARSH 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7.
WALTER H. MARSH* .. 3.	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 8.
EDWARD HENDY* 4.	WILLIAM FORD 9.
JOHN STEED 5.	JAMES JORDAN Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal on ten bells. Rung in honour of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales accepting the Lord High Stewardship of the Borough.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, AND THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Thursday, October 16, 1902, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

THOMAS VERRY* Treble.	*CHARLES WILLIAMS 5.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN* .. 2.	*THOMAS WESTWOOD .. 6.
JAMES E. GROVES 3.	*WILLIAM VERRY 7.
SAMUEL REEVES 4.	*ALFRED PADDON SMITH .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

*First peal of Major in the method. Further reference elsewhere.

DUSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of College Single, two 720s of Oxford Bob, and three 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ERNEST HARRIS* Treble.	SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. 4.
ARTHUR MOORE 2.	FRED HOPPER 5.
WILLIAM ROGERS 3.	FRED. WILFORD Tenor.

Conducted by FRED WILFORD.

First peal.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1902, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. Treble	*ALBERT PHILLIPS 5.
MATTHEW ELLSMORE .. 2.	GEORGE H. BARKER .. 6.
GEORGE E. SMITH* .. 3.	ALBERT LAWRENCE .. 7.
ARTHUR WRIGHT* 4.	HERBERT BAKER Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by HERBERT BAKER.

*First peal in the method.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 18, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WALTER A. DICKENSON* Treble	FRANK V. H. SINKINS .. 5.
ALFRED W. WICKS 2.	WILLIAM E. BUTLER .. 6.
FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. 3.	†JOHN PHILLIPS 7.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 4.	SAMUEL W. GREENWOOD .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. FUSSELL.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. F. Goddard hails from Twickenham; Fussell and Sinkins from Slough; the rest belong to St. Mary's society, Staines.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qrs.

WILLIAM PALMER Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE 6.
GEORGE BAKER* 2.	GEORGE A. KING 7.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3.	*ALFRED J. TURNER .. 8.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	JAMES N. FROSSELL .. 9.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 5.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

This is the first peal of Double Norwich Royal by all the band, the first in the county and by the Association. The composition, which has the 6th twenty-four times at home, is now rung for the first time. *First peal of Royal.

HALLOW, WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM ROUSE Treble.	WILLIAM PAGE 5.
ROBERT G. KNOWLES .. 2.	HERBERT KNOWLES .. 6.
CHARLES BOWKETT .. 3.	ABRAHAM WINTERTON .. 7.
LEONARD CLAY 4.	JAMES OAKLEY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PAGE.

HODDESDON, HERTS.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION, AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 18, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

SAMUEL HAYES Treble.	HENRY SPRINGALL 5.
WILLIAM H. DALLIMORE .. 2.	THOMAS FAULKNER 6.
GEORGE W. FAULKNER† .. 3.	YORK GREEN 7.
HENRY J. TUCKER 4.	HENRY TORBLE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by YORK GREEN.

†First peal of Major.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 18, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

ROBERT PICKERING Treble.	THOMAS REYNOLDS 5.
JOHN PERRY 2.	HERBERT KNIGHT 6.
ALFRED PADDOON SMITH .. 3.	JAMES E. GROVES 7.
ERNEST ALLAWAY 4.	SIDNEY JESSOP Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters. This is R. Pickering's fiftieth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 20, 1902, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ARTHUR W. DURLING .. Treble.	GEORGE FRENCH 5.
RICHARD HIMS 2.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 6.
GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 3.	WALTER INGHAM 7.
ISAAC EMERY 4.	GEORGE DICKENS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Canon F. H. Murray, who for a period of fifty-five years was Rector of this parish. Further reference elsewhere.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, October 20, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr.

JOHN ASPINWALL† .. Treble.	*EDWARD CAUNCE 5.
JAMES DILLON 2.	*GEORGE LIENT 6.
EDWIN BREEZE 3.	*ALBERT LOVELL 7.
WALTER HUGHES* 4.	JAMES MARTIN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MARTIN.

†100th peal. *First peal of Major.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 20, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM ENGLAND .. Treble.	THOMAS H. ORMOND .. 5.
THOMAS L. MOORHOUSE .. 2.	ALBERT SCOTT 6.
JOHN WM. BARKER 3.	DAVID WHITING 7.
JAMES MOORHOUSE 4.	WILLIAM HENRY BRAME .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by ALBERT SCOTT.

Rung on the light eight, and also as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 18, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

CHAS. D. HEGINBOTHAM .. Treble.	SYDNEY HILLIER 5.
ERNEST BISHOP 2.	THOMAS RICKETTS 6.
ALBERT DRAPER 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
ALBERT BROWN 4.	JAMES H. SHEPPARD .. } .. Tenor.
	RICHARD PHILLIPS .. }

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and Conducted by THOMAS RICKETTS.

Further reference elsewhere.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 18, 1902, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 33 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	HARRY A. HORREX 6.
GEORGE N. PRICE 2.	WILLIAM FOX 7.
WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 3.	JAMES STRUTT 8.
JOHN HOWES 4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 9.
ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 5.	THOMAS G. MILLER .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

This is the first peal of Stedman on these bells since 1846.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 18, 1902, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt.

HERBERT SHEPPARD .. Treble.	†WILLIAM POTTER 6.
WILLIAM MILLS 2.	SAMUEL SPITTLE 7.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 3.	†FRED PLANT 8.
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. .. 4.	ARTHUR SPITTLE 9.
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. .. 5.	†BENJAMIN FULLWOOD .. Tenor.

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT, and Conducted by S. SPITTLE.

†First peal of Caters. Rung as a compliment to Herbert Sheppard on his birthday.

LITTLE HORWOOD, BUCKS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs.

WILLIAM BEAL* .. Treble.	WILLIAM T. TUCKER .. 3.
CECIL VALENTINE* .. 2.	*WALTER W. BENHAM .. 4.
	HARRY SEAR Tenor.

Conducted by W. T. TUCKER.

*First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. F. R. W. Malpas for the use of the bells.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, October 18, 1902, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, WOOD GREEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

AMOS COOPER Treble.	†EDWIN J. TYLER 5.
ALBERT H. HARBER† .. 2.	WILLIAM JOHNSON 6.
OLIVER BROWN 3.	JOHN MALPASS 7.
CHARLES TYLER 4.	THOMAS COOPER... .. Tenor.

Composed by J. BRUERTON, and Conducted by EDWIN J. TYLER.

†First peal. †First peal as conductor.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Monday, October 20, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Oxford Bob, two of Canterbury Pleasure, two of Plain Bob, one of Grandsire, each called differently.

JOSEPH JOHNSON Treble.	WILLIAM SHORT 4.
HORACE F. STREET 2.	JOSEPH PIGOTT 5.
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Job Joynes, who died suddenly whilst ringing the 3rd at the above church on the 8th inst.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 21, 1902, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. 7.
JAMES E. GROVES 2.	ALF. PADDON SMITH .. 8.
THOMAS RUSSAM 3.	ALBERT WALKER 9.
THOMAS MILLER 4.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER.. .. 11.
SAMUEL REEVES 6.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

This composition, now rung for the first time, was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Job Joynes, for nine years tower-keeper at the above church.

PEAL CORRECTION.—In the report of the peal rung at Berkhamstead and published in our last issue, the heading should read The Middlesex and Hertfordshire Associations, instead of Middlesex Association only.

Date Touches.

LITTLE GLEMHAM (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, September 30th, at St. Andrew's church, a date touch of Plain and Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 15 mins. A. Carter, O. Hunt, E. Everett, C. Hunt, W. J. Stannard conductor.

Miscellaneous.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ARMLEY.—On Sunday, September 28th, at Christ Church, for the Harvest Festival, 360 each of Duke of York and Kent, and 120 Oxford. C. Lockwood, F. Gaunt, C. Taylor, J. Peacock, J. Thackray, J. Heckingbottom. For evening service 240 Kent, 360 Woodbine and 72 Oxford. F. Gaunt, C. Lockwood, others as before. For service on Monday evening, September 29th, 720 Duke of York. C. Lockwood, F. Gaunt, C. Taylor, J. Peacock, J. Thackray conductor, J. Heckingbottom.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAPEL (Surrey).—On Friday evening, September 26th, on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, 720 College Pleasure. After the service 360 College Exercise. T. Weller, J. Akehurst, T. M. Stedman, F. Tullett, C. Taylor, E. Jordan conductor. Before Divine Service on Sunday, September 28th, 240 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob by the same band. In the evening 720 Oxford Treble

Bob. T. M. Stedman conductor, J. Akehurst, H. Churchill, E. Jordan, C. Taylor, F. Tullett.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

COSELEY (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, July 22nd, for practice, 910 Grandsire Triples. W. Jeavons, W. Bayliss, A. Baker, J. Roberts, A. Fletcher, S. Baker, W. Fisher conductor, A. Law. On Sunday, August 24th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Jeavons, A. Baker, E. Goodreds, J. Roberts, A. Fletcher, S. Baker, W. Fisher conductor, A. Law. On Sunday, September 21st, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. R. Jeavons, A. Baker, J. Roberts, E. Goodreds conductor, A. Fletcher, S. Baker, W. Fisher, A. Law; On Tuesday, September 23rd, for practice, 447 Grandsire Triples. W. Jeavons, S. Baker, A. Baker, W. Fisher, W. Bayliss, J. Roberts, E. Goodreds conductor, A. Law. On Sunday, September 28th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. W. Jeavons, A. Baker, E. Goodreds, J. Roberts, A. Fletcher, S. Baker, W. Fisher conductor, A. Law. For the evening service a quarter-peal in the same method, standing as above, conducted by E. Goodreds.

WEST BROMWICH.—On a recent Sunday, for Divine Service in the evening at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. H. Hipkiss, J. Screen, J. Jaggar, J. Walker, J. Hall, J. Hares, R. Hall conductor, F. Harris.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DEBENHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 21st, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, touches of Double Norwich and Stedman Triples was rung before the morning service and during the afternoon. Before the evening service 420 Stedman Triples. W. Groom, G. Symonds, W. Rumsey, J. Rumsey, C. Brunning, G. Rowe, W. Grimes, G. Rumsey. After service 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. G. Rumsey, G. Rowe, jun., J. Brady, W. Groom, W. Rumsey, W. Grimes, C. Brunning, G. Symonds. On Monday, September 22nd, on the occasion of Lord Kitchener passing through to Aspal, the birthplace of his mother, 768 Double Norwich. G. Rumsey, W. Grimes, J. Brady, W. Rumsey, G. Rowe, jun., J. Rumsey, W. Groom, W. Crickmer.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GALLEYWOOD (Essex).—On Sunday, September 28th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. Dawson, A. H. Watson, H. Richell, W. Rowland, W. Newman, W. J. Piper, A. Whight, G. Cornell.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—On Thursday, September 4th, at the residence of A. Symonds, on handbells, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. S. Symonds, F. G. Symonds, E. Simpson, H. S. Symonds, A. Symonds conductor. On Wednesday, September 10th, 720 Bob Minor. Miss Minnie Symonds, J. S. Symonds, E. Simpson, H. S. Symonds, A. Symonds conductor. This is believed to be the first time a lady has taken part in a 720 in the diocese of Ely. On Wednesday, September 17th, 720 Bob Minor, standing as before. On Monday, 22nd, 720 Bob Minor. J. S. Symonds, E. Simpson, A. Symonds conductor, H. S. Symonds.

THE LATE JOHN DAY,

The members of the St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham have decided to erect peal-tablets in the towers of St. Martin and Aston and Harborne parish churches, to commemorate the muffled peals rung as a mark of respect to the above. The executive therefore take this opportunity to inform the country members of the Guild wishing to subscribe that subscriptions may be sent to and will be acknowledged by the Honorary Secretary, W. H. Godden, 61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, or to any of the Guild's officers.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 28th. Business meeting afterwards.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Birstall to-day, Saturday, October 25th. Bells at liberty from 3 to 9. Business meeting at 7 o'clock at The Bull hotel.

CHARLES PRATT, *Sec.*

Park View, Calverley.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Feering to-day Saturday, October 25. Tea at 5 o'clock at The Bell inn. A conveyance will leave Kelvedon station at 3.40 for Feering, returning in time to catch the 7.35 up train. Coggeshall and Kelvedon towers will be open for ringing during the day. Officers for next year will be elected.

ERNEST W. BECKWITH, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Erith to-day Saturday, October 25th. Tower will be open from 3 to 9 p.m. The business meeting will be held after tea, and half-railway fares up to 2s. will be allowed.

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

Barnehurst, Bexley Heath, Kent.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Bristol Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Mangotsfield, to-day, Saturday, October 25 (6 bells). The Vicar (Rev. A. N. Sharpley) will hold a short service at 4 p.m., to be followed by a business meeting.

C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup to-day, Saturday, October 25th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.

W. ASHWORTH, *Branch Sec.*

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 28th, at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As there will be business of an important nature to transact the attendance of every member is earnestly requested.

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

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The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Autumn Meeting will be held at Chipping Norton to-day, Saturday, October 25th. Evensong 4.30.

J. F. BARLOW, *Organising Secretary.*

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Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Silver Jubilee.—The twenty-fifth annual festival will be held in Newcastle on Monday, October 27th. The committee would urge all members to attend on this auspicious occasion. The bells at the disposal of visitors are those of the Cathedral (10 bells), and St. John's (all day); All Saints and St. Stephen's, 5 to 9 p.m.; St. George's, 9.30 till 1 p.m.; and St. Mary's, Gateshead, all day, if rehanging is finished. Committee meeting 12 noon in choir vestry; service in Cathedral Lady Chapel at 1.30 p.m. with address by the Lord Bishop of Newcastle. Dinner at Hotel Metropole at 2.30 prompt, followed by General Meeting.

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Christ Church Guild, Eastbourne.—The above Guild will resume practices for the winter months on Tuesday evening next, October 28th, at 7.30 sharp.

GEORGE H. HOWSE, *Hon. Sec.*

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Stroke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Leek on Saturday, November 1st. Members who intend being present are requested to give notice to Mr. T. Turner, 8, Jubilee Terrace, off West Street, Leek.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Southgate on Saturday, November 1st, by kind permission of the Rev. J. Beardall. Tea will be provided, as usual, at The Cherry Tree hotel. The bells will be raised about 3.30 p.m. The Hon. Secretary requests the attendance of all who can conveniently come, and to be notified of their intention.

ARTHUR T. KING, *Hon. Sec.*

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The Autumnal Meeting will be held at Kidlington, on Saturday, November 8th. Particulars by circular.

F. P. POWELL, *Hon. Sec.*

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. The 26th annual dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 8th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. 6d. each) may be obtained of Messrs W. H. L. Buckingham, E. A. Davies, F. E. Dawe, W. E. Garrard, E. Horrex, H. P. Harman, A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, E. H. Oxenham, W. H. Pasmore, J. Pettit, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, or

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St. Peter's Church, Tunbridge Wells.—The practice night at the above church will be on Tuesdays at 7.30 instead of Thursdays, until further notice.

W. LATTER, *Captain.*

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT OLDBURY.—This peal was arranged and rung to honour the birthday of Mr. J. W. Parish, the respected Master of the Oldbury band. After the peal a hot supper was served at The Talbot hotel, which was very welcome and much enjoyed. Mr. Spittle proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Parish for so kindly entertaining the ringers that evening, finishing his speech by singing the old well-known song—"Many happy returns of the day," the company joining heartily in the chorus. Mr. Parish suitably and briefly responded, and a very pleasant evening was afterwards spent.

THE PEAL AT DEVIZES.—This is believed to be the first peal ever rung on the bells of St. John's church, and was well-struck throughout. Very great credit is due to the whole band, but especially to the ringer of the 7th, not on account of any intricacy in the method, but because the state of the bells is such that none but experienced ringers can get anything like true striking out of them, and then only by violent physical exertion, particularly at the heavy end, such as but few men are capable of enduring for three hours at a stretch. The state of the frame can be imagined since it took two men to ring the tenor, which at the highest computation only weighs 24 cwt.

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THE PEAL AT CHISLEHURST.—This peal was attempted on Saturday, October 18th, with Mr. T. Durling conducting, who had to abandon the attempt owing to the strain on an injured leg being too great, after ringing 1680 changes. Mr. Durling, it may be mentioned, is in his 70th year, and this is his fiftieth year as a ringer at this church.

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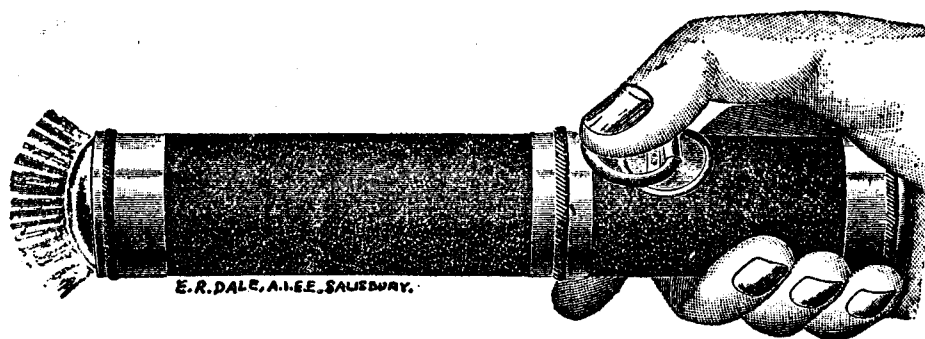
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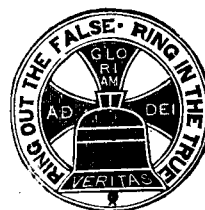
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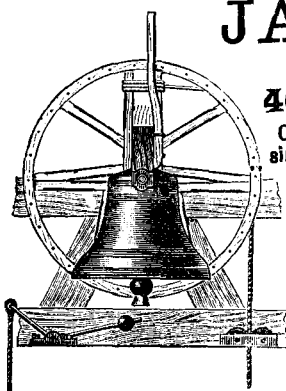
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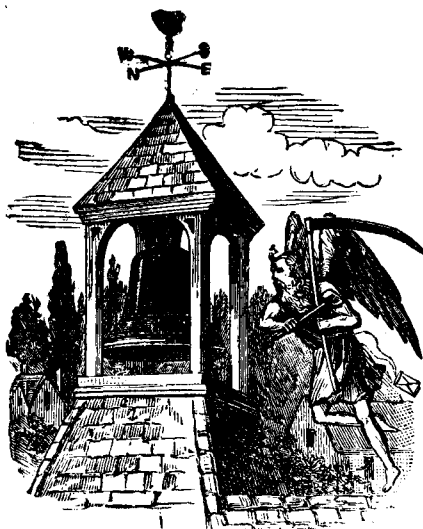
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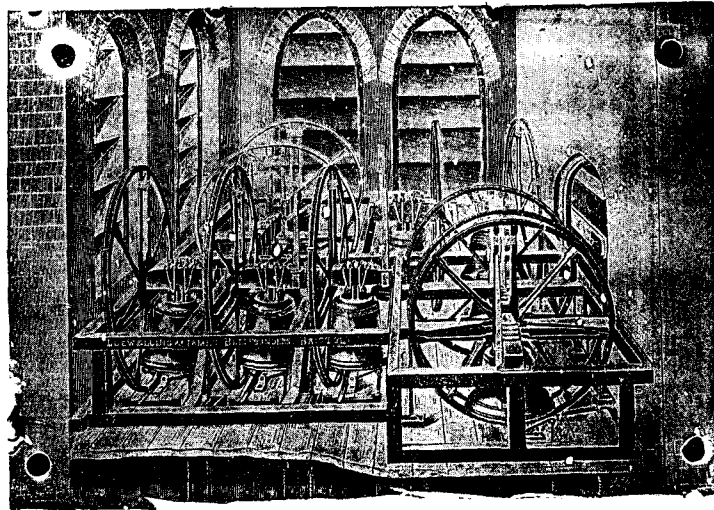
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THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

DEBENHAM (Suffolk). St. Mary. Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells. Treble by Mears, 1891; 5th by the same, 1793; the rest by Lester, 1761. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were rehung with new fittings by Day, 1880. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, and Double Norwich. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.45, and 5.30 to 6.15. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

DEDHAM (Essex). St. Mary. Eight bells. No return.

DEPTFORD (Kent). St. John. Eight bells. No return. St. Nicholas. Kent County Association. Eight bells. No information given as to dates or founder. Tenor 22 cwt., reputed upwards of 700 years old (!) Timber frame. Bells are not pealable. Clocking permitted. Soundbells much worn. Nothing known to have been done at the the ring, at least during past 25 years. Ringing-chamber in wretched condition. Ropes bad. No half-pull ringing, Sunday ringing, or practice. A very poor parish.

DENHOLME (Yorks). St. Paul. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, the 7th, 1846, the rest 1876. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. 2nd bell repaired by Shaw, 1901. Church authorities always ready to listen to recommendations. Ropes new 1898, poor. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 9.45 to 10.30, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: occasionally in winter.

DERBY. St. Alkmund. Midland Counties Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Mears, 1846; 3rd by the same, 1844; 4th no date stated; 5th, 1588; 6th, 1586; 7th, 1624; no founder of these four mentioned. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in., by Taylor, 1872. Timber

frame. Bells go well. Ropes fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 10.40, and 6 to 6.25. Practice: Friday, 7.30.

St. Andrew. Midland Counties Association. Eight bells. All by Mears. Treble, 3rd, 7th and tenor, 1881; 2nd, 1879; 4th, 1878; 5th, 1872; 6th, 1866. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Bells were overhauled by Mears, 1893. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

St. Luke. Midland Counties. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1875. Tenor 32 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Various improvements have been suggested, but not effected owing to want of funds. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11; and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

KINGSNYMPTON, DEVON.

The formal re-opening of the restored and augmented peal of bells at Kingsnympton parish church took place on a recent Tuesday, and with it the annual festival of the Southmolton Deanery Ringers Association, a jumble sale, tea, and dance were associated, so that the day was full and interesting for the parishioners and residents of the surrounding district. The peal originally consisted of five bells, all cast in 1724 by Evans, of Chepstow, with a tenor of about 15 cwt. The framework in which the bells hung and the fittings generally had got into a most deplorable condition, and it became absolutely necessary to secure a new cage and incidental apparatus. The parish is purely agricultural, and, a large sum of money having already been subscribed for other much-needed improvements in connexion with the church, the new burden was particularly heavy. But very generous help was afforded by parishioners and other sympathising friends, and the work of restoring the peal and increasing it by a new treble to one of six bells was entrusted to Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury. The contract, despite many difficulties, owing to the position of the cage on the coping stones of the base of the tower and the immediate proximity of a wooden spire, was most successfully accomplished, and the new oak framework and fittings possess great rigidity, neatness, and smoothness. The new treble was cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and forms a capital splice.

The special service held in the afternoon was largely attended. The clergy taking part were the Revs. J. A. Hull (rector of Kingsnympton), J. H. Thompson (Romansleigh), A. Winniffrith (Mariansleigh), and Maitland Kelly, of Kelly (president of the Devonshire Guild). The latter preached. He remarked that bells and belfries had been very much neglected in the past, and he rejoiced to see how on all sides at the present time restoration and reform was being undertaken. He was thankful that the Deanery Bellringers' Association was being continued, and that the annual gatherings were so successful. It was im-

portant that ringers should meet together once a year and offer united prayer and praise, ask acceptance of the work of the preceding twelve months, and blessing upon the work which they hoped to do in the future. He impressed upon ringers that their work was a definite undertaking for God: that they should ring regularly for Sunday services and festivals: that they should avoid discord and seek union, which would bring strength; and that they should make a point of attending worship. The collection amounted to 30s. and was in aid of the bell restoration fund.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, October 11th, some ringers visited the above parish church for the purpose of fixing a tablet on which was recorded the first peal rung on the bells. At 5 p.m. they were met in the belfry by the Rector, the Rev. A. Beal, Mr. J. Pratt (churchwarden), and some local ringers. The proceedings were opened with prayer, after which Mr. L. Longney, in a few words, explained the object of that meeting, and asked the Rector to unveil the tablet.

The Rector then drew the curtain on one side, exposing the tablet to view, and said how pleased he was to perform that little ceremony. He congratulated them on their success, for it seemed to him that ringing required a great deal of study, perseverance, and endurance. He hoped that it would act as an incentive to the local ringers to go and do likewise, and that he should visit the belfry on many future occasions.

Sir C. Johnson, G.C.B. (churchwarden), was absent owing to indisposition.

The tablet recorded: "That the first 5040 of Bob Major in 3 hrs. 10 mins. was rung on these bells on August 23rd, 1902, by the following ringers: W. Powell, *Treble*; A. Hill, 2; L. Longney, 3; H. Salisbury, 4; W. C. Jones, 5; A. Hadley, 6; H. Wilkes, 7; W. H. Johnson, 8. Conducted by L. Longney. Rev. Arthur Beal, Rector; Sir C. Johnson, G.C.B., Joseph Pratt, Churchwardens."

The bells were then rose in peal, and a 504 and 378 Grandsire Triples, a course of Bob Major and two courses of Stedman Triples were rung ere train time brought their visit to a termination. The ringers were: L. Longney (conductor), T. Bond, E. Gibbs, A. Hadley, A. Hill, B. S. Hill, W. H. Johnson, W. Powell, and H. Salisbury. Mr. W. C. Jones and H. Wilkes were unavoidably absent.

It might be added that until recently the six bells were in the old church tower in rather a bad state. Acting on the advice of Mr. L. Longney they were (with two added to complete the octave), placed in a new frame in the new church tower. The "go" of them is excellent, and Uptonians should be as proud of their little peal of bells as they are of the fine church and tower that holds them.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27th, a quarterly and committee meeting of the above took place at King's Norton, members being present from Birmingham, Bromsgrove, Brierley Hill, Coseley, Dudley, Great Comberton, King's Norton, Netherton, Old Hill, Pershore, Stoke Prior, Tip-ton, Wollaston, Worcester, etc. The special Association

Evensong was intoned in the church, and a very interesting and excellent address was delivered by the Rev. E. W. Barnard, Vicar, from the words, "Faithful in a very little," St. Luke xix, 17, in which the rev. gentleman pointed out how the small things in everyday life, either for good or evil, soon began to show the character of each individual living in God's universe, and exhorted those present to be found faithful in their duties when handling the ropes in the belfry, and to each other, so that the bells would send forth their sweet melody with no uncertain sound, and then their services would be acceptable in the sight of God, and they like the steward in the parable would receive their reward with the "Well done thou good servant."

A free tea was served in the old schoolroom by Mrs. Barnard and her maids from the vicarage, to which about fifty sat down to the good things provided. Tea being over the Vicar called upon the Hon. Secretary to read the minutes of the previous meeting, which after being read were confirmed. Several new members from Croome, King's Norton and Surrey were added to the roll. Messrs. A. E. Parsons (Old Hill), and W. Micklewright (Dudley), were appointed Auditors for the ensuing year. After some discussion it was decided to hold the next meeting at Cradley in January 1903.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for his able and practical address at the service, for presiding over the business meeting, and for the use of the schoolroom, tower and bells; also to Mrs. Barnard for her service in arranging the tea and seeing to it being served with so much precision to the entire satisfaction of all present; and also to Mr. Theodore Pritchett, Master of the King's Norton Guild, for his generosity and kindness in providing such a bountiful repast for the members present. Touches in various methods, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob Major, etc., was rung upon the tower bells during the afternoon and evening.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED.

The monthly meeting was held at Birstall, but owing to bad weather only a few ringers turned up. Ringing during the evening was indulged in, Treble Bob being the method, Mr. Marshall (the curate) making one of the band. A short business meeting was held at the Bull, the President in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were passed as read. On the proposition of Mr. Clayton, a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and the local company for their kind arrangements were carried unanimously. Mr. Stainthorpe, on behalf of the local company, gave all a hearty welcome. Some handbell ringing in Major and Minor, the striking being very good, brought the evening to a close.

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GOLDEN WEDDING

OF MR. AND MRS. J. W. TAYLOR, SEN., OF LOUGHBOROUGH.

The Register of All Saints' church, Leicester, tell that on July 25th, 1852, Mr. John Taylor led to the altar Miss Brayley, and the two were wedded man and wife. Friday, the 25th of June last, therefore, saw the 50th anniversary of the event, when the bells of All Saints merrily heralded the same. Statisticians tell us that only one couple in about a thousand live to celebrate their golden wedding, and while the present instance is welcome enough in itself, it is doubly a cause for congratulation, knowing as ringers do all over the world that it is one of their own number—and one who has rendered such sterling service to the bell-ringing world—who has reached a milestone on life's journey to which few attain.

It was a fitting coincidence that Mr. John Taylor, senior, should commence life "in double harness" at the church of All Saints, Leicester. It may have been unknown at the time to the subject of our sketch, it may have been design or inspiration; but the fact remains that one of the earliest predecessors of the Loughborough foundry lies buried in the church. As was briefly stated in this journal a few weeks ago, Messrs. Taylor can look down the ages through four centuries of bell-founding; and it may be interesting at this juncture to review the antecedents of what is now the most colossal enterprise of its kind. John De Stafford, of 1370, is believed to have lived in Leicester, but William Millars was probably the first founder of note in this county. His business was in the parish of All Saints' in 1500. When Millars died, Thomas Newcombe succeeded to the business and married the widow. He was very successful in bell-casting, but died in 1520, and was, as stated above, buried in All Saints, where his tombstone, now fallen into decay and stripped by some petty thief of its brasses and emblems of his calling, is attached to the belfry wall. Founders of past centuries evidently aspired to civic honours, for Thomas Betts, Mayor in 1529, married Newcombe's widow, and is described as "Bellfounder of All Saints," and successor to Newcombe. He in turn was succeeded by his son-in-law, Robert Newcombe, who enlarged the foundry, and appears to have been a most enterprising man. He bought the big bell of Leicester Abbey at the dissolution, and was made Mayor in 1550. Dying in 1557 his son Thomas Newcombe carried on the craft for thirty years, then Robert, his brother, tried his hand at the trade. He cast the fourth bell at All Saints, on which reads—

"Robarte Newcombe mad me in 1586."

This also appeared on the treble of Gloucester Cathedral. Edward Newcombe appears to have been in partnership with "Robarte," and Mayors must have been cheap in those days, for Edward was elected to that position in 1599. The Newcombes were evidently very prolific, for several sons assisted in the foundry, and one of them, with Oldfield, of Nottingham, cast a former "Great Tom of Lincoln" in the Minster yard in 1610. The fourth bell of St. Mary's, Oxford, bears a famous inscription of the Leicester founders:

"Be yt knowne to all who doth me see,
That Newcombe of Leicester made me 1612."

In the last decade of the sixteenth century one Francis Watts commenced in the bell-casting business in Gallowtree Gate, Leicester, and in a small way was a rival to Newcombe. His son Hugh Watts contracted an alliance by marriage with the Newcombes, and ultimately

succeeded to both foundries in 1613. He adopted the old trade mark—three bells on a shield. Hugh Watts had grit in him, and his bells can be found all over England, nearly 200 existing in Leicestershire alone. In 1633 he recast the old six bells of St. Margaret's. He also wore the Mayoral emblem the same year. Hugh Watts the younger followed his father, but not for long. He broke up the foundry. Then Curtis, an apprentice, carried on until 1650. The art was well-nigh lost, but a Thomas Clay arose about the year 1700, and after him came Edward Arnold, who revived the fortunes of the trade considerable. In addition to his Leicester business, Arnold had another branch of his foundry at St. Neots, Huntingdonshire. He cast a peal of eight bells for St. Martin's, Leicester, in 1781, the tenor of which is to this day an extraordinary fine-toned bell for her weight, 21 cwt. About this time Arnold took as an apprentice one Robert Taylor, who succeeded to the business towards the end of the eighteenth century. The foundry was built in the shape of a huge bell by Joseph Eayre, of St. Neots—also a founder—and about 1798 the Leicestershire works were closed, the whole of its operations being transferred to St. Neots.

The firm—now Robert Taylor and Sons, commenced a category of migration, first to Oxford, from thence to Buckland Brewer, Devon, and eventually about the year 1840 to Loughborough, Leicestershire, where the present day enormous business has been built up to such an extent that "Taylor, Bellfounder, Loughborough," can be sought for and found in any part of the world where bells exist.

During the past half-century big bells have again become fashionable. It is of world-wide knowledge that "Great Paul," the largest bell in the British Isles is the production of Messrs. Taylor. In the casting of "him" or "her" (?) (for bells are supposed to be feminine), more than twenty tons of metal were poured into the mould, and she ultimately turned the scale at 16 tons 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs.!

"Great Paul" stands 8 feet 10 inches high; across the mouth the tape measures 9 feet 6½ inches. Her dimensions were such that the railway companies refused to take her on the rails, and the bell with its fittings performed the journey from Loughborough to London—a distance of 110 miles by road—on a trolley built for the purpose, drawn by a steam engine.

Between the years of 1825 and 1858 no less than twenty-four rings of five, forty rings of six, eleven rings of eight, three rings of ten, and one of fifteen bells were cast and hung. This was the state of affairs when Mr. John Taylor, senior, was in his early manhood. It is thus interesting to compare even that flourishing condition with that of the next twenty-five years. Between 1858 and 1882 the foundry turned out seventy-six rings of five bells, ninety-one rings of six, fifty rings of eight, two of nine, five of ten, one of twelve, two of thirteen, two of sixteen, and two of twenty-one bells.

As practical change-ringers Messrs. Taylor have held by no means insignificant positions in the ringing community. When the Midland Counties Association was inaugurated, the Taylor family speedily contributed their quota of peals to its records. Mr. John Taylor, sen., at an advanced age, placed twenty-eight peals of Stedman Triples, Caters, and Treble Bob Royal to his credit, while the abilities of Mr. John Taylor, jun., are matters of common knowledge. His 100th peal was rung on Loughborough bells. On that occasion he conducted the first peal of Forward Royal ever rung. He has taken



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part in no less than 141 peals, among them being a record peal of 8800 Superlative Surprise Major, occupying 6 hrs. 16 mins. In this peal Mr. John Taylor, jun. rang the tenor, weighing 28 cwt., and this peal is still the finest heavy-weight performance in the method for the number of changes.

Whether the prophetic New Zealander will ever view the ruins of St. Paul's from London Bridge is a matter open to discussion, at all events he had better postpone his visit for a few centuries longer, as in any case he would be likely to find among the *debris* "tintinabulæ" directing him to a certain Loughborough foundry, where, according to appearances business will be "humming" as merrily as in the days of Newcombe. But then—Lord Macaulay forgot to mention bells! Mr. John Taylor, sen., has well earned his rest, but the bells are part of his life. The visitor can usually find him in some part of the vast works, and although ably assisted by his sons John and Denison, the old gentleman's existence is bound up in the great enterprise of a life-time. His career is justly crowned by the happy event of the golden wedding, about which the *Leicester Guardian* says:—

"To-day (Friday), Mr. John Taylor, senior, the head of the world famous Leicestershire Bell Foundry, celebrates his golden wedding. The venerable couple—Mr. and Mrs. Taylor—were married on July 25th, 1852, at All Saints' church, Leicester, where Thomas Newcombe, the famous bell-founder of the sixteenth century, lies buried. During Mr. John Taylor's career the bell yards at Loughborough have grown to extraordinary dimensions, and from the pits whence 'Great Paul,' the monster bell of St. Paul's, saw the light in 1881, have gone forth to all parts of the inhabitable globe, peals of bells, which tell of the motherland and chiefly of the Leicestershire bell foundry, which is undoubtedly the greatest the world has ever seen. The inscriptions on the bells of Christ Church Cathedral, New Zealand, tell that 'Taylor, Loughborough, Leicestershire, England, made me,' and the fanes of St. Paul's, London, Worcester, Dublin, Edinburgh, etc., speak of that craft which has been handed down through 400 years from 'Newcombe' to 'Taylor.' From many steeples, in all parts of the country, will peal forth congratulations for the happy event of the day."

"Peal" they did, at All Saints—five bells—720 changes of Doubles were rung, three of the ringers being of those who rang at the silver wedding. At St. Margaret's, Leicester, a touch of 1852 Grandsire Caters (the date of the wedding year) was rung, and it is pleasant to feel that Mr. and Mrs. Taylor will pass their remaining years in the knowledge that they have the sincere friendship and best wishes of every member of the bell-ringing world.

W. WILLSON.

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."

NON-RECOGNITION OF PEALS.

SIR,—I shall be glad if you will call attention to the facts below:

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Bishop Ryder's church Birmingham, on August 18th;

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at the church of The Holy and undivided Trinity, Lenton, Nottingham, on August 25; and

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. John's church, Perry Barr, on September 13th;

Will not be recorded as peals by the Midland Counties Association.

W. E. WHITE.

"THE GO-OFF IN STEDMAN."

SIR,—Pursuing this subject, I note the following in Mr. Carter's letter in your issue of the 18th October: "What would the

Exercise think of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung with the interior places made nine changes from starting?"

I cannot answer the question, but either such procedure would violate the method or it would not, and if the latter it cannot be open to any valid objection on principle. But I do not at present understand how such an arrangement can be made without violating the method.

Both Stedman and Grandsire are extensions of three bell work, and therefore naturally both make a three-bell work start. In Stedman the three bell work predominates so that it is continuously going on throughout, whereas in Grandsire the three bell work is subordinated to the hunt. Therefore while in Stedman various alternative starts of the three bell work are available, in Grandsire there is but one, and that one must be adhered to, as it seems to me, unless the method is to be destroyed. In other words, if the three bell work start is not made the method is not Grandsire at all, but something else, as the three bell work is an essential characteristic. It may be urged that the conditions of the method would be observed by doing three bell work somewhere—no matter where—within the compass of a lead; but even so I do not quite understand how Mr. Carter proposes to do this by making places when the treble is in 5th place coming down. Very possibly I have not altogether understood Mr. Carter's meaning on this point, and I shall be interested to read any further observations from him if he deems it worth while to make them.

R. A. DANIELL.

SIR,—My final reply to Mr. Daniell on the above. There are sixteen different ways of going into changes, which I consider is quite plenty to upset any ringer. "This is all."

JOHN CARTER.

SIR,—If method was rung "as 'tis written," all peals in the same would be the same number as its senior method, Grandsire. There is little doubt that when the method was first practised by our ancestors, they in their conservative way kept to the Grandsire start, and the modern ringers, who are more conservative than the ancients, still keep to the same practice, which enables them to obtain peals in any given number of changes while still adhering strictly to the method. By all means let well alone. Go off and finish at any change of the sixes. No other method will allow of the same privilege that is any good.

JOHN ROGERS, Senior Cumberland.

THE ODD-BOB PEAL.

SIR,—Too much has been claimed for this peal, and I beg to enter my humble protest to these claims. Looking at the figures of the peal we find the 7th at home every fourteenth six after the third course. She is never disturbed from one path after that point; a very good observation, it must be admitted, in a necessarily difficult peal. Five calls in each course are fixed calls, leaving sixty pairs of bobs (no singles to locate) to be distributed over the peal. To do this I admit is difficult, but, I put it to Mr. Carter that there are compositions more intricate in Stedman and other methods, if by "intricate" Mr. Carter means difficulty of calling. But it is the "total eclipse" claim that I object to; that is, taking precedence of every other known performance on seven bells.

To ring a pair in a silent peal is many times more difficult than to call the same thing. Now when we consider that all the band are on the same footing in such a peal, and that such peals as Heywood's No. 6, and Lates's have been rung in this fashion, it makes the performance in question little if anything short of unbeatable if the claim is to hold good, and I leave it to the Exercise at large to decide whether our Birmingham friends have not been unreasonable in making these claims.

G. CLEAL.

FALSE PEAL.

SIR,—I regret to point out that the peal of Treble Bob Major rung at Stockton-on-Tees on October 7th is false. The composition—a one-part by Noonan, in Shipway—repeats at bobs middle, and was unfortunately called by me a few years ago.

WILLIAM WILLSON.

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Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHIPLEY.—On Sunday, October 12th, at St. Paul's church, a date touch of 1902 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Joyce, T. B. Kendall, J. Palframan, J. Lilly, H. Sugden, J. Broadley, J. A. Ross, G. A. Nettleton. Composed by B. T. Copley and conducted by J. A. Ross. The above was rung to honour the 70th birthday of Mr. J. Lilly, who has rung at Shipley for over fifty years, and still takes his place with the company every Sunday. On Monday, October 13th, another date touch, to honour the birthday of Mr. Thomas Lilly, brother of the above-named John Lilly, who has been a ringer at the above church about forty years, but has had to give up owing to ill health, was rung in 1 hr. 9 mins. F. Palframan, T. B. Kendall, J. Palframan, J. Lilly, H. Sugden, J. Broadley, W. Joyce, J. Joyce.

Miscellaneous.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST.—On Sunday, September 28th, for the Harvest Festival, 720 Duke of York. E. J. Pressling, H. Churchill, E. J. Boxall, A. B. Bennett, W. R. Madgwick, T. Stroud conductor. And 720 Woodbine. C. Best, A. B. Bennett, T. E. Ellis, W. R. Daniells, T. Stroud conductor, J. Lee. On Tuesday, September 30th, 720 Oxford. Rev. H. Wheat, E. J. Pressling, C. Best, A. B. Bennett conductor, W. R. Madgwick, T. Stroud.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—On Sunday, August 17th, for Divine Service in the morning, 575 Grandsire Caters. H. Wright, J. Rowbotham, T. Flint, H. Ellis, W. Blyth, R. Christian, W. Tydeman, D. Hayward conductor, A. Jacob, F. Pestell. For evening service 503 Grandsire Caters. R. Christian, J. Rowbotham, T. Flint, H. Stanley, W. Tydeman, D. Hayward conductor, A. Warnes, S. Tillett, A. Jacob, F. Pestell. On Tuesday, August 19th, for practice, 288 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Rowbotham, H. Ellis, R. Christian, T. Flint, W. Tydeman, A. Webber, D. Hayward, A. Jacob conductor. And a course of Grandsire Cinques. H. Wright, T. Flint, W. Rowbotham, H. Ellis, R. Christian, A. Jacob, W. Tydeman, W. Secrett, D. Hayward, A. Webber, J. Matthews, F. Pestell. On Saturday, August 23rd, an afternoon outing was arranged, the destination being Somerleyton. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung. D. Hayward, A. Webber, R. Christian, E. Todd, T. Flint, A. Jacob conductor. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Offord, R. Wilson, J. Ramsey, D. Hayward conductor, E. Todd, T. Flint. And touches of Plain Bob. After this the inner man was attended to, and a jolly evening spent with the local company. A move was then made to Yarmouth. On Sunday, August 24th, 324 Grandsire Caters. W. Wright, R. Christian, T. Flint, J. Godfrey, W. Blythe, W. Secrett, D. Hayward, A. Jacob, M. Fenson. For evening service a touch of Bob Royal. H. Wright, R. Christian, J. Godfrey, T. Flint, R. Spalding, E. Elliott, W. Secrett, A. Webber, D. Hayward, A. Jacob. On Sunday evening, after Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Christian, J. Godfrey, A. Webber, T. Flint, D. Hayward, A. Jacob conductor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

FARNHAM (Essex).—On Sunday, October 5th, at St. Mary's church, six members of the Stansted company paid a visit to this place, and rang on the occasion of the Harvest Festival 720 Superlative Surprise 240 Oxford Treble Bob, 72 Kent Treble Bob. W. Prior, J. Luckey, G. Gray, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. After service 720 York Surprise. W. Prior, G. Jordan, G. Gray, J. Luckey, T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. First 720 in the method on the bells; This makes W. Watts's 3320th 720. A 6-score of Stedman Doubles. T. Jordan, W. Prior, J. Luckey, G. Gray, W. Watts conductor, G. Jordan.

BRAINTREE.—On Thursday, October 9th, at St. Michael's church, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, but after ringing 4600 changes in 2 hrs. 40 mins., one of the band was suddenly taken ill and brought to an abrupt conclusion what promised to be an excellent peal. A. Cutmore, A. B. Wiffen, E. F. Slade, C. H. Howard, conductor, P. Holmes, G. Sentance, W. Grimwade, H. J. Collins. On Sunday, October 12th, for morning service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Webb, A. B. Wiffen, C. H. Howard conductor, P. Holmes, H. Pilcher, G. Sentance, H. Coote, H. J. Collins.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WILBURTON.—Recently, at the parish church, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor. A. Hill, H. W. Sharpe, H. Markwell, G. Howe, R. G. Dewey, W. J. Goss. In the afternoon 720 Oxford Treble Bob.

J. Markwell, Joseph Markwell, H. W. Sharpe, A. Markwell, R. G. Dewey, W. J. Goss. For evening service 720 College Single. E. R. Prichard, R. G. Dewey, J. Markwell, H. Markwell, H. W. Sharpe, W. J. Goss.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

REIGATE.—On Saturday, August 9th, 545 Stedman Caters. P. Knight, F. Linter, F. Hoad, sen. conductor, G. Thompson, H. Card, G. Croucher, W. Argent, F. Hoad, jun., H. Reeves, H. Ewins. A 936 Grandsire Caters. F. Hoad, jun., H. Thorpe, H. Ewins, F. Hoad, sen. T. Brown, G. Huggett, W. Argent, T. Sparkes, H. Reeves conductor, G. Thompson. And 880 Kent Treble Bob Royal. H. Ewins, F. Hoad, sen. conductor, H. Thorpe, G. Huggett, H. Card, G. Thompson, W. Argent, T. Sparks, H. Reeves, F. Hoad, jun. And a course of Kent Treble Bob Royal. H. Ewins, F. Hoad, sen., G. Thompson, F. Hoad, jun., G. Croucher, G. Huggett, W. Argent, T. Sparks, H. Card, H. Reeves. And 324 Stedman Caters. P. Knight, F. Hoad, sen. conductor, H. Thorpe, G. Huggett, G. Thompson. W. Argent, H. Card, H. Reeves, F. Hoad, jun., T. Sparks.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER.—On October 15th, for practice at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Triples, on the back eight, in 49 mins. T. Smith, W. Andrews, J. W. Elkins, W. H. Loveland, C. G. Lampard, C. Russell, W. C. Lampard conductor, D. Froome.

ASHOVER (Derbyshire).—On October 8th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Eastwood, T. Dent, A. Tomlinson, W. Buxton conductor, G. Beardow, W. Hopkinson.

BLACKBURN.—On Monday, October 6th, at the parish church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. T. Hundle, E. Duteson, M. Kearney, J. Hargreaves, W. E. Wilson, J. Watson, J. Walker, E. Walmsley. Rung as a farewell peal to M. Duteson, who is leaving for America.

TIDESWELL (Derbyshire).—On September 27th, the Ashover ringers rang 720 Bob Minor. T. Dent, A. Tomlinson, G. Beardow, W. Buxton, G. Eastwood, W. Hopkinson conductor.

GREAT BADDOW.—Recently, at the parish church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Rowland, A. Watson, W. Newman, H. Richell, C. Waskett, A. Richell, G. Green conductor, H. Brazier.

HODDESDON (Herts).—On Tuesday, September 9th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. E. J. Webb, I. Cavill, J. Puplett, C. Matthews, G. Barker, W. Cavill, H. G. Rowe conductor, A. Pearman. On Sunday, October 12th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. G. Rowe, I. Cavill, G. Radley, C. Matthews, J. Puplett, W. Cavill, S. Knight conductor, G. Plumer.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire).—On August 31st, for Divine Service at 6.30, 518 Grandsire Triples by Messrs. Wright, West, Gwinnett, Baker, Miles, Cole, Hale, and Hanks. On Tuesday, September 2nd, 672 Grandsire Triples by Messrs. Wright, Miles, Gwinnett, West, Baker, Coles and Hanks. On September 9th, 447 Triples by Messrs. Browning, Miles, Gwinnett, Baker, West, Cole, Hale and Wright. On Tuesday, September 16th, 1358 of Triples. T. Wright, S. Baker, A. Gwinnett, W. Hale conductor, C. West, F. Cole, W. Bateman, A. Hanks. On September 21st, Painswick Feast, a large number of ringers from various places visited Painswick and rung on the bells, and some very good ringing was done on the 8, 10, and 12 bells in Stedman and Grandsire methods. All were delighted with the excellent "go" of the bells, and the day being fine, a large number of visitors were present to hear the bells, and also to witness the ancient custom of the Sunday scholars joining hand to hand and encircling, or as it is called in Painswick, clipping the church, which was again this year successfully accomplished.

SAXLINGHAM (Suffolk).—On Sunday evening, October 5th, 720 Bob Minor. G. Aldis, H. Buckenham, R. Baldry, Rev. R. W. Pitt, J. Wilson conductor, A. Aldis. On Tuesday evening, October 7th, for the Harvest Thanksgiving, another 720 of Bob Minor. G. Aldis, H. Buckenham, R. Baldry, Rev. R. W. Pitt, J. Wilson conductor, A. Aldis.

STURMINSTER NEWTON (Dorset).—On Wednesday, October 22nd, at the parish church, for practice, 120 Bob Doubles. J. Rose conductor, J. Beal, J. W. Fry, T. J. Inkpen, S. M. Dodington, T. Burt. First 120 of Doubles with a bob bell by S. M. Dodington. After this another 120 of Bob Doubles, the ringers as before.

WIGSTON MAGNA (Leicestershire).—On September 20th, at All Saints church, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. J. W. Chandler, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 48 mins. W. H. Humberstone, A. Briers, J. W. Wilson, A. Roe, T. Humberstone conductor, P. Carter.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1902.

THE information published this week relative to the condition of the bells in the old parish of Deptford, Kent, is both meagre and unsatisfactory. It is strange that from the somewhat favorite church of St. John no returns were to hand, as it is a prominent centre of the County Association. The old church of St. Nicholas has "hung dead" for many years, though we seem to remember seeing, in a society peal-book, a record of a peal rung about the middle of the last century. What strikes the reader in connection with these bells is that the tenor is reputed to be upwards of seven hundred years old!

This is a wonderful statement. Evidently the church authorities of Deptford are not aware of the great antiquarian possession they have in their custody. Has not

the parish some resident antiquary, or one interested in the preservation (and restoration) of ancient monuments? A church bell, said to be 700 years old, allowed to become dilapidated and uncared for, is monstrous, if we consider that many reputed antiquities are carefully preserved which are nothing like so valuable or interesting as an ancient church bell.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of this division was held at Billingshurst on Saturday, October 11th. Owing to a wet day only eight members were present representing nearly as many towers, viz., Arundel, Brighton, Crawley, Heene, Petworth, and Pulborough. The bells were in swing soon after four o'clock, but the only method accomplished was Grandsire. At 5.30 an adjournment was made for tea, which was held at The King's Arms. The only business before the meeting was the minutes of the previous meeting, and the next quarterly peal. The Secretary said that he had written to the Vicar of Shoreham several weeks ago, asking permission for his bells, but up to the present he had not received any reply.

It was then proposed by Mr. Sutton, seconded by Mr. Netley, that Arundel be tried.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells brought the meeting to a close. A telegram was handed to the Secretary from Mr. Tompkins, that urgent business prevented his attendance.

On returning to the tower the members were joined by three of the local ringers, and several touches of Grandsire Triples were brought round. It may be added that these bells have recently been rehung and augmented to eight, go well, and ropes new, tenor about 18 cwt., but it appears that not much local interest is taken in change-ringing at the present time. It is hoped that the visit may incite their interest in this direction.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

On Tuesday, October 21, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 22½ cwt.

JAMES COTTIS* Treble.	*ALFRED J. T. CARTER .. 5.
ERNEST G. FENN* 2.	THOMAS FAULKNER 6.
GEORGE W. FAULKNER* .. 3.	CALEB FENN 7.
ROWLAND FENN 4.	EDWARD A. DAVIES .. Tenor.

Conducted by CALEB FENN.

*First peal in the method. This is the first peal in the method rung by a purely resident band on these bells, and was rung in honour of the marriage of Canon H. Hensley Henson, a former Vicar of the parish, which was celebrated at Westminster Abbey on the day previous. It was also rung on Trafalgar Day, and was R. Fenn's fiftieth peal.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 25, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt.

BENJAMIN FOSKETT .. Treble.	FREDERICK PERRIN 6.
HENRY DAINS 2.	JAMES DAVIS 7.
JOHN CHEESMAN 3.	ARTHUR HARDY 8.
THOMAS TITCHENER .. 4.	THOMAS LANGDON 9.
ALBERT PITTAM 5.	ARTHUR JACOB Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by ARTHUR JACOB.

Reference will be found on an her page.

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

On Saturday, October 25, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS, PIMLICO,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5038 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HENRY R. NEWTON .. Treble.	HENRY S. ELLIS 6.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS 2.	JAMES WILLSHIRE 7.
HARRY R. PASMORE 3.	FREDERICK DENCH 8.
ALFRED B. PECK 4.	JOHN W. GOLDING 9.
WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. 5.	JOHN N. OXBORROW .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and

Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

This is the conductor's fiftieth peal, reference to which will be found elsewhere.

The Provinces.

RAITHBY.—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 18, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently.

E. SELLERS* Treble.	W. F. HARWOOD 4.
H. BISHOP, JUN* 2.	E. CLAYTON 5.
W. BARKER* 3.	A. O. BARBER Tenor.

Conducted by A. O. BARBER.

First peal on the bells. *First peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 20, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES:

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	JAMES BOUGHTON 5.
CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 2.	HENRY ADCOCK 6.
ERNEST POPPY 3.	ALBERT G. WARNES .. 7.
EGBERT BORRETT 4.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by FREDERICK BORRETT.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 21, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

F. MASON Treble.	*E. A. W. POOL 5.
SAMUEL MASON* 2.	J. R. JONES 6.
C. SUMMERS 3.	H. MOORE 7.
G. ATKINS 4.	†C. GREEDY Tenor.

Conducted by H. MOORE.

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

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 21, 1902, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs.

FREDERICK MEE .. Treble.	ALFRED G. RIVERS 5.
GEORGE W. MEE 2.	EDWARD E. DIAPER 6.
REV. W. PEARSON* .. 3.	EDGAR RIVERS 7.
WILLIAM E. TYDEMAN .. 4.	CHARLES MEE Tenor.

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

*First peal in the method.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

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

On Tuesday, October 21, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

H. SIMMONDS .. .. .Treble.	E. J. MENDAY .. .. .5.
O. PORTER .. .. .2.	W. COOK .. .. .6.
T. NEWMAN .. .. .3.	E. W. MENDAY .. .. .7.
J. HANDS .. .. .4.	R. T. HIBBERT .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

This peal was arranged for Messrs. Porter and Cook, and this is their first peal.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On Thursday, October 23, 1902, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

GEORGE BULL .. .. .Treble.	FREDK. G. ATTENBOROUGH .. 5.
JOHN H. BENSTEAD 2.	ARTHUR WAKLEY 6.
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY 3.	WILLIAM WAKLEY 7.
EDWARD I. STONE 4.	GEORGE ROBINSON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WAKLEY.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, October 23, 1902, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

WILLIAM E. BRITTAN* ..Treble.	HENRY H. SOMMERVILLE .. 6.
THOMAS HORTON 2.	THOMAS J. ELTON 7.
SAMUEL REEVES 3.	ALFRED TURLEY 8.
JAMES E. GROVES 4.	JOHN C. ADAMS 9.
FREDERICK J. STEELE* .. 5.	JAMES HARES Tenor.

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

*First peal of Caters. This peal which is the first by this society on the bells, has the 5th and 6th each twenty-four times behind the 9th, and is supposed to be the first peal of Caters on the bells for upward of thirty years.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

ALFRED F. HILLIER ..Treble.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 5.
C. CLEVELAND ELLIS .. 2.	THOMAS H. HAIGH 6.
ROBERT C. HUDSON 3.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 7.
ERNEST E. FERRY 4.	OSWALD SIMM Tenor.

Conducted by C. CLEVELAND ELLIS.

The conductor, who hails from Edinburgh, herein calls his first peal. Mr. Haigh is of York Minster. Mr. Simm was afterwards congratulated on scoring a birthday peal.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 24, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

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

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1902, in Three Hours and Four 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.

WILLIAM PELLING ..Treble.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 5.
RICHARD W. HOATHER .. 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER .. 6.
ALFRED S. LANGRIDGE .. 3.	ROBERT J. DAWE 7.
THOMAS PRICE 4.	JOHN F. STEADMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

Rung to celebrate the sixty-third anniversary of the opening of the bells, and as a compliment to A. S. Langridge on his birthday and wedding-day.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT FIELDS* ..Treble.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 4.
SIDNEY COLEMAN 2.	WALTER FINEDON 5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 3.	EDMUND C. CHASTY .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal.

NEWNHAM-ON-SEVERN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, October 25, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT SELWYN ..Treble.	WILLIAM BURCHER .. 5.
JOHN AUSTIN 2.	ERNEST SMITH 6.
THOMAS SIMMONDS .. 3.	GEORGE BURCHER .. 7.
CHARLES SCRIVENS .. 4.	FREDERICK BLANTON .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1902, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qrs. 1 lb.

JOHN PACKWOOD† ..Treble.	JOHN MAIN 5.
JOHN J. MAWBY† 2.	THOMAS ABBOTT 6.
ALBERT LEONARD* 3.	THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 7.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 4.	§JAMES BAKER Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by THOMAS R. HENSHER.

§First peal on eight bells. †First peal of Grandsire. ‡First peal of Grandsire with a bob bell. *First peal.

PETTISTREE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Bob Minor, one of Kent, and four of Oxford Treble Bob.

ALFRED WARD ..Treble.	CHARLES KING 4.
HARRY BURCH 2.	†WILLIAM STEELE 5.
WILLIAM KING 3.	FRED WATLING Tenor.

Conducted by FRED WATLING.

†First peal.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 25, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS PEERS Treble.	TITUS BARLOW 5.
ALFRED POTTER 2.	HENRY MOSS 6.
JOHN POTTER 3.	JOSEPH POTTER 7.
WILLIAM LEVER 4.	WILLIAM DENNER Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

ARTHUR T. KING Treble.	JAMES ELCOMBE 5.
ROBERT P. KNIGHT 2.	SIDNEY MACEY 6.
ALBERT E. PASKINS† .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
FREDERICK H. PASKINS† .. 4.	GEORGE F. DOEL Tenor.

Conducted by W. W. GIFFORD.

†First peal.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1902, in Three Hours Two and a ½ Minute,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE TRIPLES,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt.

HARRY OLDNALL† Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER 5.
EDWIN MAPP† 2.	†REV. JAMES F. HASTINGS .. 6.
NOAH DAVIS 3.	†CHARLES BEAMAN 7.
WILLIAM PAGE† 4.	ALBERT THOMASON Tenor.

Composed by H. BURSTOW, and Conducted by THOMAS J. SALTER.

†First peal in the method. Rung on the nineteenth anniversary of the wedding-day of William Page.

PANGBOURNE, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor about 12 cwt.

ERNEST BRUCE Treble.	CHARLES GILES 4.
JOHN WEDGE 2.	WILLIAM HORNE 5.
JOHN BOWER 3.	FREDERICK RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK RICHARDSON.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED MILES Treble.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 5.
WALTER LONGSHAW 2.	WALTER LARGE 6.
WILLIAM BENNETT 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
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On Tuesday, October 28, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

ALFRED F. HILLIER .. Treble	ROBERT C. HUDSON 5.
C. CLEVELAND ELLIS* .. 2.	ROBERT S. STORY 6.
ERNEST E. FERRY 3.	WILLIAM HOLMES 7.
JAMES BAXTER 4.	HUGH D. DALL Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

* Of St. Mary's Cathedral Society, Edinburgh; first peal of Major.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 28, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

ALLEN H. TABER Treble.	EDWARD HARRIS 5.
EVERED J. WALSON 2.	FREDERICK GODDARD 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	HENRY BROWNING 7.
JOHN BASDEN 4.	ARTHUR HARDING Tenor.

Conducted by J. BASDEN.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 28, 1902, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM J. PIPER Treble.	ARTHUR HEAD 5.
THOMAS LINCOLN 2.	GEORGE W. PIPER 6.
ERNEST RUNTER 3.	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7.
HENRY HEAD 4.	EDWARD F. SLADE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. W. Piper, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 28, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

JOHN PEDDLE Treble.	WILLIAM H. JOINER 5.
REV. H. G. BIRD 2.	HENRY GOSDEN 6.
HENRY WAITE 3.	HENRY H. CHANDLER 7.
JOSEPH J. PRATT 4.	WILLIAM FOSTER Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH J. PRATT.

First peal on the bells.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Tuesday, October 28, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES.
Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM MOTTS Treble.	*LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6.
STEPHEN COOK 2.	*EDWARD T. DIAPER 7.
WILLIAM E. TYDEMAN* .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS 8.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM* .. 4.	EDGAR PEMBERTON 9.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 5.	*ALBERT GILLINGHAM .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This peal was arranged and rang especially to oblige Messrs. Tydeman and Diaper. *First peal of Grandsire Caters.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

The annual district meeting of the above was held at Erith, that favourite tower of North West Kent, on Saturday last, October 25th. Needless to say, everything was in order, owing to the good offices of Mr. J. Garrard, when ringing commenced, and several touches of Stedman, Double Norwich, etc., were rung before adjourning to tea. This, a substantial knife and fork repast, was served in the St. John's schoolroom (by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. G. A. S. Adams, who was, unfortunately, not able to be present in the capacity of chairman owing to indisposition), and full justice was done.

The business meeting was held immediately afterwards, Mr. E. O. Masters in the chair. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Woolwich on Saturday, January 31st, 1903.

Several new members were elected, after which the Hon. Secretary read his annual report, which shewed that thirty-nine peals had been rung.

Mr. George Conyard was re-elected district representative on the county committee, and Mr. J. E. Sykes, of 26, Bramblebury-road, Plumstead, was appointed Hon. Secretary in the place of Mr. P. E. Bex, who stated his reasons for wishing to retire. Mr. Barnett (Crayford) proposed, Mr. Hill (Woolwich) seconded, a vote of thanks to the retiring District Secretary. This was carried, and Mr. Bex briefly returned thanks.

It was decided that a vote of condolence to the family of the late Canon Murray, of Chislehurst, who was a hon. member of the Association, should be recorded in the minutes.

Mr. T. Groombridge proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Erith for permitting the use of the bells and schoolroom. This was carried amid applause.

Representatives from most of the towers in the district, and also members from other parts of the county were present to the number of about thirty.

Further touches of Superlative, Double Norwich, etc., on the Erith bells, and some ringing at St. Mary's, Woolwich, which was also placed at the disposal of members, brought a very enjoyable and successful meeting to a close.

All communications should now be sent to the new Hon. Secretary, at the above address.

Notices.

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Sroke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this Association will be held at Leek to-day, Saturday, November 1st.

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Southgate to-day, Saturday, November 1st, by kind permission of the Rev. J. Beardall. Tea will be provided, as usual, at The Cherry Tree hotel. The bells will be raised about 3.30 p.m. The Hon. Secretary requests the attendance of all who can conveniently come.

ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The Autumnal Meeting will be held at Kidlington, on Saturday, November 8th. Particulars by circular.

F. P. POWELL, Hon. Sec.

The Grammar School, Witney.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. The 265th annual dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, on Saturday, November 8th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. 6d. each) may be obtained of Messrs W. H. L. Buckingham, E. A. Davies, F. E. Dawe, W. E. Garrard, E. Horrex, H. P. Harman, A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, E. H. Oxenham, W. H. Pasmore, J. Pettit, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, or WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec. "Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the church of The Saviour, on Saturday, November 8th. Bells ready at 6 p.m. Meeting at 7.30. G. PINCOTT, Branch Sec.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above society will be held at New Mill, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, November 8th. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Meeting-house—The Duke of Leeds hotel. WALTER IDLE, Sec.

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

St. Peter's Church, Tunbridge Wells.—The practice night at the above church will be on Tuesdays at 7.30 instead of Thursdays, until further notice. W. LATTER, Captain.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER.—This peal of Royal music was rang in honour of a Royal occasion, as on this day King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra had just returned to Buckingham Palace after a royal drive through the City and South London, and dining with the Lord Mayor at the Guildhall. The performance also celebrated the 50th birthday of the Royal Cumberland Hon. Secretary, the band wishing him many happy returns and the conducting of many a future birthday peal.

MR. H. R. PASMORE'S FIFTY PEALS.—On tower bells: Grandsire Triples, 3; Caters, 1; Stedman Triples 5, conducted 1; Caters, 2, conducted 1; Cinques, 1; Bob Major, 1; Treble Bob Major, 1; Royal, 2; Maximus, 1; Double Norwich Royal, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 3; Cambridge, 6, silent 1; St. Stephen's, 1;

London, 9, conducted 1, silent 1. On handbells: Grandsire Triples, 2, conducted 2; Caters, 1; Stedman Triples, 2, conducted 1; Caters, 1, conducted 1; Bob Major, 3, conducted 2; Treble Bob Major, 1, conducted 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 2, conducted 2. Total—50; conducted 12; two silent peals.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The Rev. C. D. P. Davies has removed to Frertherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

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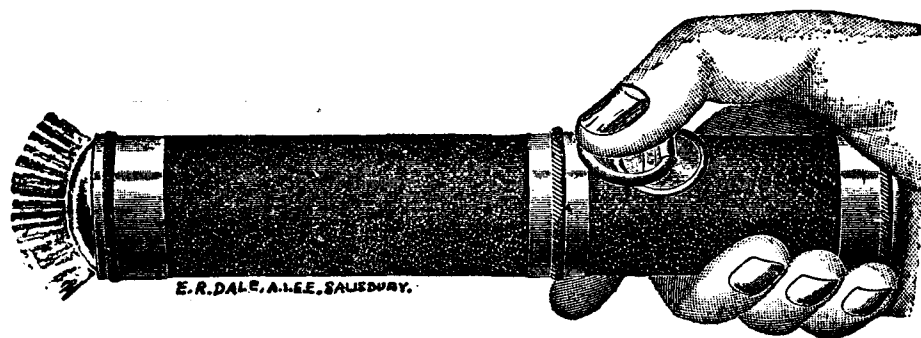
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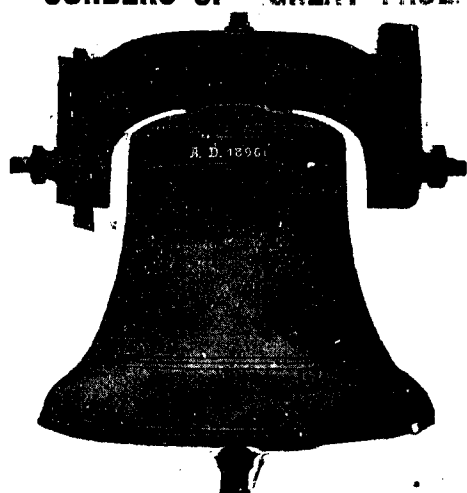
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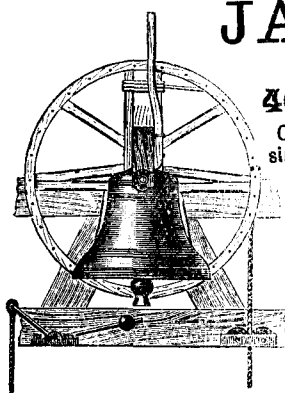
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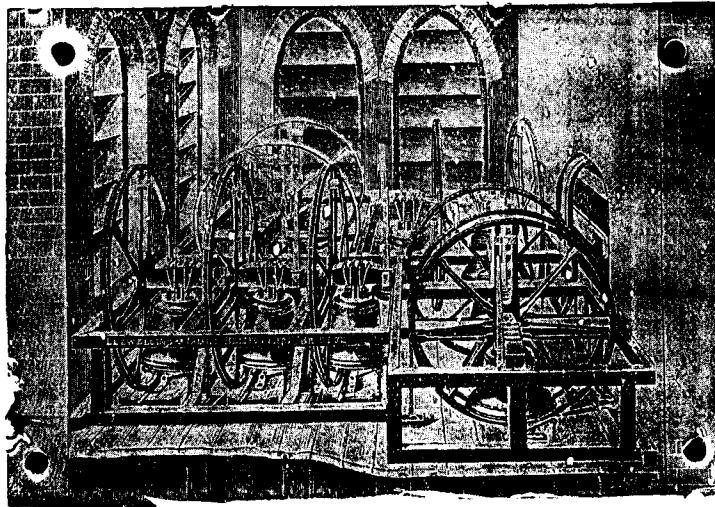
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

DERBY (continued). St. Peter. Midland Counties' Association. Eight bells. 6th, 1738; 7th, 1636. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in., 1769; no founders stated; the rest by Taylor, 1900. Iron frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Taylor, 1900, two trebles being added, and the 3rd, 4th and 5th recast. Ropes new 1902, good. Half-pull ringing commencing. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 10.45, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

All Saints. Midland Counties' Association. Ten bells. Treble and 4th by Newcombe, 1678; 2nd, 1687; 3rd, 1693; 5th by Oldfield, 1620; 6th, 1607; 7th, 1629; 8th, 1632; 9th by Oldfield, 1655. Tenor 32 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. Neither date nor founder stated. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Taylor with new fittings, 1887. Ropes fair. No half-pull or Sunday ringing. Practice: alternate Mondays, 7.30.

St. Werburgh. Midland Counties' Association. Eight bells. 6th, 1601; 7th, no date or founder stated; the rest recast by Mears, 1848. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Condemned as unsafe owing to state of frame, 1898. Want of funds prevents repair. Ropes new 1896, good. No further information.

DEREHAM, EAST (Norfolk). St. Nicholas. Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells. Treble, 1804; 2nd, 1785; 4th, 1834; 5th, 1804; 7th, 1864; all by Mears; 3rd, 6th, and tenor by Lester, 1753. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. General repairs by Day, 1884. Church authorities always ready to undertake repairs. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6.30 to 7. Practice: Thursday, 8.

DEVONPORT (Devon). H.M. Dockyard. No dedication mentioned. Devonshire Guild. Eight bells. The two

trebles by Banister, 1867; the rest by Pennington, 1770. Tenor 8 cwt., diameter 3 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Aggett, 1900. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: for 20 minutes before evening service. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30 for young hands; Saturday, 6, for old hands.

DEVIZES (Wilts). St. John. Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. The two trebles by Burrough, 1747; 3rd, 1677; 4th, 1610; 5th, no date; 6th, 1697; 7th and tenor, 1677; no founders mentioned. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Clocking permitted. Rehung by Llewellyns, 1880. Now under consideration to add two trebles and rehang the whole ring. Ropes, fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30 when enough ringers. Practice: Wednesday, 8.

DEWSBURY (Yorks). All Saints. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1875. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 10 ft. 6 in. (sic)! Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Shaw, 1899. Ropes good. Method: Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.30, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

DIBDEN (Hants). All Saints. Winchester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1887. Tenor 10 cwt. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes bad. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10.45 and 3.15. Practice: Monday, 7.30.

DIDSBURY (Lancashire). Christ Church. Chester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Mears. Date not given. Tenor 18 cwt. Timber frame. Bells go well. No repairs of importance have been done lately. Small matters attended at once. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. No practice.

DISS (Norfolk). St. Mary. Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells. All by Dobson. No date given. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were rehung by Day, 1894. Ropes new 1897, good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, Double Norwich. Sunday ringing: 1st in month 10 to 10.45, and 2.30 to 3. Practice: Tuesday, winter 7.30, summer 8. Visitors are welcome.

DEDICATION OF A NEW TOWER AND BELLS AT LEAMINGTON.

Thursday, October 30th, was a red-letter day in the annals of "Leafy Leamington," for it was the day set apart for the dedication of the new tower and peal of eight bells at the parish church of All Saints. Originally the church possessed a peal of six, housed in a wooden tower. Some years ago this tower was demolished with the view of eventually erecting a substantial stone tower, and the powers that be also grasped the opportunity to increase their bells to the octave. However, though it is well on the way for twenty years since the scheme was just put

under weigh, it was not until the present Vicar, the Rev. Cecil Hook, took up his position in 1896, that it took any definite form. The tower, which is from the design of the late Sir Arthur Blomfield, is on the south-west corner of the church, and rises to an height of 145 feet to the top of the pinnacles, and is 26 feet square.

Dedication day was opened with Holy Communion at 6, 7, and 8 a.m.; Matins at 8.30, and choral Eucharist at 11. At 1.30 there was a public luncheon in the Town Hall, presided over by the Vicar. Responding to the toast of "Prosperity to the Leamington Parish Church" the Rev. Cecil Hook expressed his pleasure at the support accorded him. He could not reply to all the good things said of him, but it rejoiced his heart that on every occasion of anything to do with the rev. chairman, its past Vicars were always with them. He rejoiced that Mr. Furneaux was with them, and also Dean Leigh—sitting between two bottles of champagne. Referring to the benefactions they had received, he mentioned that Mr. Badger had given them £100 and the new tenor, and had left them £1000 for decorative purposes; Mr. Hutchinson had given them £300 to hang the bells; the patron of the living (Rev. W. G. Wise) had given them £100 per year; the Misses Teulon had given them the treble; and, lastly, Mrs. Urquhart had given them £4060 towards the completion of the tower.

After the luncheon the Mayor and Corporation walked in procession to the parish church, where the dedication service was timed to commence at 3.30, the Bishop of Worcester officiating. The first portion of the service was performed inside the church, following which the procession reformed and marched to the front of the tower outside the church. The streets were lined with people, all vehicular traffic being stopped. The Bishop having dedicated the tower and bells, the "Old Hundredth" was sung, following which the bells were run round a few times on the Ellacombe apparatus. The Hallelujah Chorus and The Blessing concluded the ceremony. A public tea followed in the Winter Hall, to be succeeded by evensong at 8 p.m.

The tower is a fine structure of the Perpendicular style, and bears resemblance to Gloucester Cathedral. The old six bells (all by Mears, 1826), have had a treble and tenor added, and the old 4th recast, and are now a handy little eight with a tenor of 13 cwt. 1 lb. in F. The work was entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have undoubtedly carried it out in the usual good way for which they are noted. By the architects' wish the bells will not be rung for some few months yet, to allow the tower to "settle." In the meantime, however, endeavours are being made to have a company of ringers ready for the opening day, in which the Rev. Cecil Hook, the Rev. J. D. Cranstoun, and Dr. Miles Atkinson (churchwarden), are taking a lively interest. For some few weeks the coming ringers have been endeavouring to master the "intricacies" of Plain Bob on handbells, and in neighbouring towers. The whole of the new tower, including the bell-chamber and staircase, is lit by electricity, and every encouragement being given to the young ringers to take that interest and pride in it and its contents of which it is so worthy. It should be added that Dr. Miles Atkinson has kindly added a new peal of handbells to the equipment of the ringing-chamber, and that a dumb apparatus is being fixed.

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(EASTERN BRANCH.)

The quarterly meeting of the above branch was held at Raithby, near Spilsby, on Saturday, October 18th, and was fairly well attended. The day's proceedings were commenced by six members starting for a peal of Minor, which was successfully brought round in 2 hrs. 50 mins. This was followed by several 720s of Minor and some 6-scores of Grandsire by mixed bands. Divine Service was held at 4 p.m. conducted by the Rector (Rev. G. Ward). The ringers were complimented by the Rector and others on the excellent striking, and received a cordial invitation to visit Raithby again. It was intended to visit Hagworthingham (eight bells), where permission to ring had been given by the Rector (Rev. G. Ekins), but this part of the programme had to be abandoned for want of time. An excellent tea was provided at The Shades at Spilsby by host Shaw, to which full justice was done by those assembled.

The members take this opportunity of returning thanks to the rev. gentleman for the use of the bells, and to all and every one who in any way contributed to make the meeting both enjoyable and 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."

"THE GO-OFF IN STEDMAN."

SIR,—Mr. Carter's final reply seems to me singularly inconclusive, for although it be true that it would be puzzling to a ringer who had never practised any but one start to be suddenly told to start in any one of fifteen other ways, it by no means follows from this that no one ought to practise more than one mode of going-off. Mr. Carter tells us that to begin with a slow six has special advantages. Then by all means let these be made use of; but it surely cannot be seriously contended that if a performance of a peal so constructed takes place, Mr. Carter's peal of which we have just been hearing so much is never to be thereafter rung, and that the Rev. F. E. Robinson is to be thenceforward divorced from the composition which it gives him such intellectual pleasure to call. Believing that no more restrictions than those actually necessary should be imposed on the combinations of any scientific process, I respectfully differ from Mr. Carter, and agree with Mr. Lancashire.

I think that Mr. Rogers is hardly fair to the old ringers in attributing their adherence to Stedman's original pricking to a spirit of conservatism. The work of the seventeenth century may be said to have consisted of the invention of methods for five and six bells, and the work of the eighteenth was the extending these and other methods up to twelve-bell work, and a comparison of the "London Scholars' Book" at the beginning of the eighteenth century with "Shipway" in the early part of the nineteenth, shews us that between these periods there was a very active and remarkable progress; and it is not to be wondered at that composition had, so to speak, no time to develop all possible details. But every successive generation develops the application of every science in a progressive spirit, and I quite agree with Mr. Rogers that to adhere to any hard and fast line of go-off in Stedman now-a-days would be conservatism of an obstructive character. R. A. DANIELL.

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CELEBRATION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

Visitors to the Silver Jubilee bagun to arrive on the Friday previous, and Newcastle and District was kept warm with touches and peals from then till late on Tuesday night. Early on Monday morning, the 27th ult, a peal was attempted at St. George's, Jesmond, by eight original members of the Association, Kent Treble Bob Major, but it came to grief after an hours ringing. R. Alcock; Joel Hern; Johnson E. Hern; W. Patton; R. Moncastor; D. Shipp; W. Newton; and T. Stephenson, (conductor). Committee business was disposed of between 12 and 1 o'clock and at 1.30. Divine service was held in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral. The chapel was well filled and some twenty of the clergy, visitors and members attended in their robes. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. G. Drummond, curate of Blagden, Canon Gough, Vicar of Newcastle, (Dr. Jacob) gave the address from the 150th Psalm, 5th verse "Praise him upon the Loud Cymbals; praise him upon his sounding cymbals."

At the Hotel Metropole, 140 sat down to dinner at three o'clock, the Bishop of Newcastle taking the chair. He was supported by Canon Gough, the President (Mr. Story), Mr. C. C. Ellis of Edinburgh, Canons Duncan, Ross-Lewin, Southwell, Dr. Barrow, the Rectors of Hexham, Winlaton, Whickham, Chester-le-Street, the Vicars of St. George's Jesmond, Lynmouth, Cramlington, St. Ann's and St. Cabriel's Newcastle, Wylam, and Whitby; Messrs B. R. Blackburn, Whitby, W. Story, J. L. Browne, Sunderland, Johnson Hern of Reading and C. L. Routledge, secretary, N. Ferguson, Scarborough; also the Revs. J. M. E. Cooke, E. W. Dunn, G. W. Froggatt, E. G. Drummond, E. Hudson, G. L. Givilliam, R. D. Edwards, C. O. Brutton, P. Duckworth, etc, Messrs Hudson and S. O. Ferry occupied the vice-chairs. All round the tables were to be seen faces familiar to the association meetings, since the very commencement: an interesting momemto, in the shape of a reprint of the 1st annual report was given out to those present.

The chairman gave the toast of "The King and Royal Family." He said that His Majesty had returned thanks to God in St. Paul's Cathedral yesterday afternoon for his wonderful recovery. Meeting as they did, the day after the event, it was their desire to associate themselves with all those who were present at the ceremony and to say with all their hearts and souls "God Save the King." The toast was enthusiastically received, all rising and singing the National Anthem.

Mr. R. S. Story, (the President) in giving the toast of "the Bishops and Clergy of the two dioceses said that he had some little experience of their own little meetings, composed of about 50 or 60 personal and intimate friends; but on this occasion though perhaps they had not such intimate friends, they had as hearty and as honest friends in the persons of the Bishop and the Clergy. The members extended to the Bishops and Clergy their very heartiest welcome and even then he was very feebly expressing all they wished. He would point out to the Bishops and Clergy the keen anxiety of all the members to meet and see more of them at these meetings. The time was when only one or two of the clergy could be counted amongst their friends—those days were now past and ringers now held a very different position both in the church and in society. They, as the Bishop had said in his address, were now admitted as church-workers, which was a honorable and proud position and one to be lived up to. He coupled the toast with the names of the Right Rev. the chairman, and the Rector of Chester-le-Street (Mr. D. Moleynes) in the diocese of Durham.

The Bishop replied and acknowledged the kind manner in which the toast had been received. Continuing he said I assure you, it is with very great pleasure that I feel able to come and take some humble part in your twenty-fifth Anniversary today. I wish to express my very hearty God-speed to the Guild to which you belong. The whole aspect of bell-ringing is now different and you are now associated with all the other church-workers in your several parishes. Bell-ringing is a science which may be like any other gift, dedicated to God, and as I

ventured to say in Church to-day—we all of us, on behalf of the clergy, wish god speed in your career of service.

The Rev. A. B. de Moleynes, replied on behalf of the Bishop and clergy of the diocese of Durham. He congratulated the association on attaining its silver jubilee because the ringers as a body were most earnest church-workers—they for the most part came down and joined in the service to Almighty God, after ringing the bells upstairs. The association had a great deal to do with this present state of things in contrast to what it was in the past.

At this stage of the proceedings the Bishop departed and the President took the chair.

The committee's annual report and balance sheet, drawn up by the secretary (Mr. Routledge) was then read by Mr. S. O. Ferry. It dwelt at some length on the history of the past, mentioning that the society was founded in 1877 on the initiation of Messrs. G. J. Clarkson, of Stockton, W. Reed, of North Shields and Johnson Hern, of Hurworth, (now of Reading). Some very interesting statistics were given of the 325 peals scored by the Association, and the numbers of new peals of bells, peals rehung, augmented, recast, etc., etc. Reference was made to the good work done in the past by the late Mr. Francis Lees and the Rev. W. E. Houldey of St. John's Newcastle. The past years balance sheet showed that £6 13 8. to the good—the donor of Gosforth bells, Cecil Cochran Esq. had given £5 to the funds. Thirty-eight peals had been scored during the year in 12 methods, total points 538, averaging 14.15 per peal. Twenty-four members had rung their first peal, and 86 members in all had taken part. The only peal of Royal rung throughout the Empire on Coronation Day was rung at Newcastle Cathedral. The reports from the individual belfries were much above the average. The membership had increased to 436.

The Rev. J. M. E. Cooke (Gosforth), moved the adoption of the report and balance-sheet. He said in the course of a crisp speech, that although in the report he noticed some sly hits at the clergy, the fact that there were thirty or more present that day, entirely wiped out the stain on their character for not taking sufficient interest in bell-ringers in the past. They at Gosforth had most devoted ringers, and the ringers' pew was always full, and no doubt that state of things obtained elsewhere. The annual report, he said, was a real ovation and a real triumph for their worthy Secretary. He tendered his and also the members best thanks to the officers of the Association for their indefatigable work, and congratulated Mr. Routledge on the success of the meeting and on the presence of the Bishop and clergy.

Dr. Barrow, of Rotbury, suitably seconded the adoption which he said was most elaborate and satisfactory. He was one of the oldest members himself, but this was the first meeting he had ever attended, and he was more than delighted with the enthusiasm shown all round.

The President also paid a high tribute to the Secretary on the drafting of so exhaustive a report in regard to detail. He wished to say that letters of regret for absence had been received from the Bishop, and Dean of Durham, the Archdeacons of Auckland, Durham and Northumberland, Canons Tristram, Savage, Lipscombe, Blackett-Ord, Lister, Churchyard, Cooper, Brown and Bruce; the President and Secretary of the Central Council (Sir Arthur Heywood and Rev. C. D. P. Davies); the Master of the College Youths; the President and Secretary of the Norwich Association; the Presidents of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Associations; the Master of the Oxford Guild; the Secretary of the Cleveland Association; the Vicars of Auckland, St. John's and All Saints Newcastle, West Hartlepool, Brancepeth, Owslebury (Rev. C. Buston, late hon. sec. of the Association), Holy Trinity Darlington, Consett, Gainford, and Ashington; the Rectors of Hurworth, Gosferth, and Blaydon; also from Messrs. Musgrave, Ridley, A. J. Robinson, T. Clark (late vice-President), W. S. Hicks (ecclesiastical architect), J. F. Burnicle (Sunderland), J. H. Blakiston (late vice-President), Cecil Cochran, and Wm. Reed (first president), also the Revs C. Parkinson, W. M. Davidson, H. L. Whitley, etc.

Mr. Thomas Hudson proposed "Our Guests," coupled with Canons Southwell and Duncan. He was glad to welcome the friends who had come from greater distances, and was sorry that the churchwardens of his own church—Bishopwearmouth—could not be present on that grand occasion.

Canon Southwell said he had come from the diocese of Lichfield, and one of the happiest and most sacred of his memories was his connection with the bellringers' association there. He humorously explained how, once in the dim past, he had qualified in the Midlands as a practical ringer, and he hoped they would allow him to cease to be a guest and become a member of their Association. In the concluding words of the report he prayed that God would grant blessings in the future, as He had blessed the efforts of the Association in the past.

Canon Duncan also briefly responded.

The Secretary was instructed by the meeting to send to the Bishop their hearty feelings of thanks for his most interesting address, and for taking the chair in the early stages of that gathering.

The Rev. A. Boot, Vicar of St. George's, took the chair *pro tem.*, and then

Mr. C. Cleveland Ellis (Edinburgh), in very complimentary terms, proposed that the officers be reelected: Mr. Story as President; Messrs. Hudson and S. O. Ferry, vice-Presidents; Mr. C. L. Routledge Hon. Secretary and Treasurer; and Mr. William Holmes as assistant-secretary. Carried unanimously.

Mr. R. S. Story, on behalf of the re-elected officers, thanked the members for their continued confidence in their efforts.

Mr. S. O. Ferry, in a eulogistic address on the past work of the President (Mr. R. S. Story), said that he had now been elected for twenty successive years to preside over their affairs, and the members had decided to mark their high appreciation of this long service to the Association in a tangible manner by presenting him with a solid silver tea and coffee service, which he was sure Mrs. Story, no less than their worthy President, would appreciate highly as coming from that Association. Mr. Ferry then handed over the gift on a tray, which was engraved with a suitable inscription, wishing the President long life to enjoy it. Mr. Hudson supported the junior vice-president's remarks, and the company in the singing of "He's a jolly good fellow." The gift was accompanied by an illuminated album, inscribed with the names of the subscribers to the presentation fund.

Mr. Story most feelingly replied, and thanked them for their high appreciation of his services. His first interest had always been and always would be their Association, and he would never forget the happy times spent in connection with it.

The President announced the meetings for the forthcoming year as arranged in Committee. February meeting at Newburn, Whit-Monday at Rothbury, August at Barnard Castle, and the annual at Durham.

Mr. S. O. Ferry then detailed his "scheme of points for Sunday service ringing," by which it is intended to promote a healthy and vigorous competition during the year for premier place among the different belfries in union with the Association. This is to be for service ringing alone, and as this is the main object of a ringer's work, it is hoped excellent results will accrue, by raising both the standard of striking and the excellence of methods rung. Full details will appear in the annual report when issued in book form, and a printed copy of the regulations of the scheme will be sent to each belfry. This was discussed and unanimously adopted.

The Rev. A. Boot moved, and Mr. J. Baxter seconded, a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Newcastle for the use of the cathedral lady chapel for service, for the use of the choir vestry for the committee's requirements and for the use of the bells during the day. Also to the Rev. E. G. Drummond for conducting the service, and to the Vicars and church-wardens of the churches whose bells had been so kindly placed at the disposal of the members during the day.

Mr. Wm Story proposed and Mr. Geo Atkinson seconded that the three retiring representatives on the Central Council be re-elected, and as they were now entitled to 4 representatives, that Mr. C. L. Routledge be also elected. Carried *nem. con.*

Mr. Thos. Clark (Hull) was elected, on the proposal of the President, to be an honorary life member in consideration of his distinguished services to the Association in years gone by.

Forty-two members were elected at the meeting, among these being Canon Southwell, the Revs. Horatio Spurrier, P. Duckworth, R. D. Edwards, W. F. Cullen, and Messrs. Knox and Crawford, of Shildon. Nine new members from Shildon's new belfry also joined. Also Mr. Johnson Hern, of Reading, who

once more joins the Association after twenty-two years of absence. In thanking the members for his election, he explained that he was one of the fathers of the Association, and its first vice-president with Mr. Lees.

Thus ended a most enthusiastic meeting, and one which will long live in the memory of those who attended it. The bells of the town churches were kept going until a late hour of the night.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD OF BIRMINGHAM.

At the usual quarterly meeting held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., Mr. S. Reeves, Vice President, being in the chair, it was unanimously resolved that J. S. Pritchett, Esq., M.A., B.L., be appointed presiding ringing Master to the Guild, the vacancy being caused by the death of the late Mr. John Day.

On the conclusion of the ordinary business a handsome marble clock bearing a suitable inscription was presented to Mr. W. H. Barber, to commemorate his wedding, and as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by his fellow members. In making the presentation the chairman spoke in happy terms of the qualities in Mr. Barber which were so much admired, and also congratulated the Steward, Mr. Painter, on his organising the scheme of presentation, and carrying it through so rapidly and successfully.

We join in the hope that Mr. Barber's new venture may be a happy and successful one, and that his wife and self may be cheered for many a year by the familiar tick at their own chimney side.

Obituary.

JOB JOYNES.

It has been probably already noticed in our "Notes to Peals" that the well-known tower-keeper at St. Martin's, Birmingham, passed away quite suddenly on the 7th ult. while engaged in ringing for a wedding at Edgbaston parish church.

About the year 1895 he had a severe stroke, from which he had never completely recovered. Alas poor man! only the night before at St. Martin's, when replying to an enquiry as to his health, he stated that he then felt so well that he really thought he was about to completely recover.

Joynes was only 56 years old, having been born in Birmingham in 1846. He commenced ringing at an early age as the pupil of the late celebrated William Chattell, at St. Philip's church, and rang his first peal (Kent Treble Bob Royal) at Aston in 1863, since when he has taken part in a large number of peals on eight, ten and twelve bells, ringing the 2nd in the long peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's in 1881.

Generally recognised as a very reliable ringer and fine striker, especially on twelve bells, he was also at one time a very fair double-handed ringer in Stedman.

Many of our elder ringers who have visited St. Martin's, Birmingham, must have come in contact with him, and have noticed his quiet unassuming demeanour.

As a tower-keeper he was very painstaking in his many duties, especially in looking after the bells and the comfort of his fellow-ringers.

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Date Touches.

THE HORNSEY GUILD.

HORNSEY.—On Sunday, November 2nd, for Divine Service in the morning, a date touch of Plain Bob Minor, 1902 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins. J. Ward, H. Stubbs, W. Dixon, T. Langdon, M. Fensom, A. Jacob conductor. At St. Michael's, Wood Green, after Divine Service in the evening, 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Plumb, T. Langdon, W. Dixon, W. Pickworth, M. Fensom, A. Jacob conductor.

Miscellaneous.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH)

BURNLEY.—On Sunday, August 3rd, at Holy Trinity church, 720 Bob Minor. D. Campbell, W. Walton, R. Hartley, T. Burrows, R. Ashworth, T. Redman conductor. Also 800 Bob Major. T. Burrows, D. Campbell, R. Hartley, W. Taylor, J. W. Stirk, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, August 10th, 576 Kent. D. Campbell, R. Hartley, T. Burrows, W. Walton, N. Townend, R. Taylor, R. Ashworth, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, September 14th, 704 Kent. D. Campbell, J. W. Stirk, T. Burrows, W. Walton, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, N. Townend, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, September 21st, 720 Bob Minor. D. Campbell, T. Burrows, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. Also 720 Bob Minor. T. Burrows, R. Hartley, N. Townend, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, September 28th, 720 Kent. W. Walton, D. Campbell, T. Burrows, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, T. Redman conductor. Also 720 Bob Minor. T. Burrows, W. Walton, N. Townend, Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On Tuesday, September 30th, 720 Bob Minor. D. Campbell, T. Burrows, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, October 5th, 576 Kent. T. Burrows, D. Campbell, W. Walton, R. Hartley, N. Townend, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On Thursday, October 9th, 704 Kent. T. Burrows, T. Redman conductor, W. Walton, D. Campbell, N. Townend, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, R. Hartley. On Sunday, October 12th, 720 Bob Minor. W. Walton, T. Burrows, D. Campbell, R. Ashworth, R. Hartley, T. Redman conductor. Also 704 Oxford. R. Hartley, D. Heys, W. Walton, D. Campbell, J. W. Stirk, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALKLEY, SHEFFIELD.—For Divine Service on Sunday evening August 31st, 720 Bob Minor. F. Horsfield, G. Heward, L. Berrisford, C. H. Lake, J. Thorpe, S. E. Palmer conductor. For practice on Thursday evening, September 4th, 1080 Bob Minor. F. Horsfield, J. Thorpe, S. F. Palmer, L. Berrisford, G. Heward, C. H. Lake conductor. For Divine Service on Sunday morning, September 14th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Horsfield, J. Thorpe conductor, C. H. Lake, L. Berrisford, G. Heward, S. F. Palmer. For Divine Service in the evening 1080 Bob Minor. F. Horsfield, J. Thorpe conductor, L. Berrisford, C. H. Lake, S. F. Palmer, G. Heward. For Divine Service on Sunday evening, September 21st, 1260 Bob Minor, in 45 mins. F. Horsfield, J. Thorpe conductor, L. Berrisford, C. H. Lake, G. Heward, S. F. Palmer. For practice on Thursday evening, September 25th, 720 Bob Minor. C. H. Lake, J. Thorpe conductor, L. Berrisford, A. Harvey, G. Heward, S. F. Palmer. For Divine Service on Sunday afternoon, September 28th, 1260 Bob Minor, in 45 mins. F. Horsfield, J. Thorpe conductor, L. Berrisford, C. H. Lake, G. Heward, S. F. Palmer. For Divine Service in the evening 720 Bob Minor. F. Horsfield, C. H. Lake, J. Thorpe conductor, G. Heward, L. Berrisford, S. F. Palmer. For Divine Service on Sunday evening, October 12th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Horsfield, L. Berrisford, J. Thorpe, G. Heward, C. H. Lake, S. F. Palmer conductor. For Divine Service on Sunday morning, October 26th, 720 Bob Minor. F. Horsfield, S. F. Palmer, J. Thorpe, R. Renshaw, L. Berrisford, G. Heward.

THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

LONDON.—On Sunday, November 2nd, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Margaret's Westminster, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters. A. Hardy, G. Symonds, J. Davis, W. Crockford, F. G. Perrin, H. Langdon, E. Brett, F. Shepherd, F. J. Shepherd, W. Shepherd. Composed by C. Charge, and Conducted by F. Shepherd, who hails from Exeter.

THE ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

ST. ALBANS (Herts).—On Sunday, October 27th, for evening ser-

vice, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 42 mins. H. L. Waddington, T. Coombes, J. Earwicker, W. H. L. Buckingham, R. Hammond, G. Wright, G. Whitbred, R. Chalkley. Composed and conducted by W. H. L. Buckingham.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HILLINGDON WEST.—On Wednesday, October 1st, at St. Andrew's church, after the Harvest Thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. H. Chandler, Rev. H. G. Bird, E. T. Griffin, E. Hancox, H. Waite, W. Joiner, A. Finch conductor, W. Foster.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, September 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 49 mins. W. Tomlin, G. Tomlin, F. Hollingworth, L. Hollingworth, W. Earle, H. Hollingworth conductor, J. Warren, G. York. And 210 in the same method, with J. York at the treble.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WEST MALLING (Kent).—On Saturday, October 11th, at a combined practice meeting of the Maidstone District, 720 Plain Bob. E. Kelvi, G. Barham, W. Taylor, A. W. Tawney, R. Goodburn, J. W. Leonard conductor, P. Masters. And 504 Bob Triples. E. Kelvi, G. Barham, W. Taylor, A. W. Tawney, R. Goodburn, D. Hall, J. W. Leonard conductor, P. Masters.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—On Sunday, September 7th, at the church of St. John the Baptist, 630 Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, W. Heath, W. Miller, W. Biss conductor, J. Clutterbuck, A. Rowley, C. Oram. On Sunday, August 10th, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, W. Northey, W. Biss, W. Heath, G. Hardage, A. Rowley conductor, C. Oram. On Sunday, September 21st, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, W. Biss conductor, W. Miller, W. Heath, J. Hardage, A. Rowley, F. Dite. On Thursday, September 25th, 504 Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, W. Northey, F. Rowley conductor, W. Miller, J. Clutterbuck, W. Coombes, C. Oram. On Thursday, September 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Day, L. Brooks, F. Rowley, W. Miller, G. Hardage, J. Clutterbuck, W. Coombes conductor, C. Oram. On Sunday, September 28th, 324 Grandsire Catere. H. Day, W. Biss, W. Northey, W. Miller, H. Wilkins, T. Stuart, F. Rowley, J. Clutterbuck, W. Coombes conductor C. Oram. And 216 in the same method, B. Tilley at the tenor.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

HARTHILL.—On Saturday, October 18th, 720 Kent. J. W. Moore, R. Smith, J. Fitzjohn, H. Stenton, S. Smith conductor, C. H. Fowler. Also 360 Oxford. C. Heeley, D. Bale, F. Hargreaves conductor, G. Clark, G. Watkinson, T. Thorpe. And 720 Violet. W. Platts, G. R. Winter, H. Stenton, H. Turner, S. Smith, C. F. Fowler.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Monday, October 27th, at the parish church of St. Andrew, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Harris (Northampton), J. B. Fenton, A. J. Hicks, F. Sear, A. Bramall first 504 in the method, A. Dubber, J. George conductor, A. J. Hessian. On Sunday morning, November 2nd, for Divine Service, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, R. Watson, A. J. Hicks (first in the method with a bob bell), A. J. Hessian; W. Maund (Bedworth), J. George, conductor, J. B. Fenton, R. Clarke. On Sunday evening, November 2nd, for Divine Service, 518 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's ten-part). A. Coleman, R. Watson, A. J. Hicks, J. Coales, A. Dubber, J. B. Fenton, J. George conductor, A. J. Hessian.

BLACKBURN.—On Monday, October 6th, at the parish church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. T. Hundle, E. Dute, son, M. Kearney, J. Hargreaves, W. E. Wilson, J. Watson, J. Walker, E. Walmsley. Rung as a farewell peal to M. Duteson, who is leaving for America.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1902.

On another page some interesting particulars will be found of the "opening" of a tower and ring of bells at the parish church of that popular Warwickshire town known as "Royal Leamington." The vicissitudes which the structure of the church of All Saints has experienced, in years past would fill a bulky volume. Originally—as our correspondent states—the bells were located in a wooden tower, if a miserable close-box arrangement innocent of any light-giving aperture can be so dignified. In this box they remained for years. The attitude taken up by a former Vicar precluded all hope of anything being done towards bell restoration or tower-building, though a grand architectural scheme was announced, which alas!

came to nothing. Yet during the time of his immediate successor in the vicariate it was hoped something might have been effected. A favourable omen appeared when the Rev. CECIL HOOK—a son of the great Dean—was called to the incumbency. We see the result in the dedication performed on the 20th ultimo. A very satisfactory ceremony, and one, it is hoped, which portends the extension of good and skilful change-ringing throughout the district. We should liked to have read that the bells had reached the number of ten; perhaps that number may be reached by-and-by. It is hoped that not only the Vicar and churchwardens, but the general body of parishioners, and others who attend the services of the church, will do their utmost to encourage the young company of ringers to persevere in the direction of efficiency.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful meeting of the branch for the Archdeaconry of Salisbury was held at Westbury on Saturday, October 18th. Ringers attended from Bratton, Orcheston St. Mary, Warminster, Westbury, Frome, Melksham, and Devizes. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening with but short intervals, and some 6-scores were rung, but so heavy are the bells, and the hanging so ancient, that ringing is not at all pleasurable. Tea was partaken of at 4.30, and a very sociable half-hour was spent. In the absence of the Vicar, who however most kindly furnished cigars and cigarettes, the Rev. A. J. Kitson was voted to the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. G. F. Doel, of Salisbury, was unanimously elected Hon. Secretary of branch. Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of his bells, and the fragrant weed; and to the chairman for presiding. Evensong was held at 6, and the bells were soon in motion again.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, November 1, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble.	ARTHUR N. HARDY 6.
EDWARD H. ADAMS 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN 3.	THOMAS LANGDON 8.
ARTHUR JONES 4.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 9.
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 5.	ARTHUR R. JACOB Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by CORNELIUS CHARGE.
Rung on the thirty-first anniversary of the formation of the Fulham society.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, CAMBERWELL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble.	STAFF-SERG. A. PYE 5.
ERNEST PYE 2.	GEORGE R. FARDON 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT 4.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

It was intended to start for Double Norwich, but time being limited the above was rung instead.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 3, 1902, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR. 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

SIDNEY T. DARLINGTON .. Treble.	JAMES SAXBY 5.
PERCY J. DARLINGTON .. 2.	HERBERT BAKER 6.
WILLIAM BENNETT 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
HENRY S. REEVES 4.	WILLIAM WARD Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

†First peal in the method.

Handbell Peals.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 26, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. CHARGE, 16, SEATON STREET, CHELSEA,
ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5040 CHANGES.

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE 3-4.	ERNEST PYE 7-8.
CORNELIUS CHARGE .. 9-10.	

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
Umpire—S. J. Collins.

The Provinces.

STREATHAM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1902, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT IMMANUEL CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT .. 3.	FRANK HULL 7.
STAFF-SERG. A. PYE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
First peal in the method on the bells.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 28, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM MARKWELL .. Treble.	GEORGE GATLAND 5.
JOHN SMART 2.	CHARLES TYLER 6.
GEORGE PAYNE 3.	ALBERT HEASMAN 7.
LAZARUS PAYNE 4.	ARTHUR HODGES Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

STEDHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE MIDHURST BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 29, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Bob Minor, Oxford Single Bob, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford, and two of Kent, called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST G. PRESSLING .. Treble.	WILLIAM DANIELS 4.
WILLIAM MADGWICK .. 2.	ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. 5.
HARRY CHURCHILL 3.	THOMAS STROUD Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS STROUD.

†First peal.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY,
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
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On Thursday, October 30, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES W. BRETT .. Treble.	FREDERICK G. BRETT .. 5.
CHARLES W. SAXBY .. 2.	ARTHUR H. SAXBY .. 6.
JOHN STEDDY .. 3.	PHILIP H. PIERCE .. 7.
MORTON W. PIERCE .. 4.	R. HYDER JENKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by PHILIP H. PIERCE.

First peal of Stedman by 2, 6, 8. First peal of Triples by the company. Rung in honour of the return of the county regiment, the Buffs, after three years' service in South Africa.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 30, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED E. BASSETT .. Treble.	ARTHUR DEAN .. 5.
THOMAS MILES .. 2.	EDWARD HULL .. 6.
ARTHUR C. OTWAY .. 3.	JOHN HOYLE .. 7.
FREDERICK HOLDEN .. 4.	JOHN WYNCH .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. HOYLE.

This is the quickest peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Hull. This is the conductor's fiftieth peal.

MATHERN, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TEWDRIC,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being Forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 10 cwt.

MAYNARD CLOSS* .. Treble.	*ALBERT EDWARDS .. 4.
GILBERT NEWMAN* .. 2.	JAMES MORLEY .. 5.
GEORGE DANIELS† .. 3.	†THOMAS WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE DANIELS.

*First peal. †First peal of Doubles and first as conductor. First peal on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1902, in Two Hours Forty-five and ½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

ROBERT ROFFEY .. Treble.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. 5.
JOHN J. JONES .. 2.	JAMES HUNT .. 6.
BARZILLAI HAWKINS .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
GEORGE CONDLICK, JUN. .. 4.	†SIDNEY CLARK .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

†First peal. This is the Rev. F. E. Robinson's 777th peal. Further reference elsewhere.

BURNHAM, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

ERNEST MADDOCK .. Treble.	JOSEPH MADDOCK .. 5.
HENRY J. POOLE .. 2.	ALEXANDER EVANS .. 6.
THOMAS DOBLE .. 3.	EDGAR E. BURGESS .. 7.
FRANK MILLARD .. 4.	HENRY BOSLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY J. POOLE.

Reference to this peal elsewhere.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR J. TONKS* .. Treble.	WILLIAM GRIFFIN .. 5.
BENJAMIN R. MEESON .. 2.	H. HENRY SOMERVILLE .. 6.
JOSEPH BIRCH .. 3.	THOMAS J. ELTON .. 7.
FRANK HALLSWORTH, SEN. .. 4.	FRANK HALLSWORTH, JUN. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

*First peal.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1902, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

FRED WILFORD .. Treble.	*FRED HOPPER .. 5.
THOMAS R. HENSHER* .. 2.	*ARTHUR MOORE .. 6.
EDWARD CHAPMAN .. 3.	*SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. 7.
WILLIAM ROGERS* .. 4.	WILLIAM R. HENSHER .. Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by WILLIAM R. HENSHER.

*First peal of Treble Bob Major.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 1, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

THOMAS COLLINS* .. Treble.	ALFRED GODDARD .. 5.
ALFRED WICKES .. 2.	FRANK V. H. SINKINS .. 6.
WILLIAM E. BUTLER .. 3.	GEORGE PHILLIPS .. 7.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 4.	SAMUEL GREENWOOD .. Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. FUSSELL.

This is the first peal on the bells and was rung at the first attempt, permission to make it being accorded by the Vicar, the Rev. H. E. Hall, M.A. The thanks of the band are due to the Vicar, and also to the steeplekeeper, Mr. A. J. Redman, for making arrangements for the use of the bells, which are a new peal, the gift of Sir Edward Clarke, K.C., by Warner. *First peal.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 1, 1902, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE A. CARD .. Treble.	GEORGE TURLEY .. 5.
JAMES MAYNARD .. 2.	FREDK. J. HARRINGTON .. 6.
EDWARD MANKELOW .. 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. 7.
WILLIAM SPICE .. 4.	THOMAS CARD .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 1, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	*WILLIAM HODGETTS .. 5.
HENRY HODGETTS* .. 2.	*FRANCIS A. SMITH .. 6.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW* .. 3.	HARRY A. HORREX .. 7.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 4.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

*First peal of Superlative. First peal of Superlative on the bells. This peal was rung as a farewell peal to Mr. Wilton O. L'Estrange, a former member of the local company.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1902, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

NOAH DAVIS .. .. .Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER .. .. .5.
JOSEPH PIGOTT .. .. .2.	JAMES E. GROVES .. .. .6.
WILLIAM WAKEMAN .. .. .3.	JOHN CRANE .. .. .7.
HORACE F. STREET* .. .. .4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by F. BENNETT, and Conducted by THOMAS J. SALTER.

*First peal of Major. This peal was arranged for Mr. William Wakeman who is on a visit home from Norristown, U.S. America, after an absence of 9½ years.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

W. BATE .. .. .Treble.	C. WINNER .. .. .5.
W. EASTER .. .. .2.	J. TULLETT .. .. .6.
L. SILVER .. .. .3.	W. WALKER .. .. .7.
J. H. CHEESMAN .. .. .4.	W. HAIGH .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by W. HAIGH.

First peal of Bob Major on the bells, and first in the method by all except J. H. Cheesman.

APPLEDORE, KENT.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM BILLENNESS ..Treble.	FRANCIS A. VINCETT .. .. .5.
EWART G. JOHNSON* .. .. .2.	JAMES LIVERMORE .. .. .6.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN .. .. .3.	THOMAS A. VINCETT .. .. .7.
GEORGE BILLENNESS .. .. .4.	GEORGE JOHNSON .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BILLENNESS.

*First peal. This is the youngest member of the Association, aged 14. Rung on the second anniversary of the augmentation to eight and rehanging of the bells.

POTTON, BEDS.

THE ELY AND BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, November 1, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, College Single, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

G. D. COLEMAN .. ..Treble.	*L. J. FLINT .. .. .4.
C. R. LILLEY .. .. .2.	†H. FIELDS .. .. .5.
S. J. COLEMAN .. .. .3.	W. FINEDON .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal on the bells.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 3, 1902, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM ENGLAND .. ..Treble.	JOHN W. BARKER .. .. .5.
THOS. L. MOORHOUSE .. .. .2.	ALBERT SCOTT .. .. .6.
JOHN T. EASON .. .. .3.	FRED MOORHOUSE .. .. .7.
JAMES MOORHOUSE .. .. .4.	DAVID WHITING .. .. .Tenor.

Conducted by J. W. MOORHOUSE, and Conducted by ALBERT SCOTT.

Rung on the light eight.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 3, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRED HOLT .. .. .Treble.	GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. .. .5.
WILLIAM LOWERY .. .. .2.	*THOMAS ASHTON .. .. .6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. .. .3.	WILLIAM MARSHALL .. .. .7.
SAMUEL FERNLEY .. .. .4.	*WILLIAM BROADHURST .. .. .Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by the REV. A. T. BEESTON.

*First peal.

ST. ALBANS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 4, 1902, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

ARTHUR HALLETT .. ..Treble.	ROBERT WELLS .. .. .5.
HERBERT BAKER .. .. .2.	†GEORGE WRIGHT .. .. .6.
JOSEPH EARWICKER .. .. .3.	EDWARD WHITBREAD .. .. .7.
HARRY WALKER .. .. .4.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. .. .Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

†First peal of Major.

HATFIELD.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 4, 1902, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM J. RUMNEY* ..Treble.	*JOHN KENTISH .. .. .5.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. .2.	*RALPH SHEPHERD .. .. .6.
JOHN SHEPHERD* .. .. .3.	HERBERT BAKER .. .. .7.
JOSEPH J. POWERS*4.	EDWARD EDWARDSTenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method and first attempt.

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OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, October 30, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

IN THE PARISH ROOM,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES.

HENRY HODGETTS 1-2.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5-6.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM 3-4.	CHARLES GEORGE 7-8.
WILLIAM HODGETTS 9-10.	

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire—Frederick W. Brinklow. First peal of Royal by all except the ringer of 3-4.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 3, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2.	ERNEST PYE .. .. .5-6.
WILLIAM PYE .. .. .3-4.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7-8.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

The above was strictly a non-conducted peal, and was rung without the bobs being called, or the slightest intimation of them given whatever. It is the first peal in the method ever rung silent, and the first Surprise peal ever rung silent on handbells. It is a one-part composition, and was rung at the third attempt. Umpires—W. Watson and H. Catterwell.

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 Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The Autumnal Meeting will be held at Kidlington, to-day, Saturday, November 8th. Particulars by circular.

F. P. POWELL, *Hon. Sec.*

The Grammar School, Witney.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. The 265th annual dinner will be held at The Bridge House hotel, London Bridge, to-day, Saturday, November 8th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. 6d. each) may be obtained of Messrs W. H. L. Buckingham, E. A. Davies, F. E. Dawe, W. E. Garrard, E. Horrex, H. P. Harman, A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, E. P. O'Meara, E. H. Oxenham, W. H. Pasmore, J. Pettit, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney, or

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*

"Frodingham," *Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.*

Members and friends are earnestly requested to show their tickets to the stewards on entering the dining-room. The tower of St. Saviour's, Southwark, will be open for ringing from 4 to 5 o'clock, and that of St. Magnus, London Bridge, from 4 to 6 o'clock.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at the church of The Saviour, to-day, Saturday, November 8th. Bells ready at 6 p.m. Meeting at 7.30. G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above society will be held at New Mill, near Huddersfield, to-day, Saturday, November 8th. Meeting to commence at 5.30. Meeting-house—The Duke of Leeds hotel. WALTER IDLE, *Sec.*
47, *Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Members are reminded that after ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 11th inst., a meeting will be held at The Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, when officers will be elected for the coming year.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
"Frodingham," *Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.*

The Royal Cumberland Society.—On Friday, November 14th, after the usual practice at St. Martins in the Fields, a special meeting will be held at Society's headquarters for transaction of very important business. Members are requested to attend.

A. JACOB, *Hon. Sec.*

10, *St. Ann's Road, Hornsey.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Pendleton, on Saturday, the 15th inst. Bells ready at 5; meeting at 7 o'clock.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

The Essex Association.—South Western Division.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Romford, on Saturday, November 22nd. Application has been made for the use of the bells at Hornchurch (8) and Haverling (6), but no reply has yet been received. Tea (6d. each) will be provided. Members intending to be present please let me know by the 19th. THOS. FAULKNER, *District Sec.*
84, *Fisher Street, Barking.*

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Hurstpierpoint, on Saturday, November 22nd. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Members intending to be present will oblige by sending a post card to W. B. Davey, sexton, Hurstpierpoint.

GEO. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

2, *Grove Street Brighton.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual tea party and social in connection with the above will be held on Saturday, November 22nd, in the Evangelist school, Lord St. Oldham. Meat tea, gents' 1s. 6d., ladies' 1s. 3d. Tea on tables at 5 p.m. All names must be sent in not later than Wednesday, November 19th, to the secretary, Mr. S. Elson, 173, Horsedog Street, Oldham.

JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*

Hebers, Middleton.

St. Peter's Church, Tunbridge Wells.—The practice night at the above church will be on Tuesdays at 7.30 instead of Thursdays, until further notice. W. LATTER, *Captain.*

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT BURNHAM.—This is the first peal on the bells, which have been recently rehung and two new trebles added by Mears and Stainbank of London, to whom great praise is due, the go of the bells being perfect. The band take this opportunity to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, the churchwardens for kindly supplying refreshments, and the local men for giving them such a hearty welcome. The last-named are now taking up change-ringing, and it is hoped they will put their shoulder to the wheel and make a good job of it.

JOHN J. JONES' 100 PEALS.—Treble Bob Royal, 1; Stedman Caters, 1; Grandsire Caters, 7; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 3; Kent Treble Bob Major, 9; Bob Major, 14; Stedman Triples, 32; Oxford Bob Triples, 1; Bob Triples, 4; Grandsire Triples, 28; total 100.

R. FENN'S 50 PEALS.—Grandsire Triples 8; Grandsire Caters, 1; Stedman Triples, 6; Stedman Caters, 1; Treble Bob Major, 7; Treble Bob Royal, 1; Bob Major, 4; Double Norwich Major, 6; Superlative Surprise, 6; Cambridge Surprise, 3; total on tower bells 43. On handbells: Grandsire Triples, 1; Bob Major, 3; Treble Bob Major, 3 (including 8896); total on handbells, 7.

A LOCAL TOUR.

Mr. G. Williams (Brighton) writes:—"Members of the Sussex County Association are attempting peals from to-day, Saturday, November 8th, to the 18th, at the following towers: Steyning, Brighton, Henfield, Hurst, Heene, Southover (Lewes) Upper Beeding, and Lindfield."

THE APPEAL FOR W. W. STEEL.

Mr. Walmsley, of Macclesfield, writes:—"I am very sorry to say that the 10s. credited to Alsager company is a mistake,

it should be credited to Lawton instead. Thanking you to insert this."

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The Rev. C. D. P. Davies has removed to Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

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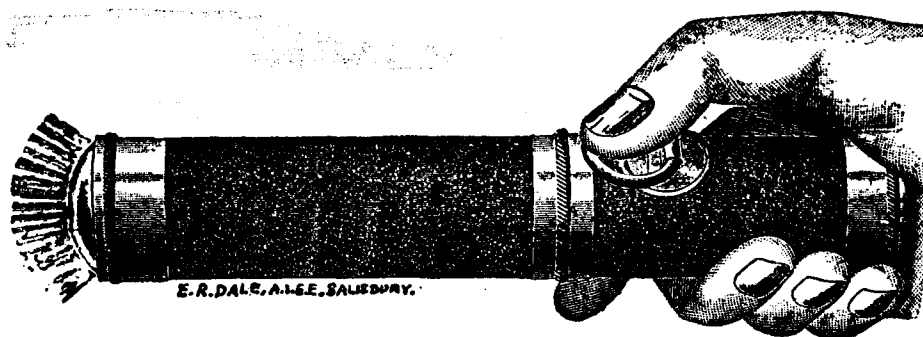
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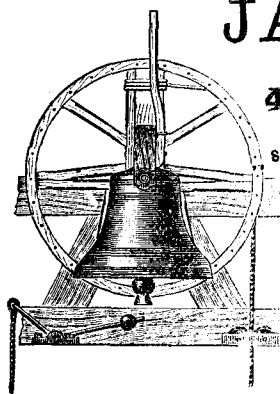
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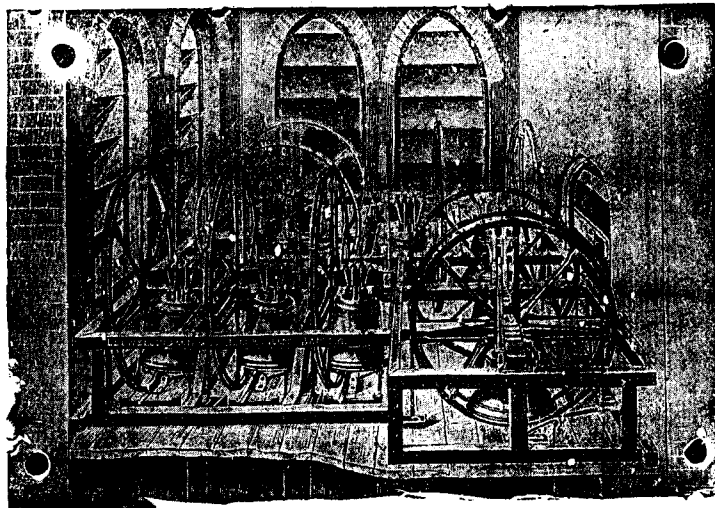
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

DONCASTER (Yorks). St. George. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1858. Tenor 30 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were rehung by Mallaby, 1899, with new fittings. Ropes new. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11, and 5.40 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.

DORCHESTER (Dorset). St. Peter. Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. Treble, 1750; 2nd, 1808; 3rd, 5th, and tenor, 1734, by Bilbie; 4th, 6th and 7th, by Warner, 1889. Tenor 21 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Iron frame. Bells go very well. The ring were rehung by Warner, 1889. Ropes very good. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman. Sunday ringing: 5.45 to 6.25 p.m. Practice: Tuesday, 7, except in Lent.

DORCHESTER (Oxon). SS. Peter and Paul. Eight bells. No return.

DORKING (Surrey). St. Martin. Eight bells. No return.

DOVER (Kent). St. Mary. Kent County Association. Eight bells. All by Knight, 1724. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Warner, 1898. Ropes new 1898. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: usually Thursday, 7.

DOWNHAM MARKET (Norfolk). St. Edmund. Eight bells. No return.

DRAYTON (Somerset). St. Catherine. Eight bells. Five old bells, and three new ones by Taylor, 1891. No further information given as to dates and founders. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Taylor, 1891. Ropes new 1899.

Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: half-an-hour before morning and evening service. Practice: Tuesday and Thursday, 7.

DRIGHLINGTON (Yorks). St. Paul. Eight bells. No return.

DROITWICH (Worcestershire). St. Andrew. Eight bells. No return.

DUDLEY (Worcestershire). St. Thomas. Worcester and District Association. Ten bells. All by Mears, 1819. Tenor 22 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Rehung by local firm 1888. Ropes new 1893, fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.55, and 6 to 6.25. Practice: Monday, 7.45. Permission to ring willingly granted.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT WEST BUCKLAND, SOMERSET.

A specially interesting service, attended by a full congregation, was held in West Buckland parish church on Friday evening, November 7th, the occasion being the dedication and re-dedication of the bells by the Rural Dean (Rev. W. F. Eustace, Bishop's Lydeard), and the Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

The service opened with the hymn, "All people that on earth do dwell." Prayers were read by the Rev. A. C. Dyer (curate in charge); the special psalms chanted were the 122nd and the 150th; and the lesson was read by the Rev. W. W. Pulman (vicar of Wellington and West Buckland). After prayers the hymn "O thanks to Thee, our gracious Lord," was sung during a procession to the belfry, the ringers leading the way, followed by the Clergy and the Churchwardens (Mr. F. Yeandle and Mr. T. T. Marke). Standing near the font the churchwardens, taking the ropes of the bells, requested the Rural Dean to dedicate the new bells and to re-dedicate the old ones. The Rural Dean receiving the ropes then said—"By virtue of my office I desire to solemnly dedicate and re-dedicate these bells to the glory of God and the use of this church, separate from all profane and unhallowed uses." Then delivering the ropes to the Vicar, he said—"Receive again these bells as a sacred trust, committed unto thee as the appointed Minister of Christ in this church; and take heed that they be for ever and only used in His service and for His Glory." After this the Rural Dean, addressing the Churchwardens and others, said—"You are to take notice that these bells of the church are committed to the custody of the Vicar of the parish, to be used only with his consent, subject to the ultimate control of the Bishop of the Diocese." Whilst the clergy were returning to their places the bells were raised in peal. Prayers were afterwards read by the Rural Dean, and a hymn was sung—"Hark, on high the joyful music! Hark, the concert of the bells."

The address was given by the Rural Dean from the

words, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the House of the Lord" (Psalm cxxii, i.)

The work in connection with the bells has been carried out by Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, Devon. It has included taking down and recasting the treble bell, and making it heavier. This bell, which was recast in 1887, was too light for the other four. The weight has been increased from 5cwt. 1qr. to 6cwt. 3qr. 6lbs., and the bell is now the second in the peal. A new sixth bell (a treble) has been added, making a peal of six. The new bell weighs 5cwt. 3qr. 27lbs.

The tenor bell is about 17cwt. The fifth and the tenor bells date back to 1606. The old fittings and the frame and floor have been replaced with new oak beams and floor and an iron frame for the six bells. All the bells have been hung with new fittings.

The total cost of the work is about £225, and it is gratifying to be able to report that of this amount a little more than £200 has been promised.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (BRISTOL BRANCH).

A meeting of this branch was held at Mangotsfield, near Bristol, on Saturday, October 25th, 1902. This is the first time a meeting of this branch has been held at Mangotsfield, and it turned out in every way a most successful one. The Vicar (Rev. A. H. Sharpley), arranged a short service at St. James' Church at 4 p.m. at which between 30 and 40 attended. The Vicar gave a most appropriate address and heartily welcomed the association members there.

At the conclusion of the service a business meeting was held in the vestry, Rev. H. A. Cockey (Chairman of the branch) presiding. The next meeting was decided to be held at Berkeley on Saturday, November 22nd next.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for his address and also for the use of the bells, etc.

A 720 of Bob Minor was rang during the evening. C. Downing, 1, A. Miller, 2, W. Sommerville, (conductor) 3, C. Beer, 4, G. Hiller, 5, Rev. H. A. Cockey, 6. Several 6-scores of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were also rang during the evening.

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The stand erected in St. Clement Danes is now demolished, and the ringing-chamber is once more like our beautiful abbey of St. Peter in its sacred religious atmosphere, and it is sincerely hoped that neither building will be again desecrated for any sightseeing at a service which is solemn and religious. The fortnightly meetings will be resumed, commencing on Monday, November 24th, at 8 p.m. sharp. The Master and officials would be delighted to meet all young hands who wish to practice on ten bells, especially those who forget that ten-bell practice is necessary to become a fairly good aspirant for the higher number—twelve-bell ringing.

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STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly meeting of this Association was held at Leek on Saturday, November 1st, about sixty members being present, the following towers being represented: Brown Edge, Cheddleton, Hanley, Kingsley, Longton, Leek, Norton, Stoke and Tunstall. During the afternoon touches in various methods were rung by mixed bands. At six o'clock an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where an excellent tea was partaken of. The business meeting was afterwards held, over which Mr. H. Page (Stoke), presided. Mr. Twigg, Hon. Secretary, stated that he had received a letter from the leader of the ringers at Stone stating that eight of the members of that tower wished to be enrolled as members of the Association, and he had great pleasure in proposing that they be elected. This was seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried. A list of meetings for the year 1903 was drawn up and adopted by the meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to the Leek ringers for the excellent arrangements they had made, and to the ladies for so kindly waiting at tea, and also to Mr. Page for so kindly presiding at the meeting. The members again made for the tower, and the bells were kept going until about nine o'clock, when they were lowered in peal, thus bringing a very pleasant meeting to a close.

STEBBING, ESSEX.

On Saturday, October 18th, a ringers' festival was held at St. Mary's Church. Ringing commenced soon after 2.30 p.m., and ringers attended from Braintree, Bocking, Bardfield, Coggeshall, Kelvedon, Totham, and Writtle. Divine Service was held at 4 o'clock, when an eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. T. L. Papillon.

After the service the ringers, and a large number of parishoners, were entertained to a capital tea in the National School, the Vicar, the Rev. E. Clapton, presiding. The company numbered about 130. The Vicar proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Papillon and Mr. Eyre, and the ringers for their visit to Stebbing.

Mr. Papillon made a few encouraging remarks to change-ringers, and said how very pleased he was that Stebbing had now got a ring of six bells.

Mr. F. Rudkin, proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for the kind way in which they all had been entertained, and this was received with applause.

RETFORD, NOTTS.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EXTON (Somerset).—On Sunday, October 5th, at the parish church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Grandsire Doubles. W. Hoyle, H. A. Phillips, E. H. Oxenham, W. Baker, W. Phillips, conductor, S. Wyatt.

WINSFORD (Somerset).—On Sunday, October 5th, at the parish church, 720 Grandsire Doubles. S. Wyatt, E. H. Oxenham, W. Hoyle, H. A. Phillips, W. Phillips conductor, G. Boaden, sen. It speaks well for the advance of change-ringing that it has at last reached these isolated villages, on the borders of Exmoor, where from time immemorial call-changes have held sway. It is mainly due to the efforts of Mr. William Hoyle, all the band being taught by him except E. H. Oxenham, of the College Youths, London. Winsford is generally acknowledged to be the prettiest village in England.

BATH.—On Monday, October 27th, at the Abbey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 53 mins, in commemoration of the thanksgiving for the recovery to health of King Edward. A. Hudd, G. Temple, H. Wotton, W. Eamos, C. Bell, C. Goodenough, W. Lanham, T. King, H. Brown conductor, J. N. Wake and G. Crisp.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

CROSSENS (Lancashire).—On Sunday, September 14th, at St. John's church, being the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor, 25 mins. T. Hunter, T. Hosker, jun., R. Gregson, T. Ball, R. Gregson, J. Brookfield conductor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

BROMBOROUGH.—On Sunday, September 29th, for Divine Service in the evening at the parish church, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Pickin, J. Woods, H. Bird, J. Parr first quarter-peal, T. Hughes, E. Griffiths, J. Dillon conductor, R. Grindley.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY.—On Thursday, October 9th, at the Cathedral, 1272 Stedman Caters, with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Canon Rawlinson. F. G. Brett, J. Steddy, E. Bursden, P. Paine, C. H. Saxby, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, C. Luey, H. G. Fairbrass, P. H. Pierce conductor, G. G. Jenkins. Longest touch of Stedman Caters by a local band.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FARNWORTH.—On Sunday, September 14th, for evening service at St. John's church, 720 Grandsire Minor, tenor covering, in 26 mins. T. Lever, E. Lever, H. Hodgkiss, T. Lever, F. Morris, W. Lever conductor, W. Smethurst.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

GREAT COMBERTON.—On Saturday, October 25th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. C. Gibbs, H. Salisbury conductor, E. Gibbs, C. Young, T. Allen, W. Hook. On Sunday, October 26th, 2520 Doubles, being eight 6-scores of St. Dunstan's, four 6-scores of Canterbury Pleasure, and nine 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 20 mins. J. Godfrey, E. Gibbs, H. Salisbury conductor, G. Dolphin, C. Annis, F. Godfrey. This is the longest length ever rung by all except the ringers of the treble and 3rd. Rung to commemorate the coming of age of Lieutenant Shelmerdine, of the Prince of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment, the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

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KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, September 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters. G. T. Miller, H. G. Miles conductor, W. E. Garrard, A. F. Harris, A. E. Bradley, A. V. Selby, E. G. Stibbons, G. Woodiss, W. Fox, J. Judd. Composed by C. Charge, On October 5th, 1248 Double Norwich. G. Brush, J. T. Kentish, W. E. Moss first in the method, T. G. Miller, E. G. Stibbons, A. F. Harris, W. Fox, W. E. Garrard conductor. Composed by F. Dench. On Sunday, October 19th, for Divine Service in the evening, 1040

Treble Bob Royal. A. Cntmore, W. E. Judd, W. Moss, T. G. Miller, T. H. Taffender, J. T. Kentish, E. G. Stibbons, H. G. Miles, A. F. Harris, W. E. Garrard.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Saturday, October 11th, at St. Philip's church, a peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Job Joynes, tower-keeper of St. Martin's, Birmingham, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. 10 mins. W. F. Webb, C. Mackenzie, G. Hitchman, W. G. Ellis, J. Porter, T. Pigott, J. Pigott, J. T. Perry conductor, J. Neal, A. E. Ford.

MONKS KIRBY (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, October 4th, a band of ringers from Coventry journeyed by brake to the above place to have a pull on the fine-toned ring of six bells, but owing to the bad go of them only a few plain courses of Grandsire Doubles could be rung. W. H. Rees, S. Hope, W. Mannd, H. Horwood, J. H. White, E. Johnson. Also several touches with A. Flowers and G. Burton standing in. It is a great pity that such a fine ring of bells should hang in such a bad condition, it being impossible to ring for any length of time.

OLDBURY (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, September 28th, for evening service at Christ Church, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. J. Jaggar conductor, G. Piggott, J. Piggott, R. Hall, J. Tilley, J. W. Parish. On Sunday, October 5th, being the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung after evening service, in 45 mins. T. Piggott, J. Key, R. Hall, J. W. Parish, G. Piggott, J. Tilley, J. Jaggar conductor, F. Harris.

OLD WOLVERTON (Bucks).—On Sunday, October 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. W. Bull, C. Valentine, W. Beal, W. Bonham, W. Tucker conductor, R. Tucker.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, November 9th, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Andrew's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, J. B. Fenton, A. J. Hicks, J. Coales, A. J. Hessian, A. Bramall, J. George conductor, F. Sear. After evening service, 742 Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original. A. Coleman, J. F. Sear conductor, A. J. Hicks, J. Coales, A. J. Hessian, A. Bramall, J. George, J. B. Fenton. This was rung to commemorate the 61st birthday of His Majesty King Edward VII.

STONY STRATFORD (Bucks).—On Sunday evening, August 24th, 240 Bob Minor. A. Clarke, E. Yates, G. Cowley, C. Valentine, W. Tucker conductor, S. Smith. On Sunday, August 31st, 120 Bob Minor. A. Clarke conductor, G. Valentine, sen., R. Valentine, W. Bonham, H. Sear, W. Tucker conductor. On Sunday evening, September 7th, 720 Bob Minor was rung for service at which the Bishop of Oxford preached. A. Clarke, E. Yates, C. Valentine, W. Bonham, G. Cowley, W. Tucker conductor. On Sunday, September 21st, 360 Bob Minor. A. Clarke, E. Yates, W. Yates, W. Bonham, C. Valentine, W. Tucker conductor. On Sunday, October 5th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor. H. Clarke, E. Yates, G. Cowley, W. Bonham, C. Valentine, W. Tucker conductor. On Sunday, October 12th, 240 Bob Minor. H. Clarke, C. Valentine, G. Cowley, W. Bonham, E. Yates, W. Tucker conductor.

WICKEN (Northants).—On Sunday, August 10th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. J. Read, jun., J. Read, sen., C. Valentine, W. Bonham, W. Tucker conductor, R. Taylor. On Saturday, August 16th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Clarke, E. Yates, C. Valentine, W. Bonham, J. Read, W. Tucker conductor. On Saturday, October 4th, 360 Bob Minor. W. Sear, F. Sear, C. Valentine, W. Bonham, J. Read, W. Tucker conductor.

PEAL CORRECTIONS.—In the peal of Minor rang at Stedham, Sussex, and published in our last issue, the ringer of the 2nd should have appeared as first peal with a bob bell not first peal.—The ringer of the 2nd in the peal of Bob Major at St. Albans on November 4th was Herbert Martin not Herbert Baker; the weight of the tenor was 30 cwt.—The ringer of the tenor in the peal at Epsom was Alfred H. Winch, not John Wynch.

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THE NORTH NOTTS' ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting was held at Harthill on Saturday, October 18th. "Plain Speaker," in a recent number pleaded for wit, novelty and originality in the reports of ringers' meetings. He has asked a hard thing, and the writer of this report does not pretend to meet the demand. Indeed, for the very reason of the eternal sameness of the proceedings at these meetings, the North Notts Association has not been reported at all for a year or more. The personal element, the prevailing good fellowship, the meeting of old friends and the making of new ones, which are the salt of these gatherings, cannot be reproduced in print; whilst the performances, owing to mixed bands and a desire to accommodate novices, is not generally of the highest order, and the routine is necessarily always much the same. Harthill is not a favourite place of meeting; the bells are heavy and the "go" bad, so that when its turn comes the members of the North Notts Association are always glad to let it pass if any other tower is available. We have heard traditions of the feasts of rich London City Companies at which a five pound note has been placed under the plate or in the serviette of each guest. Harthill cannot go one so good as that, but the rector, feeling that some compensation should be made for the toil of ringing his bells, always offers a free tea and conveyance from the station. But with this inducement to attend sometimes only six or seven members have turned up in addition to the local company. Like many other peals, the Harthill bells have suffered from lack of knowledge and misguided zeal on the part of the parishioners. In almost every parish where change-ringing is unknown, "our big bell" is supposed to weigh a ton, and the bell ("the finest in England") to be composed chiefly of silver. So it was here. The first local belief was by chance nearly right, for by measurement the tenor should be nineteen cwt, but, judging by tone, there is not as much silver in the whole six as would make a threepenny bit. However, when in 1887 it was decided to put the then existing five bells into ringing order, and it was proposed to recast them into a ring of six, the popular idea prevailed that if these silvery bells were sent away all the silver would be extracted from them and baser metal substituted. Therefore a sixth bell was added to the original five of quite a different tone and timbre from the rest, the second bell has no tone at all, the third is oddstruck and out of tune, the tenor also is oddstruck and the go of them all very poor. No wonder that the tower is not a popular resort of the North Notts Association or any other ringers. The present Rector would very much like to recast the six into a peal of eight with modern frame and fittings, but at present the money is not forthcoming. At the meeting on October 18th there was a better muster than usual, for thirty three members sat down to tea and attended the subsequent business meeting, the Rector presiding. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Worksop on Saturday, January 10th. Owing to the conditions above set forth only two 720s and a 360 were brought round during the afternoon, but in spite of difficulties there was some good striking, especially in a 720 of Kent by Anston and Shireoaks men.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting in the eastern division of the

above association was carried out at Salehurst on Saturday, 18th October. There were twenty five present, including the Rev. E. J. Sing, and Rev. Clarke, of Salehurst, and Rev. E. A. Sturgess Jones of Brightling. The following towers were also represented:—Christ Church Blacklands, and St. Clement's Hastings, Christ Church St. Leonard's, Battle, Pevensey, Eastbourne, and Brightling. The bells,—a pretty peal of eight, by Pack and Chapman—were raised at 3.30, and were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman until five o'clock, when the members adjourned to The Eight Bells for tea, after which a short business meeting was held, the Rev. E. J. Sing presiding.

The minutes of the meeting held at Hellingly on 26th July were read and confirmed. The Secretary, Mr. S. Saker, in the course of his remarks stated that he was pleased to be able to record that the quarterly peal of Kent Treble Bob had been successfully brought round since the last meeting, under the conductorship of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, it being the first peal in the method for no less than five of the ringers taking part therein. He was also pleased to mention the success of James Livermore, Jun., whom he believed was the youngest member of the association, being only fourteen years of age, and who had successfully rung the treble to two peals of Grandsire Triples. He was proud to say that Master Livermore was a member of his own tower i.e., Christ Church Blacklands. He heartily thanked the Rev. E. J. Sing for the use of the bells, and for his kindness in consenting to preside at the meeting. He was very pleased to see the members turn up in such numbers. The bells were a very good peal, but they wanted a little work, and sadly needed rehangng. He would like to see the local band go in for change-ringing.

The Rev. E. J. Sing in reply said that it gave him great pleasure to preside at the meeting, and he was very pleased that the Association had come to his tower. He liked to see this co-operation on the part of ringers, as he always held that one single church was only part of a great whole, and as such should all work together.

Mr. Hyland, of Battle, said he desired on behalf of his own band, and those present, to thank the Secretary, to whom he thought great praise was due for the manner in which he kept the division together. He hoped the Salehurst band would see their way to join the Association, and also to have the "go" of the bells improved, and the belfry staircase repaired. They were always glad to see any strangers in their tower at Battle, and to help in the art of change-ringing.

Mr. Sing then said he intended to consult his ringers as to the best thing to be done in connection with the repairing of the bells.

The Secretary in returning thanks, said he was very fond of the Exercise, and what he did for the Association was a labour of love.

The question of the next quarterly peal was then discussed, and it was proposed by Mr. Howse (Eastbourne), and seconded by Mr. Stapley (Hastings), "That the next quarterly peal be one of Bob Major, to be rung at Bexhill." Those members wishing to take part, to send in their names to the Secretary, who will arrange the band, and obtain permission for the tower.

The meeting then concluded, and the members then attended a short service in the church, which was preceded by a touch of Grandsire Triples.

The Rev. E. J. Sing gave a short address, in which he spoke of the various occasions on which church bells were

rung. He always thought it was a ringer's duty to attend the services for which the bells were rung. While sending forth the Master's invitation, they must seek to share it themselves, for it would be mockery to ring the bells without attending any of the services.

After the service the tower was revisited, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Bob Major were brought round.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 5th, several Devonians met the Rev. Maitland Kelly, who was on a visit to London, and attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples with him at Putney parish church. A start was made at 6.45 p.m. and all went well for over two hours and a half, when the second rope broke, much to the disappointment of all, as the striking was excellent and another Devonshire peal in London seemed certain. The ringers stood as follows:—F. C. Gover, F. J. Shepherd (conductor), Rev. M. Kelly, S. H. Godfrey, J. Hoyle, W. Shepherd, J. H. B. Hesse, S. How,

FULMER, BUCKS.

On Saturday, October 18th, a very successful meeting for six bell practice was held at Fulmer. Eighteen ringers were present from Beaconsfield, Farnham Royal, Stoke Poges, and the local company. Ringing commenced about five o'clock, and was continued until nine o'clock, the following methods being rung: Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Grandsire, Court Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob. The Rector (Rev. S. T. Bridges), kindly entertained the ringers to tea, and expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present, after which Mr. J. J. Parker proposed a vote of thanks to him for the kind way in which he had received them that day; also for the use of the bells.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

On Sunday evening, October 5th, eight members of the Surrey Association met at St. Peter's church with the intention of ringing a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, before and after Divine Service. The service, which the ringers attended, was a continuation of the harvest festival held the previous Thursday. Before service the first quarter of Holt's Original was attempted but stand was called when about 1100 changes had been rung, owing to time being up. After service, the last 742 of Holt's Original was rung, inconvenient train service alone preventing a quarter peal being attempted. The band in each touch stood thus, J. Emery, J. H. B. Hesse, A. Friend, A. Last, E. Stacey, J. Howes, G. Woodiss conductor, J. Apps. The Hershams ringers wish through this medium to thank the visitors for kindly coming over, especially A. Friend, who acting as substitute at the last moment, rather than cause disappointment walked from Hampton Court, a distance of five miles.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

On Thursday evening, October 2nd, 1902, the Staveley branch of the Yorkshire and Old East Derbyshire Associations held their thirty-sixth anniversary of the restoration of the Parish Church, when a good substantial supper was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Bates, host and hostess of The Victoria hotel. After the cloth was drawn Mr. H. Madin, captain of the society, was voted to the chair. The usual loyal toasts being given, not forgetting "THE BELL NEWS," the chairman said it gave him great pleasure to be with them once more on such an occasion. He was proud to say that he had been a ringer at the Staveley parish church upwards of fifty-six years, and he did not think there was any society that was more amicable than they were, without unpleasantness—that was pleasing to say. Their host and hostess had provided a good repast for them, and he hoped they would be spared to meet again another year.

He concluded by drinking the health of the host and hostess, with musical honours. Mr. Bates, replying, said he was very proud of the honour the society had done by drinking the toast. It would always be their desire to provide a good repast for them, as they were worthy of it. He had known them a many years, and always found them to be a very respectable and pleasant company, as the chairman had stated, and it would always be his best endeavour to make them happy and comfortable. He concluded by drinking the health of the Staveley society.

Mr. Baths, pianist at The Victoria hotel, said he was again proud of the invitation to dine with the company once more, as he never enjoyed himself better than he had done that evening with the Staveley society of ringers. He was always proud of them with being a good, respectable, and jovial company, always pleasant, as the chairman had stated, and he hoped all present would be spared to enjoy themselves together another year. During the evening Mr. Baths presided at the piano and rendered valuable service. Courses of changes and tune-ringing were rung on the handbells, and songs and glees were sung by Messrs. H. Madin, W. Worthington, H. Mottershall, S. Smedley, A. Worthington, S. Palmer, J. Worthington, and W. Daffin, all having enjoyed a comfortable and pleasant evening up to eleven o'clock.

Correspondence.

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SIR,—Our fine ring of eight bells is at last in a fair way to being rehung and refitted. The work is approaching completion by Mr. Greenleaf, of Hereford, but we still require £30 or £40 for necessary repairs in the tower, and donations will be thankfully received and acknowledged. May I also ask through your paper whether any of your readers will give us a new set of ropes. CHARLES CHAYTOR, Rector of St. Helen's, Worcester.

Obituary.

JAMES BIGGIN,

DIED AT NORTON, SHEFFIELD, NOVEMBER 6TH, 1902, IN HIS FIFTY-EIGHTH YEAR.

The above ringer commenced to ring at Norton in 1879, and continued until June, 1901, when he was taken ill and was confined to his bed for the greater part of seventeen months. On the Sunday previous to his death he expressed a wish to the writer of this notice that he should like to come amongst us once more and have a pull. He was also a member of the choir, and had attended the church from a child. He was buried in Norton Cemetery, being borne to his last resting-place by Messrs. Allen, Atkin, Butcher, James, Slater, Biggin, Cates and Goacher, of the Norton company, amid every token of respect, and who rung the bells muffled for morning and evening service on Sunday, November 9th. E. J.

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The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 6, 1902, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM TEGG Treble.	JOHN ARMSTRONG 5
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. 2.	JOHN T. KENTISH, JUN. .. 6.
FRANK W. FORD† 3.	JOHN E. MILLER 7.
WILLIAM E. JUDD† 4.	SIDNEY WADE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

*First peal of Bob Major.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1902, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

RICHARD ELLIOTT Treble.	HARRY BOTTRILL 5.
GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN... 2.	WALLACE P. ABRAHAMS .. 6.
GEORGE B. LUCAS, JUN.* 3.	JOHN MOULE 7.
ERNEST D. LILLYWHITE* 4.	HERBERT F. HULL Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN.

*First peal of Major. Rung to celebrate the 61st birthday of His Majesty King Edward VII. This peal is on a two-course plan, and is now rung for the first time.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 7, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

I. GEORGE SHADE Treble.	HARRY WARNETT 5.
EDWARD PRICE 2.	HARRY HOSKINS 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	WILLIAM BERRY 7.
WILLIAM FOREMAN 4.	CHARLES WILKINS Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by I. GEORGE SHADE.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Reference elsewhere.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 8, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE, HIGHGATE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

MARK WOODCOCK* Treble.	† WILLIAM STEGGALL 5.
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 2.	JAMES DURRANT 5.
FRANK SMITH 3.	RICHARD BEVAN 6.
THOMAS TITCHENER 4.	CHARLES H. MARTIN .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. MARTIN.

*First peal of Major. †First peal.

The Provinces.

HOLT, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being Forty-two 6-scores.

W. ELLIS Treble.	W. PRIDLING 4.
R. SPERRING 2.	E. BELLIS 5.
E. PHILLIPS 3.	W. CAPPER Tenor.

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

First peal on the bells. First peal by all the band. Claimed to be the first peal of Doubles in Wales.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 28, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

RALPH W. ATKINS* .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 5.
JOHN EVANS 2.	CHARLES GREEN 6.
FRANK V. H. SINKINS .. 3.	JOHN C. TRUSS 7.
EDWARD J. BOREHAM .. 4.	GEORGE J. HARRISON .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. EVANS.

†First peal. The thanks of the company are due to the steeplekeeper (W. Wilder), for preparing the bells, etc.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford Bob and Grandsire, and three 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM LITTLECHILD .. Treble.	GEORGE RADLEY 4.
WILLIAM MARRABLE 2.	ALFRED PEARMAN 5.
JESSE PUPLETT 3.	HENRY G. ROWE Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

This is the conductor's 70th peal.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 6, 1902, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Treble.	GEORGE PENFOLD 5.
CLEMENT HILL 2.	FRANCIS A. KENNETT .. 6.
GEORGE H. HOWSE 3.	GEORGE WATSON 7.
SYDNEY SAKER 4.	HARRY DENMAN Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the dedication of the church.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 6, 1902, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES.

FRED G. MAY Treble.	CHARLES H. GORDON .. 6.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 2.	JAMES RICHMOND 7.
ALBERT STOWELL 3.	JOHN BURFORD 8.
WILLIAM STOWELL 4.	HENRY PORCH 9.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 5.	HENRY T. HOWELL .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by F. G. MAY.

Rung on the anniversary of the formation of the St. Nicholas' Guild, and as a birthday compliment to Messrs. R. J. Wilkins and C. H. Tomkins.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 6, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

HARRY LEWIS Treble.	FRANCIS J. LEWIS 5.
ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. 2.	CHARLES E. BARTLETT .. 6.
JOHN E. WATERS† 3.	FREDERICK LEWIS 7.
ALBERT C. HARMER 4.	JAMES KITCHENER Tenor.

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

†First peal. Rung on the anniversary of the dedication of the church.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

On Thursday, November 6, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16½ cwt.

W. RIMMER Treble.	J. GARDNER 5.
H. ELLIS 2.	J. PARK 6.
J. MARSH 3.	T. JENKINSON 7.
C. SHARPLES 4.	J. GIBBONS Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS JENKINSON.

Rung on the occasion of the conductor's 25th birthday.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 8, 1902, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

WILLIAM LOWERY .. Treble.	† JAMES FERNLEY 5.
WILLIAM WILDE 2.	GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. 6.
SAMUEL FERNLEY 3.	REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 7.
ALBERT FERNLEY† .. 4.	SAM RUTTER Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by WILLIAM LOWERY.

†First peal of Major.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1902, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN PERRY Treble.	HENRY T. WILSON 5.
WILLIAM BEDWELL 2.	GEORGE WILSON 6.
WILLIAM DOWSETT 3.	JOSEPH SMITH 7.
WILLIAM DUDLEY 4.	WILLIAM H. JUDD Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by W. H. JUDD.

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NEWMARKET, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 8, 1902, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

THOMAS H. WISEMAN .. Treble.	WILLIAM B. KEMPTON .. 5.
JOHN TAYLOR 2.	GEORGE TAYLOR 6.
PERCY PINDAR 3.	WILLIAM TAYLOR 7.
EDWARD R. J. DUNK .. 4.	FREDERICK HUNT .. Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by FREDERICK HUNT.
Reference elsewhere.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 8, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:
HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

F. ISAAC FUTTER .. Treble.	FREDERICK WILBY .. 5.
EDWARD SMITH* .. 2.	WALTER E. AYERS .. 6.
CHARLES T. AYERS .. 3.	WILLIAM J. HOWSON .. 7.
FREDERICK FUTTER .. 4.	*HENRY BETTS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. HOWSON.

*First peal. H. Betts was proposed a member of the Association previous to starting.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 8, 1902, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt. 9 lbs.

W. HOPKINSON, JUN.* .. Treble.	J. P. TARLTON .. 5.
J. MILNER 2.	T. CLOUGH 6.
R. HALL* 3.	W. HOPKINSON, SEN. .. 7.
W. BUTLER 4.	J. T. BUTLER .. Tenor.

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and Conducted by J. T. BUTLER.

This is the first peal on the bells by the local band. *First peal in any method.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 8, 1902, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES:
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

B. MOORS Treble.	T. HEATHCOCK .. 5.
W. NEWMAN 2.	F. BRACE 6.
H. SKELDING 3.	A. J. SKELDING .. 7.
W. WHITEHOUSE .. 4.	J. G. ORFORD .. Tenor.

Composed by H. DAINS, and Conducted by J. G. ORFORD.

This is a one-part peal. First in the method by all, and rung at the first attempt

GORLESTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 8, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being seven 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently.

C. HARDING† .. Treble.	E. R. TODD .. 4.
J. GODFREY 2.	D. HAYWARD .. 5.
H. D. ARNOTT† .. 3.	G. ORFORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by DENISON HAYWARD.

†First peal.

GATESHEAD, DURHAM.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 8, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:
THURSTANS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM HOLMES .. Treble.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 5.
ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 2.	S. OCTAVIUS FERRY .. 6.
WILLIAM T. ROBSON .. 3.	ROBERT S. STORY .. 7.
JOSEPH E. R. KEN .. 4.	HUGH D. DALL .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells, which have recently been rehung and quarter-turned by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 8, 1902, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COB BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES. Tenor 22 cwt. 0 qrs. 8 lbs.

FRANK KIRK .. Treble.	HENRY STUBBS .. 5.
THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 2.	FREDERICK GILBERT .. 6.
JOHN J. MAWBY .. 3.	WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. 7.
JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN. .. 4.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON, JUN.

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

On Saturday, November 8, 1902, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDGAR PEMBERTON .. Treble.	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. 6.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. 7.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT* .. 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

*First peal in the method. Rung in honour of His Majesty's 61st birthday.

CRANBROOK, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 8, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. Treble.	ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 5.
ROBERT EDWARDS .. 2.	FREDRICK G. LAMBERT .. 6.
CHARLES TRIBE .. 3.	GEORGE NEVE .. 7.
ALFRED HINDS .. 4.	HENRY HOLDSTOCK .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT EDWARDS.

This is the first peal on the bells since they have been rehung.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 8, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK EDWARDS* .. Treble.	†GEORGE BADDELEY .. 5.
RICHARD LANGFORD .. 2.	*WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT .. 6.
THOMAS CARTWRIGHT* .. 3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING .. 7.
WILLIAM F. HARTSHORNE .. 4.	*JAMES EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING.

*First peal. †First peal on eight bells with a bob bell. This is the first peal on the bells which were augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles in commemoration of the Coronation of King Edward VII., and the above was rung in honour of his 61st birthday.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1902, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FREDERICK POUNDS Treble.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 5.
WILLIAM BENNETT 2	HARRY BROOKS 6.
HARRY JUDGE 3	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
F. P. POWELL 4	WILLIAM FRANKLIN Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung at the meeting of the Witney branch of the Guild.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JAMES' GUILD.)

On Saturday, November 8, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

REV. H. E. T. BASSETT .. Treble.	JOSEPH MADDOCK 5.
THOMAS DOBLE 2	EDGAR E. BURGESS 6.
ALEXANDER EVANS 3	GEORGE H. PRUEN 7.
FRANK MILLARD 4	HENRY BOSLEY Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH MADDOCK.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN COUNTIES' BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 8, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four different 720s of Bob Minor, and three different 720s of Double Oxford Bob Minor. Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT LEVERTON† .. Treble.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. 4.
WILLIAM RICHARDSON* .. 2.	FRED TOMLINSON 5.
ROBERT MARSHALL 3	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

†First peal. *First peal with a bob bell. Rung for the wedding of Mr. William Rowbottom and Miss Agnes Richardson, the sister of the ringers of the 2nd and 4th.

HODDESDON, HERTS.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1902, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S ONE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

WILLIAM MARRABLE† .. Treble.	*GEORGE RADLEY 5.
JESSE PUPLETT 2	HENRY G. ROWE 6.
CHARLES MATTHEWS 3	*WILLIAM CAVILL 7.
ISAAC CAVILL 4	THOMAS MILES Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

†First peal on eight bells. *First peal with a bob bell. Rung in honour of the birthdays of His Majesty King Edward VII. and C. Matthews.

NESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 8, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FIVE-PART.

THOMAS METCALFE* .. Treble.	WM. WILLIAMS 5.
WM. BRADSHAW* 2	JAMES DILLON 6.
JOHN MEALOR 3	WM. BRISCOE 7.
WM. WILCOX 4	THOMAS A. EVANS Tenor.

Conducted by J. DILLON.

*First peal. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 9, 1902, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of City Delight, College Pleasure, Killamarsh, Duke of York, Violet, Kent and Oxford.

SILVESTER COUPE† .. Treble.	†FRANK WAGSTAFF 4.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	THOMAS BETTISON 5.
FRANK GODBER* 3	JOHN FLINT Tenor.

Conducted by T. BETTISON.

†First peal of Treble Bob. *First peal. Reference elsewhere.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 10, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes;

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5040 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM WALLAND .. Treble.	CHARLES HALL 5.
JOHN HALL 2	ALEXANDER MCFARLANE .. 6.
JOHN H. JONES 3	JOHN H. BLAKISTON 7.
WILLIAM RUDD 4	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and

Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

Rung as a compliment to Dr. John Hedley, who was elected 50th Mayor of Middlesbrough this day.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 10, 1902, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR T. WINTER .. Treble.	ROBERT MILES 6.
ERNEST COLLINGBOURN .. 2.	THOMAS SPURR 7.
GEORGE W. D. METCALFE 3.	HARRY WARBURTON 8.
GEORGE R. WINTER .. 4.	HERBERT HAIGH 9.
GEORGE SWANNACK .. 5.	JOSEPH B. JOYNES Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by HERBERT HAIGH.

First peal of Treble Bob Royal by all the band, and by the Association.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, November 10, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 5.
THOMAS MILLER 2	HARRY WITHERS 6.
THOMAS PIGOTT 3	JAMES DOWLER 7.
JOSEPH PIGOTT 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

First peal of Oxford by all except the conductor. This composition has the 6th her extent home at nine course-ends.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1902, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS LAWRENCE .. Treble.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. 5.
CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 2.	REV. H. A. COCKEY 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE .. 3.	WILLIAM SOMMERVILLE .. 7.
JOHN THOMAS 4	THOMAS RICKETTS Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS, and Conducted by THOS. RICKETTS.

Notices.

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The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Pendleton, to-day, Saturday, the 15th inst. Bells ready at 5; meeting at 7 o'clock.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

The Essex Association.—South Western Division.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Romford, on Saturday, November 22nd. Hornchurch will be open at 2.30 p.m. Havering not available. Tea (6d. each) will be provided. Members intending to be present please let me know by the 19th.

THOS. FAULKNER, *District Sec.*

84, Fisher Street, Barking.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Hurstpierpoint, on Saturday, November 22nd. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Members intending to be present will oblige by sending a post card to W. B. Davey, sexton, Hurstpierpoint.

GEO. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

2, Grove Street Brighton.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual tea party and social in connection with the above will be held on Saturday, November 22nd, in the Evangelist school, Lord St. Oldham. Meat tea, gents' 1s. 6d., ladies' 1s. 3d. Tea on tables at 5 p.m. All names must be sent in not later than Wednesday, November 19th, to the secretary, Mr. S. Elson, 173, Horsedgate Street, Oldham.

JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*

Hebers, Middleton.

The Romney Marsh and District Guild.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at Stone, Isle of Oxney, on Saturday, November 22nd. Ringing to commence at 3. Tea at 5. All ringers heartily welcomed.

C. TRIBE, *Hon. Sec.*

British School Villas, Tenterden.

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the Association will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, November 22nd. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Tea at 6 o'clock, by kind permission of Rev. H. G. Bird.

C. EDWARDS.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Berkeley (8 bells), on Saturday, November 22nd. Service at 5 p.m., to be followed by a business meeting and ringing afterwards.

C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Headingley St. Chad's on Saturday, November 29th. Eight bells. Business meeting will be held at The New Inn at 7 p.m. Bells at liberty from 4 p.m. till 9 p.m.

CHARLES PRATT, *Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on December 6th. Ringing at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 5.30 p.m. Tea at St. Chad's parish room at 6 at the kind invitation of the Archdeacon of Salop.

J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*

Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Preliminary Notice.—The Annual

Meeting of the above Dioceses will be held in Bristol on Boxing Day, December 26th. Fuller particulars will appear in due course. It is to be hoped that every member will make a special effort to attend, and that every one will abstain from making any arrangements for peal ringing on that day. All outstanding subscriptions are respectfully asked to be paid by that date.

F. G. MAY, *Hon. Sec.*

6, Wentworth Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

St. Peter's Church, Tunbridge Wells.—The practice night at the above church will be on Tuesdays at 7.30 instead of Thursdays, until further notice.

W. LATTER, *Captain.*

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—On Friday, October 17th, the election of officers of the above Society took place, when the following were unanimously elected: Master, R. A. Daniell, Esq.; Secretary, A. Jacob; Stewards, T. Langdon and A. Hardy; Treasurer, W. Barton.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—At the meeting held on Tuesday, November 11th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. J. W. Golding; Treasurer, Mr. A. Hughes; Trustees, Mr. C. F. Winney and Mr. W. Prime; Senior Steward, Mr. H. Langdon Junior Steward, Mr. C. S. Burden; Secretary, Mr. W. T. Cockerill.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD,

ROMSEY.—On Tuesday, September 16th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. King, W. Fowler, Rev. H. Wheat, F. Paskins, B. Paskins, G. Newman, J. Elcombe conductor, A. Medley.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT BOLSOVER.—This is the first peal of Treble Bob by a local band. Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty King Edward VII. This will probably be the last peal on the bells before they are augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles, the order having been given to Messrs. Taylor, and we hope by the end of the year to have a splendid peal of eight, the ringers having collected money for the trebles.

THE PEAL AT NEWMARKET.—This is the first peal ever rung in Newmarket. First peal by the ringers of the treble, 3rd and 7th, who belong to the local company. First peal as conductor, and hails from Bury; Kempton, J. and G. Taylor hail from Cambridge; E. Dunk from Thetford. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar through the medium of this paper for the use of the bells; also the steeple-keeper for having everything in readiness.

THE PEAL AT GREENWICH.—This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and is Mr. W. Foreman's sixtieth peal, comprising Grandsire Triples, 17; Oxford Bob Triples, 1; Darlaston Bob Triples, Stedman Triples, 15; Caters, 8; Kent Treble Bob Major, 13; Oxford, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Royal, 1; Double Norwich Major, 2; total—60.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. W. T. Pegler has removed from Hempsted, Gloucestershire, to 25, Belmont Street, Euston Road, Bangor, North Wales.

WANTED.—Set of Second-hand Handbells. J. M. SKITTERY, Huish Episcopi, Somerset.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE.—On Wednesday, October 29th, at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes. G. Leonard, W. Sadler, F. Webb, A. B. Wiffen, P. Holmes, G. Sentance, C. H. Howard conductor, H. J. Collins. On Sunday, October 26th, 864 Kent Treble Bob. F. Webb, C. H. Howard conductor, E. Slade, A. B. Wiffen, P. Holmes, G. Sentance, H. Coote, H. J. Collins.

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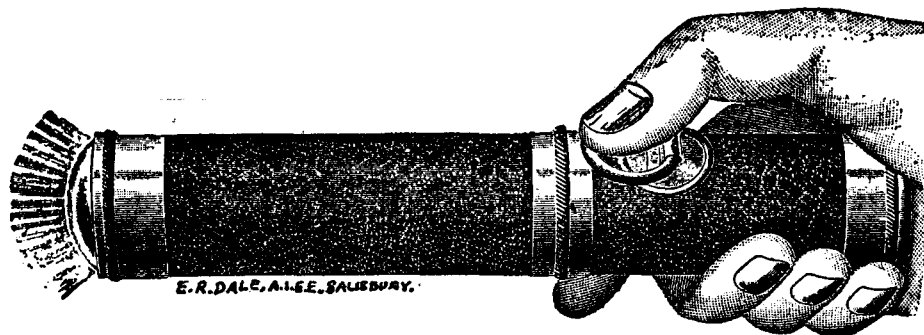
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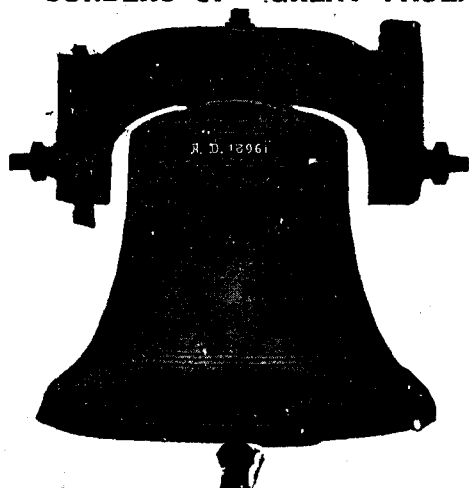
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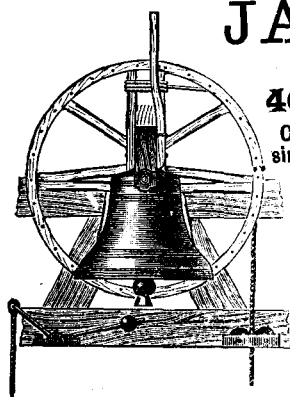
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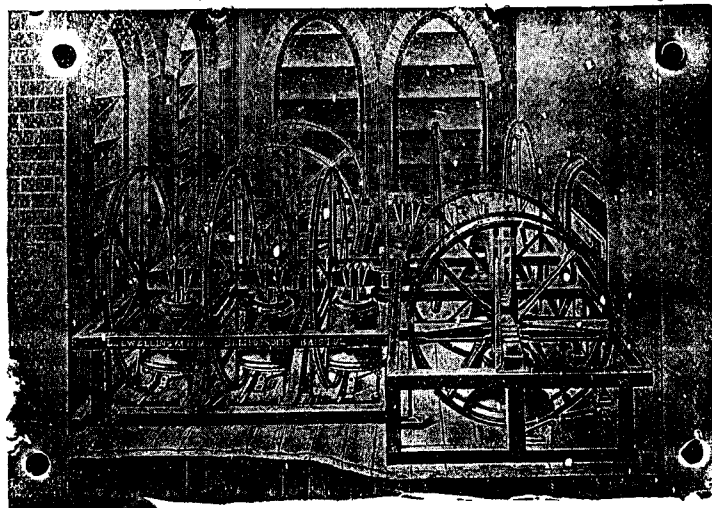
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

DUFFIELD (Derbyshire). St. Alkmund. Midland Counties Association. Ten bells; the back eight by Taylor, 1884; the two trebles by the same, 1887. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Bells go very well. Endowment fund of £25 per annum pays ringers' salaries and cost of repairs. Ropes new 1898, good. Methods: All Standard methods, "Duffield," etc. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: in winter months, 7.30.

DUNDEE (Forfarshire). St. Paul. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1872. Tenor 23 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Mears in 1895. Anything needful at once put right. Ropes new 1895, good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10.40 to 10.58, and 6.10 to 6.28.

"The old tower." Eight bells. No return.

DUNSTABLE (Bedfordshire). SS. Peter and Paul. Bedfordshire Association. Eight bells. Treble, 4th, 7th and tenor by Taylor, 1896; 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th by Pack, 1776. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Taylor, 1896. Ropes new, 1896. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: usually 10.30 to 10.50: 2.45 to 3.5; and 6 to 6.20, but sometimes chimed. Practice: Wednesday, 8. Seven of the band have the same name.

DUNSTER ((Somerset). St. George. Bath and Wells Association. Eight bells. Treble by Warner, 1875; 2nd, 1819; 3rd and 6th by Bailey, 1744; 4th, 1688; 5th by Jeffries, 1853; 7th, 1719. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. by Davis, 1782. Repairs by Taylor, 1886. All now in order. Ropes fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Union and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30, irregular.

DURHAM. The Cathedral. Durham and Newcastle Association. Eight bells. Founder unknown except 4th by Mears, 1896. Tenor 30 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go heavily. Clocking permitted. Repairs by Mears, 1896. All requirements attended to. Ropes new 1900, good. No half-pull or Sunday ringing. Practice: Wednesday, 8, in winter months.

DURSLEY (Gloucestershire). St. James. Eight bells. No return.

EARLSHEATON (Yorks). St. Peter. Eight bells. No return.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

On Saturday evening, October 11th, an interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of the church, being the occasion of unveiling a peal-board erected to commemorate the long peal of Bob Major which was rung upon the bells. There were present in the belfry to witness the ceremony, the Rector of Speldhurst (Rev. D. D. Mackinnon), Mrs. Mackinnon, Miss R. Macalpine-Leny, Mrs. Geldart Riadore, Commander E. H. Martin, R.N., Sub-Lieutenant Lachlan Mackinnon, R.N., Alister Mackinnon, Esq., and the ringers of the peal. The captain of the Speldhurst ringers (Mr. J. Maynard), asked Mr. L. Mackinnon to unveil the board and present it to the Rector.

Mr. L. Mackinnon, after expressing the pleasure it gave him to be asked by his brother-ringers to perform this pleasant task, proceeded to unveil the board, and read the inscription.

The Rector in receiving the board into his charge, said that he had been asked by the churchwardens to express their regret that they were unable to be present as they should have liked to have been, but Mr. Winton was ill and unable to leave his house, and Mr. Powell was away from home. He said that he was pleased and proud to accept the board as an addition to his beloved church, and, speaking of ringers and ringing, said he was glad to welcome the ringers of the peal there that evening and to know that although it was ten years ago that they rung this peal, they were still more actively engaged in the noble art of change-ringing to call the congregation to worship in God's House. He considered the peal was a good performance, and well worthy of the handsome board they had unveiled that evening. He wished to thank the ringers for having asked his son to unveil the board, for he knew that his son was very much interested in ringing ever since he was a boy, and no doubt if he had not yet joined the Navy and learned to climb the masts, he would have made a good ringer. As it was he was always pleased to have a pull with them when he came home, and he knew that he hoped some day to ring a peal with them. He wished the ringers every success in change-ringing, and hoped that they would at some future time accomplish a longer peal than the one now recorded.

Votes of thanks to Mr. L. Mackinnon for unveiling the board, and to the ladies, the Rector, and other gentlemen

for their presence there that evening, to which the Rector and Mr. L. Mackinnon suitably replied, to the subscribers for the board, and to Mr. C. Chapman, of the Speldhurst band for his untiring energy in obtaining the subscriptions, and getting the board made and written, concluded a pleasant gathering.

Owing to a case of serious illness near the church, no ringing could be indulged in, much to the regret of the visitors and ringers alike.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The branch for the archdeaconry of Gloucester recently held their quarterly meeting at Woodchester. The bells were available at two o'clock, and shortly after that hour contingents began to arrive from Stroud, Painswick, Frocester, Coaley, Lydney, Hartpury, etc., and the bells were kept going until 4.30, when all joined heartily in the very appropriate service compiled for use at these meetings, and conducted in the church by the Rector (the Rev. F. Smith), who in the course of an excellent address, attentively listen to by his hearers, gave the association a very warm welcome. After service an adjournment was made to the Schoolroom. There Mr. H. Workman, of Woodchester Lodge, whose kindness is always conspicuous on such occasions, provided the 33 visitors with high tea, admirably served by Miss Workman, assisted by the Misses Smith and Miss Ford.

The members afterwards held their business meeting. A letter of regret and apology for his absence from Archdeacon Hayward, the branch chairman, was read, and the rector took the chair, Mr. A. T. Ford (branch secretary) assisted him in the business matters requiring attention, one portion of which was the selection of the next meeting place. The choice lay between Quedgeley and Lydney, and after some discussion Lydney secured the preponderance of votes. Several new members were elected, and Frocester was added to the list of towers, and two other six-bell towers entered on preliminaries to that end. The meeting had been arranged at Woodchester, in view of the encouragement of six-bell towers to join the association, and it will be seen that an advance in that direction had been made. Votes of thanks by acclamation were accorded the Rector for his address in church and his presence in the chair, and to Mr. Workman for his kind hospitality. A return to the tower was made, and the bells kept going till about 9 p.m., when a successful meeting came to a close. The Rev. H. C. Courteny, master of the association, was unable to be present owing to an engagement at his church.

RAMSEY, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

It is suggested that a band of lady ringers shall be formed in connection with the Ramsey bell-ringers association. Throughout the country bands of lady campanologists are now to be met with, and it is stated that several young ladies of Ramsey have expressed their willingness to become members if the suggestion is carried out.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the central committee was held in the Parish Room, Tonbridge, on Saturday, November 15th, at which several new members were admitted to the Association, amongst them being the band at Wickham Breux (six-bells). Complaint was made of a breach of rule 14 at Birchington last year, and on the very day of the meeting at Sturry, where some members of the Folkeston band were engaged (rule 14 forbids private members undertaking the opening of bells). It was suggested that the Secretary should write to the Folkestone band for an explanation.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Margate, on Whit-Monday, June 1st, 1903.

Mr. W. Haigh (Gillingham) was elected to fill the vacancy among the Central Council representatives caused by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter's election as an honorary member of the Council.

A proposition was brought before the meeting to limit the amount of drink supplied to members at the annual dinner to one pint of ale or mineral water to the same value; and that if members required more they should pay for it themselves. This gave rise to considerable discussion. The general feeling seemed to be that the passing of such a resolution might be justly regarded as casting a slur on the general body of members for the fault of perhaps one or two, and it was eventually decided to proceed to the next business.

The Committee agreed to hold the next autumn meeting at Maidstone. A vote of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. C. G. Baskerville), for the use of the parish room, and for permission to ring, concluded the business.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH.)

The autumnal meeting of this branch was held at Kidlington on Saturday, November 8th, and, in spite of very unfavourable weather, was well attended, the Burford and Ducklington bands turning up in almost full force. In the morning a peal of Stedman Triples was rung by a band made up from Kidlington and Witney, and conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, master of the guild; and during the day touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Treble Bob were successfully brought round by mixed bands. A special service was held at four o'clock, the preacher being the Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn, the president of the branch, who after welcoming the ringers present, urged upon them the importance of their position as church-officers and their duty of regular attendance at the services to which they summoned others. At five o'clock all sat down to an ample tea in the schoolroom, which was immediately followed by the business meeting. It was decided to accept the invitation of the Burford band and hold the spring meeting at Burford. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was elected as secretary, on the resignation of Mr. F. P. Powell, who is leaving the district at Christmas. A motion that all subscriptions should be paid before the spring meeting in each year was carried unanimously. Votes of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, and choir of Kidlington, and to the master, concluded the business. The bells were kept going until eight o'clock, and all agreed that the first meeting of the new branch had been a most successful one.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

A ringing meeting of the above branch was held at St. Peter's, Congleton, on Saturday, November 1st, the object being to give the St. Peter's ringers a little encouragement after their long rest and the loss of their conductor, Mr. J. Perry, and to celebrate the return to life again of the St. Peter's bells. About thirty ringers were present from Macclesfield, Prestbury, Bollington, Astbury, Biddulph, Congleton, &c. Several touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples were rung on the tower bells during the afternoon. At 5 o'clock an adjournment was made to The Borough Arms, where the host had provided a first-class knife and fork tea, which was tackled in good earnest by all present. There was very little sound heard except the tinkling of knives and forks, and plates, and the way the changes came up from full plates to empty ones, and from empty to full ones, was surprising; but more surprising still, the smallest man lasted the longest, and brought the tenor in at the end of the course quite fresh.

An hour was now spent in a convivial manner with song, recitation, and a solo on the bass trumpet by W. Slater. We then moved off to the tower again, where several more touches were rung, including a 504, 350, 336 of Grandsire Triples, which brought train time.

We took leave of our Congleton friends and wended our way to the station, well satisfied with ourselves, and with the very enjoyable time we had spent. The visiting ringers wish, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the Congleton ringers for the excellent arrangements they had made for our comfort.

ST. MARY, ISLINGTON, CHURCH BELLS.

In the House of Commons on Monday, November 18th, Lieut.-Colonel Tufnell asked the President of the Local Government Board why the Local Government Board auditor had disallowed the amount paid hitherto for the ringing of the bells of the parish church, Islington, on the King's birthday.

Mr. Long said it was competent for any person aggrieved by his decision to address an appeal to him (Mr. Long). If it were found that the disallowance had been lawfully made it would be competent for him to remit it on equitable grounds. He should be quite ready to give favourable consideration to any such appeal.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Sunday, November 9th, for Divine Service in the evening at St. Andrew's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, J. B. Fenton, A. J. Hicks, J. Coales, A. J. Hessian, A. Bramall, J. George conductor, F. Sear. After evening service, 742 Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original. A. Coleman, F. Sear conductor, A. J. Hicks, J. Coales, A. J. Hessian, A. Bramall, J. George, J. B. Fenton. This was rung to commemorate the 61st birthday of His Majesty King Edward VII.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS,

The Two Hundredth and Sixty-Fifth Annensary Dinner of this society took place on Saturday, November 8th, at The Bridge House hotel, Southwark. Mr. W. H. Pasmore, Master, who presided, was supported by the Revs. Maitland Kelly and C. F. Coleridge, and Miss Rosa Macalpine-Leny. Mr. E. A. Davies, of Barking, occupied the vice-chair, and among those present were the Revs. P. M. Wathen and H. E. Emmett (St. Margaret's, Barking), Mr. R. A. Daniell, etc.

In submitting the toast of "Church, King, and Royal Family," the vice-Chairman referred to the past events of the year in connection with the Royal Family, and having made special allusion to the universal sympathy shown for His Majesty when on the eve of his coronation he became dangerously ill, he said that the Church in the past played a most important part in the government of the country; in fact at one time it was answerable for the government of the country. As to the work of the clergy they all knew of the great responsibilities which rested upon them, and the manner in which the clergy of the present day were discharging those responsibilities.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly, whose name was coupled with the toast, after referring to the pleasure it afforded him to be present after having been a member of the society for a number of years, referred to the advance in the ringing world. In looking back over a period of forty years he saw the great improvement which had taken place not only in ringing, but in the increased care bestowed on bells and belfries, and how ringers realised their great responsibilities as a body of Church workers. It was satisfactory to note that not only had the advance taken place where change-ringing was practised, but even among the round ringers had there been an improvement, for these not only thought more of their bells, but bestowed greater care upon them, and thus all were helping forward this movement.

The Chairman then gave "The Ancient Society of College Youths."

Mr. W. T. Cockerill (Secretary) in replying, said that since the last anniversary the meetings at St. Magnus, St. Michael's, St. Giles's, and St. Paul's, had each been kept going, and fairly well attended. Several young hands who had been regular attendants had rang their first touches of twelve bells. Practice at St. Saviour's was still in abeyance, the condition of the frame being such that as little ringing as possible was advisable until a thorough restoration could be effected. At Bow church, in Cheapside, a similar state of affairs prevailed with regard to practice, but from a different cause. Bellhangers had been at work for some considerable time upon them, but the go of the back bells was still so bad that no change-ringing can be done upon them. Since the last anniversary 68 peals had been rung in different parts of the country. These were as follows: Seven Minor peals, five of which were on tower bells by Mr. Price's band in Herts. and Middlesex; 4 Grandsire Triples, 3 on handbells; 22 Stedman Triples, 5 on handbells; 2 silent peals of Stedman Triples (Lates's and Thurstan's one-part); 2 Bob Major; 1 Treble Bob Royal (by Mr. Garrard's band at Kensington, where in addition to Standard Methods Double Norwich Caters are also practised); 1 Treble Bob Maximus; 4 Double Norwich Major; 2 Superlative Surprise; 1 Cambridge Surprise; and 6 London Surprise. During the same period 55 new members had been enrolled; in this list appears the name of Miss Margaret Nichols, of Boston, U.S.A., whose performances both on tower and handbells during a visit to London last summer will be remembered by all readers of "THE BELL NEWS."

Mr. Dawe then gave "London and Provincial Ringing Societies, to which Mr. R. A. Daniell and Mr. W. H. Judd responded.

Mr. Cockerill then gave "The Visitors." He announced that letters expressing regret for non-attendance had been received from the Ven. Archdeacon of London, Major-General Mackinnon, Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Rev. Dr. Wace (St. Michael's), Revs. Arthur Warner (Bow), Albert Barff (Cripplegate), Canon Taylor (St. Saviour's), and A. E. Caldecott (St. Magnus). He was sure that they would all agree with him that nothing was more gratifying to the ringer than to know that his work was appreciated by, and that he had the sympathies of, the clergy.

and churchwardens. Nowhere that he knew of could this feeling be better illustrated than in the old town of Barking, in Essex. It was a pleasure to the society to be honoured not only by the Barking company, but by the Vicar and friends that evening, filling up what might be termed "The Barking Table." To these and other visitors who had again come to entertain them, they gave a most hearty welcome.

The Rev. P. M. Wathen, whose name was coupled with the toast, replied. He expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be present with his own ringers, with whom he was at all times most happy.

Mr. O'Meara proposed "The Officers," to which Mr. Hughes, (hon. treasurer) appropriately responded.

Several courses on handbells were rung by various members of the company during the evening. The vocal contributions were of the usual high class character, to which Mr. C. Sillitoe was an efficient accompanist.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Sudbury Archdeaconry branch was held at Lavenham on October 4th, and was attended by members from Lavenham, St. James's (Bury St. Edmunds), Felsham, Sudbury, and Withersfield. From various causes a late start was made. The first touch was 720 Bob Major, followed by 560 of the same method. By this time the St. James's company had arrived from Bury, after a round of visits which is best described by the band as follows: "Starting from the Norman tower at Bury at a quarter-to-nine, our first call was made at Felsham, where we rung 360 of Bob Minor, and 6-score Stedman Doubles. We next visited Preston, and found our way up the tower, where the bells are sadly in need of new ropes. After splicing the 3rd rope a start was made for a touch of Bob Minor, when the treble rope broke. When this was mended, 108 Bob Minor and 720 of Kent was rung. After this a start was made for Monks Leigh, where the Vicar kindly gave us permission to use the bells—a fine ring of six, tenor 18 cwt. A 720 of Bob Minor, and courses of Kent with Mr. Green (one of the local company) were rung. Then we journeyed to Lavenham, and after putting up the horse at The Swan hotel, made our way to the church, which has the famous ring of eight. They were tapping off a splendid touch of Bob Major as we approached, and this we followed with 336 Grandsire Triples."

It was now time for the tea and meeting, which took place at The Swan hotel. Exactly thirty sat down to tea, the chair being taken by the Rev. Canon Scott, Rector of Lavenham, who was supported by the Rev. Henry Taylor (assistant-curate of Lavenham), Dr. Johnson, and the Rev. H. B. Woolley (district secretary). After the tea came the meeting, at which it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Clare on January 10th. Dr. Johnson was elected an hon. member, and E. Simpson, J. S. Symonds, and Miss Minnie Symonds ringing members, the latter being the first lady to attain this distinction in the diocese. Votes of thanks to the chairman and visitors, and host and hostess, followed by speeches by the Revs. Canon Scott, H. D. Woolley, and H. Taylor, concluded the proceedings at The Swan. Ringers, however, can never have enough of such a good thing as the Lavenham peal, so therefore before leaving, the bells were set going again. The meeting was a very successful one.

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Ringers' Outings.

The month of November is not an ideal one for a ringers' outing, when they usually combine "business" and pleasure. The well known Lancashire sea-side town of Southport, with its salubrious and warm climate, its well kept streets (Lord Street in particular), and splendid shops, proved an attraction for seven Yorkshire ringers on the eighth inst., who hied thither for a brief week-end visit. The party came from different localities, and composed Messrs. J. T. Eason and A. Scott of the Wakefield Cathedral society, Messrs C. Pratt and W. Popplewell of Calverley, and G. Bolland and H. Oddy from Tong, with T. Maude as cicerone. Communications had passed prior to starting with Mr. W. Bentham, of the Aughton-near-Ormskirk company—and at the very last moment also with Mr. J. W. Rimmer, of Southport—this gentleman met the band on arrival, and had to introduce himself. He kindly found lodgings for them (with Mrs. Proudfoot, 7, Kensington Road), accompanied them to tea, and then forward to Ormskirk. This latter was reached after a further journey of ten miles, and is an old county market town. Mr. Bentham was on the platform awaiting the train, and introductions being quickly got through, he piloted the party to the parish church. This is a notable object as seen externally, in the fact that it possesses both a tower and a spire adjoining each other, the tradition being that the donors, two sisters, could not agree on the design, so each built to her own individual fancy. The church also contains a very fine electric organ, but during the week some miscreant had maliciously cut the cable. The tower contains a fine peal of eight bells, tenor 25½ cwt., and the belfry walls show records of several achievements upon them. The bells were quickly pulled up and a start made for 3 courses of Kent Treble Bob Major, which however was stopped incompleted when nearing the close. The ringers were Botland, C. Pratt, Scott, Popplewell, Bentham, Oddy, J. W. Rimmer, and Eason. Touches of Bob Major and Stedman Triples were also tried, local men standing in. At the conclusion of the ringing Messrs. Bolland and Maude called at the Vicarage, and being introduced by Mr. Bentham to the Vicar (Mr. Woodrow), tendered the thanks of the visitors for his kindness and special permission in allowing them the use of the bells. The Vicar in acknowledging this congratulated the band on their excellent striking. The time at disposal being too limited to go forward to Aughton, much to the ringers' regret, they had to leave this place out of the programme, and instead they spent a social hour with the members of the local band at The Plough inn, when handbell ringing was freely indulged in, the methods tried being Violet Minor, Grandsire Triples and Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire Royal and Caters. Ormskirk is famed for a toothsome ginger bread, and consequently a raid was made upon Mrs. Horton's shop, to enable a supply to be laid in for later consumption, otherwise it might have detracted the appetising supper prepared by Mrs. Proudfoot. Sunday morning found some of the party rather early astir, and enjoying a walk on the fine promenade, at 10 a.m., they assembled at Christ Church (Southport) to ring for service and to fire a salute in honour of His Majesty the King's birthday, a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by Jas. Rimmer, Oddy, Scott, Popplewell, Pratt, Lewis Tyldsley, Bolland and Eason. In the afternoon it was intended to have rung at Emanuel Church, but the time being too limited they assembled once more at Christ Church, and by special permission rang for the children's service 3 courses of Kent Treble Bob Major in 37 minutes, the order being changed, G. Bolland, treble; J. W. Rimmer, 6th; Eason, 7th; Jas Rimmer, tenor. The majority of the party having to return home by the 5.40 p.m. train an early tea was partaken of and as a finale several touches were rung on the handbells, in which the Messrs Rimmer took part. Before separating Mr. Bolland proposed and Mr. Oddy supported him in returning thanks to Messrs Rimmer and others for the cordial manner in which the visitors had been received and looked after, to which both these gentlemen suitably replied. To the Vicar of Christ Church and his churchwardens, a word of thanks is also due for their gracious permission to ring and also to make an earlier start in the afternoon.

Date Touches.

CAVENDISH (Suffolk).—On Thursday, August 28th, a date touch, 1902 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins., being 606 Plain Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, and 576 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Underwood conductor, G. Rice, G. Moore, H. Evans, E. Perkins, P. Newman.

Miscellaneous.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Tuesday, September 16th, for practice at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. E. King, W. Fowler, Rev. H. Wheeler, F. Paskins, B. Paskins, G. Newman, J. Elcombe conductor, A. Medley. Tenor 25 cwt.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Sunday evening, November 9th, after Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Paice, J. Ward, C. Holdaway, T. Nicolson, J. Ballard, F. Redgate (composer), H. White conductor, H. Knight.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Wednesday, October 29th, for practice at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1264 changes. G. Leonard, W. Sadler, F. Webb, A. B. Wiffen, A. Holmes, G. Sentance, C. H. Howard conductor, H. J. Collins. On Sunday, October 26th, 864 Kent Treble Bob. F. Webb, C. H. Howard conductor, E. F. Slade, A. B. Wiffen, P. Holmes, G. Sentance, H. Coote, H. J. Collins. For evening service 720 Bob Major. G. Leonard, C. H. Howard, F. Webb, A. B. Wiffen, conductor, W. Grimwade, G. Sentance, H. Coote, H. J. Collins.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLAVERTLEY.—On Saturday, October 18th, six members of the above Guild from St. Leonard's church, Bridgnorth, visited this village, distant six miles from Bridgnorth, to have a ring on the church bells which have lately been rehung by Messrs. Barwell, and the "go" of the bells and workmanship is all that can be desired. Several 120s of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, also touches of College Single and Bob Minor, and a 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung. G. Case, J. Elcock, W. Overton, B. Head, H. W. Overton, J. Overton conductor. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar of Clavertley for kindly entertaining them to tea, and for the use of the bells.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, November 2nd, for Divine Service, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major in 50 mins. W. J. Thyng, W. Bellamy, G. Hollis, S. Price, B. A. Knights, J. Hunt, G. W. Bemrose, A. Knights conductor. This was arranged for W. Bellamy, who hails from Nottingham, and it is his longest touch in the method.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BANSTEAD (Surrey).—On Saturday, November 1st, 2520 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 32 mins. H Price, A H Winch, A C Otway, F Holden conductor, H G Beams, J Wyatt, C E Read, D Anscomb. This was an attempt for Holt's ten-part, but owing to the indisposition of one of the band, it was called round at the half-way. Tenor 22 cwt.

LEATHERHEAD (Surrey).—On Saturday, October 25th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Caters, which came to grief two courses from home, owing to a change-course. A H Winch, W S Smith, F Holden, J Hoyle, J Wyatt, A C Otway, J Hunt, E Hull, A Deau, W Cropley. Composed by W Marks, and Conducted by A Dean.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, October 19th, at St. Peter's church, a quarter-peal of Doubles in 42 mins., being 780 Grandsire, and 480 Bob Doubles. C. Stapleton, F. Lowe, A. Robinson, W. Stapleton conductor, J. Perkins, C. Robinson and B. Darbow. Longest length by Messrs. C. Stapleton and Perkins.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Tuesday, November 4th, at St. Martin's church, two courses of Stedman Cinques. A. Pegler, W. H. Godden, A. Walker, C. Dickens, T. Reynolds. W. Short conductor, W. Wakeman, E. Allaway, J. Pigott, A. Paddon Smith, J. E. Groves, W. Painter. And 660 Stedman Cinques. A. Paddon Smith, W. H. Barber conductor, J. E. Groves, T. Pigott, T. Reynolds, W. Short, G. Swan, E. Allaway, J. Pigott, A. Walker, A. Pegler, S. Jessopp. Also three

leads of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. J. Pigott, T. Pigott, J. E. Groves, C. Dickens, T. Reynolds, W. Short conductor, E. Allaway, A. Paddon Smith, J. Neal, A. Walker, W. H. Barber, A. Pegler. Rung as birthday compliments to W. H. Barber.

BLOXWICH (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, September 25th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival at the parish church, 504 Grandsire Triples. L. Bentley, A. Painter, J. Barton, F. Edwards, A. Turley, J. C. Adams conductor, J. Elton, R. W. Frost. On Sunday morning, September 28th, for Divine Service, 480 Grandsire Major. L. Bentley, W. Barton, J. Barton, A. Painter, A. Turley, F. Edwards, J. Elton, J. C. Adams conductor. For afternoon service 350 Grandsire Triples. L. Bentley, W. Barton, J. Barton conductor, A. Painter, A. Turley, J. C. Adams, J. Elton, R. W. Frost. For evening service 400 Grandsire Major. E. J. Stafford, W. Barton, W. Barton. A. Painter, A. Turley, F. Edwards, J. Elton, J. C. Adams conductor. Also two courses of Grandsire Triples. L. Bentley, E. J. Stafford, J. Barton conductor, A. Painter, A. Turley, F. Edwards, J. Elton, J. C. Adams. All these touches were rung for the Harvest Festival services.

BRISTOL.—On Thursday, October 16th, at the church of St. Mary Redcliffe, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Richard Randall, son of the late Archdeacon Randall. J. Palser, A. Pearce, G. Pearce, H. Tucker, P. W. H. Came, W. A. Cave, H. Porch, T. Donaldson and G. Fleet. Composed by the Editor.

HALESOWEN (Worcestershire).—On Sunday evening, September 21st, for evening service, 420 Stedman Triples. E. White, W. Coley, H. Raybould, H. Williams conductor, H. Lea, G. N. Cockin, W. Motteram, M. Hackett. On Monday, September 22nd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. W. White, W. Coley, H. Raybould, H. Williams conductor, H. Lea, G. Cockin, W. Motteram, M. Hackett. First quarter-peal in the method by all except G. N. Cockin and M. Hackett. H. Williams has only started conducting a few weeks ago, and is making rapid progress.

HODDESDON (Herts).—On Tuesday, August 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob with 6-8 covering. G. Radley, J. Puplett, H. G. Rowe, I. Cavill, G. Barker, C. Matthews, W. Cavill conductor, C. Rainbird. On Tuesday, September 2nd, on the occasion of the wedding of J. D. Hunt, Esq., 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Cain, I. Cavill, G. Radley, J. Puplett, H. G. Rowe, C. Matthews, S. Knight conductor, W. Cavill. On Tuesday, September 16th, for practice, 504 Stedman Triples. E. J. Webb, I. Cavill, J. Puplett, C. Matthews, G. Barker, W. Cavill, H. G. Rowe conductor, W. Pearman. Recently for evening service 1008 Grandsire Triples. W. E. Golby, W. E. Judd, C. Matthews, I. Cavill, G. Radley, W. Cavill, S. Knight (conductor), J. Puplett. At the residence of Mr. Puplett, on handbells, several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and a course of Minor. W. Golby, 1-2; W. E. Judd, 3-4; J. Puplett (conductor), 5-6.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, October 26th, at the church of St. John the Evangelist, Wilton Road, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. G. Channer, T. W. Channer, O. Weaver, E. Jones, J. Thimblethorpe, E. C. Phillips, F. T. Gover conductor, C. Teasdale.

NORTH WINGFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, October 25th, being the Harvest Festival, 1344 Bob Major in 54 mins. W. Hopkinson, jun., J. Millner, R. Hall, W. Butler, J. T. Butler, T. Clough, W. Hopkinson, sen., J. P. Tarlton conductor.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, October 5th, for Divine Service at St. Edward's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Bannister's work, in 44 mins. J. P. Kent, H. Catterwell, H. F. Dawkins, B. Cousins, G. Roughton, A. J. Perkins conductor, W. Watson, R. Vyse.

SHEFFIELD (Yorks).—On Sunday evening, September 28th, at St. Marie's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. R. Harrison, J. Wood, G. O. Dixon, F. Bugar conductor, H. Ward, T. Sarel, G. Lewis composer, W. Midgley.

SOUTHWOLD (Suffolk).—On Wednesday, October 29th, at St. Edmund's church, 360 Bob Doubles. F. Osborne, W. Beddingfield, W. Taylor, E. A. Holmes, Esq., G. Thompson conductor, E. Thompson. Also 240 in the same method standing as before. The above was rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. E. Goodwin with Miss Rachel Balls, of Linstead, which took place on the afternoon of that day, at the conclusion of which the bells were fired, and best wishes expressed for long life, health and happiness to the newly-married pair. On Monday, October 27th, on handbells, three courses of Bob Minor. W. Taylor, E. A. Holmes, Esq., T. A. King conductor.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1902.

The Metropolis.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, November 11, 1902, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOHN MOULE Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
CALEB FENN 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6.
ROWLAND FENN 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT† .. 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 13, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 13 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble.	†JOSEPH E. SYKES 5.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	†ALFRED W. GRIMES .. 6.
WILLIAM E. PITMAN† .. 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
WILLIAM PYE 4.	EDWARD N. PRICE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

†First peal in the method.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1902, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

DENNIS CARRIER Treble.	ALFRED J. T. CARTER .. 5.
ERNEST G. FENN 2.	ROWLAND FENN 6.
GEORGE W. FAULKNER .. 3.	THOMAS FAULKNER .. 7.
JAMES COTTIS 4.	CALEB FENN Tenor.

Conducted by ROWLAND FENN.

First peal by D. Carrier (late of Bedford), who was elected a member previous to starting. First peal as conductor, and was rung as a birthday compliment to C. Fenn, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY Treble.	ERNEST PYE 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. 7.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT .. 3.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. 8.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	CHARLES WILKINS .. 9.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 5.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. T. C. Nevett, on the completion of his 17th year. The above is the conductor's 50th peal of Stedman Caters.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 15, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, HAMPSTEAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 27 cwt.

HERBERT WATSON* Treble.	MARK WOODCOCK 5.
CHARLES PRYOR 2.	RICHARD BEVAN 6.
WILLIAM H. PRYOR 3.	FRANK SMITH 7.
ERNEST BONFIELD 4.	WILLIAM J. NORTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK SMITH.

*First peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES PARKER Treble.	SIDNEY T. DARLINGTON .. 5.
WILLIAM BENNETT 2.	JOSEPH WAGHORN 6.
JAMES SAXBY 3.	WILLIAM WARD 7.
RICHARD GOODCHILD .. 4.	†GEORGE LEVERETT Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM WARD.

†First peal.

The Provinces.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 10, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S COMPOSITION. Tenor 22 cwt.

T. AUSTIN Treble.	T. MOUNTFORD 5.
T. ALLEN 2.	S. CHURTON 6.
F. GOLDSTRAW† 3.	J. TITTERTON 7.
A. CLOWES 4.	T. ROSE Tenor.

Conducted by S. CHURTON.

†First peal of Stedman.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.-THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 10, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE OF CHARITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY WALLACE Treble.	ALBERT BIGGS, JUN. .. 5.
HERBERT BAKER 2.	FREDERICK HUNT 6.
ALBERT BIGGS, SEN. .. 3.	EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. 7.
SAMUEL R. GARNER .. 4.	†WILLIAM HOLDSTOCK .. Tenor.

Conducted by E. E. FOREMAN.

†First peal.

WITNEY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr.

THOMAS BROWN* Treble.	FRANCIS POWELL 5.
HARRY BROOKS 2.	JOHN MONK 6.
FREDERICK POUNDS .. 3.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN .. 7.
THOMAS BULL 4.	*JOHN RICHARDS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

*First peal. The age of the tenor man is 17, and his weight 9 st. 6 lbs.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRANK NAISBY† Treble.	JOSEPH W. PARKER 5.
ROBERT M. PICK* 2.	ROBERT W. LOVIE 6.
JOHN J. LEIGHTON .. 3.	THOS. H. NAISBY 7.
THOS. W. DITCHBURN .. 4.	WILLIAM T. ROBSON .. Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and

Conducted by J. W. PARKER.

This is J. W. Parker's first peal as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. *First peal in the method away from the treble. †First peal in the method.

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 12, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being Forty-two 6-scores.
Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWIN ELSON† Treble.	HENRY CHAPLIN 4.
FRANK WYATT 2.	ISAAC CREED 5.
TOM W. CREED 3.	†WILLIAM A. FOWLER .. Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

†First peal away from tenor. †First peal.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 12, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSCRIPTION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.
Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH STEPHEN HAWKINS Treble.	CHARLES GREEN 5.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2.	JOHN C. TRUSS 6.
WILLIAM E. COSTER .. 3.	JOHN EVANS 7.
FRANK H. BIGGS 4.	WALTER E. YATES Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells. Further reference elsewhere.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN COUNTIES' BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 13, 1902, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR,
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON† .. Treble.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. 5.
REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 2.	GEORGE TOMLINSON .. 6.
ROBERT MARSHALL .. 3.	†JOSEPH W. FLOWERS .. 7.
FRED TOMLINSON .. 4.	GEORGE LADD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

†First peal on eight bells. This is the first peal in this method ever rung in Lincolnshire, also by the Guild, and by all the band.

MORTIMER, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 13, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS NEVILLE .. Treble.	HENRY AUSTEN .. 5.
FRANK REDGATE† .. 2.	WILLIAM FORD .. 6.
JOHN WARD .. 3.	JOHN BALLARD .. 7.
HENRY WHITE .. 4.	†GEORGE EATWELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BALLARD.

†First peal. †First peal on a bob bell.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(THE NUNEATON SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, November 13, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART.

FRED PALLETT .. Treble.	†HERBERT CURE .. 5.
TIMOTHY CURE† .. 2.	JAMES CLARKE .. 6.
HARRY ARGYLE .. 3.	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN .. 7.
GLADSTONE WINTER .. 4.	†GEORGE BLENCOE .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. CLARKE.

†First peal.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 13, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 20 cwt.

REV. G. DE Y. ALDRIDGE* Treble.	ISHMAEL RICHARDS .. 5.
HENRY NORMAN .. 2.	ARCHIBALD J. ANDREWS .. 6.
ROBERT SCOTT .. 3.	WILLIAM CHAPMAN .. 7.
FREDERICK NORMAN† .. 4.	†R. CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT SCOTT.

*First peal and first attempt. †First peal.

MANCHESTER.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 13, 1902, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEANS GATE,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. COOPER* .. Treble.	WALTER BROWN .. 5.
JOE MORGAN .. 2.	WILLIAM BRAMMER .. 6.
JOHN W. TAYLOR .. 3.	GEORGE E. TURNER .. 7.
JOHN SMITH .. 4.	MARRY CHAPMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

*First peal, and first peal on these bells for upwards of thirty years. These bells have recently been rebung in a new iron frame, new fittings, etc., and dropped several feet lower in the tower by Messrs. Taylor.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

On Friday, November 14, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

GEORGE BAKER .. Treble.	GEORGE TURLEY .. 5.
FREDERICK STILL* .. 2.	ARTHUR T. GODLEY .. 6.
JOHN THORPE .. 3.	JAMES MAYNARD .. 7.
JAMES BAKER .. 4.	GEORGE IZZARD .. Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MAYNARD.

*First peal with a bob bell, and was rung on his 21st birthday, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. Rung entirely by the local band.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, November 15, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART.

JOHN GOODMAN .. Treble.	WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 5.
JESSE SCREEN† .. 2.	JOHN GOODMAN .. 6.
EBER SCREEN* .. 3.	ALFRED ROWLEY .. 7.
JOHN BASS* .. 4.	*JOHN RAY .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

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

THURLEIGH, BEDS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1902, in Three Hours and three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent
Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Grandsire Minor, and Plain Bob.

HERBERT FIELDS .. Treble.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 4.
WALTER FINEDEN .. 2.	SIDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 5.
LEWIS J. FLINT .. 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

HALLOW, WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15th, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt.

REUBEN SMITH* .. Treble.	LEONARD CLAY .. 5.
WILLIAM ROUSE .. 2.	*HENRY F. COOPER .. 6.
CHARLES BOWKETT .. 3.	ABRAHAM WHITERTON .. 7.
WILLIAM PAGE .. 4.	JAMES OAKLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PAGE.

*First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1902, in Five Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 7001 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt.

ALFRED MILLIS .. Treble.	JOHN HICKMAN .. 6.
FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. 2.	CHARLES H. FOWLER .. 7.
THOMAS H. COLBOURN .. 3.	HORACE W. ABBOTT .. 8.
JOSIAH MORRIS .. 4.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. 9.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 5.	ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

This is the longest peal on ten bells by the association. The composition, in 73 courses, is part of an 18053. It is the conductor's one-hundredth peal.

AMPTHILL; BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. Treble.	WILLIAM FREEMAN 4.
WILLIAM STAPLETON 2.	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5.
FRED. HOPPER 3.	FRED. WILFORD Tenor.

Conducted by FRED. WILFORD.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Merchant's Return, Oxford, Kent, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

EDWARD ROBERTS Treble.	ROWE HUXLEY 4.
GEORGE JONES 2.	GEORGE PARTINGTON 5.
RICHARD JONES 3.	JAMES MORGAN Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

FEERING, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1902, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
CHARLES NORFOLK 2.	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6.
HENRY EVERS 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH 7.
DAVID ELLIOTT 4.	JAMES NEWMAN Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

This peal has the 2nd never in 5-6 at a course-end. It was rung to celebrate the birthday of His Majesty King Edward VII.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON AND PRESTON BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. Treble.	WALTER HENSHALL 5.
ROBERT SANDERSON* .. 2.	TITUS BARLOW 6.
SAMUEL WATKINSON* .. 3.	*EDWARD BRETHERTON .. 7.
JOHN MOSCROP 4.	A. EDWARD WREAKS .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by A. EDWARD WREAKS.

*First peal in the method.

HAWLEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1902, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 16½ cwt.

MAURICE STEER Treble.	†BARZILLAI HAWKINS 5.
HENRY WHITE 2.	ERNEST ALLEN 6.
JOHN J. JONES 3.	CHARLES GILES 7.
GEORGE CONDICK, JUN.* .. 4.	JAMES HUNT Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

*First peal in the method with a bob bell. †First peal in the method.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE MIDHURST BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Bob Minor, Duke of York, Oxford, and two each of Woodbine and Kent, called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ERNEST G. PRESSLING .. Treble.	ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. 4.
WILLIAM MADGWICK 2.	THOMAS STROUD 5.
EDWARD BOXALL 3.	JAMES LEE Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS STROUD.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD CARTER Treble.	CHARLES CARTER 5.
WILLIAM WESTLAKE 2.	FREDERICK HUNT 6.
EDGAR HUNT 3.	EDWARD R. J. DUNK .. 7.
THOMAS FITZJOHN 4.	JOHN DEEKS Tenor.

Conducted by E. R. J. DUNK.

Reference elsewhere.

EMSCOTE, WARWICK.

On Sunday, November 16, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN PINFOLD, SEN.* .. Treble.	*GEORGE WARR 5.
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 2.	STAFF-SERGT. A. PYE .. 6.
FERRIS SHEPHERD 3.	*HARRY LETTS 7.
WILLIAM COLLETT* 4.	*JAMES SISMORE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

*First peal. First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 17, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN HALL Treble.	EDWARD ASTLEY 5.
ALEXANDER MCFARLANE .. 2.	WILLIAM NEWTON 6.
JAMES CARTER 3.	JOHN H. BLAKISTON .. 7.
NORMAN KIDD 4.	THOMAS METCALFE .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by T. METCALFE.

Handbell Peals.

OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 10, 1902, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH ROOM,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM HODGETTS .. 1-2.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5-6.
HENRY HODGETTS 3-4.	HUBERT EDEN 7-8.

Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

Umpire—Francis A. Smith.

Notices.

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The Essex Association.—South Western Division.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Romford, to-day, Saturday, November 22. Hornchurch will be open at 2.30 p.m. Havering not available. Tea (6d. each) will be provided.

THOS. FAULKNER, *District Sec.*
84, Fisher Street, Barking.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Hurstpierpoint, to-day, Saturday, November 22. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.
GEO. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*
2, Grove Street Brighton.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual tea party and social in connection with the above will be held to-day, Saturday, November 22nd, in the Evangelist school, Lord St. Oldham. Meat tea, gents' 1s. 6d., ladies' 1s. 3d. Tea on tables at 5 p.m.
JAS. JACQUES, *Branch Sec.*
Hebers, Middleton.

The Romney Marsh and District Guild.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at Stone, Isle of Oxney, to-day, Saturday, November 22nd. Ringing to commence at 3. Tea at 5. All ringers heartily welcomed.
C. TRIBE, *Hon. Sec.*
British School Villas, Tenterden.

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the Association will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, to-day, Saturday, November 22nd. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Tea at 6 o'clock, by kind permission of Rev. H. G. Bird.
C. EDWARDS.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Branch. Owing to the death of Lady Fitzhardinge the meeting at Berkeley is postponed. A meeting of the Branch will be held at Dursley instead on the 29th inst. Service 6 p.m. Trains from Bristol 1.28 and 2.37 p.m.
C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Headingley St. Chad's on Saturday, November 29th. Eight bells. Business meeting will be held at The New Inn at 7 p.m. Bells at liberty from 4 p.m. till 9 p.m.
CHARLES PRATT, *Sec.*

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—A quarterly meeting of the above will take place on Saturday, November 29th, at Thrapston. Usual arrangements. Important business, re amalgamation. It is hoped all members possible will attend.
T. R. HENSHER, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.—On Saturday, the 29th inst., three peal tablets will be unveiled in the ringing chamber at the parish church, St. Martin's, Bull Ring, by Mrs. Kendall and Mrs. Evans, and the Rector, the Rev. J. W. Diggle, M.A. There will be touch-ringing, commencing at 4 p.m., and the unveiling ceremony will commence at 6.
W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, November 29th. Bells available 1.30 p.m. Tea, 5, at Church room, London Street, adjoining the vicarage. Members intending to be present must send their names to me

through the secretaries of their bands not later than Thursday morning. Important business will be brought forward.

E. W. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*
Thorpe Vicarage, Chertsey.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 6th, at Helmsore. Bells ready at 2.30. Unveiling of peal board at 5 p.m. Tea in the school at 5.30; business meeting afterwards. The tea will be free to all ringers sending names to J. H. Banks, 462, Helmsore Road, Helmsore, not later than December 3rd.
W. ASHWORTH, *Branch Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on December 6th. Ringing at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 5.30 p.m. Tea at St. Chad's parish room at 6 at the kind invitation of the Archdeacon of Salop.
J. MACKAY, *Hon. Sec.*
Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Garston on December 6th. Bells ready at 3.30; tea at 5.30. Members intending to be present please send word to 3, Belmont Place, Garston. Business important.
WALTER HUGHES.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Preliminary Notice.—The Annual Meeting of the above Dioceses will be held in Bristol on Boxing Day, December 26th. Fuller particulars will appear in due course. It is to be hoped that every member will make a special effort to attend, and that every one will abstain from making any arrangements for peal ringing on that day. All outstanding subscriptions are respectfully asked to be paid by that date.
F. G. MAY, *Hon. Sec.*
6, Wentworth Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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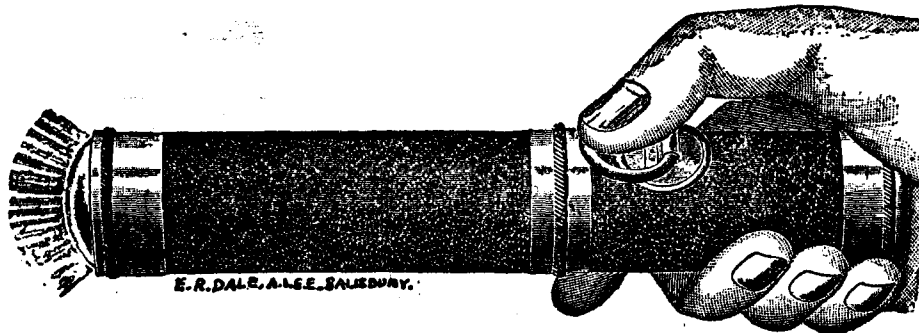
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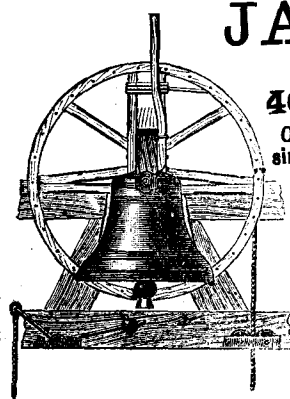
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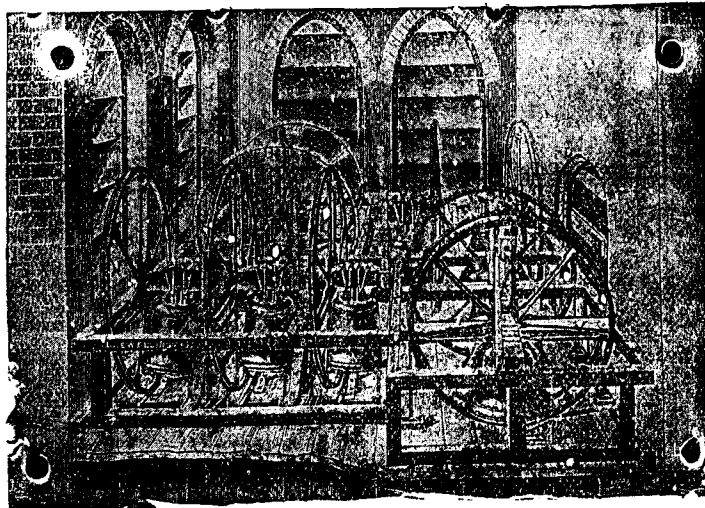
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In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

EALING (Middlesex). Christ Church. Eight bells. No return.

St. Mary. Middlesex County Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd, 1793; 3rd, 1804; the rest by Mears, 1739. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Repaired by Gillett, 1892. Ropes new 1896, good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Union, Oxford Bob, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6.15 to 7. Practice: Monday, 7.30. Irregular during summer.

EASTBOURNE (Sussex). All Saints. Sussex County Association. Eight bells. All by Warner. No date given. Tenor 18 cwt. Timber frame. Bells go well. Seage's apparatus fixed, 1897. Needful repairs at once attended to. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 1st and 3rd in month, 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Wednesday, 8. Owing to proximity of houses peal-ringing is not allowed.

Christ Church. Sussex County Association. Eight bells. All by Warner; Treble, 5th and tenor, 1888; the rest 1883. Tenor 9 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 1 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. No repairs needed. Ropes new 1896, fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday and Thursday; hour not stated.

St. Mary. Sussex County Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1818. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Mears, 1898. Anything needful is done promptly. Ropes new 1897, fair. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Oxford Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Monday and Thursday, 7, October to March.

St. Saviour. Eight bells. No return.

ECCLES (Lancashire). St. Mary. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Rudhall; Treble, 2nd and tenor, 1825; 4th, 1828; the rest, 1709. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Overhauled by Warner in 1885, but are sadly out of tune. The bells are well-cared for. Ropes new 1902. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 7.30.

ECCLESFIELD (Yorks). St. Mary. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears; the two trebles, 1845; date of the rest not given. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were rehung by Mallaby, 1902. Ropes new, 1902. Method: Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.45 to 10.30, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

ECKINGTON (Derbyshire). SS. Peter and Paul. Old East Derbyshire Association. Eight bells. All by Warner; the two trebles 1897, the rest 1896. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Mallaby in 1900. Ropes good. Method: Treble Bob. No Sunday ringing mentioned. Practice: Wednesday, 7.

LYMPSTONE CHURCH BELLS, DEVON.

The re-dedication of the bells of Lymptone parish church, after restoration and augmentation, took place on Sunday afternoon, November 23rd. The work, which has been carried out by parochial subscription, constitutes a commemoration of the Coronation of King Edward VII., and the establishment of peace in South Africa. The peal has hitherto consisted of five bells, dating from 1746. The whole of these bells, with the exception of the present 4th, have been quarter-turned, so that the clappers strike on fresh parts of the inner surfaces. An addition has now been made in the form of a new treble, weighing 4½ cwt., and cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The whole of the six bells have been placed in an iron frame, which represents the first of such construction in Devonshire by a local bellhanger, and supplies substantial proof of a determination not to allow the county to be behind in the matter of home provision of the most modern and scientific methods of bell-hanging. All the fittings connected with the bells have been entirely renewed, and a fresh floor has been provided underneath the bell-cage. The cost of the scheme has run into about £163. Of this sum £128 had been received, and another £20 promised. The collections for the fund in the morning and afternoon totalled £4 10s., so that only a few pounds remain to be raised to entirely free the undertaking from debt.

The contractor has been Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, and the neatness of the frame and the "go" of the bells evoked the highest expressions of approval, while the excellent matching of the new bell, and the increased beauty of the peal, excited general admiration.

For the purposes of the re-dedication, a special form of

service was sanctioned by the Lord Bishop of Exeter, and it had particular reference to the bell restoration. The service was attended by a crowded congregation, who entered into it with the utmost heartiness. The surpliced clergy present were the Lord Bishop of Crediton (Dr. Trefusis), the Rector of Lymptone (Rev. C. G. Browne), the curate (Rev. S. Hankey), and the President of the Devonshire Guild (Rev. Maitland Kelly, of Kelly). At an appropriate stage the choir, clergy, and the Bishop proceeded to the ringing-chamber, where the Bishop dedicated the new treble, and re-dedicated the old bells to the glory of God and the service of the church. After this ceremony the bells were rung for a few minutes by members of the Lymptone band. The service was choral. The Lord Bishop of Crediton gave an address. He remarked that it must be a great source of gratification to think that the offering represented by the bell restoration scheme was that of the whole body of people in the parish, and that rich and poor alike had given according to their ability. In the future it would be the duty of those connected with the church to see that the bells were rung in the best method and manner possible, and to give to those who rang them a word of encouragement, and show a real, affectionate sympathy. Ringers had difficulties and trials, and, if they desired to ring to perfection, must deny themselves constantly. The ringers themselves should be godly men. The congregation would have the opportunity of hearing after the service the music which could be produced on bells by the skilled hands of those who had contributed largely to the elevation of ringing in the diocese, and done so on a deep religious basis, under the auspices of the Devonshire Guild. He dwelt upon the uses of the bells, and concluded by a plea for self-discipline among ringers generally.

The bells were rung after the service and before evening prayer by members of the St. Sidwell's society, who were joined by Mr. Kelly and members of the St. Thomas and St. David's (Exeter) and Woodbury bands. Some excellent 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung, and the bells were also fired. The visiting ringers were kindly entertained at the rectory, and on their behalf Mr. Sidney Herbert (City Councillor and vice-president of the St. Sidwell's society), cordially thanked the Rev. C. G. Browne, who hoped that there might be a visit on some future occasion.

At the evening service there was another large congregation. The Lord Bishop of Crediton again preached, and dealt with the ancient character of bells, and spoke of the need of the purity of life.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT BENTLEY CHURCH, YORKS.

On a recent Saturday afternoon the church folk of Bentley assembled in fair numbers to participate in the dedication service that marked the introduction to St. Peter's of four new bells. The bells were presented by Lady Mary Cooke, the full number now being five. It is perhaps unnecessary to remind readers that the late Mr. Charles Cooke had St. Peter's built, and that the church has enjoyed from time to time, and in many ways, the munificence of Lady Mary Cooke. The bells have come from the foundry of Mears and Stainbank, which foundry has turned out no less than sixteen peals of bells for Yorkshire. A special form of service, authorised by the Archbishop, was used, and among the clergy present were the

Rev. A. E. B. Wade, Vicar; Rev. E. S. de Courcy-Ireland, Rector of Adwick-le-Street; Rev. T. Todd, Vicar of Arksey; Rev. S. F. F. Jannings, Rector of Warmsworth. Lady Mary Cooke was also present. The bell-ropes were handed to the Bishop by the churchwardens, and the Bishop then handed them to the Vicar, pointing out the uses of the bells, stating that they were to be kept for such purposes as the Vicar should authorise, and be prevented from all profane and unhallowed uses. Special hymns were sung.

The bells were opened by the Doncaster parish church ringers, who rang several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE REV. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES AND MRS. DAVIES.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies has resigned the rectory of East Marden with North Marden, after a successful ministry of ten years, and is about to take charge of another parish in the diocese of Gloucester. The parishioners determined that the rev. gentleman and his wife should not leave Sussex without some memento of their stay among the Southdowns. A meeting called by Mr. T. W. Thorpe, churchwarden, was very fully attended, and in a few days nearly or quite every household in the parish had subscribed. The result was a presentation, which was made at the close of the entertainment in the school-room on a recent Saturday night, and which took both Mr. and Mrs. Davies by surprise. Mr. Thorpe, mounting the platform, addressed the audience, and told of the initial steps which had led to the presentation, at the same time expressing regret that other engagements had prevented Sir. Robert Turing, churchwarden of North Marden, from accepting an invitation to make the presentation. He (Mr. Thorpe) was a comparative stranger among them, but he hoped he would not long continue to be so. In the absence of Sir R. Turing he had been unanimously requested to make the presentation, and he undertook the duty with great pleasure. He spoke eloquently, frequent bursts of applause greeting his remarks, of the able ministrations of Mr. Davies in the two parishes; and of the manner in which his efforts for the well-being of the parishioners had been aided by Mrs. Davies. Much was expected of the clergy, and there were always plenty of people to find fault—a very easy thing to do—but Mr. Davies had gained the goodwill and esteem of all his flock. Not only did he take the greatest interest in his work as their spiritual guide, but he mixed with them in their sports. When he (Mr. Thorpe) came to the parish the Rector suggested to him the establishment of a cricket club, and he had seen him playing with them. They were losing a valuable friend and a genial gentleman, who, he hoped, would attain to higher preferment in the Church he served so well. He felt sure all present wished the Rector and Mrs. Davies and family long life and happiness in their new sphere. Having read over a lengthy list of subscribers, Mr. Thorpe, amid hearty applause, handed to Mr. Davies a massive and handsomely chased silver salver, inscribed "Presented to the Rev. Charles D. P. Davies on his leaving East and North Marden by his parishioners, as a token of their esteem and respect. 18th October, 1902." The cheering was renewed when Mrs. Davies claimed the privilege of first saying a few words of thanks. The lady's little speech, which evidently came straight from her heart, and in which she spoke of the love she and her husband would always bear for all in the two parishes, was supplemented by a longer address from the Rector, who, however, pleaded his utter unpreparedness to make a speech because of being taken by surprise. His object in the parish had been to conduct the services of the church in a way that should lead to the edification of the people; and, in private ministrations to help all who asked him for assistance. He had always striven to treat everybody alike, because if there was one thing more than another that weakened a clergyman's position it was the showing of favouritism. He liked to treat rich and poor, old and young, alike. The cricket club was one of the things that united the parish. He was sorry to leave, but, at the same time, it was a source of happiness to know that they had now such an excellent man as Mr. Thorpe in the parish. All must be struck with his kindness of heart and generosity; he

seemed to be planning fresh acts of kindness from morning till night. Knowing this, he felt that the people would be well cared for in the affairs of everyday life; while as to his successor, as the appointment rested with the Bishop, who was always conscientious in such matters, and liked to prefer clergymen who had worked under him in the diocese, he thought their interests were in safe hands. He again expressed his thanks, not only for the beautiful gift, but also for the reflection that he left an united parish.

Mr. Thorpe next, in a few appropriate words, presented in the name of subscribers a purse and contents to Mrs. Davies, who returned thanks.

Votes of thanks to Mr. Thorpe and to Mrs. Dowle, who had assisted in collecting subscriptions, were heartily accorded, and suitably acknowledged before the meeting broke up. Mr. and Mrs. Davies have also received a handsome present from Sir Robert and Lady Turing and their family, and Mrs. Davies has a further gift from Mrs. and the Misses Woods, of Chilgrove.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD OF BIRMINGHAM.

CEREMONY OF UNVEILING A PEAL TABLET.

On Saturday last, the 22nd inst., a neat tablet, recording the muffled peal of Stedman Triples rung at the funeral of the late John Day, was unveiled by the Vicar of Harborne, the Rev. W. J. Price, M.A., in the presence of members of the Harborne local ringing society, representatives of the St. Martin's guild, and members of Mr. Day's family.

Representing the St. Martin's Guild, the secretary formally handed over the tablet to the custody and care of the Vicar and wardens. The Vicar then unveiled the tablet, and, having read over the inscription thereon, referred in feeling terms to the respect and love in which the late Mr. Day was held by his fellow parishioners and himself, and especially by the ringers at Harborne, to whom he had always given ready and liberal assistance. Representing the wardens and local ringers, Mr. W. R. Heaton expressed the pleasure it had given them in being able to co-operate with the members of the St. Martin's Guild in erecting the tablet, and spoke feelingly of his own personal indebtedness to Mr. Day for proffered services.

In referring to the pleasure it had given him to meet so many ringers that afternoon, the Vicar spoke most happily of the many benefits to be derived from the pursuit of change-ringing—and we cannot help thinking that there would be many more and even better ringers than there are now were such views more generally promulgated.

Earlier in the afternoon a peal had been attempted under the conductorship of Mr. H. Withers, but came to grief. The ringers, however, during the presence of the Vicar and visitors, rang several musical touches, over which Mr. J. E. Groves presided.

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Vicar, proposed by Mr. Avery and seconded by Mr. Painter.

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SIX-BELL RINGING IN SUSSEX.

Sussex, in its country districts, is well off for six-bell peals, but it cannot be said that the Association has done much until just recently to encourage the art of ringing in the "minor" towers. Until the last year or two practically nothing was done, but the present energetic and enthusiastic Hon. Secretary, coming as he does from a six-bell tower, has certainly infused a little life into the matter. Meetings at some of the churches where only six bells are hung have been held more frequently, but in many cases they have not been altogether a success, the fault being on the part of the ringers in the eight-bell towers, who, somehow or other, do not find six-bell ringing exactly to their liking. The six-bell ringers of Sussex—and no doubt there are many even now who have scarcely heard of the existence of the Association, deserve every encouragement, and on this ground alone eight-bell men would do well to frequently visit their brethren whose opportunities are more limited so far as ringing is concerned. Where change-ringing has been learnt in these handicapped districts it has been almost, if not entirely, through the ringers' own enterprise and perseverance, and though these towers would form a valuable adjunct to the Association, it is a fact that very few are affiliated to the county organisation. But apart from the encouragement which friendly visits to these smaller towers must give to the local ringers, those who have not participated in them are ignorant of the pleasure which six-bell ringing affords, and an excursion to the nearest minor peal, with a few fresh methods looked up, would well repay any trouble that may be taken. At least, that is the experience of some seven individuals, namely: Messrs. F. Bennett, K. Hart, R. J. Dawe, and J. N. Frossell, of Brighton; and A. J. Turner, W. Pelling, and J. S. Goldsmith of Lewes, when on a recent Saturday they paid a visit to a couple of such towers in what may be termed "the wilds of Sussex." Fletching, where there is an ancient peal by Pack and Chapman, was first on the programme, and this was reached by a delightful walk through the extensive park of Lord Sheffield's domain. The belfry is a somewhat neglected one, the frame almost walks about the tower when the bells are in motion, and the ropes have seen better days. That was the opinion formed by the state of affairs at Fletching; but there is a company in the quaint little village that can ring Bob Minor, though how method ringing came to be introduced into that circle is not precisely known. Yet this ground is unclaimed by the Association. When the visitors arrived the bells were set going to new tunes so far as they were concerned, being introduced to Kent Treble Bob, Double Stedman Slow Course, Double Court, Woodbine, and such-like methods. After an interval for tea further short touches were rung, and a rope or two broken; and then the visitors departed on a cross-country tramp of about three miles to Newick, where they found a belfry spick-and-span, the bells recently rehung, and everything in good order. Doubles is the extent of method ringing done by the villagers, but here again the Association has left the ground unclaimed. The bells are toys, the tenor being only 5 cwt., but for their weight are not at all to be despised. Their shrill voices pipe out merrily, and can be heard far over the country side. The methods practised at the first tower were repeated at this by the visitors, and Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were added to the list. At both villages the party were met by representatives of the local ringers, and at Newick a pleasant hour was spent among a jovial company at The Royal Oak. It was the unanimous opinion of the participators in the excursion that the outing had been most enjoyable, and the determination was expressed that more should follow. Other bands would also find the greatest pleasure in such trips if only they would try them, and not only would they find enjoyment themselves, but they would be advancing the interests of ringing in general, and the Association in particular.

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Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OXENHOPE (Yorks).—On Sunday, November 9th, 1902, in honour of the King's birthday, a date touch of Minor, 1902 changes, consisting of 102 Bob Minor, 360 Violet, and 720 each of Oxford, Treble Bob, and Duke of York, in 1 hr. 8 mins. W. B. Smith conductor, A. Howley, J. Hartley, A. Smith, J. Riley, W. Boocock.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Monday, November 10th, 1902, at St. Peter's church, a date touch of Bob Major in 1 hr. 12 mins. W. Flinden, W. Bellamy, J. Hickman, H. R. Cobbin, J. Woolley, E. Wooding, J. Barrow composer, G. H. Johnson conductor.

QUIDENHAM (Norfolk).—On October 30th, at St. Andrew's church, a date touch of 1902 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 10 mins. E. G. Kemp, J. Sage, W. Ringer, W. Hensley, W. Killington, J. Woods conductor.

Miscellaneous.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

HALSALL (Lancashire).—On Saturday, November 15th, at St. Cuthbert's church, by a mixed company, a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 29 mins. Jas. Sholicar, R. Mawdsley, W. Fairclough, J. Taylor, W. Huyton, W. Bentham conductor.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

EXETER.—On Sunday, November 16th, at the parish church of St. Sidwell's, for Divine Service, 1250 Grandsire Caters. E. Searle, W. Richardson, W. Mogridge, C. Carter, A. Searle, F. Murphy, E. Shepherd conductor, T. Mudge, J. Moss, W. Acreman.

OTTERY ST. MARY.—On Wednesday, November 19th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. J. H. Godfrey, W. H. Godfrey, J. Fisher, F. Stuckey, H. R. Channon, J. E. Baker, A. E. Pike conductor, J. Lovering.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

TAUNTON.—On Sunday, November 9th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 48 mins. T. Merson, E. A. W. Poole, J. Rontley, S. Wyatt, J. Fowler, J. Burge conductor, F. J. Sadd, W. Eveleigh, E. Wyatt, W. Fowler. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On a recent Wednesday evening, at St. Mary's church, 720 New London. H. Crick, T. Hollocks, A. Hollocks, J. Fayers, H. D. Poulson conductor, W. Hollocks. This was rung to celebrate the conductor's birthday. On Saturday, November 1st, 720 Superlative Surprise. H. Crick, T. Hollocks, A. Hollocks, A. Symonds first 720 in the method, H. D. Poulson, W. Hollocks conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALKLEY, SHEFFIELD.—On Sunday, August 31st, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. F. Horsfield, G. Heward, L. Berrisford, C. H. Lake, J. Thorpe, S. F. Palmer conductor.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Wednesday, October 29th, 504 Stedman Triples. N. Davis, W. H. Smith, C. H. Woodberry, W. Wakeman, T. J. Salter conductor, T. Bennett, J. Smith, J. Bennett. On a recent Sunday morning, 504 Stedman Triples. T. J. Salter conductor, N. Davis, W. H. Smith, T. Bennett, E. J. Brooks, J. Rew (Sheffield), J. Crane, J. Bennett. On Wednesday, November 1st, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Smith, N. Davis, W. H. Smith, T. J. Salter conductor, T. Bennett, W. Wakeman, J. Crane, C. H. Woodberry. On Sunday, November 9th, 840 Stedman Triples. N. Davis, W. E. Leeson, W. H. Smith, T. J. Salter, E. J. Brooks, T. Bennett, J. Smith, H. Head.

WOLVERLEY.—On the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 720 Bob Minor. W. Perry, E. J. Brooks, C. H. Woodberry, H. Frazier, P. Perry, J. Smith conductor.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST.—On Friday, October 17th, four 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. H. Churchill, Rev. H. Wheat, W. R. Madgwick, A. B. Bennett, T. Stroud conductor. On Tuesday, October 28th, a 6-score of Stedman Doubles. E. J. Pressling, E. G. Boxall, H. Churchill, A. B. Bennett, T. Stroud conductor.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA.—On Sunday, November 16th, at Christ

church, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. H. Harvey, C. Hill, T. Waterhouse, F. Medhurst, F. Kennett, G. Watson conductor, H. Denman.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PETERSFIELD (Hants).—On Saturday, August 25th, after meeting late for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Butler, T. Stroud, G. Barnes, A. B. Bennett, C. Tribe, J. Arthur, W. Billenness conductor, W. Read.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday evening, November 9th, after service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in honour of the King's birthday. A. J. LeClercq, T. Upshall, H. Garfath, sen., A. E. Smith, A. Baigent longest touch with a bob bell, C. Fry, E. Clapshaw, H. Jarratt.

WICKHAM (Hants).—On Wednesday, September 17th, the Rev. H. Wheat brought two more of the Hursley ringers to Wickham for a practice, doing the journey by motor car, and a very pleasant evening was the result. A 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung. H. W. Merrett, W. F. Churcher, W. Richards, W. Singleton, J. Jones, G. E. Chappell, conductor. 720 Bob Minor. W. Singleton, Rev. H. Wheat, W. Cooper, A. Millard, W. F. Churcher, G. E. Chappell conductor. And several 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with H. J. Smith. On Wednesday, November 12th, for combined practice, 720 Bob Minor. W. F. Churcher, W. Singleton, Rev. H. Wheat, A. Millard, G. E. Chappell conductor, J. W. Whiting. Also 360 Oxford Bob. H. W. Merrett, W. Linter, W. Cooper, N. Welch, W. F. Churcher, G. E. Chappell conductor. And 360 Bob Minor. H. W. Merrett, A. Millard, W. Singleton, G. Hunt, G. E. Chappell conductor, J. W. Whiting. And a course of Treble Bob Minor.

CURDRIDGE (Hants).—On the occasion of the home-coming of Captain Salmon, son of Admiral Sir Noel Salmon, of Curdridge, 336, 504, 168 Grandsire Triples. H. W. Merrett, W. Cooper, R. Linter, W. Linter, A. Millard, G. E. Chappell, J. W. Whiting, A. Mears. No doubt the best accomplishment was a 720 Bob Minor on the back six. R. Linter, W. Cooper, W. Linter, A. Millard, G. E. Chappell conductor, J. W. Whiting. R. Linter, W. Linter and A. Mears were duly proposed members of the above Guild in the tower.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SAWRIDGEWORTH (Herts).—On Tuesday, November 11th, at the church of St. Mary the Great, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. W. Prior, G. Jordan, W. Watts, W. Kempton, T. Jordan, S. Lawrance, W. T. Prior, H. J. Tucker conductor. Also 504 Stedman Triples. N. Tarling conductor, G. Jordan, H. J. Tucker, W. Hobbs, T. Jordan, S. Lawrance, W. T. Prior, W. Tarling. And 420 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Jordan, W. Hobbs, T. Saban, W. Prior, W. Watts, S. Lawrance, W. Tarling, H. J. Tucker conductor. Also 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major. N. Tarling, G. Jordan, H. J. Tucker, W. Prior, T. Jordan, S. Lawrance, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor. And 210 Stedman Triples. G. Jordan, W. Prior, W. Watts, W. T. Prior, T. Jordan, W. Tarling, H. J. Tucker conductor, S. Lawrance. And on handbells retained in hand, at the house of Mr. W. Watts, 720 Plain Bob Minor. S. Lawrance 1-2, G. Jordan 3, T. Jordan 4, W. Watts, conductor, 5-6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Tuesday, November 18th, for practice, at St. Mary's church, 504 Stedman Triples. C. Cox, N. Cox, C. Giles, F. Webb, W. P. Routh, J. Swain, A. Osborn conductor, J. Maskell. First 500 Stedman by C. Cox, N. Cox, and F. Webb. Also 252 in same method. F. Webb, C. Cox, C. Giles conductor, J. Maskell, W. P. Routh, J. Swain, A. Osborn, H. Pickering. First touch of Stedman by J. Maskell.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FINCHLEY (Middlesex).—On Thursday, August 28th, for practice at the parish church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. W. H. Tubb, W. Webb, E. H. Tubb, W. Eldred, J. Cornell, F. Carroway conductor. On Thursday, September 18th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. H. Tubb, W. Webb, W. Eldred, E. H. Tubb, J. Cornell, F. Carroway conductor. On Sunday, October 5th, after Divine Service in the evening, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. H. Tubb, J. Cornell, E. H. Tubb, W. Eldred, F. L. Sparks, F. Carroway conductor. On Thursday, October 9th, for practice, 720 Canterbury Pleasure. B. Tubb, W. Webb, W. H. Tubb, F. L. Sparks, W. Eldred, F. Carroway conductor. On Sunday, October 19th, for Divine Service in the evening, 720 College Single. W. Mulley, W. H. Tubb, W. Webb, W. Eldred, J. A. Cornell, F. Carroway conductor. On Saturday, October 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. E. Tubb, W. Webb, W. Eldred, J. Cornell, F. Carroway, C. H. Martin conductor. Also 720 College Single. J. Cornell, C. H. Martin, W. Webb, E. Tubb, W. Eldred, F. Carroway conductor.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Mon.).—On Tuesday, October 28th, at St. Woollas church, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal, taken from *The Clavis*, of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, for practice. A. E. Slatter, *T. Butler, H. Millard, J. Butler, *A. O. Edwin, *J. Pippin, F. Attwell conductor, J. Goddard. *First quarter-peal.

BIDDENHAM (Beds).—On Sunday, November 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Double Court. W. Davidson, J. Maxey, C. West, M. Smith, W. Finedon, C. R. Lilley conductor. On Sunday, November 16th, for morning service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob. C. R. Lilley, C. West, M. Davidson, W. Finedon, J. Maxey, M. Smith conductor. Also 360 Bob Minor. O. West, W. West, C. R. Lilley, C. West, M. J. Davidson, W. Finedon conductor. Also 720 Bob Minor. O. West, M. Davidson, W. West, C. West conductor, J. Maxey, J. Davidson. 720 Bob Minor. W. West, O. West, M. Davidson, H. King, J. Maxey, C. West conductor. On November 11th, 360 Woodbine Treble Bob. W. West, H. King, M. Davidson, M. Finedon, J. Maxey, M. Smith conductor. On November 16th, 720 Bob Minor. O. West, W. West, C. Lilley, C. West, M. Davidson, M. Finedon conductor.

BURTON (Westmoreland).—On Sunday evening, November 8th, for the service at St. James's church, 720 changes of The Imperial. G. Bell, G. Brathwaite, J. Atkinson, F. Gee, J. Brathwaite conductor, H. Blamire.

CAVERSHAM (Oxon).—On Sunday, November 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. E. Webb, G. Irvine, J. F. Tarrant, J. Hands, E. W. Menday, T. Newman, R. T. Hibbert conductor, H. Simmonds. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Webb and his twin sister, who attained their 17th year.

CUMNOR (Oxon).—On Monday, November 10th, on the occasion of the funeral of the Rev. S. Y. N. Griffith, Vicar, 720 Grandsire Minor, with the bells muffled. S. White, F. White, T. J. Cole, J. Buckingham, F. Cooper, W. Lambourne. At 7.30 p.m. the same day 720 College Single. H. Lambourne, E. Holifield, T. J. Cole, J. Buckingham, F. Cooper, W. Lambourne.

DORCHESTER (Dorset).—On Tuesday, November 18th, at St. Peter's church, for practice, 126 Grandsire Triples. H. Coombes, R. Hodges, F. Uphill, J. Bengier, J. Hull, S. M. Dodington, J. White conductor, T. Hyde. First touch of Grandsire Triples with a bob bell by S. M. Dodington. Also a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. F. Uphill, J. Bengier, J. White conductor, J. Hull, S. M. Dodington, H. Coombes.

DULVERTON (Somerset).—On Saturday, October 4th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob. F. Mason, S. Mason, A. W. Brighton conductor, F. Atkins, J. Jones, S. Moore.

DUNSTER (Somerset).—On Sunday, October 5th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. J. Hole, G. Stacey, R. Hole, A. W. Brighton conductor, T. Elliott, C. Thrush, G. Grabham, J. Jones.

EVESFORD (Kent).—On Sunday, November 2nd, for Divine Service, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. W. West first 720, E. Howard, T. Booker, S. Smith first 720 with a bob bell, R. Baldwin, R. Brett conductor.

HEAVITREE (Devon).—On Sunday, October 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. W. Hancock, F. Davey, W. Burrough, F. Shepherd, W. Miflin, J. Sandover, A. W. Brighton conductor, W. Nethercott.

LAVENHAM.—On Saturday evening, November 8th, at the church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1008 Grandsire Triples. W. Boby, H. Parker, F. Parker, J. Moore, W. Crouch, H. Smith, A. Symonds, T. King conductor. This was rung in honour of King Edward's birthday, also to oblige W. Crouch, Sapper of the Royal Engineers, who belongs to Nutfield, Surrey.

LECKHAMPTON.—On Monday, September 29th, at St. Peter's church, 360 Grandsire Minor. F. Pratt, T. Hunt, W. Townsend, A. Candle, A. F. Hunt, J. T. Ballinger. On Friday, October 3rd, for the Harvest Festival, two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. W. Townsend conductor, T. Hunt, A. Candle, J. F. Ballinger, A. F. Hunt, J. Still. After service three 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Still, T. Hunt conductor, J. F. Ballinger, W. Townsend, A. F. Hunt, N. Newton.

LYTHAM (Lancashire).—On Sunday, September 21st, for evening service, at St. John's church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. John Tipping conductor, John Fell, David McLellan, Edward Tipping, John Hardman, Thomas Allanson. On Sunday, September 28th, in the afternoon, being harvest thanksgiving, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. Charles Kerr, John Fell, D. McLellan, John Tipping conductor, J. Hardman, E. Tipping. On Sunday, October 12th, for evening service, 720 College Single. William Bambey, C. Kerr, D. McLellan, E. Tipping conductor, J. Hardman, T. Allanson. On Sunday, October 26th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. W. Bamber, John Fell, D. McLellan, John Tipping conductor, J. Hardman, T. Allanson.

OLD BILTON (Warwickshire).—On Wednesday, November 12th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal, 1260 changes, viz., 480 Stedman Doubles, 360 Plain Bob, and 420 Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins. A. J. Hessian, A. Dubber conductor, F. Sear, J. B. Fenton, A. Bramall. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells and the first by the whole band in three different methods. The ringers desire to thank the Rev. W. O. Assheton for the use of the bells.

PENZANCE.—On Thursday, November 13th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. J. Tregoning, J. Hodder, Dr. J. Symons, H. Williams, P. Hitchens, T. Hicks, A. W. Brighton conductor, F. Kessell.

QUIDENHAM (Norfolk).—On November 7th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. E. G. Kemp, J. Sage, W. Ringer, J. Woods, W. Killington, W. Hensley conductor. Also 720 Bob Minor. E. G. Kemp, J. Sage, W. Ringer, W. Hensley, W. Killington, J. Woods conductor. And 360 standing as before.

READING (Berks).—On the occasion of Instructor Newell's 64th birthday, the members of the St. Laurence's society visited the tower of Caversham, Oxon, with the idea of ringing half a peal of Grandsire Triples as a birthday compliment to Mr. Newell, but through a mistake one of the inside members did not turn up, so a novice was put inside and several shorter touches were rung, including a 504. On the road home a call was made at an hotel and a social glass was handed round, the ringers wishing their captain and instructor many happy returns of the day. Sunday, November 9th, being the King's birthday, the ringers met sooner than usual and rang for the morning service 420 Grandsire Triples and three courses of Grandsire Cateters; and for the evening service six courses of Grandsire were rung for the first time by the new band, which is making headway fast.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Wednesday, November 17th, at the church of St. Andrew, 504 Stedman Triples. A. J. Hessian, J. Harris, F. Sear, A. J. Gillings, A. Dubber, J. George, J. B. Fenton conductor, A. Coleman.

STONY STRATFORD (Buck).—On Sunday, October 26th, 360 Bob Minor. H. Clarke, E. Yates, G. Cowley, W. Bonham, C. Valentine, W. Tucker conductor. On Tuesday, November 4th, 240 Bob Minor. On Sunday evening, November 2nd, 720 Bob Minor. A. Clarke, E. Yates, G. Cowley, W. Bonham, C. Valentine, W. Tucker conductor. This 720 was rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving for Eastleigh, Hants.

STURMINSTER NEWTON (Dorset).—On Wednesday, November 5th, at the parish church, for practice, 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. Rose conductor, J. Beal, J. W. Fry, T. J. Inkpen, S. M. Dodington, T. Burt.

WOOD GREEN (Middlesex).—On Sunday, November 16th, at St. Michael's church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. Fred Fenson, T. Langdon, W. Dixon, W. Pickworth, Mark Fenson, A. Jacob conductor. Also, after evening service, 720 Bob Minor. J. O. Ward, A. Jacob conductor, W. Dixon, W. Pickworth, Mark Fenson, T. Langdon.

WYMONDHAM (Leicestershire).—On Sunday, November 9th, the King's birthday, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor. *W. E. Clarke, W. J. Brown, W. H. Dyke, J. Murray, *T. H. Morris, G. H. Huddleston conductor. Also for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, standing as above. *First 720 in the method.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1902

In another column will be found a short article entitled "Six-Bell Ringing in Sussex," which may be read with profit by all ringers, and especially by those who are periodically concerned in those transactions known as "ringing tours." The writer gives a broad hint that somehow or other ringers who are accustomed to eight or ten-bell ringing do not find six-bell ringing "exactly to their liking." Well, ringers are only human, after all. Self-denial is a splendid thing in theory, but we fear that its practice is almost unknown among the rank and file of ringers. But if the writer of the article in question can fully bring home to the ordinary ringing mind the fact that an immense amount of self-gratification will be felt

by periodical visits to six-bell towers in what may be called out-of-the-way places, he will be doing a great service. Six-bell ringers need encouragement and more recognition. The visits to such places mentioned in the article will, in all probability, not only prove efficacious in spreading and affirming the practice of change-ringing in the neighbourhood, but tend to augment the members of the county Association. Let this be thought of by those who are apt to slight six-bell practice. Perhaps on the next occasion when a touring company are perambulating another neighbourhood, they may be induced to give some poor neglected six-bell tower a turn, and show the natives of such a place the enchantments which accompany the knowledge of scientific half-pull ringing. The tendency of the present day is to augment rings of bells to a higher number; many rings of six have been so increased to eight or even more; but such would in all probability never have happened had not the six-bell men been a company of half-pull ringers. The cases in point are frequent, and our pages are plentifully stocked with the reports of such augmentations.

We have said enough, perhaps, to draw attention to the advisability of awarding to six-bell towers more recognition than formerly.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 19, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ACTON.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

LEONARD W. COPSEY Treble.	JOSEPH J. PRATT 5.
WILLIAM PYE 2.	GEORGE R. FARDON 6.
JOHN BASDEN 3.	HENRY BROWNING 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER, AND THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Saturday, November 22, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD, SEN. 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS 7.
FREDERICK J. PERRIN 3.	*THOMAS LANGDON 8.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE 4.	†THOMAS LANGDON 9.
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 5.	ARTHUR JACOBS Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.
E. Barnett and T. Groombridge were elected members of the above previons to starting for the peal. *College Youth. †Cumberland Youth.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5014 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

GEORGE R. FARDON Treble.	WILLIAM PYE 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7.
CHARLES MEE 3.	REUBEN CHARGE 8.
FREDK. T. C. NEVETT 4.	ERNEST PYE 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE 5.	HERBERT F. HULL Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The Provinces.

WEST KIRBY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 10, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes.

AT THE THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, and one 720 Oxford Single. Tenor 12 cwt 26 lbs.

S. WHARTON Treble.	J. HAMMOND 4.
J. HALE 2.	A. SMITH 5.
J. RUTTER 3.	J. POWNALL 6.
E. HAMPSON, Tenor.	

Conducted by J. POWNALL.

WEST KIRBY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 17, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

S. WHARTON Treble.	J. HAMMOND 5.
C. POWELL 2.	A. SMITH 6.
J. HALE 3.	*J. POWNALL 7.
J. RUTTER 4.	E. HAMPSON Tenor.

Conducted by J. POWNALL.

*First peal as conductor. First peal in the method by all except the conductor. First peal ever rung by a local band. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Dinah Hammond, sister of the ringer of the 5th.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, November 18, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES HARES Treble.	SAMUEL REEVES 5.
HENRY TINSLEY 2.	JOHN C. ADAMS 6.
FREDERICK J. STEELE 3.	HENRY H. SOMMERVILLE 7.
ERNEST W. TURNER 4.	FRANK HALLSWORTH, JUN. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.

On Tuesday, November 18, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Treble.	EDWIN J. MENDAY 5.
GEORGE IRVINE* 2.	ERNEST W. MENDAY 6.
GEORGE ESSEX 3.	THOMAS NEWMAN 7.
RICHARD T. HIBBERT 4.	HENRY SIMMONDS Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

*First peal.

ASHTED, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 18, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

D. ANSCOMBE Treble.	W. COOK 5.
F. HOLDEN 2.	J. MILES 6.
A. BASSETT 3.	J. HOYLE 7.
J. WYATT 4.	W. FARREL Tenor.

Conducted by J. WYATT.

Rang after a Confirmation had been held by the Bishop of Winchester.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 18, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON† ..Treble.	†RUPERT RICHARDSON .. 5.
REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 2.	JOHN T. HOLMES .. 6.
JOHN HILTON† .. 3.	JOHN R. GREEN .. 7.
EDWARD HOULDEN .. 4.	†GEORGE LADD .. ..Tenor.

Composed by W. ESTCOURT, and
Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

†First peal of Treble Bob.

HADDENHAM, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM BENNETT .. ..Treble.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 5.
PHILBERT W. WILKINS .. 2.	JAMES W. WILKINS .. 6.
HARRY JUDGE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 4.	FREDERICK WEBB .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells, lately rehung by Messrs. Webb and Beunett, the "go" being excellent.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 19, 1902, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDERICK BUTCHER ..Treble.	HENRY SEAL 5.
FREDERICK WHIBLEY .. 2.	GEORGE EDWARDS .. 6.
ALBERT LONGLEY .. 3.	WILLIAM SPICE .. 7.
JAMES WALLIS 4.	GEORGE MORTLOCK .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Thursday, November 20, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S. Tenor about 20 cwt.

F. TOWNSEND .. ..Treble.	W. TOWNSEND 5.
G. PEARCE† 2.	W. DYER 6.
G. H. PHILLOTT .. 3.	J. F. BALLINGER .. 7.
REV. H. A. COCKEY .. 4.	R. HEMMING .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by W. DYER.

†First peal of Stedman.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Grandsire, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

SAMUEL W. HAWKSFORD* Treble.	GEO. D. COLEMAN .. 4.
WALTER FINEDON .. 2.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 5.
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3.	EDMUND CHAS. CHASTY ..Tenor.

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

*First peal.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, November 22, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs.

EDGAR PEMBERTON ..Treble.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS .. 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. 6.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 3.	JAMES MOTTS .. 7.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ..Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

First peal of Superlative Surprise Major on the bells. The ringers, by the kind invitation of the Rev. William C. Pearson, Vicar, adjourned to the vicarage and partook of tea kindly provided for them, for which the ringers tender their most hearty thanks to the Vicar.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SPROUGHTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 22, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Superlative Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 720 Bob Minor.

WALTER BROWN ..Treble.	GEORGE W. MEE .. 4.
EDGAR RIVERS .. 2.	ALFRED G. RIVERS .. 5.
HARRY J. MEE .. 3.	FREDERICK MEE .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR RIVERS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to George W. Mee, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being Forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM A. FOWLER† ..Treble.	*AMBROSE H. HAYWARD .. 4.
HENRY J. CREED .. 2.	TOM W. CREED .. 5.
ISAAC CREED .. 3.	*SAMUEL P. MERSON .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by TOM W. CREED.

*First peal. †First peal away from tenor.

WRAXALL, SOMERSETSHIRE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1902, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs.

MAURICE HEDGES ..Treble.	WILLIAM CLARKE .. 5.
STEPHEN THOMAS .. 2.	JOHN WINSOR .. 6.
ALGERNON L. LEWTON .. 3.	JOHN BISHOP .. 7.
WALTER EVERED .. 4.	CHARLES WINSTONE .. ..Tenor.

Conducted by J. BISHOP.

First peal in the method by all except S. Thomas, and first in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the home-coming and recovery from a serious illness of the Rector, the Rev. H. Vaughan.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

WALTER IDLE ..Treble.	WALTER WALKER .. 6.
JOSEPH BROADLEY .. 2.	JAMES COTTERELL .. 7.
SYDNEY GOODALL .. 3.	JOHN CLAYTON .. 8.
J. W. CUNDALL .. 4.	GARFORTH TAYLOR .. 9.
EDWIN WHEATER .. 5.	BENJAMIN F. LAMB .. ..Tenor.

Composed by D. R. SMITH, and Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble.	THOMAS BETTISON 5.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2.	JOHN FLINT 6.
JOHN T. BUTLER* 3.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 7.
WILLIAM BUTLER* 4.	JOHN P. TARLTON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

*First peal of Treble Bob. This peal has the 6th her extent in all positions.

BARRINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 6-score of Stedman, four 6-scores each of London, Oxford, Canterbury, Plain Bob, Old Doubles, three 6-scores of April Day and eighteen 6-scores of Grandsire, each called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

FRANCIS W. BOWTELL .. Treble.	ARTHUR G. LILLEY 4.
EUSTACE WEBB 2.	JESSE WEBB 5.
PERCY WEBB 3.	HENRY HARDMAN Tenor.

Conducted by P. WEBB.

First peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung. The ringers were kindly entertained to tea after the peal by the Vicar, the Rev. H. R. Foster.

MORTIMER, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

HENRY WHITE Treble.	R. K. MASON 5.
ALICE WHITE 2.	FRANK HOPGOOD 6.
ERNEST BRUCE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
W. P. ROUTH, Esq. .. 4.	WILLIAM FORD Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

HARLOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1902, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

WALTER HOBBS Treble.	WILLIAM WATTS 5.
GEORGE JORDAN 2.	SYDNEY LAWRENCE 6.
WALTER PRIOR 3.	WILLIAM T. PRIOR 7.
THOMAS JORDAN 4.	ISAAC CAVILL Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WALTER HOBBS.

S. Lawrence was elected a member of the above association before starting for the peal.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM DREW Treble.	GORDON THOMPSON† .. 5.
CHARLES THOMPSON† .. 2.	FENTON THOMPSON 6.
GEORGE BERRY† 3.	WILLIAM FISHER 7.
GEORGE THOMPSON 4.	GEORGE HARDY Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM DREW.

†First peal.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

MAURICE DALBY* Treble.	ERNEST C. HUNT 5.
J. BARNETT† 2.	J. BRITTLE 6.
WILLIAM PATTON 3.	WILLIAM H. PORTER .. 7.
CHARLES TODD† 4.	JAMES BAXTER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. PORTER.

†First peal away from tenor. *First peal. †First peal in the method.

HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Violet Treble Bob, two 720s each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob, each called differently.

JAMES HALLWORTH* .. Treble.	ALBERT FERNLEY 4.
ALBERT E. MARSHALL* .. 2.	SAMUEL FERNLEY 5.
JAMES FERNLEY 3.	GEO. D. WARBURTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT E. MARSHALL.

*First peal.

ROYDON, ES

SEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, and two 720s each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES MATTHEWS .. Treble.	GEORGE RADLEY 4.
WILLIAM MARRABLE .. 2.	JESSE PUPLETT 5.
ALFRED PEARMAN 3.	HENRY G. ROWE Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1902, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs.

ROBERT ROFFEY Treble.	JOHN HOYLE 5.
CHARLES HAZELDEN .. 2.	FRANK BENNETT 6.
ERNEST ALLEN 3.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD .. 7.
GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 4.	JAMES HUNT Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells; also first peal of Major on them since 1860.

SALISBURY.—THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

REV. H. E. T. BASSETT .. Treble.	JAMES ELCOMBE 5.
GEORGE W. T. FOWLER* .. 2.	SIDNEY MACKY 6.
ROBERT P. KNIGHT 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
ALBERT E. PASKINS 4.	GEORGE F. DOEL Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM W. GIFFORD.

*First peal away from the tenor.

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HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 23, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT's TEN-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

HARRY OLDNALL Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER 5.
JOHN SMITH 2.	*JOSEPH JOHNSON 6.
THOMAS PIGOTT 3.	CHARLES BEAMAN 7.
JOSEPH PIGOTT 4.	ALBERT THOMASON Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

*First peal of Grandsire.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 24, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford, Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob.

FREDERICK PLEASANCE .. Treble.	HARRY CATTERMOLLE .. 4.
HARRY DAVY 2.	GEORGE KEMP 5.
JAMES ROSE 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 24, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK SURRIDGE .. Treble.	EGBERT BORRETT 5.
CHARLES BAKER 2.	*JAMES BOUGHTON 6.
JAMES TANN 3.	CHARLES T. P. BRICE .. 7.
ROBERT WHITING 4.	FREDERICK BORRETT .. Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN PITSTOW, and
Conducted by CHARLES T. P. BRICE.

*First peal in the method.

BROMLEY, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 25, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

UNKNOWN BOB-AND-SINGLE.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE DICKENS Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS 5.
RICHARD HIMS 2.	GEORGE DUELING 6.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 7.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 4.	WALTER JAMES Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

Rung after meeting one short for Stedman.

The following peals have been rung in Sussex from November 8th to the 18th by members of the County Association:—

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1902, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	HERBERT BAKER 5.
ROBERT J. DAWE 2.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	WILLIAM H. GIFFORD .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE N. PRICE Treble.	GEORGE GATLAND 5.
CHARLES TYLER 2.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 6.
HERBERT BAKER 3.	KEITH HART 7.
FRANK BENNETT 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This is G. N. Price's 150th peal.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 12, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT P. HARMAN .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	HERBERT BAKER 6.
ROBERT J. DAWE 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE 4.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal of Cambridge on the bells.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 13, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS, 2, GROVE STREET,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT's ORIGINAL.

GEORGE N. PRICE 1-2.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 5-6.
WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 3-4.	KEITH HART 7-8.

Conducted by HERBERT P. HARMAN.

Referee—Mrs. G. Williams.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 14, 1902, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HERBERT P. HARMAN .. Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	GEORGE A. KING 7.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 8.
GEORGE N. PRICE* 4.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 9.
REV. A. T. BEESTON .. 5.	KEITH HART Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Treble Bob. This is the conductor's 550th peal.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 17, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt

EDMUND LINDUP Treble.	KEITH HART 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON* .. 2.	GEORGE F. ATTREE .. 6.
FRANK BENNETT 3.	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 7.
ROBERT J. DAWE 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal in the method.

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Notices.

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Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Branch. Owing to the death of Lady Fitzhardinge the meeting at Berkeley is postponed. A meeting of the Branch will be held at Dursley to-day, Saturday, the 29th. Service 6 p.m. Trains from Bristol 1.28 and 2.37 p.m.
C. H. GORDON, Branch Sec.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Headingley St. Chad's to-day, Saturday, November 29. Eight bells. Business meeting will be held at The New Inn at 7 p.m. Bells at liberty from 4 p.m. till 9 p.m.
CHARLES PRATT, Sec.

The Central Northamptonshire Association.—A quarterly meeting of the above will take place to-day, Saturday, November 29th, at Thrapston. Usual arrangements. Important business, re amalgamation. It is hoped all members possible will attend.
T. R. HENSHER, Hon. Sec.

The St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.—To-day, Saturday, the 29th inst., 3 peal tablets will be unveiled in the ringing chamber at the parish church, St. Martin's, Bull Ring, by Mrs. Kendall and Mrs. Evans, and the Rector, the Rev. J. W. Diggle, M.A. There will be touch-ringing, commencing at 4 p.m., and the unveiling ceremony will commence at 6.
W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

Winchester Diocesan Guild.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Chertsey to-day, Saturday, November 29. Bells ready 1.30 p.m. Tea, 5, at Church room, London Street, adjoining the vicarage. Important business will be brought forward.
E. W. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

Thorpe Vicarage, Chertsey.

Parish Church, Sheffield.—Practice on Tuesday, December 2nd, at 7.30 p.m., and every alternate Tuesday. All ringing friends are cordially invited.
W. LOMAS, Hon. Sec.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Tuesday, December 2nd; at St. Magnus on Thursday, the 4th; and at St. Michael's on Tuesday, the 9th, at 8 p.m. Business of urgent importance will be brought forward at the meeting on the 9th, and members are earnestly requested to attend.
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

"Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 6th, at Helmshore. Bells ready at 2.30. Unveiling of peal board at 5 p.m. Tea in the school at 5.30; business meeting afterwards. The tea will be free to all ringers sending names to J. H. Banks, 462, Helmshore Road, Helmshore, not later than December 3rd.
W. ASHWORTH, Branch Sec.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on December 6th. Ringing at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 5.30 p.m. Tea at St. Chad's parish room at 6 at the kind invitation of the Archdeacon of Salop.
J. MACKAY, Hon. Sec.

Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Garston on December 6th. Bells ready at 3.30; tea at 5.30. Members intending to be

present please send word to 3, Belmont Place, Garston. Business important.

WALTER HUGHES.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this association will be held at Stoke on Saturday next, December 6th. All members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. S. Churton, 18, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent.

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

95, High Street, Bucknall.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Smethwick on Saturday, December 6th. Bells ready at 4; service in church at 5 p.m.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Newhey on Saturday, December 6th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m.; business meeting 6.30. All ringers welcome.

JAS. JACQUES, Sec.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Weston-Super-Mare on Saturday, December 13th. Bells available from 1 o'clock. Service at 4.15. Tea (6d. each) at Glass's restaurant, Regent Street, at 5.30; business immediately following.

Bridgwater.

A. E. COLES, Hon. Sec.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Tibshelf on Saturday, December 13th. Meeting in parish room at 5.30 p.m.

North Wingfield.

T. ALLIBONE, Sec.

Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Borden, on Saturday, December 13th. Tower open for ringing at 5 p.m. Committee meeting 7 o'clock.

A. OSBORNE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Hertfordshire Association.—A meeting of the above will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, December 13th. The bells will be ready from 3 o'clock. All members and friends are cordially invited.

W. H. LAWRENCE, Sec. for Eastern District.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Preliminary Notice.—The Annual Meeting of the above Dioceses will be held in Bristol on Boxing Day, December 26th. Fuller particulars will appear in due course. It is to be hoped that every member will make a special effort to attend, and that every one will abstain from making any arrangements for peal ringing on that day. All outstanding subscriptions are respectfully asked to be paid by that date.

F. G. MAY, Hon. Sec.

6, Wentworth Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

St. Peter's Church, Tunbridge Wells.—The practice night at the above church will be on Tuesdays at 7.30 instead of Thursdays, until further notice.
W. LATTEY, Captain.

St. Sidwell's, Exeter.—Tower now completely restored. Ten bells. Practice, Tuesdays at 8 p.m. Sundays at 9 a.m. Ringing at Exeter Cathedral last Wednesday in every month, 7 p.m.

EDWIN SHEPHERD.

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PEAL CORRECTION.—The name of the ringer of the 6th in the peal of Grandsire Triples rang at St. John's church, Darlington, on Saturday, November 22nd, is Joseph Brettell, not Brittle, as sent.

WANTED.—Set of Second-hand Hand-bells. J. M. SKITTERY, Huish Episcopi, Somerset.

Obituary.

On Saturday, November 8th, the remains of the late Harry White, late assistant Hon. Sec. of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, were laid to rest, he having died on the 5th after a very painful illness. A muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted in the afternoon by six members of the St. John's company, Cardiff, with the assistance of Messrs Atwell and Jones, of Newport, on St. John's bells, Cardiff, but unfortunately came to grief after ringing about an hour, owing to the muffle working off the 7th bell. A quarter-peal in the same method was afterwards rung. One can hardly realize that the robust figure of Harry White is no more. Though not an inside ringer he was at one time always most willing to take the tenor and cover a peal.

ALLESLEY (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, October 25th, the Coventry ringers visited the above place and rang 500 Grandsire Doubles. H. A. Harris, W. H. Rees, S. Hope, W. Maund, J. H. White conductor, E. Johnson.

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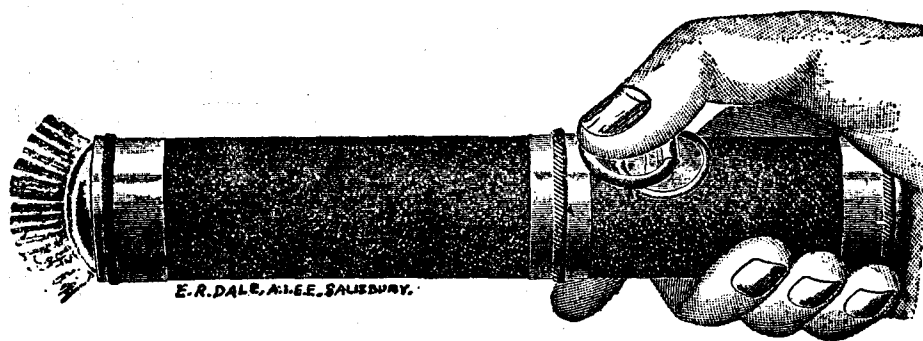
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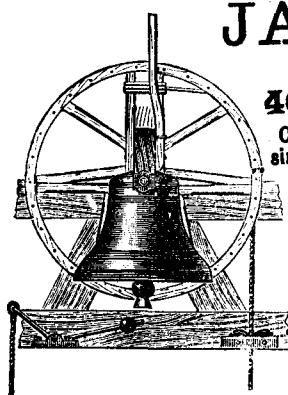
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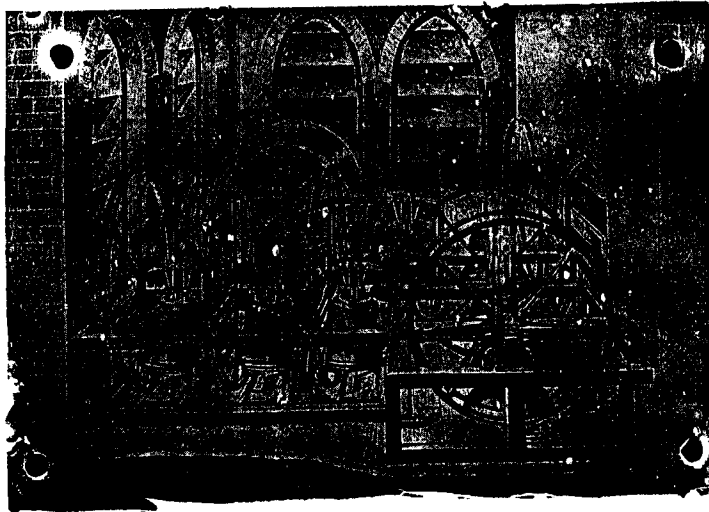
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

EDENBRIDGE (Kent). SS. Peter and Paul. Kent County Association. Eight bells. The trebles by Goslin, 1896; the rest by Mears, 1807. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go fairly, but back six, rehung in 1840, require attention. In 1896 nothing was done beyond the hanging of new trebles by Goslin. Church authorities know what is required, but there is a dearth of funds. Ropes new 1897, good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

EDINBURGH. St. Andrew. Edinburgh Society. Eight bells. All by Pack, 1788. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Nothing stated as to "go" of bells, or methods. No Sunday ringing, and practice only occasionally.

Cathedral Church of St. Mary. Edinburgh Society. Ten bells. All by Taylor, 1879. Tenor 43 cwt., diameter 5 ft. 1 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Necessary repairs at once attended to, some lately by Taylor; date not stated. Ropes new 1894, good. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Oxford Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6.30 to 7. Practice: Monday, 8. Ringing-chamber well fitted and comfortable.

LEITH. St. James. Edinburgh Society. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1866. Tenor 22 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells go fairly. The ring was rehung by Mears, 1897. Soundbow of 6th is badly worn. Ropes new 1897, good. Half-pull ringing just commenced. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 10.50, and 6 to 6.25. Practice: Thursday, 7.

EDMONTON (Middlesex). All Saints. Eight bells. No return.

ELHAM (Kent). St. Mary. Kent County Association.

Eight bells. All by Lester, 1763, except the 7th by Mears, 1809. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung with new frame and fittings by Warner, 1887. The 4th is cracked in the crown. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing for half-an-hour before morning and evening service. Practice: Monday, 8.

ELLAND (Yorks). St. Mary. Eight bells. All by Downham, 1825. Tenor 16 cwt. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. No further information of any kind.

ELMHAM, NORTH (Norfolk). St. Mary. Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells. 5th, 1819; tenor, 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in., 1815, by Mears, the rest by Mallows, 1757. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Day, 1892. Ropes new 1899. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 and 2.30, except once in month at 6. Practice: "Tuesdays and Fridays up to Lent; afterwards once a week till August," 7.

ELY (Cambridgeshire). St. Mary. Ely Diocesan Association. Eight bells. All by Arnold, 1871, except 3rd dated 1766. Tenor 18 cwt. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Repairs by Day, 1882. Ropes new 1898, good. Method: Plain Bob. No regular Sunday ringing. Practice: Monday, 8.15.

EMSCOTE (Warwickshire). All Saints. Eight bells. All by Taylor, the two trebles, 1885, the rest 1876. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go very well. Repairs by Taylor, date not given. All necessary work at once attended to. Ropes new 1897, good. No half-pull or regular Sunday ringing. Practice: except during Lent and harvest, Monday, 7.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The municipal and ancient borough of Chipping Norton was unusually attractive on Saturday, October 25th, when the Oxford Diocesan Guild held its autumn meeting there, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch of the Guild. Situated on an eminence more than 700 feet above sea-level, and possessing a fine church which stands on the north side of the town, and which is dedicated to St. Mary the Virgin, is of mixed style, chiefly Perpendicular, and occupies the site of a previous church existing in 1293, with a lofty embattled tower and pinnacles. The clere-storey windows add very much to the beauty of the church, and the south porch as was pointed out, is one of two only known to the observer, is exceedingly interesting to those fond of architecture. There are eight bells hanging in the tower, tenor 14 cwt. in F, which go well, but require the attention of the bell founder in the way of quarter-turning, and one or two other slight matters. It was to this ancient structure that the revered Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who by the way on the previous night had conducted a peal of Stedman Triples at Shipton, a village six miles off, brought a band of

picked men to ring his old favourite, a variation of Thurstans's peal of Stedman Triples. It is almost needless to remark that the veteran gentleman safely piloted the band through the mysteries of this intricate method in 2 hrs. 51 mins., the striking being very good, particulars of which had appeared in "THE BELL NEWS." This opened the proceedings of the day. The band who had taken part in the peal were then entertained to luncheon at The Unicorn hotel.

In the afternoon other members arrived, but owing to counter attractions in the town, such as football matches, they did not put in an appearance at the tower for ringing until after tea.

At 4.30 evensong was said, the service being taken by the Rev. B. W. Barford, senior curate, the Master of the Guild reading the lessons. The Vicar of Chipping Norton delivered a very kindly and instructive address from the words, "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord." It is to be regretted that so few availed themselves of the opportunity to attend the service, but the counter-attractions as above stated would account for the poor attendance.

At 5.30 an adjournment was made to the schoolroom where an excellent meat tea had been provided by Miss Simmons, of The Unicorn hotel. It may be remarked that this part of the programme was far better attended than the service in the church, thirty-two sitting down.

Immediately after tea the business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the President of the branch, who first referred to several members who had sent letters of regret for their non-attendance. As that was not only the annual meeting of the branch, but also the autumn meeting of the whole Guild, thirty-two was a very small muster. The President alluded to the presence of the Master and Hon. Secretary of the Guild, and said how pleasing it was to the members to see these gentlemen taking so much interest in the doings of the Guild.

The President called upon the Hon. Sec. of the Branch to read the minutes of the last meeting, the next item on the agenda being the report and balance sheet as follows: "Your committee are pleased to submit to you the result of another year's work, and they are glad to be able to state that there is no falling off in members, although several have left the guild, but others have joined, and so filled up the gaps, bringing the total number to 108, as against 107 for the year 1901. Nine peals of 5040 changes have been rung during the year, namely, five peals of Stedman Triples at Shipton, one peal of Grandsire Triples and one peal Stedman Triples at Chipping Norton, and two peals of Grandsire Doubles at Chastleton. This is a small proportion of the peals rung by the Oxford Diocesan guild, and your committee look forward to hearing of several more peals being scored before the year closes. The financial position shows a slight increase, and it would be well if some of this money were spent in instructing those who feel that they require assistance to help them forward. Balance last year, £4 16s. 1d., and for 1902, £6 12s. 3d. The Chastleton men have done very well, and several of them have gained their full member certificates." The report and balance sheet having been unanimously adopted, new members were elected, and the names of those read out who were entitled to their certificates of membership. The President, Secretary and Treasurer, and Auditor were all re-elected and thanked for their services.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Chipping

Norton for welcoming the guild and for his address; to the Master and Hon. Sec. of the guild for their attendance and ever-ready hand to help forward its best interests; and to the organist and choir for their help at the service, all of which were acknowledged.

Some of the younger members afterwards adjourned to the tower, where they indulged in a few touches of Grandsire, which brought a pleasant ending to another meeting.

Amongst those present either at the service or the meeting were the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Guild; Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Hon. Sec. of the Guild; Rev. J. E. Philipps, President of the Deanery Branch; Rev. G. A. Littledale; Rev. A. W. Russell; Rev. W. S. Guest-Williams; Rev. W. J. Palmer; Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn; Rev. C. W. Page; Rev. B. W. Barford; and the Hon. Sec. of the Deddington and Chipping Norton Deanery Branches. Several towers in the district were represented, namely, Chipping Norton, Enstone, Kidlington, Shipton, Moreton, Todenham, etc.

WALKLEY, SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

On Thursday, November 13th, the members of the local company met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Horsfield, to celebrate the coming of age of their son Frederick Winter Horsfield, who for some time past has been a member of the local company. On arriving at the house a large party of friends were met, and all sat down to an excellent tea. After the good things had been sampled, an adjournment was made by the ringers to the tower close by, a 720 of Bob Minor being rung by G. Heward, Jno. Thorpe, R. Renshaw, C. H. Lake, L. Berrisford, W. Bugar conductor. A return was then made to the house, and harmony was the order of the evening. When the glasses and the fragrant weed had been handed round, Mr. W. Bugar, in a few suitable words, gave "The health of Mr. Horsfield, jun.," which was drunk with musical honours, and afterwards ably responded to. Songs were given by several of the ladies present, also by Messrs. J. Ward, C. H. Lake, G. Heward, Jno. Thorpe, H. Jupp, S. F. Palmer, Mr. Horsfield, sen., and Mr. Horsfield, jun., whilst tunes and changes were given on the handbells by the members of the Walkley company, and Messrs. W. and F. Bugar, the latter's rendering of tunes being greatly appreciated. A break was made for supper, at which full justice was done to an excellent and substantial repast, and afterwards the ball was kept rolling with more songs, etc., varied with tunes and changes on the handbells, everyone doing their best to make the time a merry one. The proceedings were eventually brought to a close with a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Horsfield for their kindness and hospitality, and the singing of the National Anthem. After a parting glass all round, the company dispersed to their respective homes during the small hours of the morning, all being unanimous in declaring a very pleasant and most enjoyable evening had been spent.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CENTRAL DIVISION.)

A well attended quarterly meeting was held at Hurstpierpoint on Saturday, November 22nd, when about forty representatives were present from eleven towers—viz., Brighton (St. Peter and St. Paul), Southover, Lewes; Buxted, Lindfield, Horley, Crawley, Cuckfield, Henfield,

Midhurst, and Hurstpierpoint The bells were raised soon after 3 p.m., and kept going in various touches till 5 p.m. An adjournment was then made to The Chinese Gardens inn for tea.

The Rector of Hurst (Rev. R. A. C. Bevan) presided, one of his curates was also present, also the hon. secretary and hon. district secretary, etc., numbering in all about thirty. After the tea the Rector addressed the company present with a few words of welcome, saying he was always delighted to welcome the Association to Hurst. He was only sorry in having to put off an attempt for a peal there a few days previous owing to a very serious case of illness in close proximity to the tower. The minutes of the last meeting were then read by the hon. division secretary and passed.

There were no new names for election as members of the Association.

It was then proposed by Mr. Pelling, seconded by Mr. Stenning, and carried, that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Hurst, the date, etc., being left to the divisional secretary.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for granting permission for the bells for the meeting, and for presiding at the tea, was proposed by the hon. secretary, Mr. A. B. Bennett, who again threw out the hint to young bands and ringers that the Association was prepared to send an instructor to any band or bands who desired it and wished to join the Association. It seemed the greatest difficulty to get applications for instruction. They were at present only teaching at one tower in the whole country.

The Rector very suitably replied.

The tower was again visited, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, and Superlative brought round, the bells being lowered in peal at 8.30.

THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

A meeting of the members of the above Guild (according to the announcement in Bell News) was held at Stone, Isle of Oxney, on Saturday, November 22nd, by the kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. H. P. Edridge). Ringing commenced soon after 4 o'clock, and touches of Plain Bob and Treble Bob Minor were rung till 5.30, when an adjournment was made to the Village Institute to partake of an excellent knife and fork tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, who had also invited his own ringers. Over twenty sat down, and did justice to the good things provided, the Vicar presiding. After tea the Vicar addressed the members of the guild, extending to them a very hearty welcome, and impressed upon them the importance of their office as church bell-ringers. The hon. sec. then proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his generous hospitality, and for presiding, also for the use of the bells, and explained the objects of the guild, the Vicar promising to become a honorary member himself, and would consult his own ringers with a view to their becoming affiliated.

The next meeting of the guild was proposed to be held at New Romney on Saturday, December 20th.

A return was then made to the tower and the bells kept merrily going till nearly 9 o'clock, thus ending a very successful and pleasant meeting.

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TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Thursday evening, November 13th, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Martin's church, Tipton, in honour of the 63rd birthday of Mr. William Rock Small. The ringers were S. Reeves, W. H. Godden, T. Elton, T. Horton, Alf P. Smith, J. E. Groves, H. Knight, and J. Smith. About 7.0 p.m., the bells went into changes and just before half-way was reached, what promised to be a good peal unfortunately came to grief, owing to the rope of the 3rd bell catching in the floor above, and took it out of the ringer's hands.

An adjournment was made to the "Court House," where by this time a goodly number of ringers had assembled from Coseley, Dudley, Handsworth, Oldbury, Tipton, West-Bromwich, Wolverhampton, Walsall, etc. After refreshments had been partaken of, the rest of the evening was devoted to songs, recitations, tunes and courses of Stedman and Grandsire on the handbells. "The health of Mr. Small" was heartily drunk, and hopes expressed that he would live to see many similar gatherings, and that he would soon be able to take his place once more at the ropes' end in the tower, a pleasure and a duty he has had to forego for some considerable time, owing to indisposition. At 11 p.m. the party dispersed after spending a most enjoyable evening.

SHEERNESS, KENT.

A large clock with four dials and striking hours has just been erected at Sheerness by John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, to the designs of Lord Grimthorpe. The same firm are also making a large clock for the Ripley Co-operative Society's new premises.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED.

The monthly meeting of the above society was held at Headingley St. Chad's, a good attendance of ringers being present. Some good ringing on the tower bells in Kent Treble Bob, Stedman Triples, and Grandsire Triples. A business meeting was held at The New inn, Mr. G. Barraclough in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were passed as read. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and the local company for their kind arrangements, was proposed by Mr. J. Thackray, and seconded by Mr. Holgate, and carried unanimously. Mr. Barraclough, on behalf of the local company in a few words gave all a hearty welcome. Business being concluded songs and recitations and handbell ringing was indulged in up to a late hour.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting was held at Chertsey on Saturday, November 29th, at the Church Room, and members attended from Yorktown, Farnham, Guildford (Holy Trinity), Guildford (St. Nicholas), Hawley, Chiddingfold, Shalford, Fareham, Winchester, Ryde, Portsea, Basingstoke, Hersham, and Gosport. The Rev. E. C. Kirwan, Vicar of Yorktown, and the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Vicar of Thorpe, the hon. secretary, were also present. In the absence of the Master (Rev. C. E. Matthews), who greatly regretted his inability to attend, the Rev. E. C. Kirwan was voted to the chair. Three honorary and seventeen performing members were elected. The Secretary produced some correspondence which had passed between the Master and Lord Nelson, the President of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, with reference to certain towers

near the boundary of the two dioceses, and which had resulted in the understanding that *towers* in one diocese could not be affiliated to another diocesan guild, but that there was no reason why *individual ringers* should not join any guild they chose as unattached members. A letter was read from Mr. J. Whiting, of Fareham, and received with the greatest regret, resigning the secretaryship of the Portsmouth district in consequence of ill-health. Mr. Whiting has worked hard for the guild for many years, and a resolution of regret and sympathy was unanimously passed. Various other matters of business were discussed, but perhaps the most important was a scheme brought forward by the honorary secretary for amending the rules of the guild. He stated that he had drawn up a draft set of rules, and had submitted them to the district secretaries and the members of the standing committee—all from whom he had heard, including the President and the Master, were in favour of the principle which he proposed to introduce, which was that the districts should manage their own affairs by means of district committees (subject to the approval of a central committee) arranging their own meetings independently of one another, and all meeting together for the annual festival of the guild. He explained his views at some length, and expressed the hope that the general principle would be approved by the meeting—details would have to be dealt with later. After some discussion the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

(1).—That in view of the growth and present number of members of the Guild, it is desirable to amend the rules with a view to a larger measure of self-government in the various districts.

(2).—That the Secretary be requested to call a special meeting of the Committee to consider the question, and (if thought desirable) to draw up an amended set of rules for presentation to the Annual Meeting.

(3).—That the Committee at the same time consider the arrangements of Districts.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for Saturday, February 21st, 1903, at Fareham, Hants.

An excellent tea was provided at the Church Room, which had kindly been placed at the disposal of the Guild by the Rev. E. R. Parr, Vicar of Chertsey. Mr. Parr was present and also some of the Chertsey ringers. The hope was expressed that the Chertsey band would soon become members of the Guild. In the course of a short speech of welcome the Vicar said he would only be too pleased if his ringers would take up scientific ringing, and also (incidentally) that they would be seen more often inside the church. The Hon. Sec. elicited the fact that no seats were set apart for the ringers, and said he was sure that if a seat in a good position and not in a draught were so set apart, to which they could always go after ringing, there might be a change for the better. The Vicar promised that it should be done.

Not a great amount of ringing was done, as the business took a long time, and many had long distances to travel, but some touches in various methods were brought round.

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

Re SIX-BELL TOWERS.

SIR,—I was very pleased indeed to see the account of "Six-Bell Ringing in Sussex," and also your excellent editorial remarks thereon, and am sure that the cap will fit a great majority of ringers' heads very tight. When we look and see who the gentlemen were who visited Fletching and Newick we are sure that the striking was as near perfection as it could be, and that is what is so necessary when change-ringers are visiting these isolated spots, as we all know that "Minor" badly struck is very poor stuff indeed, and has frequently called forth this remark from the locals: "We can ring 'em better'n that ourselves." I heartily endorse what your correspondent said re the hon. sec. of the Sussex Association. He is no doubt the right man in the right place. I had the pleasure of visiting two of the outlying six-bell towers in Sussex a few weeks ago, viz., Hartfield and Withyham, and was successful in ringing a peal of Minor at each tower (which has already appeared in "THE BELL NEWS"). The hon. sec. was one of the band, and the way he tackled the Rector with regard to his tower becoming affiliated and his ringers learning the art, was a treat to listen to, and will no doubt bear good fruit. I attended a meeting at a six-bell tower last Saturday, viz., Stone, Isle of Oxney, Kent. The Vicar gave us a very hearty welcome, and hospitably entertained us to a substantial knife and fork tea, and has promised to become an honorary member of the Kent County Association, and his ringers performing members. I sincerely hope that very many of my brother-strings will not only read such accounts as last week's and the above, but will at once consult one or two others, pick out one or two six-bell towers where change-ringing is unknown, and go and do likewise. C. TRIBE.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FENNY STRATFORD.—Recently, 600 Grandsire Doubles. A. Crane, H. Sear conductor, L. Meager, F. Hedges, R. Nicholls, P. Giles.

BLETCHLEY.—On Sunday, October 5th, being the Harvest Festival, 181 Grandsire Triples. J. Sear, H. Sear conductor, L. Meager, W. Sear, F. Sear, E. Marks, F. Hedges, V. Sear. And 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Sear, H. Sear, L. Meager, W. Sear, F. Sear, E. Marks, F. Hedges conductor, V. Sear. Also 232 Grandsire Triples. J. Sear, F. Sear conductor, L. Meager, W. Sear, H. Sear, E. Marks, F. Hedges, F. Goodman. On October 9th, 360 Grandsire Doubles. V. Sear conductor, E. Marks, A. Atkins, F. Hedges, H. Sear, F. Goodman.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

PRITTLEWELL (Essex).—On Saturday, 13 September, at St. Mary's church, in the course of the annual outing, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1259 changes, in 50 mins. J. Perry, R. Charge, A. Cutmore, W. Dudley, W. Pickworth, W. E. Judd, H. Wilson, W. T. Elson composer and conductor, C. Charge, J. Smith.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MARGATE (Kent).—On Sunday, October 26th, previous to the evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Eves, E. W. Player, E. L. Burgess, J. Blytheman, A. H. Saxby, J. Larkins, S. G. Twyman, E. Foat. After the evening service a well-struck quarter-peal in the same method. G. Eves, J. Blytheman, E. L. Burgess, C. W. Player, A. H. Saxby, J. Larkins, S. G. Twyman, A. Taylor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Sunday, September 14th, for early service at the parish church, 120 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. A. Brooks, T. Bull, H. Brooks, J. Monk conductor, J. Richards. For morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Brooks, H. Brooks, M. Woodcock, T. Bull, F. Pounds, J. Monk, F. Smith conductor, J. Brooks. For evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples. T. Brown, H. Brooks, M. Woodcock, T. Bull, F. Pounds, J. Monk, F. Smith conductor, J. Brooks. First quarter-peal by the treble man.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WICKHAM SKEITH.—On Sunday, August 24th, after morning ser-

vice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. Pleasance, E. Youngs, J. Bose, T. Davy, W. E. Garrard, G. Cattermole conductor.

THORNHAM MAGNA.—On Sunday, August 24th, for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Rose, W. E. Garrard, T. Davy, H. Cattermole, G. Cattermole, G. Symonds conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEVERLEY.—On Saturday, August 30th, at the Minster, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins. T. Morton, A. Moody, H. Wilson, C. P. Bradley, W. A. Thompson, W. Gibson conductor, F. Osgerby, W. Middleton.

KILLMARSH (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, September 7th, for evening service, 720 Duke of York. F. Hancock, H. Greaves, W. Price, G. Burnham, J. Emsen, W. H. Turton conductor. On September 14th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge. J. Emsen, H. Greaves, F. Hall, G. Burnham, W. H. Turton conductor, C. Severn. For evening service a course each of Primrose, Tulip, College Treble, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York and Violet. F. Hall, J. Emsen, the rest as before. On Sunday, September 21st, for morning service, 240 each of Chester, Carlisle and York. F. Hall, H. Greaves, J. Emsen, G. Burnham, W. H. Turton conductor, C. Severn. On September 28th, for morning service, touches of Durham Surprise. For evening service 720 Chester Surprise, standing as before, conducted by C. Severn.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CHELMSFORD.—On Sunday, September 21st, for Divine Service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Rowland, jun., W. Newman, A. H. Watson, H. Richell, W. J. Piper, H. Head conductor, A. Whight, T. Faulkner.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH.—On Sunday, October 5th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival at St. Helen's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. H. Hatton, E. W. Beadsmore, G. Hatton, jun., A. Hitchcock, J. Curtis, G. Hutton, sen., J. H. Dunmore conductor, G. Thornley.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

NORTON-IN-THE-MOORS (Staffordshire).—On Tuesday, September 2nd, 720 Bob Minor. G. Leese, T. Taylor, W. A. Tabbernor, B. Pegg, E. Johnson conductor, A. E. Ryles. *First 720. On Tuesday, September 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Taylor, B. Pegg, W. A. Tabbernor, J. E. Wheldon, E. Johnson, A. E. Ryles conductor. *First 720 of Kent. On Tuesday, September 23rd, 720 Woodbine. T. Taylor, B. Pegg, W. A. Tabbernor, J. E. Wheldon conductor, E. Johnson, A. E. Ryles. *First 720 in this method. On Sunday, September 28th, 720 Violet Treble Bob. E. Johnson, B. Pegg, H. Cornwell conductor, A. E. Ryles, J. Carr, I. Moreton. *First 720 in the method.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday evening, September 28th, for Divine Service, 1280 Bob Major, in 47 mins. J. Fisher, H. W. Kirton, A. H. Wheeler, J. C. Tinker, W. D. Tinker, F. S. W. Butler, P. O. Bixby, G. Wilson conductor.

HECKINGTON (Lincolnshire).—On Sunday, August 10th, at the parish church, 504 Stedman Triples. W. Houlden, J. T. Holmes, J. Hilton, E. Houlden, T. B. Woods, J. W. Woods, H. P. Nash conductor, J. H. Clark. On Sunday, September 21st, 704 Kent Treble Bob. W. Houlden, E. Houlden, J. Hilton, T. B. Woods, J. H. Clark, J. T. Holmes, H. P. Nash, J. W. Woods conductor. On Sunday, October 5th, 608 Bob Major. W. Houlden, E. Houlden, J. Hilton, J. W. Woods, H. P. Nash, T. B. Woods, J. T. Holmes, J. H. Clark conductor. On Wednesday, October 8th, 700 Grand Triples. W. Houlden, E. Houlden, J. Hilton, T. B. Woods, J. W. Woods, J. H. Clark, J. T. Holmes conductor, H. P. Nash. On Sunday, October 26th, 640 Kent Treble Bob. W. Houlden, E. Houlden, J. Hilton, T. B. Woods, H. P. Nash, J. H. Clark, J. W. Woods, J. T. Holmes conductor. On Sunday, October 26th, 576 Oxford Treble Bob. W. Houlden, E. Houlden, J. Hilton, T. B. Woods, H. P. Nash conductor, J. T. Holmes, J. H. Clark, J. W. Woods. On Friday, October 31st, 408 Stedman Triples. W. Houlden, E. Houlden, J. T. Holmes, T. B. Woods, H. P. Nash, J. H. Clark, J. W. Woods conductor, W. Wilkinson. On Sunday, November 2nd, 720 Bob Minor. J. W. Woods, J. Hilton, T. B. Woods, H. P. Nash, J. T. Holmes, J. R. Green conductor, J. H. Clark.

ELTHAM (Kent).—On Sunday, August 24th, for evening service, at St. John the Baptist, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 23 mins. H. Morris,

J. Preston, H. Wilkes, Jos. E. Sykes, F. Morris, F. Fraser conductor. On Sunday, September 14th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob. H. Morris, J. Preston, H. Wilkes, Jos. E. Sykes conductor, F. Morris, F. Fraser. This is the first 720 by the society since its formation on August 28th.

LLANGIBBY (Mon).—On Saturday, November 15th, the ringers of All Saints church, Newport, with the assistance of Mr. E. Davies, of Caerleon, paid a visit to this place to try the musical ring of six which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Taylor, the "go" of which is absolutely perfect, being hung in a new iron frame with all new fittings complete, and quarter-turned. The bells are from the renowned foundry which formerly existed at Gloucester, Messrs. Rudhalls, and are a very musical ring. Several 120s of Grandsire Doubles were rung, and the ringers were very kindly entertained afterwards by the local schoolmaster. This is the village where the horrible murder took place some twenty years ago, when Garcia the Spaniard murdered the husband and wife and three children, which caused such a thrill through the whole country.

LIMPSFIELD (Surrey).—On Wednesday, September 10th, at St. Andrew's church, 120 Plain Bob Doubles. J. S. Harris conductor, A. Jarrett, E. Hoad, G. Chantler, C. Coward, W. Seymour. And 120 by the following; G. Chantler, A. Jarrett, E. Hoad, J. L. Harris conductor, G. Coward, W. Seymour. Another 120. J. L. Harris conductor, A. Jarrett, E. Hoad, W. Collins, G. Coward, S. Heath. First 120 by all except J. L. Harris and G. Chantler.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Tuesday, September 9th, for practice, 560 Double Norwich. S. Lawrence, G. A. Hensman, H. Rainbow, W. Allen, A. P. Heasman, H. Blundell, A. O. Stewart, W. Farey conductor. On September 21st, 840 Stedman Triples. G. A. Hensman, A. O. Stewart, T. Harris, W. Allen, A. P. Heasman, H. Blundell, W. Farey conductor, H. Rainbow. On September 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. A. Hensman, H. Rainbow, T. Harris, T. R. Hensher, A. P. Hensman, A. O. Stewart, W. Farey conductor, H. Blundell.

NEWPORT (Mon).—On Sunday, November 23rd, at All Saints church, 530 Grandsire Triples. W. Jones, C. Travis, T. Ford, M. Lewis, A. Thomas, B. Millard, J. W. Jones conductor, S. Baiss. Longest length in the method by all except the conductor. This is a new ring of bells opened at Easter last. The practice-night is Thursday, at 7.30, and any visiting ringer to Newport will be welcomed.

WOOLWICH (Kent).—On Sunday evening, October 19th, at the close of the service in connection with the octave of services of the Dedication Festival, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples was rung at St. Mary's, in 44 mins. A. R. Sandiford, H. G. Hill, W. Watchorn, R. G. Carter, G. Carter, H. S. Humphery, W. J. Aldridge conductor, H. Beckford.

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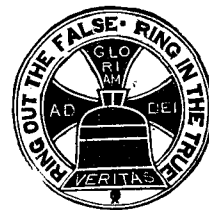
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1902.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the South-Western Division was held at Romford on Saturday, November 22nd. Most of the company present first visited Hornchurch, where various touches were rung on the fine ring at the parish church. A knife and fork tea was arranged at The Fox and Hounds, Romford, to which forty-five sat down. The Rev. F. E. Allen, Vicar of Romford, presided, supported by the Rev. Herbert Dale, the recently appointed Vicar of Hornchurch, and the Rev. W. T. Eyre, general sec. At the business meeting which followed several new members were elected, and the Vicar of Hornchurch was elected a hon. member. Mr. E. A. Davies announced that application had been made for the

Havering tower (where there is a new Vicar), but the application had been refused. Mr. B. Keeble proposed, and Mr. A. J. Perkins seconded, the re-election of Mr. Davies as Master for the division. Mr. Davies said it was not his intention to again take office. There was a generally expressed desire that Mr. Davies would consent to again act as Master, and after some discussion he consented provided Mr. T. Faulkner would again act as secretary. This Mr. Faulkner consented to do, and both gentlemen were re-elected, with a vote of thanks for their past services.

The Provinces.

HERTFORD.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 24, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

MATTHEW ELLSMORE .. Treble.	HENRY S. REEVES 5.
GEORGE E. SMITH* 2.	HERBERT BAKER 6.
GEORGE N. PRICE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. W. S. WILLETT .. 4.	EDWARD EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 25, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5049 CHANGES.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Treble.	ERNEST T. ALLAWAY .. 7.
ALF. PADDON SMITH .. 2.	JOSEPH PIGOTT 8.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 3.	HARRY WITHERS 9.
ALBERT WALKER 4.	JAMES E. GROVES .. 10.
CHARLES DICKENS 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 11.
THOMAS MILLER 6.	WILLIAM PAINTER .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

†First peal of Cinques. This short course composition, now rung for the first time, has the 6th behind the 7th thirty-four courses in the tittums and thirty-five behind the 8th in the inverted home position, and contains 339 bobs and three singles. It is the second short-course peal ever rung, being the first conducted from a working bell, and was rung at the first attempt. It was also J. E. Groves' 200th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

WALTHAM, ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 25, 1902, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	HERBERT BAKER 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
GEORGE DENT 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
WILLIAM WARD 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

WARE, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 26, 1902, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

GEORGE N. PRICE Treble.	HERBERT BAKER 5.
REV. W. S. WILLETT 2.	ISAAC CAVILL 6.
GEORGE H. BARKER 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
ALBERT PHILLIPS* 4.	EDWARD EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal in the method. This is the fiftieth peal of Stedman Triples rung and conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson this year.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 26, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM BATES* Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY 5.
CHARLES DRAPER 2.	WALTER WALLACE 6.
WILLIAM HICKLING 3.	JOHN FLOWER 7.
BENJAMIN SUGDEN 4.	JAMES PAGETT Tenor.

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

*First peal in any method.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(BIRMINGHAM AMALGAMATED SOCIETY BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 26, 1902, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM G. ELLIS Treble.	RICHARD HACKLEY 5.
CHARLES MACKENZIE .. 2.	THOMAS COLLINSON .. 6.
EDMUND J. HYLAND* .. 3.	JOHN NEAL 7.
ALFRED T. HYLAND .. 4.	ALBERT E. FORD .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS COLLINSON.

*First peal of Grandsire Triples.

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 26, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Violet, Oxford and Kent; also 120 each of City Delight London Scholars' Pleasure and College Exercise, and 360 College Pleasure, Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK WYATT Treble.	HENRY CHAPLIN 4.
HENRY J. CREED 2.	TOM W. CREED 5.
ISAAC CREED 3.	JOHN CRIDLAND Tenor.

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.

On Thursday, November 27, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5.
WALTER HOBBS 2.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 6.
GEORGE DENT 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
HERBERT BAKER 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 27, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM HUNT Treble.	HENRY T. WILSON 6.
WILLIAM BEDWELL 2.	GEORGE E. WILSON .. 7.
CHARLES COLLINS 3.	JOSEPH SMITH 8.
WILLIAM DUDLEY 4.	JOSEPH PERRY 9.
WILLIAM DOWSETT 5.	WILLIAM H. JUDD .. Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and

Conducted by WILLIAM H. JUDD.

First peal of Royal on the bells.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Thursday, November 27, 1902, in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5082 CHANGES; Tenor 43 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

CHARLES E. BORRETT .. Treble.	*ALBERT ROUGHT 7.
EGBERT BORRETT 2.	EDWARD FRANCIS 8.
ALBERT G. WARNES 3.	*THOMAS R. TOOLEY 9.
WILLIAM BALES 4.	FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 10.
HERBERT W. STANLEY* .. 5.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. 11.
GEORGE HOWCHIN 6.	*SAMUEL SMITH Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CHARLES E. BORRETT.

*First peal on twelve bells. This composition has the 4th, 5th, and 6th each twelve times in 6th place, and is now rung for the first time.

REIGATE, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 27, 1902, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY F. EWINS Treble.	GEORGE HUGGETT 5.
FRANCIS T. HOAD, SEN... 2.	GEORGE CROUCHER 6.
GEORGE THOMPSON 3.	HENRY REEVES... .. 7.
HUGH R. THORPE 4.	*FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by FRANCIS T. HOAD, SEN.

*Fiftieth peal.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 27, 1902, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES; Being forty-two 6-scores each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM HURREN Treble.	WALTER CHANCE 4.
WILLIAM H. CHANCE .. 2.	ROBERT G. KNOWLES .. 5.
GEORGE M. TROUGHTON.. 3.	HENRY CHANCE... .. Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

First peal by all except the conductor, and first peal on the bells.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1902, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs.

FREDERICK MEE Treble.	REV. W. C. PEARSON .. 5.
HARRY J. MEE* 2.	*EDGAR RIVERS 6.
GEORGE W. MEE* 3.	CHARLES PARKER 7.
ALFRED G. RIVERS* .. 4.	FRANK ROLFE Tenor.

Composed by W. GARRARD, and Conducted by FRANK ROLFE.

*First peal.

ASHTED, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PARKER'S SIX-PART (No. 16). Tenor 14 cwt.

DAVID ANSCOMBE Treble.	EDWARD T. GROVE 5.
WILLIAM COOK 2.	HENRY CORBETT 6.
JOHN BEAMS 3.	CHARLES E. READ 7.
GEORGE E. PRICE 4.	HARRY PRICE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qrs.

ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. Treble.	HENRY MOSS 5.
JOSEPH POTTER.. .. 2.	TITUS BARLOW 6.
ALFRED POTTER 3.	JOHN POTTER 7.
THOMAS PEERS 4.	MATTHEW BERRY Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung after the dedication of the lych-gate by the Bishop of Burnley.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

THOMAS LINCOLN Treble.	WILLIAM LINCOLN 5.
ARTHUR HEAD 2.	HENRY HEAD 6.
ERNEST RUNTER 3.	*ARTHUR BRADLEY 7.
FREDERICK G. RADLEY .. 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY.. .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal in the method.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob,
College Single, Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob.*

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

ALFRED SPOKES.. .. Treble.	WILLIAM HORNE 4.
JOHN WEDGE 2.	JOHN ALEXANDER 5.
JOHN BOWER 3.	FREDERICK RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK RICHARDSON.

First peal on the bells.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

ROBERT S. STORY Treble.	ALFRED F. HILLIER.. .. 5.
GEORGE R. HOLMES .. 2.	R. ALDER GOFTON.. .. 6.
JOSEPH W. PARKER 3.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. 7.
JAMES E. GOFTON 4.	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and
Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. Treble.	JAMES RANN 5.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT 2.	WILLIAM PYE 6.
WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1902, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES TANN Treble.	ERNEST POPPY 5.
FREDERICK BORRETT .. 2.	GEORGE SYMONDS 6.
ROBERT WHITING 3.	FREDERICK SMITH 7.
EGBERT BORRETT* 4.	JAMES SOUTER Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAMES TANN.

*First peal in the method.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED WINDSOR Treble.	ALBERT SCOTT 5.
JAMES MOORHOUSE 2.	FRANCIS BARKER 6.
JAMES COTTERELL 3.	JOHN T. EASON 7.
JOSEPH BROADLEY 4.	HARRY BRAME Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by ALBERT SCOTT.

SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF EMANUEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt. 21 lbs.

JOHN HALL Treble.	WILLIAM RUDD 5.
JOHN H. JONES 2.	ALEXANDER MCFARLANE .. 6.
JAMES CARTER 3.	JOHN H. BLAKISTON 7.
WILLIAM WALLAND 4.	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor.

Composed by JOHN BARKER, and Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

This is the first peal on the bells, the ringers hailing from Middlesbrough.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. Treble.	ALFRED J. TURNER 5.
ALBERT D. STONE 2.	KEITH HART 6.
RICHARD W. HOATHER .. 3.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 7.
THOMAS PRICE 4.	ROBERT J. DAWE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

This peal was rung to celebrate the second birthday of Miss Charlotte Winifred Elliott, daughter of the Rector of Southover. It was also rung as a birthday compliment to T. Price, and as a farewell to J. S. Goldsmith, who is shortly leaving the neighbourhood to take up an appointment at Woking, Surrey.

HOLBECK, LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS (R.C.)

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT BINNS Treble.	*PATRICK LARVAN 5.
ALFRED NAYLOR 2.	*JOHN O'BRIAN 6.
CHARLES JACKSON 3.	*GEORGE McHALE 7.
WILLIAM WOODHEAD .. 4.	*MICHAEL KILLORAN Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by A. NAYLOR.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rev. Provost Browne, of Leeds Cathedral. *First peal.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, DURHAM.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 1, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 27½ cwt. in D flat.

G. J. CLARKSON Treble.	J. WALLER 6.
W. H. STEPHENSON* .. 2.	W. C. HUNT 7.
F. P. HOWCROFT 3.	T. W. WALLER 8.
J. W. NEWTON 4.	W. NEWTON 9.
K. G. GREENWOOD 5.	†T. STEPHENSON Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by T. STEPHENSON.

*First 5000 of Royal. †First peal of Royal as conductor.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 1, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT BISHOPWEARMOUTH PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S ODD-BOB COMPOSITION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ROBERT M. PICK Treble.	FRANK NAISBY 5.
ROBERT W. LOVIE 2.	THOMAS RICHARDSON .. 6.
JOSEPH W. PARKER 3.	WILLIAM T. ROBSON 7.
JOHN J. LEIGHTON 4.	RICHARD W. LANGTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. ROBSON.

BRIGHTON.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, BRIGHTON.)

On Monday, December 1, 1902, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

Rung to celebrate the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 1, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
VICARS'. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM ENGLAND Treble.	THOMAS H. ORMOND 5.
THOMAS L. MOORHOUSE .. 2.	*JOHN T. EASON 6.
JOHN W. BARKER 3.	DAVID WHITING 7.
ALBERT SCOTT 4.	HARRY BRAME Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN T. EASON.

*First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra. Rung on the light eight.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 2, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

JOHN PERRY Treble.	GEORGE WILSON 5.
GEORGE T. SMITH 2.	HENRY T. WILSON 6.
SIDNEY G. BINGHAM 3.	WILLIAM H. JUDD 7.
WILLIAM DUDLEY 4.	GEORGE NEVILL Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. JUDD.

First peal on the eight bells. The ringers would like to hear another peal rung on these bells, but they don't want to be in it. Rung on the occasion of the birthday of the Rector (Rev. R. C. M. Rouse, M.A.), the ringers wishing him many happy returns.

Notices.

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The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, December 6th, at Helmshore. Bells ready at 2.30. Unveiling of peal board at 5 p.m. Tea in the school at 5.30; business meeting afterwards. **W. ASHWORTH, Branch Sec.**

Society for the Archdeaconry of Salop.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, to-day, Saturday, December 6. Ringing at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 5.30 p.m. Tea at St. Chad's parish room at 6 at the kind invitation of the Archdeacon of Salop. **J. MACKAY, Hon. Sec.**
Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Garston to-day, Saturday, December 6th. Bells ready at 3.30; tea at 5.30. **WALTER HUGHES.**

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of this association will be held at Stoke to-day, Saturday December 6th. **W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.**

95, High Street, Bucknall.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Smethwick to-day, Saturday, December 6th. Bells ready at 4; service in church at 5 p.m. **W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.**

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Newhey to-day, Saturday, December 6th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m.; business meeting 6.30. All ringers welcome. **JAS. JACQUES, Sec.**

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Michael's on Tuesday, the 9th, at 8 p.m. Business of urgent importance will be brought forward at the meeting on the 9th, and members are earnestly requested to attend. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**
"Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Weston-Super-Mare on Saturday, December 13th. Bells available from 1 o'clock. Service at 4.15. Tea (6d. each) at Glass's restaurant, Regent Street, at 5.30; business immediately following. **A. E. COLES, Hon. Sec.**
Bridgwater.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Tibshelf on Saturday, December 13th. Meeting in parish room at 5.30 p.m. **T. ALLIBONE, Sec.**
North Wingfield.

Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Borden, on Saturday, December 13th. Tower open for ringing at 5 p.m. Committee meeting 7 o'clock. **A. OSBORNE, Hon. Dis. Sec.**

The Hertfordshire Association.—A meeting of the above will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, December 13th. The bells will be ready from 3 o'clock. All members and friends are cordially invited. **W. H. LAWRENCE, Sec. for Eastern District.**

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, December 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock to 7.15. Members are requested to confine

themselves to the staircase and corridor leading to the belfry. **J. SMITH, Branch Sec.**

The Lancashire Association of Six-Bell Ringers.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. James's, Leyland, on Saturday, December 13th. **J. HIGSON, Sec.**
60, Church Street, Blackrod.

The Essex Association.—A district meeting of the North-Western Division will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, December 20th. Bells will be ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m., at The King's Arms. **HENRY J. TUCKER, District Sec.**
Cemetery Lodge, Bishop Stortford.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting of the above association will be held at St. John's, Cardiff, on Boxing day, December 26th, at 4 o'clock. It is hoped that all members will make an effort to attend. **REV. C. L. PRICE, Hon. Sec.**
J. H. ALDRIDGE, Assist. Hon. Sec.

Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting arranged to take place at Midhurst, on December 26th next, is postponed until further notice. **H. EVANS, Hon. Div. Sec.**
Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Preliminary Notice.—The Annual Meeting of the above Dioceses will be held in Bristol on Boxing Day, December 26th. Fuller particulars will appear in due course. It is to be hoped that every member will make a special effort to attend, and that every one will abstain from making any arrangements for peal ringing on that day. All outstanding subscriptions are respectfully asked to be paid by that date. **F. G. MAY, Hon. Sec.**
6, Wentworth Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

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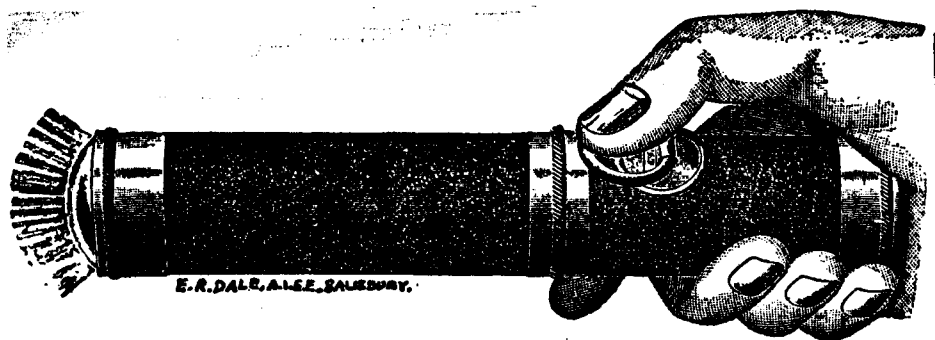
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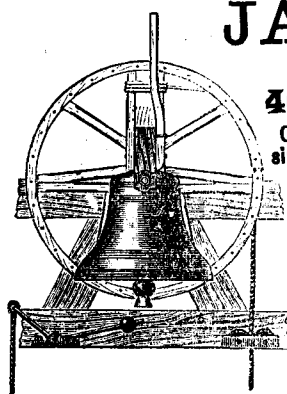
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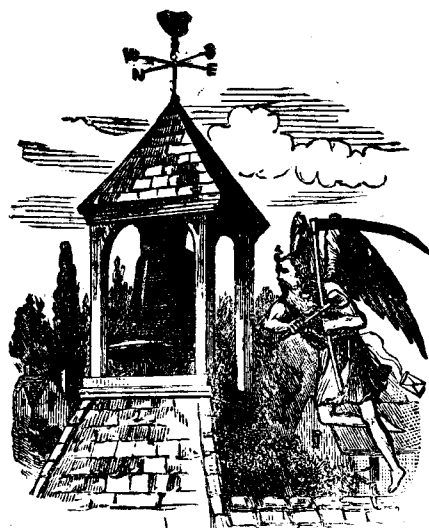
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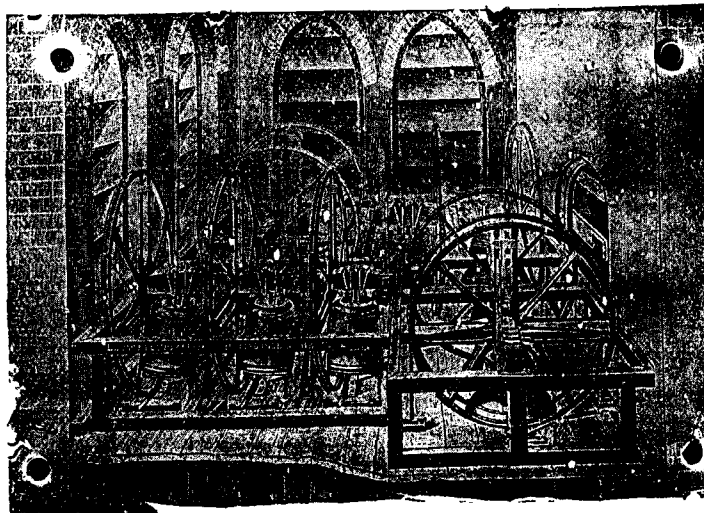
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

ENFIELD (Middlesex).—St. Andrew. Eight bells. No return.

St. Mary Magdalene. Middlesex County Association. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1883. Tenor 22 cwt. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Goslin some years ago. All now in good order. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: alternate Sundays. Practice: alternate Tuesdays. No hours mentioned.

ENVILE (Staffordshire). St. Mary. Light bells. Treble, 2nd, and 6th by Taylor, 1876. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in., 1626; founder unknown. The rest by Rudhall, 1718. Timber frame. Bells go well. A chiming apparatus is fitted. The ring were rehung in a new frame by Taylor, 1876. Ropes new 1896, fair. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 1st and 3rd in month, 10 to 10.55. Practice: Wednesday, 8.

EPSOM (Surrey). Christ Church. Eight bells. No return.

St. Martin. Surrey Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Jannaway, 1781; 3rd and tenor by Knight, 1737; 4th and 5th by Phelps, 1714; 7th by the same, 1733; 6th by Swain, 1769. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Slight repairs to frame by Mears, 1898. The ring are too low in the tower and require rehanging higher up in a new frame. An architect was consulted, and the cost deemed beyond reach. Ropes new 1890, bad. Methods: Grand-sire, Stedman, Union, Plain and Oxford Bob. Sunday ringing: 3rd in month 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Monday 7.30, summer; 7, winter.

ERDINGTON (Warwickshire). Eight bells. No return.

ERITH (Kent). St. John Baptist. Kent County Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd and 7th by Mears,

1882; 6th by Phelps, 1703; the rest by Lester, 1763. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were rehung by Mears, 1882. Ropes new 1887, and new ones in hand. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11, and 6 to 7. No fixed practice.

EVESHAM (Worcestershire). All Saints. Eight bells. No return.

EWELL (Surrey). St. Mary. Surrey Association. Eight bells. 3rd, 1767, founder not stated; 4th by Lester, no date given; 5th, no information; the rest by Mears, 1890. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung in a new frame by Mears in 1890. Ropes new 1899. Methods: "All plain methods." Sunday ringing: 10.30 and 6 o'clock. Practice: 7.30 summer; 7 winter.

EWERBY (Lincolnshire). St. Andrew. Ten bells. No return.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

RE-OPENING OF BOBBINGWORTH BELLS.

On Sunday, November 30th, in response to an invitation from the Rev. W. M. Oliver, a band of the above association from Loughton and district journeyed to Bobbingworth, a village near Ongar, and rang the bells before and after morning and afternoon services, the following methods being rung: 720 of Kent, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and several 120s of Stedman Doubles. Two more 720s were attempted, but were not brought round, owing to the congregation having to pass between the ringers, the bells being rung from the floor of the porch. The band was as follows: J. Mardell, E. A. Bacon, J. Rann, G. Carter, W. Clark, J. Moule. The Oxford and Kent were conducted by J. Moule, and the Stedman by E. A. Bacon.

These bells, a musical peal of six, tenor 13 cwt., having been unringable for a number of years, have been rehung with all new fittings by Mears and Stainbank, who have made an excellent job of them, the "go" being all that can be desired. The ringers were hospitably entertained at the rectory, the Rev. W. Whistler presiding, to whom the thanks of the ringers are due. This gentleman is getting a young band together to learn change-ringing.

NOTICE OF LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

On Friday, December 26th, eight members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, will (D.V.) attempt a 14,000 of London Surprise Major, at Halesowen, near Birmingham, starting at 10 a.m.

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THE ORIGIN OF CHANGES.

By J. A. TROLLOPE.

Some months ago, in the course of an article in "THE BELL NEWS," I made the statement that early ringing was called changes. As it stood the sentence was rather loosely worded, and perhaps might have been taken to mean something different to what I intended. It was at once contradicted by Mr. Daniell, and I was challenged to produce proofs. I was not at that time prepared to go into the whole question of the origin of changes, and I suggested to Mr. Daniell that he should attempt it. This he did, as readers will remember. They will also remember that a considerable portion was devoted to a refutation of what Mr. Daniell supposed to be my opinion, and a direct challenge was again thrown out to me. I then wrote a reply, but for certain reasons did not publish it, and now, at this lapse of time, when the exact wording of Mr. Daniell's and my articles will have faded from men's memories, it scarcely seems appropriate to do so. But the subject is one of considerable interest for us. Ringing has this peculiarity, that the actual end aimed at—the one thing which divides the true from the false, *i.e.*, the completion of a given number of changes without repetition—does not seem to have any logical connection with bells more than with anything else. And when you turn from the practical side to the theoretic, you find that method and peal composition is not so much the preparation of music for church bells as an exercise in abstract mathematics, having for its aim the production of the various permutations of a given number of abstract things.

Now how did this all come about? I do not propose to attempt a complete answer to this question, but I will try and suggest a few of the causes which seem to me to have operated in the rise of scientific change-ringing. The first thing that we find is that we have absolutely no contemporary evidence of the birth of ringing, and, with the exception of a single line, not a word of tradition as to how, or when, or where, ringing began. The earliest book on the subject is "Stedman's Tintinnalogia," published in 1668. At the time Stedman wrote ringing had already been resolved into a fairly accurate science, and had just begun to assume its present complexion. But sixty years had passed since the time when "changes were not known or thought possible to be rang," and what we want to know is what was happening in those sixty years. Stedman makes no further attempt to trace the rise of ringing than is contained in the following lines: "Then (that is fifty or sixty years before) were invented the Sixes, being the very grounds of a Six-score; then the Twenty and Twenty-four, with several other Changes." It certainly does at first seem that Stedman intended us to believe that the first attempt at ringing was to prick and ring the six changes on three bells. And that, therefore, as Mr. Daniell contends, ringing has been from the first exactly what it is now, built on the scientific and orderly arrangement of the different rows. I hardly think Stedman meant so much. But even if he did, his testimony is in any case little more than worthless. He could not have been personally acquainted with any of the earliest ringers, nor is it even likely that he had his information at second or even third hand. Even in this age, when a universal knowledge of reading and writing serves to hand down much definite information, no writer would be accepted as an authority on what took place sixty years ago unless he produced proofs. Still less can we rely on testimony of the origin of changes given sixty

years after the event in an age when reading and writing were almost unknown among the class from which ringers sprung; and when, besides, a great national convulsion, the Civil War, which must have put a stop to all ringing for many years, intervened between the rise of changes and Stedman's writing.

Thus Stedman was little better off in this respect than ourselves. If, then, there is no contemporary evidence and no tradition to help us, there is left to us only one way of finding out about the birth of ringing—that is by trying to put ourselves into the place of the first ringers and seeing what we most likely should have done. If you know the source of a river, and you know the mouth, you can, without difficulty, trace its general course. We know that ringing began in a small way on three bells. We see what it is now. Let us see how most easily it could grow from one to the other. "Sixty years ago," said Stedman in 1668, "changes were not known." That takes us back to the beginning of the 17th century. It was a most remarkable age in very many ways, an age which will not suffer in comparison with the last half of the 19th century. The Renaissance and the Reformation had swept away the habits, customs, and institutions of the middle ages, and modern history was just beginning. It was an age of great intellectual and material activity, when men were continually breaking fresh ground on all sides. It was the age of Bacon and Shakespeare, of Drake and Spencer, of the present translation of the Bible, and one of the results of this activity was ringing. About this time an attempt was made to regulate the sports of the people of the villages, and to place them under the control and patronage of the Church. The attempt failed. Perhaps it was bound to fail. But of all sports none was so naturally connected with the Church as ringing. Mostly they had three bells, which were hung to swing but not so as to be raised. Then they improved the fittings, and as soon as they were able to regulate the rate at which each bell could be struck, changes became possible. Doubtless as soon as they became possible they appeared. Continual round ringing on three bells is apt to get monotonous. To change two bells, and again two varied the monotony, but between this and the order and symmetry of the sixes there is a vast difference. The old ringers probably went on changing the order of their bells as it pleased them, till one day some forgotten genius introduced pencil and paper into ringing. The original change-ringing was relief from monotony of rounds; but on paper the possibilities of order and system were at once apparent. They could not have appeared in the tower. Hunting as we now know it was unknown for many years after. Ringing was still done by the conductor calling to this or that pair of bells to change, but he now did so by a system. "Then were invented Sixes."

By this time the number of bells in a ring had increased. Three became four, four five, and so on. But on four and five and six the style of ringing that had been learnt on three was still used. After rounds had been rung for some while the conductor called to a pair of bells to change, and they changed. The row produced was rung for some while and then another change was made, and so on. In fact, it was very much like modern stoney with this difference, that in most cases (I can hardly think in all) the conductor followed a definite order in making his calls. We are now on the firm ground of distinct historical evidence. This is what Stedman says: "All [Plain] Changes are to be rang either by walking them (as the term is) or else whole-pulls, or half-pulls. By

walking them is meant that the bells go round four, six, eight times, or more, in one change, which is commonly used by young practisers." True he says nothing of a conductor, but the existence of one at first, at least, may be most certainly inferred from the structure of Plain Changes; and let any band attempt Plain Changes where "the bells go round four, six, eight, or more times in one change," without a conductor, and they will find it rather more difficult to avoid making mistakes than in Double Norwich. Yet this way was "commonly used by young practisers." But already the more advanced bands were ringing in whole pulls and then half-pulls. The work was becoming quicker, and the necessity for a conductor was passing away. It is easier to ring a method where you have work continually to do than to remain stationary in one place for a score or more whole pulls, then shift a place, and remain a while there. When "Cross Peals" were introduced each man had his own work to do, and the conductor was no longer necessary to point out the working of the method.

One step more had to be taken in the development of ringing—the non-repetition of rows. Mr. Daniell in his article seems to have quite missed the meaning Stedman attaches to the word "change." It did not mean to Stedman what it means to us, the equivalent of "row." A "change" was the movement from one order of the bells to another, not the order itself. Thus 21345 was a change from 12345. But 21345 was not by itself a change. Thus you might ring each individual row in a six, a score times, but you only rang six changes. Moreover a change was primarily the shifting of two bells only. To shift four was a Double change, six a Triple change. This use of the term is very significant, and is in itself quite sufficient proof of a conductor and called changes. Stedman at any rate knew nothing of non-repetition of rows. Plain changes went the way of called changes, and cross peals rung in half-pulls held the field. Then it was that it was decided that no row should ever be repeated. And with that ringing finally settled down to its present character. When that happened I don't quite know. After "Stedman's Tintinnalogia" certainly. The first instance I know of is in 1715 when a peal of Grandsire Bob Triples was rung at Norwich. The original board is still in existence and records the fact that for the first time a peal had been rung "without the repetition of a change or a single bell out of place."

Note.—"Plain Changes" are produced by hunting only one bell at a time, the rest moving only when they have to let that one pass.

"Cross Peals" are similar to our present method in which every bell has its own work.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD OF BIRMINGHAM.

UNVEILING OF THREE PEAL-TABLETS AT ST. MARTIN'S.

We give the following interesting extract from *The Birmingham Daily Gazette* of December 1st, 1902:—

"THE BELL-RINGERS OF ST. MARTIN'S.—Campanology is an art surrounded by a multitude of interesting forms and observances, and not the least interesting features of an old belfry are the peal-tablets on the walls, recording memorable occasions when the voice of the bells was heard in joy and sorrow, with the names of ringers long departed. To the records of St. Martin's were added on Saturday three new tablets, which were unveiled by the Rector of Birmingham (the Rev. J. W. Diggle) and the wives of the two churchwardens—Mrs. Evans and Mrs.

Kendall—in the course of a neat and imposing little ceremony. The story of the tablets was told in apposite terms by Mr. J. S. Pritchett, the ringing master. The first commemoration, a peal rung on the occasion of the death of her late Majesty Queen Victoria; the second, a familiar token of mourning for the late respected and gifted ringing-master, Mr. John Day; and the third, of a more cheerful character, recorded with due circumstance the achievement by the St. Martin's Guild of change-ringers on a recent occasion of the world's record feat of change-ringing, a peal of Stedman Cinques of 11,111 changes, which occupied eight solid hours in the ringing. After the unveiling the Rector addressed the ringers on the practice of their art with characteristic humour and point, and the little ceremony fully compensated the gathering for the tortuous ascent of the tower."

To the foregoing we may add that St. Martin's belfry presented quite an unusual appearance on the occasion, being packed to its fullest extent, not only by a grand muster of the members of the Guild with representative ringers from many of the outlying districts, but with a fair sprinkling of ladies and members of the late Mr. Day's family.

A very notable fact was mentioned by Mr. J. S. Pritchett, viz.: that the large and very handsome marble tablet, commemorating the record peal, had been presented by their fellow-member, Mr. John Carter, who, although now unable to ring in the tower as formerly owing to rheumatism, desired to mark his appreciation of such a worthy effort by his fellow-members.

Mr. W. T. Day also expressed the gratification of his family at the respect in which his father's memory was held by the members of the St. Martin's Guild (and to our knowledge he might have added by the Exercise at large.)

At the request of the Rector and visitors a short touch of Stedman Cinques was rung while they were present in the belfry, the ringing Master at St. Martin's, Mr. W. Short, presiding.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

Wednesday, December 3rd, was a red-letter day in the history of the Wycombe belfry; four peal-boards, the gifts of the Vicar of the parish, and three of the churchwardens (Messrs. J. Parker, J. Bliss, and B. L. Reynolds), being dedicated in the tower of the church. The boards were generously presented for three peals of Grandsire Triples, and one of Stedman Caters. One of the new boards records a peal of Grandsire Triples rung for the first time by an entirely local band, while the peal of Caters is the first ever rung in the county of Bucks. The Vicar performed the ceremony of dedication, and there was a large company present, for whose comfort Mr. R. Coles (steeplekeeper), and Mr. B. Page (foreman), had made every provision. Touches of Grandsire Caters and Triples and Stedman Triples were rung.

The boards were designed and made by a member of the belfry (Mr. F. Boreham). The tower now contains seven peal-boards. One of the old boards is very old, recording a peal of Grandsire Caters by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths as far back as April 8th, 1792. The bells at Wycombe church were cast in 1711 by R. Phelps, of Whitechapel, but the treble, 4th, 6th, 8th and tenor have been recast by Mears and Stainbank. A fund has been started for the replenishing of the frame, which has been in use since 1711, and various other improvements in the tower, for which a sum of £330 is required.

Date Touches.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire).—On Tuesday evening, November 11th, a date touch of 1902 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 15 mins. T. Wright, H. Grosvenor, A. Gwinnett, W. Hale conductor, C. West, F. Cole, S. Baker, A. Hanks.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS.—On Saturday, October 18th, six members of the Thornham Magna company paid a visit to this place and rung a date touch of 1902 changes, in 1 hr. 7 mins., being 720 College Single, 720 Oxford Bob, and 462 Plain Bob. A. Berry, E. Youngs, J. Mayes, A. J. Berry, C. Nunn, G. E. Symonds conductor.

Miscellaneous.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, September 28th, at St. Paul's church, 336 Stedman Caters. F. Webb, M. Smith, C. R. Lilley, J. Church, W. Finedon, A. N. Wood conductor, I. Hills, C. Chasty, C. W. Clarke, J. Sear. 140 Stedman Caters. C. R. Lilley, A. N. Wood, M. Smith, S. J. Cullip, W. Hall, F. Sear, C. W. Clarke conductor, I. Hills, F. Webb, J. Sear. A course of Superlative. A. N. Wood, M. Smith, W. Hall, W. Finedon, I. Hills, C. W. Clarke, C. R. Lilley, F. Webb. On Wednesday, October 1st, on the occasion of a wedding, 420 Stedman Triples. M. Smith, W. Hall, W. Finedon, F. Sear, C. W. Clarke conductor, C. Chasty, A. N. Wood, J. Sear. 224 Double Norwich. F. Sear, A. N. Wood, W. Hall, W. Finedon, M. Smith, C. Chasty, C. W. Clarke conductor, F. Webb. 504 Stedman Triples. F. Webb, C. W. Clarke, W. Hall, F. Sear, C. Chasty, I. Hills, A. N. Wood conductor, M. Smith.

BLETCHLEY (Bucks).—On Wednesday, September 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. V. Sear, H. Sear, E. Marks, L. Meager, F. Hedges conductor, J. H. Smith. On September 3rd, 531 Grandsire Triples. F. Sear, W. Tucker, H. Sear, W. Sear, A. N. Atkins E. Marks, C. W. Clarke conductor, J. A. Smith. On Sunday, September 7th, 297 Grandsire Triples. F. Sear, H. Sear, L. Meager, W. Sear, A. N. Atkins, E. Marks, C. W. Clarke conductor, F. Sear. For evening service, 503 Grandsire Triples. A. Crane, W. Sear, L. Meager, F. Sear, A. N. Atkins, E. Marks, H. Sear conductor, V. Sear, And 224. A. Crane, F. Sear conductor, L. Meager, N. Sear, A. N. Atkins, E. Marks, H. Sear, V. Sear. And 480 Grandsire Doubles. J. Sear, W. Sear, H. Sear, F. Sear, F. Hedges conductor, V. Sear. A. 120. A. Crane, L. Meager, A. N. Atkins, E. Marks conductor, A. G. Crane, P. B. Giles. Another 360. A. Crane, L. Meager, A. N. Atkins, E. Marks conductor, A. G. Crane, V. Sear. On Sunday, September 21st, 720 Grandsire Doubles, 4-6-8 behind. A. Crane, H. Sear, L. Meager, V. Sear, E. Marks, R. Nichols, F. Hedges conductor, A. G. Crane. On Monday, September 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by J. George, Rugby. A. Crane, H. Sear, L. Meager, F. Hedges conductor, A. N. Atkins, E. Marks, R. Nichols, A. G. Crane first quarter-peal.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THORNHAM MAGNA (Suffolk).—On Saturday, October 11th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor. F. G. Warren, E. Youngs, A. J. Berry, A. Berry, J. Mayes, G. E. Symonds conductor.

WICKHAM SKRITH.—On Sunday, October 12th, after the Harvest Thanksgiving Service in the evening, 720 Double Court Minor. F. Pleasance, E. Youngs, T. Davey, W. Rose, G. E. Symonds, G. Cattermole conductor.

IPSWICH (Suffolk).—On Saturday, November 15th, at St. Margaret's church, an attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major came to grief after ringing 4400 changes in 2 hrs. 30 mins. W. Brown, G. Mee, H. Mee, F. Rolfe, E. Rivers, A. Rivers, C. Mee conductor, F. Mee.

SPOUGHTON (Suffolk).—On Sunday, September 16th, for evening service, 360 Double Court Minor. W. Brown, F. Mee, H. Mee, W. Girling, F. Rolfe conductor, C. Mee. After service 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Girling, F. Mee, H. Mee, G. Mee, C. Mee, F. Rolfe conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, October 26th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Moulden, N. Cox,

W. P. Routh, F. Webb, C. Cox, J. Swain, A. Osborne conductor, J. Maskell.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PAINSWICK (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday evening, November 9th, in honour of the King's birthday, 1296 Grandsire Caters, in 51 mins. T. Wright, G. Miles, A. Gwinnett, C. West, H. Grosvenor, W. Hale conductor, S. Baker, F. Cole, W. Bateman, A. Hanks. Longest touch of Caters for several years by an entire Painswick company.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

LEATHERHEAD.—On Sunday, November 30th, for evening service, 719 Grandsire Caters. J. Harding, T. Newnham, A. Winch, E. Hull, W. Otway, W. Crockford, W. Marks, F. Holden, A. Dean conductor, W. Cropley.

BEDDINGTON.—On Thursday, October 16th, at St. Mary's church, for the Harvest Festival, 575 Grandsire Caters. T. Talbot, E. Bennett, A. Boxall, C. Dean, J. Rumble, E. Mathews, A. Trappitt, F. Holder, A. Clayton, A. Bundle. Also on Sunday, for evening service, 1259 Grandsire Caters in 49 mins. J. Rumble, E. Bennett, A. Boxall, E. Walker, A. Arnold, J. Plowman, A. Trappitt, C. Gordon, A. Clayton, A. Bundle.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

STAINES.—On Saturday, November 22nd, 742 Grandsire Triples from the Original. T. Collins, A. Winch, A. Dickinson, F. Goddard, E. Butler, J. Phillips, F. Holden conductor, S. Greenwood.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GAINSBOROUGH.—On Sunday, August 31st, for Divine Service, 360 and 240 Bob Minor, tenor covering. W. D. Tinker, A. Wheeler, J. C. Tinker, F. S. W. Butler, G. Wilson, P. O. Bixby conductor, A. Betts. Also 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Fisher, W. D. Tinker, A. Wheeler, J. C. Tinker, F. S. W. Butler conductor, G. Wilson, P. O. Bixby, A. Betts. On Sunday, September 7th, for Divine Service, four 6-scores of Bob Doubles, tenor covering. G. Wilson, W. D. Tinker, T. S. W. Butler, A. Wheeler, P. O. Bixby conductor, W. Betts. Also 360 and 240 Bob Minor. W. D. Tinker, J. C. Tinker, F. S. W. Butler, A. Wheeler, P. O. Bixby conductor, G. Wilson. On Sunday, September 14th, for Divine Service, 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Fisher, W. D. Tinker, A. Wheeler, J. C. Tinker, F. S. W. Butler, G. Wilson, H. Haigh conductor, A. Betts. Also 464 Bob Major. J. Fisher, W. D. Tinker, A. Wheeler, J. C. Tinker, T. S. W. Butler, P. O. Bixby, H. Haigh conductor, G. Wilson. Also 164 Grandsire Triples. J. Fisher, W. D. Tinker, A. Wheeler, J. C. Tinker, P. O. Bixby, H. Haigh conductor, G. Wilson, A. Betts. On Tuesday evening, September 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. Fisher, W. D. Tinker, A. Wheeler, F. S. W. Butler, P. O. Bixby, G. Wilson conductor. On Thursday evening, September 25th, for Divine Service on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, 350 Grandsire Triples. J. Fisher, W. D. Tinker, A. Wheeler, J. C. Tinker, F. S. W. Butler conductor, P. O. Bixby, G. Wilson, A. Betts. On Sunday, September 28th, for Divine Service, 240 Bob Minor. J. Fisher, A. Wheeler, J. C. Tinker, F. S. W. Butler, G. Wilson, P. O. Bixby conductor, — Hill. A touch of Bob Major. J. Fisher, H. Kirton, A. Wheeler, J. C. Tinker, W. D. Tinker, F. S. W. Butler, P. O. Bixby conductor, G. Wilson. On Sunday, October 5th, for Divine Service, 240 Kent Treble Bob, tenor covering. J. C. Tinker, W. D. Tinker, A. Wheeler, F. S. W. Butler, G. Wilson, P. O. Bixby conductor, A. Betts. Also a touch of Grandsire Triples. W. W. Bust, J. C. Tinker, W. D. Tinker, A. Wheeler, F. S. W. Butler conductor, G. Wilson, P. O. Bixby, A. Betts.

CORRINGHAM (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, October 4th, at St. Lawrence's church, a 6-score of Bob Doubles. G. Wilson conductor, F. S. W. Butler, A. Wheeler, W. D. Tinker, P. O. Bixby, A. Betts. Also 720 Bob Minor. Rev. J. Flower, W. D. Tinker, A. Wheeler, F. S. W. Butler, G. Wilson, P. O. Bixby conductor. This is the first 720 in which the Rev. J. Flower, who is Vicar of Corringham, has taken part.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BEARSTEAD.—On Saturday, September 13th, for combined practice, 720 Plain Bob Minor. W. Cheeseman, G. Pound, F. B. Leonard, A. W. Tawney, J. Shorter, J. W. Leonard conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GORTON.—On Sunday, October 26th, at Brookfield church, a quarter-peal Grandsire Triples in 49 mins. Thomas Blakeley, Charles H. Blakeley, Ephraim Collins, Henry Worthington, Samuel Collins, Charles Ollier, William Brammer longest peal as conductor,

William Seddon. This quarter-peal was rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of Joseph Jones, who was for many years a ringer at this church, and was laid to rest on Wednesday, the 22nd ult. He had some years ago retired from active membership, but he never lost his interest in the bells. The present ringers could always count on his co-operation in any movement brought forward for the benefit of the ringing, and they take this opportunity of expressing their deepest sympathy with his sorrowing relatives and friends.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Thursday, December 4th, in Great St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (22 singles). L. S. Clark (St. Catharine's), E. H. Lewis (Trinity), F. S. Poole (Sidney), H. S. T. Richardson (Trinity), Rev. A. H. F. Boughey conductor (Trinity), B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake (Pembroke). Also 120 Stedman Doubles by the last-named five. At various dates recently, on handbells double-handed, 540 Bob Royal. E. H. Lewis, 1-2; Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (conductor), 3-4; H. S. T. Richardson, 5-6; F. S. Poole, 7-8; B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, 9-10. And 672 Bob Major. E. H. Lewis, 1-2; H. S. T. Richardson (conductor), 3-4; L. S. Clark, 5-6; B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake 7-8. And six different 720s of Bob Minor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BOCKING.—On Sunday, November 2nd, at the parish church, 720 Cambridge Surprise. N. Smith, F. Radley, W. Moore, F. Warren, S. Sargent, W. Grimwade conductor. On Saturday, November 15th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Coote, F. Calthorpe, E. Ruffell, E. Hynds, H. Emery, T. Barker conductor. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. E. Hammond, W. Moore, F. Warren, C. Bearman, S. Sargent, W. Grimwade conductor. On Sunday, November 30th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. N. Smith, W. Moore, S. Sargent, C. Bearman, W. Steel, W. Grimwade conductor. In the afternoon 720 Oxford Treble Bob. On Wednesday, December 3rd, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, standing as before. On Friday, December 5th, 720 New London Pleasure. C. Mills, W. Moore, S. Sargent, C. Bearman, W. Grimwade, D. Elliott conductor. On Sunday afternoon, December 6th, 360 Double Court. S. Sargent, F. Radley, W. Moore, C. R. Lilley, W. Grimwade, C. H. Howard conductor.

STISTED.—On Sunday, December 6th, for Divine Service in the afternoon at All Saints church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Saunders, E. Saunders, A. B. Wiffen, A. Chaplin, E. Chaplin, E. Radley conductor. And 360 Double Court. A. B. Wiffen, F. Saunders, E. Chaplin, A. Chaplin, E. Chaplin, E. Radley conductor.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARNWOOD (Gloucestershire).—The local band have rung at this and a few other towers round the district, assisted by a few friends, sixty-two 720s of Minor in the Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure methods during the present year ending November, and have been conducted by the following members of the Association: Messrs. Mitchell, 18; Waite, 14; Barrett, 19; Pegler, 8; Brunsden, 2; Austin, 1. Likewise several 6-scores of Stedman, Grandsire, St. Dunstan's, Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Doubles.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ARMLEY (Yorks).—On Sunday, October 12th, 360 Merchants' Delight. J. Peacock, Jos. Thackray, C. Taylor, J. Heckingbottom, M. Broadbent, John Thackray conductor. Also 360 in the same method. C. Taylor, F. Gaunt, C. Lockwood, others as before. For evening service 600 Merchants' Delight and 144 Oxford. Jno. Thackray conductor, F. Gaunt, C. Taylor, J. Peacock, Jos. Thackray, J. Heckingbottom. These were the first touches of Merchants' Delight by Messrs. Peacock, Gaunt, Taylor, and Lockwood.

BOURNE (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, October 18th, 720 Bob Minor. J. Alford, W. Wolfe, A. Allen, R. Richardson, A. Holmes, Rev. H. Law James conductor.

BRAMLEY (Surrey).—On Tuesday, September 23rd, 720 Oxford Bob Minor, in 26 mins. C. Turrell, J. W. Jackson, M. Brown, H. Brown, H. Burkitt conductor, A. Hook.

DEPTFORD.—Recently, at St. John's church for Divine Service, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Davis, S. Collins, T. G. Deal, A. Nixon, W. J. Jeffries, J. G. Davis conductor. On Friday, October 10th, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, the last 700 of Holt's Original. B. Miller, T. G. Deal, J. Law, G. Daynes, J. E. Davis, A. E. Moxon, W. Jeffries, H. Young.

EDENHAM (Lincolnshire).—On October 23rd, for practice, six 6-scores Grandsire Doubles each called differently. C. Neaverson, J. Alford, H. Cunningham, A. Holmes, T. Futer.

ENNESBURY (Hunts).—On September 1st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob.

J. Jones, T. W. Hawkesford, L. J. Flint, H. Feilds, G. Coleman conductor, S. J. Coleman.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, October 5th, at St. Margaret's church, Westminster, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1250 changes, in 48 mins. W. R. Crockford, A. Hardy, J. W. Chapman, W. S. Langdon, F. Perrin, E. J. Webb, J. E. Davis, W. Shepherd, F. Shepherd, H. Langdon. On Saturday, December 6th, at St. Matthew's Bethnal Green, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. G. Dorrington, sen., 1; M. A. Wood (composer and conductor), 2; J. Scholes, 3; E. Wallage, 4; J. Bonney, 5; A. Cole, 6; D. F. Gibbons, 7; G. Dorrington, jun., 8. D. F. Gibbons is a grand-nephew of Matthew A. Wood's. It is the first quarter-peal in which he and Dorrington, jun., have taken part.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Saturday, September 27th, at St. Mary's church, 1440 Bob Minor. R. Rowell, E. G. Baker, T. Measures, J. W. Turrell, W. G. Goss, W. T. Johnson conductor. And 720 of Bob Minor, standing as before.

RIPPINGALE (Lincolnshire).—On Saturday, October 25th, for practice, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles. W. Williamson, J. W. Bartram, S. Laxton, A. Holmes, J. Bainbridge.

ST. NEOTS.—On Sunday, September 21st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. S. Irons, J. Jones, L. J. Flint, S. J. Coleman, G. D. Coleman conductor, E. C. Chasty.

SHRAWLEY (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, October 11th, 720 of College Single and 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. J. Eaton, A. Winterton, T. Elcox, Rev. J. F. Hastings, W. Page, C. Beaman. Also 720 Plain Bob. Rev. J. F. Hastings, T. Elcox, A. Winterton, C. Beaman, J. Eaton first 720 as conductor, W. Page.

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To tell to toil-worn men in accents sweet,
Of Him who came to bind the broken heart,
To point the better way, to guide the erring feet.
Their cadence floats across the midnight sky,
Like earthly echoes of the deathless song
That in the long-gone ages, from on high,
To lowly, wond'ring shepherds sang the Angel throng.
Once more there hovers in the air that chill,
Which passes onward ere Death's icy hand
Strikes the last blow that hurls the dying year,
Within the dismal portals of the silent land.
Yet there are found some faithful tongues which raise
Their noble voices in a sad lament;
Their music echoes down the lonely way,
To where the dead from living years are rent.
Once more they herald forth another morn,
A new year born of Time's prolific dawn;
A triumph peal to Hope's effulgent dawn.
Whose glory lights a sin-stained world from shore to shore.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1904.

AMONG the records of touches in this number will be found the report of some ringing by members of the Cambridge University Guild. Now and then we hear of such things happening in the city which has contributed so good a quota of eminent ringers to the Exercise; but then such performances are not so frequent as one would wish. The abilities of the gentlemen engaged naturally point to something more extensive in the shape of half-pull ringing, clever though their double-handed performances may be. The city has plenty of bells for practice; but it seems to be a great difficulty to keep together a good ringing company among the under-

graduates of a University by reason of continual removals. A peal on the twelve at Great St. Mary's by resident University men would be a novelty.

And reading the peal-records we find that the Oxford University Society is not extinct, two of the members having just rung their first peal. There was a time when this society gave promise of taking a high lead in the Exercise, especially during the Mastership of the Rev. W. H. GRIFFITH. We recollect seeing more than one annual report issued under its auspices, and its prospects appeared exceedingly hopeful. No doubt the same difficulty was felt: the impossibility of keeping a good resident company together when the University was the reverse of an abiding city.

Still, it is a relief to know that the ringing societies of both Universities still enjoy a corporate existence, and that at some future period change-ringing will be more attractive to thinking men than other pursuits which fall considerably short of it when brain-power or refinement is considered.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, FINCHLEY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5100 CHANGES;

Being 780 Double Oxford Bob, and 720 each of the following: Double Court, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.

MARK WOODCOCK * Treble.	*RICHARD BEVAN 4.
JAS. DURRANT 2.	FRANCIS CARROWAY 5.
FRANK SMITH* 3.	CHARLES H. MARTIN .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. H. MARTIN.

*First peal in seven methods. This is believed to be the first time this number of changes has been rung. Mr. H. A. Carroway was outside the tower and noted the time.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 3, 1902, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS THE MARTYR, LOWER THAMES ST.,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	HERBERT F. HULL 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 9, 1902, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

GEORGE BESTER† Treble.	JOHN E. MILLER 5.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 2.	*MARK FENSOM 6.
FRANK W. FORD 3.	SIDNEY WADE 7.
HERBERT SHEPHERD 4.	CHARLES BALE Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Bester and Wade.

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On Sunday, December 7, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes, AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. MOULE, 192, CHOBHAM ROAD, STRATFORD,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE 3-4.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7-8.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

Umpire—J. Moule.

The Provinces.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

JOHN WYATT Treble.	JOHN HOYLE 5.
WILLIAM S. SMITH 2.	*FREDERICK HOLDEN 6.
THOMAS GWYNNE 3.	*ARTHUR DEAN 7.
CHARLES DEAN 4.	JOSEPH FAYERS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JOSEPH FAYERS.

*First peal of Major.

LONG CRENDON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 2, 1902, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN C. TRUSS Treble.	JOHN EVANS 5.
HARRY HOLIFIELD 2.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 6.
GEORGE HOLIFIELD 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
WILLIAM BENNETT 4.	FREDERICK WEBB Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells after their rehangng and the recasting of the 6th by Messrs. Bond, of Burford.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 2, 1902, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Grandsire, two of Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOSEPH W. WALLIS Treble.	WALTER R. HUMPHERY 4.
WILLIAM E. GOLBY 2.	FRANK J. SANDERS 5.
ARTHUR HOLMAN 3.	HUGH R. THORPE Tenor.

Conducted by H. R. THORPE.

GREAT RYBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 2, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

F. ISAAC FUTTER Treble.	WILLIAM J. HOWSON 4.
CHARLES T. AYERS 2.	FREDERICK WILBY 5.
WALTER E. AYERS* 3.	FREDERICK FUTTER Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER E. AYERS.

*First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD Treble.	ERNEST ALLEN 5.
GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 2.	JAMES HUNT 6.
JOHN J. JONES 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
THOMAS ATTWELL 4.	MAURICE STEER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Garfath, sen., of the local company.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 4, 1902, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

CHARLES BOWER* Treble.	JOHN CRABTREE 5.
FRED JAKEMAN 2.	SAMUEL BOOTH 6.
WALTER JAKEMAN 3.	CHARLES MARSLAND .. 7.
BENJAMIN GILL 4.	WILLIAM BOOTH Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL BOOTH.

*First peal.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 4, 1902, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

ARTHUR GOWER Treble.	JOSEPH SHARP 5.
CLEMENT HILL* 2.	*FRANCIS A. KENNETT .. 6.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 3.	*GEORGE WATSON 7.
GEORGE PENFOLD* 4.	GEORGE H. HOWSE Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by J. S. GOLDSMITH.

*First peal in the method.

OTLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 4, 1902, 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 16 cwt.

C. RALPH Treble.	G. THORNTON 5.
F. MASTON 2.	J. NELSON 6.
L. CAWOOD 3.	J. HORNER 7.
A. SNOWBALL 4.	W. WADDINGTON Tenor.

Composed by LISTER CAWOOD, and Conducted by J. NELSON.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 4, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES WILKINS Treble.	EDWARD N. PRICE 5.
GEORGE CONYARD 2.	JOHN GARARD 6.
BENJAMIN E. BATTRUM .. 3.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4.	DAVID BARNES Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 4, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs. in F sharp.

GEORGE LEONARD* Treble.	*PETER HOLMES 5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY 2.	*GEORGE H. SENTANCE .. 6.
FRANK WEBB* 3.	CHARLES H. HOWARD .. 7.
ARTHUR B. WIFFEN* .. 4.	EDWARD F. SLADE Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, BART., and Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal. †First peal of Major, and first peal in the method on the bells.

EPSOM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 4, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

ALFRED E. BASSETT Treble.	JOHN CRAWFORD 5.
THOMAS MILES 2.	JOSEPH FAYERS 6.
ALLEN GOWER 3.	JOHN HOYLE 7.
ARTHUR DEAN 4.	*WILLIAM GEARING Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

*First peal.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ARTHUR W. MAX* Treble.	WILLIAM ANDREWS 4.
HARRY NORMAN 2.	WILLIAM CHAPMAN 5.
ARCHIBALD J. ANDREWS .. 3.	*FRED KING Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM CHAPMAN.

*First peal.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 6, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

First peal on the bells.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 6, 1902, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 20 cwt.

E. SELLERS Treble.	H. BISHOP 4.
A. SELLERS* 2.	T. RICHARDSON 5.
W. BARKER 3.	*C. FLATERS Tenor.

Conducted by C. FLATERS.

*First peal, and first peal as conductor. Rung on the back six.

CONSETT, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 6. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM HOLMES Treble.	ALFRED F. HILLIER.. .. 5.
JOSEPH W. PARKER 2.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN.. .. 6.
WILLIAM T. ROBSON 3.	HUGH D. DALL.. .. 7.
ASA HOLMES 4.	S. OCTAVIUS FERRY.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

First peal in the method on the bells.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1902, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

CHARLES H. WOODBERRY† Treble.	THOMAS J. SALTER 5.
WILLIAM E. LEESON† 2.	JOSEPH FIGOTT 6.
JOHN SMITH 3.	CHARLES BEAMAN 7.
THOMAS FIGOTT.. .. 4.	†JOHN WOODBERRY Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS J. SALTER.

†First peal. This is the conductor's 200th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN BASDEN Treble.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH 5.
SYDNEY H. GODFREY 2.	FREDERICK GODDARD 6.
ARTHUR JONES*.. .. 3.	HENRY BROWNING 7.
ALLEN H. TABER 4.	HENRY DARE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

*First peal of Stedman Triples.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720s of Canterbury Pleasure, and three 720s of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE R. WINTER .. Treble.	JAMES S. BETTS 4.
CHARLES METCALFE.. .. 2.	†FRANK H. PHILLIPS.. .. 5.
R. HORACE HURST*.. .. 3.	*ALFRED STREET.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK H. PHILLIPS.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

CALVERLEY, YOKKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 6, 1902, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

FRED DIXON Treble.	SAMUEL WHEATLEY.. .. 5.
JOHN B. JACKSON 2.	FRANK BIRKS 6.
CHARLES PRATT 3.	HARRY WARD 7.
WALTER POPPLEWELL .. 4.	PRATT CORDINGLEY Tenor.

Composed by OBADIAH LANG, and Conducted by CHARLES PRATT.

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THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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JESSE PUPLETT 2.	WILLIAM CAVILL 6.
HENRY G. ROWE 3.	JOHN T. KENTISH 7.
CHARLES MATTHEWS .. 4.	*GEORGE PLUMER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM E. JUDD.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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Tenor 18 cwt.

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WILLIAM KNIGHT 4.	CHARLES COLLIER Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1902, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

F. ISAAC FUTTER .. Treble.	FREDERICK FUTTER 5.
EDWARD SMITH.. .. 2.	FREDERICK WILLBY 6.
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CHARLES T. AYERS 4.	HENRY BETTS Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER E. AYERS.

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On Tuesday, December 9, 1902, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Treble.	JOHN W. WOOD 5.
EDWARD HOULDEN 2.	JOHN T. HOLMES 6.
JOHN HILTON 3.	GEORGE LADD 7.
RUPERT RICHARDSON .. 4.	JOHN R. GREEN Tenor.

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AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

E. S. O'BRIEN*.. .. Treble.	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 5.
E. V. COX*.. .. 2.	*THE HON. A. ERSKINE .. 6.
WILLIAM BENNETT 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HARRY JUDGE 4.	FREDERICK WEBB Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal; members of the Oxford University Society.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—An account of a peal at St. Mary's, Great-Baddow, Essex, has been sent without any method being given.

Notices.

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The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Weston-Super-Mare to-day, Saturday, December 13th. Bells available from 1 o'clock. Service at 4.15. Tea (6d. each) at Glass's restaurant, Regent Street, at 5.30; business immediately following.

Bridgwater. A. E. COLES, Hon. Sec.

The East Derbyshire Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Tibshelf to-day, Saturday, December 13th. Meeting in parish room at 5.30 p.m.

North Wingfield. T. ALLIBONE, Sec.

Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Borden, to-day, Saturday, December 13th. Tower open for ringing at 5 p.m. Committee meeting 7 o'clock.

A. OSBORNE, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Hertfordshire Association.—A meeting of the above will be held at Sawbridgeworth to-day, Saturday, December 13th. The bells will be ready from 3 o'clock. All members and friends are cordially invited. Tea will be provided at the Church House, business meeting after.

W. H. LAWRENCE, Sec. for Eastern District.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester, to-day, Saturday, December 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock to 7.15. Members are requested to confine themselves to the staircase and corridor leading to the belfry.

J. SMITH, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association of Six-Bell Ringers.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. James's, Leyland, to-day, Saturday, December 13th.

J. HIGSON, Sec.

60, Church Street, Blackrod.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Armitage Bridge, near Huddersfield, to-day, Saturday, December 13th. Meeting house The Butchers' Arms. Meeting to commence at 5.30.

W. IDLE, Sec.

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Essex Association.—A district meeting of the North-Western Division will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, December 20th. Bells will be ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m., at The King's Arms.

HENRY J. TUCKER, District Sec.

Cemetery Lodge, Bishop Stortford.

Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Paul's Walkden, on Saturday, December 20th. Bells ready at 6, meeting at 7.30.

G. PINCOTT, Branch Sec.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Bristol Branch.—The Annual Meeting of the Branch will be held on Saturday, the 20th inst., at Bristol. A service will be held at Christ Church (City) at 5 p.m., after which a business meeting will be held for re-election of officers, etc.

C. H. GORDON, Branch Sec.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting of the above association will be held at St. John's, Cardiff, on Boxing day, December 26th, at 4 o'clock. It is hoped that all members will make an effort to attend.

REV. C. L. PRICE, Hon. Sec.

J. H. ALDRIDGE, Assist. Hon. Sec.

Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting arranged to take place at Midhurst, on December 26th next, is postponed until further notice.

H. EVANS, Hon. Div. Sec.

Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Preliminary Notice.—The Annual Meeting of the above Dioceses will be held in Bristol on Boxing Day, December 26th. Fuller particulars will appear in due course. It is to be hoped that every member will make a special effort to attend, and that every one will abstain from making any arrangements for peal ringing on that day. All outstanding subscriptions are respectfully asked to be paid by that date.

F. G. MAY, Hon. Sec.

6, Wentworth Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A District Meeting of the above will be held at Sawston (8 bells) on Friday, December 26th. Tea at 4 o'clock. All ringers welcome.

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23546 B W H

26345 - - -
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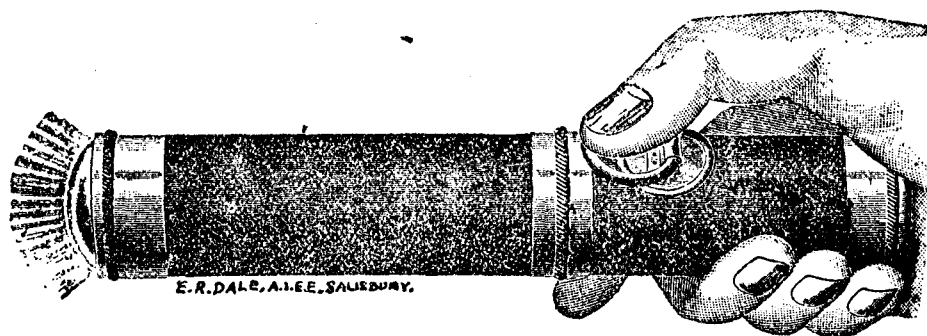
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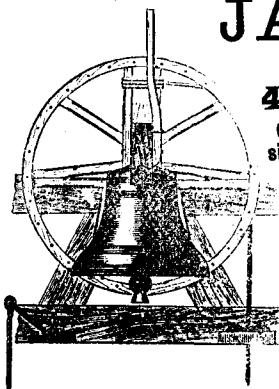
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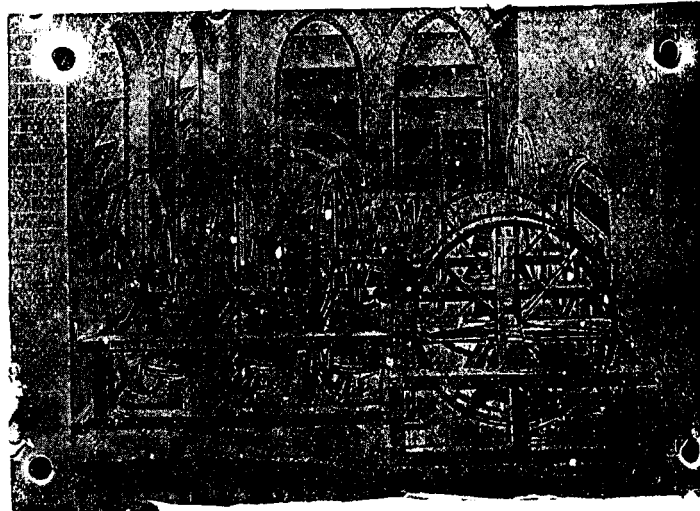
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

EXETER (Devon). The Cathedral. Ten bells recently rehung and partly recast. No return.

St. David. Eight bells. No return.

St. Edmund. Eight bells. No return.

St. Sidwell. Devonshire Guild. Ten bells. The back eight by Pack, 1773; the two trebles by Mears, 1891. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. They were overhauled by Stokes, 1900. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman. Sunday ringing: 9 to 10. Ellacombe's apparatus fitted.

EYE (Suffolk). SS. Peter and Paul. Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells. Treble and 3rd by Stephens, 1721; 4th and 5th by Osborne, 1789; 6th and tenor by Graye, 1640; 7th by Braysier, 1854. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go very well. Clocking permitted. Repairs by Day in 1874 and 1886; 3rd, 4th and 5th require rehanging, but nothing has been done from lack of funds. Ropes only moderate. Sunday ringing: if a full band attend, 10 to 11, and 5.30 to 6.30, but rarely now for more than half-an-hour before service. No regular practice.

FAIRFORD (Gloucestershire). Eight bells. No return.

FAKENHAM (Norfolk). Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Lester; date not given. 3rd by Warner, 1891; 4th 1639; founder not stated; 5th by Brend, 1647; 6th by Darbie, 1669; 7th by Osborne, 1792. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. by Norris, 1678. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Bells rehung by Day, 1891. All now in good order. Ropes new 1891, good. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: occasionally 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Saturday, 8.

FARRINGTON (Berks). Eight bells. No return.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

THE PARISH BELLS.

On Monday evening, December 8th, 1902, the new ring of bells just placed in the tower of the parish church were dedicated "to the Glory of God and for the benefit of His Holy Church," by the Right Rev. Bishop Hamilton Baynes, D.D. The peal consists of the five bells which made up the old peal, and three new bells—one given by Mr. John Holbrook in memory of his son-in-law Mr. Louis Henry Lovatt, one given by the Guild of St. Laurence to commemorate the Coronation of King Edward VII., and one was given by public subscription. The church, being placed as it is on the summit of a hill, the principal street even sloping from it, justifies a first-rate ring of bells being placed in its tower, and those who heard the new peal ring out on Monday (and who for miles around did not?) felt that money had been well spent. The tones were strong and musical, and as they echoed and re-echoed in the valleys around one felt that Heanor had brought to itself great credit. Naturally such an event evoked great interest, consequently the church was packed in every part.

The shortened form of Evening Prayer was used, conducted by the Rev. B. Phelps. Psalms cxxii. and ci. were chanted, and the Rector read the lesson from Heb. x. 19-26.

A most eloquent sermon was preached by the Bishop, who took as his text Neh. xii. 43, "So that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off."

After prayer, intoned by the Bishop, and a hymn, the Bishop, Clergy, Churchwardens, and Committee, then proceeded under the tower, and Councilor J. Andrews, J.P. handed over the ropes to the churchwardens, who requested the Bishop to dedicate to the glory of God and the use of St. Laurence's church the three new bells.

The Bishop, receiving the ropes, said, "By virtue of our sacred office, do we solemnly set apart and separate from all profane and unhallowed uses these bells, now dedicated to the Glory of God, for the benefit of His Holy Church." He then delivered the ropes to the Rector, asking him to receive those bells as a sacred trust, and then, turning to the Churchwardens and ringers, he said, "Take notice that these bells are committed to the custody of the Rector of this Parish, to be used only with his consent, and subject to the control of the Bishop of the Diocese."

After a short prayer and blessing, a recessional hymn very suitable to the occasion was sung. The singing in the church was led by an united choir from all the churches.

The dedication completed, the Ripley ringers rang out a merry peal, after which the Ilkeston ringers took charge, and gave an excellent exhibition of their qualities.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OKHEV (Herts).—Handbell Ringing.—On Sunday evening, November 2nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. G. N. Price conductor 1-2, W. Hodgetts 3-4, H. Hodgetts 5-6, F. W. Brinklow 7-8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday afternoon, December 7th, a special and so far as is known unique service was held at the church of St. Nicholas, Bristol, and although not advertised to a very great extent, was very well attended by ringers and friends from other parishes. The service was conducted with the Vicar's kind permission by ringers only, and among those who gave their services for the choir were such well-known names as Messrs. C. E. D. Boutflower, F. G. May, R. J. Wilkins, J. York, C. Millard, H. Price, etc. The organist was Mr. W. Sommerville, who played as voluntaries "The War March of the Priests" (*Mendelssohn*), and *Grand Fugue in G Minor* (*Bach*), while the sexton for the occasion was Mr. F. K. Howell, of Thornbury. The service carried through was that sanctioned by the Lord Bishop of the diocese, and was opened with the hymn "O praise ye the Lord." The special lesson was read by the Rev. R. L. Murchison, Vicar of St. Nicholas, and a very appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. H. A. Cockey, Vicar of Oldland, who took his text from Psalm cl. 5: "Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals." The other special hymns used were "Lifted high within the steeple," and "Hark on high the joyful music." A collection was made, and by the express wish of the Rev. R. L. Murchison, was given to the funds of the Diocesan Association. After reading the lesson the Vicar made a few remarks extending a hearty welcome to those who had come there that afternoon, and mentioned that he would be pleased for the service to take place every year. It was particularly appropriate that the service should take place so near to the Patron Saint day of the church (St. Nicholas), he also tendered his thanks to those who had organized the service. Ringers from the following towers were present, at the service:—St. Mary Redcliffe, St. Stephen's St. James', St. Nicholas, All Saints, Clifton Parish Church, St. Peter's Thornbury, Henbury, Bitton St. George, E., St. John's and St. Luke's,—the majority of which took part in the ringing before and after service.

Owing to an accident the Rev. H. C. Courtney was prevented from taking any part in the service.

UNVEILING OF A MEMORIAL TABLET AT ST. MICHAEL'S, HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

An interesting ceremony took place in the tower of the above church on Saturday, December 6th, immediately after the five o'clock service, when the Vicar, Canon F. J. Wood, in the presence of the churchwardens, Messrs. Tetley and Jackson, with Mr. W. Snowdon, President of the Yorkshire Association, the local company, and about thirty ringers from the towers in the district, unveiled a white marble tablet recording a muffled peal of Grandsire Triples (*Holt's Original*), rung on February 4th, 1901, in memory of our deceased Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria. A member of the local company expressed the pleasure it gave them to see the Vicar and wardens in the tower (one of whom acknowledged to not having been there before), and asked their kind acceptance of the memorial as the absolute property of the church for all time, hoping that it would be kept in order by them, and handed on to future generations as a record (not of the skill of the

ringers), but of the bells having been rung by them, to voice the feelings of all the people in the district at a time of great national sadness; at no time in the history of this country has the hearts of the English people been so deeply moved as that for which the tablet is erected.

Before unveiling the memorial the Vicar in an interesting speech referred at length to the part the bells take in our national life, and paid a high compliment to the work of the ringers, whom he expressed a wish to see more often at the services of the church.

On behalf of the Churchwardens he expressed much pleasure in accepting the Memorial as a permanent record of the high esteem in which Queen Victoria was held by her people, and concluded by drawing the attention of his hearers to her many good qualities one of which he said all might strive to emulate, that of her devotion to duty.

Mr. W. Snowdon in moving a vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for their presence and assistance in placing the tablets in the tower, spoke of the historical value of such memorials, and traced the history of change-ringing as shewn by the old tablets.

He also spoke of the ability of composers as illustrated by *Holt* in his *Original* and down to the present day; the problems solved and some of them were worthy of a *Wrangler*, in dealing with the work of ringers and the concentration of thought necessary for ringing peals, together with the fascination the Science had for its exponents, he drew a humorous picture of the opinion of the man in the street had of change-ringing and ringers, and as a set off to the same mentioned a few names of well known ringers, including Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., and the Rev. Canon Wigram, brother of Alderman Wigram of Leeds.

The churchwardens suitably replied, and a short touch on the bells finished the proceedings.

I should be guilty of great neglect if I did not state that the tablet is the work of Mr. David Brearly of Deepcar, near Sheffield (who was present at the ceremony.) At the top is carved the Rose Shamrock and Thistle, and on each side a bell; the lettering is chiefly old English and Gothic with considerable ornamentation, the whole reflects great credit on the Artist, and is in itself a testimony to the good-fellowship existing amongst the members of an Association.

H. W.

MARVEL OR SURPRISE

I marvel much, yet am not much surprised
That though our Council such a name devised
As London "Marvel" for that method we
Have called "Surprise" e'en from our infancy—
Should still appear in "BELL NEWS" as "Surprise"
While "Glossary" its lesson vainly tries
To demonstrate it to the Exercise—
For those who still the ancient name retain
Would render thus the Council's counsel vain—
So let them change or show their reason why
And not incur the charge of such disloyalty

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ARCHDEACONRY OF DORSET.)

The second quarterly meeting of the East Dorset branch of the above Guild was held at Blandford on Thursday, November 13th. There was a good attendance from the towers to the north of Blandford, the Secretary being the only representative from the rest of the district. After service (which was fully attended) in the parish church, members adjourned to the roomy ringing-chamber for the meeting; the Vicar, the Rev. C. H. Fynes Clinton, being in the chair. A letter from the President (Lord Nelson) was read, from which it appeared that the committee of the Winchester Guild had at length decided to fall in with the wishes of the branch concerning the towers in Hampshire; but that they desired to have the way in which these towers were entered in the report altered. The Secretary explained that the latter was a printer's error which he had had no opportunity of correcting in proof. It was proposed by the Rev. A. Poulton, Rector of Pentridge, supported by Mr. J. Beale, of Sturminster Newton, and the Rev. C. Phillips, of Okeford Fitzpaine, and carried unanimously, that:—

"This meeting begs to thank Lord Nelson for his kindness in arranging for the inclusion of the out-diocesan members, and asks that as an act of grace there may remain on the committee a representative from each of the four towers concerned."

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Stalbridge on Saturday, December 27th. After tea at the Corner Coffee House an adjournment was made to Bryanston, where change-ringing was kept up till time to disperse, most of the local ringers taking the opportunity of beginning to learn half-pull ringing.

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."

THE ORIGIN OF CHANGES.

SIR,—I am naturally pleased to see Mr. Trollope's contribution appear in your columns at length, but I have the misfortune to differ from him to a considerable extent.

In the first place I dissent from his statement that the testimony of Stedman is little more than worthless. Stedman died in 1713, and it is evident from his will that he was an old man because he bequeaths legacies to several great nephews and nieces. He may very well have been, and probably was, between seventy and eighty years of age at the time of his death, so that Mr. Trollope's statement that Stedman could not have been personally acquainted with any of the earliest ringers cannot be taken for granted. There is no reason why Stedman should not have got his information from some one who was a ringer at the beginning of the seventeenth century and who knew the facts. It is a common thing enough for young men who are keen on any subject to learn all they can about its earlier stages from those conversant with them who are many years older than themselves. Besides this, for anything we know, Stedman might have had documentary evidence. Ringing in the seventeenth century was practised as it always has been, by amongst others, a certain proportion of men of sufficient education to keep note-books, and we know that our forefathers were obliged to resort to this expedient to a greater extent than we who live in days when cheap text-books can be procured on almost every subject. Although, as Mr. Trollope says, a writer in our day would be expected to produce proofs of his statements before being regarded as an authority on what took place sixty years ago, he seems to overlook the fact that writers who are long since dead cannot be challenged for evidence, and that being so

the probability of their statements has to be judged by another method. This fact enters more or less into all historical investigation, for obviously the mere absence of reference to authority does not necessarily imply inaccuracy. The working rule, I believe, amongst the leading modern scientific historians is to enquire about an old statement—who first made it? Had he any motive to mis-state? What opportunity had he of knowing the facts? Is he as a rule accurate? The answer in our case to the first of these questions is, Stedman; to the second, No; to the third, that he lived sufficiently nearly to the period to which he refers to be able to know the facts, and that as he was keen on the subject it is only reasonable to suppose that he used his opportunities; to the fourth question the answer is Yes.

On this last point I may say that I base my opinion not only on his ringing books, which speak for themselves, but on the little we know about him. Whether the tradition that in his Cambridge days he was a printer can be corroborated or not, the practice of that art is one requiring accuracy. But there is one fact which can be gathered from his will which is of relevance in this connection; it is that at the time of his death he held a high position in the office of the auditor of the Excise—a position obviously requiring habitual accuracy of detail. When he obtained that post I am not aware. But it is not impossible, that like Samuel Pepys the Diarist, he may have had some influential patron who after the Restoration of the monarchy was able to get him a good berth, and the date of his admission to the College Youths, 1664, may mark the time of his coming to London to take up the duties of it. His will is written with his own hand, and is a beautifully neat specimen of old-fashioned writing.

I also differ entirely from Mr. Trollope's statement that the Civil War must have put a stop to all ringing for many years. I believe this statement to be the absolute reverse of the truth. Every bit of evidence that I know of conduces in pointing to an opposite conclusion. Churchwardens' accounts, the history of rings in the County Church Bell books, the undoubtedly veracious accounts by Bunyan of the ringing at Elstow, the fact that the Parliamentary Ordinance of 1643 under which so much damage was done to churches did not include bells, and that during the civil war and interregnum there was practically no spoliation of bells, the fact that the ordinances of 1644 and 1656 for Sunday observance forbid ringing for pleasure on Sundays—and on Sundays only,—together with the continuous existence of the College Youths in London—all these things are against the faintest belief that the Civil War interfered with ringing. In fact, the Civil War interfered very little, if at all, with average people who were not under arms, and large parts of the country—Cambridge and its neighbourhood, for example, never heard a shot fired.

For these reasons, if my faith in the accuracy of Stedman is to be shaken, it must be by something much more cogent than Mr. Trollope's contentions seem to me to be. But I must stop now, and, with your permission, will complete my remarks in your next.

R. A. DANIELL.

ROMFORD (Essex).—*Handbell Ringing*.—On Friday, December 12th, at 53, Vine Street, 216 Bob Minor. F. Keeble, Vic. Keeble, Amy Keeble, Mrs. Keeble, B. Keeble. Also 360 with W. Keeble 3-4. Also 720. W. Keeble, Amy Keeble, Mrs. Keeble, B. Keeble. Rung on the 56th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Keeble, of Kelvedon, parents of B. Keeble and grandparents of W. Keeble.

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OBITER DICTA.

The art of taking down a peal outside the tower is, we are continually being told, a lost one. People talk of the skill of Cox and Haley and others, and ask us who nowadays can do as they did. We must sorrowfully admit we cannot tell. We have heard it is true of living men who can follow a peal outside and tell in a moment if a mistake has been made. But we have never seen it done. It takes a rare combination of knowledge of methods, knowledge of composition, quickness of ear, and self concentration—qualities not given away with a pound of tea. And let it be remembered that the variety of methods and compositions has increased tenfold these last twenty years. The old ones rang Stedman and Grandsire and pretty little else. And when they rang Stedman they rang Thurstans's peal, and when they rang Grandsire they rang Holt's peals. They knew these compositions, not just enough to call them, but thoroughly, still it was no small feat to do what an old Birmingham worthy of whom we have heard Mr. Carter speak, used to do. He would hear bells going; make his way to the church, listen a bit, scratch his head and tell you not only what method they were ringing and the present position of the bells, but what composition it was and how far they had got. We can well believe that the knowledge that such a man was outside would do not a little to keep the conductor up to the mark. It's irritating, to say the least, to be found out in peal-cooking. A certain band was ringing a peal, where and when we have forgotten. Cox was outside taking notes. Rounds came up at the proper time and the band came down, feeling (with one exception) the proper pride due on the completion of a peal. They spy Cox, and lead him off to the nearest hostelry. Raising his glass with blended sympathy and solemnity the old man drinks to the toast of "Better luck next time!" We hope we shall not be thought to favour peal-cooking. We hold it to be a mean and dirty trick, and if we once really found out a man doing it we would never trust him again. And yet somehow, much as we condemn the fault, we have just a little sympathy for the sinner. The temptation is so strong and so sudden. Before you have time to think what you are doing, it's done, and you are committed to it. A band is ringing a peal and all goes well. The striking is excellent, and the last glance at the clock showed that there is less than half an hour still to go. The conductor's thoughts wander, as thoughts will do. Suddenly he wakes up to the fact that a bob is nearly due. This lead, or next? he hesitates a second, then makes the plunge and as quickly realises that he has miscalled the peal. Now when you are peal-ringing you may have a good many things floating through your brain, your thoughts may wander and carry you with them all over the world. But as soon as you try to think on your own account you begin to make mistakes, and as our poor conductor finds, he hasn't time to think what he is doing. He realises he can get the bells home about the right time, and he does it. Perhaps no one is any the wiser, and the peal is booked. Perhaps something leaks out, and letters are written, and nasty things said, and our conductor sorrowfully wonders how he ever *could* have done such a thing.

Now for the guidance of conductors in similar plight we may say that there are, so far as we have observed, three courses of action to select from when they find they have miscalled a peal besides actual peal-cooking. The first is to call the bells round and then say you did so

because there had been a shift. This is a simple remedy. But it is evident you mustn't try it on any but the most inexperienced band. There might be some one who knew almost as much as you. He might ask for the figures. He might ascertain what each man was doing when the supposed shift took place. And the last state of your case might be worse than the first.

The second plan, which we have seen worked almost successfully, is this. You are going up behind, when you get into 5ths or 6ths you suddenly begin to come down again; of course this puts the bells in a muddle. Then you very energetically start putting them right, at last you get them out of the jam—but with two bells shifted. Of course you stop the peal. The wrath of the band is vented on these two offenders, and nobody knows the peal was miscalled. But it's unfortunate when your band will neither go wrong themselves nor let you go wrong. When they insist that having gone so far as 5-6 it is your plain duty to go on to 7-8. If they are sharp enough you won't get out of your muddle that way, and on the whole we recommend the last plan as the best. That is to stop the bells and tell the truth. It's galling at first to your pride, but it's soon forgotten. A miscalled peal does not remain a perpetual reproach. A cooked peal does.

To retrace our steps a bit. The earliest attempt to take a peal down outside, that we know of, was about 1720. The St. Peter Mancroft Society at Norwich had scored the first peals of Plain Bob (1715) and Grandsire Triples (1718) under the leadership of John Garthon. Garthon died or left, and it seems a dispute arose as to who should succeed him between Thomas Melchior and Edward Crane, both of whom had rung in the 1718 peal. Melchior evidently came out top, and Crane promptly seceded and founded an opposition band at St. Michael's Coslany. Stedman Triples was the method then practised at Norwich and both bands hastened to ring the first peal. The old band were successful first. But their peal was not allowed to go unchallenged, for Mr. Crane was outside and actually counted the changes as they were rung. Of course he made them short. Then began a very amusing correspondence between the bands, which changing names might well pass for a twentieth century peal dispute. Melchior draws a lively picture of Crane "telling the strokes of the tenor," sometimes in the public street and sometimes in the public house, anathematising those who interrupted him and still telling the strokes of the tenor. Something of this sort we suppose: "Three thousand one hundred and fifty-four—half a bitter please—fifty-five—fifty-six—confound you, hold your tongue!—fifty-seven." The correspondence lasted for ten or so letters, and as such correspondence are wont to do, waxed hotter and hotter and hotter as it went on. So that when Crane's band rang their peal, Melchior's men were not content with telling the strokes of the tenor, but threw stones at the church windows and made a disturbance, until, as Crane afterwards triumphantly related, the bystanders in indignation drove them off with damaged features.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Thursday evening, October 16th, at the church of St. Andrew, for Harvest Thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. G. Cranham, A. E. Smith, T. Upshall, H. Garfath jun., H. Garfath sen. conductor, C. Fry, E. Clapshaw, H. Jarratt (first-quarter-peal).

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The Essex Association.—A district meeting of the North-Western Division will be held at Saffron Walden to-day, Saturday, December 20th. Bells will be ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m., at The King's Arms. HENRY J. TUCKER, *District Sec.*
Cemetery Lodge, Bishop Stortford.

Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch. The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Paul's Walkden, to-day, Saturday, December 20th. Bells ready at 6, meeting at 7.30. G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Bristol Branch. The Annual Meeting of the Branch will be held to-day, Saturday, the 20th inst., at Bristol. A service will be held at Christ Church (City) at 5 p.m., after which a business meeting will be held for re-election of officers, etc. C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Members are again requested to attend in large numbers at The Coffee Pot after ringing at St. Michael's on Tuesday, December 23rd. WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
"Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting of the above association will be held at St. John's, Cardiff, on Boxing day, December 26th, at 4 o'clock. It is hoped that all members will make an effort to attend. Bells available all day.

REV. C. L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*
J. H. ALDRIDGE, *Assist. Hon. Sec.*

Sussex County Association.—Western Division. The quarterly meeting arranged to take place at Midhurst, on December 26th next, is postponed until further notice.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting of the above Dioceses will be held in Bristol on Boxing Day, December 26th. It is to be hoped that every member will make a special effort to attend, and that every one will abstain from making any arrangements for peal ringing on that day. All outstanding subscriptions are respectfully asked to be paid by that date.

F. G. MAY, *Hon. Sec.*
6, Wentworth Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A District Meeting of the above will be held at Sawston (8 bells) on Friday, December 26th. Tea at 4 o'clock. All ringers welcome.

P. WEBB, *Dis. Sec.*

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Stalbridge on Saturday next, December 27th, at 3.45. Committee at 3; service in church, 3.30; tea (6d. each) at 4.30. Eight bells, 6 at Henstridge and Templecombe; 5 at Marnhull.

H. DRAKE, *Branch Sec.*

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—Pulham Mary Branch. The anniversary will be held on January 1st, 1903. Dinner at The King's Head 1.30. All wishing to join on the above date please to let the secretary know by December 27th. C. BRICE, *Hon. Sec.*
King's Head, Pulham Mary, Harleston.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Bramley (6 bells), on Saturday, January 3rd, 1903. A peal will be attempted 2.30. Prompt business meeting, Cardigan Arms, at 7.0 p.m.

CHARLES PRATT, *Sec.*

Park View, Calverley.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A quarterly general meeting will be held at Diss on Tuesday, January 6th, 1903. Dinner at The King's Head hotel at 1.30 p.m., at 2s. 3d. for honorary and 1s. 3d. for company members. Notice of intention to be present must be sent to me before January 2nd. Those requiring railway fare allowances must send notice by same date.

CHARLES E. BORRETT, *Acting Hon. Sec.*
10, Chester Street, Norwich.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPTS.

On Friday, December 26th, eight members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, will (D.V.) attempt a 14,000 of London Surprise Major, at Halsowen (near Birmingham), Worcestershire, starting at 10 a.m.

On Monday, December 29th, eight members of the St. Mary-le-Tower society, Ipswich, will (D.V.) attempt a 20,000 of Double Norwich Major at Henley, near Ipswich, starting at 7 a.m.

SONNING (Berks.).—On Monday evening, December 1st, at the parish church, a 336 of Grandsire Triples. T. Martin, H. Hammond, G. Wright, J. Wadhams, W. Hands conductor, J. Summer, T. Russell, G. Brown. Rung to celebrate the birthday of her Majesty Queen Alexandra.

WEST BROMWICH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, November 30th, at Christ church, 840 Grandsire Triples. Reuben Hall, T. Horton, J. Walker, T. Reeves, F. Bennett, J. Hall, J. Hares conductor, T. Adkins.

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Birth.

On Friday, the 12th inst., the wife of Mr. L. W. Copey, of Isleworth, Middlesex, of a son. The bells rang out the joyful news, the ringers wishing the newly-born every success through life.

Situation Vacant.

WANTED, an Experienced Gardener, Unmarried; a change-ringer on six bells and able to conduct, if possible, and to act as sexton. — Rev. H. Eyre, Great Totham Vicarage, Witham, Essex.

Situation Wanted.

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BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

DEDICATION OF TREBLES TO COMPLETE THE OCTAVE.

The Dedication Service will take place on December 27th at 5 p.m. Preacher: the Bishop of Derby.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

The bells at the church of St. Mary the Virgin will be opened on Friday, December 26th, when any ringers will be welcome by sending notice to William Watts, Mont House Cottage, High Lane, Stansted, Essex.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

The tower of St. Catherine's will be open on December 27th. Ringing on the occasion of the third anniversary of the opening of the bells, by the kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. J. F. Jemmett, from 4 to 8.30 p.m.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W. R. HENSHER.—There are several things which prevent it now. The C.C. is publishing an exhaustive work of the kind.

J. G.—You have got hold of a mare's nest. But it is not worth while mentioning it.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1902.

WE have not much space this week to devote to several matters upon which a few remarks would, from our point of view, have been agreeable. More than one of our staff has been laid low with that prevailing epidemic known, for want of a better term, as "influenza," and we are thus (temporarily, we hope) deprived of the help of a valuable colleague or two. As Christmas comes next week, it is incumbent upon us to publish our paper on Wednesday next, and therefore our friends will see the necessity of peal records being in hand not later than Tuesday morning, the 23rd instant. We find that "long lengths" have not ceased to be among the various cravings and ambition of ringers, for besides a 12,000 of London, a 20,000 of Double Norwich is to be essayed.

The Metropolis.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, December 9, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****THURSTANS'S ONE-PART****Tenor 13 cwt.**

JOHN J. LAMB Treble.	WILLIAM PYE 5.
EDWARD N. PRICE 2.	ISAAC G. SHADE 6.
WILLIAM WATCHORN 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, December 13, 1902, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.****Tenor 24 cwt.**

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble.	JOHN BASDEN 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	ALBERT COLES 7.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT 3.	ERNEST PYE 8.
WILLIAM PYE 4.	CHARLES H. MARTIN 9.
ISAAC G. SHADE 5.	JOHN R. SHARMAN Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The Provinces.**GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 6, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****HOLT'S ORIGINAL.****Tenor 13 cwt.**

HENRY R. DAWSON Treble.	WILLIAM NEWMAN 5.
WILLIAM ROWLAND 2.	ALFRED WRIGHT 6.
HENRY RICHELL 3.	ALFRED TARBUN 7.
ALEXANDER H. WATSON 4.	HENRY ROLFE Tenor.

Conducted by W. ROWLAND, JUN.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, December 6, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.****Tenor 14½ cwt.**

WILLIAM LATTER Treble.	STEPHEN PERKINS 5.
EDWARD MANKELOW 2.	ARTHUR GODLEY 6.
STEPHEN J. PERKINS 3.	WILLIAM SPICE 7.
JAMES MAYNARD 4.	GEORGE SMITHERS Tenor.

Conducted by W. SPICE.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, December 9, 1902, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,***AT THE PARISH CHURCH,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.****THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.****Tenor 16 cwt.**

ALBERT E. LISH Treble.	CHARLES TYLER 5.
SAMUEL BURT 2.	*ALBERT HEASMAN 6.
JAMES LISH 3.	GEORGE PAYNE 7.
LAZARUS PAYNE 4.	ARTHUR HODGES Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE PAYNE

*First peal with a bob bell.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, December 9, 1902, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,****A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****HOLT'S TEN-PART.****Tenor 30 cwt.**

WILLIAM A. FOWLER* .. Treble.	JAMES BURGE 5.
SIDNEY WYATT† 2.	WILLIAM EVELEIGH 6.
HENRY I. CREED 3.	EDWARD J. WYATT 7.
JOSEPH FOWLER 4.	*SAMUEL P. MERSON Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY WYATT.

*First peal of Triples. †First peal as conductor.

OXHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Wednesday, December 10, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,****5088 CHANGES.****Tenor 9½ cwt.**

HUBERT EDEN Treble.	FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT .. 5.
FRANK A. SMITH 2.	HARRY A. HORREX 6.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY 7.
HENRY HODGETTS 4.	GEORGE N. PRICE Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Wednesday, December 10, 1902, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,***AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,****A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;****IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.****Tenor 37½ cwt.**

ROBERT S. STORY Treble.	WILLIAM HOLMES 6.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 2.	S. OCTAVIUS FERRY 7.
ROBERT C. HUDSON 3.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 8.
THOMAS T. GOFTON 4.	HUGH D. DALL 9.
WILLIAM T. ROBSON 5.	ROBERT RICHARDS Tenor.

Composed by W. HOLMES, and Conducted by C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

First peal of Oxford Ten-in by the Association, and by all the band.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Thursday, December 11, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,****5056 CHANGES.****Tenor 13 cwt.**

JOSEPH J. ALLEN Treble.	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 5.
HUBERT EDEN 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT 6.
GEORGE N. PRICE 3.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 7.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT .. 4.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

First peal of Superlative on the bells.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Thursday, December 11, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,****A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;****HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.****Tenor 18 cwt.**

EDGAR WIGHTMAN Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT 5.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 2.	JOHN GARARD 6.
GEORGE CONYARD 3.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 7.
CHARLES WILKINS 4.	DAVID BARNES Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

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On Thursday, December 11, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY F. EWINS Treble.	FRANCIS T. HOAD, JUN. .. 6.
FRANCIS T. HOAD, SEN. .. 2.	WILLIAM ARGENT 7.
GEORGE THOMPSON 3.	GEORGE H. CROUCHER .. 8.
HUGH R. THORPE 4.	WILLIAM BURKIN 9.
JOHN ANSELL 5.	HENRY REEVES Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by FRANCIS T. HOAD, SEN.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 11, 1902, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART.

LIONEL SHOORBRIDGE .. Treble.	CHARLES W. PLAYER .. 5.
REV. A. L. BRINE 2.	†JAMES H. BLYTHMAN .. 6.
BEN REED 3.	GEORGE WILLSHIRE .. 7.
STANLEY G. TWYMAN* .. 4.	EDWARD GOLDER Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLSHIRE.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. E. Golder was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

WREXHAM, NORTH WALES.—THE WREXHAM SOCIETY.

On Friday, December 12, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.
Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY MOORE* Treble.	THOMAS NEWALL 6.
WILMER ROGERS* 2.	EDWARD ROWLAND 7.
JOHN BARBER* 3.	*ABEL HEYES 8.
ALFRED LEA 4.	†SAMUEL MEADOWS .. 9.
ROBERT JONES 5.	JAMES KENDRICK Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by EDWARD ROWLAND.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. In consequence of the bad condition of the bells (which require rehanging) the bearings had to be constantly lubricated during the peal. This peal was rang in honour of the completion of the restoration of the church and tower at a cost of £10 000.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Friday, December 12, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK STILL Treble.	GEORGE TURLEY 5.
PERCIVAL TURLEY* .. 2.	ARTHUR T. GODLEY .. 6.
JAMES MAYNARD 3.	THOMAS CARD 7.
WILLIAM SPICE 4.	GEORGE IZZARD Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

*First peal with a bob bell.

NEWNHAM-ON-SEVERN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 13, 1902, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR WHITE Treble.	WILLIAM BURCHER 5.
JOHN AUSTIN 2.	ARTHUR HATTON 6.
TOM SIMMONDS 3.	FRED BLANTON 7.
CHARLES SCRIVENS .. 4.	HERBERT SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

First peal in the method by all, and is believed to be the first peal in the method in the county.

WYLAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1902, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 each of Double Court, Woodbine, Oxford (and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM MAY Treble.	ADAM PIGG 4.
JOHN BEAN 2.	HENRY WILKINSON .. 5.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE 3.	EDWARD WEIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

This is the first peal by the Wylam branch of the Association, and the first 5040 by all except the conductor.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

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

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Stedman.

HAWLEY, HANTS.—THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, December 13, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WALTER HOARE Treble.	CHARLES H. PEARCE .. 5.
ALFRED SMITH 2.	ALFRED PULLING .. 6.
WILLIAM IVES* 3.	CHARLES WILLSHIRE .. 7.
HENRY HUTTON 4.	CHARLES JEFFERY .. Tenor.

Conducted by C. WILLSHIRE.

*First peal in the method. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. F. E. Godden for the use of the bells; also Mr. M. Steer for his attention to the bells and ropes.

ROCHDALE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REEVES'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

LUKE SUTHERS Treble.	WILLIAM CRABTREE .. 5.
JAMES WHITEHEAD* .. 2.	ROBERT DEARDEN .. 6.
JAMES RICHARDS 3.	WILLIAM SCHOFIELD .. 7.
GEORGE HOYLE 4.	BEN GREENWOOD .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HOYLE.

*First peal. This is the first peal on these bells by a full band of the Association.

THORNABY-ON-TEES, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1902, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 10½ in F. sharp.

G. J. CLARKSON Treble.	J. WALLER 5.
W. H. STEPHENSON* .. 2.	A. W. BARRETT .. 6.
F. P. HOWCROFT 3.	REV. W. P. WRIGHT .. 7.
J. W. NEWTON 4.	T. STEPHENSON Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by T. STEPHENSON.

*First peal of Major in the method. Being the birthday of F. P. Howcroft, he received the compliments of the other ringers at the completion of the peal.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE JORDAN Treble.	JOHN LUCKEY 5.
HENRY J. TUCKER 2.	THOMAS J. WATTS 6.
THOMAS JORDAN 3.	WILLIAM T. PRIOR 7.
WALTER PRIOR 4.	*WILLIAM WATTS Tenor.

Composed by YORK GREEN, and Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

*First peal of Treble Bob Major as conductor. This is the first peal on the bells which have recently been rehung and two trebles added by Mears and Stainbank, the go of the bells being all that can be desired.

BANGOR, NORTH WALES.

THE ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY, BANGOR.

On Saturday, December 13, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JESSE GILLET Treble.	RICHARD J. HUGHES 5.
REV. T. LEWIS JONES 2.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER 6.
JAMES H. MIDWINTER 3.	GEORGE F. HOAD 7.
JOHN H. GRUNDY 4.	WILLIAM CRANE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 13, 1902, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S. Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS METCALFE Treble.	WILLIAM WILLIAMS 5.
JONATHAN EDWARDS 2.	JAMES DILLON 6.
JOHN MEALOR 3.	WILLIAM WILCOX 7.
WILLIAM BRISCOE 4.	WILLIAM BRADSHAW Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES DILLON.

The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. H. Drew for his kindness in welcoming the band, and providing tea for them after the conclusion of the peal. First peal on the bells.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1902, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5022 CHANGES.
Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR J. TONKS* Treble.	H. HENRY SOMERVILLE 6.
WALTER R. HUGHES† 2.	JOSEPH ELTON 7.
FRANK HALLSWORTH, SEN. 3.	JOHN C. ADAMS 8.
WILLIAM GRIFFIN 4.	THOMAS J. ELTON 9.
JOSEPH BIRCH 5.	FRANK HALLSWORTH, JUN. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

*First peal of Caters. †First peal away from the treble.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

(DUFFIELD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 13, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

SAMUEL MASKREY Treble.	GEORGE HINGLEY 5.
CHARLES DRAPER 2.	JOHN FLOWER 6.
WILLIAM HICKLING, SEN. 2.	BENJAMIN SUGDEN 7.
FRED HICKLING 4.	WILLIAM BATES Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by BENJAMIN SUGDEN.

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.
Tenor 16 cwt.

HERBERT J. ELLIS Treble.	ARTHUR ASHDOWN 5.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE 6.
THOMAS ATTWELL 3.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 7.
ARTHUR B. BENNETT* 4.	JAMES HUNT Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

*First peal of Bob Major; also on the bells.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5472 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES MOORHOUSE Treble.	JOSEPH BROADLEY 5.
ALBERT SCOTT 2.	JOHN T. EASON 6.
JAMES COTTERELL 3.	FRANCIS BARKER 7.
EDWIN WHEATER 4.	BENJAMIN F. LAMB Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SPROUGHTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 13, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Superlative Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and 360 each of Double Court and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR A. GIRLING Treble.	EDGAR RIVERS 4.
GEORGE W. MEE 2.	ALFRED G. RIVERS 5.
FREDERICK MEE 3.	CHARLES MEE Tenor.

Conducted by A. G. RIVERS.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

PHILBERT W. WILKINS Treble.	WILLIAM NEWELL 5.
W. P. ROUTH, ESQ. 2.	*HERBERT FRANKUM 6.
JAMES W. WILKINS 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
G. W. T. SMITH 4.	†THOMAS DIGGENS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1902, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.

JESSE SCREEN* Treble.	JAMES HALL 6.
SAMUEL REEVES 2.	THOMAS HORTON 7.
WILLIAM H. GODDEN 3.	JAMES HARES 8.
JOSEPH WALKER 4.	REUBEN HALL 9.
THOMAS H. REEVES 5.	THOMAS ATKINS Tenor.

Composed by J. CARTER, and Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

This peal, which is now rung for the first time, has the 5th and 6th each twelve times behind the 9th, and the 6th twenty-four times behind the 8th. *First peal of Caters.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

ALF. PADDON SMITH Treble.	HERBERT KNIGHT 5.
JOHN PERRY 2.	JOSEPH PIGOTT 6.
FREDERICK J. STEELE 3.	JAMES E. GROVES 7.
THOMAS PIGOTT 4.	SIDNEY JESSOP Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

ERITH, RENT.—THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 14, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble.	GEORGE R. PYE 5.
CHARLES WILKINS 2.	†WILLIAM KEEBLE 6.
HERBERT P. HARMAN 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 with a bob bell. Rung to celebrate the fifty-sixth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Keeble, grandparents of the ringer of the 6th. It is also the 100th peal rung by C. Wilkins on Erith bells.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 15, 1902, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSEPH BROOKES Treble.	JOHN DENNER 5.
JOHN WORTHINGTON 2.	WILLIAM DENNER 6.
JOHN POTTER 3.	JOSEPH POTTER 7.
WILLIAM LEVER 4.	RICHARD RIDYARD Tenor.

Composed by E. TIMBRELL, of Chipping, and
Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. Geoffrey Dawson, who had been lay-reader and superintendent of the Sunday School for a good many years, and was interred this day at St. Mark's church, Worsley.

GARSTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 15, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT EDWARDS* Treble.	†WILLIAM J. RAWLINSON .. 5.
JOSEPH GRACE 2.	WALTER HUGHES 6.
JOHN ASPINWALL 3.	THOMAS GRIFFITHS 7.
GEORGE HISLOP 4.	†EDWARD BRIGHT Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER HUGHES.

This peal was rung to the memory of the late Mrs. Gough. *First peal. †First peal in the method.

Handbell Peals.

WOBURN, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 10, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

MORTIMER MATTHEWS .. 1-2.	CYRIL HERBERT 5-6.
ERNEST HERBERT 3-4.	*MARK LANE 7-8.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by CYRIL HERBERT.

*First peal on handbells.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ARMLEY.—On Thursday evening, December 11th, at Christ church, a date touch consisting of 102 Woodbine, and 600 each Duke of York, Kent and Oxford. *Chas. Lockwood, John Thackray, *Chas. Taylor, *Jas. Peacock, M. Broadbent, Jos. Heckingbottom conductor. *Longest touch.

LIGHTCLIFFE.—On November 4th, at St. Matthew's church, a date touch, 1902 changes in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. Reed, J. Lawson, G. H. C. Copping, J. S. Ambler, J. Rushworth, A. Jagger, W. Sherwood, F. Salmons conductor.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MINEHEAD (Somerset).—On Sunday, September 21st, at St. Michael's church, for morning service, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1902 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Reed, T. Hayward, J. Hunt, G. Atkins, G. Stacey, J. R. Jones, H. Moore conductor, Sam Mason. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. F. Mason, J. Reed, Sam Mason, G. Atkins, A. Doble, Sidney Mason, H. Moore conductor, J. Wood.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

HAZEL GROVE.—On Thursday, December 4th, at the parish church of St. Thomas', in 1 hr. 4 mins., a date touch of 1902 changes in the following nine methods: 42 Plain Bob, 180 College Single, 240 each of Duke of York, Violet, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Merchants' Return, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. J. Hallworth, J. Fernley, J. Dean, A. Fernley, S. Fernley conductor, G. D. Warburton.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE.—On Wednesday, November 26th, at the parish church, a date touch of 1902 changes in 1 hr. 4 mins., being 30 Grandsire Doubles, 72 Bob Minor, 360 each of Double Court Bob, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. A. B. Wiffen, W. Moore, C. H. Howard conductor, H. E. Hammond, W. Grimwade, E. F. Slade.

ASHLEWORTH (Gloucestershire).—On Wednesday, October 15th, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles, 1902 changes, in 1 hr. 4 mins. W. Etheridge, J. M. Turner, F. Belcher, F. Roberts, A. Dance, G. Finch.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—On Thursday, October 16th, 1344 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, in 1 hr. C. E. Borrett conductor, F. Knights, F. R. Borrett, A. G. Warnes, D. Hayward, A. Webber, G. Howchin, E. Francis, T. Tooley, W. C. Hunt, F. H. Knight, G. Smith. Also on October 18th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. G. Howchin jun. (first 720) 1, F. Knights 2-3, S. Smith 4, C. E. Borrett conductor 5-6.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BARNET.—On Monday, October 13th, at the parish church, for practice, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. J. Baldwin, S. Roberts, W. J. Dell, J. Sumpter, A. D. Chidwick, F. A. Milne, W. Childs, E. Dolton conductor. Also 360 Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. W. Childs, W. J. Baldwin, W. J. Dell conductor, J. Sumpter, F. A. Milne, E. Dolton, A. D. Chidwick, A. T. New. Also on October 15th, for the marriage of Dr. J. W. MacVine and Miss J. T. Sinclair, 504 Grandsire Triples. W. J. Baldwin, S. Roberts, W. J. Dell, W. F. Dolton, J. Sumpter, F. A. Milne conductor, A. D. Chidwick, E. Dolton. Also 360 Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. W. F. Dolton, W. J. Baldwin, W. J. Dell conductor, S. Roberts, J. Sumpter, E. Merritt, A. D. Chidwick, A. T. New. Also 420 Grandsire Triples. W. Childs, W. J. Baldwin, W. J. Dell, S. Roberts, J. Sumpter conductor, A. E. Dolton, A. D. Chidwick, W. F. Dolton. And on October 20th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor with 6-8 covering. J. Wittey, J. Sumpter, W. J. Dell conductor, J. Roberts, E. Marshall, W. J. Baldwin, A. D. Chidwick, A. T. New.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BORDEN.—On Sunday, November 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 44 mins. J. Excell, S. Hutson, C. Dutnall, R. Staines, C. R. Millway conductor, W. Tassell, J. Tassell, E. W. Nettle.

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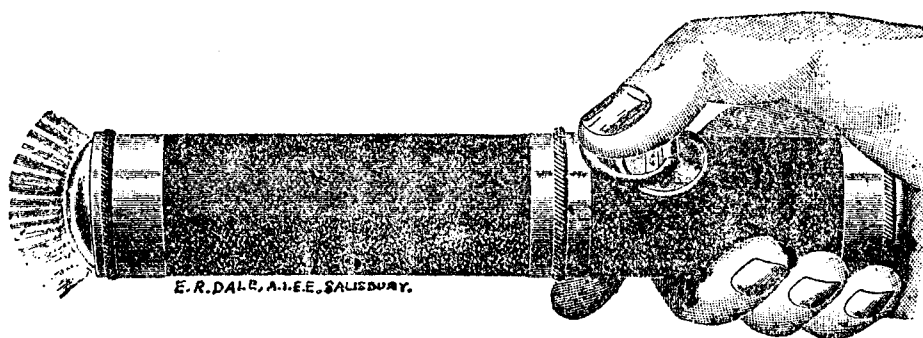
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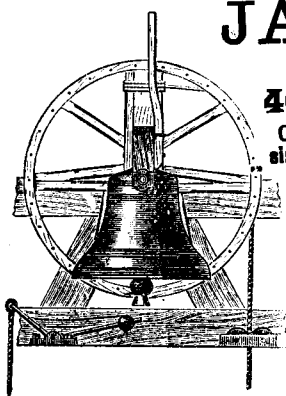
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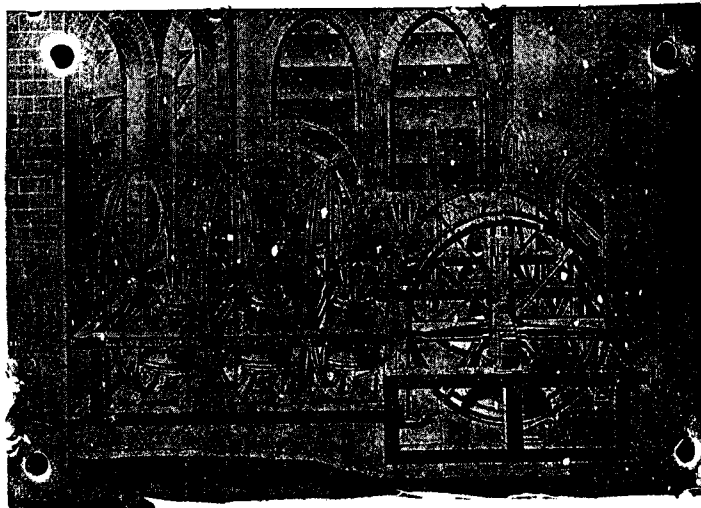
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Central Council to investigate the state of rings of 8, 10, and 12 bells in England, and to collect information calculated to promote the advance of change-ringing.

In the following schedule, which will be continued week by week, the towers are placed in alphabetical order; the name of the place being put first, followed by the dedicatory designation of the church. It is earnestly requested that the omission of any tower, with the name and address of the representative ringer—also alterations required in the information scheduled, may be at once notified to Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., Duffield, Derby, with the envelope endorsed:—C.C.C.B.R. Unless corrections are promptly pointed out, the value of the Report, when subsequently published in pamphlet form, will be seriously impaired.

SCHEDULE (continued).

FARNHAM (Surrey). St. Andrew. Winchester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. Treble, 3rd and 4th by Phelps, 1723. The rest by Mears as follows: 2nd, 1896; 5th, 1820; 6th, 1869; 7th, 1890. Tenor 21 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in., 1830. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes new. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 10.45, and 5.40 to 6.15. 1st in month start at 10 in the morning. Practice: Thursday, 8.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks). Eight bells. No return.

FARNWORTH (Lancashire). St. John. Eight bells. All by Blackburn, 1899. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 5 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1899, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.45.

FAVERSHAM (Kent). St. Marie of Charity. Kent County Association. Eight bells. 3rd by Warner, 1882; 5th by Mears, 1797; tenor 20 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in., by the same, 1872, the rest by Catlin, 1748. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1895, good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. No regular Sunday ringing. Practice: Friday, 7.30, except in July, August and September.

FECKENHAM (Worcestershire). Eight bells. No return.

FENTON (Staffordshire). Christ Church. Eight bells. All by Carr, 1899. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 and 5.30. Practice: Friday, 8.

FINCHINGFIELD (Essex). St. John the Baptist. Eight bells. 7th by Lester, 1766; the rest by Osborne, 1781. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Clocking permitted. An estimate for repairs has been submitted but not accepted from lack of

funds. Ropes fair. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10, and 2.30 to 2.45, except 1st in month. Practice: Wednesday, 7.45.

FINEDON (Northants). St. Mary. Northamptonshire Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, treble and 2nd 1897; tenor 23 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in., 1875; the rest 1825. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1897. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 1st and 3rd in month, 10.15 to 11, and occasionally 5.30 to 6.30. No practice mentioned.

FLIXTON (Lancashire). St. Michael. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd and 3rd by Taylor, 1889, the rest all probably by Rudhall, 1806. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were rehung in a new tower by Taylor, 1889. Ropes fair. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.25, and 6 to 6.25. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30. The bells are rung by a voluntary band.

FOLKESTONE (Kent). SS. Mary and Eanswythe. Kent County Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1879. Tenor 25 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 5 in. Timber frame. Bells are pealable. Repairs by local man, date not given. No difficulty in getting repairs executed. Ropes new 1895, fair. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.45. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

FORDINGBRIDGE (Hants). St. Mary. Winchester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. The two trebles by Blackham, 1844; 2nd and 3rd by Warner, 1857; the rest by Foster, about 1658. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. They were rehung by Blackburn, 1899, when the trebles were added. Ropes new 1899. No half-pull or Sunday ringing. Practice: Thursday, 7.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

UNVEILING OF A PEAL-TABLET AT HELMSHORE.

On Saturday, December 6th, at Helmsore, a well-attended meeting of the above Association took place at St. Thomas Musbury church. The special attraction of the meeting was the unveiling of a tablet by the popular President of the Association, the Rev. H. J. Elsee. Ringing commenced by mixed companies early in the afternoon, and by 5 p.m., the time arranged for the unveiling ceremony, the belry was full to its utmost capacity, there being, in addition to the ringers, many of the leading gentlemen in the district present.

The Rev. J. H. Oldroyd, Vicar, commenced the proceedings by saying that it gave him great pleasure to think that a large number of them had come together that day to honour his own ringers. He (Mr. Oldroyd) knew little of scientific change-ringing, but what he liked in church-work of any kind, was that people should have a certain amount of pleasure in anything they undertook to do. In the case of his ringers he knew for certain that they all took an extraordinary interest in their ringing.

The drapery being removed, the tablet was highly appreciated by all present. It is a black polished board, with gilt lettering, neatly designed and finished, surrounded with a massive walnut mount.

Mr. Elsee stated he was glad to have had the honour of unveiling the board, as it gave him an opportunity of personally congratulating the Helmshore company in their own tower for ringing the first peal of London Surprise Major by the Association, and in the county of Lancashire, and also the first he believed ever rung in the north of England. He thought it was a feat well worthy of the fine tablet they saw before them. For the benefit of the gentlemen present who were not ringers, Mr. Elsee explained the meaning of the word peal, and said it was often an easy matter for a good band of ringers to score a peal in the simpler methods, but in those like London Surprise, where a great number of exacting rules and very intricate movements had to be committed to memory, then the performance of a peal was a feat which any ringer, however experienced, would be proud. He thought that the effort of learning and acquiring a variety of difficult methods improved a man's intelligence, and increase of intellect often went side by side with increase of moral character. However this may be, he was sure that in a general way, ringers were better thought of at the present time, and their comfort and interest better looked after, than at any time during his recollection. He had pleasure in asking the Vicar and Wardens to accept the tablet.

Mr. J. C. Witham (churchwarden, also Mayor of Haslingden) said it gave him great pleasure to accept the tablet. It was a source of gratification to know that they had such a talented band of ringers in such a small village as Helmshore. He could assure them the wardens were proud of their performance. Ringers were often neglected, and a little thought of, and like the engine-driver of a train escaped the tips which always went to the porters and guardsmen. He heartily congratulated the ringers on their performance, and thought that the energy and intelligence of their leader deserved special mention.

After a vote of thanks to Mr. Elsee, to which he briefly replied, the party adjourned to the School for tea, at which about fifty sat down, after which the business meeting of the Rossendale branch was held, over which the Mayor of Haslingden presided. This over the bells were kept going in different methods until a late hour.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of above association was held at Tibshelf, on Saturday, December 13th, 1902. Members were present from Tibshelf, Clay Cross, North Wingfield, South Normanton, Bolsover, Hurland, and visitors from Alfreton.

Owing to the absence of the Vicar Mr. J. W. Scott was unanimously voted to the chair. The minutes were duly read and confirmed. Messrs. J. W. Scott and F. Marshall were appointed auditors for year ending at Easter.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for use of bells, and room for meeting, also to Mr. Scott for presiding, brought the meeting to a close.

The bells, a musical ring of six in G, were kept going in various methods till 9.0 p.m.

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THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The social and ringing meeting was held in Exeter on Saturday, September the 13th, and was attended by nearly 100 members representing the following bands: St. Sidwell's, St. Thomas's (Exeter), Heavitree, Tiverton, Ottery, Teignmouth, Clyst St. George, Withycombe, Harpford and Honiton. The bells of the Cathedral, St. Sidwell's, St. Petrock's and Heavitree were placed at the disposal of the members and were in constant use during the afternoon and evening, various touches of Grandsire and Stedman being struck off in creditable style. The chief attraction centred in the Cathedral bells, only a select few had handled the bells previously and the majority had not even seen the bells in the new frame and fittings, which were the subject of universal admiration. The opportunity of handling the bells was therefore looked forward to with keen interest and some very creditable work was accomplished; four Tiverton ladies, the Misses Scott, Todd, Kennaway and Hennell, had the honour of ringing on the peal. A touch of Caters was rung by Messrs. Mudge, F. Shepherd, G. Head, W. Richardson, Rev. M. Kelly, F. J. Shepherd, A. W. Brighton, another, J. Moss, with J. Richards and E. Shepherd on the tenor, striking being good and a fair test of the excellent "go" of the bells.

Tea was provided in St. Sidwell's Institute, the Rev. M. Kelly presiding, and being supported by the Revs. F. Molineux, Hon. Sec., T. J. Ponting, S. W. E. Bird, M. D. Buckingham, S. G. B. Wollaston, Esq. and others.

After the election of new members a vote of thanks was passed to the Dean and Chapter and incumbents for the use of the bells.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CIRENCESTER BRANCH.)

The annual meeting of this branch took place at Cirencester on Saturday, December 13th, when there was present the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Sinclair, who is also the president of the branch), the Revs. G. L. Amphlett, H. L. Evans, and A. C. Stephens, and a fairly good attendance of members from both the Cirencester towers, from Swindon, and from Siddington. The proceedings commenced with a special service at the parish church of St. John, which was conducted by the Rev. Canon Sinclair, who, in the course of an able address, pointed out that all church-workers should not only be workers, but also enthusiastic workers. Tea was partaken of at Viner's restaurant, and was followed by the business meeting. The hon. treasurer presented a statement of accounts which was considered very satisfactory. The Rev. Canon Sinclair was by general acclamation re-elected president, as was also the hon. treasurer and secretary, Mr. S. Moore. The committee were re-appointed, and some new members were proposed. A discussion took place as to the advisability of holding meetings during the ensuing year at some of the six-bell towers, and as a result it was decided that a meeting should be held if possible at Chedworth, a six-bell tower. A movement was then made to the parish church (a 12-bell tower) and several touches were rung. Afterwards Holy Trinity Church (an eight-bell tower) was visited, and some very good ringing took place. The meeting was altogether a successful one.

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

THE ORIGIN OF CHANGES.

SIR,—Last week you were good enough to allow me to disagree with Mr. Trollope in your columns, and I fear that my present letter is mainly to the same purpose. Let me, therefore, at once say that I do agree with him that the early ringing was done with what we now call a conductor. The term "conductor" is comparatively modern: the old peal records are said to be "called," not "conducted." And I have no doubt that "called" is the traditional word which comes down from the days of "walked" changes, which must, I think, have been performed from the first, as they still are in those localities where they survive, by being "called." But the point is whether the original calling was method-calling—"mathematical" calling, if Mr. Trollope would prefer that term—or whether it was calling at the sweet will and fancy of the caller of the nature of "Stoney" calling.

Now, at any rate, Mr. Trollope and Stedman are agreed that changes originated on three bells. Stedman gives a simple and straightforward account of this by saying: "Then were invented the sixes." Mr. Trollope objects that he did not mean what he said, and that if he did, he probably did not know what he was talking about. That being so, I naturally turn with interest to see what evidence Mr. Trollope gives that he knows what he is talking about, and I find that the term "little more than worthless," which he has applied to Stedman, seems to have a smack of appropriateness to his own remarks. I don't wish to be misunderstood—this is no personality—but as Mr. Trollope rejects Stedman's statement, because it appears to him deficient in evidence, it is somewhat surprising to find that Mr. Trollope advances no evidence either. If Stedman had not the means of personally knowing the facts of the origin of change-ringing, he must have been trusting to his own imagination or that of others. If Stedman in the seventeenth century had not the means of certitude, how can Mr. Trollope have them in the twentieth? He admits by implication that he cannot, for he gives us no facts, but frankly indulges his imagination. We are, according to him, to put ourselves into the place of the first ringers and see what we most likely should have done. So that it comes to this: either Stedman knew his facts, or he didn't. If he did, he knew more than Mr. Trollope; if he didn't, then he and Mr. Trollope both sit in the same chair—that of imagination. In that case the problem to be solved is: whose imagination is the more probably right—Stedman's or Mr. Trollope's? An appreciation of this sort is rather a solemn affair, for, as Silas Wegg has well said, "How can a man put a price upon his mind?" However, I will be rash enough to make the attempt.

Mr. Trollope gives us as a result of his mental incursion into the seventeenth century, the following—"To change two bells, and again two, varied the monotony, but between this and the order and symmetry of the sixes there is a vast difference. The old ringers probably went on changing the order of their bells as it pleased them, till one day some forgotten genius introduced pencil and paper into ringing."

What at once strikes me about this statement is that Mr. Trollope is doing himself a grave injustice. He is in effect telling us that had he been in a three-bell tower, knowing that changes of some sort could be produced, he would have shifted his bells about in some way or other for goodness knows how long without discovering the sixes till the advent of that heaven-born genius with a pencil and a bit of paper. This may be greatly to the credit of Mr. Trollope's modesty, but if he really thinks that he would have been so inept as not under those conditions to have discovered the sixes, so to speak, in the twinkling of a bedpost, I am perfectly certain there is no other member of the Exercise who could believe it of him. Once granted that the order of three bells can be changed from rounds, the exploration of the number of changes possible is practically simultaneous, and to ring them in order the most obvious and interesting to do. What possible advantage, for instance, could be gained in three-bell work by moving the treble into second's place and then calling her back again instead of on to thirds? Mr. Trollope has eulogized—and rightly so—the

intellectual distinction of the early seventeenth century, and has told us—and rightly so—that the birth of change-ringing is part of the development exhibited in England at that remarkable period; and yet, without a scrap of evidence, he invites us to believe that the men who first found any changes at all practicable on three bells were so densely stupid that they floundered about without discovering the extent for some unknown interval, until it pleased Providence to provide that genius with a pencil and paper. To me this is incredible, and recalls Dr. Johnson's remark: "Sir, such stupidity is not in nature."

I therefore see no reason to modify the view I have before expressed in your columns, namely, that the oldest ringing except rounds is what I may call, to avoid any mistake, mathematical ringing. I believe that Stedman meant exactly what he said, and that he had sufficient knowledge to support his statement. But even if he was trusting to his imagination, as Mr. Trollope is to his, Stedman's imagination appears to me to have provided in exact language the only rational account of the origin of change-ringing which I have ever seen.

I have purposely refrained from refreshing my memory by looking again at what I contributed to your columns on this subject some time since, because I wished to deal with Mr. Trollope's article on its own merits alone. But at the risk of repeating what I have already said, I wish to add that when once the sixes had come to be rung, change-ringing was thenceforward for ever fixed on mathematical lines. Plain changes on all numbers are merely developments of the sixes—the sixes being of necessity plain changes; and cross peals are in their origin merely the combination of simultaneous instead of alternate hunting up and down. Of course I am speaking of the essence of these, because variations from the simplicity of the sixes have necessarily to be made to get the extent on higher numbers, and when once variations were made there was no limit to the number of them—except that they must, like the original sixes, the origin of all change-ringing, conform to the rule of the non-repetition of rows.

I do not agree with what Mr. Trollope says about Stedman's use of the word change. Stedman used it, as it was commonly used up till quite recently, to mean as circumstances required, either the change pricked or the change rung. To get rid of this ambiguity the former is now called a row. In the light of this distinction it appears to me to be a misrepresentation to say, as Mr. Trollope does, that Stedman knew nothing of non-repetition of rows. On the contrary, there is not, as far as I know, a single instance of any such thing as a repetition of a row in all Stedman's pricking. Of course he, like modern composers, may have been occasionally betrayed into a false composition, but that does not affect the essential principle on which he worked. Walking changes and whole pulls have nothing to do with the truth of rows. The rows are true enough and no one of them is repeated before the touch comes round. The actual change in striking may be repeated several times, but when once it has been walked, it does not come up again to be walked by way of repetition. The West Country ringers, who to this day walk a course of Grandshire Doubles, do not repeat rows in the sense of performing a false composition. The principle of non-repetition of rows—what we call truth of composition—is exactly the same now as in Stedman's time, and any one who will study his two books can perfectly well trace how by degrees the original principle of non-repetition of rows, exemplified by the sixes, became combined with striking in half pulls only.

This is all that it occurs to me to say, except to heartily wish Mr. Trollope a very festive Christmas. May good digestion wait on his appetite, and health on both, and the same wish to yourself and all your readers.

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RINGING IN A CHRISTMAS GHOST.

BY F. C. LAMBERT.

"A ghost at Tonholt church?" cried old Ted Easto, putting down his mug of grog upon the kitchen table, and proceeding to wipe his lips on his coat-sleeve. "A ghost at church?—get along with ye; don't yow go tellin' me, at my time o' life, o' ghosts in church. I 'ont listen to no sich tales. So come on, owd partners, and let us be gitting on tow'rd Tonholt hall. Don't forgit them there handbells. So a merry Christmas and happy new year to yow all, and thank the squire and missus for their kindness to us ringers."

It was seventy years ago. The Blythchester company of bellringers, in accordance with an old custom, which is still maintained at the present day, were out on their annual rounds with the handbells on Christmas eve. In addition to numerous calls at the farmhouses in the surrounding parishes, they were visiting as usual the squire at Blyth hall, and also, as usual, were being treated in good old English style with both solids and liquids. Here it was they first heard from the servants of a ghost having been seen at Tonholt church, in the near neighbourhood. Now Tonholt hall was one of their chief calls, as the owner, Captain Meadows, was a great lover of the bells, and therefore a liberal subscriber to their funds. As two or three members of this company were firm believers in spirits, both material and immaterial, the conversation throughout the two miles' walk through the woods to Tonholt hall mainly centred on ghosts, the spiritualists of the band being firmly of opinion, as they said, that "there wor suffin' to be sin"; and old Ted Easto declaring that he "never seed nuthin' woss than hisself." In this he was firmly backed up by little Billy Chivers, the treble ringer, who, being full of fun, was always the life and soul of the party during their nights' excursions.

On arriving in front of the hall they rang through the few old-fashioned melodies, with an occasional course of Grandsire Triples, which had been handed down for years out of number, as the absolutely correct arrangement for the handbells by this particular company of ringers. This had all to be gone over again in the servants' hall afterwards, and also the again usual changes were rung on the refreshment part of the programme, rounding up with that good old-fashioned beverage, which you require a good head to carry: hot elderberry wine spiced with nutmeg, and flavoured with a congenial spirit called rum. As the weather had set in very cold a fortnight previous, and King Frost reigned supreme, the conductor of the company, old Ted, did not scruple to allow his "owd partners" to refresh to their hearts' content. Such was the custom in those "bad old bell-ringing days" of seventy years ago. Just before leaving the conversation turned on the truth or otherwise of the ghost tale told them by the servants at their last place of call.

The gardener at the hall, who had been helping to decorate the kitchen with holly, and who was also sexton at Tonholt church, expressed the firm opinion that all ghosts "was rubbidge." "I never seed one," he said, "and am right down sure I never shall. Moreover, I bearnt afeared on 'em, and to prove the truth o' what I say, I'll take and walk as far as the owd churchyard along o' yow together on yar way home, being as the fire be lighted in the charch for sarvice in t' morning, and to see to 't is my bounden duty, narther more nor less. 'Twouldent dew to be afeared o' ghosts, my masters, when ye're on a job like mine."

Good night and merry Christmas having been ex-

changed with their kind entertainers, the younger members of the band making full use of the mistletoe which had already been hung up in the servants' hall, these eight bold ringers, accompanied by Dan'l the sexton, started to trudge home through the snow, home being three miles away and their nearest path leading through Tonholt churchyard. The precise time they left the hall was 11.45 p.m., according to the faithful record handed down by old Ted. They were all perfectly sober (?), but just a little bit lively—at least, they all said so, and always stuck to it afterwards.

Tonholt church contains a fine ring of five bells, tenor 18 cwt., and at the time of this story were in good ringing order, but no ringers living in the parish, they were mostly chimed for service by Dan'l the sexton, and two or three lads living near.

The party arrived in due course at the churchyard, and although rendered pretty bold by the strong spirits they had embodied, they could not help a shiver of awe at the thought of the disembodied spirit reported to haunt that locality. Speech was bold as brass, but hearts faltered somewhat. The old trees loomed up ghostly and weird in the moonlight, and the snow hid up tombs and shrubs, the mounds thus formed casting deep shadows around. A spectre might easily be imagined to be lurking in any one of the shadows, and each man's thoughts naturally turned on the ghost. But for all this the spirit of mischief which was always latent in the bosom of little Billy Chivers would assert itself, and he boldly suggested that a good finish up to the night's round would be to ring in Christmas morning on the old tower bells; "then," said Billy, "if this here ghost be fond o' music, 'haps it 'ont mind comin' and givin' us a look. A peal o' tew o' Bob Doubles might make it fare more easy like. We can jest have a 6-score or tew, and yit be hoam an' git an hour's rest afore we meet on our own steeple at six in th' mornin'."

This suggestion exactly met the views of the bolder spirits of the Blythchester company, and after some little coaxing old Dan'l the sexton was persuaded to unlock the belfry door and let them in to have a short pull, whilst he banked up the fire in the old church stove. He further argued that as the old Vicar, who lived within a hundred yards or so of the churchyard, was very deaf, as was also his housekeeper, he probably would not hear anything of their ringing. Anyhow, he was sure the parson could not hear the bells when they were chimed, so no doubt it would be all right. As to getting the reverend gentleman's permission for the bells to be rang, well, they didn't trouble much about that in those "bad old times." Anyhow, it was not the rule in that part of the country. So they lit up the old tallow dips, which then did duty for a lamp, and five of them, pulling off their coats, raised the bells in peal, and after a few rounds "set up" to "get their wind."

Tonholt ringing-chamber is on the ground floor, and a fine open tower arch gives an uninterrupted view of the interior of the old church, which on this occasion looked very dull and unfamiliar by the dim light of the spluttering dips; and thoughts of the unearthly vision which was reported to have been seen hovering round came strongly and more vividly across their minds, and remarks were passed as to what might happen if the ghost really appeared.

"Stuff and rubbidge," said Dan'l; "dew yow chaps make haste and dew yar peal or tew, and let us be gitting hoam to bed." At the same time he sat himself down on

the steps of the wooden ladder leading to the bell-loft, and prepared to watch little Billy "hunt the treble," which was as far as Dan'l knew regarding change-ringing.

So five of them pulled off for Plain Bob Doubles, although old Ted the conductor was rather dubious as to how it might go; but, with the exception of a 3-4 dodge being muddled now and then, and the tenor-man almost forgetting to make his four blows behind at the 2nd bob (which was at once laid to the account of the hot elderberry wine), the ringing was fair considering the circumstances under which it was taking place.

The sexton was watching with a face as solemn as an owl, and the other three not taking part in the ringing, were glancing alternately at the moving circle of ropes and into the church, when suddenly a white figure, tall and stately, appeared, slowly advancing up the aisle from the chancel. The startled glance of the first to see it drew the attention of them all to the same direction, and there in very truth was the pale shade coming direct toward them. For a moment they were spell-bound, then with a tremendous shriek from little Billy of "The ghost! the ghost!" they let go the ropes without setting the bells, and all bolted headlong through the belfry door—all with the exception of the terror-stricken sexton, who remained on the ladder with his hair upright and eyes starting out of his head from sheer fright. But Dan'l didn't stop on the ladder long, for the dancing ropes writhed and twirled. One of them dashed the candle-bracket to the ground, plunging everything into darkness, and at the same time the tenor-rope took two turns round the ladder and gave it such a powerful jerk that it shot the sexton off his seat and sent him full butt through the tower archway plump against the ghost. Down on the cold stone slabs they went together, and then, after a minute or two, it began to dawn on Dan'l that some one was talking to him; and, as he afterwards said, "he wor mighty thankful it wor suffin' he could feel, and knew to be good solid flesh and blood."

When the Blythchester ringers gathered themselves together again, a good half mile from Tonholt church, and well on the road for home, they discovered they were all minus hats, the five who had been ringing minus coats, and even the precious handbells had been left behind; and little Billy said: "It can have a go at Churchyard Bob on 'em, if it likes; but I hope poor old Dan'l didn't have to stop and look on for the treble to hunt in that touch; but thank our lucky stars we got clear away from that lot, owd partners."

But it was a very cold and scared set of ringers who crept to their respective dwellings in the little country town of Blythchester for an hour's rest before meeting on their own tower to usher in the joyful season of Christmas.

Now the old Vicar of Tonholt was not quite so deaf as they had all imagined, for he was awake by the bells being raised in peal, and he at once concluded that the time was fast approaching for the early service on Christmas morning. So he climbed out of bed, and, without looking at his watch, commenced to dress as quickly as his age would permit him. Shivering with cold, he remembered having given orders for the fire to be lit in the church on Christmas eve, so he determined to get there as soon as he could before the bells stopped, to get a good warm before service commenced. Slipping on his surplice, and wrapping a white wool shawl round his head for fear of a chill, he hurried across the churchyard and entered by the chancel door, only noting that it seemed rather dark, even for Christmas morning. The bells were

ringing as the old gentleman advanced up the aisle towards the stove, which stood near the north door. Suddenly he heard a cry—deaf as he was, he could not miss hearing little Billy's unearthly shriek—and the next thing he knew was the lights going out and some one very violently being hurled upon him, knocking all the breath out of his body and laying him flat on the floor of the church.

It was a very crest-fallen, stiff and sore sexton who chimed the bells of Todholt church that Christmas morning, after a very unpleasant half-hour's interview with his Vicar. But the kind old clergyman, who well knew how to act in the spirit of peace and goodwill towards men, readily overlooked the incident, frankly and freely forgiving both the ringers and sexton.

The Blythchester men met at their tower at six the same morning, and in accordance with long-established regulations, started for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, but they could not even get through a course, owing, no doubt, to their terrible adventure with the ghost and the after-effects of the elderberry wine. So they decided to ring Churchyard Bob till breakfast time. But they brightened up and felt quite cheerful when, during the Christmas morning, the worthy Vicar of Tonholt sent his groom over to Blythchester with a bag containing their wearing apparel and their precious handbells. A note was also enclosed saying he freely forgave them for fetching him out of bed so early by ringing his bells. He further wished them a happy Christmas, and gave them an invitation to stay to breakfast with him when next they visited his church to ring in a Christmas ghost.

"If all ghosts were such as him," said old Ted Easto, when little Billy Chivers read the letter out to them, "I'd believe in 'em. I can't say no fairer than that, can I, owd partners?"

The quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was then tapped off without a mistake, which all goes to show what a lot "nerves have got to dew with bell-ringing," as old Ted remarked on telling the tale that night to his admiring particular cronies, gathered together for the express purpose of hearing all about it, in the snug parlour of "Ye Olde Whyte Hart," which was then, and still is, the headquarters of the Blythchester company of bellringers.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1902

THIS week our paper is published in time for our readers, in the United Kingdom at least, to peruse its pages on Christmas-day. We suppose they will be much interested in knowing that more than one extraordinary performance is to be essayed by the most intrepid of ringing companies, and the most fearless of conductors. Then there is also a heavy-bell peal, that is, a peal on a heavy ring of eight, said to be the heaviest in England, at Sherborne Abbey in Dorsetshire. This performance if successful will be most interesting. We think that the 7th bell of this Sherborne peal has some particular features. It is said to be an old and very long-waisted bell, the latter characteristic militating against its perfect "go."

No company yet, we think, has succeeded in getting a peal on these Sherborne bells, though attempts have been made.

In these notices of long peals, we are pleased to see that one of the companies concerned has published the names of those comprising the band. Perhaps in future cases of this sort others may see the propriety and wisdom of so doing, for such information causes the notice to be much more interesting. With our special good wishes to the companies who will be concerned in these several performances—from either of whom we should like to receive a "wire" as soon as possible after success has been obtained—A MERRY CHRISTMAS; and A HAPPY NEW YEAR we wish to all our readers, young and old, and to our ringing brethren all over the globe. To repeat the Shakspearean quotation adopted this week by our friend Mr. DANIELL: "May good digestion wait on appetite; and health on both," in their enjoyment of the usual polyglot Christmas fare.

We are informed that Mr. ALFRED MAUSER, of Lampits, Herts., whose estate has been valued at £46,738 16s. 9d., has, among other bequests, left £300, the income which is to be applied to the upkeep of the five bells at Nazeing church, Essex; any surplus to be applied to the ringers. Such a bequest is almost a novelty in these times, though tradition has it that more than one of the kind has in the past been diverted into other channels, and thus irretrievably lost. We remember the late EARL OF WINCHELSEA left a bequest to the ringers of Ewerby; the one left by Mr. MAUSER is also gratifying. May other testators act in a similar manner.

The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE, GREENWICH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM FOREMAN Treble.	HARRY HOSKINS.. .. 5.
EDWARD N. PRICE 2.	WILLIAM BERRY 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	CHARLES WILKINS 7.
I. GEORGE SHADE 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Reference on another page.

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

On Saturday, December 20, 1902, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL,

5040 CHANGES. Tenor 28 cwt.

ALFRED B. PECK Treble.	HENRY S. ELLIS 6.
HENRY NEWTON 2.	JAMES WILLSHIRE 7.
JOHN W. GOLDING 3.	FREDERICK DENCH 8.
HARRY R. PASMORE 4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 9.
WILLIAM H. PASMORE 5.	JOHN N. OXBORROW Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of the eighteenth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. H. S. Ellis; also on the occasion of the birth of a son to Mr. A. G. Ellis.

The Provinces.

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 11, 1902, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

W. BASTOW Treble.	R. W. JENNISON 5.
A. PEARSON 2.	S. BATEMAN 6.
M. W. LUND 3.	J. MCGOUN 7.
THOMAS BANCROFT* 4.	S. MURGATROYD Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by T. BANCROFT.

*First peal in the method as conductor.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 11, 1902, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5040 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

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

Composed by the REV. H. EARLE BULWER.

No Conductor mentioned.

First peal by the local company. First peal in the method by the ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 7.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 11, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES TANN Treble	ARTHUR FULLER 5.
CHARLES BRICE 2.	HENRY ADCOCK 6.
FREDERICK BORRETT 3.	WILLIAM DUFFIELD 7.
ROBERT WHITING 4.	FREDERICK SURRIDGE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JAMES TANN.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1902, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM RUMSEY Treble.	WALTER WHITING 5.
WILLIAM GROOM 2.	WILLIAM GRIMES 6.
ERNEST LANHAM 3.	CHARLES BRUNNING 7.
GEORGE WHITING* 4.	JAMES RUMSEY Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM RUMSEY.

*First peal in the method.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES.

HENRY PRING Treble.	HERBERT H. TUCKER 6.
FRED G. MAY 2.	†CHARLES COLLIER 7.
JOHN BURFORD 3.	*JOSEPH GOULD 8.
WILLIAM KNIGHT 4.	GEORGE JAYNE 9.
CHARLES GORDON 5.	ALGERNON LUTON Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by HERBERT H. TUCKER.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. †First peal.

ANDOVER, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, December 13, 1902, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE .. 5.
JAMES ELCOMBE .. 2.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. 6.
HENRY WHITE .. 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
CHARLES GILES .. 4.	GEORGE MARTIN .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

This is the first peal on these bells, of which all but the 4th are by Lester and Pack, dated 1758; 4th by R. T. Wells, Aldbourne, dated 1784.

BOBBING, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Superlative, College Single, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

CHARLES E. SMITH .. Treble.	ALBERT J. DAY .. 4.
JOSEPH E. GRENSTED .. 2.	THOMAS JULL .. 5.
WILLIAM T. HYLAND .. 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

This peal was rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Vicar, the Rev. Drayson-Moor, who was interred in the churchyard on the 8th inst. It is also the first peal in seven methods on the bells.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1902, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

LEONARD ALLEN* .. Treble.	JOSEPH MORRIS .. 5.
WILLIAM WILLSON .. 2.	JOHN BUTTERY .. 6.
ARTHUR J. BALLARD .. 3.	WILLIAM T. MILLER .. 7.
FREDERICK W. HERBERT* .. 4.	CHARLES H. FOWLER .. Tenor.

Composed by F. BENNETT, and Conducted by CHARLES H. FOWLER.

*First peal.

WHITLEY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 15, 1902, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE R. HOLMES .. Treble.	THOMAS T. GOFTON .. 4.
JAMES E. GOFTON .. 2.	R. ALDER GOFTON .. 5.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON .. 3.	ROBERT S. STORY .. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

First Treble Bob Minor peal in Northumberland.

SWINDON, WILTS.—THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 16, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN THOMAS .. Treble.	CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 5.
THOMAS RICKETTS .. 2.	ERNEST BISHOP .. 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE .. 3.	JAMES H. SHEPHERD .. 7.
SIDNEY PALMER .. 4.	OLIVER NORMAN .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST BISHOP.

The above was the first peal in the method on the bells, and was rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lawrence, Mr. Lawrence being the deputy captain of the local band.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 16, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM NASH .. Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. 5.
HARRY F. BOTTRILL .. 2.	WESLEY WATSON .. 6.
GEORGE R. PYE .. 3.	ERNEST PYE .. 7.
HARRY F. DAWKINS .. 4.	ROWLAND E. VYSE .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

†First peal in the method.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 17, 1902, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

REV. H. TILNEY BASSETT Treble.	JOSEPH GOULD .. 6.
HENRY PRING .. 2.	CHARLES COLLIER .. 7.
ALBERT STOWELL .. 3.	HERBERT H. TUCKER .. 8.
JOHN BURFORD .. 4.	ALGERNON LUTON .. 9.
WILLIAM KNIGHT .. 5.	GEORGE JAYNE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by HERBERT H. TUCKER.

First peal of Caters by the treble man. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Sir Edward Hill, M.P., and Mr. G. T. Daltry, sen.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(HEENE BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 17, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR ARNELL .. Treble.	JOHN H. PAICE .. 5.
WILLIAM HILLMAN .. 2.	EDMUND H. LINDUP .. 6.
HARRY EVANS .. 3.	BENJAMIN BASSETT .. 7.
ALFRED W. GROVES .. 4.	FREDERICK LINDUP .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDMUND H. LINDUP.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. H. Paice.

FULBOURNE, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 18, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SCOTCHER .. Treble.	JOE PAGE .. 4.
EDMUND WEBB .. 2.	JOHN STALLEY .. 5.
GEORGE CLAYDON .. 3.	*GEORGE BRIDGE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. BRIDGE.

*First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 20, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 360 each of Grandsire, College Single, Warnham Court, Plain Bob, Duke of York, Violet, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, and 720 each of Merchants' Return, Oxford and Kent.

AS. HALLWORTH .. Treble.	ALBERT FERNLEY .. 4.
AS. FERNLEY .. 2.	SAMUEL FERNLEY .. 5.
JOSHUA DEAN .. 3.	GEORGE D. WARBURTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL FERNLEY.

First peal in eleven methods by the above Guild.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN SMART Treble.	ALFRED J. TURNER 5.
EDWIN RAPLEY 2.	GEORGE GATLAND 6.
THOMAS STROUD 3.	FRANK BENNETT 7.
ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. 4.	BASIL MEYRICK Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This peal was rung after meeting short for Treble Bob. Mr. Meyrick, son of the Vicar of Beeding, was elected a member previous to starting, he never having rung the tenor behind changes before.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 20, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES CLARKE Treble.	JAMES ELDERFIELD 5.
JOSEPH J. PARKER 2.	JOSEPH J. PRATT 6.
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN* .. 3.	GEORGE M. GUTTERIDGE .. 7.
WILLIAM CLARK* 4.	JOHN BASDEN Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

*First peal of Major †First peal in the method,

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

GEORGE BURROWS Treble.	JOSIAH MORRIS 6.
WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. .. 2.	CHARLES H. FOWLER 7.
JOHN H. SWINFELD 3.	ALFRED MILLIS 8.
FREDRICK DEXTER 4.	JOHN BUTTERY 9.
WILLIAM P. COOPER 5.	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON, and Conducted by ALFRED MILLIS.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN COUNTIES' BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 20, 1902, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR FARR* Treble.	GEORGE TOMLINSON 5.
WILLIAM RICHARDSON† .. 2.	GEORGE LADD 6.
RUPERT RICHARDSON .. 3.	JOSEPH W. FLOWERS 7.
FRED TOMLINSON 4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

*First peal. †First peal of Major on a working bell.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 20, 1902, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM GRIFFIN Treble.	WILLIAM DEVEY 5.
JOSEPH BIRCH 2.	THOMAS J. ELTON 6.
FRANK HALLSWORTH, SEN. .. 3.	H. HENRY SOMERVILLE .. 7.
FREDERICK J. STEELE .. 4.	FRANK HALLSWORTH, JUN. Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LEISTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, November 2nd, 1120 Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 55 mins. A. J. Lincoln conductor, E. Benley, H. Smith, G. Hardy, G. Berry, C. Sampson, J. Button, C. Bailey. On Saturday, November 8th, for practice, 1008 Bob Major. A. Button, E. Bailey, A. Lineoln, S. Bailey, C. Sampson, J. Button, F. Argent, C. Bailey conductor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

GRIMSBY.—On Thursday, November 20th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which, owing to the indisposition of the conductor, had to stop at half-way. C. Taylor, G. Wheldon, A. W. Long, J. Bell, P. C. Long, W. H. Heyhoe, J. W. Seamer, J. Lamb. The above are entirely local men, and it would have been the first local peal. On Tuesday, November 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. E. Meffin, J. W. Seamer, A. W. Long, P. C. Long, S. G. Steele, J. Bell, G. Wheldon conductor, J. W. Chapman.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MINEHEAD (Somerset).—On Sunday, September 21st, at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Reed, S. Mason, C. Summers, G. Atkins, J. Hunt, J. R. Jones, H. Moore, J. Wood.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD.—On Wednesday, December 10th, in 1 hr. 30 mins., a half-peal (2560 changes) of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. F. Hickling, C. Draper, W. Hickling, W. Wallace, G. Hingley, B. Sugden, J. Flower, J. Pagett composer and conductor. Also 144 Duffield Major, conducted by W. Hickling.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Saturday, December 20th, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. T. O. Bone, J. Scholes, J. Bonney, E. Wallace, A. Coles, M. A. Wood, D. F. Gibbons, G. Dorrington, jun. Composed and conducted by M. A. Wood. T. O. Bone is a great nephew of the conductor, and it is his first quarter-peal.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHESTER.—On Tuesday, October 23rd, for practice at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins. J. Tomlinson, T. Chamberlain, R. Sperrin conductor, V. Cain, J. Moulton, E. Channell, W. Sconce, J. Sconce.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Monday, December 1st, in honour of the Queen's birthday, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. W. Wallis, A. Holman, W. R. Humphery, W. E. Golby, R. Thorpe, J. Sanders. Also 360 Oxford Bob, J. Powell ringing the treble. Recently, for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob. J. Powell, W. R. Humphery, W. E. Golby, A. Holman, F. J. Sanders, H. R. Thorpe conductor.

CHEPSTOW.—On Saturday, December 6th, at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Lewis, G. Hobson, J. Pricket conductor, T. Williams, W. Margetts, G. Daniels, J. Morley, S. Daniels.

FARNWORTH (Lancashire).—On October 3rd, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. E. Lever, J. Lever, B. Hodskiss, T. Lever, F. Morris, W. Lever conductor, W. Stevenson. Another 720 of Grandsire Minor. J. Lever, John Lever, B. Hodskiss, E. Lever, F. Morris, W. Lever conductor, W. Smethurst.

HORNSEY (Middlesex).—On Sunday, December 14th, after evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 23 mins. A. Jacob conductor, H. Stubbs, J. Armstrong, W. Pickworth, W. Dixon, T. Langden.

HORSHAM (Sussex).—On Thursday, October 2nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, 1280 changes. H. Mance, J. Brown, A. Stanford, T. Andrews, H. Cook, W. Short, G. Woodman, G. F. Williams.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—On Monday, September 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. J. Chandler, J. S. Strutt, J. Howes, A. Strutt, E. Lacey, J. Strutt, J. H. B. Hesse, S. M. Doddington.

MELTON MOWBRAY.—On Saturday, October 4th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. W. Spiby, C. Dolby, E. J. Gale conductor, H. Toll, A. V. Potter, W. James, R. H. Bartram, R. Young.

RAYNE (Essex).—On Tuesday, September 16th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Doubles. J. Bloomfield, W. Claydon, G. F. Williams, E. Richardson, F. Newman.

Notices.

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The Llandaff Diocesan Association.—The annual meeting of the above association will be held at St. John's, Cardiff, on Boxing day, December 26th, at 4 o'clock. It is hoped that all members will make an effort to attend. Bells available all day.

REV. C. L. PRICE, *Hon. Sec.*
J. H. ALDRIDGE, *Assist. Hon. Sec.*

Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting arranged to take place at Midhurst, on December 26th next, is postponed until further notice.

H. EVANS, *Hon. Div. Sec.*
Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—The Annual Meeting of the above Dioceses will be held in Bristol on Boxing Day, December 26th. It is to be hoped that every member will make a special effort to attend, and that every one will abstain from making any arrangements for peal ringing on that day. All outstanding subscriptions are respectfully asked to be paid by that date.

F. G. MAY, *Hon. Sec.*
6, Wentworth Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

The Ely Diocesan Association.—A District Meeting of the above will be held at Sawston (8 bells) on Friday, December 26th. Tea at 4 o'clock. All ringers welcome.

P. WEBB, *Dis. Sec.*

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Stalbridge on Saturday next, December 27th, at 3.45. Committee at 3; service in church, 3.30; tea (6d. each) at 4.30. Eight bells, 6 at Henstridge and Templecombe; 5 at Marnhull.

H. DRAKE, *Branch Sec.*

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—Pulham Mary Branch.—The anniversary will be held on January 1st, 1904. Dinner at The King's Head 1.30. All wishing to join on the above date please to let the secretary know by December 27th.

C. BRICE, *Hon. Sec.*
King's Head, Pulham Mary, Harleston.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Bramley (6 bells), on Saturday, January 3rd, 1904. A peal will be attempted 2.30. Prompt business meeting, Cardigan Arms, at 7.0 p.m.

CHARLES PRATT, *Sec.*

Park View, Calverley.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—A quarterly general meeting will be held at Diss on Tuesday, January 6th, 1904. Dinner at The King's Head hotel at 1.30 p.m., at 2s. 3d. for honorary and 1s. 3d. for company members. Notice of intention to be present must be sent to me before January 2nd. Those requiring railway fare allowances must send notice by same date.

CHARLES E. BORRETT, *Acting Hon. Sec.*
10, Chester Street, Norwich.

The Bedfordshire Association.—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Luton, on Saturday afternoon, January 3rd, 1904.

W. W. C. BAKER, *Hon. Sec.*
Ridgmont Vicarage, Aspley Guise.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at the parish church, Rochdale, on Saturday, January 10th, 1904. Bells ready 3.30. Business meeting 6.30. All ringers welcome. New reports ready.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

LONG PEAL ATTEMPTS.

On Friday, December 26th, eight members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, will (D.V.) attempt a 14,000 of London Surprise Major, at Halsowen (near Birmingham), Worcestershire, starting at 10 a.m.

On Monday, December 29th, eight members of the St. Mary-le-Tower society, Ipswich, will (D.V.) attempt a 20,000 of Double Norwich Major at Henley, near Ipswich, starting at 7 a.m.

HEAVY PEAL ATTEMPT.

On Thursday, January 1st, 1904, eight members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild will attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples at Sherborne Abbey, Dorset, start at 2 p.m. This is the heaviest ring of eight in existence. Tenor 46 cwt. 1 qr. in B flat. The ringers are as follows: A. Hodges, G. White, A. E. Coles, W. Sommerville (conductor), J. H. B. Hesse, Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett (treble), F. B. Martin-Stewart (7th), S. M. Ddointon (tenor). No peal has been scored on these bells yet, as the 7th is almost unpealable, being so falsely struck; if on account of this it is found impossible to proceed with the peal, it is proposed to make the attempt at Yeovil (six miles away from Sherborne), on the back eight of the fine ring of ten, tenor about 45 cwt. in C.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT GREENWICH.—This is the first peal in the method by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd and 6th, and is a record for Greenwich, the first six being the only ringers at St. Alfege, and was rung at the second attempt. It is also H. Hoskins' fiftieth peal as follows: Grandsire Triples, 8; Stedman Triples, 8; Caters, 9; Cinques 2; Treble Bob Major, 7; Royal, 4; Maximus, 1; Double Norwich Major, 4; Superlative Surprise, 6; London Surprise, 1; total, 50.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. John R. Pritchard has removed to 35, Shaftesbury Street, Eccles, near Manchester.

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BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

DEDICATION OF TREBLES TO COMPLETE THE OCTAVE.

The Dedication Service will take place on December 27th at 5 p.m. Preacher: the Bishop of Derby.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

The bells at the church of St. Mary the Virgin will be opened on Friday, December 26th, when any ringers will be welcome by sending notice to William Watts, Mont House Cottage, High Lane, Stansted, Essex.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

The tower of St. Catherine's will be open on December 27th. Ringing on the occasion of the third anniversary of the opening of the bells, by the kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. J. F. Jemmett, from 4 to 8.30 p.m.

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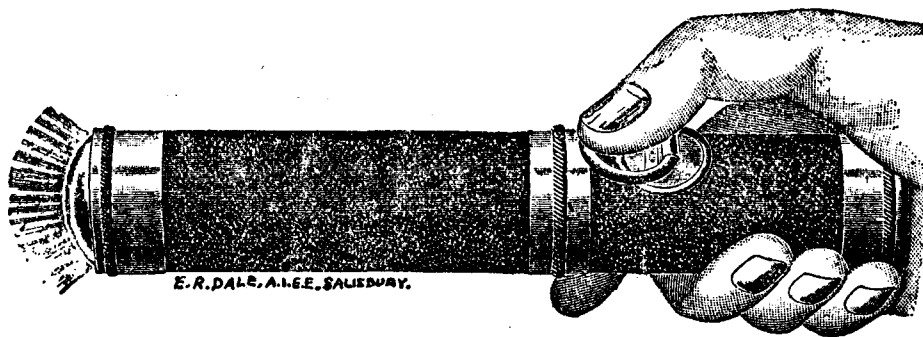
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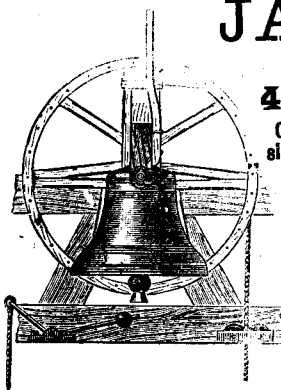
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