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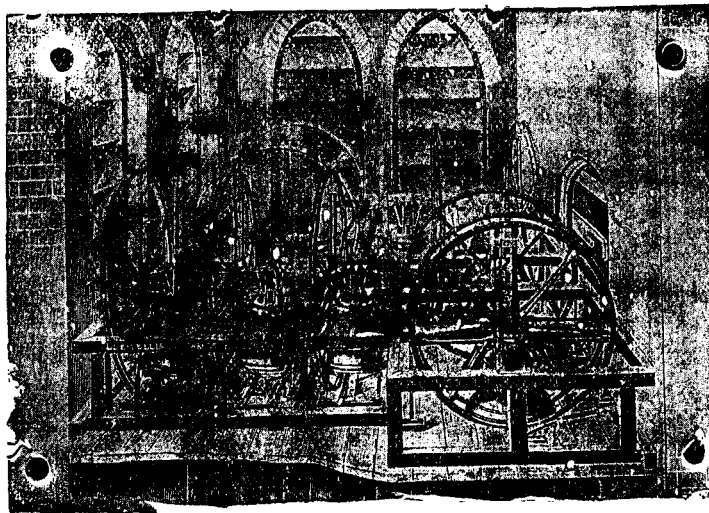
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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).

FOXEARH (SS. Peter and Paul. Essex Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd and 7th by Warner, 1886; 3rd, 4th and tenor by Mears 1862; 5th, 1808, founder not stated; 6th by Graye 1667. Tenor 8 cwt., diameter 2 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were put in order by Warner, 1886. Ropes good. Methods: Plain and Treble Bob. No regular Sunday ringing. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

FRAMLINGHAM (Suffolk). St. Michael. Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd, 3rd, and tenor by Stephens, 1718-1720; 4th and 5th, 15th century bells, by Brasyer; 6th and 7th by Brend, 1583 and 1622 respectively. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. A chiming apparatus is fitted. The ring were rehung in a new frame by Day, 1892. Ropes new 1892, fair. Methods: Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: for 10.45 and 7 services when a band is available. No regular practice.

FRAMSDEN (Suffolk). St. Mary. Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd, and 7th by Mears, 1814; 3rd by Dobson, 1809; 4th, a weak bell, nothing known; 5th and 8th by Pack 1770 and 1772 respectively; 6th by Pleasant, 1706. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Bowell, date not given. Ropes new 1892, fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Norwich. Sunday ringing: 1.40 to 2.20. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

FRESSINGFIELD (Suffolk). SS. Peter and Paul. Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd, 6th and 7th by Mears; 3rd, 4th and 5th by Newman. Tenor 17 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in., an early 15th century

bell. No dates given. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Day, date not stated. Ropes good. Methods: Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing if a band. Practice: Thursday, 7.

FRITTENDEN (Kent). St. Mary. Kent County Association. Eight bells. All by Mears; treble and tenor 1847; the rest 1803-4. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go fairly. No work known to have been done since 1847 except small repairs by the ringers. Recommendations have been made, but no one in the parish takes any interest in the bells. Ropes new 1893, bad. Method: Plain Bob. No regular Sunday ringing. Practice: Saturday, 7.30.

FROME (Somerset). St. John. Eight bells. No return.

FULNEY (Lincolnshire). St. Paul. South Lincolnshire Association. Eight bells. All by Lewis, 1880. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Taylor, 1889. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

GAINSBOROUGH (Lincolnshire). All Saints. North Lincolnshire Association. Eight bells. 6th and 7th by Taylor, 1883; the rest by Lester, 1764. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Taylor, 1883, with new fittings. New louvre boards badly needed in belfry, but there are no funds. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 7.45 to 8; 10 to 10.45; and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 8, October to May inclusive. Visitors are always welcome.

GALLEYWOOD (Essex). Essex Association. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1873. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Warner in 1897. Ropes new 1897, good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11, and 2 to 3. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, December 27th, a meeting of ringers took place at the above church for the dedication of the two new trebles. Early in the day ringers began to assemble from various places, and the six were kept going in different Minor methods from London Surprise to Oxford Treble Bob. As service time drew near it was found ringers were present from the following places: Chesterfield, Eckington, Norton, Staveley, Sheffield, Killamarsh, Treeton, North Wingfield, Ripley, and the local men.

At 5 p.m. all were present in church for the service which was to have been taken by the Lord Bishop of Derby, but owing to the death of the Archbishop of Canterbury he could not be present, so the Rev. Canon Hacking, Vicar of Chesterfield, kindly consented to preach. He was assisted by the Revs. A. V. Colston (Vicar) and F. Brodhurst. The following clergy were also present; Revs. J. Waugh, E. H. Mullins, C. W. Tibbits,

H. Trundle, and C. Rogerson (curate). A shortened form of evensong was used, after which the Rev. Canon spoke in feeling terms of the loss sustained by the Church in the death of the Archbishop of Canterbury. He took his text from the first epistle of St. John, v. 5. This was followed by the special hymn, "Let our bells ring from the steeple," during which the offertory for the bell fund was taken. Special prayers having been said, the clergy and churchwardens proceeded to the tower, when the bells were dedicated. Returning to the chancel the Canon pronounced the blessing. As the congregation were leaving the church the bells were set going to a 312 of Stedman Triples by the following: C. H. Hattersley conductor, W. Burgar, W. Lomas, J. Holman, G. W. Bemrose, A. Knights, G. Holmes, G. Goodwin. This concluded, all adjourned to the schoolroom for tea, which had been provided by the churchwardens.

After tea a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Rev. Canon Hacking for his presence, to which the Canon replied. A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. George (Ripley), to the churchwardens for so generously providing the tea; as neither were present, the Vicar replied. This was followed by a vote of thanks to the ladies who presided at the tea tables.

Tea being over the Vicar invited criticism of the bells. Mr. C. H. Hattersley and Mr. D. Brearley both spoke a few words, and neither could find any fault, but had nothing but congratulations to give to Messrs. Taylor for for the excellent splice they had made, after which an adjournment was made, some going to the tower to try the bells in various methods, and others to the meeting-house for change and tune-ringing, the only regrettable instance being the shortness of time which prevented a number from being able to ring, upwards of sixty being present. The ringers wish to thank all who have assisted them to raise the money, and will issue a subscribers' list and balance-sheet as soon as possible.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

A meeting of this Guild was held at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury on a recent Saturday, when a large number of members from various parts in the Archdeaconry were present. The members assembled at 4 o'clock in the St. Chad's belfry, and after the office had been read by the Rev. J. Mackay (Vicar of Holy Trinity and secretary of the Guild) ringing was commenced, and continued until half-past five, when the general business meeting took place. On the motion of Mr. H. Jones, seconded by Mr. H. G. Taylor, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Wellington, subject to the consent of the Vicar being obtained. On the motion of Mr. J. Bradney (Shifnal), W. Page, T. Jones, and A. Downes were made new members, and on the proposition of Mr. G. Byolin (Shrewsbury,) F. W. Taylor and W. H. Owen were also admitted into the membership of the Guild. At the conclusion of the meeting, at the kind invitation of the Ven. Archdeacon Maude (Vicar of St. Chad's) the members were entertained to an excellent tea, which had been provided in the new parish room. A cordial welcome was extended them by the Ven. Archdeacon, who spoke of the pleasure it gave him to see so many gathered together there. He referred to the ringing of the bells in the olden days and the customs—he was afraid not very good customs—which prevailed in some belfries at that time. He remarked that in the vestry of one of the old churches with which he was acquainted, there was a memorial of one of the

customs which prevailed then at any rate, in the shape of a large jug, specially labelled "for the use of the men in the belfry." He did not know whether it was water that it used to be filled with or not, but at least he hoped that was not a custom which prevailed in the belfries of the present day. He wanted those present to realise that the honour and reputation of the whole of the bellringers of the country depended upon each of them individually, and they must not forget that in ringing they were engaged in a large measure in the work of the Church. One satisfactory feature in the ringing of the olden days was that the ringers, although they invited others to church, seldom, if ever, attended the service themselves, but this was a feature, he trusted, that had now entirely gone. In conclusion he hoped they would all strive to do their utmost to raise the tone of life in the belfry. A great deal had lately been done in this direction, but he would remind them that there was considerable room for improvement still.

Mr. J. Bradney proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Archdeacon for his kindness in providing them with such a splendid tea. Mr. G. Byolin seconded the motion, and it was carried with acclamation.

The ringers again repaired to the belfry, and the bells were busily kept in motion until about half-past eight.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of the above was held at Sawbridge-worth on Saturday, December 6th, when the bells were kindly placed at the disposal of visitors by the Rev. H. A. Lipscombe. Visitors attended from Hertford, Ware and Little Munden, besides the local band, who all turned up to a man, making the gathering all the more pleasurable. Ringing commenced with a 504 Stedman, conducted by Herbert Baker, esq., also 576 Kent Treble Bob, conducted by the same gentleman, after which several more touches were rung. The members then adjourned to the Church House, where a nice tea, free to all, was partaken of, through the kindness of Mr. Nehemiah Tarling, it being the eve of that gentleman's birthday.

The business meeting followed, Mr. Baker presiding. Mr. W. H. Lawrence proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Tarling, and, needless to say, it was carried with acclamation. He also wished Mr. Tarling many happy returns of the day, and hoped all might meet under the same circumstances on many occasions.

Mr. J. H. Barker proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector, which was duly seconded and conveyed to him later in the evening, he appearing in the tower at the close of the ringing. Several touches were brought round during the evening of Grandsire, Stedman, Cxford Bob, and Plain Bob, conducted by Messrs. Saban, Tarling, Baker and Lawrence.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

"THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON" to all my readers. After so long a silence this is not a bad beginning, is it? Though I have been absent in the flesh, as it were, I have been with you in the spirit; watching all that was going on among you, and at times quite entranced and edified by what I read in the columns of "Our Own." Perhaps it has struck some of you, as it has me, that great changes are repeatedly taking place in the ringing world. "The Exercise" has changed wonderfully in its composition and character not only during the past twenty years, but even during the last five. I cannot find language to define these changes, I am sorry to say. Among the causes may be reckoned the fact of the constant addition of men of culture to our ranks. This is shown when any question arises connected with our craft and art; how exhaustively such subjects are dealt with by men of the stamp I am alluding to. If you notice the current of events, read between the lines, as it is termed, you will find many other forces at work which tend to magnify and, in fact, glorify the best of those objects we have in view.

The attempts for long lengths have, as has already been remarked, been of an interesting character this season. This statement depends, of course, whether such attempts have been made or not. We have heard of a proposed long length of Major whereat the company met seven short, the only unfortunate individual present travelling some thirty miles for the purpose, enjoying the luxury of paying his own expenses. "Bad management," you will say. Yes, it was. A former member of the staff of this paper (on tour) on one occasion left snug quarters in a Yorkshire city to meet a miscellaneous company at Nottingham for a record peal, and, after indulging in glorious expectations of success, found himself in a similar predicament, for not one of the others turned up. What do you think this individual did under the circumstances? Gave himself up to despair; oh, no. He unearthed a ringer who kept an hostelry in the town, and, calling for something merely for the good of the house, hopefully enquired what the host knew about the proposed peal. The reply was discouraging. It was held to be an act of presumption to arrange peals at the church selected unless this gentleman knew something about it, and perhaps it was. And so the disappointed party returned to town, disgusted with attempted peal arrangements of any sort, whether they be long lengths, short lengths, or any other lengths.

However, let us see the outcome of these recently advertised attempts. The 20,000 of Double Norwich came to an end, so a peal-record informs us, and that is all we know. The peal at Sherborne collapsed after 50 minutes by reason of a "shift." Why, it will be asked, did they not start again? Did the fifty minutes exhaust the corporeal faculties of the man at the 6th, or "knock" the tenor-man. This company apparently made a poor show. Fifty minutes only; and the rest of the day before them! Go to; ye men of Dorset. Don't give way like this.

In the 14,000 of London the company rang considerably beyond the half-way. The following has been received from the conductor:—

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.
HALESOWEN (Worcestershire).—On Friday, December 26th,

eight members of the above society attempted a 14,000 London Surprise Major, but after ringing 8,700 changes in 5 hrs. 22 mins., a trip ending in a change-course brought it to a standstill. On descending the tower, a great crowd of ringers who had assembled outside congratulated the band on their excellent striking throughout. Amongst those present were: J. E. Groves, J. Jaggar, T. Miller, T. J. Salter, A. E. Pegler, H. Withers, G. Hayward, J. Piggott, T. Sparks, W. R. Small, and many others. The band stood as follows: H. Chapman, G. R. Pye, W. Short, G. Lindoff, W. Keeble, E. Pye, W. H. Barber, W. Pye conductor.

The erection of peal-boards has been frequent lately, more so than usual. Of course, this sort of thing cannot go on for ever, because all the towers in England would not hold the peal-boards if every peal was so memorialised. It is well-known, unfortunately, that many boards in the past have come in the end to be employed in the basest of uses. They ought to be regarded more worthy of preservation by later generations of ringers. No matter how simple the board may appear to the eye, it should be remembered that at the period of its erection it was the cause of much satisfaction, and an incentive to further endeavours. I recommend that all Societies concerned should look into and make enquiry concerning the peal-boards connected with themselves, with an eye to their preservation. This could be done with a small amount of trouble, without the formation of a Royal Commission.

Our old friend and pitcher, "J.C.," has presented the Birmingham St. Martin's Company with a handsome tablet to record the long peal of Stedman Cinques. [By "J.C." I mean JOHN CARTER, mind you, not Joseph Chamberlain; both Birmingham worthies, though the former is much the cleverer man.] This tablet is made of that unperishable material known as "marblette," which is just the thing for the purpose. 'Tis to be hoped that no more vandal churchwardens will, in the future arise in connection with St. Martin's to obliterate, or partially so, this tablet, like others have done. Ring the ting-tang, John.

"Ringing-in a Christmas Ghost," I am told went down with a great many people. A story of this kind makes one feel that Christmas is about somewhere. On the evening of the 25th I read this story and others of a by-gone age in old numbers of "B.N." And, looking over a number of a week or two ago I found a pretty little poem by Kate Wood, daughter of our friend Matthew of that ilk. We have two young lady poets, be it remembered, both of them daughters of well-known ringers—Kate Wood and Kate Holifield. Go on, my dears, and let's have some more.

To conclude, I hope, my dear brethren and friends, you have all enjoyed the festive season. May the year '93 bring you many blessings. Health, peace, and contentment; three things which wealth of itself cannot buy. Ill-health has, for a time, a brief time, it is hoped, laid low some of mine and your friends; hence, I am, for this week, controlling the destinies of our journal. Once more, then, a Happy New Year to you all.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

THE ST. JAMES'S SOCIETY, LONDON.

In consequence of the bells being overhauled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the fortnightly meeting of this Society will not be held at St. Clement Danes on January 5th, 1903.
C. F. WINNEY, Master.

MARVEL OR SURPRISE.

BY THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Under the above heading appears in this week's paper certain lines charging with disloyalty those who still speak of London Surprise. I am one of that number, and am obliged to be so for certain definite reasons which I shall presently state. But, first of all, I must refute the charge of disloyalty. "The Glossary" is not a report of the Council; it is simply the work of certain persons under the direction of the Council, and well do I remember the shouts of laughter with which the title London Marvel was received by the Council when it was first propounded by the late Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, and yet, when "The Glossary" came out, the objectionable title was in it, and also a definition of a Surprise method which it is absolutely impossible to accept. Moreover, in a correspondence with Mr. Bulwer, which I began last year, on this very subject, and which I am sorry to say, was cut short by the news of his death, he stated that he did not expect everyone to accept all the statements made in "The Glossary."

Let me now turn to the question, What is a Surprise method?

I think that everyone will admit that we have to give the name Surprise to at least the first two methods which bore it, and then to find a definition which covers the first two and group with them all other methods which come within that definition.

The two oldest methods which are called Surprise are London Surprise and Cambridge Surprise, hence any definition must cover these two, and exclude Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, which are simply Treble Bob methods.

Superlative may be admitted into the Surprise group, if a definition can be found which covers it in common with London and Cambridge, and excludes Kent and Oxford; but London and Cambridge are Surprise Methods *a priori* whatever else is or is not.

Now, in "The Glossary" a definition is given which is obviously founded upon the practical ringing of Cambridge and Superlative, which excludes London, and I have already pointed out that London and Cambridge must be excluded *a priori*; therefore, the definition in "The Glossary" will not do.

Again the definition given in the Glossary will not do on theoretical reasons; it deals with practice, not with theory, and we must define a method or a group of methods by its theoretical structure and not by the practical use to which we put it; an elephant for instance is not akin to horse, although we may call them both beasts of burden.

Let us then examine the internal structure of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Take a lead of each and mark all the places made in each lead, and then ask why are these places made; a little inspection will show at once that all the places made in Kent and Oxford are made in order that the treble may run in her Treble Bob hunt without repeating rows inside the lead; all these places then are Treble Bob places, but when you examine London and Cambridge you will find that while many of the places made for this reason, there are also other places made which might be omitted without causing a repeat inside the lead. These are Surprise places.

Hence. i. A Treble Bob method is a method in

which the treble rings a Treble Bob hunt, and all the places that are made are either Treble Bob places or bob places (*i.e.* 2nd or 7th or both).

ii. A Surprise method is a method in which the treble rings a Treble Bob hunt, but in addition to Treble Bob places (and perhaps bob places) there are other places made, which are not necessary for Treble Bob purposes.

This definition not only includes London and Cambridge, the two original Surprise methods but, also all the old Minor Surprise methods, *e.g.* Coventry, Durham, York, Ely, Wells, Chelsea, Carlisle, Chester, and Superlative; the rest of them conform to it, but are not worth considering for other reasons.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL RINGERS.

A quarterly meeting of the above Association was held on Saturday, December 13th, at St. James's, Leyland, members being present from Blackrod, Chorley parish church, Leyland, St. James Leyland, Preston, and Penwortham. Through the kindness of the Vicar the bells were rang in various methods during the afternoon and evening. The business meeting was held at The Black Bull inn, presided over by Mr. J. Banister.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and two new members enrolled, after which it was unanimously agreed that the next quarterly meeting be held at Chorley. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, and to the ringers for providing for the meeting, brought the meeting to a close.

DERSINGHAM, NEAR SANDRINGHAM.

On the 20th instant His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, accompanied by Prince Edward and Prince Albert, formally set in motion a large chiming clock which had been erected in the parish church in commemoration of the Coronation of His Majesty King Edward vii. His Royal Highness said that it gave him great pleasure to comply with the wishes of the parishioners to formally dedicate the clock, and he expressed the opinion that it would prove of great service.

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The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next meeting will be held at Bramley (6 bells), to-day, Saturday, January 3rd. 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.
CHARLES E. BORRETT, Acting Hon. Sec.
10, Chester Street, Norwich.

The Bedfordshire Association.—A Quarterly Meeting will be held at Luton, this Saturday afternoon, January 3rd, 1903.

W. W. C. BAKER, Hon. Sec.

Ridgmont Vicarage, Aspley Guise.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next monthly meeting of this association will be held at Newcastle to-day, Saturday, January 3rd. All members intending to be present must give notice to Mr. E. King, 22, Victoria Road, Newcastle, Staffs.

W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec. •

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's cathedral on Tuesday, January 6th; at St. Magnus on the 15th and 29th; at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 20th; and at St. Giles's, Cripplegate, on the 27th, all at 8 p.m. A large attendance of members is requested at the meeting on January 6th, when urgent business will be discussed.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

"Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at the parish church, Rochdale, on Saturday, January 10th, 1903. Bells ready 3.30. Business meeting 6.30. All ringers welcome. New reports ready.

JAS. JACQUES, Sec.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The yearly meeting of the above society will be held at Dewsbury on Saturday, January 10th. The election of officers for the ensuing year will take place at this meeting, and it is hoped that there will be a good attendance of members. Subscriptions are due at this meeting. The meeting will be held at The Little Saddle inn, meeting to commence at 5 o'clock.

WALTER IDLE, Secretary.

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting of this association will be held at St. Saviour's church, Walthamstow, on Saturday, January 10th. The bells will be raised about 4 o'clock. The bells of St. Mary's church, Walthamstow, will also be available from 7 p.m. The station for St. Saviour's is St. James Street, and for St. Mary's, Hoe Street. Members and friends of the association are cordially invited.

ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of the Archdeaconry Wilts

branch will be held at Devizes on Saturday, January 10th, commencing at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided in the parish room at 5 o'clock, for those who send me four clear days' notice of their intention to attend. Business meeting immediately after the tea. Towers of St. John's and St. Mary's churches open for ringing during the afternoon and evening.

C. D. HEGINBOTHAM, Hon. Sec.

3, Estcourt Street, Devizes.

North Notts Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Worksop on Saturday, January 10th. Tea in the Abbey school at 5 p.m. (1s. per head). Members intending to take tea should inform Mr. T. Thorpe, 41, Abbey Street, Worksop, not later than January 7th.

B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, January 10th. Bells ready at 5.

WALTER HUGHES.

3, Belmont Place, Garston.

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Arundel on Saturday, January 10th. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.30. Members intending to be present kindly inform the undersigned by Friday morning, January 9th. The Secretary will be pleased to receive all subscriptions owing for 1902.

H. EVANS, Hon. Div. Sec.

"Northbrook," Goring, Worthing.

The Yorkshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Halifax on Saturday, January 17th. Service at 4 p.m.; preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon Brooke. Local hon. sec., Mr. Richard Ryland, 10, Luion Street, Queen's Road, Halifax. WM. SNOWDON, President.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT CLIFTON, BEDS.—First peal in the method and on the bells: also first peal by all the band in the method except the conductor, and first peal on eight bells by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, and 4th. It was intended to ring Bob Major. The band wish to thank Mr. Harlow for making the band up, and for having everything ready, and the Rector for the use of the bells.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. J. S. Goldsmith has removed from Lewes to Carlyle Villa, The Grove, Horsell, Woking.

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(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

The annual meeting of this branch was held at Bristol on Saturday, December 20th. The proceedings commenced with a service at Christ church (City) at 5 p.m., taken by the Rector (Rev. E. P. Cole), who gave a most interesting address on bells, etc. A business meeting was afterwards held in the vestry, presided over by the chairman of the branch, the Rev. H. A. Cockey. The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year:—Rev. H. A. Cockey, chairman; Mr. C. H. Gordon, secretary; committee, Messrs. Knight, W. Summerville, G. T. Daltry, A. S. Bawn, H. W. Fussell, F. G. May. It was agreed to hold the next branch meeting at Berkeley on January 17th next. Votes of thanks were passed to the chairman and secretary for their services to the branch during the past year, and also to the Rev. E. P. Cole for the use of the bells. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Grandsire Caters were rung during the evening.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1903.

THE recent festive season has been overshadowed by the deaths of three distinguished Churchmen. The death of the ARCHBISHOP of CANTERBURY—the highest subject of the realm—has at a good old age left the primacy vacant; the BISHOP of St. ALBANS has also been called to his rest after a wearying illness; and the DEAN of WINCHESTER, the son-in-law and biographer of the great Dean—Dr. HOOK—has also been called higher. All these, the first and last-named especially, were Church dignitaries that made a place for themselves in the niche of history.

That the Church may have to fill the vacant places in its government men of Paul-like character is to be prayed for.

The Provinces.**ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, December 26, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

DAVID ANSCOMBE Treble.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS .. 5.
JOHN WYATT 2.	JOHN HOYLE 6.
HARRY CORBETT 3.	ARTHUR DEAN 7.
CHARLES DEAN 4.	ALFRED WYNCH Tenor.

Conducted by J. HOYLE.

G. F. Williams was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Saunders, of Epsom, to Miss Matthews, of Asstead.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.**THE LINCOLNSHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Friday, December 26, 1902, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. Treble.	JOHN R. GREEN 5.
ROBERT MARSHALL 2.	THOMAS B. WOOD 6.
JOHN HILTON 3.	JOHN T. HOLMES 7.
RUPERT RICHARDSON .. 4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Tenor.

Composed by J. PATRICK, and Conducted by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to His Grace the late Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.

BRAY, IRELAND.*On Friday, December 26, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes.*

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 29 cwt.

GEORGE STUART, SEN. .. Treble.	EDWARD A. LESIER 5.
JOSEPH BLACK 2.	ISAAC MYERS 6.
ALEXANDER TAILYOUR .. 3.	JAMES W. WASHBROOK .. 7.
ANDREW STUART 4.	RALPH PRESTAGE Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

WIMBORNE MINSTER, DORSET.**THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Friday, December 26, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes.*

AT THE MINSTER OF ST. CUTHBERGA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt. 26 lbs.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble.	CHARLES GOODENOUGH .. 5.
FRANK BENNETT 2.	GEORGE PRESTON 6.
CHARLES FORFIT 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 7.
A. F. MARTIN STEWART .. 4.	TOM BELBIN Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first peal on these bells. The band wish to tender their thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens in allowing the attempt to be made. The tenor was cast at Wimborne, in 1629 by Anthony Bond.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Friday, December 26, 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 22 cwt.

WILLIAM FINCH Treble.	WILLIAM J. SMITH 5.
WILLIAM JEFFERY 2.	RICHARD WHITE 6.
WILLIAM BENNETT 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
FRANK HOPGOOD 4.	JOSEPH E. BUTLER Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells after their rehanging by White, of Appleton, the "go" being excellent.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.*On Friday, December 26, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

REGINALD EDWARDS* .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. PIPER 5.
ROBERT WOOD 2.	ARTHUR HEAD 6.
HENRY HEAD 3.	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7.
FREDERICK G. RADLEY .. 4.	GEORGE W. PIPER Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

*First peal. First peal in the method by all the band; also on the bells.

ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.*On Friday, December 26, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes.*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Treble	THOMAS BETTISON 5.
GEORGE W. BEMROSE 2.	JAMES HUNT 6.
B. C. HANDBY 3.	JOHN FLINT 7.
WILLIAM LAMBERT 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

First peal on the bells since being augmented to eight, with a new treble and tenor, by Taylor, of Loughborough. It was also the seventy-first birthday of J. Flint, sen.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Friday, December 26, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM GROOM† Treble.	EDGAR HICKS 5.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 2.	†GEORGE ROWE, JUN. .. 6.
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN .. 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7.
GEORGE THURLOW 4.	WILLIAM SAWYER Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

†First peal in the method and first attempt.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Friday, December 26, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5079 CHANGES.

HARRY BROOKS* Treble.	REV. C. W. O. JENEYN .. 6.
TOM SHORT 2.	JOHN BROWN 7.
HAROLD HUMFREY 3.	GEO. HOLIFIELD 8.
HARRY HOLIFIELD 4.	JOHN MONK 9.
EDGAR HUMFREY 5.	THOS. BUTT Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD.

*First peal away from the tenor.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Friday, December 26, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. Treble.	CHARLES R. LILLEY 5.
SIDNEY COLEMAN 2.	WALTER FINEDON 6.
JOHN HARE 3.	EDMUND C. CHASTY 7.
LEWIS FLINT 4.	HERBERT L. HARLOW .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Reference to this peal will be found elsewhere

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

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

On Friday, December 26, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT 5.
GEORGE E. SMITH 2.	GEORGE N. PRICE 6.
HENRY HODGETTS 3.	HARRY A. HORREX 7.
HUBERT EDEN 4.	HERBERT BAKER Tenor.

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

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

On Friday, December 26, 1902, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble	HERBERT BAKER 5.
HENRY HODGETTS 2.	HARRY A. HORREX 6.
HUBERT EDEN 3.	*WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 7.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT 4.	GEORGE N. PRICE Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

*First peal in the method. This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS. — THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 31 cwt.

D. WHITING Treble.	J. T. EASON 6.
J. COTTERELL* 2.	T. L. MOORHOUSE 7.
JAMES MOORHOUSE 3.	J. T. HOLLIS 8.
J. BROADLEY* 4.	T. H. ORMOND 9.
A. SCOTT 5.	HARRY BRAME Tenor.

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and Conducted by ALBERT SCOTT.

*First peal of Grandsire Caters. This peal has the 5th and 6th their extent behind the 9th, and was rung with bells muffled with the exception of the tenor, which was open at back-stroke, as a token of respect to the late Archbishop of Canterbury.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. Treble.	GEORGE N. PRICE 5.
HUBERT EDEN 2.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 6.
HENRY HODGETTS 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 7.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT 4.	JOSEPH J. ALLEN Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Archbishop of Canterbury. F. T. C. Nevett's fiftieth peal.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1902, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

FRANK BENNETT .. Treble.	*WALTER KERLEY 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	*TOM F. BEST 6.
A. F. MARTIN STEWART* 3.	*GEORGE PRESTON 7.
EDWARD V. HINTON* .. 4.	CHARLES GOODENOUGH .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Stedman. The band wish to thank the Vicar for permission at such short notice.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 27, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL, REVERSED BY JOHN CARTER.

JOHN SMITH Treble.	*JOHN G. ORFORD 5.
JOHN W. PARISH 2.	JOHN WM. SMITH 6.
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. .. 3.	JOHN JAGGAR 7.
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. .. 4.	JOHN GODFREY Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN JAGGAR.

*First peal of Triples. This peal is now rung for the first time. It was rung on St. John's Day, at St. John's church, each ringer being named John. It was composed by John, reversed by John, and conducted by John. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Archbishop of Canterbury.

ERITH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX AND KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, December 27, 1902, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR;
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR T. KING* .. Treble.	I. GEORGE SHADE 5.
EDWARD N. PRICE 2.	CHARLES WILKINS 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	WILLIAM SHIMMANS 7.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING, and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

*First peal of Double Norwich. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Dr. Temple, late Archbishop of Canterbury.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON* .. Treble.	T. B. WOOD 6.
E. HOULDEN 2.	*FRED TOMLINSON 7.
J. T. HOLMES 3.	GEORGE LADD 8.
J. W. WOOD 4.	*GEORGE TOMLINSON 9.
RUPERT RICHARDSON .. 5.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Tenor.

Composed by W. BOOTH, and

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

*First peal on ten bells. First peal of Treble Ten by all except the conductor; the first by the Guild, and the first in Lincolnshire. It was rung after the funeral of the late Archbishop of Canterbury.

HUNTINGDON.—THE ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

EDMUND C. CHASTY* .. Treble.	THOMAS LINCOLN 5.
MAURICE SMITH* 2.	*LEWIS FLINT 6.
WALTER FINEDON† .. 3.	*GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 7.
SIDNEY COLEMAN* 4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield, and

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal of Treble Bob. †First peal away from treble.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS GWYNNE .. Treble.	LEWIS C. FERRIGE 5.
DOUGLAS J. DREWETT, JUN.* 2.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 6.
JAMES D. DREWETT, SEN. 3.	†JOSEPH A. LAMBERT .. 7.
ALBERT CALVER 4.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

F. A. SKUSE Treble.	T. F. KING 5.
G. W. TEMPLE 2.	H. W. BROWN 6.
W. DAVIS 3.	C. W. BELL 7.
A. C. MELHUISE 4.	H. E. HOLDER Tenor.

Conducted by H. W. BROWN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Archbishop of Canterbury.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDERICK BUTCHER .. Treble.	GEORGE EDWARDS 5.
JAMES HEASMAN 2.	ALBERT LONGLEY 6.
HARRY HUNTLEY 3.	HENRY SEAL 7.
FREDERICK WHIBLEY .. 4.	GEORGE MORTLOCK Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Archbishop of Canterbury.

HEAVITREE, EXETER, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

SHIPWAY'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

FERRIS SHEPHERD Treble.	JOHN R. SANDOVER 5.
GEORGE H. HEAD 2.	*WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 6.
FERRIS J. SHEPHERD .. 3.	*FRANK DAVEY 7.
THOMAS LAVER 4.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD Tenor.

Conducted by FERRIS SHEPHERD.

*First peal of Major Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Archbishop of Canterbury.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM BEDWELL .. Treble.	WILLIAM DUDLEY 5.
SIDNEY BINGHAM 2.	JOSEPH SMITH 6.
CHARLES COLLINS 3.	WILLIAM H. JUDD 7.
WILLIAM DOWRETH .. 4.	HENRY T. WILSON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. JUDD.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

DEWSBURY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

W. IDLE* Treble.	A. SCOTT 5.
A. WINDSOR 2.	T. L. MOORHOUSE 6.
T. B. KENDALL 3.	D. WHITING 7.
J. BROADLEY 4.	J. T. EASON Tenor.

Composed by S. BIDDLESTONE, and Conducted by A. SCOTT.

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

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1902, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT .. Treble.	FREDERICK DAY 5.
CHARLES BRICE 2.	JOHN SMITH 6.
EGBERT BORRETT 3.	JOHN SOUTER 7.
ROBERT WHITING 4.	GEORGE MITCHELL Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Archbishop of Canterbury.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, December 27, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 3½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. Treble.	ERNEST PYE 5.
WILLIAM SHORT 2.	GEORGE R. PYE 6.
WILLIAM PYE 3.	HARRY CHAPMAN 7.
GABRIEL LINDOFF 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINES, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

The above is the first peal on the bells, and the lightest ring of bells on which a peal has been rung. The treble only weighs 60 lbs.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, December 28, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

FREDERICK G. BURDEN .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT .. 5.
ROBERT EDWARDS 2.	FREDERICK G. LAMBERT .. 6.
ERNEST C. LAMBERT .. 3.	GEORGE NEVE 7.
ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. 4.	CHARLES TRIBE Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT EDWARDS.

This peal was rung with the bells half muffled on the occasion of the death of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Monday, December 29, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. Treble.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	EDWARD SHERWOOD 6.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 3.	FRANK ROLFE 7.
GEORGE WIGHTMAN 4.	JAMES MOTTS Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by FRANK ROLFE.

This peal was rung after the unsuccessful attempt for the 20,000 of Double Norwich Major; and the ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to kindly thank the Rev. W. C. Pearson and Miss Pearson for their kind hospitality after the peal.

DEANE, BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 29, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY COOPER Treble.	ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. 5.
GEORGE PINCOTT 2.	TITUS BARLOW 6.
WILLIAM DUCKWORTH .. 3.	WALTER HENSHALL .. 7.
JOHN MOSCROP 4.	A. EDWARD WREAKS Tenor.

Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1902, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

S. M. DODINGTON Treble.	E. S. HODGES 5.
R. B. HODGES 2.	J. T. HULL 6.
A. F. HODGES 3.	G. T. WHITR 7.
J. BENDER 4.	H. J. COOMBS Tenor.

Conducted by G. T. WHITE.

This peal was arranged for S. M. Dodington, and is his first peal away from the tenor.

GAINSBOROUGH.—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 30, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

ELLIS CREDLAND Treble.	FRED S. W. BUTLER .. 5.
HENRY W. KIRTON 2.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 6.
JOHN T. LADD 3.	P. O. BIXBY 7.
JOHN C. TINKER 4.	GEORGE WILSON Tenor.

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and Conducted by Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 30, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor about 18 cwt.

WILLIAM FINCH Treble.	THOMAS PAYNE 5.
ALFRED FOX 2.	WALTER LARGE 6.
HARRY JUDGE 3.	REV. F. ROBINSON 7.
WILLIAM BENNETT 4.	FREDERICK WEBB Tenor.

Conducted by Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal on the bells; lately augmented to eight by Mears and Stainbank, the splice being excellent.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(No date mentioned) in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

JOSEPH E. GRENSTED* .. Treble.	HARRY GOODWIN 5.
JOHN WILLIS† 2.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.. 6.
EDMUND J. HYLAND 3.	WILLIAM SPICE 7.
EDWIN E. FOREMAN 4.	GEORGE WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by W. SPICE.

Handbell Peals.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Sunday, December 28, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. T. BARBER, GLEN HOUSE,
ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 1-2.	WILLIAM PYE 5-6.
GEORGE R. PYE 3-4.	WILLIAM SHORT 7-8.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—E. Pye.

PEAL CORRECTION.—In the report of the peal of Double Norwich rung at Diss on December 11th, the conductor was J. Souter.

Miscellaneous.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

HENDON (Middlesex).—On Wednesday evening, October 29th, for practice, 360 Plain Bob. F. Turvy, W. Steggall conductor, F. Pratt, J. Barrett, E. E. Pratchett, C. Crampton. Also six 6-scores Stedman Doubles. E. E. Pratchett, W. Steggall conductor, F. Pratt, F. Carroway, C. Crampton, F. Kirby. And 120 Grandsire. B. Windmill (first 120), C. Crampton, F. Pratt, F. Carroway, W. Steggall conductor, E. E. Pratchett. On Wednesday, November 5th, for practice, 720 Plain Bob. F. Turvy, C. H. Martin, W. Steggall conductor, J. Barrett, E. E. Pratchett, C. Crampton. Also two 6-scores Grandsire with B. Windmill r.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREENWICH (Kent).—On Monday, December 15th, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. J. Cooper and Miss Wood, at St. Alfege, a quarter-peal Stedman Triples in 50 mins. J. G. Shade, E. N. Price, J. J. Lamb, W. Foreman, C. Wilkins conductor, W. Berry, H. Hoskins, C. Clark (first quarter-peal).

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE (Hants).—On Sunday, December 14th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. Dora White, Alice White, C. Giles, J. E. Ballard, G. N. Price, C. F. Winney conductor, H. White, H. Knight. For afternoon service, 461 Grandsire Triples. G. Paice, H. White, G. N. Price, T. Nicholson, J. Ward, J. G. Ballard, C. F. Winney conductor, H. Knight.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ICKLETON (Camsb.).—On Sunday, September 21st, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor. F. Bowtell, E. Webb, P. Webb, A. G. Lilley, J. Stalley, G. Bridge conductor.

SAWSTON (Camsb.).—On Sunday, September 21st, for evening service, 120 and 180 Plain Bob. P. Webb, E. Webb, F. Bowtell, A. G. Lilley, J. Stalley, G. Bridge, H. J. Turner, H. A. Lloyd. After service a 360 on the back six. F. Bowtell, E. Webb, P. Webb, A. G. Lilley, J. Stalley, G. Bridge conductor.

CHERRYHINTON (Camsb.).—On Saturday, September 27th, 480 Grandsire Doubles. F. Bowtell, E. Webb, P. Webb conductor, A. G. Lilley, J. Webb.

FULBOURN (Camsb.).—On Saturday, September 27th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. B. Kempton, H. Sharp conductor, J. Taylor, G. Taylor, A. Markwell, W. Eusden. Also 720 Bob Minor. H. Sharp, G. Bridge, W. Gedney, P. Webb, A. Markwell, W. Taylor conductor. And 720 Bob Minor. W. Scotcher, P. Webb, G. Claydon, A. G. Lilley, J. Stalley, G. Bridge conductor.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HARWICH (Essex).—On Sunday, September 21st, on handbells, 672 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Rolfe, C. Mee conductor, E. Rivers, H. Mee. Also 181 Grandsire Triples. F. Rolfe, C. Mee, E. Rivers, F. Mee. On Sunday evening, September 28th, for Divine Service, 360 London Surprise Minor. G. Mee, H. Mee, F. Rolfe, E. Rivers, C. Mee conductor, P. Mee.

BIDDULPH (Staffordshire).—On Sunday evening, September 21st, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. E. Brough, J. Meador, J. Cottrell, M. Gapper, H. Whitehurst, W. J. Carter conductor.

LEE (Kent).—On Thursday evening, October 30th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 42 mins. G. R. Simmonds (first quarter-peal), W. Ball, J. Towns, T. Taylor, B. Berttram, J. Crowder, H. Warnett conductor, A. T. Paine,

REDENHALL (Norfolk).—On Saturday, December 13th, 1008 Bob Major with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to John B. Bentley. J. Betts, E. Lincoln, W. Barrett, W. Mobbs, C. Brock, E. Poppy, F. Borrett, J. Souter. And two courses of Stedman Triples. E. Borrett, J. Betts, F. Borrett, W. Barrett, C. Brock, E. Poppy, F. Smith, E. Lincoln. Also 560 Bob Major. F. Borrett, E. Borrett, W. Barrett, W. Mobbs, C. Brock, E. Lincoln, F. Smith, J. Betts.

WRITTLE (Essex).—On Saturday, December 27th, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major with the bells half-muffled for the late Archbishop of Canterbury was lost after ringing 1 hr. 12 mins. owing to a change-course. W. Finedon, T. Lincoln, G. D. Coleman, S. Coleman, E. C. Chasty, J. Hare, M. Smith, C. R. Lilley. On handbells a course of Grandsire Caters. L. Flint, C. R. Lilley, S. Coleman, G. Coleman, M. Smith.

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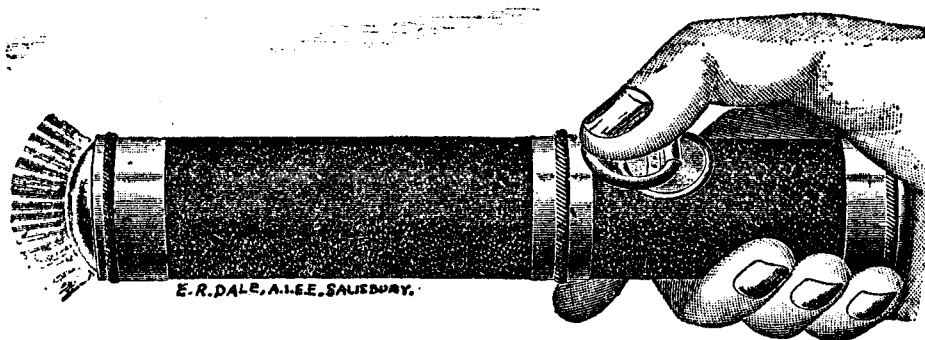
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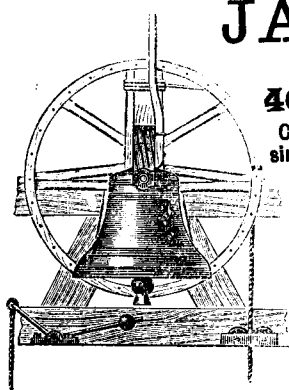
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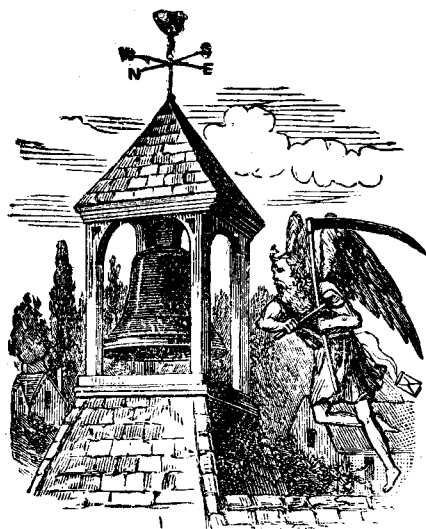
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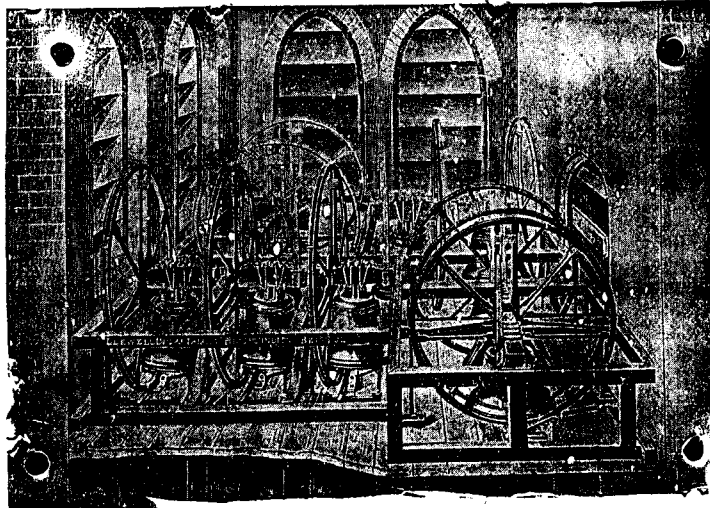
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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).

GARGRAVE (Yorks). St. Andrew. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Warner, 1879; 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th by the same, 1875; 7th, 1747. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in., 1703; founder unknown. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Trebles hung by Mallaby, 1880. Vestry resolved in 1898 to repair the ring, but authorities seem indifferent. Ropes new 1894, fair. Methods: Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.45. Practice: Thursday, 8.

GARSTON (Lancashire). St. Michael. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1876. Tenor 12 cwt. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Frame and fittings need repairs, and estimates have been obtained, and there is hope that the necessary funds may be raised. Ropes fair. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: for half-an-hour before morning and evening service. Practice: Thursday.

GATESHEAD (Durham). St. Mary. Durham and Newcastle Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1788. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Recently quarter-turned and rehung with new fittings by Mears. Ropes recently renewed. Method: Plain Bob. No Sunday ringing mentioned. Practice: Tuesday, 7.

GILLINGHAM (Dorset). St. Mary. Eight bells. No return.

GILLINGHAM (Kent). St. Mary Magdalene. Kent County Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Mears, 1811; 3rd by Lester, 1737; 4th, 5th, 6th and tenor by Wightman, 1700. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 5 in. Timber frame. Bells go fairly, Repairs by

Snelling, 1888. It has been recommended to recast the trebles and fix a new frame, etc., but there is a lack of interest in the bells. Ropes new 1895, fair. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.45.

GLASTONBURY (Somerset). St. John. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd and tenor by Taylor, 1878; 3rd, 5th and 6th by Bilbie, 1743; 4th by Llewellyns, 1872. Tenor 26 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 5 in. Bells go well. A chiming apparatus is fitted. Ropes fair. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing occasionally. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

GLOUCESTER. St. Mary de Crypt. Gloucester and Bristol Association. Eight bells. All by Rudhall. Treble and 2nd, 1749; 3rd, no date; 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th, 1710. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 7 in., 1772. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes bad. There are no ringers attached to this church.

St. Briavels. Eight bells. No return.

The Cathedral. Gloucester and Bristol Association. Eight bells. Treble by Newcombe, 1598; 2nd believed to be by Alexander about the end of 14th century; 3rd and 4th by Rudhall, 1810; 5th and 6th, no information; 7th, 1626. Tenor 26 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in., 1736. Timber frame. Bells go well. Rehung by Taylor, 1892. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman. Sunday ringing: 1st in month, 9.30 to 10.30, and on special occasions. No practice, as there is not a full band of Cathedral ringers.

St. Michael. Gloucester and Bristol Association. Ten bells. Treble and 2nd by Taylor, 1898; 3rd and 4th by Warner, 1887; 5th and 6th, 1667; 7th, 8th and 9th by Rudhall, 1703. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. by Warner, 1872. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Taylor, 1898. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 8.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

The bells of Christ Church, Macclesfield, were rung for the first time after a long sleep of over sixty years, at the midnight service on December 31st, 1902. The ringers, who have been learning the art of bell-ringing under the tutorship of Mr. J. Norbury, of St. Michael's ringers, during the last thirteen months, assembled in the vestry, where the Vicar met them and delivered a short address, at the close of which he wished them every success. At 12 o'clock, the conductor chimed the Old Year out, and at 12.5, the bells rang out their joyous tidings to welcome in the New Year. The bells, eight in number, have just been returned and rehung, and the tenor, weighing 25 cwt. recast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. The tower is being restored, and a new clock is being put in. The whole of the work when finished is estimated will cost about £1,800, towards which £1,100 has already been raised. The bells will remain silent again until the re-dedication

services take place, which is expected will be at the end of January. The ringers, who are all members of Christ Church first and second Bible Classes, were as follows:—D. Greenwood, H. Greenwood, C. Galleymore, A. Greenwood, F. Brookes, N. Wheelton, F. Greenwood, T. Edwards.

The ringers express their thanks, through the medium of "THE BELL NEWS," to the members of St. Michael's church ringers for their kindness during the time they have been learning, and for the use of their bells for silent practices.

Subscriptions towards helping to clear off the remainder of the debt will be most thankfully received by the Vicar Rev. J. St. Clere Hick, M.A., Christ Church Vicarage, Macclesfield, or Mr. C. E. Gallymore, 23, Turnock Street, Macclesfield.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the above association was held at St. John's Church, Cardiff, on Dec. 26th, a good number of members being present, and some splendid ringing done. The Vicar of Cardiff very kindly arranged for a special service and address at 4 o'clock. An address which was very instructive and interesting was given by the Rev. W. Wykes, curate of St. John's.

After service the following business was transacted:—That the next annual meeting be held at Llandaff Cathedral on Boxing day, (1903.) That Mr. T. Jones, Monmouth, be the Master of the Association for the ensuing year, the Rev. C. L. Price be secretary and treasurer, and J. H. Aldridge be assistant Secretary. Messrs Davies and Clutterbuck be the auditors.

Several new members were enrolled. The members paid in their subscriptions from the various towers to the amount of £3. A vote of sympathy and condolence by the members of the association was passed with Mr. White in his trouble.

A cordial vote of thanks was given to the Rev. W. Wykes for presiding at the meeting, and for his address.

It was then announced that the Vicar of Cardiff had very kindly provided an excellent tea for the members, which was thoroughly enjoyed, and a vote of thanks was accorded him for his kind thought. Thus concluded another pleasant gathering of the association.

THE ATTEMPT FOR A PEAL AT SHERBORNE.

Our readers will have already seen the announcement of an attempt at a peal on the Sherborne Minster bells, the heaviest ring of eight in the kingdom, on New Year's day. Mr. Dodington accordingly got together a very strong band to try and accomplish the heavy task. A lunch was given before starting at Marnhull rectory, where the ringers were heartily welcomed by the Rev. and Mrs. Dodington, and a start was made for the tower soon after one o'clock. The bells, after being raised singly, were rung in rounds for a few minutes to get into the swing of them, and a start was made for the peal just before two o'clock, with the ropes in the following hands:—Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, 1; W. Sommerville conductor, 2; E. S. Hodges, 3; J. White, 4; C. E. Coles, 5; J. H. B. Hesse, 6; M. Stewart and J. W. Radford, 7; S. M. Dodington, 8. The tower is a very difficult one to ring in, owing to the great noise and the difficulty

of striking the back bells, especially the 7th, which not only goes very badly, but is very false struck, but Mr. Dodington had arranged for the back bells to be in very good hands, and owing to their fine performance some excellent striking resulted; but the peal was not destined to come off, as after ringing just over the first quarter a trip occurred, which was impossible to rectify, and a change-course resulted, so the bells were brought round after ringing 55 mins., which is the longest touch on the bells, and is believed to be the first change-ringing on them for twenty years, when the College Youths attempted a peal. The tenor weighs 46 cwt., and the 7th is put at 36 cwt., and the 6th at 26 cwt. It is to be hoped that the efforts now on foot for re-hanging the bells will be successful, as they are a magnificent ring.

It was decided not to make another attempt, several of the band being anxious to hear the Yeovil bells, and accordingly a brake was ordered, and the drive from Sherborne to Yeovil, six miles, through very picturesque scenery, and in magnificent weather, was thoroughly enjoyed, and the company soon had the St. John's bells under weigh. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters were rung, and the party then adjourned to The Mermaid, where an excellent tea was provided, which, after the ringing and driving was much appreciated, and thus a most enjoyable meeting came to a conclusion. Great thanks are due to Mr. Dodington for his trouble and care in arranging everything.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The first meeting of the Fifth Council will be held in London on Whitsun-Tuesday, June 2nd, 1903. Nominations for the office of President, and for that of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and also any other notices of motion should be forwarded not later than Saturday, May 2nd. Reports of Committees should be sent in on or before Saturday, May 16th, so that they may be forwarded to "THE BELL NEWS" in time to appear in print before the meeting of the Council.

Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan and County Associations will, it is hoped, pardon the reminder that subscriptions to the Council's fund (2s. 6d. for each elected representative) became due on the 1st inst., and should be sent as soon as convenient. The rights of elected representatives whose quota has not been paid, are in abeyance until payment is made.

I should feel grateful if they will at the same time kindly furnish me with the names and addresses of elected representatives so as to enable me to check the Council's list of members.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*
Frertherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, January 1903.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The 25th anniversary meeting of the above was held at Bristol, on Friday, December 26th, 1902, when a good muster assembled at the service held with the kind permission of the Vicar in St. Thomas's church (City.) The service was a short one in which special Psalms were

sung and lessons read. The anthem was "In dulci Jubilo" and this was followed by Gounod's carol anthem "O, sing to God with joy and gladness" the treble solo in which was taken by Master Williams. The Rev. W. Mann conducted the service and the preacher was the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Rector of Fretherne, Stonehouse, who chose for his text, 1 Cor. xii. 7 who urged the importance and utility of ringing and pointed out that the practice should be a means of helping forward their own spiritual life. Mr. Lamb, the organist, played the "Hallelujah Chorus," as a concluding voluntary. The St. Thomas's Parish Room was allowed to be used to have the dinner and to hold the meeting, at which the following were present:—the Rev. R. L. Murchison, Vicar of St. Nicholas, Rev. T. L. Gurney, Vicar of Emanuel, Clifton, Rev. H. A. Cockey, Vicar of Oldland, Bristol, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Vicar of Fretherne, Stonehouse, Rev. F. Poynton, Vicar of Pucklechurch, Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, Bristol, Mr. F. E. Ward, hon. treasurer, Cheltenham, Mr. F. G. May, hon. sec. Bristol, and Messrs. J. Austin, F. E. Webb, Wotton-under-Edge, W. A. Cave, Bristol, C. H. Gordon, Bristol, W. Knight, Bristol, R. J. Wilkins, Clifton, A. T. Ford, Stroud, W. Hale, Painswick, J. H. B. Hesse, Wrington, S. M. Doddington, Sherborne, J. W. Jones, Newport, W. Tyler, bell-hanger for Llewellyn and James, W. Sully, Stogumber, C. H. Shearn, Midsomer Norton, J. Thomas, Swindon, and many other representatives from most of the towers affiliated to the association. In the absence of the Rev. H. C. Courtney, (the Master) who was laid aside by illness, the Rev. H. A. Cockey presided. Owing to the reports from branches not being to hand, and the meeting taking place before the end of the year, the business transacted was brief. Mr. F. G. May, hon. sec., read the minutes of the last meeting, after which came the election of officers, viz. the three vice-presidents, who were re-elected. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies was elected as Master in the place of the Rev. H. C. Courtney, resigned, Mr. F. E. Ward was re-elected hon. treasurer, and Mr. F. G. May hon. secretary. The newly elected master having taken the chair, drew attention to the peal collection which the Central Council was publishing. He asked the association to contribute all the help it could and secure as many copies as possible. The collection would be issued in sections, the first one of which would shortly be ready. The meeting empowered a peal committee to order as many copies as they thought they could reasonably dispose of to members of the association, and decided that the committee consist of the Master, Secretary, Treasurer, and Messrs. J. Hinton and J. Austin.

New members were elected, and the business closed with thanks to the Master and Secretary for their labours during the past year, to the Vicar of St. Thomas for the use of his church for the service, and the parish room, for the meeting, and to the various incumbents of Bristol for placing the bells of their church towers at the disposal of the ringers. The following towers were open for ringing during the day:—St. Thomas's (8), St. Mary Redcliffe (12), St. Mary-le-Port (8), St. Peter (8), St. Nicholas (10), All Saints (8), Christ Church (10), St. James (10), St. John (6), and Clifton parish church (8), where various touches were rung, the bells being kept going until the time arranged for tea, which was partaken of in The Occidental cafe, High Street, at which about forty sat down. A short theatrical entertainment at St. Thomas's parish room was undertaken by Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower and friends, entitled, "Which is Which," and was very

much enjoyed by all present. The following was the programme issued:—

A Comedietta: "WHICH IS WHICH?" Characters: Robert Capper (a young artist much in debt), Mr. Arthur Gough; Mr. Gargle (his uncle), Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower; Paddles (an oil and colourman), Mr. E. Rudge; Annie, Miss M. Gough; Bertha, Miss M. Scale; Mrs. Mills (Capper's old servant), Miss Muschamp. Scene: AN ARTIST'S STUDIO.

A smoking concert followed, when songs were sung by Messrs. R. J. Wilkins, F. E. Ward, C. H. Tomkins, W. A. Cave, H. Poole; and a touch of Grandsire Caters was rung by F. Leaker 1-2, J. Thomas 3-4, J. Hinton 5-6, J. Austin 7-8, C. Gordon 9-10. Tunes were also played by Messrs. Hinton and Gordon. As many of the visitors had by this time left to catch their respective trains, a very pleasant and enjoyable day ended by singing "God save the King."

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."

RINGING IN HALF-PULLS.

SIR,—In connection with the recent discussion on the origin of changes and their mathematical antiquity, will you allow me by way of supplement to set out a passage from Stedman's *Campanalogia*, which I quoted in another discussion more than two years ago. It is as follows:—

"Whole pulls was the general practice in former times; and indeed considering the manner of the hanging of the bells in those days, they could not well have been rung at half-pulls; but since the improvement in the art of bell-hanging, that is with round wheels, trussing them up in the stock, and placing the roll at right angles with the sole of the wheel, the bells go much better and are managed with more ease at a set-pull than formerly; therefore the changes are now generally rung at half-pulls."

This passage shews us the perfectly natural development of half-pull change-ringing. Non-repetition of rows being the accepted rule in composition, the non-repetition of changes in striking followed naturally when the improvements in bell-hanging admitted of it. So that by 1677 Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung in half-pulls as they are to-day. From this the progress of half-pull ringing on higher numbers, till some forty years later we hear of the accomplishment of the extent on seven, is again perfectly natural.

R. A. DANIELL.

MUFFLERS.

SIR,—Would it be impossible to add to the Central Council's Report on the Condition of Rings, a return as to those towers where efficient mufflers are kept? Perhaps if a request were made in your columns, a certain amount of information might be gained through the Secretaries of societies. This would both emphasise the fact that such fittings are a necessary part of a belfry equipment, and prevent disappointments by visiting bands on such occasions as the death of the late Archbishop.

There were two muffled peals and one touch near here, which I was unsuccessful in arranging owing to there being no mufflers, or none which could be affixed satisfactorily; another that had been arranged for some time had to be given up for the same reason. I notice that there were twelve peals rung muffled for the Archbishop, and twenty which ought to have been apparently, and were not, (I am quoting from "THE BELL NEWS" of January 3rd, and have omitted one wedding peal, and one with no date). This does not seem very creditable; and when compared with the number rung for the late Queen shows a one-sided kind of loyalty.

H. DRAKE.

"MARVEL OR SURPRISE."

SIR,—I cannot help thinking that Mr. Law James has proved his case, for though his positive statement that London must be considered a Surprise method rather than Superlative, merely because it is older, seems somewhat arbitrary, yet there is no

doubt that it has always been considered that any amplification of Treble Bob is a Surprise method.

I am very sorry, on principle, not to be able to support "The Glossary"; and, moreover, I think the classification there given is too good to be lost. Might I suggest that some epithet be applied to a Surprise method to show that no part of the work is repeated? How would "Court" do, signifying the curtailment of such repetitions?

H. DRAKE.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

The annual dinner of this society took place on Thursday evening, December 11th. The Rector, the Rev. A. V. Baillie, president of the society, occupied the chair, and Mr. George E. Over, churchwarden, the vice-chair. Thirty members and friends were present, including the ringing-master, Mr. James George, and the hon. secretary, Mr. Arthur Coleman.

Letters of apology were read from Mr. W. Brooke, churchwarden (the members greatly regretting his absence in consequence of a serious illness), also from Messrs. Lawrence, Thompson, Cooke, R. Over, Coales, and Mr. W. H. Godden of Birmingham. After dinner the Chairman proposed the usual loyal toast—"The Church, the King, and the Royal Family," and afterwards gave "Success to the St. Andrew's Society," and in doing so thanked them for the pains they had taken to promote first class change-ringing in the parish, and pointed out the pleasure it is to many to listen to such fine bells so well rung, and concluding by coupling with it the names of Mr. George and Mr. Coleman.

Mr. George in replying to this toast said he hoped that many more such societies would be established, as they would not only be conducive to improve the Art of change-ringing, but to belfries being kept in better order. He had been in many belfries of Great Britain, and found numerous instances where they were kept in disorder, this being no credit to the authorities of such churches.

The vice-chairman in proposing "The Visitors" coupled this with the name of Mr. H. Rushby, of Leicester, who very suitably responded.

Mr. Coleman next proposed "The Musicians," coupling with this the name of Mr. A. White, who humorously responded.

Songs were sung by Messrs. A. White, G. A. Wood, and W. M. Parsons, the latter acting as an accompanist, which were much appreciated, and greatly enhanced the enjoyment of the evening.

Mr. A. Seymour also gave selections on the Phonograph which was also much appreciated.

In the course of the evening the ringing master and hon. secretary gave an account of the work of the society during the year which was very satisfactory. Previous to the dinner a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on the church bells, and after dinner the handbells were also brought into use by members of the society.

The final toast to the chairman brought a most successful and enjoyable evening in the history of this society to a close at a late hour in the evening.

Date Touches.

HEAVITREE (Exeter).—On Thursday evening, December 11th, by the local society, at the parish church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1902 changes, in 1 hr. 20 mins. W. Hancock, T. Laver, W. Burrough, W. Mifflin, T. Townsend, Ferris Shepherd, J. R. Sandover conductor, W. Nethercott.

Miscellaneous.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, November 23rd, for morning service, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. T. J. Salter, W. Leeson, N. Davis, T. Pigott, J. Pigott conductor, C. H. Woodberry, J. Smith, J. Woodberry.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WALSALL.—On Sunday, November 16th, 1902 (Mayor's Sunday), for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in 47 mins.

W. R. Hughes, B. R. Meeson, F. Hallsworth sen., W. Griffin, J. C. Adams, W. Devey, F. Edwards, A. Turley, T. J. Elton conductor F. Hallsworth jun. And after service a touch of Grandsire Caters, A. J. Tonks, B. R. Meeson, F. Hallsworth sen., W. Griffin, J. Birch, W. Trentham, F. Edwards, J. C. Adams, T. J. Elton conductor, F. Hallsworth jun. On Wednesday, December 19th, for practice, a touch of Grandsire Caters, 395 changes. A. J. Tonks, B. R. Meeson, F. J. Steele, T. J. Elton conductor, W. R. Hughes, W. Trentham, J. Elton, H. H. Somerville, J. C. Adams, F. Hallsworth jun. Also another 395. A. J. Tonks, B. R. Meeson, F. J. Steele, W. Griffin, W. R. Hughes, H. H. Somerville, J. Elton, J. C. Adams, T. J. Elton conductor, F. Hallsworth jun.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

FELTHAM.—On Sunday, December 14th, at St. Catherine's church, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles on the back six. H. Carter, A. Denford, G. Ransome conductor, W. H. Beaumont, F. Garrett, G. Tanner. This is the first quarter-peal by all the band except G. Ransome, and also the first attempt.

EDINBURGH.—On New Year's eve, for service at St. Cuthbert's parish church, a touch of Bob Minor, 720 changes. J. C. Learmouth, J. S. McCulloch, R. J. G. Thom, W. C. S. Heathcote conductor, A. Thomson, T. Thom, D. Holland, J. Luck. And on New Year's day, for service, a touch of Bob Minor, 720 changes. J. C. Learmouth, J. S. McCulloch, J. Luck, W. C. S. Heathcote conductor, A. Thomson, T. Thom, D. Holland, D. Stocks. This is the first time a 720 of Bob Minor has been rung on the bells, and, with the exception of the conductor, is the first 720 by these ringers.

EYNSFORD (Kent).—On Sunday evening, November 16th for Divine Service, a touch of Bob Minor, 720 changes, in 26 mins. W. West, E. Howard, T. Broker, R. Baldwin, R. Brett, M. J. Digby conductor. On Sunday evening, November 23rd, for Divine Service, a touch of Bob Minor, 720 changes. W. West, E. Howard, T. Booker, S. Smith, R. Brett, R. Baldwin conductor. On Sunday evening, December 7th, for Divine Service, a touch of Bob Minor, 720 changes, in 27 mins. W. West, E. Howard, T. Booker, R. Baldwin, E. Brett, R. Brett conductor.

HODDLESDEN (Lancashire).—The Oswaldtwistle ringers paid a visit to the above village on Sunday afternoon, October 12th, and rang for evening service a touch of Oxford Treble Bob, 720 changes. I. Whalley, T. Haworth, A. Walsley, J. Bentley, J. J. Haworth, C. Sharples conductor. Tenor 18 cwt. It is supposed to be the first in the method on the bells.

LONDON.—On Sunday, November 30th, for Divine Service in the evening, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, a touch of Grandsire Triples, 504 changes. C. N. Dear, T. N. Taffender conductor, E. Clements, S. J. Collins, J. W. Chapman, F. Clements, W. Truss, W. Cobbett. After service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 41 mins. T. N. Taffender conductor, J. W. Golding, S. J. Collins, J. W. Chapman, H. Langdon, H. R. Pasmore, F. Clements, W. Cobbett. The above was rung on the anniversary of the induction of the Rector, the Rev. W. J. Sommerville.

ST. ALFEGE (Greenwich).—On Sunday, November 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 1264 changes, in 48 mins. J. G. Shade, E. N. Price, J. J. Lamb, W. Foreman, H. Hoskins, W. Berry, W. Shimmans, E. Wightman. Also on Friday, November 21st, for practice, a touch of Superlative Surprise Major, 1024 changes. W. Foreman, E. N. Price, J. J. Lamb, J. G. Shade, H. Hoskins, W. Berry, W. Shimmans, E. Wightman. First quarter-peal of Double Norwich by all the band.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 15th and 29th; at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 20th; all at 8 p.m. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**
"Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at the parish church, Rochdale, to-day, Saturday, January 10th. Bells ready 3.30. Business meeting 6.30. All ringers welcome. New reports ready.
JAS. JACQUES, Sec.

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The yearly meeting of the above society will be held at Dewsbury to-day, Saturday, January 10th. The election of officers for the ensuing year will take place at this meeting, and it is hoped that there will be a good attendance of members. Subscriptions are due at this meeting. The meeting will be held at The Little Saddle inn, meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. **WALTER IDLE, Secretary.**
47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting of this association will be held at St. Saviour's church, Walthamstow, to-day, Saturday, January 10th. The bells will be raised about 4 o'clock. The bells of St. Mary's church, Walthamstow, will also be available from 7 p.m. The station for St. Saviour's is St. James Street, and for St. Mary's, Hoe Street. Members and friends of the association are cordially invited.

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

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—The annual meeting of the Archdeaconry Wilts branch will be held at Devizes to-day, Saturday, January 10th, commencing at 3 p.m. Business meeting immediately after the tea. Towers of St. John's and St. Mary's churches open for ringing during the afternoon and evening.

C. D. HEGINBOTHOM, Hon. Sec.
3, Estcourt Street, Devizes.

North Notts Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Worksop to-day, Saturday, January 10th. Tea in the Abbey school at 5 p.m. (1s. per head).

B. DARLEY, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Huyton to-day, Saturday, January 10th. Bells ready at 5. **WALTER HUGHES.**
3, Belmont Place, Garston.

The Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Arundel to-day, Saturday, January 10th. Tower open from 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.30. The Secretary will be pleased to receive all subscriptions owing for 1902.

H. EVANS, Hon. Div. Sec.
"Northbrook," Goring, Worthing.

The Yorkshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Halifax on Saturday, January 17th. Service at 4 p.m.; preacher,

the Ven. Archdeacon Brooke. Local hon. sec., Mr. Richard Ryland, 10, Luton Street, Queen's Road, Halifax. **WM. SNOWDON, President.**

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 24th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Reports now ready. **JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.**

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Bristol Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Berkeley on Saturday, January 17th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. **C. H. GORDON, Branch Sec.**

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at South Wingfield on Saturday, January 24th. Tea at 5.30. Peal of eight bells open from 2 p.m. Church close to Clay Cross station. **E. JAMES, Hon. Sec.**

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting for combined practice will be held at Hailsham on Saturday, January 24th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Will those members who have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1902, please do so without further delay. **S. SAKER, Hon. Sec.**

"Arran," Baldslow Road, Hastings.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Martock on Saturday, January 24th. Bells available from one o'clock. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Church House, kindly provided by the Rev. A. P. Wickham, at 4.30 p.m. Business immediately following. Members intending being present should inform me not later than Tuesday, January 20th. **BRIDGWATER.** **A. E. COLES, Hon. Sec.**

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The subscription of 1s. 8d. is now due, and should be forwarded before February 28th. An alteration in Rule iv. and addition to Rule vii. will be found elsewhere.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.
"Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT BRECON.—This was the first peal ever rung in Brecon, and only the second in the county. After the peal the visiting ringers together with the local ringers and churchwardens were kindly entertained to tea by the Vicar, who gave the ringers a very hearty welcome, and congratulated them on their excellent striking. The ringing was much enjoyed by the residents, and not the least by the local ringers, who had looked forward to this visit with great pleasure. The visitors wish to thank the local company for making their visit to Brecon a most enjoyable one.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

At the meeting of this Society held on Tuesday, January 6th, 1903, resolutions in favour of the following were adopted:—

Alteration in Rule iv.: "Entrance fee to be five shillings."

Addition to Rule vii.: "All members who have met the Society twenty times in the previous year, or who have paid the sum of 1s. 8d. to the Society's funds between November 5th and February 28th, shall pay 3d. booking fee for each peal in which they take part."

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. S. M. Dodington has removed to Kilsyth, Kymberly Road, Harrow, near London.

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The Metropolis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 18, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM KEATES* Treble.	FREDERICK HOLDEN 5
HARRY WARNETT 2.	CHARLES WALKER 6.
JAMES E. DAVIS 3.	Geo. H. DAYNES 7
BENJAMIN BATTRAM 4.	*JAMES LAST Tenor

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

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A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE BRUSH† Treble.	†JOHN T. KENTISH 5.
WILLIAM E. MOSS† 2.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 6.
WILLIAM E. JUDD† 3.	WILLIAM FOX 7.
ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS 4.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

†First peal in the method.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
WATERLOO SOCIETY.

On Friday, December 26, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEPTFORD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY WARNETT Treble.	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 5.
THOMAS G. DEAL* 2.	GEORGE H. DAYNES 6.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN 3.	*HERBERT LANGDON 7.
JAMES E. DAVIS 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

*First peal of Double Norwich. Rung with the peals half-muffled as a mark of respect to Dr. Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury. This composition, which is now rung for the first time, has the 6th twenty-four full courses at home.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22½ cwt.

GERALD KING* Treble.	HARRY BARRETT 5.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 2.	GEORGE H. DAYNES 6.
THOMAS TAYLOR 3.	HARRY WARNETT 7.
WILLIAM G. BULL 4.	THOMAS S. CLEWS Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WARNETT.

*First peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1903, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5103 CHANGES.
Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 6.
HENRY HODGETTS 2.	*HERBERT F. HULL 7.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON 3.	WILLIAM PYE 8.
HUBERT EDEN 4.	HARRY FLANDERS 9.
BERTRAM PREWETT 5.	ERNEST PYE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method away from the tenor.

The Provinces.

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On Wednesday, December 17, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

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Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman.

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On Thursday, December 18, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5085 CHANGES.
Tenor 19 cwt.

HUGH D. DALL Treble.	S. OCTAVIUS FERRY 6.
WILLIAM HOLMES 2.	ASA HOLMES 7.
GEORGE R. HOLMES* 3.	*WILLIAM T. ROBSON 8.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 4.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 9.
ROBERT C. HUDSON* 5.	ROBERT RICHARDS Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

*First peal of Stedman Caters.

ARKLOW, IRELAND,

On Friday, December 19, 1902, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WASHBROOK'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt. in E.

JOSEPH BLACK Treble.	EDWARD A. LESTER 5.
ALEXANDER TAYLOR 2.	ANDREW STUART 6.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK 3.	ISAAC MYERS 7.
JAMES W. WASHBROOK 4.	RALPH PRESTAGE Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

First peal of Stedman by all except the conductor, and on the bells.

STOCKPORT.—THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 20, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.
Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM J. TAYLOR .. Treble.	FREDERICK T. SPENCE 6.
ALFRED BARNES 2.	JAMES DILLON 7.
HIRAM MEAKIN 3.	JOHN W. BAYLEY 8.
WILLIAM GORDON, SEN. .. 4.	EDWARD READER 9.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 5.	GEORGE MARSHALL Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by EDWARD READER.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1902, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, — CHANGES.
Tenor 18 cwt.

HERBERT RAINBOW .. Treble.	HARRY BLUNDELL 5.
WILLIAM ALLEN 2.	WILLIAM FAREY 6.
JOHN METHERELL 3.	HARRY D. SMITH 7.
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE 4.	JOSEPH S. WHITE Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by JOSEPH S. WHITE.

This is believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells and by a local band.
First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, December 20, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.
Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK FAY* Treble.	CHARLES DICKENS 5.
HORACE STREET 2.	*GEORGE F. SWANN 6.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 3.	BERNARD W. WITCHELL .. 7.
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

*First peal of Major. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CREWE BRANCH)

On Saturday, December 20, 1902, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HUBBARD'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM T. HOLDING* .. Treble.	RICHARD LANGFORD 5.
RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN.* 2.	†ALBERT CRAWLEY 6.
JOSEPH KETTLE 3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN. 7.
GEORGE CRAWLEY* 4.	*JAMES CRAWLEY Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN.

*First peal and first attempt. †First peal away from the tenor.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 21, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART.

HARRY WALLACE Treble	GEORGE A. RANSOM 5.
HERBERT BAKER 2.	SAMUEL R. GARNER 6.
ALBERT BIGGS, SEN. ... 3.	FREDERIC HUNT 7.
ALBERT BIGGS, JUN. ... 4.	GEORGE WOOD Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERIC HUNT.

First peal as conductor. Rung on the anniversary of the opening of the bells.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, December 22, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES.

ALBERT J. HUGHES Treble.	ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 5.
JOHN WITHERS 2.	WILLIAM H. BARBER 6.
WILLIAM SHORT 3.	JAMES DOWLER 7.
JOSEPH PIGOTT 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

First peal in the method by all the band. This composition, now rung for the first time, has the 6th her extent wrong and right.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 22, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

JOSEPH J. ALLEN Treble.	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD .. 5.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 2.	BERTRAM PREWETT 6.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY 7.
HUBERT EDEN 4.	HARRY A. HORREX Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 22, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

HENRY BOSLEY* Treble.	AMBROSE H. HAYWARD† .. 5.
SYDNEY WYATT 2.	†WILLIAM D. WHITE 6.
ERNEST MADDOCK 3.	ALEXANDER EVANS 7.
JOSEPH MADDOCK 4.	WILLIAM A. FOWLER Tenor.

Conducted by A. EVANS.

*First peal away from the tenor. †First peal of Triples.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 23, 1902, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ROBERT W. HYNER* .. Treble.	CHARLES J. GARDINER .. 5.
OLIVER NORMAN† 2.	JOHN THOMAS 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE 3.	THOMAS RICKETTS 7.
SIDNEY PALMER 4.	THOMAS LAWRENCE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Archbishop of Canterbury. *First peal. First peal with a bob bell.

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 23, 1902, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM SPICE Treble.	GEORGE EDWARDS 5.
ARTHUR GODLEY 2.	JAMES MAYNARD 6.
EDWARD BRIDGER 3.	HENRY SEAL 7.
PERCY DENTON* 4.	*WILLIAM KEMBER Tenor.

Conducted by W. SPICE.

*First peal. W. Kember was elected a member previous to starting. After the peal the tenor was tolled for one hour for the death of the late Archbishop of Canterbury.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 23, 1902, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLLIS'S. Tenor 13½ cwt.

G. W. TEMPLE Treble.	H. W. BROWN 5.
A. HUDD* 2.	C. W. BELL 6.
F. A. SKUSE 3.	T. F. KING 7.
H. E. HOLDER 4.	G. CRISP Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

*First peal.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 24, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.
Tenor 36 cwt.

FRED G. MAY Treble.	CHARLES H. GORDON .. 6.
JOHN THOMAS 2.	JAMES RICHMOND 7.
ALBERT STOWELL 3.	HENRY HOWELL 8.
CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 4.	WILLIAM STOWELL 9.
WILLIAM KNIGHT 5.	ALGERNON L. LEWTON .. Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Rung muffled as a mark of respect to the late Archbishop of Canterbury.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 26, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt.

HENRY GARFATH, JUN. .. Treble.	HENRY GARFATH, SEN. .. 5.
ARTHUR FRANKUM 2.	RALPH WOOD 6.
HARRY HARRIS* 3.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. 7.
CHARLES H. PEARCE .. 4.	CHARLES JEFFERY Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

*First peal with a bob bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Archbishop of Canterbury.

UFFORD, SUFFOLD.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ALFRED WARD Treble.	WILLIAM BARBER 5.
DAVID LEGGETT, JUN. .. 2.	ARTHUR S. BARRELL 6.
ALFRED CLEMENTS 3.	HARRY SMITH 7.
WILLIAM LEGGETT 4.	CHARLES FISHER Tenor.

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and Conducted by CHARLES FISHER.

First peal of Bob Major on the bells, and the first peal by all except the treble and 6th men. The conductor has the pleasure of calling his maiden peal.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 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 8½ cwt.

JOHN EMERY* Treble.	EDWARD T. GROVE 5.
JOHN HOWES 2.	HARRY G. BEAMS 6.
JOHN BEAMS 3.	GEORGE WOODISS 7.
FREDERICK G. GODDARD.. 4.	†JOSEPH APPS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WOODISS.

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

MATHERN, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TEWDRIC,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being Forty-two 6-scores.

Tenor 10 cwt.

STANLEY HAINES* Treble.	GEORGE DANIELS 4.
GILBERT NEWMAN 2.	MAYNARD CLOSS 5.
ALBERT EDWARDS 3.	*SAMUEL MEEK Tenor.

(No conductor mentioned.)

First peal on the bells by local men. *First peal.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S 12-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt 1 qr. 20 lbs.

FRANK STURT* Treble.	ROBERT J. DAWE 5.
SYDNEY C. SAKER 2.	ALFRED J. TURNER 6.
HERBERT RANN 3.	WILLIAM BILLENNESS 7.
ALFRED S. LANGRIDGE .. 4.	JOHN F. STEDMAN Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BILLENNESS.

*First peal.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 26, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS ATTWELL Treble.	JOHN J. JONES 5.
GEORGE LUFF 2.	JAMES HUNT 6.
HERBERT J. ELLIS* 3.	ERNEST ALLEN 7.
THOMAS BURDOCK† 4.	SEPTIMUS RADFORD Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by SEPTIMUS RADFORD.

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

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKE. AND SOUTH BUCKS. BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 26, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM PHIPPS* Treble.	FRED HAYES 5.
JOHN EVANS 2.	RALPH BIGGS 6.
FRANCIS K. BIGGS 3.	BENJAMIN PAGE 7.
RALPH COLES 4.	ARTHUR G. JAMES Tenor.

Conducted by FRED HAYES.

*First peal away from the tenor.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 26, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM GORDON, SEN. .. Treble.	*JAMES FERNLEY 5.
CECIL DARWIN 2.	GEORGE D. WARBURTON.. 6.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 3.	ALIAN S. GORDON 7.
JOHN W. BAYLEY 4.	*ALBERT FERNLEY Tenor.

Conducted by WM. GORDON, SEN.

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

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court Bob,
College Single, Oxford Bob, and two 720s of Plain Bob.

CHARLES ROSE* Treble.	ALPHAUS J. BERRY.. .. 4.
EDWARD YOUNG.. .. 2.	WILLIAM ROSE 5.
THOMAS DAVY 3.	GEORGE E. SYMONDS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

*First peal. First peal in six methods on the bells, and first peal in six methods
by all the band except T. Davy.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1902, in Three and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2.	WALTER W. WIFFEN 6.
WILBY HAZELL.. .. 3.	ERNEST BECKWITH 7.
FRANK ROLFE 4.	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor.

Composed by W. SHIPWAY, and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

CAVERSNAM, OXON.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.

On Saturday, December 30, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

H. SIMMONDS Treble.	R. T. HIBBERT 5.
E. W. MENDAY 2.	E. J. MENDAY 6.
J. HANDS 3.	H. W. SMITH 7.
G. ESSEX 4.	T. NEWMAN Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 30, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs.

CHARLES MEETreble.	*HARRY J. MEE 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	FRED. E. W. MEADOWS, ESQ. 6.
ALFRED G. RIVERS* 3.	FREDERICK MEE 7.
EDGAR RIVERS* 4.	*ERNEST S. GOSTLINGTenor.

Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

*First peal. Being Edgar Rivers's birthday the other members of the band wished him many happy returns of the day.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE PAICE*Treble.	JOHN WARD 5.
DORA WHITE 2.	FRANCIS REDGATE 6.
HENRY WHITE 3.	JOHN E. BALLARD 7.
THOMAS NICHOLSON* .. 4.	GEORGE MARTINTenor.

Conducted by JOHN E. BALLARD.

*First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the old year, the peal coming into rounds at eleven o'clock.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-nine 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.

THOMAS DAVYTreble.	GEORGE KEMP 4.
JAMES ROSE 2.	HARRY CATTERMOLLE .. 5.
FREDERICK PLEASANCE .. 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE ..Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

BRECON, SOUTH WALES.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, HEREFORD.)

On Thursday, January 1, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN ..Treble.	ARTHUR J. WILLIAMS .. 5.
JOHN CLARK 2.	JAMES E. GROVES 6.
WILLIAM DAVIES 3.	THOMAS LEWIS 7.
WILLIAM SHORT 4.	RICHARD POWELLTenor.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Reference elsewhere.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 1, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS R. THORPE* ..Treble.	GEORGE H. HOWSE 5.
FRANK MEDHURST 2.	FRANCIS A. KENNETT .. 6.
THOMAS PRICE 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
GEORGE WATSON 4.	HARRY DENMANTenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Stedman. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of G. Watson, the enthusiastic conductor of the local band.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 2, 1903, 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 MILESTreble.	HARRY MILES 5.
JOHN LONGSHAW 2.	ALBERT TURNER 6.
FRANK PEIRCE 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WALTER LONGSHAW 4.	GEORGE BARTLETTTenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.

THE OXFORD AND WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILDS.

On Saturday, January 3, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING ..Treble.	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 5.
JAMES HUNT 2.	THOMAS ATTWELL 6.
JOHN J. JONES 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
CHARLES HAZELDEN 4.	HERBERT J. ELLISTenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, January 3, 1902, in Three Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6464 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLISTreble.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 5.
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 2.	DAVID BREARLEY 6.
GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 3.	THOMAS BETTISON 7.
JOHN FLINT 4.	ARTHUR KNIGHTSTenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

This peal has the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6, and it is the first peal on the bells since being augmented by Messrs. Taylor.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SPROUTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 4, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs.

DANIEL PRENTICETreble.	EDGAR RIVERS 5.
GEORGE W. MEE 2.	ALFRED G. RIVERS 6.
FRANK ROLFE 3.	CHARLES MEE 7.
HARRY J. MEE 4.	FREDERICK MEETenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

This is the first peal of Cambridge ever rung in the diocese of Norwich. The Sproughton company have now scored the first peal of Old as well as the first peal of New Cambridge in either Suffolk or Norfolk. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. J. Mee, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 6, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

WILLIAM FINCHTreble.	HARRY HOLIFIELD 5.
ALFRED FOX 2.	THOMAS PAYNE 6.
THOMAS SHORT 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN .. 4.	RICHARD WHITETenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

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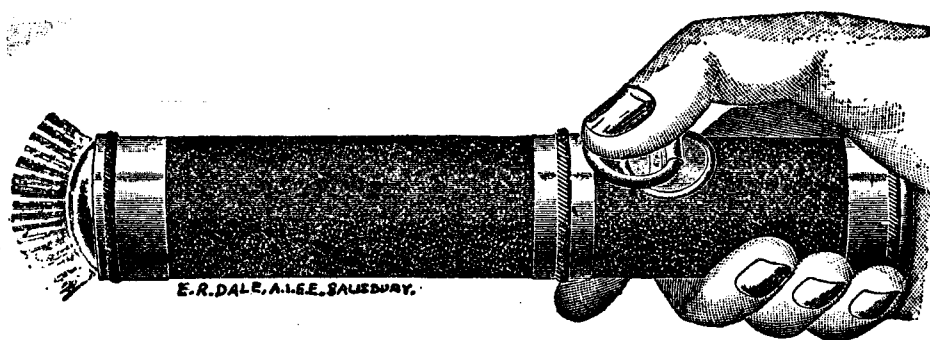
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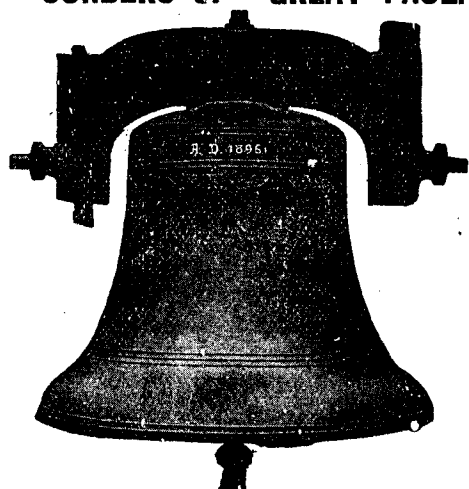
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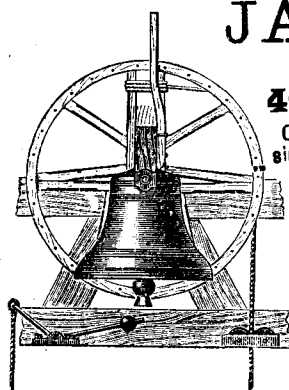
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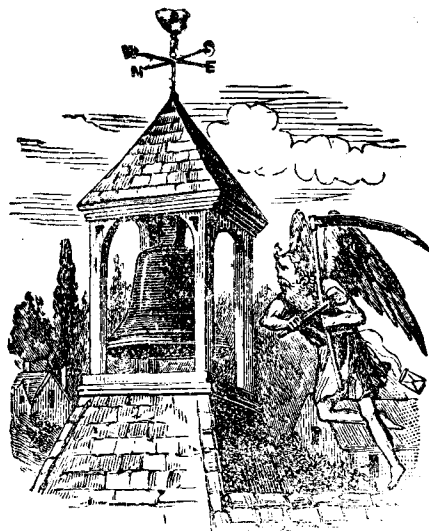
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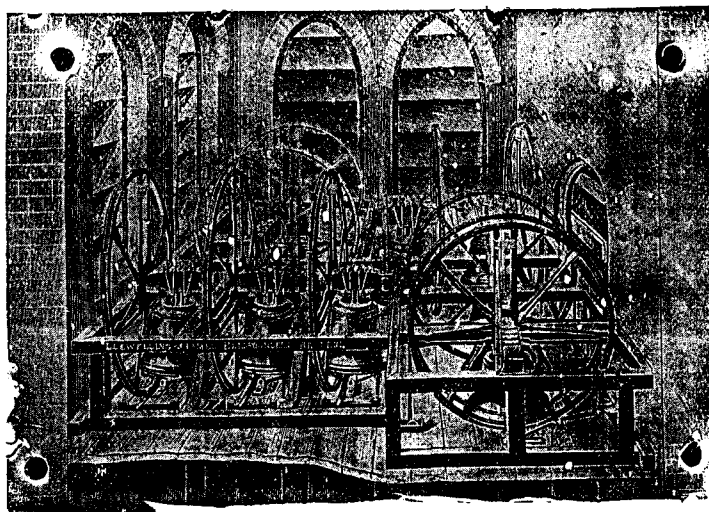
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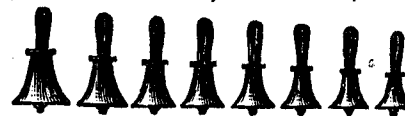
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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).

GODMANCHESTER (Hunts). St. Mary. Ely Diocesan Association. Eight bells. All by Osborne, 1794; except the 6th recast 1870. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes are renewed as required. The ring were rehung and thoroughly done up in 1870. No half-pull or regular Sunday ringing. Practice: Thursday. No further information given.

GOUDHURST (Kent). St. Mary. Eight bells. All by Mears; treble, 1775; 2nd and tenor, 1834; 3rd, 1776; 4th, 1805; the rest in 1707. Tenor 27 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 5 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. The sound-bow of the 7th is badly worn and wheels and frame much out of order. It is not known when repairs were last effected, and there are no funds available for present needs. Ropes good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 1st in month, 9.30 to 11, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: during winter, Tuesday, 7.30.

GOOLE (Yorks). St. John. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1890. Tenor 16 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes bad. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.30, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 7.30.

GOSFORTH (Northumbertand). Durham and Newcastle Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1901. Tenor 22 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1901, good. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.25 to 11, and 5.55 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 7. Visitors are always welcome.

GRANTHAM (Lincolnshire). St. Wulfram. Lincolnshire Association. Ten bells. Treble, 2nd, 3rd and 9th by Pack, 1775. Tenor 32 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 9 in., by Mears, 1818; the rest by Mears, 1752. Timber frame.

Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were rehung by Taylor in a new frame, 1888. Ropes new 1888, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: during winter months, Monday.

GRAPPENHALL (Cheshire). St. Wilfred. Chester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. 3rd, 4th, 6th and 7th by Bagley, 1700, the rest by Mears, 1899. Tenor 12 cwt., diameter 3 ft., 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1899, good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday and Saturday, and sometimes also Thursday, 7.30.

GRAVESEND (Kent). St. George. Kent County Association. Eight bells. Treble, 3rd and 6th by Mears, 1813; 2nd by the same, 1793; 4th and 5th by Phelps, 1736; 7th and tenor by Mears, 1879. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 10 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were overhauled and put in order by Goslin, 1897. Ropes new 1897, middling. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11, and alternate evenings 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

GRIMSBY (Lincolnshire). St. Andrew. Eight bells. No return.

St. James. North Lincolnshire Association. Eight bells. 2nd, 5th and 6th by Warner, 1886; the rest by Dobson, 1830. Tenor 18 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung in a new frame by Warner, 1886. Ropes fair; renewed when necessary. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Monday.

RE-OPENING OF ST. HELEN'S BELLS, WORCESTER.

New Year's Day was the date fixed for the re-opening of the above bells, which, by the way, have been thoroughly refitted and rehung by Mr. Greenleaf, of Hereford. A special service had been arranged, and at eight o'clock special prayers, which had received the sanction of the Bishop and which related to the bells, were said underneath the tower, those present being the choir, the Dean of Worcester, the Rector (the Rev. C. Chaytor), Minor Canons J. K. Floyer and C. T. Powell, and the Rev. H. Kingsford (Stoulton). The Dean gave an address and referred to the ancient bells they were now opening to the Glory of God and the use of the church. He also stated that though we had just seen the year past of the coronation of King Edward VII., the bells sounded their joyous notes to the coronation of Queen Anne; but at that time, just 200 years ago, they were a ring of five weighing a little over 85 cwt., and were recast into eight bells, the present ring. Each bell of the octave has a rhyming couplet around its waist reflecting the military spirit then pervading the country. The treble, "Blenheim," com plaisantly observes:—

First is my note, and Blenheim is my name,
For Blenheim's story will be first in fame.

And each bell, named after battle or commander, takes up

the tale until the tenor, "Queen Anne," with excess of loyalty concludes:—

T' immortal praises of Queen Anne I sound,
With union blest, and all these glories crowned.

The ringing of the curfew each evening is still religiously observed, but for some time past it has been impossible to ring it, as the tenor bell touched the frame as it swung. In May last year the Rector called a meeting of churchwardens, ringers, and parishioners, and following out the suggestion of the ringers, subscription books were issued, and lists at the banks were opened, which realised enough to place the work in Mr. Greenleaf's hands, and to whom great credit is due for the way in which the work has been carried out. The windows have been boarded up to deaden the sound a little, as the tower, being low, caused too much annoyance to the inhabitants living close by. After the service, as the choir and clergy left the church, a 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following members of the Cathedral Guild. W. Bright, A. Hill, W. Powell, H. Wilkes, C. Jones conductor, E. Watkins, W. Johnson, T. Malin. Everyone testified to the excellent way in which the bells go. The company was then entertained to refreshments by the Rector, and this was followed by a smoking concert, held in the church-house, where he thanked all those who collected subscriptions and those who had subscribed to so good a work.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.)

A highly successful meeting of the members of this Association was held on Saturday, the 12th instant, at St. Saviour's Church, Walthamstow, the attendance of members being very satisfactory. Ringing commenced at 4.30 p.m. and was carried on with spirit until 7 o'clock. A move was then made to St. Mary's Church, where the ringers received a hearty welcome from Mr. T. Maynard and the local band, and the rare advantage of ringing on ten bells was thoroughly appreciated. At the business meeting previously held in the belfry of St. Saviour's Church, twelve members were elected. The muster roll of members is now considerably in excess of 500, and the Association becomes entitled to a fourth representative at the meetings of the Central Council.

The Hon. Secretary read a letter which he had received from Dr. Arthur Nichols of Boston, U.S.A., in cordial recognition of the efforts of the Association to interest himself and his daughter, Miss Margaret Nichols, during their recent visit to this country. It will be remembered that it was with the Middlesex County Association that Miss Nichols rang her first complete peal on tower bells at St. Matthew's Church, Upper Clapton; and not only did she elect at short notice to attempt a peal of Stedman Triples, but the manner in which she initiated herself into the intricacies of ringing on that, as well as on subsequent occasions with the Ancient Society of College Youths, formed the subject of well merited congratulations from all who were privileged to witness her performances. The Hon. Secretary stated that Dr. Nichols, with his accustomed liberality, had expressed a desire that the Association should receive a special donation from him towards its funds, suggesting that the same might be fully applied to the entry of the many peals rung by members of the N. and E. District. A cordial vote of thanks to

Dr. Nichols for his appreciative kindness was ordered to be recorded on the minutes of the Association.

After dealing with the delay in the completion of the Report for 1901-2, the Hon. Secretary communicated what he felt sure would be a matter to afford the members extreme satisfaction, that the Lord Bishop of London had arranged to address them at Fulham on Saturday, the 10th of October, 1903, and he ventured to hope that they would, by attending in satisfactory numbers, show their appreciation of his lordship's kindly recognition of them and of their work. He also prophesied that for the year 1902, the Association would be found again to occupy the pride of place in Mr. Attree's analysis.

Among those present during the evening, we were glad to see our old friend Mr. James George of Rugby, ringing at the lighter end of the peal after his recent accident, and besides a large sprinkling of members belonging to the district, we were glad to notice members from the other side of the County, from Ealing, Hillingdon, and Isleworth, including the worthy Master of the Association, Mr. John Basden.

Cordial votes of thanks were ordered to be conveyed to the Rev. R. L. Allwork, Vicar of St. Saviour's, and to the Rev. F. E. Murphy, Vicar of St. Mary's, Walthamstow, for so kindly allowing their bells to be used on the occasion of this meeting.

THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The above society held its monthly meeting at Bramley on January 3rd, 1903. A good attendance of ringers from the following towers were present: Armley, Tong, Calverley, Headingley St. Chad's, Headingley St. Michael's, Rothwell, Huddersfield, and the local company. In the afternoon an attempt for a peal in seven Minor methods was made, but after an hour's ringing "stand" was called, owing to a change-course. During the evening touches of Cambridge Surprise, Violet and Oxford were brought round. A business meeting was held at "The Cardigan Arms," the president, Mr. G. Barraclough, in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting was read by the secretary and passed unanimously. A discussion arose about providing some refreshment for the next meeting to be held at Pudsey, but a gentleman present offered to provide some if the members would send their names to the secretary by Tuesday, January 27th, at a small charge of sixpence. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and the local company for kind arrangements was passed. The Headingley St. Chad's company gave selections on handbells, which were much appreciated. Change-ringing on handbells in various methods brought a pleasant evening to a close.

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 OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

SIR,—Can any member of this Society give me any information as to the whereabouts of the old society's books, and lists of members?

ALEXANDER P. F. ERSKINE.
9, King Edward Street, Oxford.

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

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

Five bells hung in this church tower, and about a year ago it was determined to add one more as a Coronation Memorial. The new treble was cast by Messrs. Taylor, and inscribed: "S. Laurence. God save the King, MDCCCII," in beautiful fourteenth century letters copied from South Somercote in this county.

The bell arrived at Surfleet station on Saturday, January 25th, 1902, at 10 p.m., and on Monday morning at 9.15 she was moved into the churchwarden's trap, and carted up to the church a mile away; she was successfully hung by the churchwarden, Mr. J. Richardson, and by 9.15 p.m. two 720s of Bob Minor were an accomplished fact. The following is a list of the 720s rung on the six bells in 1902:—Double Oxford Bob 27, Plain Bob 22, Kent Treble Bob 9, Oxford Treble Bob 6, Double Court 5, Cambridge Surprise 1, Original Minor 1; total 71.

The following took part in the ringing:—The Rev. H. Law James 71, conducted 66; R. Richardson 70, conducted 5; W. Richardson 55; R. Marshall 54; G. Tomlinson 51; J. Flowers 39; F. Tomlinson 29; H. Leverton 18; A. Patchett 11; M. Tomlinson 3. Also the following visitors:—G. Ladd 8, the Rev. E. B. James 3, D. T. Brown 3, the Rev. E. A. Aldridge 2, J. T. Holmes 2, J. W. Wood 2, J. R. Green 2, T. Cutforth 1, G. Mackman 1.

LONG ASHTON, BRISTOL.

On December 28th, at the parish church a number of ringers assembled, including the St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol, also the Vicar, the Rev. Lucius H. Deering, and H. B. Napier, esq., the Vicar's warden, to witness the unveiling of a peal-tablet recording the first peal on the bells, which was rung on January 28th, 1899, by the above-mentioned guild, the method being Stedman Triples, composed by Sir Arthur P. Heywood, bart., and conducted by William A. Cave. On the removal of the cloth the ringers were all struck with the beauty of the board, the design being Gothic with heavy walnut frame. The writing, which was artistically done in bright buff letters to imitate gold, was much admired, the ringers remarking that no one need go without a peal-board when they could get one so good and cheap as this one. The board was the gift of H. B. Napier, esq., to whom a hearty vote of thanks was passed for his kind gift. It was supplied by Mr. James Hunt, of Guildford, and great credit is due to him for the way it was carried out. The ceremony being over, the ringers rang touches in various methods before dispersing.

ST. MARGARET'S ABBEY, BARKING.

On Thursday, December 25th, Christmas day, an interesting little ceremony took place in the belfry, being the unveiling of a peal-board erected to commemorate a peal of Stedman Triples rung on October 21st, this being the first peal of Stedman rung by an entirely local band. The Vicar (Rev. P. M. Wathen) unveiled the board, and said how pleased he was to perform the ceremony, at the same time congratulating the band on their success. The board is the gift of Mr. Churchwarden Davies (who rang the tenor). The ringers take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Davies for this and his many other kindnesses to them.

Obituary.

MARY ELLEN COPLEY.

As the last moments of the year 1902 sped away, the above-named—the dearly-beloved wife of Mr. Ben T. Copley, of Bradford, Yorks.—fell asleep, in her fifty-third year. By her decease a well-known and very popular member of the County Association, one who has served it well both in and out of office, suffers a bereavement which those who have like suffered know that such a wrench can never be healed. It has been said that "God's best gift to a man is a good wife," and those who are competent to know assert that the late Mrs. Copley was such a gift—a pearl of great price. The funeral took place on the 3rd inst., the ringers of the neighbourhood ringing muffled peals on the following day (Sunday).

We deeply regret to hear that Mr. Copley himself is in a very weak state. He unfortunately met with a serious accident since the funeral, and is now suffering from a broken rib, causing him great pain. Members of the above-named Association and members of the Order of Odd Fellows (M.U.), wherever they may be located will, we are assured, sympathise with their suffering brother. Readers of this paper will not be one whit behindhand in the same direction. They have in time past been interested in reading those comments which week by week flowed from his pen above the signature of "FREE LANCE." Perhaps the combined sympathies of ringers may take a practical shape in some way or other. We hope to hear in a few days that our dear friend is rapidly recovering.

JOSEPH SAMPFORD.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Joseph Sampford, of Bishops Stortford, who died on Saturday, January 3rd, at the age of 59 years. Deceased had been a member of the Bishops Stortford St. Michael's Society for thirty years, and was one of its oldest members. He was greatly respected by all who knew him, for he was always willing to meet anyone wishing to have a pull at St. Michael's, although only able to ring the tenor (at times he rang the 6th to six plain course of Grandsire Triples), and had taken part in twelve peals. Deceased had been ailing for the last two and a half years, owing to a very severe attack of sunstroke on July 16th, 1900; and the last ringing that he done was on July 6th of last year. The funeral took place at All Saints' church on Thursday, January 8th, when the body was borne to the grave by six of his brother ringers, who afterwards were met at St. Michael's by Messrs. Watts and Jordan, of Stansted, and rang a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, 1260 changes, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect. W. Rickett, W. Prior, T. Newman, W. Watts, T. Jordan, W. W. Tucker, W. T. Prior, H. J. Tucker composer and conductor. Deceased leaves a widow and nine children.

A RINGER'S HANDKERCHIEF.—We have seen some patterus of that very useful article—an handkerchief—by Mr. Wilfrid Matthews of Macclesfield, a well known change-ringer. Mr. Matthews is a silk-weaver, and the son of a worthy father who was also a silk-weaver, and ringer and composer. These handkerchiefs are made of the purest material—silk; in various colors and shades, with bells of different sizes woven in. The name of the purchaser is also inserted when required. These splendid articles are a great novelty, forming an excellent ringers' badge, and every ringer should possess one. Mr. Matthews makes them in any other pattern desired, and pledges his word as a ringer that the materials used are of the very best. We hope our friend's enterprise in this business will be successful, and that very many of his ringing brethren will become purchasers of these handsome novelties.

STATED.—On Sunday, December 6th, for Divine Service in the afternoon at All Saints church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Saunders, F. 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.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING (Essex).—On Wednesday, December 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1260 changes, was rung in 50 mins. C. Fenn conductor, E. G. Fenn, G. W. Faulkner, R. Fenn, A. Carter, A. Hardy, T. Faulkner, E. A. Davies. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. Quash, who was a churchwarden of the above parish.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday morning, December 14th, for Divine Service at St. Michael's church, 1056 Bob Major. G. Leonard, F. Webb, C. H. Howard conductor, P. Holmes, H. Pitcher, G. Sentance, H. Coote, A. B. Wiffen. For evening service 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. F. Webb, C. H. Howard conductor, W. Grimwade, P. Holmes, W. Steel, G. Sentance, H. Coote, A. B. Wiffen. On Sunday, December 21st, 1040 Bob Major. G. Leonard, C. H. Howard, F. Webb, P. Holmes, W. Steel, G. Sentance, H. Collins, A. B. Wiffen conductor.

THE NORTH NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.

EAST RETFORD.—On Sunday evening, October 12th, for Divine Service, 439 Stedman Caters. A. Swannack, E. Collingburn, G. W. Metcalfe, A. T. Winter, G. Swannack, R. Miles, H. Haigh conductor, H. Warburton, G. R. Winter, C. Crawford. On Thursday, October 16th, 592 Stedman Caters. A. Swannack, E. Collingburn, G. W. Metcalfe, G. R. Winter, T. H. Denman, G. Swannack, T. Spurr, H. Warburton, J. B. Joynes conductor, R. F. Bescoby. On Sunday, November 30th, for Divine Service in the morning, 516 Stedman Caters. A. Swannack, A. T. Winter, T. Spurr, G. R. Winter, F. W. Abbott, R. Miles, H. Haigh, H. Warburton, J. B. Joynes conductor, R. F. Bescoby.

WORKSOP.—On Sunday, November 9th, for Divine Service in the morning, 1260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. A. T. Winter, E. Collingburn, G. Swannack, R. Miles, T. Spurr, H. Warburton conductor, G. R. Winter, G. W. Metcalfe.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURFORD (Oxon.).—On Sunday, December 21st, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples. E. Aldridge, H. Bond, H. Timms, G. Cook, T. Bond, C. Packer, T. E. Glanville conductor, G. Parker.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

YATLEY (Hants).—On Saturday, December 6th, an attempt was made for a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, which was unhappily brought to a close after ringing 4600, or four courses from the end, owing to the indisposition of one of the band. M. Steer, C. Harzelden, Rev. G. F. Coleridge, E. Allen, B. Hawkins, S. Radford, C. Giles conductor, J. Hunt.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HEAVITREE (Devon).—On Sunday, December 28th, at the church of St. Michael, for evening service, 1344 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's original. W. Hancock, F. Shepherd, W. Burrough, W. Mifflin, J. R. Sandover, F. J. Shepherd conductor, W. Shepherd, W. Lowton.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF.—On Christmas morning, at the cathedral at six o'clock, 440 Bob Major. J. Pitcher, J. Harris, A. Rowley, F. Pitcher, W. Biss, J. Clutterbuck, W. Coombes conductor, J. H. Aldridge. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins., at ten o'clock service. J. H. Aldridge, J. Harris, J. Pitcher, F. Pitcher, A. Rowley conductor, J. Clutterbuck, W. Coombes, C. Oram.

BOLTON, BRADFORD (Yorks).—On Sunday, January 4th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, with the bells half-muffled, for Mary Ellen Copley, the dearly beloved wife of Ben T. Copley. After ringing 2 hrs and 40 mins. the peal came to grief. A. Windsor, T. B. Kendall, E. Wheeler, W. Cundall, J. Cotterell, J. Broadley, F. W. Dixon conductor, B. F. Lamb, sen.

CALDICOTT (Monmouthshire).—On Tuesday, December 9th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 4-6-8 covering. J. Rowland, C. King, G. Daniels conductor, S. Daniels, H. Margettes, E. Spencer, A. Lewis, C. Lewis. First quarter-peal by all except ringers of the 3rd and 4th.

EXETER.—On Sunday, December 14th, prior to a Confirmation Service by the Bishop of Crediton, at the parish church of St. Sidwell, 1259 Grandsire Caters. E. Searle, W. Richardson, W. Mogridge, F.

Davey, A. W. Searle, F. Murphy, E. Shepherd conductor, T. Mudge, J. Moss, J. Richards.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Sunday morning, October 11th, at St. Andrew's church, for Divine Service, 503 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, A. J. Hessian, H. Rushby, R. Watson, J. B. Fenton, J. George conductor, A. Bramall, R. Clarke. On Sunday, December 21st, for Divine Service in the evening, 503 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, J. B. Fenton, J. George conductor, A. J. Hicks, A. J. Hessian, F. Sear, A. Bramall, R. Clarke. On Monday, December 22nd, 517 Grandsire Triples. J. Coales, R. Watson, A. Coleman, J. George, A. J. Hessian, A. Bramall, F. Sear conductor, A. J. Hicks. This was rung to celebrate Mr. A. J. Hicks' 18th birthday. On Saturday, December 27th, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Coales, J. B. Fenton, A. J. Hicks, J. George, F. Sear conductor, A. J. Hessian, A. Bramall, R. Clarke. This was rung as a last token of respect to His Grace the late Archbishop of Canterbury, who was buried on the above date. On Wednesday, December 31st, 503 Grandsire Triples. A. Coleman, J. George conductor, A. J. Hicks, J. Coales, R. Watson, A. J. Hessian, A. Dubber, J. W. Shotton. This was rung for the dying year. The bells were half-muffled on both the latter occasions.

TROWELL (Notts.).—On Monday, December 15th, 720 Bob Minor. H. Fletcher, E. H. Lewis, J. Hall, F. S. Poole, H. S. T. Richardson conductor, T. D. Thomson. Messrs. Poole, Richardson, and Lewis are members of the Cambridge University Guild.

WALTHAM ABBEY (Essex).—On Tuesday evening, October 28th, at the Abbey church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. P. Mitchell, G. E. Peace, F. Carter, G. Thurgood, D. Tarling, T. Colverd, W. A. Alps conductor, G. Cole. Rung as a compliment to Mr and Mrs. C. W. Wiggs on the celebration of their golden wedding.

WHITECHAPEL.—On Monday, December 8th, at the church of St. Mary Matfelon, ringers met from several east end companies to celebrate the 43rd birthday of Mr. Emanuel Hall with a peal of Treble Bob Major. One of the company being delayed by the railway, time only allowed 1280 changes in 50 mins. H. Springall conductor, S. Joyce, E. Wallage, W. Truss, J. Scholes, T. Faulkner, E. Hall, H. Torble. The band and several other ringing friends were afterwards entertained at the Whitechapel meeting-house by Mr. E. Hall, where health and many happy returns of the day were accorded to him.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT NORWICH.—The most remarkable feature about this ring of bells is they do not require greasing. Since May last four peals and two attempts, ringing 2 hrs 55 mins. and 2 hrs. 30 mins. respectively, one quarter-peal of Stedman, and on an average 100 changes weekly have been rung. They were oiled the fore part of last year, and have not been touched since. When they are oiled they become practically unringable.

THE PEAL AT DARLINGTON.—Mr. Hunt's 50 peals.—Grandsire Triples, 4; Grandsire Major, 1; Plain Bob Major, 2; Treble Bob Major 5, conducted 1; Stedman Triples, 9; Shipway Major, 1; Duffield Major, 1; Double Oxford Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 9; Superlative Surprise Major, 8; Cambridge Surprise Major, 8; London Surprise Major, 1. Total rung 50; conducted 1.

THE PEAL AT DUNSTABLE.—First peal of Grandsire by the 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th and 8th men; first by the 5th away from the tenor; and first peal by the 6th and tenor man. This peal was rung previous to the band attending a special meeting at Luon. They wish to thank the Rev. J. Macaulay for the use of the bells, and Mr. G. Franklin, sexton, for having everything in readiness.

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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 29th; at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 20th; all at 8 p.m.

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

The Yorkshire Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Halifax to-day, Saturday, January 17. Service at 4 p.m.; preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon Brooke. Local hon. sec., Mr. Richard Ryland, 10, Luton Street, Queen's Road, Halifax. WM. SNOWDON, *President*.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association—Bristol Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Berkeley to-day, Saturday, January 17. Bells open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. C. H. GORDON, *Branch Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 24th. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Reports now ready. JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, January 24th. Tea at 5.30. Peal of eight bells open from 2 p.m. Church close to Clay Cross station.

E. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting for combined practice will be held at Hailsham on Saturday, January 24th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Will those members who have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1902, please do so without further delay.

S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

"Anan," Baldslow Road, Hastings.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Martock on Saturday, January 24th. Bells available from one o'clock. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Church House, kindly provided by the Rev. A. P. Wickham, at 4.30 p.m. Business immediately following. Members intending being present should inform me not later than Tuesday, January 20th.

Bridgwater. A. E. COLES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association—Bolton Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at All Souls on Saturday, January 24th. Bells ready at 6 p.m. Business meeting at 7.30. G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

The Waterloo Society, London.—The annual meeting will take place at Vassall Road, Brixton, on Monday, January 26th. Ringing at 8 p.m. All members are requested to attend. F. J. SHEPHERD, *Hon. Sec.*

20, Warner Road, Camberwell, S.E.

St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, on Tuesday, January 27th. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As there is important business for consideration the attendance of every member is requested, and attention is directed to clause 4 of rule vi.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, January 31st. A peal will be attempted at 2.30 prompt. Business meeting at The Royal hotel at 7.30 p.m. All members are requested to attend. Business of importance will be brought before the meeting. CHARLES PRATT, *Sec.*

Park View, Calverley.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ilkeston on Saturday, January 31st. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Tea and general meeting at 4.45 p.m. in the Church Institute. Tea, 1s. each for those who notify Mr. H. Fletcher, 1, Blake Street, Ilkeston, by Thursday, the 29th inst., of their intention to be present. The Hon. Sec. will be pleased if those members owing subscriptions up to end of 1902 will kindly pay them in at once.

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

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Westerham on Saturday, January 31st. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5.30 at the public hall. Members intending to be at tea are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, January 28th. Half railway fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending. Subscriptions for 1903 are now due, and should be paid as soon as possible. W. LATTEY, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—South Western Division.—There will be a meeting of the above on January 31st. The bells of St. Saviour, Walthamstow, not being available for that day the meeting will take place at another tower. Further announcement next week. THOS. FAULKNER, *Hon. Sec.*

84, Fisher Street, Barking.

Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Woolwich, on Saturday, January 31st. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. JOSEPH E. SYKES, *Hon. Sec.*

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly and committee meeting of this Association will be held at Cradley on Saturday, January 31st. The Rev. R. H. Edmondson, Vicar, has kindly consented to give an address at the service in church at 5.30, and preside over the business afterwards. The tower and bells will be available for ringing. Election of representatives to serve on Central Council at this meeting. The Hon. Secretary would be pleased to receive from all local secretaries a complete list of names of all members in Union. All contributions are due at this meeting according to rule 8.

JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

34, Church House, Church Lane, Tipton.

The Oxford University Society.—A dinner will be held at The Lion hotel, Abingdon, on Thursday, February 5th, at 7 p.m. All past and present members are invited to send an application, with a remittance of 3s., to the Hon. A. Erskine, 9, King Edward Street, Oxford, before January 25th. Full notice sent on application.

Society for the Arcdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, February 7th, at the parish church, Bloxwich. Bells available from 2 o'clock for ringing touches. Service in church at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head for all those sending in their names on or before the 2nd proximo to S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Kent County Association.—Peals for 1902.—Members are requested to take notice that peals will not be recorded as Association peals, if the subscription of any ringer taking part remains unpaid at the end of this month. Subscriptions for 1903 are due now, and should be paid without delay to the district secretaries. FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec., K.C.A.C.R.*

Canterbury, January 12th, 1903.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The subscription of 1s. 8d. is now due, and should be forwarded before February 28th. An alteration in Rule iv. and addition to Rule vii. were announced last week.

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

The Debenham Society.—Practice night Mondays, at 8. All communications with regard to the bells of St. Mary's, Debenham, to be addressed in future to W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1903

KING EDWARD AND THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The following congratulatory letter has been sent to His Majesty by the above Society:—

"TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

"SIR,

"The members of this Society, which was established for the promotion of change-ringing by Lord Brereton, Sir Cliff Clifton, and other gentlemen of the Court of Charles the First, in the year of 1637, do hereby offer to your Majesty our deep feelings of loyalty and sincere congratulations on your restoration to health, and that it has pleased Almighty God to set you on the throne of this great Empire. College Youths (the name is derived from College Hill, in the city of London, where at St. Martin's

church the earliest members practised change-ringing) in all parts of your Majesty's Dominions, have followed with the keenest interest the great events connected with your Majesty's person and throne in this present year 1902. Of all your Majesty's subjects, we ringers venture to claim to be behind none in loyalty, reverence and affection towards your Majesty and your Gracious Consort Queen Alexandra. And we humbly beg to subscribe ourselves your Majesty's loyal and faithful subjects and servants:—

"THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS."

To this the following reply was vouchsafed:—

"Home Office, Whitehall. 31st December, 1902.

"SIR,

"I have had the honour to lay before the King the loyal and dutiful address of the members of the Ancient Society of College Youths on the occasion of His Majesty's recovery from his severe illness, and on their Majesties' Coronation.

"His Majesty was pleased to receive the same very graciously. A. AKERS DOUGLAS."

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The first meeting of the Fifth Council will be held in London on Whitsun-Tuesday, June 2nd, 1903. Nominations for the office of President, and for that of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and also any other notices of motion should be forwarded not later than Saturday, May 2nd. Reports of Committees should be sent in on or before Saturday, May 16th, so that they may be forwarded to "THE BELL NEWS" in time to appear in print before the meeting of the Council.

Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan and County Associations will, it is hoped, pardon the reminder that subscriptions to the Council's fund (2s. 6d. for each elected representative) became due on the 1st inst., and should be sent as soon as convenient. The rights of elected representatives whose quota has not been paid, are in abeyance until payment is made.

I should feel grateful if they will at the same time kindly furnish me with the names and addresses of elected representatives so as to enable me to check the Council's list of members.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*
Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, January 1903.

The Metropolis.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON, AND THE ST MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, January 10, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, ROCHESTER ROW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM H. PASMORE Treble.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD 5.
JOHN W. GOLDING 2.	JAMES E. DAVIS 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3.	THOMAS LANGDON 7.
HERRERT LANGDON 4.	EDWARD J. WEBB Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

First peal as conductor.

The Provinces.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1902, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-five 6-scores of Grandsire, 15 six-scores of Canterbury, and two 6-scores of Bob Doubles. Tenor 20 cwt.

C. CROUCHER Treble.	E. DUNSTER 4.
A. SAMSON 2.	J. CHAMPION 5.
T. HOLLANDS 3.	W. HOGGEN Tenor.

Conducted by E. DUNSTER.

This is supposed to be the first peal on the bells.

BURBAGE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 20, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt.

Being six 720s and two 360s, each called differently.

EGBERT STAMPER Treble.	J. BACKHOUSE 4.
S. BENNETT 2.	M. G. BENNETT 5.
ERNEST STAMPER 3.	WM. LONGDEN Tenor.

Conducted by M. G. BENNETT.

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

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Oxford, and a 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

GEORGE KEMP Treble.	THOMAS DAVY 4.
HARRY DAVY 2.	HARRY CATTERMOLLE 5.
FREDERICK PLEASANCE* .. 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

*First peal with a bob bell.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 21, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, and four 720s of Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES WARDLEY† Treble.	ALDERMAN LING 4.
ALFRED MOSS 2.	ROBERT SMY 5.
WILLIAM SAWYER 3.	HENRY PUTTOCK Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY PUTTOCK.

†First peal on six bells.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY.)

On Monday, December 22, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6480 CHANGES;

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

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.

This is the longest length of Minor ever rung in the county, also the greatest number of methods, and was rung by an entirely local band.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1902, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

W. G. ROSE Treble.	W. DREW 4.
H. SMITH 2.	J. W. AVISS 5.
G. BERRY 3.	W. G. F. COOPER Tenor.

Conducted by W. DREW.

First peal on the bells since 1889.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 24, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. Treble.	JAMES MOTTS 6.
EDWARD SHERWOOD 2.	WILLIAM TILLET 7.
FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. 3.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 8.
EGBERT BORRETT 4.	EDGAR PEMBERTON 9.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 5.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN Tenor.

Composed by J. P. BRADLEY, and Conducted by J. MOTTS.

Rung with the bells muffled for the late Archbishop of Canterbury.

MARDEN, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1902, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

Tenor 16 cwt.

E. LAMBERT Treble.	*H. BROWN 4.
E. C. LAMBERT 2.	†G. HADAWAY 5.
F. SHARP* 3.	C. H. SONE Tenor.

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

TUNSTALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, College Single, and three 720s of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

HENRY PUTTOCK Treble.	JAMES STARLING 4.
ALDERMAN LING 2.	ROBERT SMY 5.
GEORGE SAVAGE 3.	WILLIAM SAWYER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SAWYER.

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WRANGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 27, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

E. SELLERS Treble.	H. BISHOP, SEN. 4.
H. BISHOP, JUN. 2.	E. CLAYTON 5.
W. BARKER 3.	A. O. BARBER Tenor.

Conducted by A. O. BARBER.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN COUNTIES' BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 29, 1902, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Minor, and three 720s of Double Oxford Bob Minor.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. Treble.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. 4.
JOSEPH W. FLOWERS .. 2.	GEORGE TOMLINSON .. 5.
GEORGE LADD 3.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

BRAMFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Monday, December 29, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 6-scores each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles, and April Day; and twelve 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles.

WILLIAM BLOOMFIELD .. Treble.	EDWARD CHATTERS 3.
FREDERICK LAMBERT .. 2.	JOSEPH WALKER 4.
JOHN PUNCHARD Tenor.	

Conducted by F. LAMBERT.

CHESTER.

On Tuesday, December 30, 1902, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

THOMAS CHAMBERLAIN .. Treble.	WILLIAM MOULTON 5.
VICTOR CAIN 2.	WILLIAM SCONCE 6.
ROBERT SPERRING 3.	JOHN TOMLINSON 7.
JOHN SCONCE 4.	HENRY DEW Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY DEW.

BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 30, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and one each of College Single, Oxford Bob, and Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE CASE* Treble.	WILFRED OVERTON 4.
JOHN E. OVERTON 2.	HORACE W. OVERTON .. 5.
WILLIAM SHORT 3.	JOHN OVERTON Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

*First peal. First peal of Minor by all the band except the conductor. First peal on the bells.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Tuesday, December 30, 1902, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

JOSEPH FAUKNER Treble.	ALFRED ROWLEY 5.
WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT .. 2.	HORACE SMITH 6.
ALBERT PRESTIDGE* .. 3.	*CHARLES SMITH 7.
FREDERICK BROADRIBB† .. 4.	HARRY PRICE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by WILLIAM MICKLEWRIGHT.

*First peal in the method. †First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the anniversary of the death of Mrs. Blanche Skidmore.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1902, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure, and College Single, and two 720s each of Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt.

SIDNEY WHALEY Treble.	FREDERICK TUNNADINE .. 4.
CHARLES NICHOLSON .. 2.	SAMUEL NICHOLSON .. 5.
ARTHUR MACHEARS .. 3.	JOHN HOYES Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN HOYES.

First peal on the bells and by all the band.

FREISTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 31, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 15½ cwt.

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

Conducted by JOHN SHARP.

First peal of Minor on the bells since the tenor was recast and a new treble added in honour of the Coronation. *First peal of Minor as conductor.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1903, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK BONNER .. Treble.	JOSIAH NICHOLLS .. 5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 2.	WILLIAM WEBB .. 6.
SIDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 7.
WALTER FINEDON .. 4.	LESLIE WEBSTER .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Reference elsewhere.

HARLOW, ESSEX.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 21 cwt.

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	*JAMES SAXBY 5.
WILLIAM WARD 2.	ISAAC CAVILL 6.
GEORGE PAICE 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
WALTER HOBBS 4.	HERBERT BAKER .. Tenor.

Composed by F. DENCH, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

*First peal in the method.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1903, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WALTER R. HUGHES .. Treble.	ROBERT PICKERING .. 6.
FREDERICK J. STEELE .. 2.	HERBERT KNIGHT .. 7.
FRANK HALLSWORTH, SEN. 3.	H. HENRY SOMERVILLE .. 8.
THOMAS J. ELTON .. 4.	JOHN C. ADAMS .. 9.
WILLIAM FISHER .. 5.	FRANK HALLSWORTH, JUN. Tenor.

Composed by H. TUCKER, of Bristol, and
Conducted by ROBERT PICKERING.

Rung on the occasion of the birthday of Mr. J. Jaggard, the band wishing him many happy returns.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 4, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. College Single, and three 720s of Plain Bob called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES WARDLEY .. Treble.	JAMES STARLING .. 4.
GEORGE JAY 2.	ROBERT SMY .. 5.
ALDERMAN LING .. 3.	WILLIAM SAWYER .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SAWYER.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD,
AND THE ST. THOMAS'S GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Tuesday, January 6, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

ERNEST BROWN .. Treble.	JAMES SMALL .. 5.
ALFRED ROWLEY .. 2.	EDWARD JONES .. 6.
WILLIAM HINTON* .. 3.	WILLIAM FISHER .. 7.
WILLIAM BAYLISS* .. 4.	THOMAS HORTON .. Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

*First peal.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 7, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

RONALD CHAPMAN .. Treble.	FRANK HOPGOOD .. 5.
EDWARD OSBORNE* .. 2.	*FREDERICK HAINES .. 6.
E. O. DENHAM† .. 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN .. 7.
HARRY GOODGER .. 4.	*MAURICE WAITE .. Tenor.

Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. This peal was rung to commemorate the birthday of the conductor's second daughter.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 8, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-five 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 14 cwt.

JOSEPH DAVISON* .. Treble.	MAURICE SMITH .. 4.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 2.	†JOHN MAXEY .. 5.
WALTER FINEDON .. 3.	JOHN W. BARKER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

*First peal. †First peal with a bob bell. The ringers of 1 and 5 were 1 acted members of the above affiliated societies previous to starting the peal.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 8, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. Treble.	JOHN CHEESMAN 5.
GEORGE CONYARD 2.	JOHN GARARD 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 7.
CHARLES WILKINS 4.	DAVID BARNES Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES WILKINS.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

GEORGE GATLAND Treble.	JOHN SMART 5.
EDWIN BRISTOW 2.	JAMES MATTHEWS 6.
THOMAS SEARLE 3.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7.
GEORGE SMART 4.	GEORGE PHILLIPS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM NORRIS* Treble.	HARRY A. HORREX 5.
HUBERT EDEN 2.	HENRY HODGETTS 6.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 7.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT .. 4.	GEORGE N. PRICE Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

*First peal in the method.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1903, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 6-scores, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

SAMUEL BURDITT* Treble	FREDERICK KILBORN 4.
FREDERICK KILBORN 2.	CHARLES ESSON 5.
WILLIAM DEACON Tenor.	

Conducted by SAMUEL BURDITT.

*First peal as conductor.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE THURLOW Treble.	GEORGE PERRY 5.
WILLIAM GROOM 2.	GEORGE ROWE, JUN. .. 6.
EDGAR HICKS 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN .. 7.
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 4.	ALFRED S WIGHTMAN .. Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and
Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Perry, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns. This composition, which is now rung for the first time, has only one call in a course, and the 2nd is never in 5-6 at a course-end.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1903, in Three Hours,
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.

JAMES BAXTER Treble.	THOMAS METCALFE 5.
THOMAS CLARK 2.	GEORGE J. LUNGLEY .. 6.
WILLIAM PATTON 3.	WILLIAM H. PORTER .. 7.
WILLIAM WALAND 4.	ERNEST C. HUNT* Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST C. HUNT.

*First peal as conductor. This peal was taken from the *Clavis*, and was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and Mrs. Jas. Baxter, wife of the ringer of the treble. Messrs. Waland and Metcalfe hail from Middlesborough.

EMBERTON, BUCKS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-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, Oxford Bob, College Single, and Plain Bob.

THOMAS WRIGHT Treble.	FRED HOPPER 4.
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. 2.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 5.
JOHN LOVELL* 3.	WILLIAM FREEMAN Tenor.

Conducted by W. FREEMAN.

*First peal in seven methods. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Fred Hopper.

LYMINGTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1903, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT BEST* Treble.	STEPHEN BEST 5.
WALTER KERLEY 2.	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH .. 6.
EDWARD V. HINTON .. 3.	GEORGE PRESTON 7.
TOM F. BEST 4.	HARRY BAGSHOT Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

*First peal. This peal was arranged specially for Mr. E. Hesketh, of the local band, but he was unfortunately (through a sprain) prevented from taking part in it.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE
ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY, NORWICH.

On Saturday, January 10, 1903, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT G. WARNES .. Treble.	*THOMAS TOOLEY 5.
FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. 2.	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 6.
PERCY ARTIS 3.	†GEORGE MAYERS 7.
GEORGE HOWCHIN 4.	SAMUEL SMITH Tenor.

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

*First peal of Major. †First peal. Further reference will be found elsewhere.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING .. Treble.	JOHN PERRY 5.
JOHN C. ADAMS 2.	*WILLIAM FISHER 6.
FREDERICK J. STEELE .. 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT 7.
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS .. 4.	THOMAS PERRY Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

*First peal of Stedman. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of G. H. Steele's coming of age.

SKIPTON, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALBERT HUNTER* Treble.	ERNEST HENRY HARGREAVES 5.
WALTER BAILEY 2.	HENRY HORNER 6.
EDWARD B. METCALFE .. 3.	WILLIAM BILLOWS 7.
FRED METCALFE 4.	WILLIAM D. HILLARY .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM BILLOWS.

*First peal. Rung as a farewell to E. H. Hargreaves, who is leaving the town.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

HARRY PRICE Treble.	HENRY CORBETT 5.
ALFRED H. WINCH† .. 2.	*FREDERICK HOLDEN .. 6.
ARTHUR C. OTWAY 3.	ARTHUR DEAN 7.
JOHN HOYLE 4.	WILLIAM CROPLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN.

This is the quickest peal on the bells. †First peal with a bob bell. *First peal as conductor.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

JAMES OSWICH* Treble.	HARRY RICHELL 5.
WILLIAM ROWLAND .. 2.	ALFRED WHIGHT 6.
WILLIAM NEWMAN 3.	HARRY HEAD 7.
ALEXANDER H. WATSON.. 4.	HENRY ROLFE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROWLAND.

*First peal. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, AND
THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.

On Monday, January 12, 1902, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

H. SIMMONDS Treble.	E. W. MENDAY 5.
E. J. MENDAY 2.	G. ESSEX 6.
R. T. HIBBERT 3.	H. W. SMITH 7.
J. HANDS 4.	T. NEWMAN Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

The peal of Superlative rang at Caversham on December 30th last was also a College Youths' peal.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 12, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR;
5040 CHANGES.

WILLIAM J. TITCHENER .. Treble.	THOMAS METCALFE 5.
JOHN HALL 2.	CHARLES HALL 6.
JOHN H. JONES 3.	JOHN H. BLAKISTON .. 7.
ERNEST C. HUNT 4.	ALEXANDER MCFARLANE .. Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

This was Mr. Hunt's 50th peal, who hails from Darlington.

FULMER, BUCKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720s. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN WALDEN Treble.	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 4.
FREDERICK CLARKE 2.	ALFRED JORDAN 5.
WILLIAM HENLEY 3.	WILLIAM CLARKE Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE.

First peal of Minor on the bells, and by all the band.

Handbell Peals.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 8, 1903, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES.

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2.	ERNEST PYE 5-6.
WILLIAM PYE 3-4.	*STAFF-SERGT. PYE .. 7-8.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire, H. F. Dawkins. *First peal in the method on handbells. It is also the first peal in the method rung by four brothers.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The number of changes in the peal of Bob Major at St. Edmund's, Northampton, was 5040.

"VISITORS ARE WELCOME."

So reads the footnote giving the particulars of the condition of the bells at Diss, Norfolk, in "Our Church Bells, their condition and surroundings," in "THE BELL NEWS" for November 1st last, and such were the recent expressions of two ringers from Clare, Suffolk, who were staying in the neighbourhood. On Christmas morning, for the early celebration, touches of Treble Bob and Bob Major were rung, and for the morning service a touch of Double Norwich, and arrangements made for a peal of Treble Bob on Boxing-Day, which unfortunately came to grief after two attempts, time not allowing for a third.

On the following Sunday the picturesque village of Thornham Magna was visited, and a 360 of Bob Minor rung after morning service. A short drive and the tower of Wickham Skeith was reached, and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob rung for Divine Service in the afternoon. Another short drive and the massive brick tower of Gislegham, containing a splendid peal of six, tenor about 19 cwt., with a rather bad-going character, appeared to view, but we found that a liberal supply of oil modified that to a great extent, and a very good 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung for evening service. Having lowered the bells in peal a very pleasant outing was brought to a close with the thought that "welcome" was the order of the day wherever we went.

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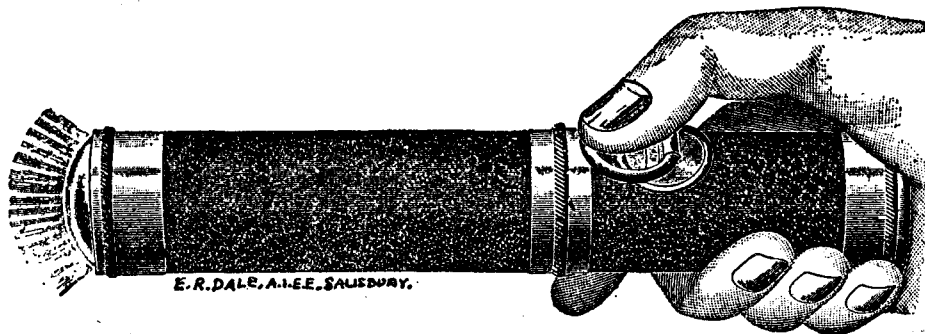
The ten bells awarded to the St. Marie's Company, Norfolk Row, Sheffield, duly arrived as a Christmas present. According to usual custom the company were meeting on boxing morning to have a touch on the tower bells, when the Secretary had the pleasure of producing the new arrivals. A course of Grandsire Caters formed the opening course, and after a short touch on the tower bells an adjournment was made to the Presbytery to partake of the Dean's hospitality. This was followed by touches of Triples and Caters on the new bells, the tone of which were much admired by all. They are in the key of B flat, and made by Messrs. Shaw, Son, and Co., Bradford, and it is hoped that a peal on them may be accomplished at no far distant date. Wishing "THE BELL NEWS" every success, and good fortune to less successful competitors,

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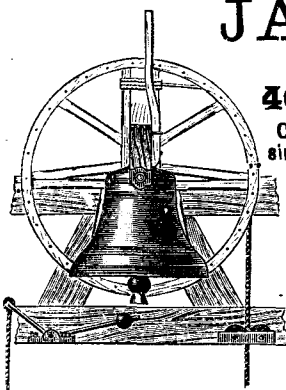
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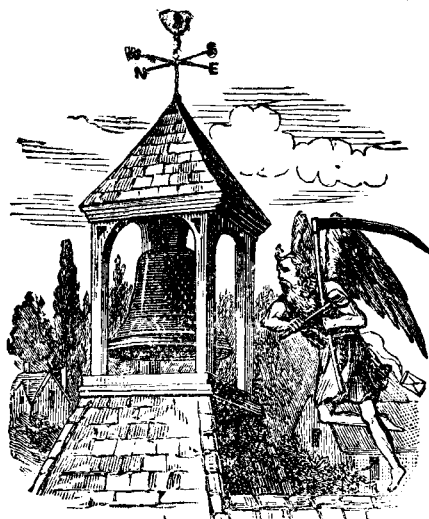
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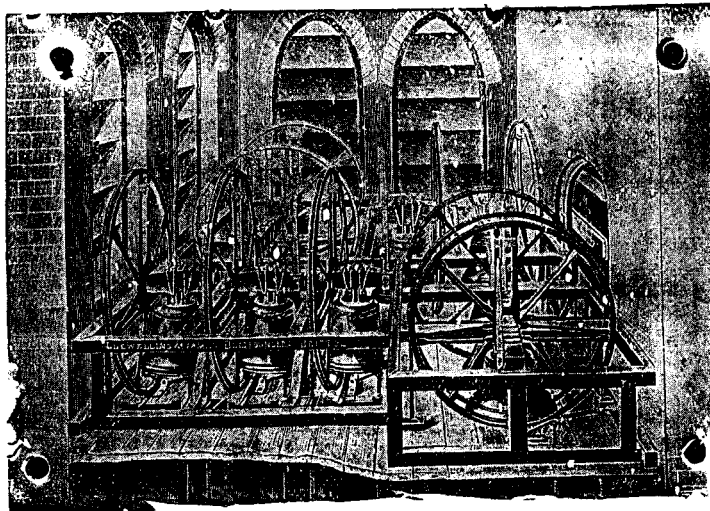
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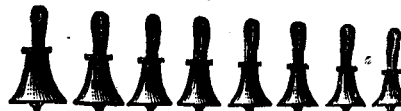
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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).

EAST GRINSTEAD (Sussex). St. Swithun. Sussex County Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1813, except the 4th by Warner, 1866. Tenor 25 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells have been recently rehung by Goslin. A chiming apparatus is fitted. Ropes fair. Method: Grandsire. No regular Sunday ringing. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

GUILDFORD (Surrey). Holy Trinity. Winchester Diocesan Guild. Eight bells, some by Lester, some by Pack. Tenor 25 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Gillett, 1899. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, and Double Norwich. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 8.15. Visitors are always welcome.

St. Nicholas. Winchester Diocesan Guild. Ten bells. Treble and 2nd by Mears, 1894; the rest by Taylor; date not given. Tenor 23 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Trebles hung and repairs by Blackburn, 1894. Ropes new 1895, bad. Methods: "Standard Methods" and Double Norwich. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 8.15. A short service is always held for the ringers previous to Sunday ringing.

GUISELEY (Yorks). St. Oswald. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1847. Tenor 10 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were thoroughly overhauled by Shaw, 1886. Ropes new 1898, good. Methods: Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.30, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Friday, 8.

HACKINGTON (Kent). St. Stephen. Kent County Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Mears, 1844; 5th by the same, 1902; the rest by Gatlin, 1746.

Tenor 11 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells go very well. The ring were rehung by Mears in new frame, 1902. Ropes new 1902, good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 2nd and 4th in month, 2 to 3. Practice: Thursday, 8; irregular.

HADDENHAM (Bucks). St. Mary. Oxford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. All by Briant, 1809. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. No information as to recent repairs. Ropes new 1894, fair. No half-pull nor regular Sunday ringing, nor practice.

THE BELLS OF WIMBORNE MINSTER AND BOURNEMOUTH CEMETERY.

Complaints of the peal lately scored at Wimborne Minster have appeared in the local papers, objection being made to strangers being allowed to ring, and hopes expressed that "the bells will not be allowed to ring for a long time." At the same time, the town council of Bournemouth have decided not to have the cemetery bell rung at funerals. There was an "amusing" debate, at which several councillors asked why bells should ever be rung at all; others spoke of them as relics of heathenism and superstition. This has brought forth the following letter, which has appeared in several of the local papers:—

"SIR,—As secretary for East Dorset, of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of ringers, I have been asked to write a few lines with regard to certain remarks on the above which have appeared.

"It is suggested, apparently, that the privilege of ringing the Minster bells should not be allowed to any but the inhabitants of Wimborne. I am quite sure, however, that the authorities are not likely to desire to make themselves conspicuous above all others similarly situated by so un-neighbourly and churlish an action. So far, moreover, from neighbours having no interest in Wimborne, I can testify that many outside the town seem to have much more interest in the bells than some of the inhabitants. And with regard to the unique feat which was scored on December 26th last, it has aroused great interest and enthusiasm, not only in the neighbourhood, but also all over the country; both on account of the interest in the bells themselves, and of the difficulty of ringing them.

"Of the beauty of the sounds of bells well rung, and of the sentimental associations attached thereto, I need say nothing. They are known and appreciated wherever the English language is spoken; fortunately those who (like Scrooge) would put a stop to the practice of art are few. At the same time there are circumstances which make the sound of bells tedious and annoying, especially to those who are in the immediate neighbourhood. No one can be more anxious that such annoyance should be avoided than vergers. Usually the trouble is called by the old-fashioned way of hanging the bells above the

window sills. The sound is thus driven downwards with piercing iteration on the heads of those close by, and hardly heard at a distance. Moreover, as those bells on the side nearest the listener will sound with undue prominence, an annoying musical defect will result. The bells should be hung so that the highest point that the lip of any bell reaches, is below the window sills. The perfect blending of the tones, on which the beauty of bell music depends, will result; and the sound will be thrown upwards, and may be so managed as hardly to be heard near by, while carrying well at a great distance. In some cases the windows have been bricked up (out of sight), with excellent results; but the advantage of lowering the bells is that they would be supported by the strongest part of the tower, and girders, between which they would be placed, would afford the best possible support to the tower fabric. This is especially the case at Wimborne; where, moreover, the antiquated and lumbering machinery of the bells must involve a very unnecessary strain on the fabric. The bells there, too, have been tinkered in days long past, and their fittings repaired by the ringers and others in a way which would not be allowed now. All this is a source of annoyance to the listener, and of danger to the bells and fabric; and both bells and tower are so interesting and valuable, that I am sure the people of Wimborne will not be backward in finding the small amount required to put them in order. No one grudges money on an organ, why should they on bells, which are as valuable and complicated instruments of music, and are capable of providing pleasure to many more hearers?

"Another, and very great cause of annoyance, is that bells are so often out of tune. Up to five or six years ago there was some excuse for this, as it was believed impossible to tune bells exactly. But owing to the acoustical researches of the late Canon Simpson, of Frittlewell, it is now possible for bells to be tuned at least as exactly as any other musical instrument; and we ought no more to listen to bells in such tune as would pass three or four centuries ago, than we would to the ill-tuned harpsichord or "payre of organs" of a similar date. For myself, I wish no bell were allowed to be sounded unless it had been exactly tuned, whether in church steeple, electric car or milkman's cart. The new ring of bells at Lynton is an example of modern tuning.

A ringer, too, feels as acutely as anyone the annoyance of a single bell. One bell should never be rung more than two or three minutes at a time; three times for two minutes during half an hour would be sufficient for any church which has only a single bell. While a cemetery bell should follow the widely spread custom of beginning as soon as the hearse comes in sight; this satisfies all parties. It is strange that none of the Bournemouth Town Council knew why a church bell is rung, when the Book of Common Prayer says it is "To be tolled . . . a convenient time . . . that the people may come . . . to pray." From the quotations it would appear that some of them thought the actual sound was once used to put out fires and drive away devils!

The heathen bells (so called) are not musical as Christian bells have always been; and moreover, the hanging of bells in an octave and the melodious production of changes on them is entirely an English art of post-Reformation times.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The third quarterly meeting of the East Dorset branch was held at St. Elridge on December 27th. The special service was held in the parish church at 3.30; this was heartily sung by a full attendance of members, who listened with great interest to a beautiful address by the Rev. J. C. M. Mansell-Pleydell, in which he compared the work of the ringers to the song of the angels to the shepherds. At the meeting subsequently in the girls' schoolroom, the Chairman of the branch (Mr. Mansell-Pleydell) presided, and was supported by the Rev. C. E. Seaman (Rector of Stabridge), the Rev. M. W. Morgan (Rector of Hazelbury Bryan), and Rev. H. Drake (Secretary). Much regret was expressed at the policy indicated in a letter from the President (Lord Nelson), inasmuch as it involved the exclusion from the committee of the Master of the Guild and other non-resident members whose help had been valuable in the past. It was decided to make arrangements by which towns might receive monthly lessons, or three or four villages joining together to take twelve lessons. The Secretary reported that that branch had been successful on the previous day in scoring a peal at Wimborne Minster. As this had never been done before, owing to special difficulties in the way, it was a record of which they might be proud. This announcement was greeted with enthusiastic applause. The meeting then adjourned for tea, which was kindly provided by the Rector. The rest of the day was spent in ringing. A mixed band rung several 6-scores of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles successfully, though the striking was lacking in finish. An adjournment was then made to Henstridge, where the perfect "go" of the bells produced better results. In the meantime the ringers from those towers who had not attained to change-ringing were instructed in the elements of the art. This was somewhat noisy, and it was a relief to outsiders when the local band brought matters to a conclusion by some well-struck call-changes, to which they were more accustomed; after which, the remarks that were passed outside were such as: "What have our own ringers got to learn, when they can produce so much better results than these others?" A more intelligent critic remarked that he could not understand how there could be anything wrong in call-changes, or how a 6-score accurately "walked," as it was by the Stalbridge men, could sound so annoying to the change-ringer; for, he said, they are obviously a great improvement on rounds. The reply was obvious: "If you heard only one bar of music repeated *ad nauseam*, no doubt you would think it an improvement, if you should hear a melody played instead, in which each bar was repeated ten or twelve times before the next was played; but had you once heard the melody played straight through this other way would probably be more maddening than the repetition of the single bar!"

At the tea-table the Rector said that change-ringing had been compared to a number of rabbits in a warren, whose holes crossed so often that they seemed like a maze. The Secretary, in reply, compared them to a pattern woven by the maypole dance, each circle of which corresponded to one change. He added that it was obviously easier when each person had learnt his path in such a dance to go straight through with it, than to stop marking time at each step, as is done in call-changes.

It should be noted that there are only six bells at Stalbridge, not eight as was stated in error in the notice of the meeting. It is said that some members stayed away on that account. This seems strange. Of course for

long touches six bells are no use, but such are out of place at a ringing meeting, and men who habitually ring on eight bells should be as pleased to ring on six as they would on ten or twelve for a change. It is true the striking is more difficult, but this ought not to deter anyone. The editorial remarks in this matter should certainly be laid to heart. If eight-bell ringers avoid six-bell towers, the latter will not be encouraged to attempt to complete their rings.

Members dispersed with a feeling of gratitude towards them who had helped to make the day successful.

The peal alluded to above was rung at Wimborne on the afternoon of Boxing-Day. Much interest had been excited in the attempt for this peal, as it was thought the condition of the bells would make it impossible to pull it off. It is many years since the bells in this ancient fane were overhauled and put into proper ringing condition, and this is the more noticeable owing to the great improvements in bell-hanging which have been introduced of late years. They are moreover so placed in the tower, as to confine the sound in an unpleasant manner to the neighbourhood of the Minster, and at the same time throw the most strain on the fabric of the building. These however are matters easily remedied, and will no doubt now be seen to.

The next day a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Ringwood. Here too the bells are about to undergo a much-needed rehanging, but the labour of pulling them is not so great, and the peal was completed without a trip or a false stroke. This was better than might have been expected, as it was the first peal in the method by the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th ringers.

ST. MARY'S, BRIDGWATER.

In the belfry of St. Mary's Church, Bridgwater, on a recent Wednesday evening, Mrs. Powell, wife of the Rev. Dr. Powell, Vicar of St. Mary's, unveiled three peal boards, which had been placed on the walls to commemorate the successes recently achieved by the St. Mary's ringers. Within the last two years the ringers, under the tuition of the Rev. W. M. K. Warren, have made wonderful progress, and their work now gives pleasure to hundreds of the inhabitants of Bridgwater. Mr. Warren has been ably assisted by Mr. A. E. Coles, the foreman of the ringers, and one and all have put their whole energies into the task. On Wednesday evening Mrs. Powell was accompanied by the Vicar and Miss Powell, while the ringers present, besides Mr. Warren, were Messrs. Oswald Major, H. Kendall, A. J. Sweet, H. Boobier, R. J. Furland, and P. Alexander. In welcoming Mrs. Powell, Mr. Warren expressed regret at the unavoidable absence of the foreman. They had, he remarked, asked Mrs. Powell to unveil these peal boards because they represented different stages in their work. The work had not always been easy, but they had all worked together, and in that connection they could do nothing unless that were the case. They owed the success they had attained to the efforts of their foreman in a great part. Not only had he attended all their meetings, but he had done a great deal by coaching individual members, and had been the heart and soul of their work from the beginning. Briefly sketching their history during the past two years, the speaker alluded to the fact that when he came to Bridgwater ringing was in a very bad state, and sometimes it was doubtful if the bells would be rung even on Sundays, as sufficient members did not put

in an appearance. They wanted something put into the work to interest them, so they decided to change the style of ringing and make it more difficult. It was some months after the new start before they could ring a plain course, but after that they advanced very rapidly. They began by ringing a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles, which was the most they could do on five bells. They soon advanced so that they could ring as many changes as were possible with six bells, viz., 720 Grandsire Minor. The next step was Grandsire Triples. Then they rung a quarter-peal, and some time afterwards a half-peal, and at last a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung. This was only one portion of the work, and they were now studying another kind of ringing. He could only add that he regretted there were not more ringers present, so that they might be stimulated to further efforts, and that they might give an example of how Church-workers could work together for the glory of God and the Church.

Mrs. Powell then unveiled the boards, which bore the names of the ringers and the dates on which they accomplished the feats of ringing the different changes.

Dr. Powell said there was one other person to whom a great deal of credit was due, and that was Mr. Warren, who had taken a very great interest in the bells from the very beginning. He was very glad to see those peal boards there, because at a church he had in London the belfry was full of them, the result of eighty years' work. If therefore the St. Mary's ringers had done so well in less than two years, what would be their success in a longer time? He congratulated the ringers on their success, and expressed the hope that as he had the pleasure of hearing the ringers ring from inside the belfry screen, so would he have the pleasure of seeing them make use of the privilege of worship in the church itself.

A vote of thanks to Mrs. Powell, proposed by Mr. Major, and the ringing of a peal touch of Grandsire Minor closed the proceedings.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Sawston, on Boxing Day, December 26th, which was well attended. Tea was provided at the Church Institute by Mr. A. Fuller. To the regret of all, the Vicar, the Rev. C. E. Crump, was unable to be present through illness, the Rev. R. L. Twells kindly presided in his absence. Upwards of thirty ringers sat down to tea, including Messrs. G. Taylor, J. Taylor, W. B. Kempton (Cambridge), J. R. Tod (Shelford), P. Webb (Ickleton), District Secretary, and others from Ickleton, Sawston, Shelford, Melbourn, Barrington, Fulbourn. The minutes of the last meeting were read, also letters of apology from members who were unable to be present, including one from the Rev. W. W. Crump, General Secretary, who was unable to be present owing to the death of his father. The Rev. R. L. Twells was elected an honorary member amid great applause. It was decided to hold the next district meeting at Over and Swaversey, on Whit-Monday. A vote of thanks was proposed to the Rev. C. E. Crump for his kind permission to ring Sawston bells, by Mr. P. Webb, who said it gave them great pleasure to come to Sawston, as the Vicar and ringers always gave them a hearty welcome. They were all sorry the Vicar was unable to be present. He was pleased to say Sawston men were making progress in the Art, they were getting on well with Bob Minor, and he hoped by next year they would be into Bob Major. Mr. J. Taylor proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, and said he understood the Chairman was trying to get a peal of bells at his own place, Hinxton Church, if he succeeded it meant more ringing in the district. The Chairman said it gave him great pleasure to be present, and now he was a member he could call them brother-ringers. Though he could not speak in ringers' language he hoped when he got his peal of bells, which he was trying to get, he could learn the Art. A vote of condolence was, on the motion of Mr. H. J. Turner, passed to the Rev. W. W. Crump, on the loss he had sustained by the death of his father. A good selection of tunes was given on handbells by Mr. F. Handscombe, some good Bob Minor, and a good touch of Grandsire Triples were rung on Sawston bells by the following: A. Dean, F. Bewtell, E. Webb, G. Taylor, J. Taylor, P. Webb, W. B. Hempton, and H. J. Turner.

RINGER'S WEDDING.

An exceedingly pretty wedding was solemnized on Thursday, January 15th, at Christ Church, Swindon, Mr. Francis S. Wilson, son of the late Mr. John Shepherd Wilson, of Southsea, being married to Miss Maude Margaret Brown, fourth daughter of the late Mr. Frederick John Brown, of Thurlow, Swindon. The service was fully choral. The bride wore a white satin dress and her tulle veil covered a wreath of natural orange blossom, and she carried a beautiful shower bouquet of white lilac, lilies of the valley and orange blossom; she was attended by five bridesmaids. The best man was a brother ringer, Mr. Charles A. Hammond, of Menheniot. Among a large number of presents received, were the following from brother ringers: Mr. Charles A. Hammond, case of table knives, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (Devizes), silver egg server, Mr. S. Hillier (Devizes), brass tray, Mr. A. Laurence (Swindon), cheese dish and cover, and a very handsome silver tea pot from six ringers of Swindon Parish Church, together with the following address:

"To Miss Brown and Mr. Wilson. We the undersigned members of the Parish Church Guild of bellringers, having the pleasure of your acquaintance, we thought we could not let the occasion of your marriage pass without making some suitable gift as a token of our respect and esteem; and we therefore ask your acceptance of a small present, with our best wishes for every happiness in the future. E. Bishop (captain), J. H. Shepherd, O. W. Lang, T. Ricketts, C. J. Gardiner, T. Robinson, T. Laurence, S. Palmer, O. Norman, J. Thomas, W. Barnett, J. W. Wells, R. W. Hyner, A. Laurence, deputy Captain." The presentation was made on the eve of the wedding at the home of the bride by Mr. A. Laurence and Mr. T. Ricketts. After reading the address, Mr. Laurence handed the handsome gift to Miss Brown. A letter of sincere thanks for the great kindness of the ringers, was written, and given to the deputy-captain. It was in the tower of Christ Church, Swindon, that Mr. Wilson was taught by Mr. A. Laurence to pull a bell, and the tower in which he scored his first peal. After the wedding the happy couple left for London, the bells were ringing beautiful, the ringers having started for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately came to grief after two hours' good ringing. The ringers afterwards adjourned to the residence of the conductor and there drank the bride and bridegroom's good health with a drop of good old Scotch, and then decided to go for the peal again, which they hope to score before this report appears in print.

A. L.

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."

WHAT ABOUT THIS?

SIR,—I have been expecting to see some comment on a peal or performance rung at Clifton, Beds., on December 26th. The bells are a waistcoat-pocket peal of 11 cwt., but the time was—3 hrs. 30 mins.!" "first peal by all in the method of Bob Triples except the conductor C. R. Lilley." Methinks some explanation is necessary, seeing that the same band went straightway and rang a Major peal in 3 hrs. 2 mins., on a ring half as heavy again!

CYNICUS.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

SIR,—Can any member of this Society give me any information as to the whereabouts of the old society's books, and lists of members?

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Date Touches.

THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.

NORTON-IN-THE-MOORS (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, December 14th, for Divine Service in the evening, a date touch, 1902 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins., being 720 each of Oxford and Woodbine, and 462 of Kent. J. T. Taylor, B. Pegg, W. A. Tabbernor, E. E. Johnson, J. E. Wheeldon conductor, A. E. Ryles. This is the first date touch by the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd ringers.

LEATHERHEAD.—On Sunday, January 18th, for evening service, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, 1903 changes, in 1 hr. 3 mins. H. Marks, A. Winch, T. Newnham, A. Otway, F. Holden, E. Hall, A. Dean conductor, W. Copley.

Miscellaneous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SPRINGFIELD (Essex).—On Sunday, November 2nd, 720 Bob Minor

in 25 mins. M. Windley, E. Dawson, G. Waterman, W. Shapington, D. Dawson, H. Sharpington conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Sunday, November 2nd, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Goodenough, C. Moulden, N. Cox, F. Webb, C. Cox, J. Swain, A. Osborne conductor, J. Maskell. On Saturday, December 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 55 mins. F. Webb, F. Watmore, C. Cox, J. Maskell, W. P. Routh, Esq., J. Swain, A. Osborne conductor, H. Pickering. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Archbishop of Canterbury, whose funeral took place on that day.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM (Kent).—On Sunday afternoon, November 23rd, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 43 mins., was rung on the occasion of the church parade of the 2nd volunteer battalion (Queen's Own) Royal West Kent Regiment. G. King, H. Barrett, J. G. Deal, J. Taylor, G. H. Daynes, C. H. Walker, H. Warnett conductor, T. Clews. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, taken from Holt's Original, in 40 mins. W. Keaves, H. Warnett, T. G. Deal, T. Taylor, H. Barrett, C. H. Walker, G. H. Daynes conductor, J. Last.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TIBSHLEF (Derbyshire).—On Tuesday, November 18th, in 25 mins., at St. John's church, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. Jos. Draycott, F. Jackson, W. Ward, Hy. Draycott, C. Lowe (first as conductor), J. A. Scott. First 720 in the method by each and first on the bells by local ringers.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HORSHAM (Sussex).—On Tuesday, November 18th, for practice, 504 each of Grandsire, Oxford Bob, and Court Bob Triples. J. Garman, J. Brown, H. Burstow, H. Mance, C. Waller, G. Woodman, W. Short conductor, H. Paice. On Tuesday, November 25th, for practice, 504 Union Triples. J. Garman, G. Woodman, G. F. Williams (first touch in the method), H. Mance, J. Brown, E. Waller, W. Short conductor, R. Quick. On Sunday, November 30th, for morning service, 260 Oxford Bob Minor. J. Garman, H. Burstow composer, H. Paice, J. Brown, C. Waller, G. F. Williams conductor, H. Mance. For evening service 616 Grandsire Triples. J. Garman, J. Brown, H. Burstow, H. Paice, G. F. Williams conductor, G. Woodman, C. Waller, H. Mance.

RYE (Sussex).—On Sunday, November 9th, 1036 of Oxford Bob Triples. L. T. H. Sears, G. Billenness, F. A. Pincett, W. Billenness conductor, C. Price, E. S. Read, T. A. Pincett, W. Tomsett. Longest touch in the method by all the band. On Sunday, November 23rd, for morning service, 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. L. T. H. Sears, W. Billenness conductor, G. Billenness, F. A. Pincett, E. S. Read, T. A. Pincett, W. Tomsett. For afternoon service, 720 in the same method, standing as above. First 720 in the method by all the band except the conductor. For evening service, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor. L. T. H. Sears, G. Billenness, E. S. Reed, F. A. Pincett, T. A. Pincett, W. Billenness conductor, W. Tomsett. First 720 in the method by all the band. On Sunday, November 30th, 1902, for morning service, 112 and 160 of Grandsire Major. E. Curd, L. T. H. Sears, F. A. Vincett, G. Billenness, C. Price, E. S. Read, T. A. Vincett, W. Billenness conductor. For evening service, 630 of Oxford Bob Triples. L. T. H. Sears, G. Billenness, F. A. Vincett, T. A. Vincett, C. Price, E. S. Read, W. Billenness conductor, W. Tomsett.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Saturday, January 17th, at St. Matthew's church, Bethnal Green, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins. W. Truss, J. Scholes, A. Hughes, E. Wallage conductor, J. Bonney, M. A. Wood, D. F. Gibbons, G. Dorrington jun.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP.

SHREWSBURY.—On Friday, November 14th, for practice at St. Alkmund's church, 400 Grandsire Triples. G. Lunn, E. Byolin, W. H. Owen, T. Burd, G. Byolin, F. W. Taylor, H. G. Fruin conductor, G. J. Taylor. Also 333 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Owen, E. Byolin, G. J. Taylor, T. Burd, H. G. Fruin, F. W. Taylor, G. Byolin conductor, H. Jones. On Sunday, November 9th, for evening service, 630 Grandsire Triples. G. Lunn, E. Byolin, F. W. Taylor, T. Burd, G. J. Taylor, H. G. Fruin, G. Byolin conductor, J. J. Wynn. On Sunday, November 16th, for evening service at St. Chad's church, after meeting short for a quarter-peal, 350 Grandsire Triples on the back eight. J. T. Wall, H. Jones, G. Byolin, W. H. Owen, F. W.

Taylor, G. J. Taylor, H. G. Fruin conductor, J. J. Wynn. Tenor 43 cwt. in C. On Friday, November 28th, for practice at St. Alkmund's church, 350 Grandsire Triples. W. H. Owen, E. Byolin, G. J. Taylor, T. Burd, W. R. Stockdale, A. Fullick, F. W. Taylor conductor, H. Jones. Also 276 Stedman Triples. G. J. Taylor, E. Byolin, W. H. Owen, F. W. Taylor, W. R. Stockdale, A. Fullick, G. Byolin conductor, H. Jones. On Sunday, November 30th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Lunn, E. Byolin, W. H. Owen, G. J. Taylor, W. R. Stockdale, F. W. Taylor, G. Byolin conductor, H. Jones.

ALLESLEY (Warwickshire).—On Saturday, November 8th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. H. A. Harris, W. H. Rees, S. Hope, W. Maund, J. H. White conductor. Also 360 in the same method standing as before. Tenor 12 cwt.

ASHLEWORTH (Gloucestershire).—On November 23rd, 720 Grandsire Doubles. B. Etheridge, J. M. Turner, S. Roberts, F. Roberts, F. Belcher, T. Taylor. Also 480 Grandsire Doubles. B. Etheridge, J. M. Turner, S. Roberts, F. Roberts, A. Dance, T. Taylor. All conducted by B. Etheridge.

BOREHAM (Essex).—On Thursday, November 13th, for practice, 720 New London Pleasure. J. Richell, A. Edwards conductor, J. Young, A. Joslin, W. Allen, L. W. Crow.

BRIDGNORTH (Salop).—On Monday, November 10th, at St. Mary Magdalene, two 6-scores of Stedman Doubles. W. Hall, W. Hayward, G. Case, W. Rudd, W. Short conductor, L. Gough. On Wednesday, November 12th, 360 Grandsire Minor. L. Gough, W. Hayward, G. Jones, G. Case, J. E. Hall, W. Short conductor. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Hall, W. Hayward, G. Jones, G. Case, W. Rudd, W. Short conductor. Also 240 Grandsire Doubles. W. Hall, W. Hayward, G. Case conductor, G. Jones, W. Rudd, L. Gough. And on Tuesday, November 11th, on handbells, 720 of Grandsire Minor, standing the same as in the other 720.

FARNHAM (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, November 16th, for Divine Service at St. Andrew's church, there was rung a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the following. H. Garfath jun., A. E. Smith, J. H. Judd, W. H. Judd, H. Garfath senr. conductor, A. J. Le Clercq, E. Clapshaw, T. Upshall.

HASFELD (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, November 23rd, 360 Grandsire Doubles. B. Etheridge, J. M. Turner, S. Roberts, F. Roberts, F. Belcher, G. Finch. Also 240 Grandsire Doubles. T. Taylor, B. Etheridge, S. Roberts, F. Belcher, J. M. Turner, G. Finch. Also 360. S. Roberts, F. Belcher, J. M. Turner, F. Roberts, B. Etheridge, T. Taylor. All conducted by B. Etheridge.

HAWLEY (Hants).—On Thursday, November 6th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Hoare, W. Boyles, W. Ives, G. Hawkins conductor, J. Moth, M. Steer, B. Hawkins, T. G. Horner.

ILKESTON (Derbyshire).—Recently at St. Mary's church for Divine Service, 700 Grandsire Triples. E. Poxon, G. Needham, J. Hufton, S. Burgoyne, W. J. Sevier conductor, H. Harrison, H. Fletcher, A. Baker. Also 518 Grandsire Triples. E. Poxon, G. Needham, J. Hufton, S. Burgoyne, J. Illiff, H. Harrison, W. J. Sevier conductor, H. Fletcher. The above band also took part in the re-opening of the new bells at Heanor on Monday, December 8th.

LINSLADE (Bucks.).—On Tuesday, November 25th, at St. Barnabas church, a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. E. Field, A. Cheshire, W. Jeffs, F. Vickers conductor, C. White, W. Neale. Also 720 in the same method. W. Jeffs, G. Wright, A. Cheshire, F. Vickers conductor, C. White, W. Neale. And 360. E. Field, G. Wright, F. Vickers conductor, T. Willis, C. White, W. Jeffs. Rung as a welcome to the Lord Bishop of Oxford. On Thursday, November 27th, for Confirmation, a 6-score. E. Field, A. Cheshire, W. Jeffs, A. Vickers, F. Vickers conductor, F. Field. Also three 6-scores. E. Field, A. Cheshire, F. Vickers, A. Vickers T. Willis conductor, F. Field. After the service the Bishop came up into the belfry and thanked the ringers for the welcome peal that they rung on Tuesday evening on his first visit to the parish.

PENZANCE (Cornwall).—On Sunday, November 16th, for evening service at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins., taken from Holt's Original. J. Tregoning, J. Hodder, Dr. J. Symons, A. W. Brighton conductor, P. Hitchins, T. Hicks, H. Williams, F. Kessell.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 1903

This week is published a letter from a correspondent signing himself "Cynicus" (we wish he had put his actual name) upon a subject which demands inquiry. The writer fully understands what he is talking about; and the question he puts to those who are immediately concerned will require a satisfactory answer. The great disparity in the time occupied in ringing these two peals has been pointed out to us privately by more than one person, but these correspondents seem to be fearful of taking upon themselves the responsibility of publishing their views; they could only speak with bated breath, as it were, though such extraordinary assertions as they made, if correct, should have been ventilated at once. Now, our present correspondent has opened the matter in one particular. Those who are anxious to discuss this

question, or make any statement which may be connected with the parties concerned, it is hoped they will do so without any fear. Our information from more quarters than one goes to show that peals under the same auspices are not always to be depended on. This is putting it mildly.

Every change-ringer should consider it his bounden duty, in cases where there is the slightest doubt of the truth of a peal, to express such doubt openly and without a moment's delay to those recognised authorities who will take steps to prevent a false performance being recorded. Mr. LILLEY and his friends may give some explanation about these peals; until he or others concerned does this, we must believe one of them at least to be worthless.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The first meeting of the Fifth Council will be held in London on Whitsun-Tuesday, June 2nd, 1903. Nominations for the office of President, and for that of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and also any other notices of motion should be forwarded not later than Saturday, May 2nd. Reports of Committees should be sent in on or before Saturday, May 16th, so that they may be forwarded to "THE BELL NEWS" in time to appear in print before the meeting of the Council.

Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan and County Associations will, it is hoped, pardon the reminder that subscriptions to the Council's fund (2s. 6d. for each elected representative) became due on the 1st inst., and should be sent as soon as convenient. The rights of elected representatives whose quota has not been paid, are in abeyance until payment is made.

I should feel grateful if they will at the same time kindly furnish me with the names and addresses of elected representatives so as to enable me to check the Council's list of members.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*
Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, January 1903.

The Metropolis.

EDMONTON.—THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

SIDNEY T. DARLINGTON .. Treble.	GEORGE PAICE 5.
PERCY J. DARLINGTON .. 2.	JAMES SAXBY 6.
HENRY S. REEVES 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
ALFRED W. DARLINGTON.. 4.	*WILLIAM WARD.. .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM WARD.

*First peal in the method as conductor. This peal was rung in honour of the Lord Bishop of London consecrating the new church of St. Michael, Edmonton.

The Provinces.

DERBY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

G. WARD Treble.	W. WALLACE 5.
C. HART 2.	E. WILLIS 6.
J. W. THOMPSON 3.	J. PAGETT 7.
S. MASKREY 4.	G. WHEELDON Tenor.

Composed by E. B. JAMES, and Conducted by WALTER WALLACE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Archbishop of Canterbury.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

W. MARKHAM Treble.	H. BURCH 4.
F. CRAPNELL 2.	H. W. CUTTING 5.
W. KING 3.	C. KING Tenor.

Conducted by C. KING.

The bells were rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. C. F. M. Barlow.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

JOHN J. MAWBY Treble.	JAMES HOUGHTON, SEN. .. 5.
CLIFTON NEWMAN 2.	WILLIAM PETTITT 6.
WALTER PERKINS 3.	JAMES GARRATT 7.
WILLIAM V. NEWMAN .. 4.	ANDERSON Y. TYLER .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

First peal in the method by all, also on the bells by the Association, and in the county. The above are all members of the Irthlingborough belfry. This is James Garratt's 100th peal.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 13, 1903, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

THOMAS PIGOTT* Treble.	*ALBERT J. HUGHES.. .. 7.
JOHN JAGGAR* 2.	*ALBERT WALKER 8.
THOMAS MILLER 3.	*ALF. PADDOON SMITH.. .. 9.
CHARLES DICKENS* 4.	*JOSEPH PIGOTT 10.
WILLIAM H. BARRER 5.	*JAMES E. GROVES 11.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 6.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

*First peal of Maximus. This is the first peal of Maximus ever rung in the method, and was rung at the first attempt without any previous practice. The composition has the 4th 5th and 6th only in 6ths place.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 13, 1902, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT WOOD* Treble.	PERCY E. BEX 5.
HENRY AUDSLEY† 2.	EDWARD AUDSLEY 6.
GEORGE CONYARD 3.	EDWIN BARNETT 7.
JOHN SAXBY 4.	*WILLIAM SAUNDERS .. Tenor.

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

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

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

WALTER PERKINS Treble.	THOMAS R. HENSHER .. 5.
JOHN J. MAWBY.. .. . 2.	*HARRY STUBBS 6.
JAMES GARRATT.. .. . 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
WILLIAM PETTITT 4.	WILLIAM J. GILBERT .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal in the method away from the tenor.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(WARNHAM BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S No. II. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT CHARMAN* Treble.	WALTER CHARMAN 5.
GEORGE WOODMAN 2.	WILLIAM STANFORD 6.
THOMAS ANDREWS 3.	JOHN COOK 7.
ALBERT DAVEY 4.	ALFRED CHARMAN Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER CHARMAN.

*First peal.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble.	*HARRY F. DAWKINS 5.
BENJAMIN COUSINS† 2.	WESLEY WATSON 6.
WILLIAM PYE 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
HARRY W. CATTERWELL 4.	†WILLIAM G. WINGRAVE Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY F. DAWKINS.

†First peal. *First peal as conductor.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 13, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs.

CHARLES MEE Treble.	GEORGE W. MEE 5.
ALFRED G. RIVERS 2.	EDWARD E. DIAPER 6.
EDGAR RIVERS 3.	FREDERICK MEE 7.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 4.	*GEORGE SHIPP Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

*First peal. This peal was to have been rung on January 10th as a birthday compliment to George Shipp, who attained his fifteenth year on that day, but was unavoidably postponed. This composition is now rung for the first time.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDERICK GODDARD† .. Treble.	GEORGE M. FARDON 5.
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE .. 2.	WILLIAM STEGGALL 6.
ALLEN H. TABER 3.	*HENRY BROWNING 7.
JOHN J. PRATT 4.	JOHN BASDEN Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by J. BASDEN.

†First peal of Treble Bob. *First peal of Major. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt. in E.

FRED WILFORD Treble.	*ARTHUR MOORE 5.
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE .. 2.	*EDGAR H. HAXLEY 6.
FRED HOPPER* 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
WILLIAM ROGERS* 4.	*ELIJAH JAMES Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,
AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Thursday, January 15, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF J. CARTER'S No. II. Tenor 43 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

CHARLES E. BORRETT .. Treble.	GEORGE HOWCHIN 5.
PERCY ARTIS 2.	ALBERT G. WARNES 6.
HERBERT W. STANLEY .. 3.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS 7.
EGBERT BORRETT 4.	SAMUEL SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARD BORRETT.

This is the heaviest ring of bells upon which a peal of Stedman Triples has been accomplished. It is forty-nine years since a peal of Stedman Triples was rung in Norwich, which peal was conducted by the late Charles Middleton, of Cambridge Surprise fame.

MORTIMER, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 15, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

HENRY WHITE Treble.	HENRY AUSTIN 5.
JOHN WARD 2.	WILLIAM FORD 6.
THOMAS NICHOLSON 3.	JOHN G. BALLARD 7.
THOMAS NEVILLE 4.	WILLIAM WILKINS Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BALLARD.

*First peal.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 15, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores, each called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM HURREN Treble.	ROBERT G. KNOWLES .. 4.
WALTER CHANCE 2.	WILLIAM H. CHANCE .. 5.
FRANK SMITH 3.	HENRY CHANCE Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 16, 1903, in Three Hours Twelve and a Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT POTTER* Treble.	OSWALD SIMM 5.
JOHN S. RICHARDSON* .. 2.	*GEORGE WARDLE 6.
THOMAS MURRAY† 3.	*JOHN FOREMAN 7.
THOMAS W. MACLAREN* .. 4.	ERNEST E. FERRY Tenor.

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

*First peal of Major. †First in the method.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1903, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE WARDLE Treble.	OSWALD SIMM 5.
EDWARD ASTLEY 2.	THOMAS MURRAY 6.
ROBERT FALCONER* 3.	JOHN FOREMAN 7.
ALFRED F. HILLIER 4.	ERNEST E. FERRY Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and

Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

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

HUNTINGDON.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

SIDNEY PECK* Treble.	LEWIS FLINT 5.
CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 2.	HERBERT FIELDS .. 6.
SIDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3.	*WILLIAM J. GOSS .. 7.
GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 4.	EDMUND C. CHASTY .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY

*First peal. First peal of Bob Major by all except the ringers of the 2nd and tenor.

BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1903, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt.

FRANK JONES* Treble.	GEORGE R. NEWTON .. 5.
JOSEPH SHONE* 2.	JAMES DILLON 6.
JOSEPH WOODS* 3.	FREDK. T. SPENCE .. 7.
WILLIAM WILCOX 4.	EDWIN BREEZE Tenor.

Composed by J. LOCKWOOD, and Conducted by F. T. SPENCE.

*First peal in the method.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, January 17, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY OLDNAL Treble.	ALBERT JACKSON .. 5.
WILLIAM PAGE 2.	JOSEPH JOHNSON .. 6.
WILLIAM ROUSE 3.	ABRAHAM WINTERTON .. 7.
EDWIN GILBERT 4.	ALBERT THOMSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PAGE.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, January 17, 1903, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM BOUGHTON† .. Treble.	HARRY WITHERS .. 5.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 2.	*WILLIAM SHILVOCK .. 6.
WILLIAM SHORT 3.	CHARLES BOUGHTON .. 7.
JOHN BARBER 4.	JAMES DOWLER Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

*First peal on eight. †First peal of Major. This is the first peal on the bells since being rehung and two trebles added by Taylor, which give every satisfaction.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT .. Treble.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. 5.
WILLIAM PYE 2.	GEORGE H. BARKER .. 6.
FRANK CARTER 3.	ERNEST PYE 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	ARTHUR T. KING .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The above is the conductor's 400th peal.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

THOMAS GWYNNE .. Treble.	JAMES HUNT 5.
JAMES DREWITT 2.	FREDERICK HOLDEN .. 6.
JOHN HOYLE 3.	ARTHUR DEAN 7.
GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 4.	JOSEPH FAYERS Tenor.

Composed by F. KNIGHTS, and Conducted by JOSEPH FAYERS.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

RICHARD W. BURROW .. Treble.	ROBERT PICKERING .. 5.
JOHN PERRY 2.	H. HENRY SOMERVILLE .. 6.
FREDERICK J. STEELE .. 3.	HERBERT KNIGHT .. 7.
WILLIAM FISHER 4.	THOMAS PERRY Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT PICKERING.

WHITCHURCH, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1903, 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,
College Single, Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

A. SPOKES Treble.	J. PARSONS 4.
J. BOWERS 2.	J. ALEXANDER 5.
J. WEDGE 3.	F. RICHARDSON Tenor.

Conducted by F. RICHARDSON.

First peal on the bells.

GARSTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

J. ASPINWALL Treble.	*EDWARD CAUNCE .. 5.
E. BREEZE 2.	JAMES DILLON 6.
WALTER HUGHES* .. 3.	*ALBERT LOVELL .. 7.
GEORGE LUNT* 4.	JAMES MARTIN Tenor.

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

*First peal in the method

Handbell Peals.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 18, 1903, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. LANGSTONE, ST. ANDREW'S ROAD,

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.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Umpire—Harry F. Dawkins. First peal on handbells as conductor.

PEAL CORRECTION.—The peal of Double Norwich rung at Chester and published in last week's issue, should have been under the heading of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—The peal of Minor rung at Saxm andham has been sent without any date.

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.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 29th, all at 8 p.m.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral to-day, Saturday, January 24. Bells ready at 4.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Reports now ready. JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

The Old East Derbyshire Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at North Wingfield to-day, Saturday, January 24. Tea at 5.30. Peal of eight bells open from 2 p.m. Church close to Clay Cross station. E. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Sussex County Association.—Eastern division.—The next quarterly meeting for combined practice will be held at Hailsham to-day, Saturday, January 24th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Will those members who have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1902, please do so without further delay. S. SAKER, *Hon. Sec.*

"Arran," Baldsloe Road, Hastings.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Martock to-day, Saturday, January 24. Bells available from one o'clock. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Church House, kindly provided by the Rev. A. P. Wickham, at 4.30 p.m. Business immediately following. BRIDGWATER. A. E. COLES, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at All Souls on Saturday, January 24th. Bells ready at 6 p.m. Business meeting at 7.30. G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

The Waterloo Society, London.—The annual meeting will take place at Vassall Road, Brixton, on Monday, January 26th. Ringing at 8 p.m. All members are requested to attend. F. J. SHEPHERD, *Hon. Sec.*
20, Warner Road, Camberwell, S.E.

St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham.—The usual quarterly meeting will be held at The Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, on Tuesday, January 27th. Chair to be taken at 8.30 p.m. As there is important business for consideration the attendance of every member is requested, and attention is directed to clause 4 of rule vi. W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster.—The annual meeting of the above Society will be held at St. Margaret's church, Westminster, on Friday evening, January 30th, to elect officers for the coming year. Ringing at 8 o'clock. All members are particularly requested to attend. H. LANGDON, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, January 31st, at 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. T. DUXBURY, *Branch Sec.*

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Pndsey on Saturday, January 31st. A peal will be attempted at 2.30 prompt. Business meeting at The Royal hotel at 7.30 p.m.

All members are requested to attend. Business of importance will be brought before the meeting. CHARLES PRATT, *Sec.*

Park View, Calverley.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ilkeston on Saturday, January 31st. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Tea and general meeting at 4.45 p.m. in the Church Institute. Tea, 1s. each for those who notify Mr. H. Fletcher, 1, Blake Street, Ilkeston, by Thursday, the 29th inst., of their intention to be present. The Hon. Sec. will be pleased if those members owing subscriptions up to end of 1902 will kindly pay them in at once. COLTGRAVE, NOTTS. W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Westerham on Saturday, January 31st. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5.30 at the public hall. Members intending to be at tea are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, January 28th. Half railway fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending. Subscriptions for 1903 are now due, and should be paid as soon as possible. W. LATTER, *Hon. Dis. Sec.*

The Essex Association.—South Western Division.—There will be a meeting of the above on Saturday, January 31st, at Barking. THOS. FAULKNER, *Hon. Sec.*
84, Fisher Street, Barking.

Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Woolwich, on Saturday, January 31st. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. JOSEPH E. SYKES, *Hon. Sec.*

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly and committee meeting of this Association will be held at Cradley on Saturday, January 31st. The Rev. R. H. Edmondson, Vicar, has kindly consented to give an address at the service in church at 5.30, and preside over the business afterwards. The tower and bells will be available for ringing. Election of representatives to serve on Central Council at this meeting. The Hon. Secretary would be pleased to receive from all local secretaries a complete list of names of all members in Union. All contributions are due at this meeting according to rule 8. JOHN SMITH, *Hon. Sec.*

34, Church House, Church Lane, Tipton.

The St. James' Society, London.—The meetings of this society will be resumed at 8 o'clock, at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on February 2nd (Candlemas), and every fortnight, when it is hoped a good number will attend to mark their appreciation of Churchwarden Powell (a ringer), who has had the bells put in order at his own expense.

The Oxford University Society.—A dinner will be held at The Lion hotel, Abingdon, on Thursday, February 5th, at 7 p.m. All past and present members are invited to send an application, with a remittance of 3s., to the Hon. A. Erskine, 9, King Edward Street, Oxford, before January 25th. Full notice sent on application.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Cranborne, on Wednesday, February 4th, at 3.45 p.m. Committee at 3, service in church at 3.30, tea at 4.30. H. DRAKE, *Branch Sec.*

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, February 7th, at the parish church, Bloxwich. Bells

available from 2 o'clock for ringing touches. Service in church at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head for all those sending in their names on or before the 2nd proximo to S. REEVES, *Hon. Sec.*

10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The All Saints Society, Fulham.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, February 7th. Tower open from four o'clock. Tea in the church room, meeting afterwards. Will ringers expecting to be present please notify Mr. J. W. Driver, 387, New King's Road, Fulham, S.W., not later than February 5th. W. T. ELSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be at Guisborough on Saturday, February 7th. Tea at 5 p.m., at Mr. Wear's, Church Street, gd. each. Belfry open all day, if desired. Subscriptions for 1903 due January 1st. Notice of attendance by February 2nd to REV. W. P. WRIGHT, *Hon. Sec. and Treas.*

Stokesley, R.S.O.

The Kent County Association.—Peals for 1902.—Members are requested to take notice that peals will not be recorded as Association peals, if the subscription of any ringer taking part remains unpaid at the end of this month. Subscriptions for 1903 are due now, and should be paid without delay to the district secretaries. FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec., K.C.A.C.R.*

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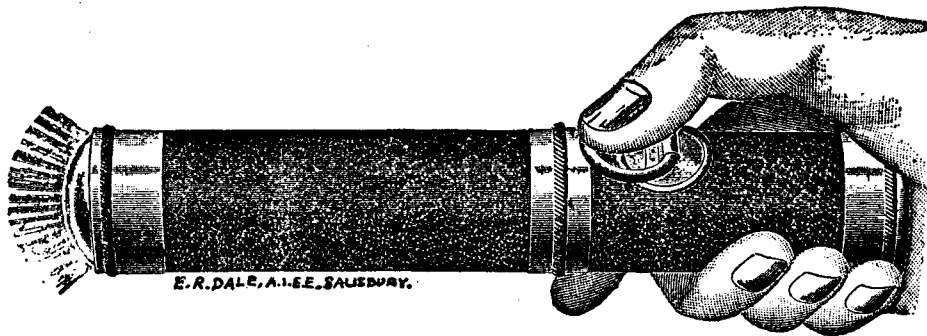
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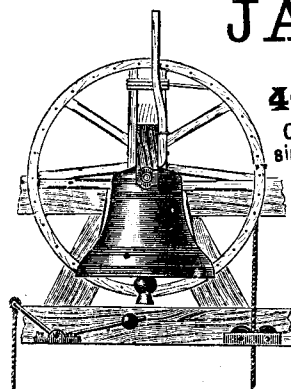
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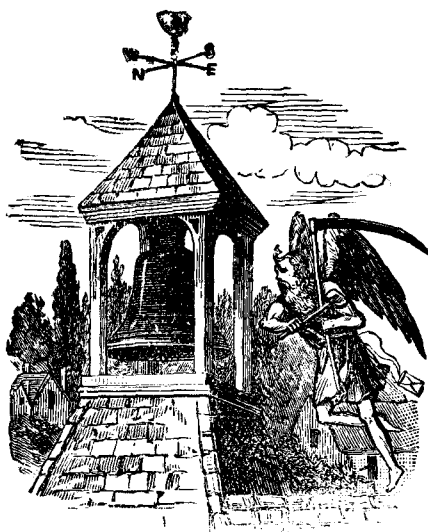
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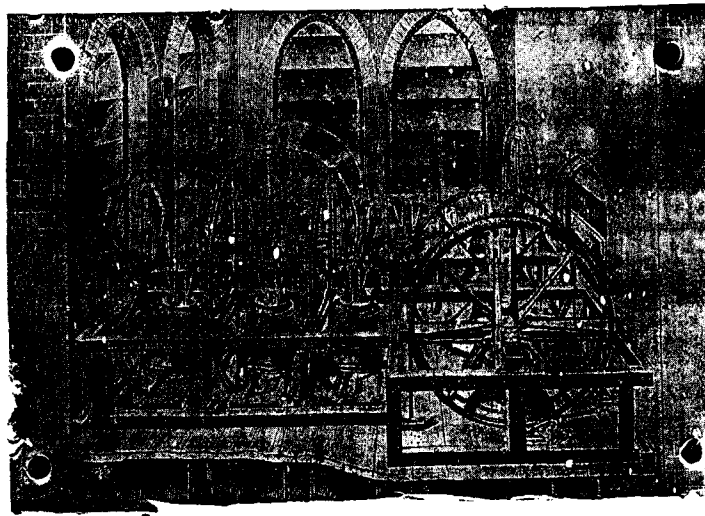
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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).

HADLOW (Kent). St. Mary. Kent County Association. Eight bells. The two trebles by Pack, 1775; the rest by Bartlett, 1695. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 5 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go well, and are much worn at soundbow. No repairs known to have been effected by a bell-founder since the trebles were hung in 1775; as there are no funds there is no probability of repairs being done. Ropes good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday

ringing: 10 to 11, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Friday, 7.30.

HADLEIGH (Suffolk). St. Mary. Ely Diocesan Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd, 3rd and tenor by Graye, 1633, 1678, 1679, and 1680, respectively; 4th unknown, believed to be the oldest bell in the tower; 5th, 1806; no founder named; 6th by Mears, 1856; 7th by Osborn, 1788. Tenor 28 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in. All the older bells are much worn. Timber frame. The bells go fairly except the 7th. Clocking permitted. The last repairs done consisted in rehangng the 7th by Bowell, and it has never gone well since. Ropes good. Method: Plain Bob. No Sunday ringing, or regular practice.

HAGBOURNE (Berks). St. Andrew. Oxford Diocesan Guild. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Wells 1770. Tenor 23 cwt. by the same, 1781; 3rd, 1602; 4th, 1670; 5 and 6 1641; no founders mentioned; 7th by Lester, no date. Timber frame. Bells go fairly. Repairs by White. Ropes new, 1899. Repairs are badly needed, but nothing has been proposed. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman. Sunday ringing: Half-an-hour each, morning and evening. Practice: Tuesday.

HAGLEY (Worcestershire). St. John. Worcester and Districts Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1885. Tenor 9 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. A chiming apparatus is fitted. The ring were

overhauled by Mears a few years ago. Ropes fair; renewed as required. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 6 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

HAGWORTHINGHAM (Lincolnshire). Holy Trinity. Eight bells. No return.

HAILSHAM (Sussex). St. Mary. Sussex County Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd and 3rd by Mears, 1889; 6th by Lester, 1768; the rest by Hodson, 1663. Tenor 10 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. No repairs since trebles were added in 1889. Ropes new 1899. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30 and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Thursday, 7, from Michaelmas to Lady-Day.

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

When the present Vicar of St. Mary's, Canon Sewell, came to Wotton-under-Edge some twenty-two years ago, he at once set about putting the church in a thorough state of repair, and re-constructing the interior fittings to a considerable extent. This is now crowned by the restoration of the tower and hanging the ring of bells in a new steel cage, with modern and up-to-date fittings to correspond. The tower and church are pleasantly situated, being surrounded on its north-east and south sides by hills and valleys, and on its western by a glorious panorama, sloping away to the Bristol Channel.

The "go" of the bells is all that can be desired. The treble has been recast, also the tenor (the latter through being broken in transit from Loughborough to Charfield). The rest are quarter-turned, and now we have a true musical ring. The incriptions on them shew them all being recast by Rudhall, 1756. But in one of "Ye Olde Account Bookes" for which Wotton seems to be rather well off, we read the following, dated 1666: "Keeping the clock, ringing the bell, mendynge the clock, new-casting the church bell, and carrying him to and fro from Bristol, for mendynge ye clapper of ye bell, for lead, forty waights and a new lyne for ye clock, and divers other disbursements, £6 5s. od." The local ringers, who are an enthusiastic and willing band, now look forward to being able to use their brains, not as before, all Herculean labour, to keep one's bell steady.

Wednesday, January 21st, was the day fixed for the thanksgiving service. At 11.20 a.m. a peal of Stedman Triples was started and brought round successfully. The striking was faultless, and needless to say, afforded great pleasure to those who heard it. The service which was attended by a large and fashionable congregation, was rendered in a grand, yet hearty manner by a full choir. The Ven. Archdeacon of Gloucester preached what may be styled a thorough congratulatory sermon. He complimented the ringers on the splendid struck peal, saying he had listened attentively, and failed to detect a trip. Ringers generally, after the sermon, formed the opinion, that the Archdeacon knew what he was preaching about. Following the service was an organ recital by A. H.

Brewer, Esq., MUS. BAC., organist of Gloucester Cathedral. The marvellous beauty and effect of the grand historic old organ were fully brought out by that talented gentleman. This organ is the companion one to that at Westminster Abbey, and is one of the first and only organs built by the celebrated Schneider. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, etc., were afterwards brought round, the local band standing in, and there is every prospect of their becoming an efficient band of change-ringers.

The visiting band were entertained before and after the peal at the Church Hall through the hospitality of the Vicar.

Messrs. Taylor have added to their laurels by the excellent finish they have given to their work in refitting, recasting, and constructing the new cage, etc. W.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

The quarterly meeting of the above branch was held at Frieston on Saturday, January 17th, and was well attended by ringers in the district. Ringing was commenced at 10 a.m. by the local company, and was kept up by the visitors as they continued to arrive, Grandsire and Bob Minor being the methods practised. A 720 Bob Minor was rung by E. Rollinson, A. O. Barber, E. Staffurth, Rev. J. P. Cheales, E. Clayton, J. Sharp (conductor). Divine Service was held in the old priory church at 1.30 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Staffurth, and was attended by all the ringers. After the service another 720 of Minor was rung by E. Sellers, A. Sellers, H. Bishop, H. Bishop, jun., J. Sharp, W. Barker conductor. A sumptuous dinner, served up in the good old English style, and washed down with nut-brown ale, was provided at The Bull and Dog inn by hostess Welberry, and was done full justice to by those assembled, twenty-five sitting down. The chair was taken by the genial Vicar, Canon Staffurth, who was supported by the Rev. J. P. Cheales, of Friskney, and T. Richardson, Esq. (churchwarden), who so well looked after the comforts of the visitors, he spending the whole day with them. The course-ends came up in capital style, and the wants of the inner man being supplied, grace was said, and pipes, etc. were called into requisition. Several songs were sung, and selections on the handbells given by members of the Guild, after which the business meeting was held under the presidency of the Vicar, who quickly got through the agenda, when the Rev. J. P. Cheales rose to propose a vote of thanks to Canon Staffurth for the use of the bells and arranging the service, and presiding at the dinner and meeting, and for the cordial welcome given to the ringers, which was carried with acclamation.

The rev. gentleman very feelingly replied, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to welcome the ringers at all times, saying that although he was not a ringer himself he was proud to say that he had four sons who were all skilled ringers, which was more than many clergymen could say; and he thought it was a very good thing when there was some one at the vicarage who took an interest in these things. He then gave a short account of the old Priory and church, saying that in the olden times when the Benedictine monks inhabited the Priory, it was their custom to keep open house where any wayfarer could have bed and board free, and although circumstances did not allow the Vicar of Freiston to keep up this good old custom, he was pleased to say that the house of God was free and open to all at all times, and he was glad to wel-

come the members of the Guild there that day. He Mrs. Staffurth would like them to take tea at the Priory, which was thankfully accepted by those present, who after tea gave several more selections on the handbells.

The Secretary, on behalf of the members, thanked Canon and Mrs. Staffurth for their kind hospitality.

A move was then made for the belfry, when several more 720s of Bob Minor were rung by various members of the Guild, who after lowering the bells in peal, had to bid "good night" to their kind friends at Freiston, thus bringing to a close one of the pleasantest and most successful meetings of the Eastern branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild; the members of which take this opportunity of thanking all those who contributed to make their visit to Freiston a success.

The Church of St. James, formerly attached to the Priory here founded by Alan de Creon, is a large and ancient structure of stone in the Norman, Early English, and later styles, consisting of chancel, clestoried nave and aisles, and western tower containing six bells. It was originally cruciform with central tower, the western part of which remains at the east end of the church.

The Priory of St. James was founded about 1114 A.D. by Alan de Creon, for monks of the Benedictine order, and was valued at the dissolution at £105 10s. 9d.; after being long held by the crown it was granted in 1687 to the Dryden family, and is now the residence of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Staffurth, M.A.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The first meeting of the Fifth Council will be held in London on Whitsun-Tuesday, June 2nd, 1903. Nominations for the office of President, and for that of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and also any other notices of motion should be forwarded not later than Saturday, May 2nd. Reports of Committees should be sent in on or before Saturday, May 16th, so that they may be forwarded to "THE BELL NEWS" in time to appear in print before the meeting of the Council.

Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan and County Associations will, it is hoped, pardon the reminder that subscriptions to the Council's fund (2s. 6d. for each elected representative) became due on the 1st inst., and should be sent as soon as convenient. The rights of elected representatives whose quota has not been paid, are in abeyance until payment is made.

I should feel grateful if they will at the same time kindly furnish me with the names and addresses of elected representatives so as to enable me to check the Council's list of members.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*
Frethorne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, January 1903.

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THE COLLEGE YOUTHS AND GUNPOWDER TREASON.

By R. A. DANIELL.

The Fifth of November is in these times a day which passes over our heads without much notice. In London, to which my observation of it is chiefly confined, it now comes and goes with so little outward pomp and circumstance that for anything that strikes the eye Guy Fawkes might never have existed. Yet London, even within the recollection of Londoners of my time of life, used to mark this anniversary in a much more prominent manner than it does now. When as a child I looked out of my nursery window on Guy Fawkes Day, the counterfeit presentments of that celebrity—usually hideously dressed up dummies, faced with masks of satanic distortion of the human countenance—which were carried about in large chairs, did, with the get up and number of persons who escorted them, suggest quite dignified ideas of the occasion. But though even this was a great degeneration from the celebration of the day in earlier times, the celebration seems by now to have fallen into almost complete desuetude, an occasional cracker heard going off in the evening being almost the only reminder of that brave and devoted—though misguided and wrongheaded man—whose capture red-handed on the fifth November 1605 was a political event of the first magnitude. And though in certain places bonfires and species of Carnival still survive which are now-a-days mainly connected with charitable objects, the term "Guy" applied to an absurdly or hideously dressed human being is almost the only survival of all that this anniversary meant to our forefathers—except that Guy Fawkes may still be said to be—metaphorically speaking—the patron saint of the College Youths.

It is needless to enter into any detailed description of the Gunpowder Plot. Everyone knows that it was a design to kill King James the First and the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament at the opening of the Session, by exploding barrels of gunpowder concealed beneath faggots in a cellar under the chambers in which the Assembly took place. It is a notable difference between the Meeting Place of the houses of Parliament now and in 1605, that though like the present buildings the old ones were enclosed in the precinct of the Palace of Westminster, they were so intermingled with dwelling houses that it was possible for a private individual to hire a cellar so situated. It is also a notable instance of the conservatism of parliamentary procedure that to this day, under totally different circumstances, a formal search of the vaults below the parliament buildings is made before the opening of each session by the Yeomen of the Guard.

The plot failed, and Guy Fawkes was arrested in the cellar. The design was in itself most hellish. Briefly speaking, the King, the heir apparent to the throne, and the Great Council of the nation, were to be assassinated simply because they refused to recognise the authority of the Bishop of Rome. But in judging the conspirators who were working for that object we must remember the circumstances of the period in which they lived. Unfortunately, in our own days envy, hatred and uncharitableness are not unknown among persons holding different views of the essentials or accessories of the Christian religion, but no Western European Powers would dream of going to

war about them now. It is true, of course, that the religious questions of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries were largely mixed up with political ones—indeed they could not be completely dissociated—but the combined effect was to familiarize men's minds for more than a century with wars, whatever political objects might be associated with them from time to time, all had this in common—that the submission of the States or communities concerned to, or their rejection of, the claims of the Pope, depended on the issue of the struggle.

Warfare among Christian States is now carried on with as much mercy to individuals as is compatible with achieving victory, but the wars to which men were accustomed in 1605 were frequently accompanied by what we should now deem atrocious barbarities. In particular, little, if any, attention was paid to the now universally principle that non-combatants should be exempt from violence. Hence given a sincere and honest belief in the duty of coercing Western Europe into submission to the Roman Pontiff, it is not surprising that after the long experience of barbarous violence with which this duty had become connected, men who held the belief should never have dreamt but that they were doing God service by methods which it seems plain to us now must in His sight be simply damnable.

This was the case with the gunpowder conspirators. They sincerely believed that the nation, so long as collectively it refused to submit to the Pope, was under the ban of the Almighty, and that it was the first duty of a Christian to alter this state of things; and as they saw no chance of effecting the alteration except by violence they nothing doubted but that violence was the proper means to use, and they conscientiously prepared to use it. They do not seem to have been personally cruel, and they were quite disinterested; they were not scheming for any temporal benefit for themselves, but what they deemed to be the spiritual good of the nation. The other conspirators need not detain us now. Their little rising fizzled out. Their Roman Catholic fellow-countrymen as a body would have nothing to do with them, and they all died violent deaths. They did not much attract the notice of the people; to the people the one human personification of the crime was Guy Fawkes. He was a brave, staunch and honourable man, who took an enormous risk upon himself for what he believed to be right.

He was engaged in an atrocious act, and we may be thankful that in our days no man of his character could be in any doubt as to the reality of its wicked nature.

But the contemporaries of Guy Fawkes could not regard him from a dispassionate or psychological standpoint. To them a serious danger was far too close. And certainly we might to this day have felt the consequences of the plot had it been successful. To suppose that the success of it would have turned the English nation into willing adherents of the papacy would be ridiculous. But its success would apparently have paralyzed the constituted Government, and foreign invasions would in that case probably have ensued. And then what would have been our fate? It is well enough nowadays to assert that Britons never, never, will be slaves, when the growth of our population, our possessions and our Empire appear to us to justify the sentiment. But in 1605 all was very different. We were not then a Colonial Power, nor did our population bear such a proportion to that of other European powers as it now does. If the plot had been a success, we might have been squashed by foreigners and possibly we might now be ranking among European nations on the same level as Holland or Belgium. Our

ancestors of the seventeenth century clearly perceived the immense importance to them of the failure of the plot, and the language of the special service of thanksgiving which was appointed to be annually used on this day, like the language of the Act of Parliament authorising it and commanding its use, shews that perception unmistakably.

The Ancient Society of College Youths was founded in 1637. Many, if not most, of the original members were probably members also of one or more of the Guilds of the City of London. At any rate it is clear that the ringing Societies of that period of which we have any knowledge were established on the lines of the medieval guilds then surviving. One of the matters to be arranged for was the annual feast, with its audit of accounts and election of officers. All this was regulated in the still existing civic companies of pre-Reformation origin by the festival of their patron Saint—a regularly recurring day in the calendar as it still is. But the College Youths did not inherit a patron Saint from the middle ages, so in order to fix their anniversary they chose what was in their day an annually recurring festival of national thanksgiving, which was celebrated by special services in the churches, and all kinds of rejoicings.

The political and international position of our country has undergone many changes since 1637, and the dangers which threatened it then have disappeared. The special service having ceased to be appropriate has been abolished, and the national rejoicings, where any survival of them remains, have become little better than meaningless rowdyism.

But the College Youths continue to regulate their anniversary by Guy Fawkes day, and by so doing supply an interesting example of the connection between ringing and our national life and history.

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."

MARVEL OR SURPRISE?

SIR,—I have perused the letter by Mr. James published on the 3rd instant, applied his rule and examined his test, for a definition of the meaning of the term Surprise, but I must say I am still in favour of the practical definition given by The Glossary.

Of all the Surprise methods London is without doubt a marvel (or was until Bristol came to town) and far away, beyond and above all the rest of the Surprise family, both for intricacy in ringing, its eccentric and irregular construction, let alone discordant music, and therefore deserves to be distinguished in some way from the rest. But I don't think the late Rev. Hon. Sec. intended a hard and fast line. Those who wish are still perfectly at liberty to use alternative titles; the object was to place it above the ordinary level.

Now just a moment's look at the tests by Mr. James, and count up the number of places contained in the methods which he mentioned. Cambridge and Superlative contain just the same number as Oxford Treble Bob, and as the latter contains the minimum number for a dodging hunt method, the test in my opinion fails.

Mr. James instances several methods as a proof of his description for a Surprise method, which are also good enough for me to explain my view of the question. All these may be found on pages 44, 45, 48, 49, 50, and 51 of *The Clavis*. I ask the reader to well look these over, not for the difference, but for how very much they resemble one another, except that London has several additional places.

Now turn to page 39 of *The Clavis* and see the method there—Oxford Treble Bob. What is the difference between a plan

of this method and the others, I mean the greatest difference, and most distinctive difference? My reply to the query is the lengthening lead. Here, Sir, is a real distinction between Treble Bob and Surprise, not a theoretical but a practical one. I of course am aware there is also a methodical difference in each.

Bristol Surprise previously mentioned, some experts say comes nearly on a par with London in its ingenious design. Upon the other hand it has lengthening leads, and obtains without adjoining places. It has also a clean proof scale. Its composition is therefore as simple as Plain Bob, structurally it is equal to Court, with difficulties of execution approaching London. It therefore certainly merits a distinction in classification, and so does New Cumberland Surprise. H. DAINS.

P.S.—The late lamented Rev. H. Earle Bulwer said he did not expect everyone to accept all the statements in *The Glossary*. A very good remark, as I don't suppose a book has yet been published that pleases everybody. H. D.

TO THOSE WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

SIR,—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Nuneaton on November 13th cannot be recorded as a peal by the Midland Counties Association. W. E. WHITE.

THE PEAL AT CLIFTON, BEDS.

SIR,—In this week's issue of "THE BELL NEWS" is a letter from Mr. ———, alias "Cynicus," referring to the time taken to ring the peal at Clifton on December 26th, 1902. On my own part I think an explanation is due to ringers who have never visited this tower. The position in which the bells hang is extraordinary, being placed anywhere, to make room for a very large chime-barrel, as shown in sketch. It took a picked band of ringers 3 hrs. 12 mins. to ring Grandsire Triples, men who have rung Major in 2 hrs. 58 mins. and 3 hrs. on heavier bells. Next was an attempt for Bob Triples, with a different band, though same conductor, which collapsed through the 2nd bell jumping out of its bearings (gudgeons not being lineable) after ringing about 4000 changes in 2 hrs. 40 mins., average rate per min. being 25 against 26.25.

It was then arranged to go and finish this peal on Boxing day, December 26th, 1902, and also to ring slow so as not to throw the 2nd out again. The ringing was good, and no bad trips occurred to allow of a change-course, and the time was 3 hrs. 30 mins., the local ringers outside the tower confirming this. Average rate per min., 24 against 25 and 26.1.

With regard to the peal at Huntingdon, I notice another has been rung in the same time, so perhaps "Cynicus" will feel easy on that point. W. FINEDON.

[Several other letters have been received to the same effect, from Mr. Lilley among the number, but their publication is unnecessary, because the foregoing contains the gist of them all.—Ed.]

Obituary.

WILLIAM HENRY HARRATT.

On Monday, November 22nd, 1902, William Henry Harratt passed away at his residence, 42, Church Street, Tunstall, after a long and painful illness, aged 33 years. He was a careful and attentive ringer at Christ Church for many years, also a devoted and loyal churchman, quiet and unassuming in his capacity as a ringer, thereby winning the respect and esteem of all whom he came in contact with. He was interred on Thursday, the 25th November, part of the burial service being taken at the parish church by the Revs. D. H. Briggs, M.A., Vicar, and H. P. Barchard, B.A., assistant curate. The Vicar delivered an eloquent and impressive address to a large congregation who had assembled as a last token of respect to the deceased. Hymns "When our heads are bowed with woe" and "Days and moments" were sung by the choir, and Mr. Wm. Wills played Chopin's funeral march on the organ as the cortege left the church. The Vicar read the concluding part of the service at the graveside in the General cemetery. Muffled peals were rung at intervals during the day by Messrs. G. F. and H. Smith, J. Johnson, A. Clay, Thos. Jones, and F. and J. Darlington. Wreaths were sent by his fellow-ringers and numerous friends. Deceased leaves a widow and two children to mourn his loss.

Ringers' Festivities.

ROMFORD (Essex).—The annual dinner of the Romford Guild took place on New Year's day at the Vicarage, where, solely due to the Vicar, a most luxurious dinner was provided. The Vicar (Rev. F. E. Allen) presided, supported by the Rev. H. L. Pocock, D. L. Slemeck, and —. Nunn; Col. Lyon and E. Winmill, esq. (churchwardens). After the dinner Mr. G. Roughton proposed a vote of thanks, on behalf of the ringers, to the Vicar for giving such a good dinner, which was seconded by Mr. W. Watson. The Vicar most heartily responded, and said that it gave him great pleasure to have the ringers assembled for such an occasion, and also to have such a band under his control, to which he was very pleased to add that he never had any occasion to find fault, as sometimes was the case of some bands. Then followed the entertainment, which was very much appreciated by all present. When very near the hour of twelve, a most pleasant and enjoyable evening was brought to a close. A vote of thanks is accorded to all who in any way helped to provide for so good an entertainment.

KELSALE (Suffolk).—On Monday, December 29th, the ringers and choir, and a few friends, were entertained by the Rector (Rev. G. H. D. Davies) to a capital hot supper, comprising roast beef and mutton, turkey, plum pudding, and other grand things too numerous to particularize. After several good courses had been tapped off in fine style, the cloth was removed, and the favorite weed brought accompanied by a plentiful supply of liquid concomitants. Toast and song, and touches on the handbells followed in quick succession, and the evening passed all too rapidly. Finishing with "God save the King" we departed our several ways home, one and all thinking what a kind and genial Rector we were blessed with. G. T.

THE ARMLEY SOCIETY (Yorks.).—For the third year in succession the ringers of Christ Church, Armley, by request of the Vicar (Rev. H. M. Cox) and Mrs. Cox met at the Vicarage on Tuesday evening, December 30th, at 8 p.m., and had supper with the organist, adult choristers, and verger. At the head of the tables were Mr. and Mrs. Cox, Mr. F. Webster (churchwarden) and Mrs. Webster, and the Rev. A. V. Jones (the new curate). Mr. Kitson (the absent churchwarden) forwarded a letter of apology, saying that although he was compelled by an important engagement to be absent, he was present in spirit, forwarding some tobacco and cigars for the use of the company. A splendid supper was provided, which was greatly appreciated. This being over, the Vicar gave a splendid welcome to all, and hoped they would enjoy themselves as much as possible. He and Mrs. Cox were very pleased to have them again, regretting one or two absentees, and also Mr. Kitson, with them in spirit, they would rather have had him in the flesh. Mr. Webster thanked Mr. Cox for the kind invitation extended to all, while Mr. Jones remarked that he must be fallen on good times, for at his two previous curacies the vicars did not think it incumbent on themselves to invite choristers or ringers to such an evening as that. He was delighted to be among them, and thanked all for their excellent welcome. Mr. Heckford, a member of the choir for about twenty-seven years, and still comparatively young, also added a few words of thanks. After these remarks the company adjourned to other rooms to play ping-pong, bagatelle, draughts, or chess, while in the drawing-room a smoking concert was held, everyone being delighted with the evening's entertainment. About 11.30 the Doxology was sung, and the party broke up, all wishing the Vicar and his wife a happy and prosperous new year.

BANGOR (North Wales).—On Tuesday, January 6th, by kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. Lewis Jones, the ringers and choir were invited to supper at St. David's vicarage. After the repast, and a few blows of the fragrant weed, Mr. Johnson gave some selections on the gramophone; then a course of Grand-sire Triples on handbells by four of the company. The Rev. T. L. Jones gave "The King," and a verse of the National Anthem was sung. "The choir and ringers" being given and responded to, Mr. Perkins proposed "The Health of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jones," which was drank with musical honours. The

Rev. T. Lewis Jones, in responding, said he wished he could invite them oftener, for he felt he was indebted to them for their services and regular attendance, and he hoped the present good feeling would long continue. Vocal and instrumental music made the time pass too quickly, the pleasant evening closing with the National Anthem.

[We have several more of these "festive" reports to hand, and they will appear in due course. What is asked is that they may be kept as brief and concise as possible, without any unnecessary ornament.—Ed.]

ST. MARY'S, WIMBLEDON.

At the funeral of the late Canon Haygarth, Vicar of Wimbledon, the interment taking place on Saturday, January 3rd, the bells were set in motion to the usual whole pull and stand, with the bells deeply muffled. Before and after the funeral a 720 of Kent was rung, and two touches of Oxford; and on the Sunday morning, with the bells open, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob by the following members of the Surrey Association: G. Hyde, R. Moss, G. Quinn, W. Smith, A. Garrott, W. Frost (con.).

BOREHAM, ESSEX.

On Monday, December 15th, 1902, Mr. Joseph Young, who for sixty-five years has been a ringer at the parish church of St. Andrew, and a member of the Essex Association for many years, celebrated his eighty-second anniversary. In the evening the ringers with a few friends from the neighbourhood met and rang as a birthday compliment 720 of New London Pleasure, and touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

On Saturday, December 20th, George Dare, esq., kindly entertained the ringers to an excellent supper at The Red Lion inn, where a very pleasant evening was spent with songs and handbell ringing in honour of the event.

ST. MARY'S, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.

The fourth bell of this fine ring of eight has lately been cracked. The bell was older than the others, dating from the 17th century, but it was not quite equal to some of the others in tone.

At present the Cambridge chimes attached to the clock have a strange sound without the fourth, and it is much to be wished that the bell could be recast by the Easter Festival, especially as the Ely Diocesan Association is to have its annual meeting at Bury on Easter Monday.

NOTE TO PEAL.

W. J. NUDDS' FIFTY PEALS.—Stedman Triples, 14, Caters, 11, Cinques 2; Grandsire Caters, 1; Bob Major, 3; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 3, Royal, 5; Double Norwich Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 7; London Surprise Major, 1; in three different methods on six bells, 1; total—50.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 1903

THE comment we made last week in connection with two recorded peals has brought a host of letters from those concerned to prove that the peal rung at Clifton, in Bedfordshire, was a true and complete peal, and that its inordinate length was chiefly owing to the manner in which the bells hang. We have been favored with an algebraic sketch, showing the position in which the ropes fall; and the whole interior economy of the ringing-chamber appears to be faulty in the highest degree. Our readers will, of course, have their own opinion of the affair; perhaps they may approve of the explanation. In many cases it must be admitted that time is not always to be regarded as the only or chief factor in peal-ringing, as Mr. CAVE, of Bristol, points out in a letter to us this week, mentioning various instances of difference of time on the same bells and by the same ringers. But it should be remembered that Clifton is not the only place by far where a crank arrangement of hanging obtains, and where bells go bad, yet excellent peals are rung on them.

The direction of the Exercise to the peals in question has elucidated an explanation of a sort, and it is well.

Rightly or wrongly a deep-seated opinion exists that the conductor of these peals does not always exercise that stringent care which is required to prevent any doubt being expressed with regard to the peals he calls. Perhaps this episode may lead him in the future to be on the alert to prevent the least suspicion of the kind.

. Next week our colleague who is responsible for the popular paragraphs which appear over the signature of "Plain Speaker," will appear again. He will formulate some practical proposals which will deserve the attention of all those ringers who are proprietors of small or large businesses, and who think they can supply their ringing brethren with articles of domestic use or ornament. Our friends who come under such a classification will do well to carefully attend to what he has to say.

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 20, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN BASDEN Treble.	WILLIAM PYE 5.
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 2.	FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. 6.
JOSEPH J. PRATT 3.	HENRY BROWNING 7.
GEORGE R. FARDON 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The above is a variation of Thurstan's one-part with the 6th the observation instead of the 3rd. It is W. J. Nudds' fiftieth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, TOTTENHAM

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5088 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY A. BARNETT .. Treble.	ERNEST PYE 5.
EDWARD N. PRICE 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	HERBERT F. HULL 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 24, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.
Tenor 31 cwt in D.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY .. Treble.	HERBERT BAKER 6.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 2.	CHARLES S. BURDEN .. 7.
GEORGE N. PRICE 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD .. 8.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE 4.	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL .. 9.
HARRY A. HORREX 5.	WALTER PRIME Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

The Provinces.

BIRMINGHAM.

On Wednesday, January 13, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES MACKENZIE .. Treble.	WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 5.
CHARLES H. WATTS 2.	JOHN NEAL 6.
WILLIAM G. ELLIS 3.	WILLIAM A. HANCOX .. 7.
JOSEPH PORTER* 4.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

*First peal in the method. This composition has 4-5-6 only in 6th place, the 4th and 6th being their extent.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob, called differently.

WILLIAM FISHER Treble.	JOHN W. AVISS 4.
CHARLES THOMPSON 2.	GEORGE BERRY 5.
HARRY SMITH 3.	WILLIAM G. F. COOPER .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. HINTON .. Treble.	CHARLES H. TOMKINS .. 5.
FRANK K. HOWELL 2.	JOHN BURFORD 6.
REV. H. A. COCKEY 3.	FRED G. MAY 7.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 4.	HENRY FUSSELL Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

The above was rung before the special service held as a thanksgiving for the restoration of the church and re-dedication of the bells, which have been recently rebung by Messrs. Taylor. It was also rung on the birthday of Miss Fanny Shepherd, an honorary member of the Association.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

On Monday, January 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REEVES'S VARIATION. Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN PILKINGTON* .. Treble.	HENRY J. ELLIS 5.
CHARLES SHARPLES 2.	†JAMES R. PARK 6.
THOMAS JENKINSON 3.	ALFRED HALTON 7.
JAMES MARSH 4.	WILLIAM GIBBONS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES R. PARK.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 21, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

FREDERICK G. BRETT .. Treble.	CHARLES LUERY 5.
PHILIP H. PIERCE 2.	*EDWIN G. BUESDEN .. 6.
REV F. J. O. HELMORE .. 3.	HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 7.
PERCY J. PAINE 4.	JOHN BALAAAM Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY G. FAIRBRASS.

*First peal. Rung to celebrate the tenor-man's 74th birthday.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 22, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob, called three different ways.

ROBERT HUTTON Treble.	ARTHUR FULLER 4.
GEORGE SMITH, SEN. .. 2.	W. L. DUFFIELD 5.
GEORGE SMITH 3.	JOHN HILLING Tenor.

Conducted by R. HUTTON.

APPOINTMENT.—We learn that the St. Mary's Cathedral Society, Edinburgh, have appointed Mr. William H. Barber, of Birmingham, to be their instructor.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 22, 1903, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES.

WILLIAM MESSAM Treble.	THOMAS MILES 6.
ARTHUR DEAN 2.	WILLIAM MARKS 7.
ALFRED H. WINCH* 3.	JOHN HOYLE 8.
WILLIAM E. OTWAY 4.	EDWARD HULL 7.
ARTHUR C. OTWAY 5.	WILLIAM CROPLEY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MARKS.

*First peal of Caters. Rung in honour of the second anniversary of the accession of His Majesty King Edward VII.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 22, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS LAWRENCE Treble.	CHARLES J. GARDINER 5.
JOHN THOMAS 2.	ERNEST BISHOP 6.
ALFRED LAWRENCE 3.	THOMAS ROBINSON 7.
SIDNEY PALMER 4.	THOMAS RICKETTS Tenor.

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and Conducted by THOS. RICKETTS.

The above was rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Wilson, of Abergavenny, and Miss M. M. Brown, of Swindon, the wedding having took place a week previous when the ringers failed to score a peal.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 22, 1903, 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.

GEORGE CONYARD Treble.	BENJAMIN E. BATTRAM 5.
EDWIN BARNETT 2.	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 6.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	CHARLES WILKINS 7.
WILLIAM FOREMAN 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed by GEORGE CONYARD, and
Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Rung on the anniversary of the Accession of King Edward VII.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

W. H. FUSSELL Treble.	FRANK V. H. SINKINS 5.
ALFRED W. WICKS* 2.	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 6.
J. J. PRATT 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
JOHN EVANS 4.	GEORGE MARTIN Tenor.

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. ROBINSON.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. *First peal of Stedman. This is the Rev. F. Robinson's 300th peal of Stedman Triples as conductor.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES E. SMITH Treble.	THOMAS JULL 4.
ALBERT J. DAY 2.	*ARTHUR W. GORE 5.
JOSEPH E. GRENSTED 3.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

*First peal.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 16. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY PRICE Treble.	EDWARD T. GROVE 5.
ALFRED E. BASSETT 2.	WILLIAM COOK 6.
JOHN BEAMS 3.	HENRY CORBETT 7.
CHARLES E. READ 4.	DAVID ANSCOMBE Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1903, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

HARRY REYNOLDS Treble.	*C. E. CARRINGTON 5.
JAMES COTTERELL 2.	ALBERT JAGGER 6.
G. H. C. COPPING 3.	C. E. STEWART 7.
J. S. AMBLER 4.	FRED SALMONS Tenor.

Composed by G. H. HARDY, and Conducted by FRED SALMONS.

*First peal.

DUBLIN.—THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT S. F. MURPHY .. Treble.	CHRISTOPHER MURRAY 5.
GABRIEL LINDOFF 2.	RICHARD R. CHERRY 6.
THOMAS GRANT 3.	ROBERT T. F. GREENE 7.
GEORGE SALTER 4.	JAMES W. TOWNLEY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

First peal of Major by the Association.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WHITTLE'S VARIATION OF CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

JAMES GOODWIN* Treble.	LEONARD TAYLOR 5.
HARRY COLBURN 2.	JAMES L. WELLS 6.
HARRY WHITTLE 3.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH 7.
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT .. 4.	*THOMAS HALLAM Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

*First peal. This composition has the 3rd the observation, and is now rung for the first time.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE, SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. Treble.	JOHN E. MILLER 4.
HARRY MILLER 2.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH 5.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 3.	SIDNEY WADE Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

This is the first peal on the bells which were rebung last year, and the ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar, the Rev. Staunton Batty, for kindly granting permission for the use of the bells, and also for his kind hospitality at the vicarage at the conclusion of the peal.

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ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1903, 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 15 cwt.

HENRY HODGETTS Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
HUBERT EDEN 2.	FRANCIS A. SMITH 6.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 3.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY 7.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT .. 4.	SPENCER M. DODINGTON.. Tenor.

Conducted by HUBERT EDEN.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 24, 1903, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES BAKER Treble.	GEORGE A. CARD 5.
EDWARD MANKELOW 2.	JAMES MAYNARD 6.
WILLIAM SPICE 3.	CHARLES CHAPMAN 7.
GEORGE TURLEY 4.	THOMAS CARD Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 27 cwt.

L. RICKETT* Treble.	J. NICHOLLS 5.
A. NASH 2.	†G. BONFIELD 6.
W. SEABROOK* 3.	L. WEBSTER 7.
F. NASH 4.	W. WEBB Tenor.

Conducted by G. BONFIELD.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. All belong to the local band. This is the quickest peal ever rung on the bells. This peal was attempted on Saturday, December 27th, with the bells half-muffled for the late Archbishop of Canterbury, but came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 52 mins.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING .. Treble.	HERBERT J. ELLIS 5.
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT .. 2.	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 6.
HENRY MULLARD* 3.	THOMAS BURDOCK 7.
THOMAS ATTWELL 4.	JAMES HUNT Tenor.

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

*First peal of Major.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SPOUGHTON SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

FRANK ROLFE† Treble.	ALFRED G. RIVERS 5.
HARRY J. MEE 2.	†GEORGE THOMPSON 6.
CHARLES MEE 3.	†ARTHUR T. MORRIS 7.
DANIEL PRENTICE 4.	*FREDERICK BORRETT .. Tenor.

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

†First peal in the method. *First peal, and was elected a member of the above Association before starting. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. P. C. Ramplin, the band wishing him every success and happiness.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, January 24, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

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 the late CHARLES MIDDLETON, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

EDGAR HICKS Treble.	WILLIAM GROOM 5.
ERNEST E. LANHAM 2.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 6.
GEORGE WHITING 3.	JAMES RUMSEY 7.
GEORGE WIGHTMAN 4.	WILLIAM RUMSEY Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and was rung by all bachelors. This is supposed to be the first bachelor peal ever rang in the method by the Association.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 26, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-three 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.

HARRY DAVY Treble.	ALPHAUS J. BERRY.. .. 4.
FREDERICK PLEASANCE .. 2.	HARRY CATTERMOLLE .. 5.
THOMAS DAVY 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLLE.

Handbell Peals.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 25, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. COLEMAN, AVENUE ROAD,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

LOUIS J. FLINT 1-2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3-4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7-8.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.
Umpires—H. Fields and S. Peck. This is the first handbell peal by all the band, and was rung at the second attempt, the course-ends being ticked off as rung. It is also the first peal on handbells in the county of Huntingdon, and by the above Association.

PEAL CORRECTION.—In the peal of Double Norwich rang at Erith on December 27th, and published in "THE BELL NEWS" of January 3rd, 1903, the number of changes was 5040, not 5088 as published.

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Date Touches.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXTON (Cheshire).—On Wednesday, January 21st, at St. Saviour's church, a date touch of 1903 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 1 hr. 9 mins. C. W. Owens, H. S. Brocklebank, J. L. Grant, G. R. Newton conductor, W. Hughes, J. W. Evans, W. Battle, S. Moston.

LAWTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday, January 28th, a date touch of 1902 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 6 mins. J. Hancock, J. Wildblood, G. Baddley, J. Massey, J. Pierpoint, J. James, W. Rigby conductor, T. Harper. Longest in the method on the bells. On New Year's Eve the local company were glad to welcome an old friend (E. Briscall) who joined in the ringing, it being the anniversary of his commencing to ring half a century ago.

TODMORDEN.—On New Year's Day, at the Unitarian Church, a date touch of 1903 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 4 mins. J. Mitten, J. Richards, L. Suthers, H. Midgley, A. Crossley, H. Kershaw, W. Crabtree, H. Stevenson. Conducted by J. Richards.

Miscellaneous.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

HALLOW (Worcestershire).—On Sunday, January 11th, for morning service, the Editor's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. R. Smith, W. Harris, W. Rouse, W. Page, L. Clay, J. Batchelor, A. Winterton conductor, J. Oakey.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH SHIELDS.—The following ringing has been done here during the last four months: 629 Grandsire Caters. A. Lawson, R. Hogg, T. Hogg, G. Hern, A. F. Davison, T. Teasdale conductor, A. Tully, E. Hern, G. W. Dix, A. Dowell. 336 Stedman Triples, conducted by T. Teasdale. 560 Double Oxford Major. A. Tully, R. Hogg, A. F. Davison, G. Hern, T. Hogg, G. W. Dix, E. Hern, T. Teasdale conductor. 629 Grandsire Caters, 576 Kent Treble Major, 448 Bob Major, 378 Grandsire Caters, 480 Bob Major, 336 Bob Major, 448 Double Oxford Major, 288 Kent Treble Major, 400 Double Oxford Major, 1024 Double Oxford Major. R. Lawson, R. Hogg, A. F. Davison, G. W. Dix, T. Hogg, E. Hern, G. Hern, T. Teasdale conductor. Another 1024. T. Teasdale, G. W. Dix, A. Tully. 720 Double Oxford Minor. G. W. Dix conductor. Two 336s of Double Oxford Major, 1188 Grandsire Caters. A. Lawson, R. Hogg, T. Hogg, G. Hern, A. F. Davison, E. Hern, T. Teasdale conductor, G. W. Dix, A. Tully, A. Howell. 784, 720, 512 and 672 Double Oxford Major, 629 Grandsire Caters, 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. The following also took part in the ringing: G. R. Holmes and W. C. Hunt in one touch of Caters and one of Double Oxford.

ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

LONDON.—On Wednesday, December 10th, at the residence of Mr. J. T. Kentish, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original. E. G. Stibbons, J. T. Kentish, W. E. Judd conductor, J. Judd.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXTON (Cheshire).—On Sunday, December 21st, for morning service, 532 Bob Triples. C. W. Owens, H. S. Brocklebank, J. L. Grant, G. R. Newton conductor, J. H. Owens, J. W. Evans, W. Hughes, W. Grimmant. For evening service the last 742 of Holt's Original. J. L. Grant, G. R. Newton conductor, S. Barnes, R. Birchall, W. Battle, J. W. Evans, W. Hughes, C. W. Owens.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH.—On Monday, January 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46½ mins. A. E. Taylor, E. W. Beadsmore, G. Halton, sen., A. Hitchcock, J. Curtis, H. A. Wheatcroft, J. H. Dunmore conductor, G. Thornley. Rung as a 55th birthday compliment to the tenor man.

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening January 11th, for Divine Service, 1299 Stedman Caters, in 50 mins. G. Hollis, A. Craven, W. J. Thyng, B. A. Knights, G. W. Bemrose, S. Price, H. W. Kirton, J. Hunt, A. Knights conductor, G. Mee.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNSTALL.—On Saturday, December 20th, 720 of Mr. J. Carter's

new method, Warwickshire Pleasure Minor, in 25 mins., being the first ever rang on this plan. C. E. Smith, J. E. Grensted, W. T. Hyland, T. Jull, A. J. Day, W. H. B. Wilkins conductor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH WEALD.—On March 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins. F. March, W. R. Warner conductor, W. Radley, W. Wingrave, A. Toslin, H. Toslin. First quarter-peal by all. On April 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins. A. Toslin, D. Crow, the rest as before. On August 5th, a quarter-peal in the same method, in 46 mins. E. Pepper, A. Toslin, W. R. Warner conductor, W. Wingrave, H. Toslin, F. March. On Sunday, November 9th, another quarter-peal. H. Blundell, the rest as before. On November 27th, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Doubles came round at 2500 changes, owing to a mis-call. E. Pepper, A. Toslin, W. R. Warner conductor, H. Toslin, W. Wingrave, F. March.

BRAINTREE.—On Saturday, December 27th, at the parish church, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major, with the bells half-muffled for the late Archbishop of Canterbury, failed after 1200 changes had been rung. G. Leonard, C. H. Howard conductor, F. Webb, E. F. Slade, H. E. Hammond, A. B. Wiffen, H. Coote, H. J. Collins. Later a peal of Treble Bob came to grief after ringing over 3000. F. Webb, C. H. Howard conductor, G. F. Williams, E. F. Slade, H. E. Hammond, B. Wiffen, H. Coote, H. J. Collins.

WRITTE.—On Sunday, January 25th, for evening service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by John Carter. R. Edwards, C. H. Howard, W. Lincoln, F. Radley, E. Head conductor, H. Head, F. G. Piper, T. Lincoln.

WANSTED.—On Thursday, May 15th, at Christ Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins. *F. Squires, W. Smith, G. Cornell, J. Marks, F. Hull, F. Newman conductor. On July 8th, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 minutes. F. Squires, G. Cornell, G. Dawson, W. Miller, J. Marks, W. Smith. On December 9th, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins. *F. M. Bressey, G. Cornell, G. Dawson, W. Keeble conductor, W. Miller, J. Marks. *First 720.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HURSLEY.—On New Year's Eve 120 Grandsire Doubles. E. Wild, J. Richards, J. Pannel, R. G. Hunt, H. Westbrook, E. Down. Another 120. J. Richards, R. G. Hunt, E. Wild, W. Jones, H. Westbrook, E. Down. And 360 Grandsire Minor. J. Pannel, J. Richards, Rev. H. Wheat, R. G. Hunt, W. Jones conductor, H. Westbrook. And 360 Bob Minor. J. Pannel, J. Richards, R. G. Hunt, Rev. H. Wheat conductor, W. Jones, H. Westbrook. This is the first 360 of Plain Bob by the members of this band.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MIDHURST.—On December 23rd, a quarter-peal of Minor, 1260 changes, in 41 mins, being 240 each of New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford, Kent, Duke of York, and 60 of Bob Minor. G. G. Deane, J. Lee, T. E. Ellis, A. B. Bennett, W. R. Madgwick, T. Stroud conductor.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HEAVITREE.—On Sunday, December 7th, for the afternoon Confirmation Service, the last 742 of Holt's Original. W. Hancock, T. Laver, F. Shepherd, W. Burrough, C. Baker, F. J. Shepherd conductor, J. R. Sandover, E. Nethercott. For evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Hancock, W. Burrough, T. Laver conductor, W. Mifflin, T. Townsend, F. Shepherd, F. J. Shepherd, W. Nethercott.

LEICESTER.—On Saturday, December 27th, at the church of St. John the Divine, 658 Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original. T. Curtis, W. Willson, jun., L. Allen, F. W. Herbert, F. Dexter, C. H. Fowler, W. Willson, J. W. Beckwith. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Archbishop of Canterbury.

WOBURN (Beds).—On Monday, November 10th, at St. Mary's church, 1248 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. W. Smith, D. Harris, E. Herbert, M. Matthews, S. Avis, Cyril Herbert, M. Lane, W. Chibnall conductor. On Monday, December 8th, 560 Double Norwich. W. Smith, Cyril Herbert conductor, M. Lane, E. Herbert, S. Avis, M. Matthews, Rev. W. W. C. Baker, W. Chibnall. On Wednesday, October 1st, 1340 Bob Maximus. M. Matthews, D. Harris, E. Herbert, Cyril Herbert conductor, A. Avis, C. Herbert. On November 24th, 1008 in the same method, standing as before. On December 15th an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Maximus, but a change-course brought it to grief after ringing nearly 2 hrs.

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Notices.

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The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Pudsey to-day, Saturday, January 31st. A peal will be attempted at 2.30 prompt. Business meeting at The Royal hotel at 7.30 p.m. All members are requested to attend. Business of importance will be brought before the meeting.
CHARLES PRATT, Sec.
Park View, Calverley.

The Midland Counties Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ilkeston to-day, Saturday, January 31st. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Tea and general meeting at 4.45 p.m. in the Church Institute. The Hon. Sec. will be pleased if those members owing subscriptions up to end of 1902 will kindly pay them in at once.
W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.
Colgrave, Notts.

The Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Westerham to-day, Saturday, January 31st. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5.30 at the public hall. Half railway fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending. Subscriptions for 1903 are now due, and should be paid as soon as possible.
W. LATTER, Hon. Dis. Sec.

The Essex Association.—South Western Division.—There will be a meeting of the above to-day, Saturday, January 31st, at Barking. Tower open at 3. tea at 5 p.m., 1s. per head.
THOS. FAULKNER, Hon. Sec.
84, Fisher Street, Barking.

Kent County Association.—Lewisham District. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Woolwich, to-day, Saturday, January 31. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.
JOSEPH E. SYKES, Hon. Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The next quarterly and committee meeting of this Association will be held at Cradley to-day, Saturday, January 31st. The Rev. R. H. Edmondson, Vicar, has kindly consented to give an address at the service in church at 5.30, and preside over the business afterwards. The tower and bells will be available for ringing. Election of representatives to serve on Central Council at this meeting. The Hon. Secretary would be pleased to receive from all local secretaries a complete list of names of all members in Union. All contributions are due at this meeting according to rule 8.
JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.
34, Church House, Church Lane, Tipton.

The St. James' Society, London.—The meetings of this society will be resumed at 8 o'clock, at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on February 2nd (Candlemas), and every fortnight, when it is hoped a good number will attend to mark their appreciation of Churchwarden Powell (a ringer), who has had the bells put in order at his own expense.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—The election of representatives on the Central Council will take place after ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral on February 3rd. Other meetings for practice will be at Cripplegate on the 10th, St. Magnus on the 12th and 26th, and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 17th. The 1s. 8d. subscription should be paid before the 28th.
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.
"Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—The East Dorset meeting at Cranborne has been postponed from February 4th owing to absence and illness of several important members.
H. DRAKE, Branch Sec.

Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held on Saturday, February 7th, at the parish church, Bloxwich. Bells available from 2 o'clock for ringing touches. Service in church at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head for all those sending in their names on or before the 2nd proximo to
S. REEVES, Hon. Sec.
10, Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be at Guisborough on Saturday, February 7th. Tea at 5 p.m., at Mr. Wear's, Church Street, 9d. each. Belfry open all day, if desired. Subscriptions for 1903 due January 1st. Notice of attendance by February 2nd to
REV. W. P. WRIGHT, Hon. Sec. and Treas.
Stokesley, R.S.O.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—The monthly meeting of the Archdeaconry of Wilts Branch will be held at Melksham on the 7th February, commencing at 3. Tea at 5.
ARTHUR W. ANGEL, Hon. Sec.
Church Walk, Melksham.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Kids-grove on Saturday, February 7th. All members intending to be present are requested to give notice to Mr. Joseph Mason, 12, High Street, Kids-grove.
W. TWIGG, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Leeds on Saturday, February 14th. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 5. Tea at 5.30 at The George hotel, sixpence each will be charged for same. Members intending to be present at tea are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, February 10th. Half railway fares up to 2s. will be paid to those attending. Subscriptions for 1903 are now due, and should be paid as soon as possible.
A. W. TAWNEY, Hon. Sec.
Hamsey House, Florence Road, Maidstone.

The Essex Association.—A district meeting of the North Western division will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, February 14th, when the Abbey bells will be at the disposal of members and friends at 3 o'clock. Business meeting will be held at The Green Dragon at 4.45 sharp.
HENRY J. TUCKER, Dist. Sec.
Cemetery Lodge, Bishops Stortford.

Halifax and District Association.—The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Lightcliffe on Saturday, February 14th. Bells ready from 2 o'clock. Business meeting at The White Horse at 6 o'clock.
WRIGHT INGHAM, Sec.

The All Saints Society, Fulham.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, February 14th. Tower open from four o'clock. Tea in the church room, meeting afterwards. Will ringers expecting to be present please notify Mr. J. W. Driver, 387, New King's Road, Fulham, S.W., not later than February 12th.
W. T. ELSON, Hon. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—Peals for 1902.—Members are requested to take notice that peals will not be recorded as Association peals, if the subscription of any ringer taking part remains unpaid at the end of this month. Subscriptions for 1903 are due now, and should be paid without delay to the district secretaries.
FRED. J. O. HELMORE,
Hon. Sec., K.C.A.C.R.

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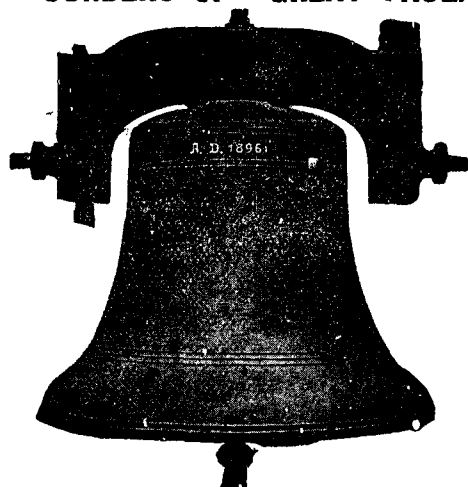
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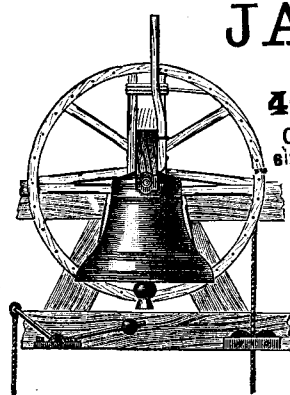
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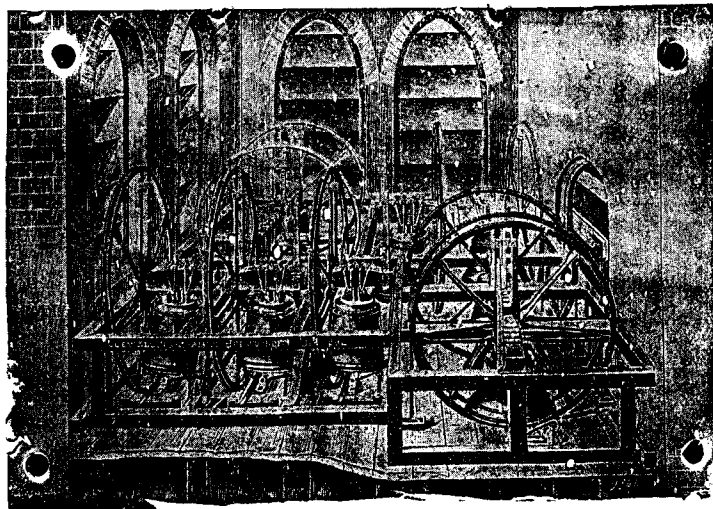
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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).

HALESOWEN (Worcestershire). St. John the Baptist. Worcester and District Association. Eight bells. The treble by Warner, 1164; 2nd by Lester, 1753; the rest by Smith, of Edgbaston, 1707. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were tuned and rehung in a new frame by Taylor, 1902. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Canterbury, and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: October to March, Tuesday, the rest of year Monday, 7.30.

HALESWORTH (Suffolk). Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Pack, 1770; 3rd by the same, 1759; 4th and 6th by H. S., Bury St. Edmunds, about 1450; 5th, 7th, and tenor by Brend, respectively 1627, 1611, and 1624. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. The ring were rehung about twenty years ago by Day, who has also effected repairs since. All requirements are promptly attended to by the church authorities. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.20 to 10.50, and 5.50 to 6.20. Practice: monthly, on Thursday nearest full moon, 7; also occasionally intermediate Thursdays and Sunday evenings after service.

HALEWOOD (Lancashire). St. Nicholas. Eight bells. No return.

HALIFAX (Yorks). St. John. Yorkshire Association. Thirteen bells, given as all by Mears. Treble, 2nd, and 13th, 1857; 3rd and 4th, 1820; the rest 1787. Tenor 25 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 6 in. The 13th bell gives a light ring of eight. The whole were rehung by Taylor, 1879. Timber frame. Bells go well. Recent repairs by Mallaby. Ropes new 1898, fair, Method: Treble Bob.

Sunday ringing: 9.45 to 10.30, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 8. The churchwardens keep all in good order.

All Souls. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1859. Tenor 26 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Mears, 1895. Ropes new 1900, good. Methods: Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: forty minutes for morning and forty-five minutes for evening service. No practice.

HALLOW (Worcester). SS. Philip and James. Worcester-shire and Districts Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1901. Tenor 22 cwt. Bells go well. No information as to clocking. An intermediate floor to deaden sound is required, but the authorities are indifferent. Ropes new 1900. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, and Oxford Bob. Sunday ringing: Morning and evening alternate Sundays for one hour before service. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30. Visitors are always welcome.

HAMPTON (Middlesex). St. Mary. Eight bells. No return.

HAMPSTEAD (Middlesex). St. Stephen. Middlesex County Association. All by Taylor. No date given. Tenor 27 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 7 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 10.55, and 6.30 to 6.55. Practice: alternate Tuesdays, 7.30.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A Quarterly General Meeting of the above Association was held at Diss on Tuesday, January 6th, the local company hospitably allowing the meeting to be held on the day usually set apart for their own anniversary. There was an excellent attendance of members, including representatives from Norwich, Ipswich, Yarmouth, Diss, Thornham, Eye, Bunwell, Pulham, Beccles, etc. The bells of the parish church were open during the day, and the neighbouring six at Palgrave were also visited. Excellent touches in various methods were rung, the bells running well.

Dinner was served at 1.30 p.m. at The King's Head hotel, the President (Mr. J. Sancroft Holmes) in the chair, sixty-one members sitting down. The President was supported by the Hon. Secretary (Rev. C. L. Kennaway), the Rector of Diss (Rev. C. W. Manning), the acting Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. E. Borrett), Messrs. Hopson, F. Day, W. Ireland, H. Bowell, W. L. Duffield, J. Souter, etc.

At the conclusion of dinner the President briefly proposed the loyal toasts, and having to leave by an early train, installed the Hon. Secretary in the chair. The chairman having thanked the Rector for the use of the bells, and the welcome accorded the Association, to which the Rev. C. W. Manning responded, then proposed "Success to the Norwich Diocesan Association."

Mr. C. E. Borrett, in responding, outlined the work of the Association during the year, which had been a very

successful one, both financially and numerically. The average increased balance from year to year had been exceeded in 1902, which enabled the trustees to invest a second £50, as sanctioned by the Committee, and thus the Reserve Fund scheme, so strenuously advanced by the late Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, was now completed. The arrears in subscriptions were also lower than usual. The peal record was far in advance of any previous year, both for number and variety of methods. The preliminary design for a new certificate was shown, and with one or two additions was accepted. Twenty new members were elected, and the usual votes of thanks concluded the business meeting.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN DIVISION.)

The quarterly meeting of this division was held at Arundel on Saturday, January 10th, a fairly good muster of ringers being present from the following towers: Angmering, Goring, Lyminster, Midhurst, Pulborough, and the local band being also well represented. Ringing commenced soon after 4 o'clock. Touches of Minor and Doubles were mostly practised, the ringers being chiefly from six-bell towers. Tea was held at The Bridge hotel at 5.30. Among those present were C. Bartlett, Esq., ex-Mayor and churchwarden of Arundel, in the chair, Mr. A. B. Bennett (Hon. Secretary), Mr. Tompkins (Treasurer), and Mr. Evans (Divisional Secretary), numbering twenty-eight in all. The usual business meeting followed, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read, and several new members were elected. It was resolved that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Arundel. The Secretary mentioned that he would like to have the names of those wishing to take part.

Mr. Tompkins proposed a cordial vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding and meeting them, which was seconded by Mr. Bennett.

The chairman in responding paid a high tribute to the late Rev. R. F. Tompkins, late treasurer to the Association, whom he mentioned was always ready to assist and help in the cause of change-ringing at Arundel.

The tower was again visited, and ringing continued till eight o'clock.

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The St. John's church company, Cleaton Moor, journeyed to Egremont on a recent Saturday afternoon, where they rang 720 Woodbine Treble Bob at St. Mary's church, the ringers being P. Pearson, A. Smith, T. Brown, J. Pearson, J. Joyce, J. D. Baxter conductor. These bells were only recently erected, and go like clockwork, with the least possible exertion, although the ringers got pretty warm (cold day as it was) as they were rather cramped for room. This was the first 720 in the method on the bells. Several other short touches were rung, G. Tembey and F. Davis taking part. The ringers then drove over to St. Bees, through some very pretty country, and after refreshing the inner man proceeded to the belfry and tackled some more Woodbine, but owing to one of the bells jumping the slider and two of the ropes breaking they were not able to pull off another 720. None of the local men put in an appearance, although their conductor had obtained permission for the visitors to ring, and the best part of the time in the belfry was spent in searching for old rope and executing the necessary repairs to broken

tail-ends. It was a great pity the ropes were not in better order, as the bells go splendidly, and are very sweet in tone.

The names of eleven ringers appear on a board in the belfry, and yet the visitors were given to understand that there were never any practices, and the full eight were scarcely ever rung for service. It almost looks as if there were room for an energetic ringer there. However, the Cleator Moor men thoroughly enjoyed the outing, and parted with an expression of their intention to have a go later on, when they hoped to find things in a better condition.

THE OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting was held at North Wingfield on Saturday, January 24th. The meeting was only poorly attended. Tea was provided in the schoolroom by the Rector, and had it not been for a team of football lads coming to the rescue, there would have been a lot of vacant chairs. The Rev. —. Bowden (Rector), presided over the eighteen members who attended. It was resolved on the motion of Mr. Butler, that the Wingfield members waive their right to have the Easter annual meeting at Wingfield in favour of Staveley, with the understanding that they have the 1904 meeting, when it is hoped to get the East Derby to have their Annual at the same place.

The Secretary in proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for so kindly providing tea, not only to the ringers, but footballers; also remarking that while ringing was exercise football was likewise for the legs, and hoped that some of the young men then present may at some time become ringers, also as the question of getting young men to learn the Art was much needed, but greatly neglected. The membership of the Old East Derbyshire for the year ending 1902 shows a great falling off, and the question to be discussed at the annual meeting will be—shall it be left to die by degrees, or shall it fall in with the East Derby, or Sheffield and District. It seems quite evident that the candle is nearly burnt out; may the sparks re-ignite and burn more brightly in the near future, when the writer will deliver up the reins of office and take a watching brief.

E. J.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A District Meeting of the above was held at Clare on January 17th, which was attended by ringers from Bury St. Edmunds, Lavenham, Felsham, Glemsford, Clare, Haverhill, Stradishall, Hawkedon and other places. A good tea was provided at The Bell hotel, where a meeting was subsequently held, at which the chair was taken by the Rev. J. R. M. Vatcher, Vicar of Clare, and the vice-chair by the District Secretary, Rev. H. B. Woolley.

It was decided to hold the next district meeting at Monks Eleigh on July 11th. F. W. J. Rees, Esq., of Nayland, was elected an honorary member, and several ringing members were also elected. During the day several touches were rung on the fine ring of bells at the parish church. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar of Clare for his kind welcome, and for the use of the bells.

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THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

The Monthly Meeting of this Society was held at Pudsey, on Saturday January 31st, the following towers being represented: Armley, Bramley, Calverley, Leeds, Headingley, Holbeck, Shipley, Tong, Bradford, Huddersfield and the local company. The proceedings opened with an attempt for a peal, which was accomplished in three hours. Then an adjournment to The Royal hotel, where refreshments were served. A business meeting was held at 7.35, Mr. Barraclough in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. M. Broadbent, on behalf of Mr. W. Child, proposed that refreshments be provided out of the funds of the Society at the Armley meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Turner. Mr. G. Bolland proposed as an amendment, seconded by Mr. Maude, and carried unanimously, that Mr. J. W. T. Holgate be the Society's representative on the Central Council. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and the local company for kindly entertaining the society, was carried with applause.

Mr. William Birks and Mr. T. Maude, on behalf of the local company, gave all a hearty welcome. Tower and handbell ringing in various methods up till a late hour, brought a very successful meeting to a close.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

The eighth annual general meeting of this society was held at The Campbell coffee tavern on Wednesday evening, January 21st, the Rev. A. V. Baillie (Rector, and President of the Society), in the chair. There were also present Messrs. George, Coleman, Coales, Fenton, and Sear (the retiring officers of the society), and a good attendance of other members. The finances and membership were reported to be in a very satisfactory condition. Mr. James George was unanimously re-elected Ringing Master, and Mr. A. L'oste Coleman, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer; Messrs. A. Bramall, J. B. Fenton, and R. Watson were elected on the Committee. Mr. George gave a brief report of the year's work, which was very satisfactory. Amongst other business the Rev. Hugh A. Studdert-Kennerdy was appointed chaplain to the society.

A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. William Brooke (Churchwarden) in his long and serious illness, with the sincerest wishes of all members for his speedy restoration to health, and great regret was felt at his absence from this meeting in consequence of his indisposition. The Hon. Secretary was instructed to write and convey this resolution to a true and well-tried friend of the Society. Votes of thanks were passed to the chairman, and also to the Ringing Master and Hon. Secretary for their services and untiring energy in promoting the welfare of the society.

THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

On Saturday, January 17th, the above society were entertained to an excellent dinner at The Collingwood hotel by Mr. S. O. Ferry, one of their honorary members. Mr. Wallis and Mr. Knott sent letters regretting that they could not be present on this auspicious occasion. Host Ferry took the chair, and the way the courses came and went, and the amount of banter and chaff that was given

and taken, was a sure sign that everybody was in splendid condition. Dinner being over, and the usual toast "The King" was drunk, when songs were rendered by Messrs. C. L. Routledge, W. Holmes, S. O. Ferry, H. Dall, E. D. Ferry, and R. Simm, sen., Messrs. E. Astley and H. Dall being the accompanists.

The chairman during the evening also called upon the remarkable "Bob" to introduce his "whistling canary" and "singing parrot. Bob was sorry to have to disappoint the company, as his canary had just recently died, and his parrot could not sing without the canary whistled, and now his combination was of no use, but he himself was reserving all his nerve and energy for his contest at Ping Pong with "Old Daddy."

Mr. Holmes proposed the health of "The Host" (Mr. S. O. Ferry), and on behalf of the Society expressed to him their thanks and gratitude for so kindly entertaining them that evening, and also for the help that he had given them in the past, and the untiring energy he had used to further the progress of the society since he had joined them, and which now stands on a better basis, in peals, methods, and service ringing, than it has ever done before, the greater part of which is due to his influence and regular attendance at every opportunity there was for ringing, and hoped that he would long continue to carry on that good and useful work amongst them.

Mr. Ferry, in responding, thanked them for the hearty manner in which they had drunk his health, and the kind expression concerning himself. He considered what he had given and done for the society was only a small recompense to the many pleasant and happy hours he had spent with them, and hoped in the future they would make as much progress as they had done in the past, and persevere until they had made their belfry second to none in the county.

An adjournment was then made to the Ping Pong room to witness the match between the champions "Bob" v. "Old Alf." It was here that the effects of the good dinner were seen to advantage, as the way these two champions knocked those balls about, it looked as though the Cathedral Square was about the size the table should have been. However by a few preliminaries to get these down to their respective strengths, they got them into condition. The "old un" was made favourite, and after a well contested game with a lot of "deuced vantages" for and "gainst," the "old un" won by two games. Of course the noted "Bob" is unbeatable, after considering the real points of the game. The light was the wrong shade, and the missing glass in his nose frame having been replaced, and put one-sixteenth out of focus (which way I don't know), made a great difference in the game. Another amusing half-hour watching the novices, brought another pleasant and enjoyable evening to a close.

WRITTE.—On Sunday, January 25th, for evening service at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by John Carter. R. Edwards, C. H. Howard, W. Lincoln, F. Radley, E. Head conductor, H. Head, F. G. Piper, T. Lincoln.

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YORKTOWN, SURREY.— THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

Ringers are evidently appreciated at Yorktown, if we may judge from the success which attended a dinner on Wednesday, January 14th, organized by Mr. C. Pearce and the Yorktown band. Yorktown is the centre of a district lately formed in the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and Mr. Pearce (the District Secretary) is bent upon showing the other Districts what the new one can do. The inhabitants of Yorktown and Camberley are ready to back him up, and altogether about 70 guests sat down to an excellent dinner at The Duke of York hotel. The chair was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. E. C. Kirwan, who was supported by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter (Vicar of Thorpe and Hon. Sec. of the Diocesan Guild) Messrs. W. Webb, Davadge, F. J. Hurlock and A. H. Claypole. The vice-chair was occupied by Mr. D. Sparvell J.P., supported by Messrs. T. W. Fairey, W. J. Hodgson, G. Doman, and G. W. Mason. The Yorktown ringers of course mustered in full force, and amongst the visitors were Messrs. C. Willshire and A. Pulling (Guildford), W. Ives and G. Horner (Hawley), C. Smart (Sandhurst). The large dining room was beautifully decorated for the occasion with bunting and chinese lanterns, and the menu was adorned with an excellent picture of St. Michael's Church Yorktown.

After dinner the usual loyal toasts were proposed from the chair, and of course loyally received, and then Mr. D. Sparrell J.P., proposed the toast of "The Winchester Diocesan Guild." He said he did so with pleasure, as, since Yorktown came under them the ringing had improved and they owed the Guild a great debt of gratitude. He coupled with the toast the names of the Rev. E. W. Carpenter and Mr. C. Willshire who had acted as instructor to the Yorktown Band.

The toast was enthusiastically received, and Mr. Carpenter in replying expressed his surprise at and unpreparedness for the large gathering he saw before him, most heartily congratulating the Yorktown band upon the success of their undertaking. He was glad that the Guild had proved of value to Yorktown, and expressed the hope that when the new constitution was in working order the usefulness of the Guild would be greatly increased. The Yorktown district had a good start with an excellent and energetic Secretary, and bid fair to be one of the best districts of the Guild. He expressed his readiness to render any assistance in his power.

Mr. Willshire also returned thanks and spoke of the excellent progress the Yorktown band had made under his instruction. He was glad to see the ringers so well supported by the inhabitants, and thought that such a gathering as the present had not taken place in any other part of the country.

The next toast, that of the St. Michael's Ringers, was proposed by Mr. W. J. Hodgson in an appreciative speech. He coupled with the toast the names of Mr. C. Pearce and Mr. T. W. Fairey. Mr. Pearce in reply took the opportunity to thank Mr. Willshire for all he had done for the band, and spoke of the debt they owed him, it would be impossible to find a better instructor.

Mr. Fairey also replied, and stated that he hoped their band would be a "self-supporting" one. He quite intended to get enough honorary members to pay all expenses in connexion with the Guild, and leave something over. He explained some of the purposes for which the Guild required funds—Instruction, the Annual Festival, etc.

Mr. C. Pearce then proposed "The health of the Honorary Members," and backed up Mr. Fairey's appeal for funds. They had now six honorary members, and he hoped soon to have a dozen or more.

The Rev. E. C. Kirwan and Mr. W. Webb having returned thanks, Mr. Fairey proposed "The health of the Visitors." He was gratified and delighted to see so many friends of the ringers present. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. Sparvell, J.P., Chairman of the District Council, who expressed his pleasure at being present, and the value of such gatherings as these.

During the evening an excellent musical programme was gone through, including some selections on handbells by the York Town ringers, which were much appreciated.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the chairman, vice-chairman and host, and a very pleasant and successful evening concluded with the singing of "Auld lang syne" and "God save the King."

THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The Monthly Meeting of the above Society took place at St. John's church, Ranmoor, on January 3rd. Tower ringing was taken part in by a large number of members from 4 to 8 p.m., after which the business meeting was held at The Ranmoor inn, Mr. T. G. Sarel in the chair. The ordinary routine business was quickly disposed of, and the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, varied by several courses of ham sandwiches kindly provided by the Ranmoor company. Tunes and courses on the handbells, songs and a humorous recitation of "How Betty got cured of rheumatics by Soda," followed by a vote of thanks to the local company, brought a successful meeting to a close.

SOUTHOVER CHURCH RINGERS' GUILD.

The usual Quarterly Meeting of this Guild was held in the new ringing chamber of the belfry, Southover church, Lewes, Sussex, on Monday, January 19th, at 8.30 p.m., the Rector, the Rev. D. Lee Elliott, M.A. (President of the Guild) in the chair. The quarterly attendance list of members for the past quarter was highly satisfactory, and was commented on by the chairman, several members having attained the possible number of attendances. Other business followed of a routine character.

ILKESTON (Derbyshire).—On December 30th, at St. Mary's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. E. Poxon, G. Needham, J. Hufton, S. Burgoyne, H. Fletcher, H. Harrison, W. J. Sevier composer and conductor, A. Baker.

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THE CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE "FORTY-FIVE."

By R. A. DANIELL.

Last week we considered the illustration furnished by the proceedings of the College Youths of the connection between change-ringing and political events. This connection in the case of the Cumberland Youths lies more on the surface, and admits of briefer consideration. But the connection in both instances is with the failure of efforts to upset the constituted government of the country.

In the year 1745 the House of Hanover had been seated on the English throne for some thirty years. Neither George the First nor George the Second were popular Sovereigns but they cannot be said to have been unpopular. People at large were indifferent about them, and the chief feeling toward them seems to have been one of ridicule for the absurdities of their personal conduct. But they did not excite discontent; they made no attempt at oppression or unconstitutional government; the national prosperity was increasing, and therefore there was nothing to exasperate the national temper in 1745 as in 1688. Personal devotion to George the Second as to the kings of the House of Stuart did not exist, but the bulk of Englishmen and Lowland Scots were sufficiently content with the government under which they lived to acquiesce in its continuance.

There were, however, still some adherents of the exiled House of Stuart, and in 1745 it was arranged that Charles Edward, a grandson of King James the Second, should cross to Scotland with assistance from France, and should be joined by his adherents in the north with a view to ousting the reigning House and reinstating the Stuart Dynasty. The assistance from France was dissipated by a storm, but Charles Edward landed at Moidart in the West Highlands on July 25th, 1745. His adherents had collected an army which was gradually swelled by additions largely composed of Scotch Highlanders, and owing to the incapacity of Sir John Cope, the Commander of the King's forces in the north, Charles Edward and his army advanced south as far as Derby, actually within a hundred and fifty miles of the metropolis. This was obviously a very serious state of things, calling not only for troops but for the best military commander available, and at the beginning of 1746 the Duke of Cumberland appears upon the scene.

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A great many records of peals arriving very late has been the cause of a slight delay in publication, and has also hindered the appearance of a page of "Notes and Comments." Will our friends be careful and send their peal records early? Mr. LILLEY writes to say, for the special behoof of our readers, that a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major will be attempted at Clifton, Beds., on Saturday, February 14th; meet at 2.15 p.m. Therefore those who are interested may go to Clifton and hear this performance if they can get there. We advise our friend LILLEY to take care before he starts for this peal, to notify to some competent ringer present what composition he intends to go for.

The Metropolis.

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JOHN N. OXBORROW Treble.	WILLIAM H. PASMORE .. 5.
ALFRED B. PECK 2.	HARRY R. PASMORE .. 6.
HENRY S. ELLIS 3.	HENRY R. NEWTON .. 7.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS 4.	JOHN W. GOLDING Tenor.

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by JOHN N. OXBORROW.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1903, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES.

WILLIAM PYE Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6.
GEORGE R. PYE 2.	GEORGE R. FARDON .. 8.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	HARRY FLANDERS .. 9.
CHARLES WILKINS 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN .. 10.
BERTHEAM PREWETT .. 5.	ERNEST PYE 11.
HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 6.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This is W. Keeble's 100th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN .. Treble.	WILLIAM C. HOLLIER .. 6.
ARTHUR N. HARDY 2.	WILLIAM HAIGH 7.
JOHN J. LAMB 3.	LEWIS SILVER 8.
FREDERICK PERRIN 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN .. 9.
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE .. 5.	THOMAS LANGDON Tenor.

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

This is W. Haigh's sixtieth peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, February 2, 1903, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, COLEMAN STREET,

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

HENRY SPRINGALL .. Treble.	JAMES SCHOLES 5.
MATTHEW A. WOOD .. 2.	WILLIAM TRUSS 6.
SAMUEL E. JOYCE 3.	EMMANUEL HALL 7.
EDWARD WALLAGE 4.	SAMUEL HAYES Tenor.

Composed by THOMAS DAY, and Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

Rung as a 52nd birthday compliment to Edward Wallage.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, February 2, 1903, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR CUTMORE .. Treble.	JOHN T. KENTISH 5.
ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 2.	WILLIAM FOX 6.
SEDLEY J. COLLINS* .. 3.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 7.
WILLIAM E. JUDD 4.	JOHN H. B. HESSE Tenor.

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

*First peal of Stedman.

The Provinces.**NEWDIGATE, SURREY.**

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 3, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, College Exercise, College Pleasure, Oxford, Violet and Kent.

THOMAS WELLER .. Treble.	FREDERICK R. TULLETT .. 4.
CHARLES TAYLOR 2.	FREDERICK WICKENS .. 5.
JOHN AKEHURST 3.	ALBERT ELLIS Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT ELLIS.

The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells.

CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.

On Tuesday, January 20, 1903, in Three Hours and Six 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.
LLEWELLYN BROOK 2.	JOHN CLUTTERBUCK .. 6.
WILLIAM B. BISS 3.	WILLIAM COOMBS 7.
WILLIAM G. MILLER .. 4.	*FRANK DITE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM COOMBS.

*First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Dean Howell, of St. David's, who was formerly Vicar of the above church. This is the first muffled peal on the bells, and is believed to be the first rung in Wales.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 26, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY J. POOLE .. Treble.	SIDNEY WYATT 5.
THOMAS DOBLE 2.	JOSEPH MADDOCK 6.
WALTER H. GILLARD .. 3.	ALEXANDER EVANS .. 7.
FRANK MILLARD 4.	EDGAR E. BURGESS .. Tenor.

Conducted by A. EVANS.

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. A. Evans, who is leaving Taunton for Exeter.

SPALDING.—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 26, 1903, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

J. T. BROWN† .. Treble.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 5.
WILLIAM RICHARDSON* .. 2.	JAMES R. MACKMAN .. 6.
GEORGE LADD* 3.	*GEORGE TOMLINSON .. 7.
RUPERT RICHARDSON* .. 4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

†First peal. *First peal of Double Norwich. This is the first peal of Double Norwich by the Guild, and the Rev. H. Law James' 100th peal.

BANGOR, NORTH WALES.

THE ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY, BANGOR.

On Tuesday, January 27, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM CRANE, SEN. .. Treble.	BERNARD CARTER 5.
REV. T. LEWIS JONES .. 2.	WILLIAM T. PEGLER .. 6.
EBENEZER TAYLOR 3.	JAMES H. MIDWINTER .. 7.
JESSE GILLET 4.	WILLIAM CRANE, JUN. .. Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

Rang as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Carter, Hoad and Hughes, members of this Society.

EXETER, DEVON.

THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, January 27, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SIDWELL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST SEARLE* Treble.	*FRANK MURPHY.. .. . 6.
WILLIAM DRAKE 2.	EDWIN SHEPHERD 7.
WILLIAM MOGRIDGE* 3.	*WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 8.
FRANK DAVEY 4.	JAMES MOSS 9.
THOMAS MUDGE 5.	*JOHN RICHARDS Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

*First peal of Caters. First peal of Caters by an entire Exeter band.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 27, 1903, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's. Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWARD C. DIAPER Treble.	*GEORGE ARCHER 5.
WILLIAM E. TYDEMAM 2.	WILLIAM SOUTER 6.
WILLIAM WICKENS* 3.	JOHN SOUTER 7.
JOHN SMITH 4.	*WILLIAM WELHAM Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

*First peal in the method.

DEANE, BOLTON.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 27, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM THORNLEY .. Treble.	JOHN MOSCROP 5.
JAMES FLEETWOOD 2.	ROBERT BARLOW 6.
TITUS BARLOW 3.	WILLIAM PENNINGTON .. 7.
HENRY MORRIS 4.	JOHN GREENWOOD Tenor.

Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

LINCOLN.—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AT ARCHES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE FLINTHAM* .. Treble.	CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON .. 5.
RUPERT RICHARDSON 2.	*GEORGE CHESTER 6.
REV. H. LAW JAMES 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
RICHARD DAWSON* 4.	JOHN W. WATSON Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman. This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells, and was rung on the Rector's 80th birthday.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

ERNEST A. PARSONS* .. Treble.	GEORGE PENFOLD 5.
JAMES LIVERMORE, JUN.† .. 2.	SYDNEY F. C. SAKER .. 6.
LEONARD STAPLEY 3.	WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 7.
FREDERICK LOCK 4.	WILLIAM BURT Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BILLENNESS.

*First peal and first attempt †First peal with a bob bell.

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WRITTLE, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 11. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

REGINALD EDWARDS* .. Treble.	THOMAS LINCOLN 5.
FREDERICK G. RADLEY 2.	ARTHUR HEAD 6.
HENRY HEAD* 3.	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7.
WILLIAM J. PIPER 4.	*GEORGE W. PIPER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

*First peal in the method.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 29, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Treble.	*JAMES R. MACKMAN 5.
RUPERT RICHARDSON 2.	JOHN T. HOLMES 6.
JOHN W. WOOD 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
THOMAS B. WOOD* 4.	JOHN R. GREEN Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman. This is the Rev. F. E. Robinson's 800th peal, a list of which appears elsewhere.

ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Thursday, January 29, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN M. CHADWICK .. Treble.	GEORGE W. STEEL 5.
ALFRED CHAPMAN 2.	WILLIAM ABBISHAW 6.
JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW .. 3.	STEPHEN STACEY 7.
THOMAS NICKOLS 4.	WALTER CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by JOHN M. CHADWICK.

Rung on the 66th anniversary of the opening of the bells. This is the conductor's 50th peal.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 29, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS MANSBRIDGE* .. Treble.	PHILIP J. ALLFREY 5.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2.	*HENRY KINGSLAND 6.
HERBERT TOMSETT 3.	ARTHUR A. FULLER 7.
ALFRED TOMSETT 4.	WILLIAM STENNING Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR A. FULLER.

*First peal.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 30, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL AND MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN T. HOLMES Treble.	REV. H. LAW JAMES 5.
RUPERT RICHARDSON 2.	GEORGE LADD 6.
THOMAS B. WOOD 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN W. WOOD 4.	JOHN R. GREEN Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells, and the first in Holland.

NEWTON LONGVILLE, BUCKS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty 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, College Single, and Oxford Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY SEAR Treble.	WILLIAM STAPLETON .. 4.
FRED WILFORD 2.	FRED HOPPER 5.
SIDNEY LAWRENCE 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

First peal on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. H. C. Blagden for the use of the bells.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1903, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES. Tenor 19 cwt.

JAMES E. GOFTON Treble.	CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE .. 5.
GEORGE R. HOLMES 2.	R. ALDER GOFTON 6.
THOMAS T. GOFTON 3.	ALFRED F. HILLIER 7.
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 4.	ROBERT S. STORY Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

PUDSEY, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 31, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES MOXON Treble.	SAMUEL WHEATLEY 5.
LEONARD STOKOE 2.	CHARLES PRATT 6.
J. W. T. HOLGATE 3.	GEORGE BOLLAND 7.
TOM LATIMER 4.	PRATT CORDINGLEY Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES.

JAMES E. GROVES Treble.	WILLIAM H. GODDEN .. 6.
ARTHUR BOWLER 2.	FREDERICK J. COPE 7.
SAMUEL REEVES 3.	JAMES HARES 8.
THOMAS HORTON 4.	ALF PADDON SMITH 9.
THOMAS H. REEVES 5.	SIDNEY JESSOP Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

CHARLES HONEYBELL .. Treble.	FREDERICK WELLS 5.
HARRY THOMPSON 2.	THOMAS KING 6.
HUGH GLADWELL 3.	ARTHUR SYMONDS 7.
SAMUEL SLATER 4.	WILLIAM KINSEY Tenor.

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY, and Conducted by THOMAS KING.

The ringers wish to thank the Rev. J. Vatcher for kindly granting permission for the use of his bells, and who heartily congratulated them at the conclusion of the peal.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt.

HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. Treble.	CHARLES LUERY 5.
FREDERICK G. BRETT 2.	GEORGE G. JENKINS 6.
ARTHUR A. ANDREWS 3.	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE .. 7.
PHILIP H. PIERCE 4.	E. HYDER JENKINS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. J. O. HELMORE.

GORING, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1903, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALFRED SPOKES Treble.	GEORGE WILSON 4.
JOHN WEDGE 2.	JOHN ALEXANDER 5.
JOHN BOWER 3.	FREDERICK RICHARDSON .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. RICHARDSON.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1903, 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.

WALTER E. KING* .. Treble.	JAMES ELCOMBE 5.
WILLIAM GEO. T. FOWLER .. 2.	ROBERT P. KNIGHT 6.
ALBERT E. PASKINS 3.	WILLIAM W. GIFFORD 7.
FREDERICK H. PASKINS 4.	*ALBERT MEDLEY Tenor.

Conducted by W. W. GIFFORD.

*First peal.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1903, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK W. RICE .. Treble.	JOSEPH WREN 5.
THOMAS TULLETT* 2.	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6.
ARTHUR B. BENNETT 3.	ARTHUR HUGGETT 7.
CHARLES TRIBE 4.	ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal, also first attempt. A. E. Edwards was proposed a member previous to starting. Further reference elsewhere.

RYE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(RYE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 31, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lbs.

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

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

This peal was to have been rung on January 24th as a birthday compliment to C. Price, the ringer of the 5th, but had to be postponed owing to a serious illness near the church.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 31, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

J. BARNES	Treble.	ORMEROD EASTWOOD	5.
J. H. HAYDOCK	2	WALTER TAYLOR	6.
SAM LORD	3.	JAMES B. TAYLOR	7.
LAW TAYLOR	4.	JAMES BRIERLEY	Tenor.

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

Rung in honour of the birthday of J. H. Haydock.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5040 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT LITTLE*	Treble.	*JOHN LUCKEY	5.
GEORGE JORDAN*	2.	*THOMAS J. WATTS	6.
HENRY J. TUCKER	3.	*WILLIAM T. PRIOR	7.
WALTER PRIOR	4.	†WILLIAM WATTS	Tenor.

Conducted by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 2, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 CHANGES. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALEXANDER MCFARLANE..Treble.	JAMES CARTER	5.
JOHN HALL*	CHARLES HALL	6.
WILLIAM RUDD	JOHN H. BLAKISTON	7.
JOHN H. JONES	THOMAS METCALFE	Tenor.

Composed by THOMAS GOFTON, and Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

*First peal in the method.

Date Touches.

NORTON-IN-THE-MOORS (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, December 14th, for Divine Service in the evening, a date touch of Treble Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 5 mins., being a 720 each of Oxford and Woodbine, and 462 of Kent. J. T. Taylor, B. Peggs, W. A. Tabernor, E. E. Johnson, J. E. Wheeldon conductor, A. E. Ryles. This is the first date touch on these bells for several years.

Miscellaneous.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HENLEY (Suffolk).—On Thursday, November 20th, the young parish company rang their first 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. Rev. W. C. Pearson conductor, F. Shipp aged 17, F. Norman aged 17, S. Gostling, G. Shipp aged 14, H. Roper aged 17.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARLOW (Bucks).—On Sunday, November 9th, in honour of the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. H. Collins, L. Collins, F. O. Nicholls, J. C. Truss, C. Green, E. W. Coster, J. S. Hawkins, W. E. Yates.

FULMER (Bucks).—On Sunday, November 16th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor. J. Walden, G. H. Gutteridge conductor, W. Henley, J. Clarke, A. Jordan, W. Clarke.

STOKE POGES (Bucks).—On Tuesday, November 18th, ringers from Farnham Royal and Fulmer visited this tower and rang 720 Bob Minor. G. H. Gutteridge, J. J. Parker, J. Clark, E. Harding, A. Jordan, C. Clarke conductor. And another 720 in the same method. W. Henley, J. Clark, G. H. Gutteridge conductor, E. Harding, A. Jordan, C. Clarke. Also several 120s of Doubles, in which the local company took part.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

RAMSEY (Hunts).—On Saturday, December 6th, a peal of Bob Minor was attempted, but owing to the bad go of the bells the conductor called them round at half-way. A. Hill, L. Flint, G. Middleton, G. D. Coleman, S. Coleman, W. J. Goss conductor. On handbells, 336 Bob Major. L. Flint, S. Coleman, W. J. Goss. A course of Stedman Triples as before. And 168 Grandsire Triples, with R. A. Newton aged 16 taking 1-2.

THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MARKET RASEN.—On Sunday, December 14th, for evening service at St. Thomas's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Potter, A. M. Hardy, E. C. Creasey, H. Hackney, T. Tindall, R. Tomlinson first as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BEXHILL (Sussex).—On Tuesday, December 9th, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 43 mins. J. Livermore, T. Hunnisett, R. C. Ford, J. Beal, J. W. Burgess, A. W. Brighton conductor, F. Lock, W. Billenness. And the last 742 of Holt's Original. A. W. Brighton conductor, J. Livermore, R. C. Ford, J. Beal, J. W. Burgess, W. Billenness, T. Hunnisett.

HASTINGS (Sussex).—On Wednesday, December 10th, at Christ Church, Blacklands, 742 Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original. E. Parsons, J. Livermore, F. Lock, R. C. Ford, A. W. Brighton conductor, W. Billenness, W. Franks, W. Swain. On Sunday, December 14th, for morning service, 770 from Holt's Original. A. W. Brighton conductor, J. Livermore, S. Saker, R. C. Ford, H. Barrell, S. F. C. Saker, F. Lock, J. Livermore, W. Swain. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Livermore, A. W. Brighton conductor, S. F. C. Saker, R. C. Ford, F. Lock, H. Barrell, S. Saker, W. Swain.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE.—On Monday, November 12th, 812 Grandsire Triples. G. Pace, D. White, C. Holdaway, T. Nicholson, J. E. Ballard, F. Redgate, H. White conductor, A. Knight. Also 308 Grandsire Triples. J. Brown, E. Ham, Dora White, T. Nicholson, J. Ward, F. Redgate, J. E. Ballard conductor, G. Martin. On Sunday, November 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Knight, F. Redgate, C. Holdaway, T. Nicholson, H. White conductor, J. Ward, J. E. Ballard, G. Martin.

HERSHAM (Surrey).—On Tuesday, November 10th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins. G. Edser, C. Hamblin, A. Woodrow, J. Martin, J. Emery, G. Woodiss conductor. This is the first 720 ever rung in Hershams by an entirely local company.

YORK TOWN (Surrey).—On November 27th, for practice, 574 Grandsire Triples. G. Prime first touch, C. H. Pearce, G. Miles first touch with a bob bell. E. Brown first touch with a bob bell, W. Ives, A. Smith, C. Willshire conductor, T. P. Kemp. Also 336. A. Smith, 2; C. H. Pearce, 6; the rest as before. On December 4th, a quarter-peal in 43 mins. J. Read first quarter, A. Smith, G. Miles first quarter, H. W. Cotton, W. Ives, C. H. Pearce, C. Willshire conductor, C. Jeffery. A 210. J. Read, H. W. Cotton, G. Miles, E. Brown, A. Smith, C. H. Pearce, C. Willshire conductor, G. Prime. On December 8th, 238 and 280. J. Read, A. Smith, G. Miles, E. Brown, W. Ives, C. H. Pearce, C. Willshire conductor, G. Prime. A 210 with Rev. H. C. Stokes, 1; the rest as before. On Sunday January 25th, for service, a 350. J. Read, A. Smith, G. Miles, E. Brown, W. Ives, H. W. Cotton, C. H. Pearce conductor, C. Jeffery. This is the first touch ever rung in this tower by an entirely local band. The members wish to thank Mr. Willshire for the pains he has taken in instructing them during the past three months.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE (Essex).—On Sunday evening, November 30th, for Divine Service at the parish church, 720 Bob Major. G. Leonard, A. B. Wiffen, E. F. Slade, C. H. Howard conductor, H. Pilcher, G. Sentance, C. R. Lilley, H. J. Collins. For practice on Monday, December 1st, 720 Bob Minor. G. Leonard, W. Sadler, C. H. Howard, G. Sentance, F. Webb, A. B. Wiffen conductor.

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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths. Meetings for practice will be at Cripplegate on the 10th, St. Magnus on the 12th and 26th, and Cornhill, on the 17th. The 1s. 8d. subscription should be paid before the 28th.

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Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—The quarterly meeting in connection with this society will be held to-day, Saturday, Feb. 7th, at the parish church, Bloxwich. Bells available from 2 o'clock for ringing touches. Service in church at 5 p.m.

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

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—The next meeting will be at Guisborough to-day, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Tea at 5 p.m., at Mr. Wear's, Church Street, 9d. each. Belfry open all day, if desired. Subscriptions for 1903 due January 1st. Notice of attendance by February 2nd to

Rev. W. P. WRIGHT, *Hon. Sec. and Treas.*
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The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—The monthly meeting of the Archdeaconry of Wilts Branch will be held at Melksham to-day, Saturday, February 7th, commencing at 3. Tea at 5. ARTHUR W. ANGEL, *Hon. Sec.*
Church Walk, Melksham.

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Kidsgrove on Saturday, February 7th.

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Surrey Association.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Mark Dean's refreshment rooms, Reigate, to-day, Saturday, February 7th, preceded by the usual tea at six o'clock. The bells (10), at the parish church, will be available for ringing from about 3.30 p.m. CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*
72, Lansdowne Road, Croydon.

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Leeds on Saturday, February 14th. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 5. Tea at 5.30 at The George hotel, sixpence each will be charged for same. Members intending to be present at tea are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, February 10th. Half railway fares up to 2s. will be paid to those attending. Subscriptions for 1903 are now due, and should be paid as soon as possible.

A. W. TAWNEY, *Hon. Sec.*
Hamsey House, Florence Road, Maidstone.

The Essex Association.—A district meeting of the North Western division will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, February 14th, when the Abbey bells will be at the disposal of members and friends at 3 o'clock. Business meeting will be held at The Green Dragon at 4.45 sharp. HENRY J. TUCKER, *Dist. Sec.*
Cemetery Lodge, Bishops Stortford.

Halifax and District Association.—The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Lightcliffe on Saturday, February 14th. Bells ready from 2 o'clock. Business meeting at The White Horse at 6 o'clock.

WRIGHT INGHAM, *Sec.*

The All Saints Society, Fulham.—The annual general meeting will be held on Satur-

day, February 14th. Tower open from four o'clock. Tea in the church room, meeting afterwards. Will ringers expecting to be present please notify Mr. J. W. Driver, 387, New King's Road, Fulham, S.W., not later than February 12th. W. T. ELSON, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, February 14th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. All ringers welcome. JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, February 14th at Farnworth (Widnes). Bells ready at 5 o'clock.

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The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. John's, Farnworth, on Saturday, February 14th. Bells ready at 6 p.m. Business meeting at 7.30. G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—A district meeting without allowances will be held at Mersham church on Saturday afternoon, February 14th, at four o'clock. C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, *Hon. Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Mirfield on Saturday, February 14th. There is some very important business, and it is requested that there will be a good attendance of members. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. Meeting-house—The Dusty Miller. WALTER IDLE, *Secretary.*
47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Ringwood, on Thursday, February 19th, at 4 p.m. Committee meets at 3.15. Service in church 3.45. Tea at Coffee House 4.30 p.m., 6d. each. Business—to arrange for annual meeting at Bournemouth on Easter Monday. H. DRAKE, *Branch Sec.*
Verwood, Wimborne.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Haslingden parish church on Saturday, February 21st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. WILLIAM ASHWORTH, *Secretary.*

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Archdeaconry of Sarum Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Dinton on Saturday, February 21st. Ringing to commence at 2 p.m. G. F. DOEL, *Branch Sec.*

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Newburn-on-Tyne on Saturday, February 21st. Bells (six, tenor 16 cwt.) open for use from 1 to 8.30. Committee meeting in Vestry at 4.30. Tea in parish hall at 5 o'clock, sixpence to members. Intending visitors must send their names to the Secretary not later than Tuesday, the 17th inst. Subscriptions for 1902-3 now due.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, *Hon. Sec.*
62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Catherine's church, Feltham, on Saturday, February 21st. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea at 6. Members and friends of the Association are cordially invited.

Hillingdon. J. J. PRATT, *Hon. Sec.*

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The Anniversary Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 28th, at Ye Old Royal hotel, Temple

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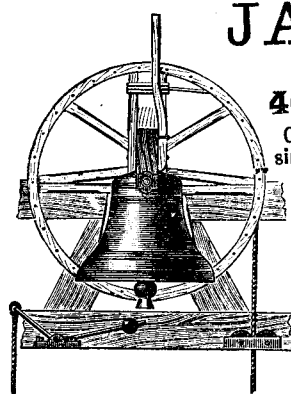
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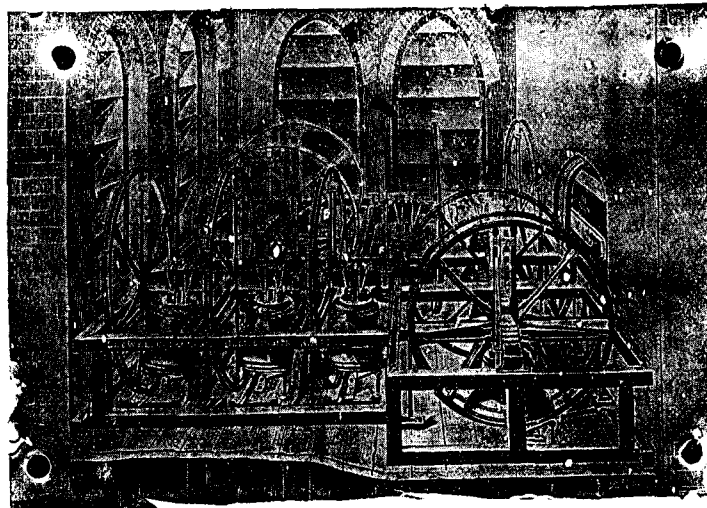
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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).

HANBURY (Worcestershire).—St. Mary the Virgin. Eight bells. The two bells by Mears, 1815; the rest by Rudhall, 1720. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Repairs by Carr, 1894. Ropes good; renewed as required. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Wednesday, 8. Visitors are welcome.

HANDSWORTH (Staffordshire). St. Mary. St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd and 3rd by Barwell, 1890; 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th by Smith, of Edgbaston, 1710. Tenor—date unknown—12 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 5 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman. Sunday ringing: First in month, 10.15. Practice: Monday, 8.

HANLEY (Staffordshire). St. John. Ten bells. The two trebles by Warner, 1891; the rest by Arnold, 1790. Tenor 22 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Iron frame. Bells go well, but there is a draught of 80 ft. Clocking permitted. The ring were thoroughly repaired by Warner, 1891. Ropes good. Method: not stated. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.45, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

HARBORNE (Staffordshire). St. Peter. Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Eight bells. The two trebles 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. The ring were rehung by Barwell, 1898. Ropes new 1895, good. Method: Grandsire. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11, sometimes also at 6. Practice: Saturday: 7.30.

HARLOW (Essex). St. Mary. Essex Association. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1883. Tenor 21 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Timber frame. Bells are pealable. Repairs

by Warner in 1897. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Wednesday, 7.

HARMSTON (Lincolnshire). St. Peter and All Saints. Eight bells. No return.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING, JANUARY 17TH, 1903.

When the railway men had ceased from troubling with their clamorous "next stop Manchester," and the express had steamed away on its westward journey, we tried to recover our hearing, and made desperate endeavours to feel at rest. A few moments before we had passed through the world-famed iron district of Low Moor, we had been shot through a tunnel, and now we are in the trough of a deep valley whose sides thickly set with buildings, proclaim a large and industrious town. What an uncomfortable thing it is to feel that one might have possibly alighted at a wrong station, and that the train now out of sight should have been bearing us away to our true destination. But the re-assuring sound of bells makes us turn our heads, and we find ourselves gazing on the hiatoric church of Halifax, almost within a stone-throw. In this grand old church is to be held the Association's annual service, and many an interesting walk will be taken in and around her precincts, as members linger and listen to the voice of the bells, for the sacred pile abounds in interest. A few minutes later we are shaking hands with Mr. Ryland, the local secretary, who has been seeing to the comfort of the auditors and chief officers who are busy at the schools checking the year's work of the Association. Judging from the society's report, copies of which are being exchanged for Life Member warrants, or delivered on payment of subscriptions, the audit must be an arduous undertaking, for the society boasts of a membership of more than 1,100. This is the twenty-seventh time that the books have been overhauled, and the result shows £236 invested or banked; indeed it is this invested money that enables the Yorkshiremen to do what we believe no other society has ever attempted, viz., to ask no further subscription from a member after ten years' term of payment. True the actual year's account shows a loss, but that is due to an item for printing emblems of membership, which will last for six years or more. Since it may prove of interest to the whole Exercise, we annex an analysis of the year's outgoings. Printing—Reports, £18 6s. 8d.; Emblems, £13 10s. 2d.; Circulars, £2 11s. 6d. Total—£34 8s. 4d. Postages—£2 16s. 10d.; Railway fares (a fraction only of) £1 7s. 3d.; Central Council's Subscriptions, 10s. 0d.; Total—£39 2s. 5d. These figures need no comment; they speak for themselves.

In a chat with Mr. Lamb, of the local committee, we learn that members are coming from every quarter as the following list of towns and districts will show: Shipley, Saltaire, Headingley, Holbeck, Leeds, Bolton, Dewsbury, Guiseley, Heptonstall, Queensbury, Sheffield,

Bradford, Birstall, Lightcliffe, Hull, Beverley, Bolsterstone, Liversidge, Brighouse, Sowerby, Pudsey, Denholme, Lindley, Stainland, Mirfield, Skipton, Selby, Lowmoor, Drighlington, Tong, Huddersfield, Wakefield, Calverley, Keighley, Bramley, Cleckheaton, Horbury, York, Armley, Oxenhope, Pontefract, Rothwell, Bingley, and Walkley. When we heard later that it was—from the official point of view—a record meeting and that the copies of the reports were, so to speak, “sold out” we were not entirely surprised.

The report also tells us that fifty-three peals have been rung during the year, comprising Stedman Cinques, Kent Treble Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters. Oxford Treble Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, and sets of seven Minor extents; and these have contributed from thirty-six centres, which is a record distribution of work with the Association. But how quickly the hours roll on, and what a busy time the officials are having! The parish church bells, which are a ring of twelve, tenor 25 cwt., have been kept going since about 9 o'clock.; and a very favourite ring at All Souls, Haley Hill—a church by Sir Gilbert Scott, built at the sole cost of Edward Akroyd, Esq.—has been attracting many others with its peal of eight, tenor 26 cwt. Now members are loyally gathering for the 4 o'clock service at the old church—for Yorkshiremen do not believe in doing things by halves—and a pleasant rest we find it, sitting for a while in the subdued light of this ancient structure which dates back into the fourteen hundreds, whilst it is said to throw its shadow over two earlier churches, one of which is claimed to have been Saxon. The prayers over, the pulpit is occupied by the Vicar of Halifax—the Ven. Archdeacon Brooke—a manly specimen of our clergy, and one who is now a patron of the Association. So cheerily full of the true spirit of hallowed poetry is his discourse, that we feel pleased to be able to give it *in extenso*.

THE SERMON.

“They speak—saying, Come, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the Lord.”—Ezekiel xxxiii. 30.

You will see at once that I am taking a liberty with these words. In their actual connection they tell of the way in which the people, to whom he was sent, were impressed with the message Ezekiel brought to them. His words, his manner, the fulfilment of his prophecies had moved at any rate their curiosity. They began to talk about the prophet as they stood together by the walls of the city, as they came to their doorsteps to have a word with their neighbours. It was with them just as any popular excitement is with us, a nine days wonder, a subject of common conversation. Have you heard him? What did he say? Was there anything new or striking? “The children of the people are talking of these by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one another everyone to his brother, saying, Come I pray you and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the Lord.” That is the meaning of the passage as it stands; but I have ventured to take them to day quite apart from their context, as giving us one—the most common and familiar message of the bells, the invitation they peal forth to the people—Come, come, to the House of God; come and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the Lord. True indeed that these bells that you love so well have many voices. Now they tell of some great joy: national, parochial, personal, a great victory, the restoration of peace, the dedication of a church, the election of a new member or a new mayor, the appointment of a new vicar, a happy marriage, the coming of age of some one on whom great hopes are fixed, and the like. Their message is understood; the event they commemorate is known; their glad music finds an echo in hearts touched with the common joy. And yet even in such utterances as these, there is a “word from the Lord” that is not always heard,

ringing out from the church tower that reaches towards heaven they seem to point the truth that it is only through Him who reigns above that victories are won or peace established; that it is only so far as they keep an upward look and depend upon Divine help that any who are called to office can fulfil its duties; that marriage to be lastingly happy must be taken in a reverent spirit and with the sanction of God; that life to be lived worthily must have its steps directed heavenwards. So again, when the voice is subdued, and the solemn bell speaks of death, and the muffled peal gives forth its music in harmony with sorrowing hearts, still there is the divine message warning, “Be ready,” for ye know not what hour your Lord shall come—consoling with sympathetic tone—ever pointing upwards to the source of strength and comfort. But as I have said the most familiar voice of the bells to the House of God for worship, and to hear what the word of the Lord is. Have you ever thought why it is that the bells seem to have a sweeter, or at any rate a more thrilling power, when they ring out their summons on the Lord's day? The bells are the same, their music the same, as on the practice-night, or during such a day as this, to which I trust you will all look back as a happy one. There is indeed more skill, more of their own special music in the ringing of the wonderful changes on the bells in their due rhythm and order, but there is something lacking. What is it? Surely just this, the purpose and meaning. In the one case wonder and admiration are induced by the precision and knowledge displayed, by the calculations that seemed to be involved, or more simply, but perhaps with no less enjoyment, the music itself so dear to all English hearts. But in the other there is a purpose behind the mere effects of sound. There is an invitation, an appeal, perhaps a reproach. The bells speak, saying, “Come and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the Lord.” So the bells for their best music require a purpose. And they require another thing: They must have men to ring them. I suppose we have all known of such invention or other by means of which the bells in a church tower can be sounded. I say nothing against such inventions, there are circumstances under which they may be very useful. But oh! the difference between the machine, however well adapted, and the living men throwing in their thought and their force with the work. Men and a purpose—you must have them both if you would hear the “word of the Lord” that the bells can utter, if you would give vitality to the message. And the Men! what of them? Will they not think you do their part best if they are themselves inspired with the purpose? If they are not content with being merely better machines than any mechanical contrivance, but rise to a higher view of their calling, and realise that they are in a true sense, prophets, forth-tellers (that is what the word means) of God's messages to His people? My brothers, you have come into this church this afternoon to hear what is the word of the Lord for you to-day—and it is this to which I have tried to give utterance. Bear in mind your high calling, and worthy of it. This, as I understand it, is the object of your Association—to claim for the church towers and the bells in them a part in declaring the message of God; and for the ringers that they are to do their work as ministers of Christ's church, called to a sacred office. Much has already been done. It is no longer a novelty to assert that the bell-chamber is a part of the consecrated church, to be treated as such. The office of the ringer is year by year more honoured, the scandals of the tower are things of the past. Honour this work of yours, my friends, and so do credit to yourselves in your every day life, as well as in the church. Listen to the message which you give to others. And I will not shrink from saying it—fulfil your office to the glory of God.

Divine service ended, a general movement took place in the direction where tea was to be served.

(To be continued.)

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31st, a well attended quarterly and Committee meeting of the above was held at Cradley, members being present from Areley Kings, Dudley, Grimley, Hagley, Halesowen, Kidderminster, Old Hill, Oldswinford, Stourbridge, Tipton, Worcester, etc. Service was held in the church at 5.30, the prayers being intoned by the Rev. E. L. Cochrane, curate, and a most interesting and beautiful address delivered by the Vicar, the Rev. R. H. Edmondson, from the words: "Whatever we do, do all to the glory of God."

The business meeting was afterwards held in the schoolroom, the Vicar presiding. Before commencing the agenda the rev. gentleman gave a hearty welcome to the members expressing his regret that he had not been able to arrange a tea for them, but hoped they would hold another meeting there soon, when he should be pleased for them to partake of his hospitality. He heartily congratulated the Association on the good work being done, and trusted that it would still persevere and continue to make good progress. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The eighteenth annual report and balance sheet were read by the Secretary which shewed that this was the twenty first year of its foundation, and during that time had been the means of restoring the fabric of our belfries a part of God's House so much neglected in the past. It also pointed the great improvement in the attendance at the services of the church on the part of the ringer, after summoning by the voice of his bell all men to the worship of God.

Upwards of thirty members were elected, amongst them we are pleased to mention the names of the Rev. R. H. Edmondson, Vicar, and E. L. Cochrane, Curate, Hon. members, and we trust this will be an incentive for the local ringers to do likewise.

The annual meeting was decided to be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, and Messrs. R. E. Grove (Kidderminster), and Jno. Smith (Tipton), were elected to serve on the Central Council. It was resolved that 300 copies more of the Glossary be obtained for the members. Votes of thanks were passed to the clergy, to the Vicar for his beautiful and interesting address given at the service, for presiding, for the use of the schoolroom, tower and bells. Ringing was indulged in during the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major being brought round.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Martock on Saturday, January 24th, at which the following towers were represented: St. James's, Taunton, St. Mary's, Taunton; Bridgwater, Wilton, Dulverton, Curry Rivel, Burnham, Ilminster, Norton-sub-Hamdon, and Yeovil. The fine ring of eight bells—only recently augmented from five—tenor 25 cwt. in D, were by kind permission of the Vicar—Rev. A. P. Wickham—available from one o'clock, a few minutes after which they were raised, and several well-struck touches of Grandsire Minor and Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Minor and Major were rung during the afternoon and evening. A service was held at 3.30 p.m., at which the Vicar officiated, assisted by the Rev. J. W. Rees, curate of Martock, and the Rev. A. G. Edwards, Vicar of Norton-sub-Hamdon, who gave a practical and most appropriate address.

The Rev. A. P. Wickham very kindly provided a capital tea at The Church House at 4.30 p.m., to which sixty-six sat down, and did ample justice.

Tea over, the usual business meeting followed, being presided over by the Vicar, who spoke a few kind words of welcome to the members of the Association, and also made a presentation on behalf of the Martock ringers of a pair of carvers to Mr. E. Alexander, their late secretary, on his resignation after a membership of twenty-five years.

The Hon. Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, and in course of business over seventy new members were elected, including the Martock band (13) as probationers.

The meeting was indeed a very pleasant and successful one, and it is believed the attendance was a record for a quarterly meeting, and there is no doubt this success was very largely due to the efforts and great kindness of the Vicar, and that this was fully appreciated by all present, was seen by the heartiness with which the vote of thanks, proposed by the Rev. W. M. K. Warren, of Bridgwater, and seconded by Mr. J. Maddock, of Taunton, was accorded him.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual general meeting of the above Guild was held at Northwich on Saturday, January 31st. Ringing commenced on the tower bells at the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m., various touches being rung. At six o'clock an adjournment was made to the Cocoa Rooms where a substantial tea was partaken of, full justice being done to the repast. After tea a business meeting was held, letters of apology for non-attendance being read from the Rev. Canon Holme and Mr. H. Hatt-Cooke. The balance sheet was read and passed, and all the old officials were re-elected. The Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Binney, came down during the meeting and expressed his sorrow at not having been able to be present at the tea. The usual vote of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

Ringling on the handbells was then indulged in until about 9.0 p.m.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Those friends who kindly say they appreciate what I write under this heading will not be dissatisfied at hearing that arrangements have been entered into for my notes to appear in future the first week in every month, "wind and weather permitting," as the steamboat people say. Therefore it should be understood by all my collaborateurs that their donations for this page should be received quite a week before the time, and addressed to me with a penny stamp in the corner of the envelope, to prevent disappointment and its consequent irritability.

Firstly, the following letter is worthy of the writer. Of course it is only a joke, but John Bradney likes a joke as well as anybody. You will recollect what I said about the "J.Cs." in my last. John Bradney writes:—

In your issue of 3rd instant, I notice in a paragraph over the name of "Plain Speaker," the following: ("By J. C. I mean John Carter, mind you, not Joseph Chamberlain; both Birmingham worthies, though the former is much the cleverer man.") Now from my address you will see I live in an out-of-the-way village . . . where up-to-date knowledge is conspicuous by its absence; this being so, I should esteem it a favour if "Plain Speaker" would be so good as to say by what method of logical reasoning he comes to the conclusion that of the two gentlemen named John is "the cleverer."

John Bradney writes from a place called Shifnal, in Staffordshire. This question is only a joke, but I have a liking to humour good-natured jokers. John should have read my remarks in a Pickwickian (otherwise campanalogical) sense. I really expect he did do so, after all; he has a ready pen and likes to put his vagrant ideas on paper.

But there is not very great necessity to discount the sentence in question, nor shall I explain it away. Of the two distinguished Birmingham "J.Cs." our brother John is the cleverer. I emphasize it. By any method of reasoning, logical or illogical, I could prove this assertion here if I had time and space. John is the cleverer. Then John (both Carter and Bradney) we shall have to ring the ting-tang.

Secondly, another letter from a gentleman who surname is "Smith." A very nice letter too, almost good enough to eat. Mr. Smith asks if I can give him any information about Sydney Smith, who he was, and in fact all about him. Surely my correspondent is aware of the existence of free libraries, which, as he is very likely a large ratepayer, he has to help in supporting. If the public library he has access to possesses no book about Sydney Smith, the remarkable Vicar of Foston, Yorks., Rector of Combe Florey, Somerset, Canon of Bristol, and afterwards Canon of St. Paul's, then it ought to. Sydney Smith was a great wit, a great political writer, a popular preacher, one of the founders of the *Edinburgh Review*, and therefore a great literary man. That is all I can say. The following sentence about such a distinguished man may be found in a somewhat recent biography:—

Sydney Smith belonged, as indeed his ubiquitous name suggests, to a race which is more numerous than select, and from the outset of his career he was proudly conscious that his claims to honour must of necessity rest on a more substantial basis than that which inherited distinction affords. "The Smiths," said he to an heraldic compiler, who was anxious to include the armorial bearings of the renowned Canon of St. Paul's in his work,—“the Smiths never had any arms, and have invariably sealed their letters with their thumbs.” He relates with roguish

glee that on another occasion when questioned—apparently somewhat narrowly—by a lady of title, concerning his grandfather, he gravely informed her that he disappeared about the time of the assizes, and—we asked no questions."

There Mr. Smith, of that ilk; will these veracious facts put your enquiring mind at rest? Certainly a great deal more could be said.

The churchpeople, or the townsfolk, or the dissenters, or some other portion of the community of Dorchester are a rum sort. The county is considered somewhat backward in the march of intellect, science, and progress. An extract from a local paper presents to my optics a letter from some melancholy wight, headed (not the wight, but the letter—) "change-ringing." To inflict upon my readers the agony of this letter I forbear. What ought to be pointed out, by persons of more influence than your humble servant, is that ringers are not the enemies of the public they are by ignorant and foolish people represented to be. They do not ring when surrounding circumstances are in opposition. Who ever heard of bells being rung when any kind of sorrow or sickness was rife in the neighbourhood of the church? There was never a ringing company yet who objected to stop ringing when asked to do so, though the majority of such requests are made under trivial circumstances. Ringers are not savages; they are men of like temperaments with other of the body politic, and they are always ready to forego the practice of ringing when desired. Can the abominable Sunday bands of the Salvation army and other itinerant musicians (?) or the noisy political demagogues, say as much?

It has been said that I would formulate some scheme for the special benefit of those who are what is known as small tradesmen. I have long been of opinion that a deal of business of many kinds may be done within the ringing brotherhood. My proposal is that a small advt., like what is given below, should appear monthly, the first week of the month say. The cost to be only 6d. a time, which will about pay the compositor. I shall not "sing" this; if no response is made no more will be heard of it. Here is the sort of thing meant.

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Small advts. like these ought to bring grist to the mill.

"The Tiger,"—the endearing appellation said to be awarded to C. R. Lilley,—is the subject of a few hints just now. Well, he ought to be thankful. I have been the recipient of several letters, but being anonymous, they are destroyed as a matter of course. All ringers should feel that the slightest breath of doubt concerning the questionable doings of any conductor should be publicised at once. Those people who know, or think they know, should come forward and say what they know. What on earth are they afraid of? One man writes to me from Guildford on this business but he adds: "Don't publish my name?" This is rank childishness and gross cowardice. Let all take to heart the words of the leader in the number for January 24th. To the ridiculous fear and blameable reticence of ringers must be attributed many unpleasant features regarding doubtful peals. Speak out at once like men when there is any doubt. Those who wont are as dishonest as the caller who in Grandsire Triples cries out "that's all" when the 6th is in the hunt.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

Date Touches.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL.—On Tuesday, December 23rd, at All Saints church, a date touch of 1902 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. F. Merrison, W. Southwick, G. T. Marshall, T. Clarke, G. T. Miller, H. Jenkins, C. Jackson composer and conductor, T. Harrison.

Miscellaneous.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—On December 31st, at St. Peter-at-Arches, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 51 mins. T. Pyle, G. Flintham, S. Tindall, C. Wright, C. Chester, C. W. P. Clifton, J. W. Watson conductor, F. Pyle. Longest length by all except the ringers of 2, 6, 7.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WEST HAM.—On Thursday, December 11th, the Bishop of Colchester held a Confirmation at Holy Trinity church, Barking Road, after which 720 Bob Minor was rung. S. J. Bird, T. Cranfield, J. Jones, W. H. Doran, H. Bottrill, W. H. Dallimore conductor. On Sunday, December 28th, the usual whole pull and stand was rung as a token of respect to the late Archbishop of Canterbury. And 720 Grandsire Doubles. T. Crick, T. Cranfield, S. J. Bird, J. Waits, W. H. Dallimore conductor, W. H. Etheridge.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON.—On November 29th, at St. Mary's church, 503 Grandsire Caters. Rev. H. E. T. Bassett, S. Wyatt, C. Summers, J. Routley, F. Millard, J. Burge conductor, F. J. Soda, A. Evans, J. Fowler, W. Fowler.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HULL.—On December 25th, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 52 mins. F. Merrison, W. Southwick, J. Highfield, R. Chaffer, T. Stockdale, G. T. Marshall, W. Brown, G. T. Miller, C. Jackson, J. Dale. On Saturday, December 27th, with the bells muffled as a tribute the late Archbishop of Canterbury, 81 leads (the age) Grandsire Caters, 1457 changes. F. Merrison, W. Southwick, J. Highfield, R. Chaffer, T. Stockdale, G. T. Marshall, W. Brown, G. T. Miller, C. Jackson composer and conductor, J. Dale.

BEVERLEY.—On December 24th, at the Minster, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 57½ mins. C. Constable, C. P. Bradley, A. Moody, W. Southwick, J. Taylor, G. T. Marshall, F. Osgerley, W. Gibson, C. Jackson conductor, W. Middleton.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—On Saturday, January 31st, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. T. O. Bone, J. Scholes, A. Coles, E. Wallace conductor, W. Truss, M. A. Wood, D. F. Gibbon, G. Dorrington, jun.

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

FULHAM.—On October 12th, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins. A. S. Ough, J. Howes, C. Charge, A. Jones, H. Adams, W. T. Elson, composer and conductor, S. J. Collins first quarter in the method, W. Pickworth, J. H. B. Hesse, S. Hewe. On November 10th, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins. A. S. Ough, J. Crombie, H. Adams, A. Jones, J. W. Driver, J. Hollingsbee, S. J. Collins, A. Jones, W. T. Elson composer and conductor, S. How. Rung in honour of the King's birthday. On December 27th, the whole pull and stand and 773 Grandsire Caters with the bells half-muffled, at the time of the funeral of the late Archbishop of Canterbury. On December 31st, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 51 mins. A. S. Ough, H. G. Miles, J. Herbert, A. Jones, J. Crombie, J. Hollingsbee, H. Adams, J. R. Mackman, W. T. Elson composer and conductor, S. How. On January 18th, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 49 mins. J. W. Driver, W. T. Elson composer and conductor, A. Jones, D. Tidy, H. Jackson (first quarter-peal, H. Adams, A. Jones, W. Hollier, J. Kelly C. Charge.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Wednesday, January 28th 382 Stedman Cinques. J. Pagett (first touch on twelve bells, F. Fay, A. Walker, C. Dickens, T. Reynolds, S. Reeves, W. H. Barber conductor, G. Swan, E. F. Holloway, A. P. Smith, J. Neal, W. Painter. And two courses of

Forward Royal. J. Pagett first in the method, T. Pigott, J. Neal, W. Withers, A. Hughes, E. F. Holloway, J. Dowler, A. Walker, J. E. Groves, W. H. Barber conductor.

BASINSTOKE (Hants).—On Friday, November 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Knight, F. Redgate, C. Holdaway, T. Nicholson, J. Ward, J. E. Ballard, J. E. Baker conductor, H. White, J. E. Baker, for whom this was arranged, hails from Ottery St. Mary.

CHIDDINGFOLD (Surrey).—On Sunday, December 21st, for morning service, 352 Bob Major. H. Holden, W. T. Lightfoot, G. Luff, T. W. Burdock, H. J. Ellis, A. J. Bartlett, W. G. Brockhurst, T. Atwell, conductor. On December 25th, 336 Grandsire Triples. H. Holden, W. G. Brockhurst conductor, H. J. Ellis, T. W. Burdock, A. Bartlett, T. Atwell, A. J. Bartlett, T. Luff. Also 224 Grandsire Triples. H. Holden, A. J. Bartlett conductor, T. Atwell, A. Bartlett, T. W. Burdock, W. G. Brockhurst, H. J. Ellis, T. Luff. And 120 Stedman Doubles. H. J. Ellis, T. Atwell, A. J. Bartlett conductor, T. W. Burdock, W. G. Brockhurst, T. Luff. The last 700 of Holt's Original. H. J. Ellis, G. Luff, A. J. Bartlett conductor, T. W. Burdock, A. Bartlett, T. Atwell, A. Ashdown, M. Atwell. On January 1st, 160 Bob Major. H. Holden, E. Luff, H. Mullard, T. Atwell, W. T. Lightfoot, W. G. Brockhurst, T. W. Burdock, A. J. Bartlett conductor, T. Atwell, W. G. Brockhurst, T. Luff.

EDINBURGH.—On Sunday, January 25th, for morning service at St. Cuthbert's church, 720 Bob Minor. J. C. Learmouth, R. J. G. Thorn, J. Luck, W. C. S. Heathcote conductor, J. Ballantine, A. Thomson, D. Holland, D. Stocks. On Sunday, February 8th, for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor. J. C. Learmouth, J. S. McCulloch, R. J. G. Thorn, A. Thomson, J. Ballantine, W. C. S. Heathcote conductor, D. Holland, D. Stocks. For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples by the members of St. Mary's Cathedral Society, Edinburgh. W. R. Fyle, E. J. Price, C. L. Routledge (Newcastle-on-Tyne), C. Cleveland Ellis, J. Honeyman, R. Whitson, W. C. S. Heathcote conductor, W. B. Sampson. And a touch of 360 Bob Minor. D. Holland, J. S. McCulloch, C. L. Routledge conductor, A. Thomson, T. S. Thorn, W. C. S. Heathcote, R. J. G. Thorn, D. N. Mowat.

HEMPSTED (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, November 30th, at St. Swithin's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Brunson, J. Austin, A. T. Brunson, E. E. Davis, G. Condict, A. E. Pegler conductor. And two courses of Plain Bob Minor and 120 Grandsire Doubles, in which Mr. F. Baldwin and W. Dudge took part. The above was rang in honour of the wedding of Miss Isabella Pegler, sister of A. E. Pegler, to Mr. E. Davis.

HORRINGER (Suffolk).—On Sunday, December 6th, for afternoon service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. A. King, H. F. Moore, H. Turner, H. Moore, J. Chinnery, A. E. Moore conductor. Also 240 Bob Minor. G. Debenham conductor, H. T. Moore, A. E. Moore, H. Moore, J. Debenham, J. Geoche. On handbells, a course of Grandsire Caters. H. F. Moore, 1-2; H. Moore, 3-4; A. E. Moore, 5-6; G. Debenham, 7-8; R. Moore, 9-10.

LONDON.—On Saturday, December 27th, at St. James's church, Islington, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, called differently. H. May, sen., G. Gains, H. Franks conductor, J. Barry, C. Potheary, H. May, jun. At St. Mary's church several 6-scores, H. Alford taking part.

LINCOLN.—On Wednesday evening, November 26th, for practice at the church of St. Peter at Arches, 532 of Bob Triples. G. Flintham, C. Wells, S. Tindall, C. Wright, T. Chester, C. W. P. Clifton, J. W. Watson conductor, R. Dawson.

OLNEY (Bucks).—On Saturday evening, November 1st 720 Bob Minor. H. Lett, T. Wright, J. Lovell, W. Freeman, S. Smith, C. W. Clarke conductor. A 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. W. Mynard, J. Lovell, F. Mynard, C. W. Clarke, H. Lett, W. Freeman conductor. Also 720 College Single. J. Lovell, F. Mynard, H. Lett, F. W. Booth, W. Freeman conductor, S. Smith.

PENZANCE.—On Sunday, November 16th, for Divine Service in the evening at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original, in 47 mins. J. Tregoning, J. Hodder, Dr. J. Symons, A. W. Brighton conductor, P. Hitchens, T. Hicks, H. Williams, F. Kessell.

READING (Berks).—On Tuesday, December 23rd, for practice at St. Laurence's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins. J. Fuller, E. Holloway, W. Runham, G. Blargrave, H. Runham, W. Newell conductor, E. Denham, A. Glanville. On Saturday, December 27th, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted at the above church, but just before the halfway the conductor missed a bob, and the bells were allowed to run round in 1 hr. 35 mins. G. Hope, J. Fuller, W. Runham, G. Blargrave, H. Runham, W. Newell conductor, E. Denham, R. Dowsett. On this occasion the bells were rung half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Archbishop of Canterbury.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1903.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Fourteenth General Meeting of the above Association was held at Guisbrough on Saturday, February 7th. Considering that it was a half-day meeting at a six-bell tower, and held at a place difficult of access for the majority of members, it was well attended. Over twenty sat down to an excellent tea, provided by Mr. Wear, of Church Street. The President (Mr. G. J. Clarkson), Vice-President (J. H. Blakiston), and the Hon. Secretary (Rev. W. P. Wright), were present, and ringers were there from Stockton, Middlesbrough, Thornaby, Thirsk, Darlington, and of course several of the Guisbrough band also.

By a somewhat curious coincidence it happened that

that afternoon a former ringer at Guisborough some eight or more years ago, was being laid in his last resting-place in the cemetery about a mile outside the quaint old town, and to shew a mark of respect to one who had so often rung those same bells in that same belfry, the bells were rung muffled until after the funeral.

There is nothing out of the ordinary to remark about this meeting; it was a pleasant gathering, and some good ringing was done, though some 720s came to grief unfortunately through the 4th wheel slipping the rope. About fourteen new members were elected.

MR. WILLIAM COOTER, COLL. YTHS., ETC.

On Sunday last, the 8th instant, this time-honoured and universally respected ringer reached his seventy-eighth birthday. On that day he rang, with his usual clearness and acumen, for both the services at St. Paul's Cathedral, and in the evening a touch of 714 Grandsire Triples at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, for Divine Service. [Some people would like to see the figures of this touch.]

In these days, when the most ornate performances are getting relatively common, we are apt to forget the pioneers of those members of the Exercise who in times past—some people say in the dark ages—were ready and competent to take part in feats which shed an undying glory upon the ringer. Among these our dear friend William Cooter stood in the very front rank. He possessed (and at his patriarchal age it has not gone away from him) the remarkable talent of ringing *anything* on handbells, with the utmost reliance. As a bob-caller he had no superior, and had he been gifted (or otherwise) with a combative spirit in this direction, no one in his day would scarcely have approached him.

We rejoice in being allowed to wish our dear friend "many happy returns," and to reciprocate the feelings with which he regards old friendships, and—"THE BELL NEWS."

The Metropolis.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 3, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, ENFIELD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN MOULE	Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE	5.
JOHN J. LAMB	2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE	6.
ERNEST PYE	3.	HERBERT F. HULL	7.
BERTRAM PREWETT	4.	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 5, 1903, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

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

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM TEGG	Treble.	HARRY MILLER	5.
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK	2.	JOHN ARMSTRONG	6.
FRANK W. FORD	3.	JOHN E. MILLER	7.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	4.	SIDNEY WADE	Tenor.

Composed by JOHN THORP, and Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

G. F. Williams, for whom this peal was arranged, was elected a member of the Association previous to starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. E. Miller, the band wishing him many happy returns.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 7, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, WANSTEAD,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

London, Worcester, Chichester, York, Durham, Victoria and Cambridge.

FREDERICK WITHERS	Treble.	JOHN MARDELL	4.
JOHN MOULE	2.	WILLIAM MILLER	5.
WILLIAM KEEBLE	3.	GEORGE HAYDEN	6.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and also Mr. F. Bressey, one of the local ringers, who kindly invited them to supper at the conclusion of the peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES.

Tenor 52 cwt.

JOHN R. SHARMAN	Treble.	HERBERT P. HARMAN	7.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2.	ARTHUR JACOB	8.
GEORGE R. PYE	3.	HARRY FLANDERS	9.
CHARLES WILKINS	4.	WILLIAM PYE	10.
ISAAC G. SHADE	5.	ERNEST PYE	11.
BERTRAM PREWETT	6.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE	} Tenor.
		WILLIAM J. NUDDS	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The above is the first peal on the bells since 1885.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 9, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS	Treble.	HERBERT P. HARMAN	6.
GEORGE R. PYE	2.	ISAAC G. SHADE	7.
CHARLES WILKINS	3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE	8.
EDGAR WIGHTMAN	4.	ERNEST PYE	9.
BERTRAM PREWETT	5.	WILLIAM PYE	Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This is the first peal of New Cambridge Royal ever rung, and is the first Surprise peal ever rung in London upon ten bells, and was rung at the first attempt after one practice.

The Provinces.

STREATHAM, SURREY.

(THE ST. LEONARD'S SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, February 3, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of College Single, and two each of Grandsire, Plain Bob, and Oxford Bob Minor. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE BARRINGTON	Treble.	HENRY PATES	4.
SAMUEL GREENWOOD	2.	LOUIS ATTWATER	5.
JOSEPH WALDOCK*	3.	ROBERT BLANCHARD	Tenor.

Conducted by R. BLANCHARD.

*First peal. First peal of Minor by all the band. First peal on the bells.

HELMSHORE.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 3, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

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

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by JAMES H. BANKS.

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

STEDHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(MIDHURST BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 3, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford, Kent, Oxford Single Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

CALEB SOANE Treble.	ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. 4.
WILLIAM MADGWICK* .. 2.	*THOMAS STROUD .. 5.
EDWARD BOXALL* .. 3.	JAMES LEE Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS STROUD.

*First peal in seven methods.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 3, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Delight and Woodbine, two 720s of Kent, and three 720s of Oxford Treble Bob.

H. W. CUTTING Treble.	G. ABLITT 4.
H. BURCH 2.	J. LAST 5.
W. KING 3.	C. KING Tenor.

Conducted by J. LAST.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Cutting and Burch, their brother-ringers wishing them many happy returns.

READING, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 4, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5058 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST W. HOLLOWAY* .. Treble.	*GEORGE BLAGRAVE .. 6.
FRANK HOPGOOD 2.	*HENRY RUNHAM .. 7.
HENRY WHITE 3.	*ERNEST DENHAM .. 8.
JOHN TUCKER 4.	WILLIAM NEWELL .. 9.
CHARLES CHAPMAN 5.	*RICHARD DOWSETT .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.

*First peal on ten bells. Rung on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Reading branch.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Wednesday, February 4, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS Treble.	GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 5.
C. W. NUTTALL 2.	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. 6.
B. C. HANDBY 3.	WILLIAM J. THYNG .. 7.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 4.	ARTHUR CRAVEN .. Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by GEORGE HOLLIS.

Rung in honour of the Vicar of Chesterfield, the Rev. E. Hacking, being installed Canon of Southwell on February 2nd.

HARLOW, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 4, 1903, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

REV. W. S. WILLETT .. Treble.	HERBERT BAKER .. 5.
ERNEST PYE 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE .. 6.
GEORGE DENT 3.	*ISAAC CAVILL .. 7.
WALTER HOBBS 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method; also first peal in the method on the bells.

RIPLEY.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.
(THE ALL SAINTS GUILD.)

On Wednesday, February 4, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE SIMPSON* .. Treble.	*JACOB BENNETT .. 5.
JOHN SHARDLOW* 2.	*WILLIAM H. FROST .. 6.
JOSEPH BOURNE* 3.	†HENRY GEORGE .. 7.
HERBERT DAY* 4.	*ALFRED CLARKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE.

First peal on the bells. *First peal. †First peal as conductor. First peal by the Guild.

NORWICH.—THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,
AND THE ST. PETER MANCROFT SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, February 4, 1903, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. Treble.	*FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN .. 5.
CHARLES E. BORRETT .. 2.	*GEORGE SMITH .. 6.
EGBERT BORRETT .. 3.	*SAMUEL SMITH .. 7.
GEORGE HOWCHIN .. 4.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS .. Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by ALFRED W. BRIGHTON.

*First peal in the method. The last peal in this method rung in Norwich—the birthplace of the method—was a 6160 at the same church on November 1st, 1831, composed and conducted by the late Samuel Thurston.

NORTON FITZWARREN, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 4, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being Forty-two Six-scores.

EDWIN ELSON Treble.	WILLIAM A. FOWLER† .. 4.
FRANK WYATT 2.	HENRY CHAPLIN .. 5.
HENRY J. CREED* .. 3.	HARRY WAYGOOD .. Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY J. CREED.

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

NEWCASTLE-ON TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 5, 1903, in Three Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;
IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 37½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. ROBSON .. Treble.	EDWARD WALLIS .. 6.
WILLIAM HOLMES .. 2.	ALFRED F. HILLIER .. 7.
HENRY ROBINSON* .. 3.	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN .. 8.
ASA HOLMES .. 4.	ERNEST E. FERRY .. 9.
ROBERT S. STORY .. 5.	HUGH D. DALL .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

*First peal of Royal.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, February 5, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. Treble.	REV. J. F. HASTINGS .. 5.
G. H. PHILLOTT .. 2.	E. C. O'BRIEN .. 6.
E. V. COX .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
HON. A. ERSKINE .. 4.	*W. D. TYRWHITT-DRAKE .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

Further reference elsewhere.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 5, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM WIGHTMAN Treble.	*JAMES RUMSEY 5.
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN 2.	*WILLIAM RUMSEY 6.
EDGAR HICKS 3.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7.
GEORGE THURLOW 4.	WILLIAM SAWYER Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

*First peal in the method and first attempt.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 5, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

NOAH TOWNEND Treble.	WILLIAM WALTON 5.
THOMAS BERROWS 2.	RICHARD ASHWORTH 6.
RENNIE HARTLEY 3.	THOMAS MOUNCEY 7.
DAVID CAMPBELL 4.	TOM REDMAN Tenor.

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL, and Conducted by TOM REDMAN.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Robert Muun, Esq., a generous benefactor to the church, who was interred on that day.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 6, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES:

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lbs.

MAURICE DALBY* Treble.	THOMAS METCALFE 5.
JOHN HALL† 2.	WM. WALAND 6.
THOMAS CLARK 3.	JAMES BAXTER 7.
WILLIAM PATTON 4.	ERNEST C. HUNT Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES BAXTER.

The above peal is Hubbard's one-part. *First peal in the method. †First peal in the method with a bob bell. This is the conductor's twenty-fifth peal.

GREENFIELD, NEAR OLDHAM.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1903, in Four Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, FRIEZLAND,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 7200 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of Friezland Pleasure, Duke of York, Holmfirth Surprise, Garnett's Victory, Yorkshire Delight, Kent, Merchants' Return, New London Pleasure, Oxford and Violet.

JOSEPH W. SHAW Treble.	JOSEPH WOOD 4.
JAMES DICKEN 2.	JOHN D. SHAW 5.
OWEN WOOD 3.	JOHN T. DICKEN Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH W. SHAW.

Longest length on the bells and by all the company.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1903, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

CHARLES WASKETT Treble.	HENRY W. KIRTON 5.
THOMAS LINCOLN 2.	WILLIAM J. PIPER 6.
WILLIAM WELLINGTON 3.	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7.
HENRY HEAD 4.	GEORGE W. PIPER Tenor.

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

First peal in the method on the bells. H. W. Kirton was elected a member previous to starting.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK R. BORRETT .. Treble.	GEORGE ARCHER 5.
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2.	ERNEST F. POPPY 6.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 3.	JOHN SOUTER 7.
WILLIAM C. CHENERY .. 4.	FREDERICK KNIGHTS.. .. Tenor.

Composed by J. PLATT, and Conducted by FREDK. R. BORRETT.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, February 7, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,

5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

JAMES MOTTS Treble.	JOHN SADLER 5.
DAVID ELLIOTT 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6.
WILBY J. HAZELL 3.	ERNEST W. BECKWITH .. 7.
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4.	JAMES NEWMAN Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSIOW, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS PEERS Treble.	JOHN POTTER 5.
WILLIAM BRAMMER* .. 2.	JOHN DENNER 6.
WILLIAM LEVER 3.	JOSEPH POTTER 7.
ALFRED POTTER 4.	WILLIAM DENNER Tenor.

Conducted by JOSEPH POTTER.

*First peal in the method.

SANDY, BEDS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, Merchants' Return, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

SIDNEY PECK Treble.	SIDNEY J. COLEMAN.. .. 5.
LOUIS J. FLINT 2.	HERBERT FIELDS 5.
GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, February 7, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

JOHN CROSSLEY Treble.	WALTER NORRIS 5.
DANIEL SANDERSON 2.	WILLIAM HEALD 6.
ROBERT FISHER 3.	ROBERT SANDERSON 7.
JOHN C. BATEMAN 4.	WILLIAM STRICKLAND .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN CROSSLEY.

The above are all members of the local company. First peal on the bells for over thirty years. First peal by all except the ringers of the 2nd and 7th. The bells were recently rebung by Mears and Stainbank, and now go well.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

FRANK K. BIGGS Treble.	JAMES W. WILKINS 5.
PHILBERT W. WILKINS .. 2.	*RICHARD BUCKLAND 6.
REV. B. LONG* 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
EDWARD BOREHAM 4.	*JAMES W. BAGLEY Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

JOSEPH MADDOCK Treble.	FRANK MILLARD 5.
DR. R. H. VEREKER* .. 2.	*REV. R. B. S. WARREN .. 6.
ERNEST MADDOCK 3.	A. E. COLES 7.
GEORGE ADAMS* 4.	WILLIAM D. WHITE .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. MADDOCK.

*First peal. This is the first peal on the bells which were rehung last year by Messrs. Warner, and the ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 8, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD-BOB ONE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

It was arranged to start for London Surprise, but meeting one short had to result in the above.

GORTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Sunday, February 8, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED TOPPING† .. Treble.	CHARLES OLLIER 5.
JOHN TOPPING 2.	†WILLIAM BRAMMER 6.
CHARLES H. BLAKELEY .. 3.	*RICHARD NEWTON 7.
HENRY WORTHINGTON .. 4.	WILLIAM FEARNHEAD .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BRAMMER.

†First peal. *First peal with a bob bell. †First peal as conductor. Further reference elsewhere.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

On Monday, February 9, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

JOSEPH PIGOTT Treble.	HARRY WITHERS 5.
WILLIAM H. BARBER .. 2.	ERNEST J. ALLAWAY .. 6.
THOMAS MILLER 3.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER .. 7.
JOHN WITHERS 4.	SIDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. E. Pegler; also a farewell peal to the conductor, who is leaving the district for Edinburgh.

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."

MARVEL OR SURPRISE.

SIR,—Mr. Dains has entirely missed the point of my argument. I did not say, count the number of places made, but mark them on a diagram, and then ask, are they made simply to allow the treble to ring a treble bob hunt; or could any of them be omitted and yet allow the treble to ring her treble bob hunt, without repeating rows. Places which can be omitted are Surprise places, places which can not be omitted are Treble Bob places. Hence a method which has no Surprise places is a Treble Bob method; but all the methods I mentioned have Surprise places, and so are Surprise methods.

H. LAW JAMES.

MR. LILLEY AND HIS CRITICS.

We have received the following:—

SIR.—We, the undersigned members of the Bedfordshire Association, who have frequently rung with Mr. Lilley in peals and touches, and have found him a keen ringer and an accurate and painstaking conductor, would feel greatly obliged if you will state definitely what are the sins of commission or omission of which he is supposed to have been guilty. Up to the present time we have read many vague insinuations, but very few facts, and you must forgive us for saying that we consider the tone of your leaders quite unwarranted by any facts that have as yet been made public.—Yours faithfully, Charles Herbert, Vice president; W. W. C. Baker, Hon. Sec. and Representative on the Central Council; Cyril Herbert, Mark Lane, H. D. Harris, Mortimer J. Matthews, Walter Smith, S. A. Avis, Wm. Ernest Herbert, Walter Chibnall.

[Our comments were written really in favor of Mr. Lilley, so that he might know of the various rumours. What was suggested last week ought to have been taken as friendly and valuable advice. We have another letter this week in connection with the rumours, but as the writer does not wish his name to be revealed, it will not appear. Perhaps those correspondents who are responsible for the "vague insinuations" will now have the courage to say what they have said before, and sign their names.—Ed.]

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE REV. H. LAW JAMES' 100 PEALS.—Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1; Grandsire Cinques 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal 3, conducted 2; Cambridge Surprise Royal 2, conducted 1; Plain Bob Royal 1, conducted 1; Grandsire Caters 3, conducted 1; Stedman Caters 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Caters 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 15 (including the first handbell peal ever rung in the method), conducted 13; Plain Bob Major 9 (one in hand) conducted 7; Kent Treble Bob Major 8, conducted 6; Superlative Surprise Major 5, conducted 3; Cambridge Surprise Major 2, conducted 1; Double Oxford Bob Major 2, conducted 2; Oxford Treble Bob Major 2, conducted 1; London Surprise Major 1, conducted 1; Gloucester Surprise Major 1, conducted 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major 1, conducted 1; Grandsire Triples 11 (one in hand) conducted 3; Stedman Triples 9, conducted 3; Plain Bob Triples 3 (two in hand), conducted 2; on six bells 15, conducted 14; on five bells 2, conducted 2; Canterbury Pleasure Triples 1; total rung 100; called 65.

THE PEAL AT GORTON.—This peal was rung as a welcome home to the treble ringer, who recently returned from South Africa, having been there from the commencement of the war, and was besieged in Ladysmith with the 1st battalion Manchester Regiment. His brother-ringers heartily congratulate him on his safe return. He was elected a member of the Association before starting.

THE PEAL AT DRAYTON.—This peal was rung to celebrate the revival of the Oxford University Society, founded in 1872. A dinner was to have been held at Abingdon in connexion with it, but owing to the apathy and other important engagements of the members it had to be abandoned. It is hoped that another more successful attempt at a gathering will be made before long.

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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Members who wish to pay the 1s. 8d. subscription are reminded that the 28th inst. is the time limit for doing so. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 26th; at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 17th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on March 3rd. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**
"Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

The Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Leeds to-day, Saturday, February 14th. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 5. Tea at 5.30 at The George hotel, sixpence each will be charged for same. Half railway fares up to 2s. will be paid to those attending. Subscriptions for 1903 are now due, and should be paid as soon as possible. **A. W. TAWNEY, Hon. Sec.**
Hamsey House, Florence Road, Maidstone.

The Essex Association.—A district meeting of the North Western division will be held at Waltham Abbey to-day, Saturday, Feb. 14th, when the Abbey bells will be at the disposal of members and friends at 3 o'clock. Business meeting will be held at The Green Dragon at 4.45 sharp. **HENRY J. TUCKER, Dist. Sec.**
Cemetery Lodge, Bishops Stortford.

Halifax and District Association.—The next monthly meeting of this Association will be held at Lightcliffe to-day, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells ready from 2 o'clock. Business meeting at The White Horse at 6 o'clock. **WRIGHT INGHAM, Sec.**

The All Saints Society, Fulham.—The annual general meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Tower open from four o'clock. Tea in the church room, meeting afterwards. **W. T. ELSON, Hon. Sec.**

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. All ringers welcome. **JAS. JACQUES, Sec.**

The Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held to-day, Saturday, Feb. 14th at Farnworth (Widnes). Bells ready at 5 o'clock. **WALTER HUGHES.**

The Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—A district meeting without allowances will be held at Mersham church to-day, Saturday February 14th, at 4 o'clock. **C. WILFRID BLAXLAND, Hon. Sec.**

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Mirfield to-day, Saturday, February 14. There is some very important business, and it is requested that there will be a good attendance of members. Meeting to commence at 5 o'clock. Meeting-house—The Dusty Miller. **WALTER IDLE, Secretary.**
47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—East Dorset Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Ringwood, on Thursday, February 19th, at 4 p.m. Committee meets at 3.15. Service in church 3.45. Tea at Coffee House 4.30 p.m., 6d. each. Business—to arrange for annual meeting at Bournemouth on Easter Monday. **H. DRAKE, Branch Sec.**
Verwood, Wimborne.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Archdeaconry of Sarum Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Dinton on Saturday, February 21st. Ringing to commence at 2 p.m. **G. F. DOEL, Branch Sec.**

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Haslingden parish church on Saturday, February 21st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. **WILLIAM ASHWORTH, Secretary.**

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held on Saturday, February 21st, at St. George's, Bristol. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Address by the Vicar, Rev. A. H. M. Parker. Meat tea in the schoolroom 5 p.m., 1s. each. Sixpence allowed to members informing the undersigned on or before the 18th inst. of their intention to be present. Business meeting after tea. **C. H. GORDON, Branch Sec.**
Hill Street, Kingswood, Gloucestershire.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Newburn-on-Tyne on Saturday, February 21st. Bells (six, tenor 16 cwt.) open for use from 1 to 8.30. Committee meeting in Vestry at 4.30. Tea in parish hall at 5 o'clock, sixpence to members. Intending visitors must send their names to the Secretary not later than Tuesday, the 17th inst. Subscriptions for 1902-3 now due. **C. L. ROUTLEDGE, Hon. Sec.**
62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Catherine's church, Feltham, on Saturday, February 21st. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea at 6. Members and friends of the Association are cordially invited. **Hillingdon. J. J. PRATT, Hon. Sec.**

The Salop Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shifnal on Saturday, February 21st. Ringing at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 5 o'clock. Train leaves Shrewsbury at 2.50 p.m. **J. MACKAY, Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury. Hon. Sec.**

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Fareham, Hants. (8 bells) on Saturday, February 21st. Tea at Temperance hotel at 5 p.m. Meeting after. Members wishing for tea send names at once to Rev. C. E. Matthews, Bursledon Vicarage, Southampton. Subscriptions for 1903 are now due and should be paid without delay. **REV. E. W. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.**
Thorpe Vicarage, Chertsey.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Swinton, on Saturday, February 28th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock, meeting at 7. **JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.**

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next Monthly Meeting of this Society will be held at Armley, on Saturday, February 28th (six bells). A peal will be attempted at 2.30 prompt. A meat tea will be provided at 7 p.m. to all who send in their names to John Thackray, on or before Tuesday the 24th, charge 6d. Business meeting at The White Horse. Nomination of officers for ensuing year. **CHARLES PRATT, Sec.**
Park View, Calverley.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Crawley on Saturday, February 28th. Tower open from 3 p.m. The Rector, the Rev. H. L. Barrett Lennard, has kindly offered to provide tea at the Northgate Re-

freshment Rooms at 5.30 p.m. Members intending to be present will oblige by letting me know by Wednesday the 25th.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.
2, Grove Street, Brighton.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The Anniversary Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 28th, at Ye Old Royal hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham. Dinner will be served at 6.30 p.m. prompt, and the chair will be taken by William Butler, Esq. Dinner tickets free to fully entitled members, and to others 2/6 each, may be obtained on application to the undersigned on or before Wednesday, February 25th. **W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.**
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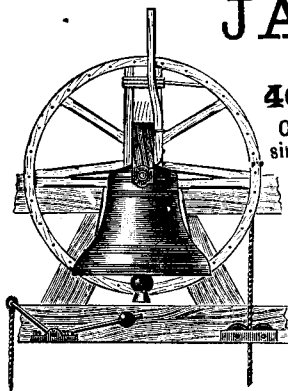
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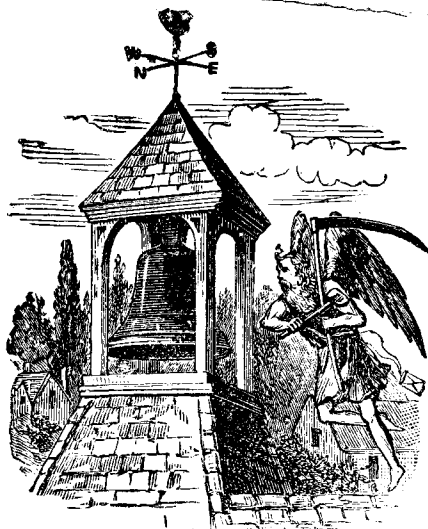
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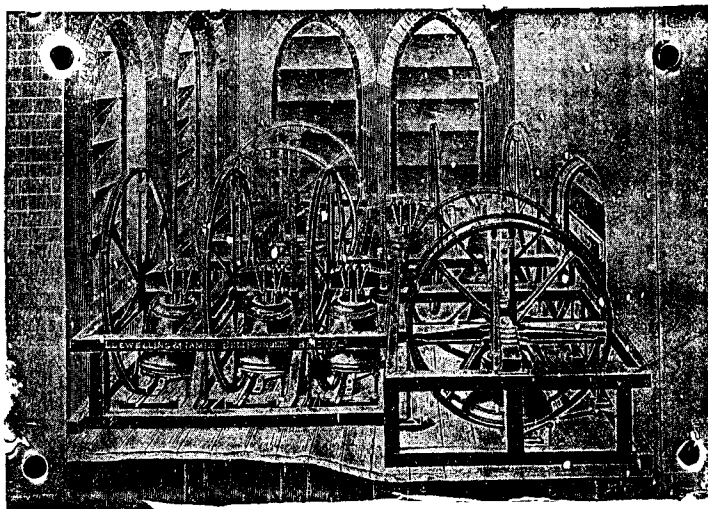
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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).

HARRIETSHAM (Kent). St. John the Baptist. Kent County Association. Eight bells. All by Lester, 1742, except tenor 13 cwt., by Warner, 1883. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Woolley, 1893. Ropes new 1891, indifferent; new ones promised. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.45; also for three-quarters-of-an-hour in afternoon or evening. Practice: Thursday, 7.30.

HARROGATE (Yorks). St. Mary. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears. Treble and 2nd, 1891; 7th, 1824; the rest 1866. Tenor 13 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs and additions by Mears, 1891. Ropes new 1891, good. Methods: Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6.30 to 7. Practice: Thursday, 7.

HARROW (Middlesex). St. Mary. Middlesex County Association. Eight bells by different founders. No further information given than that tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in. was cast 1759. Timber frame. Bells go well. Repairs by Banks; no date given. Ropes new 1891, fair. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11. Practice: Monday, 7.30.

HARWICH (Essex). St. Nicholas. Essex Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1821. Tenor 14 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 6 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Clocking permitted. Lately put in thorough repair by Day. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11, and 6 to 7. Practice: Thursday, 7.

HASTINGS (Sussex). St. Clement. Sussex County Association. Eight bells. All by Vickers, 1860. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go fairly. New bearings and repairs by the sexton about

1895. This is a cast steel ring. Ropes fair. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: alternate Tuesdays, 8.

HASLINGDEN (Lancashire). St. James. Eight bells. No return.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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Tea was served in the large room of the Horton Street Cocoa House, and here some 300 guests were well provided for. The annual business meeting followed, the President being supported by the Ven. Archdeacon Brooke and the chief officers of the society. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and passed, sympathetic references were made relative to the death of Mrs. B. T. Copley, the wife of the late Hon. Secretary. On the motion of Mr. Broadley (Bradford), seconded by Mr. Jno. Hollis (Normanton), auditors, the report of the Committee was accepted, and the treasurer's balance-sheet passed. The following officers were re-elected—there being no contested elections—W. Snowdon, President; G. Bolland, vice-President; B. T. Copley, Steward; with Messrs. C. H. Hattersley, Tom Lockwood, Wm. Gill, and Jno. Lawson, Committee-men. Votes of thanks to the auditors were passed on the motion of Mr. Rylands, seconded by Mr. Smith, of Halifax. Leeds was again chosen for headquarters. Messrs. W. Snowdon, C. H. Hattersley, G. Bolland, and Wm. Stainthorpe were elected representatives on the Central Council.

The choice of the next place of meeting was left in the hands of the Committee. Votes of thanks were passed to Archdeacon Brooke for arranging the service and for his sermon, and for the use of his bells; and also to the Rev. T. Lewthwaite for the All Souls' bells.

In replying the Archdeacon caused much amusement by regretting his neglected education in change-ringing matters; he had however during tea endeavoured to grasp some idea of a "Bob," but a "Bob Major" was still to him a hidden mystery. What capital questions he could give in an examination paper, such as Describe a "Stedman Cater," and state what relation "Bob Royal" was to "Grandsire" or "Treble Bob Maximus." He thought the Association was rearing a colony of mathematicians, and he hoped it would not be their last visit to Halifax. The Archdeacon was elected a Patron, and Canon Nolloth, of Beverley Minster, and Mr. Clement Holdsworth, churchwarden of Halifax, Hon. Members.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Halifax branch for their generous arrangements in the matter of the tea, to which Mr. Ryland suitably replied.

After some questions had been asked as to dates of elections, it was agreed on the motion of Mr. Lamb (Halifax), that the September circulars should point out the election next about to occur.

Thanks to the chairman on the motion of Archdeacon Brooke brought the meeting to a close.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.)

The annual meeting of this District was held at Westerham on Saturday, January 31st, and was attended by about 60 members from Chidingstone, Chislehurst, Headcorn, Hever, Mersham, Penshurst, Staplehurst, Seal Chart, Shipbourne, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, and the local members. The committee meeting was held at 4.30 at the Coffee Tavern, when 24 new members were elected and other business transacted.

At 5.30 the members sat down to an excellent meat tea at the Town Hall supplied by Mr. J. Smith of the Coffee Tavern, the Vicar of Westerham (Rev. S. Le Mesurier) presided, supported by Rev. H. Stevens (curate) and the Rev. L. Schrieber, Vicar of Shipborne.

After tea, the general meeting was held, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the district Secretary read his annual report which shewed the district to be in a flourishing condition, one new band (Shipbourne) had joined, and there were the same number of Hon. Members as in the preceeding year, viz. 17. Three district meetings were held during the year, viz. the annual meeting at Penshurst, Seal Chart, and Speldhurst. The first and last meetings were very well attended, but the meeting at Seal Chart was very poorly attended, there only being about six members attending. The district Secretary urged the ringers at the church and the neighbourhood where a meeting was held to make an effort to attend these meetings, as it was very discouraging to members to come from a distance and then find there was not a sufficient muster to get a decent pull. In conclusion the district Secretary desired to return his sincere thanks to the clergy of the various churches where they had held meetings, and to the ringers at the same who had made the necessary arrangements.

The election of officers was the next business. It was proposed by Mr. Eastman (Hever), seconded by Mr. H. G. Pope (Staplehurst, that Mr. W. Latter be re-elected district Secretary, both members expressing their opinion that they could not get a better one to fill the post; this was carried with acclamation.

Mr Latter in returning thanks for the members renewed confidence in him, said he would continue to do his best for the district and the Association. Mr. Groombridge, who had represented the district on the central committee for several years, having left the district, Mr. D. Wright of Westerham was elected to fill the vacancy. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Groombridge for his past services, and regret was expressed at losing them.

It was decided that (subject to being able to make arrangements) meetings should be held during the year at Hadlow, Speldhurst, and Hever, and the annual meeting at Cranbrook next January.

There being no other business the district Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Westerham for granting use of the bells and for presiding at the meeting, and also to the Revs. H. Stevens and L. Schrieber for attending the meeting, he said that he always endeavoured to get the Clergy to attend their meetings as he thought it was a good way to get the work of the ringers known.

The Vicar in reply said he was pleased to be present, and welcome them all. Westerham was one of those places where the people heard with joy the sound of their beautiful church bells, and the clergy greatly appreciated

the work of the ringers. He read a letter from Lt. Col. Warde expressing his regret at not being able to attend, and hoping they would have a successful meeting.

The Rev. H. Stevens and L. Schrieber also replied, the latter gentleman remarking that he thought it was the duty of the clergy to support Associations of this kind. He also said that if anything occurred to prevent the meeting at Hadlow he should be pleased to welcome them to Shipbourne.

The district Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Westerham ringers, and to Mr. G. B. Selby in particular, for undertaking the necessary arrangements for the meeting. He took a certain amount of pride in the Westerham ringers, whom he had instructed in change-ringing. They had stuck to it, and studied it, and could say without fear of contradiction that Westerham possessed one of the best individual bands of change-ringers in the county.

Mr. G. B. Selby replied on behalf of the local band, He said he had but one hobby, and that was change-ringing, and if there was anything to be done for it, he found pleasure in doing it. They were always glad to see visiting ringers, and their Vicar would also welcome them at any time.

The District Secretary announced that Miss K. M. Warde had very kindly offered to pay the extra cost of the tea, above the sum allowed per head by the Association, thus relieving the members from paying it. A vote of thanks was passed to Miss Warde for her kindness.

This concluded the meeting, and the members again visited the tower, when touches in various methods were rung by mixed bands during the afternoon and evening.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

The annual meeting of the above branch was held at St. Michael's church, Macclesfield, on Saturday, January 31st. Tea was held in the Duke Street Schools at five o'clock, to which twenty sat down. After tea the business meeting was held, the President (Rev. L. Smith), being in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the report and balance-sheet adopted. Christ Church, Macclesfield, was chosen for the next place of meeting on April 18th. Touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Stedman were rung during the afternoon and evening.

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HULL.—On December 25th, for Divine Service at Holy Trinity church, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 52 mins. F. Merrison, W. Southwick, J. Highfield, R. Chaffer, T. Stockdale, G. T. Marshall, W. Brown, G. T. Miller, C. Jackson, J. Dale. On Saturday, December 27th, with the bells muffled as a tribute the late Archbishop of Canterbury, 81 leads (the age) Grandsire Caters, 1457 changes. F. Merrison, W. Southwick, J. Highfield, R. Chaffer, T. Stockdale, G. T. Marshall, W. Brown, G. T. Miller, C. Jackson composer and conductor, J. Dale.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDLESEX.

On Saturday evening, February 14th, an interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of the parish church, being the unveiling of a peal-board, the gift of Mr. J. H. B. Hesse, the ringer of the 7th, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples by the Middlesex County Association on September 27th 1902, as a compliment to Mr. R. Johnson on his 70th birthday, he being a ringer in this tower over 54 years. When the Vicar, the Rev. W. Russell entered the tower a large company was present, including the Rev. G. H. Bourne Barton, curate, H. Hedges, Esq., churchwarden, Charles and George Higgins and Walters, Esqs., honorary members of the Sunbury ringers guild, and friends from Isleworth, Kingston, Ealing, Chiswick, Her-sham, &c., and most of the local ringers and their much respected instructor Mr. F. Goddard. After prayers the Vicar unveiled the board and thanked the giver for presenting such a handsome board. It is the first in the belfry.

Mr. Hesse replied that he hoped to soon see a board by the local band. Touches of Grandsire Doubles were then rung by the local band, and Grandsire Triples and Oxford Bob by the visitors. The local band wish to thank the visitors for their presence and support, and the Isleworth band of bell ringers for their selections on their bells after leaving the tower.

FOUNDING OF A NEW ASSOCIATION.

A general meeting, which terminated most successfully, was held in the Church House at Rhyl on Saturday, February 14th, the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, of Bangor, occupying the chair. The meeting was convened for the purpose of organising an association of change-ringers for North Wales, and the following towers were represented by—Bangor: Rev. T. Lewis Jones, Mr. W. T. Pegler, Mr. G. Hoad, Mr. Jesse Gillett, and Mr. J. H. Midwinter; Llangollen: Mr. F. Wallis, Mr. Geo. Bell, Mr. Wm. Bell, and Mr. J. Ellis; Portmadoc: Rev. T. A. Williams, and Mr. J. Owen; Wrexham: Mr. Robert Jones, Mr. H. Moore, and Mr. W. Rogers; Dolgelly: Mr. David Roberts; Beaumaris: Mr. W. J. Thomas, and Mr. G. D. Hughes; Abergele: Mr. E. Dronfield; Rhuddlan: Rev. T. W. Vaughan, and Mr. R. A. Evans; Llandudno: Mr. S. A. Cullington, and Mr. H. Stackhouse. The rules adopted were those as issued by the Central Council of Change-Ringers, and the following officers were unanimously elected: Joint Presidents: The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Bangor; The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of St. Asaph; Vice-President: Rev. T. L. Jones, of Bangor; Master: Mr. W. T. Pegler, of Bangor; Secretary: Mr. S. A. Cullington (Llandudno); Treasurer: Mr. Fred Wallis (Rhyl).

After a hearty vote of thanks had been passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and Church House, the visitors and some of the local band adjourned to the belfry, where touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung.

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HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The yearly meeting of the above society was held at Dewsbury on Saturday, January 10th, Mr. S. Goodall (President), in the chair. After a short address from the President, the minutes of the last meeting were passed as read. The Secretary next read a balance-sheet for the year ending December 31st, 1902, which had been audited and found correct by two members of the society, which showed the society to be in a good financial state, the total amount in hand being £10 10s., being a gain of £2 5s. on the year's working. The best thanks of the meeting were given to the officers for their services during the past year. The following were elected to hold office during the next twelve months: President: Mr. S. Goodall; Secretary: Mr. Walter Idle; Treasurer: Mr. John Garfath; and Mr. G. H. Hardy was elected auditor in place of Mr. S. Rigg.

THE YORK MINSTER COMPANY.

The members of this company, says *The Yorkshire Herald*, spent an enjoyable evening together on Saturday last, when they held their Annual Dinner at the Lowther Hotel. Mr. Cundall presided, Mr. Howard was the vice-chairman, and amongst these present were Messrs. G. Breed, T. A. and J. Haig, F. Earnshaw, A. Fearnley, W. H. Howard, A. W. Cundall, W. Merrell, G. Horner, G. Worth, and L. Woodcock, and visitors from Bristol, Richmond and Knaresborough. An excellent dinner having been served, the loyal toasts were duly honoured. The toast of "The Imperial Forces" was given by Mr. Breed, and responded to by Mr. Worth, and the vice-chairman submitted that of "The Dean and Chapter and the Clergy and Ministers of all Denominations."

The Chairman, in responding, spoke of the kindness which the Dean infused in his relations with the ringers, and said that he and the Chapter did all in their power to help them.

Mr. Morrell proposed "The health of the donors of the entertainment," whose kindly gifts were duly appreciated, Mr. F. Green, Messrs. John Smith and Co., Mr. R. W. R. Scott, Mr. R. A. Wright, and Mr. B. Lund, and Mr. Earnshaw submitted "The Press," including "THE BELL NEWS." Mr. Breed gave the toast of "The Visitors," to which Mr. Briscoe, of Richmond, replied, thanking the ringers for the courtesy with which they always received visitors.

In the course of the smoking concert which followed, some tunes and a course each of Treble Bob [Major and Grandsire Caters were rung on the handbells. Songs were contributed by Messrs. A. Haigh, G. Horner, A. Fearnley, F. Luty, and Porch, and Mr. W. Daggett ably accompanied.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION.

A successful meeting of the above Association was held at Hailsham on Saturday, January 24th, twenty members being present, including representatives from the following towers: Christ Church Blacklands, Hastings, Christ Church, St. Leonards, All Saints and Christ Church Eastbourne, St. Peter's Brighton, Hellingly, and Hailsham.

Ringling commenced about 3 p.m., and some good practice was had in Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich.

An adjournment was made to the Temperance Hotel for tea at 5.30, after which a short business meeting followed, Mr. G. Watson being elected to the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting held at Salehurst, were duly read and confirmed, and several new members from Hailsham, Hellingly, and All Saints, Eastbourne, were elected.

In the discussion arising from the minutes the Secretary stated that when he mentioned J. Livermore jun., as being the youngest member of the Association, he was under a misapprehension, and he has since been informed that E. Johnson of Appledore was a few weeks younger, and has now rung a peal with a bob bell.

Referring to the quarterly peal of Bob Major arranged for at the last meeting, for various causes he had not been able to secure the bells, and as Mr. Goldsmith had now left Sussex it had been suggested to him that the conductor should be a member in their own division, and acting upon that he had approached Mr. Watson of St. Leonards who had consented to conduct the peal.

It was then proposed by Mr. Price and seconded by Mr. Howes "That the peal for the current quarter should also be Bob Major, the one arranged for last quarter to be rung first, at Bexhill."

This being carried further names were received and the Secretary was asked to make the necessary arrangements for the two peals to be attempted.

The Chairman then proposed a vote of thanks to the rector for the use of the bells, who, however was out of town and consequently unable to attend, although he was well represented in the person of Mr. Weller, who on returning thanks said that the rector was always willing for the Association to make use of their tower, if no circumstances prevented, such as illness near the church. Mr. Weller also expressed willingness to assist at any time and in every way he could.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent by members and friends of this Association at Ilkeston on Saturday, January 31st. The peal of eight at the parish church were open for ringing from 2 p.m. and were kept going until about 9 o'clock in various methods, representatives being present from Burton-on-Trent, Cotgrave, Derby, Duffield, Long Eaton, Loughborough, Mansfield, Leicester, Newark, Nottingham, Ripley, Sawley, Sandiacre, Wirksworth, and other places. About sixty sat down to a capital tea in the Church Institute, where they were joined by the Vicar of Ilkeston, the churchwardens, Major Walker, and T. H. Walker, Esq., and Alderman Maltby. At the subsequent meeting the President, Sir Arthur Heywood, took the chair.

The minutes of the previous quarterly meeting were

read. Mr. S. Wesley and Mr. E. D. Taylor were chosen to audit the books of the society for the past year.

Twenty-three new members were elected. In addressing the meeting the President urged all ringers and especially the younger ones, to cultivate good form in the handling of bells, and to pay strict attention to the striking, which should be good. He congratulated the Ilkeston band on having had their peal increased to eight, and proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of them and for his presence at the tea and meeting.

The Vicar in replying said it was entirely owing to the paper on "Church Bells and Bell Ringers" read at the Church Congress at Brighton, that they had their peal increased to eight. He was very pleased to welcome the Association to Ilkeston on this their first visit, and hoped to have the pleasure of meeting them again.

Sir Arthur Heywood proposed a vote of thanks to the churchwardens (Major Walker and Mr. T. H. Walker), and to Alderman Maltby for their attendance, which was seconded by Mr. W. Wakley.

Alderman Maltby having replied, a vote of thanks to the chairman was given, and the meeting closed.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

At a recent meeting of this company Mr. George Thurgood, one of the band, was the recipient of an illuminated address from the members of the society, in recognition of his services as a ringer at the Abbey church for the past thirty years, and in celebration of his jubilee. This meeting was held at The Green Dragon hotel, the headquarters of the society, and was attended by a large number of ringing and other friends, several of whom entertained the company by a capital concert, which was immensely enjoyed by all present. Mr. Frank Carter, the popular and energetic secretary to the society, presided, and was supported by Mr. G. Thurgood, Councillor W. A. Alps (Master), and Mr. T. Colverd (steward). Other local ringers present were Messrs. T. Mitchell, D. Tarling, G. Cole, T. Adams, G. Thurgood, jun., H. Thompson, and J. Adams, jun. Among the visiting ringers were Messrs. E. Wallage (Whitechapel), E. Hall (Limehouse), G. Barker and A. Barker (Ware), G. Radley, H. G. Rowe, J. Barker, and E. Dixon (Hoddesdon), H. Barnett and A. Barnett (Tottenham).

On the invitation of the chairman, Mr. Alps then presented Mr. Thurgood with the address, the text of which is subjoined:—

"Waltham Abbey Society of Change-Ringers. Presented to Mr. George Thurgood on his having completed thirty years as a change-ringer at the Abbey Church of Waltham Holy Cross. The members of the above society hereby record their appreciation of his services during that time, both as a ringer and a conductor, and having recently attained his jubilee, present their sincere congratulations, and express the hope that he may long be spared to continue his associations with the society.—William A. Alps, Master; George E. Pearce, Treasurer; Thomas Colverd, Steward; Frank Carter, Hon. Secretary."

Mr. Thurgood, in response, said he valued the address very much, and wished to thank the members of the society very heartily for it. He would promise them that as he had done in the past he would endeavour to do in the future. He also wished to thank the many friends present who had come in honour of the occasion.

After the customary votes of thanks, an extremely pleasant gathering was brought to a close.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Members who wish to pay the 1s. 8d. subscription are reminded that the 28th inst. is the time limit for doing so. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 26th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on March 3rd. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.** "Frodingham," *Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.*

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Arch-deaconry of Sarum Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Dinton to-day, Saturday, February 21st. Ringing to commence at 2 p.m. **G. F. DOEL, Branch Sec.**

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Haslingden parish church to-day, Saturday, February 21st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. **WILLIAM ASHWORTH, Secretary.**

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held to-day, Saturday, Feb. 21st, at St. George's, Bristol. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Address by the Vicar, Rev. A. H. M. Parker. Business meeting after tea.

C. H. GORDON, Branch Sec.

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Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Newburn-on-Tyne to-day, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (six, tenor 16 cwt.) open for use from 1 to 8.30. Committee meeting in Vestry at 4.30. Tea in parish hall at 5 o'clock, sixpence to members. Subscriptions for 1902-3 now due.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE, Hon. Sec.

62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The Middlesex County Association.—South and West District.—The next meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Catherine's church, Feltham, to-day, Saturday, February 21st. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea at 6. Members and friends of the Association are cordially invited.

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

The Salop Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shifnal to-day, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Ringing at 4 o'clock. Business meeting at 5 o'clock. Train leaves Shrewsbury at 2.50 p.m.

J. MACKAY, Holy Trinity Vicarage, Shrewsbury. Hon. Sec.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Fareham, Hants. (8 bells) to-day, Saturday, Feb. 21st. Tea at Temperance hotel at 5 p.m. Meeting after. Subscriptions for 1903 are now due and should be paid without delay.

REV. E. W. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

Thorpe Vicarage, Chertsey.

The Waterloo Society, London.—The Annual Meeting of this Society (postponed from January) will take place at St. John's Vassall Road, Brixton, on Monday next, the 23rd instant. **F. J. SHEPHERD, Hon. Sec.**

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Swinton, on Saturday, February 28th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock, meeting at 7.

JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next Monthly Meeting of this Society

will be held at Armley, on Saturday, February 28th (six bells). A peal will be attempted at 2.30 prompt. A meat tea will be provided at 7 p.m. to all who send in their names to John Thackray, on or before Tuesday the 24th, charge 6d. Business meeting at The White Horse. Nomination of officers for ensuing year.

CHARLES PRATT, Sec.

Park View, Calverley.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Crawley on Saturday, February 28th. Tower open from 3 p.m. The Rector, the Rev. H. L. Barrett Lennard, has kindly offered to provide tea at the Northgate Refreshment Rooms at 5.30 p.m. Members intending to be present will oblige by letting me know by Wednesday the 25th.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.

2, Grove Street, Brighton.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Knebworth, on Saturday, February 28th.

J. SHEPPARD, Dis. Sec.

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Mary's church, Finchley, on Saturday, February 28th, by kind permission of the Rev. D. St. Hill Bourne. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., with a short interval for evening service at 5.30. Members and friends of the Association are cordially invited.

ARTHUR T. KING, Hon. Sec.

18, Ravenscroft Park Road, Barnet.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Meeting of the East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch and the quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Wooburn, Bucks., on Saturday, February 28th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45. Business meeting at 6.30. Tea will be provided for all those who send me their names before February 26th.

W. E. YATES, Hon. Sec.

Temple View, Marlow.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The Anniversary Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 28th, at Ye Old Royal hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham. Dinner will be served at 6.30 p.m. prompt, and the chair will be taken by William Butler, Esq. Dinner tickets free to fully entitled members, and to others 2/6 each, may be obtained on application to the undersigned on or before Wednesday, February 25th.

W. H. GODDEN, Hon. Sec.

61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The Annual Meeting of the above will be held at Dudley, on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available at 4, service in church at 5 p.m.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, Hon. Sec.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1903.

OUR readers will be sorry to hear that our frequent contributor—Mr. R. A. DANIELL—has during the last fortnight been unwell. He hopes, however, to be himself again some time next week, when he will very probably continue the interesting article on The Cumberland Youths which he has now on hand.

We have received a long letter from Mr. I. HILLS, of Bedford—the assistant-Secretary of the Bedfordshire Association—relating to Mr. LILLEY and the letter which appeared last week from the Woburn members of the Association. Mr. HILLS is well known as a gentleman who would scorn to prevaricate in this or any

other matter. His letter is one, however, very unfavorable indeed to the individual in question, but we withhold it for the present, for reasons which ought to have been apparent to the Woburn signatories. Other correspondence already in type will appear next week.

The Metropolis.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, STAR STREET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR T. KING Treble.	HARRY FLANDERS 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 6.
ERNEST PYE 3.	*FRANK SMITH 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method. It is the first peal of Major on the bells, the only peal previous to the above being one of Grandsire Triples in 1875. Rung to celebrate the 93rd birthday of John Flanders, father of the ringer of the 5th.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 16, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR T. KING Treble.	GEORGE R. FARDON 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	JOHN T. KENTISH 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7.
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The Provinces.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve 6-scores of Plain Bob, and thirty-one 6-scores of Grandsire.

THOMAS FUTER* Treble.	ARTHUR J. HOLMES 3.
HENRY CUNNINGTON* 2.	JOHN ALFORD 4.
*WILLIAM JONES Tenor.	

Conducted by ARTHUR J. HOLMES.

*First peal. Rung as a compliment to John Alford on the occasion of his silver wedding anniversary.

SLOUGH, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 30, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

FRANK V. H. SINKINS .. Treble.	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE .. 5.
JOSEPH J. GUTTERIDGE .. 2.	JOHN C. TRUSS 6.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL .. 3.	JOHN EVANS 7.
GEORGE MARTIN 4.	*FREDERICK HARPER .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

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

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

On Thursday, February 5, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

A. PRICE Treble.	A. W. ROBERTS 5.
T. NEWMAN 2.	F. DANIELL 6.
A. HALFORD 3.	W. SAVAGE 7.
W. PUGH 4.	W. BANKS Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by T. NEWMAN.

Reference to this peal elsewhere.

STREATLEY, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

H. POCOCK Treble.	R. BARKUS 4.
A. MOBEY 2.	W. HAWKINS 5.
E. G. FRANKUM 3.	G. BARKUS Tenor.

Conducted by W. HAWKINS.

First peal on the bells by all Streatley men, and first peal by all.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 10, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

HENRY A. FISHENDEN* .. Treble.	CHARLES MEE 5.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON .. 2.	*JESSE SADLER 6.
EDWARD E. DIAPER 3.	EDGAR RIVERS 7.
FRANK ROLFE 4.	†ALFRED G. RIVERS .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by ALFRED G. RIVERS.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor upon eight bells

CAYTHORPE.—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, February 11, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

W. CRAGG Treble.	J. P. PALEY, SEN. 5.
REV. H. LAW JAMES .. 2.	A. CODD 6.
T. CRAGG 3.	J. CRAGG 7.
F. W. STOKES 4.	J. P. PALEY, JUN. .. Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

First peal by all except the conductor.

LONDON.—On Saturday, December 27th, at St. James's church, Islington, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, called differently. H. May, sen., G. Gains, H. Franks conductor, J. Barry, C. Potheary, H. May, jun. At St. Mary's church several 6-scores, H. Alford taking part.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE OXFORD AND WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILDS.

On Wednesday, February 11, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

HERBERT J. ELLIS† Treble.	ALFRED H. PULLING 5.
GEORGE CONDICK JUN. 2.	THOMAS ATTWELL 6.
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
JAMES HUNT 4.	*THOMAS BURDOCK Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman. †First peal in the method with a bob bell.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.—THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 12, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

GEORGE WOODMAN Treble.	WILLIAM STANFORD 5.
FREDERICK WICKENS 2.	WILLIAM SHORT 6.
EDWIN JORDAN 3.	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 7.
JOHN AKEHURST 4.	JOSEPH WORSFOLD Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

Messrs. Jordan and Akehurst hail from Capel; Wickens from Charlwood; Woodman, Short and Stanford from Warnham; Williams from Hersham. J. Worsfold resides at Ruspier.

EWELL, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(THE EWELL SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, February 12, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S No. 11.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY SYCAMORE* Treble.	†CHARLES E. READ 5.
GEORGE PRICE 2.	HENRY GREENHILL 6.
JOHN BEAMS 3.	HARRY G. BEAMS 7.
EDWARD T. GROVE 4.	*FREDERICK LAUER Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES E. READ.

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

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD. YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5184 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS Treble.	DAVID BREARLEY 5.
REV. A. T. BEESTON 2.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 6.
THOMAS BETTISON 3.	ARTHUR CRAVEN 7.
CHARLES SEVERN 4.	SAM THOMAS Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

First peal rung in the method. This is W. Lambert's fiftieth peal.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, February 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES.

Tenor 32 cwt.

ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. Treble.	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 7.
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 2.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 8.
WILLIAM P. GARRETT .. 3.	*LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. 9.
EGBERT BORRETT .. 4.	WILLIAM MOTTS .. 10.
FREDK. R. BORRETT .. 5.	EDGAR PEMBERTON .. 11.
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN* .. 6.	JAMES MOTTS Tenor.

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

*First peal of Stedman Cinques. W. L. Catchpole's 150th peal.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAS. MAINWARING .. Treble.	SAMUEL HORSFALL 5.
ARTHUR KINSEY 2.	JAMES DILLON 6.
SIDNEY SPENCE 3.	JOHN S. ASHCROFT 7.
WILLIAM WILCOX 4.	FREDK. THOS. SPENCE .. Tenor.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by FREDK. THOS. SPENCE.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HEREFORD CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT .. Treble.	ARTHUR J. WILLIAMS .. 5.
WILLIAM DAVIES .. 2.	ALFRED CHESTER .. 6.
JOHN CLARK .. 3.	THOMAS LEWIS .. 7.
JAMES E. GROVES .. 4.	RICHARD POWELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Rung after an attempt for the same peal on the Cathedral bells at Hereford, which was lost owing to a change-course after ringing one hour.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

CHARLES R. LILLEY .. Treble.	SIDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 5.
GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 2.	*WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON .. 6.
WILLIAM G. GOSS* .. 3.	*HERBERT FIELDS .. 7.
LOUIS J. FLINT 4.	EDMUND C. CHASTY .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

*First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal on Major on the bells. The band wish to thank Mr. Hare, of Hitchin, who took the time of this peal at the beginning and finish; also the Rector (Rev. J. Pycock), for the use of the bells; also Mr. Harlow and the local men for having everything ready.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

RICHARD HAYES* .. Treble.	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT .. 4.
THOMAS ATWELL .. 2.	WILLIAM YOUNG .. 5.
THOMAS MACK .. 3.	†WILLIAM T. LIGHTFOOT .. Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. LIGHTFOOT.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor on six bells. Rung with the bells deeply, muffled after the funeral of Mrs. Motts, of Greyswood, Haslemere.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

MAURICE DALBY .. Treble.	THOMAS CLARK 5.
ERNEST E. HUNT .. 2.	JAMES BAXTER 6.
WILLIAM PATTEN .. 3.	G. J. LUNGLEY 7.
FREDERICK C. NAISBITT* 4.	WILLIAM H. PORTER .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by WILLIAM H. PORTER.

*First attempt in the method.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, GOSFORTH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES. Tenor 22½ cwt.

THOMAS T. GOFTON Treble.	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 5.
GEORGE R. HOLMES 2.	R. ALDER GOFTON 6.
ALFRED F. HILLIER 3.	WILLIAM STORY 7.
JAMES E. GOFTON 4.	ROBERT S. STORY Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Merchants' Return, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, College Single. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOSEPH CHURCH Treble.	WILLIAM STAPLETON 4.
SYDNEY J. LAWRENCE 2.	WILLIAM FREEMAN 5.
CHARLES W. CLARKE 3.	JOHN W. BARKER Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

F. FOXALL* Treble.	*W. PRIEST 5.
H. JOHNSON* 2.	H. CARTWRIGHT 6.
W. ADAMS* 3.	W. GREEN 7.
J. P. MASON* 4.	D. WOODHOUSE Tenor.

Conducted by H. CARTWRIGHT.

*First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late W. Bassano, Esq., Vicar's Wasden, 1876-1903, and donor of these bells. This is the first muffled peal on the bells.

BIRSTALL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

JAS. COTTERELL Treble.	JOSEPH BROADLEY 5.
REV. C. C. MARSHALL 2.	JAMES BARRACLOUGH 6.
WILLIAM CLARKE* 3.	JOHN CLAYTON 7.
WILLIAM RHODES 4.	BENJAMIN F. LAMB Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by B. F. LAMB.

*First peal.

FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR J. FARR Treble.	JOHN W. WOOD 5.
ROBERT MARSHALL 2.	GEORGE LADD 6.
WILLIAM RICHARDSON 3.	†WALTER FARR 7.
REV. H. LAW JAMES 4.	*RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor.

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD, and Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

†First peal of Major. *First peal as conductor. W. Farr was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting.

STONE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

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

WILLIAM BOWEN Treble.	*WILLIAM MARTIN 4.
EDWIN MAPP 2.	*CHARLES BEAMAN 5.
WILLIAM H. SMITH 3.	JAMES REYNOLDS Tenor.

Conducted by JAMES REYNOLDS.

*First peal in seven methods.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

SAMUEL REEVES Treble.	FREDERICK J. STEELE 5.
JOHN PERRY 2.	ROBERT PICKERING 6.
THOMAS HORTON 3.	THOMAS MILLER 7.
WILLIAM FISHER 4.	JAMES HARES Tenor.

Conducted by SAMUEL REEVES.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN SWAIN Treble.	WILLIAM NEWELL 5.
AMBROSE OSBORNE 2.	*HARRY GOODGER 6.
W. P. ROUTH, Esq. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON 7.
CHARLES CHAPMAN 4.	REUBEN SAWYER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman.

HAVANT, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(PORTSEA BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 16, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOSEPH HARRIS Treble.	*ANDREW COLLINS 5.
PERCY HANNAM 2.	WILLIAM LEBBON 6.
JOHN HARPER* 3.	*EDWARD A. HARDING 7.
JOHN J. SYMONS 4.	JAMES T. MATTHEWS Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LEBBON.

*First peal.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Tuesday, February 17, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDGAR PEMBERTON Treble.	ALBERT E. DURRANT 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6.
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE 3.	JAMES MOTTS 7.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM 4.	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. E. Durrant, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

HODDESDON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 17, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR CAINS* Treble.	GEORGE DENT 5.
CHARLES MATTHEWS .. 2.	HERBERT BAKER 6.
GEORGE RADLEY 3.	ISAAC CAVILL 7.
JESSE PUPLETT 4.	WALTER HOBBS Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE DENT.

*First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and Mr. Stephen Knight, Master of the local society.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, February 17, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble.	CHARLES WEBBER 5.
WILLIAM H. JUDD 2.	JOHN ANSELL 6.
WILLIAM FULLER 3.	WILLIAM H. STREET .. 7.
JAMES H. JUDD 4.	THOMAS ARROW Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. STREET.

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

Handbell Peals.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 18, 1903, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. MEE,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

FREDERICK MEE 1-2.	FRANK ROLFE 5-6.
CHARLES MEE 3-4.	EDGAR RIVERS 7-8.

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

This peal was strictly non-conducted. Umpires—Alfred G. Rivers and Harry J. Mee. This is the first non-conducted peal in the diocese, and the first double-handed peal by the All Saints society.

DEFECTIVE REPORT.—The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Pulborough, Sussex, has been sent without any date.

Miscellaneous.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSWALDTWISTLE.—On Tuesday, November 25th, 720 Oxford Single. T. Haworth, J. T. Yates, A. Houldsworth, J. Bentley, A. Walmsley, I. Whalley conductor. On Sunday, December 7th, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. S. Collison, T. Haworth, A. Walmsley, J. Bentley, I. Whalley, C. Sharples conductor. On Sunday, December 28th, 720 Oxford Treble. I. Whalley, T. Haworth, A. Walmsley, J. Bentley, R. Parkinson, C. Sharples conductor. On Tuesday, December 30th, 720 Killamarsh. A. Walmsley, T. Haworth, I. Whalley, J. Bentley, J. J. Haworth, C. Sharples conductor. First in the method by all the band and on the bells. And 720 Kent. I. Whalley, T. Haworth, A. Walmsley, J. Bentley, J. J. Haworth, C. Sharples conductor. A 720 of Woodbine was attempted but came to grief in the last treble lead owing to the treble rope slipping wheel. On Tuesday, January 6th, 720 Arnold's Victory. J. J. Haworth, T. Haworth, A. Walmsley, J. Bentley, I. Whalley, C. Sharples conductor. First in the method by all the band. On Tuesday, January 13th, 720 Oxford Single. T. Haworth, J. T. Yates, C. Sharples, J. Bentley, A. Walmsley, J. J. Haworth conductor. On Sunday, January 18th, 720 Booking. J. Bentley, T. Haworth, A. Walmsley, I. Whalley, J. J. Haworth, C. Sharples conductor. On Monday, January 19th, 720 Kent, on handbells. I. Whalley, C. Sharples, R. Parkinson conductor. On Sunday, January 18th, a peal was attempted, but came to grief after ringing 720 each of Grandsire, College Single, Oxford

Single, and about 600 Canterbury Pleasure. For evening service 720 Duke of Wellington. J. Bentley, T. Haworth, A. Walmsley, I. Whalley, J. J. Haworth, C. Sharples conductor. First in the method by all the band and first on the bells. On Tuesday, February 3rd, 720 Royal Delight. A. Walmsley, T. Haworth, I. Whalley, J. Bentley, J. J. Haworth, C. Sharples conductor. First in the method by all.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, February 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins. J. E. Miller, S. Jones, F. W. Ford, J. Armstrong, W. Pickworth, H. Miller, S. Wade conductor, G. Bester. First quarter-peal in the method by the 2nd and 3rd ringers, and first quarter-peal with a bob bell in the method by the 6th man.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Saturday, November 29th, at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, 350 Grandsire Triples. H. J. Tucker, G. Jordan, W. Prior, W. Watts, W. T. Prior, S. Lawrence, A. Hughes conductor, T. Jordan. A 504 Stedman Triples. H. J. Tucker conductor, J. Luckey, W. Prior, G. Jordan, T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. T. Prior, H. Little. And 576 Kent Treble Bob. G. Jordan, W. Prior, T. J. Watts, G. Gray, J. Luckey, S. Lawrence, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor. Also 308 Grandsire Triples. T. Jordan, H. J. Tucker, W. Prior, T. J. Watts, A. Hughes, W. Watts, S. Lawrence conductor J. Luckey. Also 112 Double Norwich. T. Jordan, J. Luckey, W. Prior, T. J. Watts, H. J. Tucker, S. Lawrence, W. T. Prior, W. Watts conductor. A 216 of Stedman Triples. T. Jordan, T. J. Watts, W. Prior, G. Jordan, W. Watts, H. J. Tucker conductor, A. Hughes, H. Little. On Sunday, November 30th, for morning service, 576 Kent Treble Bob. J. Luckey, G. Jordan, W. Prior, T. J. Watts, G. Gray, S. Lawrence. T. Jordan, W. Watts conductor. And 308 Grandsire Triples. J. Luckey, G. Jordan, W. Prior, T. J. Watts, W. Watts, S. Lawrence conductor, W. T. Prior, H. Little. These are the first touches rang on the bells, which have recently been rehung and two new trebles added by Mears and Stainbank, and great credit is due to the old firm for the way in which they have carried out the work.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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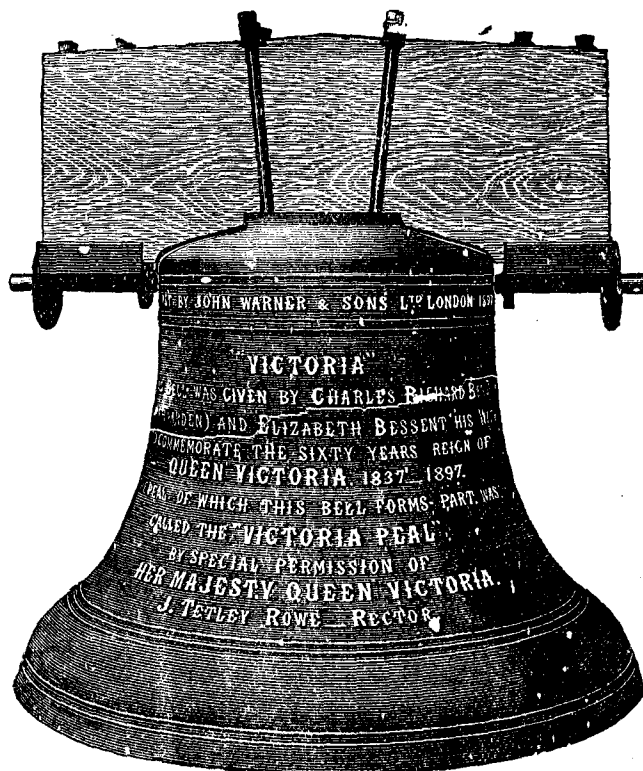
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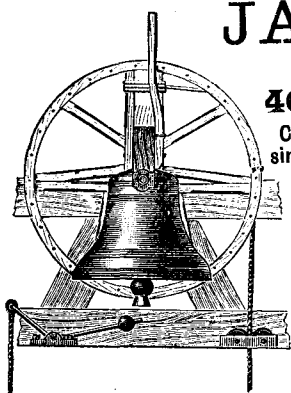
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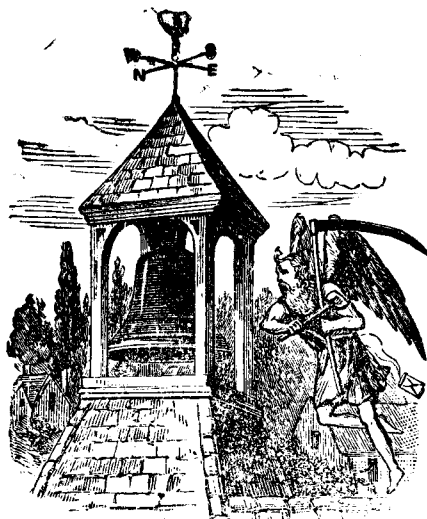
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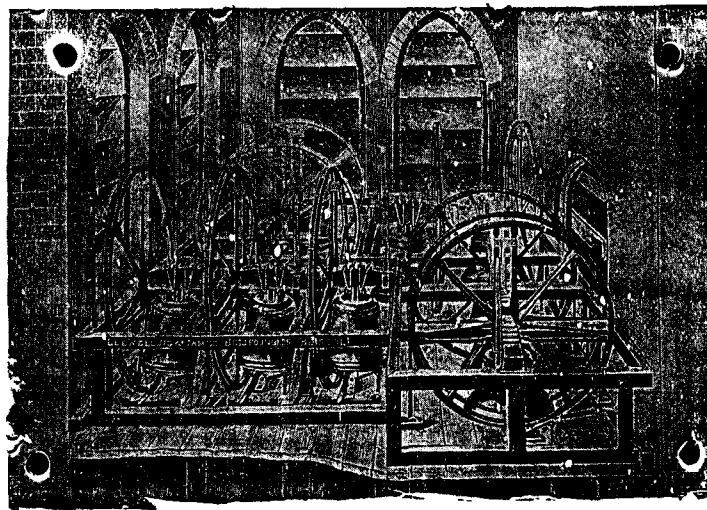
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THEIR CONDITION AND SURROUNDINGS:

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).

HATFIELD (Herts). St. Etheldreda. Hertfordshire Association. Eight bells. All by Briant, 1786, except the 6th by Mears, 1841. Tenor 27 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were completely rehung by Gray, 1887, and the tower has been recently restored. The 7th and tenor would be better quarter-turned. Ropes new. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 and 6.0. Practice: Tuesday, 8.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK (Essex). St. Mary. Essex Association. Eight bells. All by Patrick, 1782. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 11 in. Timber frame. Bells go fairly except 2nd and 7th. The treble and 6th require quarter-turning. Repairs by Mears, 1891. Endeavours are being made to have the ring put in good order. Ropes new 1896, good. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10.30 to 10.50, and 6 to 6.20. Practice: from October to April, Thursday, 7.

HATFIELD (Yorks). St. Lawrence. Eight bells. No return.

HATHERLEIGH (Devon). Eight bells. No return.

HAWKHURST (Kent). St. Lawrence. Eight bells. Treble 2nd, and 7th by Mears, 1847; 3rd by Phelps, 1734; 4th by Milman, 1633; 5th, 1613; 6th, 1617. Tenor 23 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 3 in., by Mears, 1824. Timber frame. Bells go fairly. Repairs by Mears, 1887. Ropes good, renewed as required. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing only on festivals. Practice: from November to Lent, once a week.

HEADCORN (Kent). SS. Peter and Paul. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Lester, 1766; 3rd, 5th and 6th by

Warner, 1891; 4th by Phelps, 1714; 7th by the same; 1720. Tenor 24 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in., 1732. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Warner, 1891. Ropes new 1897, good. No half-pull ringing. Sunday ringing: 1st and 3rd in month, 9.30 to 10.30, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 7.30.

CHRIST CHURCH, MACCLESFIELD.

On Sunday, February 8th, the tower, bells, and clock at the above church were opened by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese (Dr. Jayne) at the evening service, where an exceedingly large congregation assembled. The Bishop after preaching a very appropriate sermon, declared the tower, bells, and new clock open. The ringers of the Macclesfield Parish Church, who had been ringing on the bells at the morning and afternoon services, again went up into the belfry and kept the bells going until about 9.30, after which the Vicar, Rev. J. St. Clare Hick, went up in the belfry and thanked those who had so willingly stepped forward to re-open the tower, and wished them every success in the future. There were also present ringers from Gawsworth, and St. James Sutton. The Festival services were continued on Wednesday, February 11th, and Sunday, February 15th. Mr. J. Norbury Hon. Sec. of the Macclesfield Branch of the Chester Guild, and Mr. C. Galleymore, Hon. Sec. of Christ Church belfry, conducted the arrangements of the ringing. The tower has been thoroughly repaired, and new stone put in where necessary. The bells have been rehung on steel fittings, with all the latest improvements by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and the clock, which is to the design of Lord Grimthorpe, with the Chard chiming hammers, fixed by Messrs. Smith and Sons of Derby; the whole of which has made a great improvement to the church, and a valuable addition to the town.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

The annual meeting was held at Reading on Wednesday, February 4th. During the afternoon two peals were attempted, viz., Grandsire Caters at St. Laurence's, and Grandsire Triples at St. Giles, the former under the conductorship of Mr. F. Hopgood proving successful, but the peal of Grandsire Triples came to an untimely end.

At 6.30 p.m. a shortened form of evensong was held at St. Laurence's, conducted by the Vicar. Tea was partaken of at The Old Abbey restaurant, no less than sixty-nine members sitting down to an excellent spread. The company included amongst others, the Master, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis (General Hon. Secretary), W. P. Routh, J. M. Routh, Rev. R. P. Newhouse, and representatives from nearly all the towers in connection with the branch. The Master having to leave early, congratulated the branch on its apparently healthy appearance, judging by the number present, and wished the members every success in the future.

Tea over, the business meeting commenced, J. M.

Routh, Esq., again occupying his usual post in the chair. The minutes of the last annual meeting, together with the Branch Secretary's report and balance sheet for 1902, were duly read and passed. The balance sheet shewed over £4 in hand, and the report spoke of increased members, 123 names being registered, against 117 in 1901. One new tower had joined. There had been a great falling off in peals rung, only 4 having been scored, against 13 in 1901 and 22 in 1900.

J. M. Routh, Esq., was again elected Chairman of the branch, and thanked those present for their renewed expression of confidence.

Mr. A. W. Pike, after nine years' service, having intimated to the meeting that he did not intend seeking re-election to the post of Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Mr. A. E. Reeves was unanimously elected to the vacancies, and thanked those present for the honour they had conferred upon him.

The Chairman remarked that the thanks of the members were due to their late Hon. Sec. for the able and conscientious manner in which he had carried out his duties for the past nine years, and replying to this Mr. Pike stated that he severed his official connection from them with regret, but hoped to still remain an active change-ringing member.

After keen competition, the following were elected to serve on the General Committee of the Guild:—C. Chapman, A. Osborne, J. M. Routh, and A. W. Pike.

A discussion was introduced by Mr. Pike regarding what was felt by many to be the unsatisfactory state of affairs in Reading. He drew attention to the fact that two years ago there were some very capable bands of change-ringers in the town, but owing to some drastic rules introduced into the belfries (the chief one dealing with Church attendance), which were not acceptable to the majority of the ringers, these bands had been expelled, and at the present time these men were absolutely prohibited from entering the towers of either St. Giles' or St. Mary's. Mr. Pike concluded by asking whether such conduct on the part of the different Vicars was Christian-like, and whether it was in accordance with the principles of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

The Rev. R. P. Newhouse having stated that the old ringers would be welcome at St. Lawrence's, provided they conformed to the rules of the belfry, we listened to a fighting speech from J. M. Routh, who traced back the history of the Oxford Guild to its beginning, and shewed that it was the old pioneers of change-ringing who made the Guild, and that the parsons of years ago were only too glad of the help of these pioneers to set their house in order. He maintained that the rules lately introduced into the Reading belfries were much too drastic. He regretted that the old ringers who had spent years in promoting change-ringing in the town, should be prohibited from entering the belfries, for without their help the new young bands would surely come to grief. He said that anyone pinned down by hard and fast rules soon got their back up, and then there were ructions. He sincerely hoped that the clergy would soon look at matters concerning their belfries in a much broader light.

After the Rev. H. C. Bell had made some remarks as to why the old ringers were shut out of St. Giles, it was proposed and seconded that the following form a small committee to meet the different Vicars in the town, and try to bring about an understanding and more amicable relations: J. M. Routh, W. P. Routh, A. E. Reeves, W. Newell, A. Osborne, and P. Hickey.

The business concluded and glasses charged, the chair-

man gave the toast of "The King," duly honoured, and also that of "The Oxford Diocesan Guild." This latter toast was responded to by the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, who gave some interesting statistics regarding the number of members, the finances, and list of peals rung, etc.

During the evening songs were sung by Messrs. A. E. Reeves, Goodenough, Hickie, Hatherall, Newell, and Goodger, and selections given on the handbells by Mr. Newell's band. The health of "The Chairman" and a verse of the National Anthem, brought another Annual to a close.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A wet stormy day somewhat marred the first-Lent meeting of the above Association, at Newburn-on-Tyne, on Saturday, the 21st instant, preventing several of those who had given notice of their intention of being present, from coming. Ringers began to arrive about two o'clock and during the afternoon and evening, the bells (a fine mellow peal of six tenor 16 cwt.), were kept going by members from North Shields, Shotley Bridge, Newcastle, Wylam, Whitley, Chester-le-street, Winlaton, Blaydon, Whickham, Hexham, Gateshead, Sunderland, and Newburn. By kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Dr. Nowell, tea was held in the parish hall. The reverend gentleman had also taken in hand full arrangements for tea and the attendance, and it was universally agreed that a better one had never been placed before the members, nor yet one at so reasonable a fee.

The President, R. S. Story, Esq., occupied the chair, and was supported by the Vicar of Newburn, the Curate of Blaydon, (Rev. G. E. Drummond), Messrs. W. Story, W. T. Robson, J. Stuart, etc., etc. A telegram of regret for absence was received from the Rev. H. H. Barff, Vicar of Wylam, and asking to be elected a member.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the favours mentioned above, and the Rev. G. E. Drummond proposed the thanks of the members to the ladies and gentleman who assisted at the tables.

The Rev. Dr. Nowell said he was pleased to see the members there, and bade them a hearty welcome. It had been a great pleasure for him to arrange for the comfort of the ringers that day.

Mr. W. T. Robson kindly undertook the secretarial duties after 5 o'clock, as Mr. Routledge had another meeting to attend in Newcastle at that time.

During the day 720s of Kent, Woodbine, Cambridge Surprise, and Plain Bob were rung, the striking being good throughout.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

The usual monthly meeting of this branch was held at St. George's, Bristol, on Saturday, the 21st instant. The proceedings commenced with a service at St. George's church at 4.30 p.m., at which there were about thirty present.

The Vicar, (Rev. Arthur H. Nevill Parker,) gave a most appropriate and interesting address at this service, and gave the members a most hearty welcome. After service tea was held in the schoolroom.

A business meeting was afterwards held, presided over by the Chairman of the branch (Rev. H. A. Cockey).

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Three new members (performing) were elected. The arrangements for the next meeting were left in the hands of the Chairman and Secretary of the branch, and it is expected to be either at Chippenham or Colerne. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for his address, and also for the use of the bells, &c., to which the Rev. E. Stephens (Curate) responded.

Doubles and Minor was rung on the bells during the afternoon and evening.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The quarterly meeting of this society was held on Saturday, February 7th, at the parish church, Bloxwich, when members attended from the various towers in the Archdeaconry, including West Bromwich, Wednesbury, Wolverhampton, Wombourn, Darlaston, Willenhall, Smethwick, Tipton, Handsworth, Walsall, Bradley, Coseley, and other towers. The bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening, and some very musical touches were brought round. A short service was held in the parish church at five o'clock, the address being given by the Rev. W. Armstrong (Curate), as the Vicar was unavoidably absent through illness. A committee meeting was held in the vestry, at which some new members were elected, and some tower elections ratified, the next meeting being fixed for Handsworth on Saturday, April 21st. An adjournment was then made to the Schools, where a first rate knife and fork tea was found to be in readiness. Go being called, full justice was done to the good things provided, after which a vote of thanks was proposed by the Secretary for the address in church, also for the use of the bells, and to those who had so kindly taken the trouble to get up the tea, and to the ladies who very kindly attended to the wants of those present. The Rev. W. Armstrong very suitably replied.

THE PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE.

"It is a long lane that has no turning." The "turning" has at last come in the "lane" of the chequered experiences of those who now rejoice in having rung the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise. Perhaps a brief description of those experiences will not be uninteresting to the Exercise. Advantage was taken of the meeting of the Sheffield and District Society at Chesterfield in January 1901 to commence practising the method. The start was encouraging. A few succeeding practices revealed those who were determined to persevere, and it was found that these were scattered about over an area of at least thirty miles. Under such a circumstance to meet oftener was impossible; in fact, though the arrangements to do so was carried out fairly regularly up to November, it proved too great a strain on slender purses. This, co-operating with other hindrances, such as sickness, tended to cool the ardour of the band, consequently, two intervals of three months each, and one of seven took place between subsequent meetings. This brought us down to January of this year, the second anniversary of the commencement of our practices, when, John Bull-like, the band determined to have another go, with the result that at the fourth meeting they at last gained the object after which they had so long and doggedly striven.

Two years may seem a long time in which to learn and ring a peal in a new Surprise method; perhaps it would

be for a local band of ringers who could, without inconvenience, meet at least once a week. Such, however, has not been possible with us; we have nevertheless on three occasions rung over two hours. As to the method the band can with confidence commend it to the notice of the Exercise. It is the work of Mr. Craven, is not too slow or quick a method, and can be extended to twelve bells. Its qualities and the figures of a lead of Major appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" for weeks ending September 2nd and 9th, 1899, pp. 178 and 214.

A. T. B.

THE DEATH OF W. H. DALLIMORE.

All bell-ringers will learn with regret, deep and sincere, that W. H. Dallimore passed to his rest on February 3rd, 1903.

He was taken ill at work and removed at once to Woolwich Arsenal Hospital, where he lived for about a week, gradually sinking from severe pneumonia.

He is well known as one of the members of the Essex Association and one of the ringers at Holy Trinity Church, Barking Road, where also he had been a member of the choir for about 16 years.

The funeral took place on Saturday, the 7th. The first part of the service was held in Holy Trinity Church, the clergy present being the Rev. J. Russell, Vicar, and the Revs. E. Lees and J. Howell, assistants.

The whole of the choir were present, and the service was fully choral. It was sadly impressive and pathetic to see, in the middle of one of the hymns, Mr. Dallimore's Church uniform—his cassock and surplice—carried down by one of the choir and bell-ringers and placed upon the coffin, and on them was placed from the altar a beautiful cross of flowers—the symbol of his faith—the gift of the choir and ringers.

The respect in which he was held was shown by the large congregation present. The choir preceded the funeral cortege to the cemetery, and there sang hymns as they walked to the grave and at the graveside. As the funeral procession left the Church a muffled peal was rung by W. H. Etheridge, A. J. Waite, T. Crick, J. Waite conductor, J. Slade, S. J. Bird.

During the evening the bells, half muffled, were rung—723 Kent Treble Bob. H. Bottrill, A. J. Perkins conductor, H. Hills, H. Torble, W. Aldridge, H. Springhall. Also 720 Bob Minor. A. J. Waite, A. J. Perkins, J. Jones, T. Cranfield, W. Doran conductor, H. Bottrill.

On Tuesday Feb. 10th, a half-muffled peal was also rung at West Ham Parish Church as a token of respect to Mr. W. H. Dallimore, consisting of 575 changes of Grandsire Caters. J. Jones, A. J. Perkins conductor, W. Doran, W. Miller, H. Bottrill, H. Torble, J. Rann, J. Mowle, G. Hayden, G. Potter.

Mr. Dallimore was a very zealous ringer, and although he only had the advantage of six bells at his own church he lost no opportunity of perfecting himself in the art of ringing by visiting other towers where there were greater facilities for increasing his knowledge. His first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Romford on Sunday, Feb. 2nd, 1890, composed by the Editor of "BELL NEWS," conducted by A. J. Perkins; his first peal was rung at Romford on Saturday, Oct. 25th, 1890, conducted by W. Pye; Hollis' five-part.

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

MARVEL OR SURPRISE.

SIR,—The Rev. H. Law James again invites your readers to examine a method for places that can be omitted, in order to determine if such a method is Treble Bob or Surprise.

Now as Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge, and Superlative each contain the same number of places just exactly and no more than which allows the treble to ring a Treble Bob hunt, I say his rule is not a true solution of the problem. No, it's not the number of places, but the position in which the places are made.

As an example "without counting," if we note Kent Treble Bob, Albion, and London Marvel, we shall find each of these methods containing more places than are actually required to allow the treble to ring a dodging hunt.

In order for the treble to ring a Treble Bob hunt without repetition, there must be at least thirty-two places. Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise contain exact this number in each lead. Kent Treble Bob contains thirty-four places in each lead; Albion and London a still greater number. If therefore we examine Kent as directed by Mr. James, we shall find two places more than are required for Treble Bob, but neither do we find Surprise, as Kent will ever remain Treble Bob. This is why I said his test failed.

The great characteristic feature of Treble Bob is in its containing the greatest possible amount of Treble Bob dodging in the most direct and regular order, and it is also one of these few systems in which a family likeness is recognisable, let it be given in Minor, Major, Royal or Maximus, either Oxford or Kent variation, which is a great deal more than can be said of any of its offspring, which are scarcely recognisable when reduced or extended.

The great characteristic feature of Bob Major is plain hunting with the least possible amount of dodging with which to build a method, but the places made are the same in number as in Court, but the position of them differ very much, which with the extra dodging and less hunting, a new system is created or formed; but while Bob Major always presents a family likeness recognisable upon either Minor, Major, Royal or Maximus, Court does not.

Mr. James says the 2nd and 7th are bob places in Bob Major; in this I am not disposed to disagree, but it is questionable, as we find none in Court, and yet we term it Court Bob. Again, if 2nds and 7ths places are bob places, why do we not say Superlative Bob Surprise, also Cambridge Surprise Bob, and London Bob Surprise Marvel.

As I previously said, I think "The Glossary" gives a very good description of what constitutes Treble Bob or Surprise methods.

H. DAINS.

A CORRECTION.

SIR,—I read in "BELL NEWS" of last Saturday, Feb. 21st, of a peal of Stedman Triples being rung at the Parish Church, Wednesbury, conducted by Mr. Samuel Reeves, a footnote stating "First peal of Stedman on the bells." Will you kindly correct this statement in your next issue of "BELL NEWS," namely, that a peal of Stedman was rung upon the Parish Church bells of Wednesbury on November 19th, 1870, conducted by Mr. John Perks, of Birmingham, myself ringing the sixth bell in that peal.

W. R. SMALL.

A COMPLAINT.

SIR,—Together with other visitors I was pleased to accept the hospitality of the Shifnal ringers at the meeting convened by the Association for the Archdeaconry of Salop on Saturday last.

The traditional ringers' hospitality was worthily upheld by the local band, but most of us were somewhat astonished, not to say pained, by the entire absence of any one representing the local clergy.

We ringers are constantly reminded of our position as Church workers, but who at any time ever heard of a meeting of Church workers without clergy? The local Vicar and Curate were probably absent from an unavoidable cause, but surely the meeting was entitled to an explanation, which should have been sent through the Clerical Secretary, the Rev. J. Mackay.

THOMAS HORTON.

Obituary.

ALBERT BARKER.

On Friday, January 16th, the above-named passed away at his residence at Northallerton after a very short illness, aged 47 years. He was a ringer at All Saints' church, Northallerton, for many years, and was respected by all who knew him. He was a member of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. The interment took place on Monday, January 19th, the service being read by the curate (Rev. E. Simpson). A muffled 720 of Bob Minor was rung by his fellow-ringers, with the treble leading and the tenor covering. L. Brown, A. Simons, J. Simons, J. Lungley, W. Thompson, J. Barnett (conductor), J. Brettel, and R. Shuttleworth. Deceased leaves a widow and eight children to mourn his loss.

JAMES EDMUNDS.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of the above-named ringer, which took place at his residence at Benhall, Suffolk, on the 10th February. He started his ringing career at Benhall at a very early age, and continued ringing till a fortnight previous to his death, his last touch being at Kelsale, where he had rung for a number of years. He had rung fifty Easter Sundays in succession in that tower, always ringing the tenor. He was one of the old-fashioned school, not believing much in peals, of which he only rang two—Bob Major; but his striking was nearly perfect. He was carried to his last resting-place on Saturday, February 14th, by four of his brother-ringers many more from the neighbourhood being present, Mr. Button, of Leiston, district secretary, being among the number. Muffled touches were rung on the six bells at Benhall after the funeral, and in the evening at Kelsale on the eight, where his age, 73, was tolled at the finish.

G. T.

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT SPELDHURST.—On Saturday, February 14th, there was quite a woody meeting at Speldhurst. Two local chips, Messrs. Chapman and Still, were joined by Messrs. Mankelov and Perkins, of Tunbridge Wells, and two shavings as thick as Cards came over from Southborough, while Mr. Harrington pushed over from Hever, and Robert was called over from Brighton to complete the octagon. Dec. 6th was the first date arranged, but owing to one chip meeting with an accident it was delayed a fortnight, when another chip fell sick, and hence the delay till Valentine's Day. 4.30 p.m. was meeting time, and all were there ready to start, but during the adjustment of ropes the 7th man threw his bell over. This shewed that something was wrong, but fortunately the band was composed of the right sort for general repairs. An examination soon revealed that the stop for the slider had gone, after upwards of fifty years of faithful work. A kit was next needed, which Mr. Chapman soon fetched with necessary material, and things were shortly in order again. At three minutes past five a start was made, and everything went well for exactly three hours, when the welcome words "That's all" brought to an end an excellent peal, composed by a carpenter and rung by all carpenters, which is believed to be the first of its kind. The next move was to the "Old Oak Room" at The George and Dragon, not only to admire the carpenters' work of centuries ago, but to partake of an excellent repast, provided by the kind hospitality of Miss Macalpine Leny (a lady well known in ringing circles), the courses of which rolled up like clockwork; at the end of which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded hostess, all joining in regret at her unavoidable absence. Time not allowing of a toast list, a quiet pipe brought to an end one of the most enjoyable gatherings that ever fell to the lot of a carpenter.

HORNSEY.—On Sunday, November 30th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor. F. Fensom, A. Jacob, W. Dixon, W. Pickworth, M. Fensom, T. Langdon first 720 as conductor.

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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Members who wish to pay the rs. 8d. subscription are reminded that the 28th inst. is the time limit for doing so. Meeting for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on March 3rd.

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

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Swinton, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock, meeting at 7.

JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next Monthly Meeting of this Society will be held at Armley, to-day, Saturday Feb. 28th (six bells). A peal will be attempted at 2.30 prompt. Business meeting at The White Horse. Nomination of officers for ensuing year.

CHARLES PRATT, *Sec.*
Park View, Calverley.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Crawley to-day, Saturday, February 28th. Tower open from 3 p.m. The Rector, the Rev. H. L. Barrett Lennard, has kindly offered to provide tea at the Northgate Refreshment Rooms at 5.30 p.m.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*
2, Grove Street, Brighton.

The Hertfordshire Association.—Northern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Knebworth, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 28th.

J. SHEPPARD, *Dis. Sec.*

The Middlesex County Association.—North and East District.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at St. Mary's church, Finchley, to-day, Saturday, Feb. 28th, by kind permission of the Rev. D. St. Hill Bourne. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., with a short interval for evening service at 5.30. Members and friends of the Association are cordially invited.

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

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The Annual Meeting of the East Berks. and South Bucks. Branch and the quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Wooburn, Bucks., to-day, Saturday, Feb. 28. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45. Business meeting at 6.30.

W. E. YATES, *Hon. Sec.*
Temple View, Marlow.

The St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—The Anniversary Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held to-day, Saturday, Feb. 28th, at Ye Old Royal hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham. Dinner will be served at 6.30 p.m. prompt, and the chair will be taken by William Butler, Esq. Dinner tickets free to fully entitled members, and to others 2/6 each, may be obtained on application to the undersigned on or before Wednesday, February 25th. There will be ringing at St. Martin's in the Bull Ring from 4 to 5.30 p.m.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*
61, Roland Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The Annual Meeting of the above will be held at

Dudley, on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available at 4, service in church at 5 p.m.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Longton, on Saturday, March 7th. Members who intend being present are requested to give notice to Mr. G. H. Ray, Ashwood, Longton.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. All ringers welcome.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—A Meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available from 4 p.m.

J. EARWICKER, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

At the monthly meeting of the East Dorset Branch of the above at SS. Peter and Paul, Ringwood, on February 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Rev. H. Drake, F. Hoskins, H. Newnham, A. Randall, W. Randall, W. Bressy, C. Goodenough conductor, H. Titcombe. A 500 of Grandsire Triples, V. Randall, A. Best, H. Newnham, F. Martin Stewart, W. Bressy, E. Thomas, C. Goodenough, G. Preston conductor. A 168 and 112 Grandsire Triples. W. Lockyer, A. Best, Rev. H. Drake, C. Randall, F. Hoskyns, F. Martin Stewart, G. Preston conductor, G. Williams. First touch by treble and tenor ringers. Also touches of Bob Minor, Bob Major, and Stedman Doubles by the same band, conducted by R. H. Newman.

TIPTON.—On Sunday, February 22nd, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes) was rung after a Confirmation Service, in 48 mins. E. Goodreds, A. Rowley W. Micklewright, W. Hinton, A. Prestidge, J. Small, W. Fisher, H. Smith. Composed by James George, and Conducted by Alfred Rowley.

ST. NICOLAS, GUILDFORD.—All communications with regard to the bells of St. Nicolas, Guildford, are in future to be addressed to E. E. Heather, St. Nicolas Schools, Guildford. Times of ringing are first and third Sunday mornings in the month, 10.15 to 11; every Sunday evening, 5.45 to 6.30; practice, Thursday, 7.45 to 9.

Mr. E. Timbrell, of Chipping, near Preston, asks for the address of Mr. Arthur Craven, of Chesterfield.

Compositions.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1903.

The Metropolis.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, LEYTONSTONE, A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR. 5040 CHANGES; Worcester, Chichester, Victoria, and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY TORBLE* Treble.	SAMUEL HAYES 4.
GEORGE HAYDEN 2.	WILLIAM MILLER 5.
WILLIAM H. DORAN 3.	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

*First peal of Minor.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST PYE Treble.	REUBEN CHARGE 5.
JOHN J. LAMB 2.	*FREDERICK WILFORD 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 3.	FRANK SMITH 7.
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 4.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS THE MARTYR, THAMES ST., CITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES GEORGE Treble.	THOMAS FAULKNER 6.
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2.	HERBERT P. HARMAN 7.
WILLIAM TRUSS 3.	JAMES E. DAVIS 8.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4.	ARTHUR W. BARKUS 9.
ALBERT COLES 5.	ARTHUR JACOB Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON and
Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

The above was rung by all "unattached" members, and is also the first peal by the Guild in the City of London.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND THE
ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Saturday, February 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5008 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY Treble.	WILLIAM S. SMITH 6.
JOHN HOWES 2.	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 7.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN 3.	GEORGE R. FARDON 8.
ARTHUR JONES 4.	CORNELIUS CHARGE 9.
SEDLEY J. COLLINS* 5.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH Tenor.

Composed by WILLIAM T. ELSON, and
Conducted by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Hollier, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. *First peal on ten bells.

The Provinces.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 14, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK STILL* Treble.	CHARLES CHAPMAN 5.
STEPHEN J. PERKINS 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE 6.
EDWARD MANKELOW 3.	FREDERICK J. HARRINGTON 7.
GEORGE A. CARD 4.	THOMAS CARD Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by THOMAS CARD.

*First peal of Major. Further reference elsewhere.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN BLAKE Treble.	ALFRED GREENFIELD 5.
WALTER WADEY 2.	EDMUND LINDUP 6.
STEPHEN STONE 3.	ALBERT FEIST 7.
HARRY EVANS 4.	WILLIAM EVANS Tenor.

Conducted by EDMUND LINDUP.

Messrs. Wadey and Feist were elected members previous to starting.

WOLVERLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 17, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s of Canterbury Pleasure, two of Grandsire, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY J. BROOKS† Treble.	†PERCY PERRY 4.
ERNEST J. BROOKS† 2.	†WILLIAM PERRY 5.
JOHN SMITH† 3.	*WILLIAM H. SMITH Tenor.

Conducted by W. H. SMITH.

*First peal as conductor on six bells. The ringer of the 5th is 67 years of age, and has been a ringer at this church for over fifty years. The two Brooks and Smiths are brothers and the Perrys father and son. First peal on these bells by ringers all born in the parish. †First peal. †First peal of Minor.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 17, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 28 cwt.

ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. Treble.	DENISON HAYWARD 5.
CLAYTON PARNELL* 2.	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 6.
ERNEST F. POPPY 3.	*HARRY LING 7.
ROBERT S. CHRISTIAN .. 4.	ROBERT FREESTONE Tenor.

Conducted by ALFRED W. BRIGHTON.

*First peal. It was arranged to start for Grandsire Caters, but meeting two short the above was rung.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(HENFIELD BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 17, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S. Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM MARKWELL .. Treble.	ALBERT E. LISH 5.
SAMUEL BURT 2.	LAZARUS PAYNE 6.
GEORGE PAYNE 3.	CHARLES TYLER 7.
JAMES LISH 4.	ARTHUR HODGES Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES TYLER.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(THE KINGSTON SOCIETY)

On Tuesday, February 17, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES.

Tenor 33 cwt.

GEORGE NAISH* Treble.	ALBERT STRUTT 6.
JAMES STRUTT 2.	HARRY LAST 7.
GEORGE STRUTT 3.	JAMES W. DRIVER 8.
JOHN HOWES 4.	JOHN H. B. HESSE 9.
EDWARD STACEY 5.	JAMES CHANDLER Tenor.

Composed by JOHN WRIGHT, and Conducted by JOHN HOWES.

*First peal, and was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, SPROUGHTON.)

On Wednesday, February 18, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one each of Double Court Bob, Double Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob.

HARRY WELHAM* Treble.	EDGAR RIVERS 4.
HARRY FISHENDEN† 2.	GEORGE W. MEE 5.
DANIEL PRENTICE 3.	FRANK ROLFE Tenor.

Conducted by G. W. MEE.

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

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, February 19, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS TOWNSEND Treble.	THOMAS LAVER 5.
JULIUS SNOW* 2.	FERRIS SHEPHERD 6.
WILLIAM BURROUGH.. .. 3.	†J. R. SANDOVER 7.
JOHN HAYMAN* 4.	WILLIAM LAWTON Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN R. SANDOVER.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. This is the first time this composition has been rung in Devon by a local band.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 19, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR WRIGHT* Treble.	ALBERT SMITH 4.
ALBERT PHILLIPS 2.	HERBERT BAKER 5.
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE .. 3.	ALBERT LAWRENCE Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT LAWRENCE.

*First peal of Minor. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.

On Friday, February 20, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

RICHARD HARTLEY Treble.	HARRY MILES 5.
GEORGE BARTLETT 2.	ALBERT TURNER 6.
ALFRED MILES 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
TOM BOND* 4.	*GEORGE PARKER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 20, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WHITTLE'S VARIATION OF CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

FREDERICK HARDY* Treble.	FREDERICK BARRETT 5.
GEORGE E. HARDY 2.	ERNEST CARTWRIGHT .. 6.
HARRY WHITTLE 3.	JAMES L. WELLS 7.
JOSEPH HARDY 4.	CHARLES HARRIMAN.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

*First peal. Messrs. F. Hardy and Harriman were elected members previous to starting for the peal.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

JAMES H. HILL* Treble.	ALFRED MOORE 5.
ALBERT HILL† 2.	HENRY WILKES 6.
WILLIAM BRIGHT† 3.	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON .. 7.
HENRY F. COOPER 4.	THOMAS MALIN Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and

Conducted by ALBERT HILL.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. ‡First peal of Triples. Rang in honour of the birthday of W. H. Johnson, Hon. Sec. of the Worcester Cathedral Guild. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. Moore for having everything in readiness.

TUE BROOK.—THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

REUBEN HUTTON* Treble.	*GEORGE DICKINSON 5.
FREDERICK LARKEY* .. 2.	JOHN ASPINWALL 6.
JAMES DILLON 3.	ALBERT LOVELL 7.
WILLIAM HARGREAVES* .. 4.	†EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor.

Conducted by W. SHIPWAY, and Conducted by E. CAUNCE.

*First peal in the method. †First peal of Major as conductor. Messrs. Hargreaves and Aspinwall were proposed members of the Guild before starting.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight 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.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
RICHARD W. HOATHER .. 2.	ROBERT J. DAWE 6.
KEITH HART 3.	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.. .. 7.
WILLIAM PELLING 4.	ALFRED J. TURNER Tenor.

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lbs.

FREDERICK J. STEELE .. Treble.	JOHN PERRY 5.
JOSEPH PIGOTT 2.	GEORGE BURROWS 6.
HERBERT KNIGHT 3.	ROBERT PICKERING 7.
THOMAS PIGOTT.. .. 4.	ALF PADDON SMITH Tenor.

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and

Conducted by ROBERT PICKERING.

First peal in the method on the bells; also the first peal of Major rung on the bells since 1832. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the parents of the ringer of the treble for entertaining them to tea.

ROTHWELL, NEAR LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 21, 1903, in Four Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 8448 CHANGES;

IN THE OXFORD VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN M. CHADWICK.. .. Treble.	GEORGE W. STEEL 5.
ALFRED CHAPMAN 2.	WILLIAM ABBISHAW 6.
JOSEPH C. ABBISHAW .. 3.	STEPHEN STACEY 7.
THOMAS NICKOLS 4.	WALTER CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by JOHN M. CHADWICK.

Longest length in the method by the Association.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, February 21, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FIVE-PART.

W. M. HARFORD* Treble.	F. BRACE 5.
W. NEWMAN 2.	A. J. SKELDING 6.
T. HEATHCOCK 3.	J. G. ORFORD 7.
W. WHITEHOUSE 4.	R. MOORS Tenor.

Conducted by J. G. ORFORD.

* First peal.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

JOSEPH MADDOCK Treble.	FRANK MILLARD 5.
HENRY NORMAN 2.	FRANK J. SADD 6.
ROBERT SCOTT 3.	WILLIAM CHAPMAN 7.
ERNEST A. W. POOLE .. 4.	WILLIAM D. WHITE .. Tenor.

Conducted by J. MADDOCK.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5120 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE PRIOR* Treble.	JOHN LUCKEY 5.
GEORGE JORDAN 2.	THOMAS J. WATTS 6.
THOMAS JORDAN* 3.	WILLIAM T. PRIOR 7.
WALTER PRIOR 4.	WILLIAM WATTS Tenor.

Composed by F. G. MAY, and Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

*First peal in the method.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE OXFORD AND WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

ROBERT ROFFEY Treble.	ALFRED H. PULLING .. 5.
THOMAS ATTWELL 2.	JAMES HUNT 6.
CHARLES HAZELDEN .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. .. 4.	MAURICE STEER Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

This is the Rev. F. E. Robinson's 450th peal of Stedman Triples.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

FRANCIS W. BOND Treble.	FREDERICK PROTHEROUGH .. 6.
FRED G. MAY 2.	FRANK K. HOWELL 7.
CHARLES E. EDEN 3.	CHARLES H. GORDON 8.
ALBERT STOWELL 4.	H. CHARLES BOND 9.
HENRY T. HOWELL 5.	HENRY CLUTTERBUCK .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

This peal was arranged for Messrs. Bond (2), Eden, and Protherough, who hail from Cirencester.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, February 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5037 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

JAMES BOOTH Treble.	JOHN WILLIAM BAYLEY .. 6.
GEORGE ASTBURY 2.	HIRAM MEAKIN 7.
THOMAS JACKSON 3.	WALTER BROWN 8.
ALFRED BARNES 4.	EDWARD READER 9.
TOM MARSHALL 5.	GEORGE MARSHALL Tenor.

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by EDWARD READER.

BLETCHLEY, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN W. BARKER Treble.	ARTHUR MOORE 5.
FRANCIS HEDGES 2.	WILLIAM ROGERS 6.
FRED HOPPER 3.	CHARLES W. CLARKE .. 7.
FRED SEAR 4.	VALENTINE SEAR Tenor.

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and Conducted by J. W. BARKER.

Stedman was intended to have been rung, but owing to accidents to two ringers the above resulted. Messrs. Moore and Rogers were elected members previous to starting.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5040 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY .. Treble.	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN .. 5.
GEORGE ROWE, JUN. .. 2.	JAMES G. RUMSEY .. 6.
EDGAR HICKS 3.	ALFRED T. WIGHTMAN .. 7.
WILLIAM J. GROOM .. 4.	GEORGE WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS and Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

First peal in the method as Conductor. This is the quickest peal of Major on the bells.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

GROVES'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM A. JEAVONS .. Treble.	JAMES SMALL 5.
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GEORGE HUGHES 4.	SAMUEL BAKER Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN AVIS* Treble.	EDWIN BARNETT 5.
GEORGE CONYARD 2.	JAMES TULLETT 6.
REUBEN COPELIN* 3.	FREDERICK J. FRENCH .. 7.
WILLIAM EASTER 4.	LEWIS SILVER Tenor.

Composed by C. W. CLARKE, and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT.

*First peal of Major.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt.

THOMAS B. KENDALL* .. Treble.	DAVID WHITING 6.
JAMES COTTERELL 2.	JOHN T. EASON 7.
ALFRED WINDSOR 3.	BENJAMIN F. LAMB 8.
JOSEPH BROADLEY 4.	*FRANCIS BAKER 9.
ALBERT SCOTT 5.	HARRY BRAME Tenor.

Composed by JOHN COX, and Conducted by ALBERT SCOTT.

*First peal of Caters. It is also the first peal in the method on the bells, and was rung in honour of H. Brame's 44th birthday, his fellow-strings wishing him many happy returns.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, February 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR,
5152 CHANGES. Tenor 32 cwt.

EDGAR PEMBERTON Treble.	WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE .. 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	WILLIAM WOOD 6.
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE .. 3.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 4.	JAMES MOTTS Tenor.

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1903, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20½ cwt.,

F. L. BUMPSTEAD Treble.	W. J. SCHOFIELD 5.
W. J. NEVARD 2.	*W. HAZELL 6.
G. LANCASTER* 3.	R. W. STANNARD 7.
F. MANNING* 4.	*W. KING Tenor.

Conducted by R. W. STANNARD.

*First peal in the method. Kent Treble Bob was to have been the method rung, but meeting one short Mr. King volunteered to ring the tenor, so Grandsire was rung instead.

SPALDING.—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5056 CHANGES. Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR J. FARR Treble.	*JOHN W. WOOD 5.
WILLIAM RICHARDSON .. 2.	RUPERT RICHARDSON .. 6.
GEORGE LADD 3.	*JOHN R. GREEN 7.
ROBERT MARSHALL* .. 4.	REV. H. LAW JAMES .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

*First peal in the method.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HALEY'S VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH J. ALLEN Treble.	BERTRAM PREWETT 5.
GEORGE N. PRICE 2.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 6.
HUBERT EDEN 3.	HERBERT BAKER 7.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT 4.	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY .. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 22, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS H. WILSON* .. Treble.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 5.
ERNEST H. NIXON* .. 2.	CHARLES WILKINS 6.
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. .. 3.	†GEORGE E. WILSON .. 7.
ISAAC G. SHADE 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

*First peal in the method. †First peal in the method away from the treble.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 23, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

REV. H. G. BIRD Treble.	JOHN BASDEN 5.
ARTHUR FINCH* 2.	HENRY H. CHANDLER .. 6.
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN* .. 3.	JOSEPH J. PRATT 7.
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 4.	WILLIAM FOSTER* Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN BASDEN.

*First peal of Stedman, also the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 23, 1903, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 5.
FREDERICK T. C. NEVETT 2.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 6.
FRANK A. MILNE 3.	†SIDNEY WADE 7.
JOHN ARMSTRONG* 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

*First peal of Stedman †First peal in the method as conductor.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 23, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE WOODISS Treble.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD .. 5.
FREDERICK G. GODDARD .. 2.	*JOHN H. B. HESSE .. 6.
JAMES HUNT 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH .. 4.	JOHN EMERY Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

*First peal of Stedman.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 23, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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.

GEORGE KEMP Treble.	FREDERICK PLEASANCE .. 4.
HARRY DAVY 2.	HARRY CATTERMOLLE .. 5.
THOMAS DAVY 3.	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE .. Tenor.

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

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On Monday, February 23, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM MANLEY Treble.	ROBERT MANLEY 5.
HENRY BURCH 2.	*REGINALD SNOW 6.
JULIUS SNOW 3.	ADOLPHUS SNOW 7.
JOHN HAYMAN 4.	*ARTHUR CROSS Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY BURCH.

*First peal. This is the first peal on the bells by a local band.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 24, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE Treble.	HERBERT P. HARMAN .. 5.
WALTER SMITH* 2.	†GEORGE DURLING 6.
JAMES E. DAVIS 3.	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 7.
JOSEPH TOWN† 4.	†WALTER JAMES Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT P. HARMAN.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the fiftieth birthday of Joseph Town.

NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 24, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

THOMAS KING Treble.	†ARTHUR E. MOORE 5.
HUGH GLADWELL 2.	HARRY TURNER 6.
ARTHUR SYMONDS 3.	GEORGE LILLEY 7.
GEORGE DEBENHAM 4.	WILLIAM KINSEY Tenor.

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and Conducted by THOMAS KING.

†First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. M. Barnes for giving permission to ring, and also Mr. Taylor for having everything ready.

Handbell Peals.

LEICESTER.—THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

AT THE KING AND CROWN, TOWNHALL LANE,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5006 CHANGES;

J. O. LANCASHIRE'S COMPOSITION.

JOHN O. LANCASHIRE .. 1-2.	WILLIAM WILLSON .. 7-8.
GEORGE CLEAL 3-4.	JOHN BUTTERY 9-10.
SAMUEL COTTON 5-6.	ALFRED MILLIS 11-12.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN AND BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS

On Sunday, February 22, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. COLEMAN, AVENUE ROAD,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES.

LOUIS J. FLINT 1-2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3-4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7-8.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and Conducted by C. R. LILLEY

Umpire—E. C. Chasty, who marked off the course-ends as they came up.

Miscellaneous.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WILBURTON (Cambridgeshire).—On December 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 23½ mins. J. Markwell, Jas. Markwell, H. Markwell, A. Hazell, H. Sharp, A. Markwell conductor. On December 26th, 720 Double Oxford. Jas. Markwell, J. Markwell, A. Markwell, R. Dewey, H. Markwell, H. Sharp conductor. Also 720 Merchant's Return. H. Markwell, A. Markwell conductor. A 720 Plain Bob. J. Hosler, J. Markwell, the rest as before. And 120

Cambridge Surprise. J. Markwell, Jos. Markwell, H. Markwell, R. Dewey, H. Sharp, A. Markwell. On Sunday, December 28th, for Divine Service, 720 Duke of York, in 24 mins. Jas. Markwell, J. Markwell, A. Markwell, A. Hazell, H. Markwell, H. Sharp conductor. Also 720 Plain Bob. J. Hosler, H. Sharp, Jos. Markwell, R. P. Prichard, Esq., A. Markwell conductor, J. Markwell.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TAUNTON.—On December 27th, at St. James's church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Archbishop of Canterbury, in 52½ mins. W. Cording, H. J. Poole, T. Doble, A. Evans, W. Gillard, W. Thorn, E. E. Burgess conductor, E. Harris.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE.—On Wednesday, February 18th, for practice at St. Michael's church, a quarter-peal of 1264 Bob Major, in ten courses, composed by G. F. Williams. C. H. Howard conductor, W. Sadler, F. Webb, P. Holmes, W. Steel, G. Sentance, W. Grimwade, A. B. Wiffen. On Sunday morning, February 22nd, 350 Grandsire Triples. A. B. Wiffen, F. Webb, H. Collins, P. Holmes, H. Pilcher, G. Sentance, C. H. Howard conductor, A. W. Barton. For evening service 672 Bob Major. C. H. Howard conductor, A. B. Wiffen, F. Webb, W. Moore, W. Steel, W. Grimwade, H. Coote, H. Collins.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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LYTHAM.—At St. John's Church, Nov. 30th, for evening service, 720 Stanstead Double Bob. W. Bamber, J. Fell, D. McLellan, C. H. Kerr, J. Hardman, E. Tipping conductor. Dec. 3rd, for practice, the above 720. E. Tipping, J. Fell, D. McLellan, John Tipping conductor, J. Hardman, T. Allanson. Also 720 Grandsire Minor. C. H. Kerr, J. Fell, D. McLellan, T. Allanson, E. Tipping conductor, John Tipping. Dec. 7th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob, containing 34 singles. W. Bamber, J. Fell, D. McLellan, J. Tipping, T. Allanson, E. Tipping conductor. And for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob. C. H. Kerr, J. Fell, D. McLellan, J. Tipping conductor, T. Allanson, E. Tipping. Also 720 Stanstead Double Bob Minor, on Nov. 23rd. W. Bamber, C. H. Kerr, D. McLellan, John Tipping, John Hardman, E. Tipping conductor. Composed by J. Martin, Liverpool. First 720 in this method by all, and rung on J. Fell's birthday.

CHELMSFORD (Essex).—On Thursday, February 5th, 701 Grandsire Caters. A. Whight, H. Richell, W. Rowland, jun., A. Head, T. Lincoln, H. Head, W. Kirton, W. J. Piper, W. Lincoln conductor, H. Rolph.

FRAMSDEN (Suffolk).—On December 25th, for Divine Service, 672 Stedman Triples. G. Perry, W. Balls, E. Hicks, G. Thurlow, G. W. Wightman, W. Wightman conductor, J. Creasey, W. Sawyer. On Sunday, December 28th, for afternoon service, 1224 Superlative Surprise Major. G. Thurlow, W. Balls, E. Hicks, G. Perry, S. Wightman, J. Creasey, G. Wightman, W. Wightman.

GRIMSBY (Lincolnshire).—On Thursday, Dec. 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 minutes. C. Taylor, J. Weldon, W. H. Hayhoe, J. Bell, A. W. Long, P. Long, J. W. Seamer conductor, J. Lamb. Composed by D. Seamer. On Sunday, Dec. 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. W. E. Meffin, J. Bell, A. W. Long, P. C. Long, S. G. Steeles, G. Weldon, C. Taylor conductor, J. W. Seamer. Also 490 Grandsire Triples. J. Weldon, A. W. Long conductor, W. E. Meffin, C. Taylor, S. G. Steele, J. Bell, J. W. Seamer, — Richardson. On Sunday, 21st, 504. — Kirman, A. W. Long, W. E. Meffin, G. Weldon, S. G. Steele, J. W. Seamer, P. Long. — Richardson.

ILKESTON (Derbyshire).—On Friday, November 21st, at the parish church, 700 Grandsire Triples. E. Poxton, G. Needham, J. Hufton, S. Burgoyne, W. J. Sevier conductor, H. Harrison, H. Fletcher, A. Baker.

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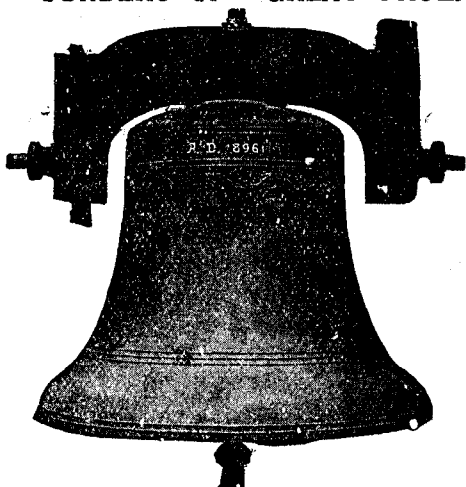
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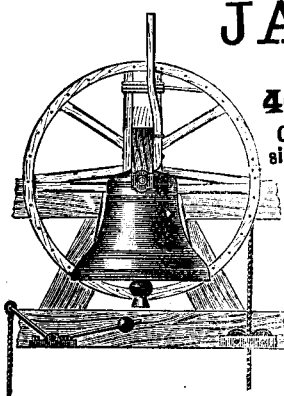
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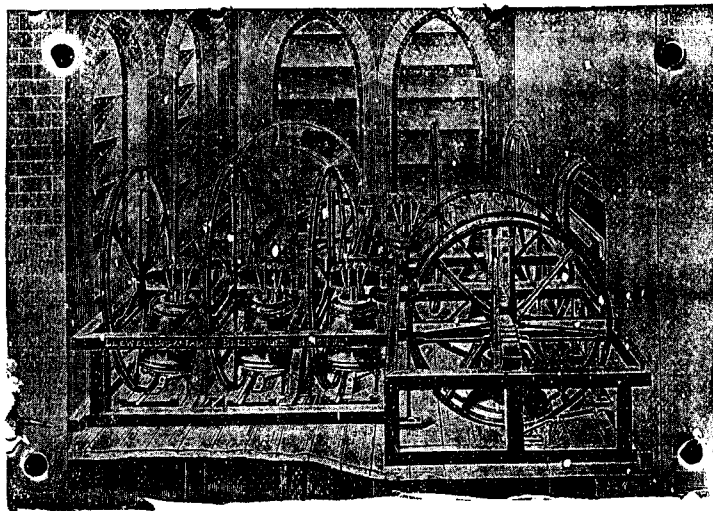
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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).

HEADINGLEY (Yorks). St. Chad. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor; treble and 2nd, 1878; 3rd, 4th, and 5th, 1871; the rest 1861. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 9 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Slight repairs recently by Mallaby. Ropes good. Methods: Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.50, and 5.30 to 6.30. No regular practice, but peals can be rung at any time.

St. Michael. Yorkshire Association. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1890. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. Iron frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1899. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, Duffield. Sunday ringing: 9.30 to 10.20, and 5.30 to 6.20. Practice: Tuesday, 7.45.

HEAVILEY (Cheshire). St. George. Chester Diocesan Guild. Ten bells. All by Mears, 1896. Tenor 30 cwt. diameter 4 ft. 8 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Ropes to be at once renewed. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Monday, 7.45.

HEAVITREE (Devon). St. Michael. Devonshire Guild. Eight bells. All by Taylor, 1897. Tenor 26 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 4 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. Ropes new 1897, good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 10 to 11, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 8. Visitors are welcome.

HECKINGTON (Lincolnshire). St. Andrew. North Lincolnshire Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Mears, 1880; 3rd, 1773; 4th, 1651; 6th, 1733; 7th by Mears, 1824; 5th and tenor by Warner, 1859. Tenor 20 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 1 in. Iron frame. Bells do not go very well. Clocking permitted. The ring were rehung

by Rogers, 1880, but the new frame was too weak, and only an entirely new one will put matters right. Ropes good. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.45 to 10.30, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Monday and Friday at 7 during winter.

HEENE (Sussex). St. Botolph. Sussex County Association. Eight bells. All by Warner, 1879. Tenor 10 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. Slight repairs by Warner, 1896. Ropes new 1899. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.45 to 10.45, and 5.30 to 6.30. Practice: Wednesday, 7.

ANTONY CHURCH TOWER, CORNWALL.

The ring of six bells, tenor 10 cwt., in the above tower, had recently been thoroughly overhauled, and rehung with all new fittings in an excellent oak frame, and the tenor re-turned by Mears and Stainbank, Bell Founders, London, and the work has been carried out very satisfactory by their representative, Mr. G. Oliver. They were re-opened by the following on Saturday last, and gave every satisfaction.

To commemorate the successful completion of the work, Mr. G. Oliver was entertained to supper the same evening at The Ring of Bells inn. The Rev. J. A. Kitson presided, supported by the ringers of the tower. The bells were re-opened by William Hawken, R. G. Kitson, C. H. Kitson, Arthur Benney, John Robjohns, Rev. J. A. Kitson.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the East Dorset Branch (postponed from Cranborne), was held at Ringwood on Thursday, February 19th. The Rev. F. B. Phillips presided over a good attendance, the following bands being well represented: West Lulworth, Ringwood, Fordingbridge, Hamperston, Wimborne, Christchurch, Bournemouth, and Verwood. A discussion on the representatives on the Committee took place, the meeting being of opinion that the objection which had been raised ought not to be pressed. Arrangements were also made for providing instructors for a number of towers which had asked for instruction. It was decided that the arrangements for the annual meeting at Bournemouth on Easter Monday be similar to those made last year. No new members were proposed. At the service which was held in the parish church, there was a full attendance, who joined heartily in this corporate act of worship. Tea was afterwards served in the cafe, and at intervals during the day and evening the bells were kept going, either in interesting touches of change-ringing, or in instructing beginners.

The following achievements were recorded: A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Rev. H. Drake, F. Hoskins, H. Newnham, A. Rendall, W. Rendall, W. Bussey, C. Goodenough conductor, H. Titcomb. Also several other touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Bob Minor, and Stedman Doubles, conducted by W. H. Newnham,

THE CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE "FORTY-FIVE."

By R. A. DANIELL.

(Continued from page 521.)

William Augustus, Duke of Cumberland, the second surviving son of George the Second and Queen Caroline, was born in 1721. His first public appearance took place when he was four years old, when he was installed a Knight of the Bath, in Henry the Seventh's chapel at Westminster, and offered his little sword on the altar. Though he was quite a young man when he was sent North to quell the rebellion, he had had considerable experience in war, and had undergone a thorough military training. He was, moreover, a man of intrepid courage, and being so, he naturally gained the admiration and confidence of the troops serving under him. He was not, indeed, a strategical genius of the first order, but he was a capable commander and a good soldier. At the time we are speaking of, he had returned home from the continent, where he had specially distinguished himself at the battle of Fontenoy.

The apprehensions of Londoners in view of a rebel army making for the capital must have been grave indeed. Not only was this army mainly composed of Highlanders, who were savages and freebooters, but if these people did get the chance of looting the town there was the danger of their being reinforced by the London mob. This mob was a serious matter to our forefathers. We who live under an efficient police organization can hardly conceive the mob violence which existed in the eighteenth century. Throughout that period there was in London a barbarous and uneducated element such as we fortunately have no experience of. They fought every day and all day long. Robberies in the light of day as well as by night were among the most common occurrences of the time, and there was no counteracting force but parochial constables and watchmen who were quite undisciplined, and besides being unable, if they were willing, to cope with a condition of violence, they were inadequately paid, and frequently found it their best policy to get in league with thieves and burglars. Consequently the disorderly forces of the metropolis were of much more efficient strength than they are now, and anyone who wishes for information about what the London mob could do, and about the paralysis of the police executive, has only to read the accounts of the well known Gordon riots in 1780. To be sure, the natural combative instincts of the London mob might have led them to fight the Highlanders; but the mob's predatory instincts were much more likely to lead them to make common cause with the Highlanders if any plunder was to be got.

These things being so, we can well understand that the military incapacity displayed in the early stages of this rebellion was appalling to the average Londoners. What could be done was done: a camp was formed at Finchley, some eight miles north of London, where there was then a large common, and a defensive force, formed partly, I think, of regulars and partly of hasty levies, was established there for the protection of the metropolis. This camp has been immortalized to subsequent generations by one of Hogarth's most celebrated pictures, representing the march out to it, and it will be readily understood that the appointment to the command of the King's forces of the

young Duke of Cumberland, whose praises were in all men's mouths, was a great relief to men's feelings.

Cumberland started for the North, and bye-and-bye good news came to the City. He had defeated the rebel army at Culloden on April 26th, 1746, and realising the relief thereby caused to a strained situation, the City a few days afterwards presented an address to the King thanking him for appointing the Duke to command: "Whose conduct and bravery have, by the blessing of the Almighty, produced this our happy deliverance; a glory reserved for one of your illustrious family, endowed with those princely qualities which render him amiable to those under his command, and formidable to his enemies."

There can be no doubt that this address represented the sentiments of Londoners at large, and that the Duke of Cumberland was raised by his success to the highest popularity. He did not immediately return to London, as he had further work to do, of which more shortly, but when he did come he was received with great enthusiasm.

It is therefore natural enough that a London ringing society should at that epoch have named itself after this popular hero. That the existing Cumberland Youths did so there can be no manner of doubt. Our earliest records contain prints of him, and the Society possesses an enamelled medal, representing him on horseback, which is worn by the Master when acting in his official capacity. But tradition has always connected the Cumberland Youths with the old Society of the London Scholars. It is said that the London Scholars rang at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on the occasion of the Duke's arrival in London on his arrival from Scotland, and that they renamed themselves in honour of that circumstance, and for several reasons the story is essentially probable. Unfortunately the records of the London Scholars have disappeared; we know indeed that they were a flourishing Society in 1702, and of two peals of Grandsire Cinques and one of Grandsire Caters rung by them in the earlier portion of the eighteenth century. Having regard to the history of the tradition connecting these two societies, I see no reason to doubt its truth. But I am afraid I have reached, if not exceeded the space which can be spared me in one issue, so will stop now, hoping to complete my remarks next week.

(To be continued.)

ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND.

These well-known bells have lately been overhauled and partly rehung by Mears and Stainbank, the result, especially in the case of the 8th, which has had to be rung "wrong side" for some years, being a great gain to the whole ring of ten in tone and "go." A quarter-peal of Stedman Caters was rung on Sunday evening last for service, conducted by T. Taffender, and we understand the tower was open on Sunday morning last, March 1st, at 10 o'clock for morning service, as an endeavour to ring on the first Sunday in the month regularly. In reference to the parish of St. Clement Danes, its bells, and its ringers, at the recent "Box Supper" (one of the old annual institutions), Mr. Justice Grantham in the course of an interesting and eloquent speech, touched upon the ringers and their connection with the parish, and mentioned the pleasure with which he had inspected the old peal-books, etc. It is especially gratifying to change-ringers to obtain such notice in so high a quarter.

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The usual monthly meeting was held at Armley (six bells). An attempt for a peal in seven Minor methods came to grief. Afterwards various touches on tower and handbells by ringers from neighbouring towers and the local company. At seven o'clock twenty-six members sat down to a meat tea. Afterwards a short business meeting was held, the President, Mr. George Barraclough, in the chair, Mr. Maude being vice-Chairman. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary and passed unanimously. The proceedings were closed with the usual votes of thanks.

CELEBRATING THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF MR. AND MRS. W. R. SMALL'S WEDDING.

On Thursday, February 12th. the above named lady and gentleman invited a few ringing friends to their residence, York House, Whitehall Road, Great Bridge, Tipton, in honour of the above event, which took place at Moxley Parish Church, Feb. 8th, 1863. A splendid repast was provided, the viands consisting of roast beef and mutton, plum pudding, jellies, etc. Full justice having been done to the good things placed upon the table—the different courses were brought round without a hitch of any sort occurring—stand was called and a move was made into another room, the method here being tobacco and cigars, which had been provided by the host, was fully indulged in. Here the handbells were brought into requisition, and courses of Grandsire Caters and Triples were rung. Letters of apology were read from Messrs. W. H. Godden and S. Spittle, regretting their inability to attend owing to indisposition, those present expressing regret at their absence.

In proposing the toast of the evening, Mr. Jno. Smith explained to those present the reason of their meeting at their esteemed friends' home, which showed that although he could not handle the rope in ringing as he had done, he still had as great a love for the art and those who took part in it as though he did. He was sure that everyone present trusted he would soon be restored to his former health, so that he would be able to again handle the rope in the belfry as he had done in the past. It was a pleasure to know that he and his better partner had passed through forty years of matrimonial happiness and bliss, and he knew he voiced the feeling of all present when he hoped that they may live and enjoy each other's company and be as comfortable in the future as they had been in the past. He asked them to drink heartily to the toast—Long Life and Prosperity to Mr. and Mrs. Small.

This was seconded by Mr. Rowland Cartwright, and was drunk with enthusiasm.

Mr. Small, in replying, said he was very pleased to have so many of his old friends and associates gathered around him on the occasion. He thanked them for their presence and also for the kind words which had been said about Mrs. Small and himself, and he trusted the good wishes that had been expressed towards him would soon be his, so that he might again be one with them in the ringing as he was with them in heart.

During the evening several good songs, etc., were given by some of the fraternity and much applauded. A most enjoyable and pleasant evening was spent by those present, bell-ringing and ringing friends being the chief topics of conversation. Just before midnight musical honours were accorded Mr. and Mrs. Small, and the party dispersed their various ways to their different destinations.

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

MARVEL OR SURPRISE.

SIR,—Mr. Dains has again stated that I have asked people to count the places made in a method. The counting is Mr. Dains's idea, not mine, and until this morning I have never taken the trouble to count the places made in any of the methods under discussion. The great majority of ringers probably understand ordinary English, and therefore my original letter has probably satisfied them, and it is not worth while to go over the ground again. Let me however say that I this morning counted the places in several methods, and instead of there being thirty-four places in each lead I find Oxford Treble Bob has ten places only; Kent fourteen; Cambridge nineteen, and one across the parting of the leads; and Superlative twenty-one, and one across the parting of the leads.

I suppose that Mr. Dains has counted the whole pulls in front and behind. If he will consult Mr. Snowdon's "Rope-Sight" he will find that they are not place-making, but are included in the definition there given of plain hunting; and I do think that any one who wants to go into a subject like this ought to get up the elements of the subject first of all.

H. LAW JAMES.

FALSE COMPOSITION.

SIR,—To save any band the annoyance of having rung a false peal, I beg to say that the peal of Grandsire Triples by J. F. Penning on page 106 of Snowdon's "Grandsire" rung at Hull on July 7th, 1884, is false. The late J. W. Snowdon sent this peal to me as soon as he received it from Mr. Penning, and not doubting the abilities of that composer, I returned it at once to Mr. Snowdon without proving it, and it was not until Saturday last that I heard there was something wrong with it. At first sight the "grammatical" arrangement of the singles condemns the peal. This is another instance which shows that no new composition should be accepted and rung without first putting it to the proof, however clever the composer may be.

JOHN T. HOLLIS.

APPROVAL AND A SUGGESTION.

SIR,—I imagine every one of your readers will cordially sympathize with what is reported in your last number of the speech of Mr. J. M. Routh at the meeting of the Reading branch of the Oxford Guild, and will wish his committee every success in their endeavour to promote the exercise of common sense. I hope that in due course they will publish in your columns a report of their proceedings and the results arrived at. I feel sure such a report would be instructive to the Exercise. It is obvious that the questions raised at Reading may arise elsewhere at any time, and it is equally obvious that the composition of the Reading committee renders it exceptionally influential and able.

R. A. DANIELL.

EXPLANATION.

SIR,—In my report of the peal rung at Wednesbury, which appeared in your number for February 21st, I stated that it was "the first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells," which is quite correct, as the peal Mr. W. R. Small is quoting was Stedman Caters, not Triples.

S. REEVES.

APPEAL.

SIR,—May I ask you to kindly insert this appeal on behalf of Mr. Robert Hawes, an old and respected member of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, who is seriously ill and in need of assistance from any kindly-disposed brother-ringer. He is sixty-six years of age, and has taken part in many grand performances. All donations will be thankfully received by me—William Motts, Hon. Secretary of the above-named society, 25, Orchard Street, Ipswich.

NOTICE.—ST. MARY'S, LEWISHAM, KENT.—No practices till further notice.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

FORTY-FIVE PEALS! That is the number recorded last week. The highest up to the present which has appeared in one number of this paper—what some call "a record." I must confess to mixed feelings upon such a display of talent. It is satisfactory on one hand to know that there are so many in the Exercise able to ring peals, but on the other there is a bitter sensation that 5000s are getting too common, and in consequence detract from the *hudos* they formerly used to enjoy. Years ago, if a young or middle-aged ringer had called a peal or two, he was considered, not exactly a prodigy perhaps, but one to be pointed at with appreciative regard, and talked of as clever. This is all altered, peals of one sort or other are of everyday occurrence, and are become common and therefore very non-appreciative.

Scene the other evening in a ten-bell tower—about eighteen ringers present:—"Anybody seen the 'B. N.'?" After repeating the inquiry a few times one of the company produces a copy. "I merely want to see if my peal's in, that's all," says the questioner. "Oh! here it is; yes, it's in; that's all I want to know." (Hands the paper back without a thank.) Does excessive peal-ringing tend to make people selfish?

Those whom it may concern will doubtless reply to the following letter. It is concerning a peal of Treble Eight rung at Ashover:—

MR. PLAIN SPEAKER.—DEAR SIR,—In your last notes in the "BELL NEWS" (of which I am a constant reader) you state that there was not a company of ringers who would not desist from ringing if required to do so from a reasonable cause. From the newspaper cutting which I enclose, from a local paper dated January 3rd, 1903, you will find that such is not always the case, for the sexton went to them three times asking them to cease ringing, as the funeral was waiting at the gates by the Rector's orders. They were informed before they commenced that there would be a funeral at 3 o'clock p.m., and from the judgment of the Ashover ringers their striking was no credit to them. I don't want this letter to appear in the correspondence of the "BELL NEWS," but for your comment in your next notes, as I think such conduct is very disreputable.

And here is the newspaper cutting:—

"A Churchman" writes:—I desire to call attention to the ringing of the Ashover Church bells. I for one attended the funeral of Mr. Hill, farmer, Milltown, on Friday last. The funeral cortege left the residence of the deceased about 2.30, in sufficient time to be at the Parish Church at 3 o'clock, at which time the funeral was to take place, and of which proper notice had been given. Unfortunately at the time a party of ringers not residents were ringing out merry peals, and as the funeral procession wended its way through the village to the churchyard the mourners had to be kept waiting along with the Rector for 17 minutes before the bells ceased ringing. I for one who had the greatest respect for the deceased and much sympathy for the mourners on this most solemn occasion, would like to know how such a disgraceful action could take place, and who is to blame for such inhuman conduct?

From the high character of those who formed the company who rang the peal, I should think there is a good answer to this.

I don't want to re-open or prolong the Lilley episode, but the following letter had better appear, if only to satisfy the writer:—

SIR,—In your last issue, "Plain Speaker," in referring to the C. R. Lilley controversy, mentions that he has received a letter from a Guildford ringer on the subject, with the request, "Don't publish my name." I am requested to write and say that that

letter was not written by any member of Holy Trinity Society. We all agree with "Plain Speaker" that it is childish and cowardly, and that it is playing the game very low. I shall be obliged if you will publish this note in your next issue.

B. CHORLEY.

Brother Chorley, I did not say it was written by any member of your Society; and that's all I shall say about it.

Mr. John Bradney, of Shifnal, in Shropshire (not Staffordshire) waxes wroth at the manner in which his letter was dealt with. He demands a *categorical*, or perhaps a *dogmatical* answer. This was his question: "By what method of logical reasoning does 'Plain Speaker' come to the conclusion that of the two gentlemen named (John Carter and Joseph Chamberlain) John is the cleverer." My reply to this did not please J. B. Dear me. The talents of the two men cannot be compared in the usual manner. Joseph C. is a screw-maker (Joseph Screw he has been called). John Carter is a gun and pistol maker. [Send me a Darlaston Bob revolver, John, at once, and some Forward ammunition.] One has had a good educational training, the other has not. We all know the abilities of Joseph. John Carter stands as high as any one in the Exercise for his ringing and composing attainments. That's something. It is not given to many people—clever in other pursuits, politics or anything else—to attain this eminence in the Exercise. John is as good a campanologist as Joseph is a politician—quite. The latter has a great gift of speech, repartee, and so forth. Strip him of these qualities, and he would be nowhere. The numerous mechanical inventions of John Carter are not generally known. I believe he has made a machine, which by touching knobs or buttons will ring peals of any length and in any method, without anyone's interference—make the bobs and all. This is only one of the marvellous inventions of his brain. I say this, that though their abilities lie as wide apart as the poles, or further, our John is the cleverer man of the two. When you next ring the ting-tang, John, don't forget the ammunition.

I have heard that in one particular company of provincial ringers, whenever a peal was arranged, the members composing the band to ring such peal used to deposit a half-crown in the hands of the conductor, which those who came late forfeited. That was certainly a good insurance against meeting short. They must have been lucky fellows, you will say, to hold a half-crown. Rumour states that in an Essex parish ringers who are punctual are made a present of an umbrella. A very useful article, of course, but if too often repeated, there will be a surfeit of them. I have said that this feature obtains in the county of Essex.

PLAIN SPEAKER.

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Date Touches.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HENLEY (Suffolk).—On Tuesday, January 4th, a date touch of Bob Minor in 1 hr. 4 mins. Rev. W. Pearson conductor, F. Shipp (aged 17), F. Norman (aged 17), E. S. Goetling (aged 27), G. Shipp (aged 15), H. R. Roper (aged 17). This is supposed to be the youngest company in the diocese. They only rang their 720 in the method on November 20th last, so they are making good progress.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

ECCLES.—On Saturday, February 21st, as a welcome to the Rev. Canon M. H. Aitken, who is conducting a Mission here, a date touch of 1903 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 5 mins. E. Oldfield, A. Croft, T. Grattan, J. Barratt, T. Lingard, R. Ridyard, J. R. Pritchard, M. Oldfield. Composed and conducted by J. R. Pritchard.

PEVENSEY (Sussex).—On December 31st, at the parish church, a date touch of 1902 Grandsire Doubles, being fifteen 6-score and one 5-score and two, called differently. H. F. Watson, J. H. Bray, S. A. Miller, G. Penfold conductor, H. Colbran, G. Gray.

Miscellaneous.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LAVENHAM (Suffolk).—At the residence of A. Symonds, on handbells, 720 of Bob Minor, on Sunday, December 14th. A. Symonds conductor, Miss M. Symonds, J. S. Symonds, H. S. Symonds. On Sunday evening, January 4th, for Divine service, 742 of Grandsire Triples. W. Bobby, H. Parker, F. Parker, J. Moore, T. King conductor, A. Symonds, L. Leeks, A. Bartlett.

PRESTON (Suffolk).—On Saturday, December 20th, 720 of Bob Minor. T. Hollocks, H. Crick, A. Hollocks, E. Simpson, A. Symonds conductor, W. Hollocks. On Wednesday, 24th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. H. Crick, H. Poulson, A. Hollocks, J. Fayers, H. D. Poulson, W. Hollocks conductor. This was rung to celebrate the wedding of the second ringer to Miss Ethel Bertha Snell, both of Preston, he entertaining his brother ringers at The Six Bells Inn, long life and happiness being drunk to the bride and bridegroom, to which both suitably responded. On Saturday, January 3rd, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. H. Crick, T. Hollocks, A. Hollocks, E. Simpson, W. Hollocks, A. Symonds conductor.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ATTLEBOROUGH.—On Sunday, December 28th, for Divine service, 720 Bob Minor. G. Sharp, A. Howes, R. Etteridge, T. Sapey, S. Daniels, J. Lawrence conductor.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RINGWOOD.—On Thursday, February 12th, for practice, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 35 mins. F. Hoskins, H. Newnham conductor, M. Stewart, A. Randall, W. Randall, E. Thomas, W. Bevesey, A. Osman. First half peal by all the band except the 2nd and 3rd.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

TUNTALL.—At Christ Church, on New Year's Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 51 mins. J. Darlington, A. Clay, F. Smith, J. Johnson, Wm. Thompson, F. Darlington, G. A. Smith conductor, H. Smith. On January 4th, 240 Kent Treble Bob. Arthur Clay, F. Smith, G. A. Smith conductor, Wm. Thompson, J. Johnson, F. Darlington, J. Darlington, Tom Jones.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BETCHWORTH (Surrey).—On Sunday, December 21st, 1902, for evening service, a quarter-peal, 1260 changes, of Oxford Bob Triples. T. Arrow, F. Hoad, jun., W. Judd, W. Fuller, R. Botting, R. Arnold, W. Street conductor, W. Short.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

ACCINGTON.—On Tuesday, December 23rd, 720 London Surprise. J. Bentley, T. Haworth, A. Walmsley, I. Whalley, J. J. Haworth, C. Sharples conductor. First by all the band and by the branch. Rung with the bells deeply-muffled as a token of respect to the late Archbishop of Canterbury.

ECCLES.—On Friday, February 20th, with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Bishop of Southampton, various touches

of Bob Minor and Grandsire. On Tuesday, February 24th, four courses of Kent Treble Bob Major, on the day of the funeral after a memorial service in the church, of which his Lordship was Vicar for five years.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY.—At the Parish Church, for Divine service, Sunday evening, March 1st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. J. Monk, T. Bull, E. Cox, Hon. A. Erskine, H. Brooks, E. O'Brien, Rev. C. Jenkyn conductor, J. Richards.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, December 28th, for Divine service, 1260 of Grandsire Triples. G. Bester, Alfred Glasscock, Frank Ford, John Armstrong conductor. John Miller, Harry Miller, Sidney Wade, Harry Balaam. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Dr. Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

HONITON (Devon).—On Tuesday, December 23rd, at St. Michael's church, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Archbishop Temple, several 6-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung by F. Pope, F. Smith, F. Clapp, E. Dodd, W. Stewart, B. King, A. E. Pike, and J. E. Baker.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

RIPLEY (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, February 8th, at the church of All Saints, 1064 Grandsire Triples. J. Shardlow, F. H. Kay, J. Burns, H. Day, J. Bennett, W. H. Frost, H. George conductor, A. Clark. On Wednesday, February 11th, 504 Grandsire Triples. G. Simpson, F. H. Kay, J. Burns, H. Day, J. Pagett conductor, W. H. Frost, H. George, A. Clark.

DERBY.—On Sunday, February 15th, at the residence of Mr. J. Pagett, on handbells, 420 Stedman Triples. J. Pagett, W. Wallace, A. H. Ward conductor, C. Draper. Umpires—S. Maskery and E. Willis.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

RUGBY (Warwickshire).—On Monday, March 2nd, at St. Andrew's church, 504 Stedman Triples. A. J. Hessian, R. Watson, J. B. Fenton, A. J. Hicks, F. Sear, A. Bramall, J. George conductor, A. L. Coleman.

Bow.—On Monday, February 9th, at St. Mary's church, with the bells deeply-muffled, the whole pull and stand and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung as a token of respect to the late W. H. Dallimore, who was interred on that date at Plaistow Cemetery, after a short illness. The following took part in the ringing: Messrs. Hayes, Dempsey, Torble, Green, Hall, Turner, Sutton, Jones, Cranfield, Bird and Springall.

ARMLEY (YORKSHIRE).—On Sunday, December 28th, for evening service, 720 College Pleasure and 120 Duke of York. C. Lockwood, Jno. Thackray, C. Taylor, Jos. Thackray, M. Broadbent conductor, Jos. Heckingbottom. These were farewell touches to C. Taylor, who has left for Uxbridge.

GREAT MARLOW.—On Sunday, December 7th, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 33 mins. J. C. Truss, 1-2; T. H. Taffender, 3-4; H. R. Pasmore, 5-6; J. W. Golding (conductor), 7-8.

HEMPSTED (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, November 30th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. R. Brunson, E. E. Davies, F. Brunson, E. Davis, G. Condict, A. E. Pegler conductor. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Davis, sister of the brothers A. E. and W. T. Pegler, late of Gloucester.

NUNEATON (Warwickshire).—On Tuesday, December 24th, 1008 Grandsire Triples. W. Martin, J. Clarke, H. Cure, G. Winter, T. Cure, T. W. Chapman conductor, A. E. Clayfield, J. Goodyear.

SHILDON (Durham).—On Monday, February 23rd, at St. John's Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 30 mins., being the first 720 rung by the local band. J. Smith, E. Hind, R. Robinson, H. Lenton, Y. Wick and E. Yitt conductor.

SWINDON.—On Thursday, February 12th, at Christ Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. W. Hyner, O. Norman, A. Lawrence, T. Ricketts, S. Palmer, C. J. Gardiner conductor. First 720 in the method by 1, 2 and 5.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 1903.

For some time past a band at Leicester has been very prominent as double-handed ringers. In our last number a record appeared of a peal of Stedman Cinques in hand without a bob being called, or the slightest intimation of the calls being given—a very clever performance, denoting much acuteness and skill by those gentlemen who executed it, upon whom the highest praise should be awarded, as no doubt it has been ere this. On another page will be found the figures of this peal, and this is another original production by Mr. LANCASHIRE. The performance of three peals in this favorite method, on each number of bells, without a bob called, is unique, and the names of those who effected such a display of talent will ever be remembered.

The Metropolis.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, February 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,*

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, BARKING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt.

HUBERT EDEN Treble.	ALFRED J. T. CARTER .. 5.
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2.	ERNEST PYE 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 3.	WILLIAM PYE 7.
JOHN R. SHARMAN 4.	ARTHUR T. KING Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN R. SHARMAN.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.*On Tuesday, February 24, 1903, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY Treble.	GEORGE H. DAYNES 5.
FERRIS J. SHEPHERD 2.	ERNEST BRETT 6.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN 3.	WILLIAM S. LANGDON 7.
ARTHUR JONES 4.	HERBERT LANGDON Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

This is the conductor's 50th peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, February 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5151 CHANGES.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM PYE Treble.	*FREDERICK C. PERRIN .. 6.
ISAAC G. SHADE 2.	JOHN H. WILKINS 7.
GEORGE GRIMWADE 3.	ALBERT COLES 8.
JOHN BASDEN 4.	WILLIAM B. MANNING .. 9.
GEORGE B. LUCAS 5.	THOMAS BEADLE Tenor.

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

*First peal in the method.

Handbell Peal.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, March 1, 1903, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. CHARGE, 16, SEATON STREET, CHELSEA,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART.

WILLIAM PYE 1-2.	GEORGE R. PYE 5-6.
ERNEST PYE 3-4.	CORNELIUS CHARGE .. 7-8.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—S. J. Collins. This is the conductor's fiftieth peal upon handbells.

The Provinces.**KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.****THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, February 14, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 17½ cwt.

H. BISHOP, SEN. Treble.	J. C. FLATTERS 4.
A. SELLERS 2.	T. C. RICHARDSON 5.
H. BISHOP, JUN. 3.	*W. BARKER 6.
E. SELLERS Tenor.	

Conducted by W. BARKER.

*First peal as conductor.

WITNEY, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 17, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr.

FREDERICK POUNDS Treble.	REV. CYRIL JENKYN 5.
HARRY BROOKS 2.	THOMAS BULL 6.
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE .. 3.	REV. F. E. ROBINSON .. 7.
JOHN MONK 4.	JESSE BROOKS Tenor.

Conducted by the REV. F. E. ROBINSON.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

(THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, February 17, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

H. SIMMONDS Treble.	H. W. SMITH 5.
G. IRVINE 2.	G. ESSEX 6.
J. HANDS 3.	T. NEWMAN 7.
E. W. MENDAY 4.	R. T. HIBBERT Tenor.

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

BOLTON, BRADFORD, YORKS.**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, February 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

J. W. CUNDALL Tenor.	J. HARDCASTLE 5.
G. TITTERINGTON 2.	J. WOOTTON 6.
J. H. MAWSON 3.	S. C. CLARK 7.
J. F. HARVEY 4.	*S. PALFRAMAN Tenor.

Conducted by J. WOTTON.

*First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells, and was rung as a compliment to Mr. G. Titterington on the occasion of his silver wedding.

DULVERTON, SOMERSET.**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, February 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Being forty-two 6-scores. Tenor 17 cwt.

W. ARTHUR HAWKINS .. Treble.	CHARLES PARKHOUSE .. 4.
GEORGE FRAYNE 2.	HENRY J. HOLLOWAY .. 5.
FRED FARRANT 3.	SAMUEL COLLINS Tenor.

Conducted by W. A. HAWKINS.

First peal by all, and first on the bells.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Tuesday, February 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' No. 2. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE EDWARDS Treble.	HENRY SEAL 5.
FREDERICK WHIBLEY .. 2.	JAMES WALLIS 6.
EDWARD BRIDGER 3.	ALBERT LONGLEY 7.
WILLIAM SPICE 4.	GEORGE MORLOCK Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK WHIBLEY.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. GILES' SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, February 24, 1903, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

HERBERT C. LAWRENCE* .. Treble.	*FRANK JOHNSON 5.
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE 2.	WILLIAM ROGERS 6.
ARTHUR MOORE 3.	WILLIAM ROBERTS 7.
FRED HOPPER 4.	FRED WILFORD Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by F. WILFORD.

*First peal. First peal in the method by all except S. J. Lawrence. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. George Benzie, of Desford, and Miss Katherine Emma Lawrence, of Northampton, and sister of the ringers of the treble and 2nd, the ringers wishing them every success and happiness.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 24, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYN HILL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

SIDNEY JORDAN Treble.	GEORGE MARTIN 5.
MAURICE SMITHERS 2.	ARTHUR MARTIN 6.
ARTHUR WALKER 3.	JESSE ELDRIDGE 7.
ARTHUR WIGGINS* 4.	JOSEPH RICHARDSON Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by G. MARTIN.

*First peal. This was the first peal of Major on the bells by entirely local men, and was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. R. Owen and Miss Sims, of Maidenhead; and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Eldridge, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

BIRMINGHAM.—THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 24, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5016 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

ALBERT WALKER Treble.	JOHN S. PRITCHETT 7.
CHARLES DICKENS 2.	JAMES E. GROVES 8.
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 3.	JOHN NEAL 9.
JOSEPH PIGOTT 4.	ALF PADDON SMITH 10.
THOMAS REYNOLDS 5.	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 11.
THOMAS MILLER 6.	*SIDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by JOHN S. PRITCHETT.

*First peal on twelve bells. The 7th is before the 8th throughout the peal, the figures of which will appear next week.

BOLTON, BRADFORD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 26, 1903, in Three Hours and three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION,

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble.	HARRY GOOD 5.
BERNAL E. HOWE 2.	ARTHUR GILL 6.
JOHN BUDDY* 3.	THOMAS B. KENDALL 7.
JAMES COTTERELL 4.	BENJAMIN F. LAMB Tenor.

Composed by S. MARSH, and Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

*First peal of Major. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Harry Raistrick, who was a ringer at the Bradford parish church over thirty years.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 26, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE DRAIKES Treble.	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS .. 4.
JOSEPH E. GRENSED 2.	ARTHUR W. GORE 5.
THOMAS JULL 3.	ALBERT J. DAY Tenor.

Conducted by ALBERT J. DAY.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 26, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL,
5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 36 cwt.

HENRY T. HOWELL Treble.	WILLIAM KNIGHT 6.
FRED G. MAY 2.	CHARLES H. TOMKINS 7.
ALBERT STOWELL 3.	HENRY PORCH 8.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS 4.	JOHN BURFORD 9.
CHARLES H. GORDON 5.	GEORGE T. DALTRY Tenor.

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

The above is F. G. May's variation of the Rev. E. B. James' original peal. First peal of Cambridge Royal in Bristol, and was rung after the erection of a marble tablet recording a peal rung on the same bells the day the late Queen Victoria was buried.

APPLETON, BERKS.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE APPLETON SOCIETY.)

On Friday, February 27, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. WHITE, SEN. Treble.	E. HOLIFIELD 5.
T. COLES* 2.	R. WHITE 6.
H. WOODWARD 3.	G. HOLIFIELD 7.
H. TUBB 4.	F. WHITE, JUN. Tenor.

Conducted by F. WHITE, SEN.

*First peal.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION,

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS BETTISON Treble.	JAMES EMSEN 5.
FRANK GODBER* 2.	*JOHN GOODWIN 6.
FREDERICK HALL* 3.	WILLIAM H. TURTON 7.
GEORGE BURNHAM 4.	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by C. SEVERN.

*First peal of Major.

FORNHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK RUDD* Treble.	HARRY MOORE 4.
HORACE MOORE* 2.	*ARTHUR MOORE 5.
WILLIAM SMITH* 3.	JAMES CHINERY Tenor.

Conducted by ARTHUR MOORE.

*First peal. †First peal as conductor. F. Rudd was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

SWINESHEAD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 28, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s, each called differently.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

T. BOYER* Treble.	H. BISHOP 4.
E. SELLERS 2.	W. BARKER 5.
E. CLAYTON 3.	A. O. BARBER Tenor.

Conducted by A. O. BARBER.

*First peal.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM BENNETT Treble.	*E. CONOR O'BRIEN 5.
E. V. COX* 2.	*W. D. TYRWHITT-DRAKE .. 6.
HON. A. ERSKINE* 3.	HARRY JUDGE 7.
FREDERICK WEBB 4.	JOHN FISHER Tenor.

Conducted by H. JUDGE.

*First peal of Grandsire (members of the Oxford University Society.) †First peal away from the tenor.

OXENHOPE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 3040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED PICKARD Treble.	CHAS. ARTHUR PAWSON .. 4.
ALBERT SMITH 2.	ARTHUR PICKLES 5.
WM. BANNISTER SMITH .. 3.	JOHN ALMOND Tenor.

Conducted by WM. BANNISTER SMITH.

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

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS .. Treble.	WILLIAM LAMBERT 6.
GEORGE HOLLIS 2.	JOHN T. HOLLIS 7.
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 3.	*JOHN FLINT 8.
GEORGE W. BEMROSE .. 4.	SAM THOMAS 9.
BRAILSFORD C. HANDY* .. 5.	ARTHUR CRAVEN Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

*First peal of Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 28, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM T. HOLDING* .. Treble.	FREDERICK T. SPENCE .. 5.
RICHARD T. HOLDING, JUN.* 2.	GEORGE HARDING 6.
JOSEPH KETTLE* 3.	RICHARD T. HOLDING, SEN. 7.
RICHARD LANGFORD 4.	ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor.

Conducted by RICHARD THOMAS HOLDING, SEN.

*First peal of Grandsire.

UPCHURCH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Superlative, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent, Oxford Bob and College Single.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE WATERLOO ASSOCIATION, LONDON.

On Saturday, February 28, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES.

Tenor 33 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON Treble.	JAMES E. DAVIS 6.
ARTHUR N. HARDY 2.	ARTHUR R. JACOBS 7.
ERNEST H. NIXON 3.	THOMAS LANGDON 8.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 9.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN .. 5.	SPENCER M. DODINGTON Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

PETISTREE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 1, 1903, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

ROBERT MILES* Treble.	ALFRED CLEMENTS 4.
DAVID LEGGETT 2.	WILLIAM LEGGETT 5.
WILLIAM BARBER 3.	CHARLES FISHER Tenor.

Conducted by CHARLES FISHER.

*First peal.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 2, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720s each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720s of Plain Bob.

J. MAYS Treble.	A. J. BERRY 4.
E. YOUNGS 2.	†E. H. SYMONDS 5.
C. NUNN 3.	*W. ROSE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

*First peal as conductor. †First peal in three methods.

Handbell Peals.

BEDFORD.

THE ELY DIOCESAN AND BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Sunday, March 1, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. R. LILLEY,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

LOUIS J. FLINT 1-2.	GEORGE D. COLEMAN .. 5-6.
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN .. 3-4.	CHARLES R. LILLEY .. 7-8.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Umpire—W. J. Davidson, who marked the course-ends off as rung. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Lilley and G. D. Coleman.

PEAL ADDITION.—The peal of Treble Bob rung at Southover, Lewes, on February 21st and recorded last week was Mr. J. S. Goldsmith's fiftieth peal on the bells, the total being made up as follows: Grandsire Triples, 13; Stedman Triples, 10; Bob Major, 7; Grandsire Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 2; Treble Bob Major, 9; Superlative Surprise Major, 4; Cambridge Surprise Major, 2; London Surprise Major, 2. Total, 50; of which 20 were conducted.

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Notices.

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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on March 12th and 26th, and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 17th. WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
"Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

The St. Thomas's Guild, Dudley.—The Annual Meeting of the above will be held at Dudley, to-day, Saturday, March 7th. Bells available at 4, service in the church at 5 p.m. A free tea will be provided.

W. MICKLEWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Longton, to day, Saturday, March 7th

W. TWIGG, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. All ringers welcome.

JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—A Meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available from 4 p.m.

J. EARWICKER, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Romney Marsh and District Guild.—A meeting of the above for combined practice will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, March 14th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at the Coffee Tavern at 5.30. All ringers will be heartily welcomed, and should avail themselves of ringing on such a fine peal of bells.

C. TRIBE, *Hon. Sec.*
British School Villas, Tenterden.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity church on Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready at 6 p.m. Business meeting 7.15.

G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Tong, on Saturday, March 14th. Meeting to commence at 5.30.

WALTER IDLE, *Hon. Sec.*

47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Essex Association.—There will be a district meeting on Saturday, March 21st, at Widford at 5 p.m. in the schoolroom. Members intending to be present, let me know by the 17th inst.

G. GREEN, *Hon. Sec.*
Church Chase, Great Baddow.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Chatham, on Saturday, March 21st. Tower open at 4.30 p.m., Committee meeting at 6.30.

A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—Nominations for four representatives on the Central Council should be sent in at once.

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

Compositions.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES.

(THE FIGURES OF THE SILENT PEAL, recorded last week.)

By J. O. LANCASHIRE.

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THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, LONDON.

At the Annual Meeting at St. John's, Vassall Road, Brixton, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Master, Mr. F. J. Shepherd; Secretary, Mr. F. G. Perrin; Treasurer, Mr. C. E. Malim; Senior Steward, Mr. W. Longley; Junior Steward, Mr. E. Doddington.

ST. NICOLAS, GUILDFORD.—All communications with regard to the bells of St. Nicolas, Guildford, are in future to be addressed to E. E. Heather, St. Nicolas Schools, Guildford. Times of ringing are first and third Sunday mornings in the month, 10.15 to 11; every Sunday evening, 5.45 to 6.30; practice, Thursday, 7.45 to 9.

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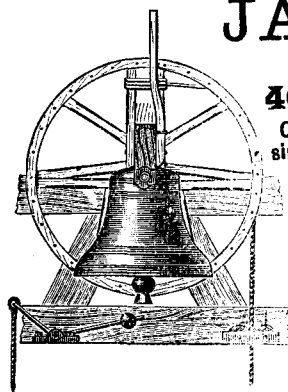
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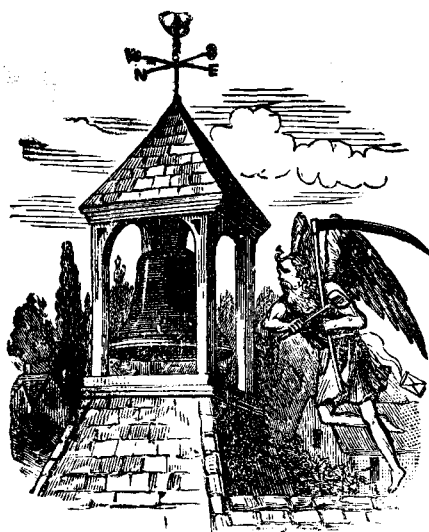
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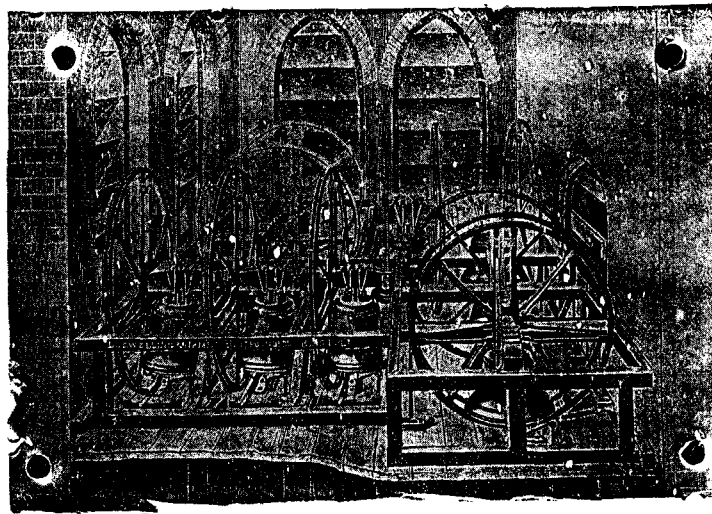
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THE CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE "FORTY-FIVE."

By R. A. DANIELL.

(Continued from page 566.)

A glance at a map shewing London and its neighbourhood in the middle of the eighteenth century shews us that at that time Shoreditch was the extreme limit of the town in that direction. The building along its High Street was continuous with Norton Folgate, but to the north of Shoreditch was open country. Fields separated it from Bethnal Green and Hackney, and the Kingsland Road, as it is now called, was mostly bordered by market gardens. This road is the old road from London to the north, and can be easily traced on maps through Lincoln, York, and other important cities, and no doubt in these cycling days many readers of these pages are familiar with many stretches of it. It was by this road, therefore, that the Duke of Cumberland would naturally enter London on his way from the north, and the importance of the ringing at Shoreditch would be that it was the first welcome of that kind in the metropolitan area; such places as Stoke Newington, Tottenham and Edmonton being then small country villages. Moreover, Shoreditch was a naturally convenient place for the meeting of a London company, being adjacent to the city and handy for those who dwelt in the northern and north-eastern suburbs. The old church described by Laughton had been pulled down about 1736, and the present structure, completed in 1740, in which were placed ten bells which Mr. Hughes kindly informs me were cast at Whitechapel in 1739. So there would be a new steeple with a good ring of ten in a convenient situation, and this would doubtless attract a company of ringers to make it a regular meeting-place.

The Duke entered London amid the greatest enthusiasm, but the favour of the populace is of a weather-cock nature, and he subsequently became unpopular on account of stories of the cruelties he was supposed to have perpetrated in Scotland between the battle of Culloden and his return south. He was called "The Butcher," and to this day the principal idea recalled to the minds of many people by the mention of his name is that which such a nickname naturally implies. In after years when the country, and London in particular, hated George the Third's Scotch favourite and minister, Lord Bute, with such intensity, the Duke again became popular, and the only complaint against him then was that he had not killed a great many more Scotchmen while he was about it than he actually did. But as his name will be for ever connected with ringing annals, I will conclude with a few remarks on his real character and services to the country, and indeed, to the Empire.

That Cumberland was stern in his dealing with the highlands is undoubted, but it does not follow that all the stories about him are true; and when we know that the propagation of such stories was encouraged by that contemptible creature, his elder brother, Frederick, Prince of Wales, from motives of jealousy, and also that in those

days writers and inventors of lies formed quite a professional class, who carried on mendacity for a livelihood, stories of this kind require to be taken with a good many grains of salt. It is true that the story for instance, of a house in which twenty wounded highlanders had taken refuge being set on fire and burned to the ground with these helpless men inside it, is unpleasant reading; but there is no evidence that even if this be true—and it is quite as likely to be false—Cumberland himself had anything to do with it. In order to understand Cumberland's conduct we must consider his character and the nature of the task he had to accomplish.

Remedies must be appropriate and proportionate to the object to be gained. Men do not expect to subdue a raging fire with a twopenny squirt, or to cure a malignant cancer by administering squills. Common experience teaches us that there are occasions in life when it is necessary to treat ourselves or others with a sternness which is unpleasing to us, and that the neglect of that sternness upon those occasions will almost certainly, sooner or later, cause us trouble and regret. And so in the life of nations, crises from time to time arise when the situation can be met by sternness and by sternness only, provided that sternness be applied by a strong man with a high sense of duty. And when a crisis of this kind presents itself it is all important to a nation to find such a man to deal with it, and such a man, when found, is beyond all doubt a benefactor to his country.

The circumstances of the "Forty-five" could only be met by sternness, and fortunately for the country there was in the young Duke of Cumberland a man of great firmness of mind, who was capable of being stern. He was not personally cruel, and he was far too noble-minded to derive any gratification from vengeance. But arrived upon the scene of action and brought face to face with the task he had to deal with, he made up his mind that sternness was necessary to the performance of his duty, and he would as soon have thought of shirking a duty, however disagreeable, as of running away on the field of battle. He saw that the Highlanders were savages, and that consequently they could not understand the usages of civilized warfare. They were frequently engaged in strife between their different clans, and when they were they gave no quarter. Plunder and slaughter was what they sought, and when they had got all they could of these enjoyments they retreated into their mountain fastnesses as speedily as possible. But none in practice better applied the maxim that

He who fights and runs away
Lives to fight another day.

They went home satisfied for the time, but for the time only. Slaughter and plunder were the breath of their nostrils.

In dealing with such people Cumberland clearly saw that it was of no use to content himself with defeating them on the battlefield. They must have disciplinary teaching, and as the only teaching they were capable of understanding was slaughter in cold blood, Cumberland had the moral courage not to shrink from giving them

that teaching. What would have been the use of returning south without doing as he did? The next time—and it might have come under the then condition of Europe at any moment—France essayed to invade us through Scotland, all these barbarians who had been worsted at Culloden would have been ready to join them. Cumberland would not leave this chance open. We had enough to do with enemies without, and could not in addition tolerate foes in our own household. His policy was one of sternness. It was admittedly successful: it put a stop once for all to civil war in this island, and so far as I know none of his critics has suggested any way of effecting his results at that time by any other means. If we consider our external history during the remainder of the 18th century we may well be thankful to Cumberland for what he did in the Highlands. The history of the Empire, nay, of the world, might have been very different, and the difference much to our disadvantage, had he shrunk, as a less morally courageous man might have done, from the punitive course he pursued.

For the rest, he lived a useful life as a man of all round interests. He tried to introduce reforms into the army, needless to say without success. He founded a hospital for invalid soldiers and got an Act of Parliament passed to protect military pensioners from usurers. He interested himself in schemes for making the Highlanders useful members of society by emigration and otherwise. In a most greedy age he sought nothing further for himself than his pension, and gave to his sisters what he derived under his father's will. As ranger of Windsor Park he bestirred himself in improvements and plantations. He commenced the formation of Virginia Water, and laid out the course at Ascot, and established the race meetings there. And these things he did under an amount of physical suffering, which would have unnerved many men. Here is the account given of him by Horace Walpole at the funeral of George the Second.

"The real serious part was the figure of the Duke of Cumberland, heightened by a thousand melancholy circumstances. He had a dark brown adonis, and a cloak of black cloth, with a train of five yards. Attending the funeral of a father could not be pleasant; his leg extremely bad, yet forced to stand upon it near two hours; his face bloated and distorted with his late paralytic stroke, which has affected too one of his eyes, and placed over the mouth of the vault, in which, in all probability, he must himself soon descend; think how unpleasant a situation! He bore it all with a firm and unaffected countenance."

Walpole's prophecy was soon fulfilled. The Duke's high character for integrity led his nephew George the Third to seek his assistance on one or two occasions in ministerial difficulties, and it is curious to speculate whether if he had lived longer his strong common sense might not have proved a great benefit to both the king and the administrations in many respects—in American matters for instance—but it was not to be. His constitution was shattered, and an old wound in his leg was always giving him trouble and calling for surgical operations. These he bore with the greatest fortitude, and we are told that on one occasion he insisted on holding the candle himself for the surgeon to see to operate. But courageous as he was, he could not hold out, and he died suddenly in 1765, and was buried in the great vault in Henry the Seventh's Chapel where forty years before as a little child his knightly sword had been girded on. His death caused

general regret. The sterling qualities of his character had by their own force triumphed over the calumnies fostered by his brother who had long pre-deceased him, and it is stated that mourning was worn for him in London both deeper and longer than usual on such occasions. He was never married, and somehow one feels this to be quite appropriate. One would almost as readily think of Elijah or John the Baptist as marrying men; and though of course I do not wish to compare him with them, it does seem to me that William Augustus, Duke of Cumberland, belongs, like them, to the class of stern strong men, raised up by Providence to perform a definite work, and having done it, to be withdrawn from this world.

(Concluded.)

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The bells of this church have recently been entirely rehung, and the frame (a very old and massive one of oak) has been strengthened and stiffened by Messrs. White and Sons, of Appleton, Berks. The third bell has been very successfully recast by Messrs. Taylor, and the general condition and go of the bells is now very satisfactory. There is some little difficulty in ringing them owing to the great length of rope without sufficient stays or guides, but it is hoped that these will be fitted in course of time as funds permit. The bells are a fine ring of six.

THE END OF BELL-RINGING AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH, HARROGATE.

Owing to the giving way of the foundations of the chancel part of the above church, the church was closed the first week in the new year by order of the borough surveyor of Harrogate, who had been called in by the Vicar to examine the state of the church. Half-pull ringing was also stopped by the Vicar, the chiming of one bell only being allowed. At the end of January the bell-ringers received notice that their services would not be required after the end of February; that time having arrived, the ringers have been paid their salaries up to date. So ends change-ringing at the old church, in all probability for ever; for although the experts who have been called in to examine the church have not reported the tower part to be weak or in danger, the ringers have been unable to obtain permission to practise on the bells. The authorities of St. Mary's Church are evidently not going to repair the old fabric, but intend building a new church on a site away from the present one. It is understood that no provision is going to be made in the new church for the reception of the bells at present, and most probably never will be, because very little interest is taken in either church bells or bell-ringing by most of the present authorities of the church. The ring of bells in St. Mary's Church being the only one in Harrogate, the art of change-ringing will be at a standstill in that town, but most of the ringers hope to be able to keep in practice by being allowed to have a friendly pull in the neighbouring towers of the district.

The church of St. Mary has only been built about eighty years, but will soon look a relic of the past if it gets no more attention bestowed on it than it has received for the last two months, for at the time of writing the clock, "which was only recently overhauled by an eminent firm of clock-makers," has been stopped for a month for the

want of winding up; in the porch things are no better, for confetti and rice have been allowed to accumulate from one wedding to another for the last two months—and that in a fashionable town like Harrogate.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LEWISHAM DISTRICT.)

A meeting of this district was held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, January 31st, members being present from nearly all towers in the district, also friends Beadle and Ransome from Isleworth. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m., and continued with only a break for the business meeting till 9 p.m., touches of Stedman, Oxford Bob, Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob Major being successfully brought round. The business meeting was held in the vestry at 6.30, the Rector of Woolwich, the Rev. C. E. Escreet, presiding. Two new towers were admitted into union with the County Association, making with other elections a total of 23 new members, the new towers being Eltham and Sidcup. Eyensford band also wished to join this district, it being more convenient for them to reach meetings at the towers in it.

After a little discussion Eltham was selected as the place of the next quarterly meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was then tendered to the Rev. Escreet for the use of the bells and tower and for presiding at the meeting. The bells were then set going again till nine, when the members dispersed, all agreeing that it had been a most enjoyable meeting, thanks to Mr. Hill, that most worthy of steeple-keepers, for having everything in such apple-pie order.

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."

"MARVEL" OR "SURPRISE."

SIR,—I am surprised at the contents of the Rev. H. L. James's letter in your last issue: personally it matters not to me whether "London" is called "Marvel" or "Surprise," but with Mr. James's idea of place-making in regard to the definition for Treble Bob or Surprise methods I could never agree. It is a well known fact that in Major the following two changes—

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

are the extent (whether Plain or Treble Bob) to be had without the making of two places, and it matters not one jot whether the places are made at the two extremities or inside of the third row, *places* they are, and nothing can alter the fact, definitions in "Rope-Sight" or any other book notwithstanding.

Mr. James advised us to examine the methods he mentioned *structurally*, and if we do this knowing that we cannot get three rows without two places, then we must take into account all the places (or whole pulls) that go to make up the number of rows in the method examined.

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UP THE "SILENT" LADDER.

A HISTORY OF NON-CONDUCTED STEDMAN "IN HAND."

Any writer who is called upon to pen an account in which he is personally concerned, must feel a certain amount of diffidence in so doing. It looks at first sight like self-advertisement, and W. S. Gilbert has told us (in "Ruddigore," I believe) that

If you wish in the world to advance,
Your prospects of course to enhance,
You must stir it and stomp it
And blow your own trumpet;
Or—trust me—you haven't a chance.

Therefore, I disarm my readers at the outset, by disclaiming any such intention. It is to tell them what they usually like to know—how such deeds are done—and to put in a concise form a table of performances up to date. The history of silent Stedman dates from 1854, when the London St. James' Society rang 5040 Stedman Triples, Brook's variation, this being the first silent peal in the method on record; and although nearly half a century has elapsed two of those worthies—W. Gooter and M. A. Wood—are happily still with us of the ringing world.

Altogether, eight peals of non-conducted Stedman have been rung in hand, of which Leicester can modestly claim FOUR. The first of these, Heywood's variation of Thurstans's, was accomplished on February 13th, 1896; and this was followed by another and a much harder composition, Heywood's No. 6 to wit, on January 26th, 1898. It was at the close of this peal at the house of the writer, that the idea of Stedman Caters was mooted, but before that was taken in hand, the Romford branch of the Essex Association successfully rang Thurstans's Four-part peal of Stedman Triples non-conducted on April 28th, 1898, and since then the College Youths have rung both Thurstans's and Lates's One-Part peals.

The Leicester band rang a bob-called peal of Caters in 1899 as a preliminary, and immediately fixed in for a Silent peal of Stedman Caters, the composition 5010 being a musical two-part by Sir A. P. Heywood. This was brought to a successful issue on October 8th, 1900, and was the first non-conducted peal on ten bells ever accomplished.

A few weeks later, the question of Cinques was discussed, but at the outset non-conducted ringing was out of consideration. Twelve-bell ringing at any time is a large order, and doubly so when the bells are manipulated in pairs. After a time, however, a clean, plain course was obtained, then a few titum courses, the man on 11 and 12 calling the bobs. Then our difficulties began. None but handbell ringers know the incessant worry and trouble it is to get exactly the *same* band to meet with regularity—and double-handed Stedman men are not picked up at every street corner—hence it came about that weeks and sometimes months elapsed without a practice on twelve.

Illness to one or one's family caused many a break and (dare I whisper it?) a *courtship* on full steam is not altogether free from blame. If composers *will* persist in carrying heavy weights on the left arm down country lanes when the moon is in the full—well, we benedicts know from experience that it causes a worried and a hunted look, also a disinclination to practice. However, as the individual in the mind of the writer has produced a most musical composition, he is on this occasion discharged—with a caution!

On April 24th, 1902, according to my memoranda, we rang 1320 and thereafter practised mixed calling, adhering however to the plan of the peal, which, by-the-way, is on Sir A. P. Heywood's plan of fixing the 8th bell in 5th place, which produces the harmonic 8-10-12 in each course. We made but little headway during the summer, but towards the back end of the year we resolved to push on, and if possible climb the last rung of Stedman's ladder before Christmas. In the first week of December we rang two half-peals, including the opening, crossing-over, and final courses, and resolved to start for the peal. Illness, however, attacked the ringer of 5-6 and put an end to our hopes for 1902.

January of the present year saw us at it again, and on Feb. 10th the first attempt was made. We stopped after 19 courses, or 2500 changes, because one ringer reached out his arm

too far to attract an apparently doubtful dodger, and from such hints and aids to non-conducted ringing we insist on abstaining. Two nights later we started again and broke in the first 500, time not permitting another attempt. The climax came on February 14th. It was indeed a valentine for us. Starting at 3 o'clock, we rang on till 6.15, and we reached the coming-home course when—!!!??*!—ugh!

The eleventh omitted to make his last bob!

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The above printer's "pie" is the best way of expressing otherwise inexpressible language, but if all the founts of the "B.N." were utilised they would not adequately represent how we felt. Only a cinematograph could properly portray the scene. However, there was nothing else we could do but "grin and bear it."

Wednesday, February 18th, saw the next attempt, but the *contretemps* of the previous week still rankled, and we only rang just over 1000 changes. The next attempt was successful and February 21st, 1903, saw the consummation of the work of several years, and the extent of Stedman's principle accomplished silently, and by one band. In conclusion I append a list of

SILENT STEDMAN HANDBELL PEALS.

DATE	METHOD	COMPANY.
Mar. 11, 1854..	5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES	..St. James' Society, London.
Feb. 13, 1896..	5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES	..Leicester
Jan. 26, 1898..	5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES	..Leicester.
April 28, 1898..	5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES	..Romford, Essex.
Oct. 8, 1900..	5010 STEDMAN CATERS	..Leicester.
Dec. 7, 1901..	5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES*	..College Youths, London.
Sept. 12, 1902..	5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES*	..College Youths, London.
Feb. 21, 1903..	5006 STEDMAN CINQUES	..Leicester.

*Thurstans's One-Part and Lates' One-Part respectively.

WILLIAM WILLSON.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(CENTRAL DIVISION.)

A most successful quarterly meeting of this division was held at Crawley on February 28, representatives being present from the towers of Horley, East Grinstead, Lindfield, Balcombe, Brighton (St. Peter and St. Nicolas), Chichester, Midhurst and Crawley.

Touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were brought round before tea, which was kindly provided by the Rector of Crawley, the Rev. H. L. Barrett-Lennard, who is ever ready to welcome members of the Association to his tower. The tea was held at the Northgate Restaurant at 5.30 p.m., the Rector presiding, and amongst the company present were Messrs. J. O. Conlan and J. Wilkins, Churchwardens, Mr. A. B. Bennett, Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. B. Tompkins, Hon. Treasurer, Messrs. G. Huggett and E. Dewey (Reigate), Mr. G. Williams (Hon. Divisional Secretary), etc., numbering in all thirty-six.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Mr. G. Williams and passed. Twenty-two new active members were then elected to the Association.

Mr. R. J. Dawe proposed that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Crawley, this was seconded by Mr. J. Gasson and carried: the arrangements of the same being left to the Divisional Secretary.

Mr. F. B. Tompkins then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for the very liberal way in which he had welcomed the Association to Crawley, both for allowing the use of the bells and for the excellent tea they had just partaken of. This was endorsed by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Bennett, who again reminded the company present that the duty of us church bell-ringers was to court the respect of the clergy, for without their consent to ring the bells, ringing Associations were helpless.

The Chairman, in reply, thanked Mr. Tompkins for his kind remarks and said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the Association of bell-ringers to his tower; he was also glad to have the opportunity of being their host that afternoon. He was afraid, perhaps, they may not find the belfry so convenient for ringing as it used to be, owing to the new (jubilee) clock that had been erected, and which had taken a small portion of the ringing chamber.

Mr. Conlan, Churchwarden, supported the remarks of the

Chairman, adding that the clergy generally were a lot of "jolly good fellows."

The tower was then visited and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Major brought round, the bells being lowered at 8.30 p.m.

THE OLDBURY SOCIETY (Worcestershire).—On Saturday, January 17th, the fifteenth annual dinner to the parish church bell-ringers took place at The Talbot hotel. Previous to meeting at The Talbot, a very nice hour was spent in ringing touches on the Church bells. At 6.30 all were seated in the comfortable dining room at the hotel, E. Hollins, esq. being in the chair. After doing full justice to a beautifully-served dinner, the chairman proposed "The Oldbury Bells and Ringers," and spoke of the very great pleasure it always gave him when he heard the church bells ringing, and he should always be pleased to invite the ringers to dinner on the anniversary of the bells as long as he was spared to live. Mr. Parrish (master) and Mr. Jaggar (conductor) suitably responded. "The Health of the Chairman," with many thanks, was accorded musical honours. The rest of the evening was spent in songs, recitations, and handbell ringing.

Date Touches.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SPROUTON (Suffolk).—On Thursday, February 12th, at the parish church, a date touch of Minor, in four methods, being 720 Double Court, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, and 103 Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 3 mins. H. Welham, H. A. Fishenden, D. Prentice, G. Mee, A. G. Rivers, E. Rivers conductor.

Miscellaneous.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

ROWLEY REGIS.—On Monday, February 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Walter Bassano, Esq., who was interred in the family vault at Rowley this day, and whose family always took a deep interest in bells and bell-ringing. Time, 45 mins. J. Jaggar conductor, J. Pigott, R. Hall, F. Harris, G. Pigott, J. Tilley, J. W. Parish, S. Dowell.

OLDBURY.—On Monday, February 23rd, a 720 Plain Bob Minor in 26 mins. at the Parish Church. J. Screen, G. Pigott, J. Jaggar, R. Hall, Joe Pigott, T. Pigott conductor.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

PLYMOUTH.—On January 17th, at the Dockyard church tower, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. Steed. On January 31st, another quarter-peal. On January 24th, a touch of 1536 Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. Marsh. On January 28th, 540 Grandsire Caters, conducted by W. Hopley. On February 4th, the band were honoured by a visit of the Rev. M. Kelly, President of the Guild, and an enjoyable evening was spent in the Charles' belfry. A touch of 503 Grandsire Caters, conducted by H. Myers, and a course each of Bob Royal, Kent Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples were rung. On February 11th, at Charles' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. H. Marsh, and a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, on the front six, conducted by H. Hopley.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

BURNLEY (Lancashire).—On Thursday, November 27th, at the church of The Holy Trinity, 720 Bob Minor. T. Burrows, W. Walton, R. Hartley, H. Heyworth, R. Ashworth, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, November 30th, 720 Bob Minor. T. Burrows, W. Walton, D. Campbell, R. Ashworth, D. Heys, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, December 7th, 704 Kent. D. Campbell, W. Walton, T. Burrows, R. Hartley, T. Redman conductor, R. Ashworth, N. Townend, H. Heyworth. And 720 Bob Minor. N. Townend, D. Heys, D. Campbell, T. Burrows, R. Ashworth, T. Redman conductor. On Sunday, December 14th, 704 Oxford. T. Burrows, T. Redman conductor, D. Campbell, W. Walton, R. Hartley, N. Townend, R. Ashworth, H. Heyworth. Also 640 Oxford. D. Heys, N. Townend, D. Campbell, W. Walton, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T.

Redman conductor. On Christmas Day 720 Kent. D. Campbell, W. Walton, T. Burrows, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, N. Townend conductor. On Sunday, December 28th, 672 Bob Major. D. Campbell, N. Townend, T. Burrows, W. Walton, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, H. Heyworth, T. Redman conductor. Also 720 Bob Minor. D. Campbell, W. Walton, T. Burrows, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, T. Redman conductor. On New Year's Eve, 576 Kent. D. Campbell, T. Burrows, N. Townend, W. Walton, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, T. Mouncey, T. Redman conductor. On January 4th, 704 Kent. D. Campbell, T. Burrows, R. Hartley, W. Walton, N. Townend, R. Ashworth, T. Redman conductor, H. Heyworth. Also 720 Kent. N. Townend conductor, W. Walton, R. Hartley, R. Ashworth, D. Campbell, T. Redman.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ELTHAM.—On October 5th, 360 Plain Bob. J. Morris, J. Preston, H. Wilkes, J. E. Sykes, F. Morris, F. Fraser conductor. Another 720 Plain Bob, standing as before. On October 9th, 144 Grandsire Minor. H. Morris, J. Preston, H. Wilkes, J. E. Sykes, F. Morris, F. Fraser conductor. On October 30th, 720 Plain. H. Morris, J. Preston, H. Wilkes, G. Carter, F. Morris, F. Fraser conductor. On November 6th, 360 Plain Bob. J. E. Sykes, J. Preston, H. Wilkes, T. Groombridge, F. Morris, F. Fraser conductor. On November 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. T. Groombridge conductor, J. Preston, H. W. Wilkes, R. Hims, R. Brett, F. Fraser. And 720 Kent. J. Shepherd, J. Preston, R. B. Smith conductor, R. Hims, F. Morris, T. Groombridge. On November 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Morris, J. Preston, H. Wilkes, F. Fraser, F. Morris, J. E. Sykes conductor. On November 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. F. Fraser, G. Durling, H. Wilkes, J. E. Sykes conductor, F. Morris, R. B. Smith. On December 19th, 144 Christmas Eve. H. Morris, J. Preston, H. Wilkes, H. Humphreys, F. Morris, J. E. Sykes conductor. On December 31st, 360 College Single. H. Morris, J. Preston, H. Wilkes, J. E. Sykes conductor, F. Morris, F. Fraser. On January 8th, 720 College Single. H. S. Humphreys, J. Preston, H. Wilkes, J. E. Sykes, F. Morris, F. Fraser conductor. On January 15th, 360 Plain Bob. H. Morris, J. Preston, H. Wilkes, H. S. Humphreys, F. Fraser, J. E. Sykes conductor. On February 8th, 720 College Single. C. Harris, J. Preston, H. Wilkes, H. S. Humphreys, F. Fraser, J. E. Sykes conductor. On February 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. J. E. Sykes, H. G. Hill, H. Wilkes, T. Groombridge, F. Morris, F. Fraser conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, it being his first 720 as conductor. On February 19th, 360 College Single. W. Jones, J. Stevens, H. Wilkes, T. Groombridge conductor, R. Hims, F. Fraser. And 360 Canterbury Pleasure. H. Morris, J. Preston, H. Wilkes, T. Groombridge conductor, R. Hims, F. Fraser. On February 22nd, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. H. Morris, T. Groombridge, H. Wilkes, R. Hims, F. Fraser, J. E. Sykes conductor. On February 26th, on handbells, 60 each of Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure and Oxford Bob. H. S. Humphreys, F. Fraser, H. Wilkes, R. G. Carter, F. Morris, J. E. Sykes. A course of Grandsire Triples. J. E. Sykes, H. Wilkes, J. Preston, F. Fraser, H. S. Humphreys, R. Carter.

WOOLWICH.—On January 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob. A. Philpotts, Staff-Sergt. A. Pye, H. G. Hill, H. S. Humphreys first 720 in the method, W. J. Aldridge, J. E. Sykes conductor. On January 31st, 1440 Kent Treble Bob. H. S. Humphreys first quarter-peal in the method, G. Wilson, P. O. Bex, G. Ransome, R. Brett, J. E. Sykes conductor, W. J. Aldridge.

BROMLEY.—On Tuesday, March 10th for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins. E. Dunn, H. P. Harman conductor, T. Groombridge, J. Town, T. Harford, G. Huxley, G. Darling, W. James. Rung on the 67th birthday of the ringer of the treble, and his first in the method.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY (Oxon).—On Sunday, September 14th, for Divine service, in the morning, 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Brooks, H. Brooks, M. Woodcock, T. Bull, F. Pounds, J. Monk, F. Smith conductor, J. Brooks. For evening service a quarter-peal. F. Brown, H. Brooks, M. Woodcock, T. Bull, F. Pounds, J. Monk, F. Smith conductor, J. Brooks. Sunday, September 21st, for morning service, 350. A. Brooks, G. Room, H. Brooks, F. Pounds, M. Woodcock, T. Bull, J. Monk conductor, F. Powell. For evening service, 336. G. Brown, G. Bull, F. Pounds, H. Brooks, M. Woodcock, J. Monk conductor, J. Brooks, J. Richards. Recently, 336. A. Brooks, T. Bull, F. Powell, F. Pounds, H. Brooks, J. Monk conductor, J. Brooks, J. Richards. Also 210. T. Brown, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, F. Pounds, G. Bull, H. Brooks, J. Monk, J. Brooks, J. Richards. 120 Stedman Doubles, T. Bull, H. Brooks, F. Powell, F. Pounds, J. Monk, J. Richards. Also 120 Bob Doubles and 120 Grandsire. A. Brooks, T. Bull, F. Pounds, H. Brooks, J. Monk, J. Richards. On Christmas Day, for evening

service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. A. Brooks, T. Bull, F. Pounds, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, H. Brooks, J. Monk conductor, F. Brooks, J. Richards.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON.—On December 31st, at the parish church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. R. Hyner, O. Norman, A. Lawrence conductor, T. Robinson, C. Gardiner, J. Thomas, S. Palmer, T. Lawrence. On Monday, January 4th, for morning service, 742 Grandsire Triples taken from Holt's Original. R. W. Hyner, O. W. Layng, A. Lawrence conductor, S. Palmer, C. Gardiner, J. Thomas, J. H. Shepherd, O. Norman. Also two courses of Bob Major. R. W. Hyner, O. W. Layng, A. Lawrence, T. Robson, C. Gardiner, J. Thomas conductor, S. Palmer, H. Shepherd.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CHELMSFORD (Essex).—On January 2nd, at St. Mary's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells muffled, being the occasion of the funeral of the Bishop of St. Albans. W. Gooch, R. Rowland, A. H. Watson, W. Rowland, jun., conductor, W. Newman, H. Richell, W. J. Piper, H. Rolfe.

DONCASTER.—On December 31st, at St. George's church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with the bells muffled, in 55 mins. H. Brock, G. Halksworth, A. Ash, G. Clow, C. Scott, C. Armitage, H. G. Willson, W. Howard.

MAISEMORE (Gloucestershire).—On Sunday, December 14th, 720 Grandsire Doubles. B. Etheridge conductor, J. M. Turner, W. Etheridge, W. H. Harris, W. Wix, T. Taylor. Also a 360. B. Etheridge conductor, J. M. Turner, J. Clarke, W. H. Harris, W. Wix, T. Taylor. And 240 by the same. Also a 240. B. Etheridge conductor, W. Etheridge, J. Clarke, W. Harris, W. Wix, T. Taylor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the Vicar's son who died in Australia.

MONKS ELEIGH (Suffolk).—On Saturday, December 6th, 720 College Exercise. A. Keeble, A. Symonds, A. Hollocks, J. Fayers, Sapper W. Crouch, W. Hollocks conductor. First 720 in the method on the bells.

ROMSEY (Hants).—On Tuesday, February 10th, for practice at the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Ethelfreda, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. A. E. Paskins, W. G. T. Fowler, F. H. Paskins, W. T. Tucker, J. Walker, G. Newman, W. H. George conductor, A. Medley.

STANTON HARCOURT (Oxon).—On Tuesday, November 25th, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Monk, A. Pimm, J. Trinder, W. Batts, W. Pimm, F. P. Powell. Another 720. A. Mitchell, A. Mitchell, A. Pimm, J. Monk, J. Trinder, W. Pimm, F. P. Powell.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN.—On January 9th, for practice, four 6-scores of Bob Doubles. W. Worthington, W. Page, L. E. Guilding, W. Davis, C. Allen, A. Griffin. Also two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. L. E. Guilding, W. Page, C. Allen, W. Davis, W. Worthington, A. Griffin. And two 6-scores in the same method. W. Worthington, W. Page, L. E. Guilding, W. Davis, C. Allen, A. Griffin.

WEDNESBURY (Staffordshire).—On Sunday, February 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. T. Foster, H. Tinsley, W. E. Brittan, G. Hughes conductor, G. Newbold W. Smith, J. B. Jukes, T. Tooth.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 1903.

SOME few weeks ago fault was found with belfry concerns at Scarborough, and now we read of visible apathy and want of interest concerning the church of a neighbouring Yorkshire fashionable town—St. Mary's, Harrogate. No one can complain, perhaps, that the dangerous condition of the fabric necessitates rebuilding, but from what a correspondent says in another column, there seems to be a callous indifference, at any rate, to the fate of the bells. If the authorities cannot see their way clear to have in the proposed new church any provision for the reception of bells, why on earth cannot they remain where they now are, and be rung as usual? It is said that the tower is not weak or dangerous; in that case there is no earthly reason why the bells should be silent, and a company of ringers scattered.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting was held on Saturday, February 28th, at Knebworth, there being a fine ring of eight bells (tenor 12 cwt.), all in excellent condition. Touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening by members from Hatfield, Baldock, Hitchin, Wallington, and the local band, who are making great progress in the Art, one of them, Mr. T. Pateman, just scoring his first, peal which appears in this issue. After an excellent tea, which was partaken of at The Lytton Arms, the usual business meeting was held with Mr. T. Pateman in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Eleven new members were elected as ringing members. It was proposed that Hitchin be the next place for meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. H. M. Wells for the use of tower and bells; also to Mr. J. Dennis, who takes great pride and interest in keeping bells and ropes in good order, and for having everything in readiness.

The Metropolis.

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

On Saturday, February 21, 1903, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, WESTMINSTER,

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

ALFRED B. PECK Treble.	HARRY R. PASMORE 5.
ARTHUR G. ELLIS 2.	FREDERICK DENCH 6.
JOHN THOMAS 3.	JOHN W. GOLDING 7.
HENRY S. ELLIS 4.	JOHN N. OXBORROW Tenor.

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by JOHN N. OXBORROW.

J. Thomas, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Swindon. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. B. Peck.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 4, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS THE MARTYR, LOWER THAMES ST.,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	ISAAC G. SHADE 7.
GEORGE R. PYE 3.	ERNEST PYE 8.
HERBERT P. HARMAN 4.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 9.
CHARLES WILKINS 5.	WILLIAM PYE Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
Rung as a birthday compliment to S. Wightman, father of the ringer of the gth.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY, SOUTHGATE.)

On Thursday, March 5, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK .. Treble.	WILLIAM PICKWORTH .. 5.
JOHN ARMSTRONG 2.	*MARK FENSOM 6.
HARRY MILLER 3.	ARTHUR MILLER 7.
JOHN E. MILLER 4.	SIDNEY WADE Tenor.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 7, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WOODFORD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 each of Wells, London, Cambridge, Superlative, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON Treble.	WILLIAM MILLER 4.
JOHN MARDELL 2.	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5.
GEORGE HAYDEN 3.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor.

Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

This peal was rung to celebrate the anniversary of the wedding of their Majesties the King and Queen.

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

On Monday, March 9, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS, 5093 CHANGES. Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR CUTMORE Treble.	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS .. 6.
WILLIAM E. JUDD 2.	THOMAS G. MILLER 7.
ALBERT V. SELBY 3.	WILLIAM FOX 8.
HENRY G. MILES 4.	WILLIAM E. GARRARD .. 9.
JOHN T. KENTISH 5.	CHARLES H. PHIPPS Tenor.

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and
Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

This is the first peal of Norwich Caters rung in London, and was rung at the second attempt. In the first, on February 24th, at Kensington, the peal was lost in the last course. It was also a birthday compliment to J. T. Kentish.

The Provinces.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 17, 1903, 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 19½ cwt.

JOHN BASDEN Treble.	EDWARD HARRIS 5.
EVERED J. WALSON 2.	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER .. 6.
FREDERICK GODDARD .. 3.	HENRY BROWNING 7.
ALLEN H. TABER 4.	ARTHUR HARDING Tenor.

Conducted by J. BASDEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Basden and Goddard, their brother-ringers wishing them many happy returns.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; J. J. PARKER'S No. 11. Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

REGINALD EDWARDS .. Treble.	HENRY W. KIRTON 5.
HENRY HEAD 2.	GEORGE W. PIPER 6.
THOMAS LINCOLN 3.	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7.
FREDERICK G. RADLEY .. 4.	WILLIAM E. EMERY Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 23, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; IN THE KENT VAIIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK SMITH Treble.	JOHN SMITH 5.
WM. J. TAYLOR 2.	WILFRED J. MOSS 6.
JAMES BARRATT 3.	SAMUEL GREENHALGH .. 7.
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM .. 4.	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

Rung with the bells muffled out of respect to the late J. H. Oakly, Esq., church-warden.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, March 5, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD BOB ONE-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE N. PRICE Treble.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 5.
HENRY HODGETTS 2.	FRANCIS A. SMITH 6.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 3.	HARRY A. HORREX 7.
HUBERT EDEN 4.	SPENCER M. DODINGTON.. Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

NEWCHURCH.—THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 5, 1903, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'.

JAMES TAYLOR Treble.	O. EASTWOOD 5.
SAM LORD 2.	W. TAYLOR 8.
JAS. ASHWORTH 3.	J. B. TAYLOR 7.
L. TAYLOR 4.	J. W. ORMEROD Tenor.

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

Further reference elsewhere.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 5, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

ALBERT E. EDWARDS .. Treble.	JAMES RICHMOND 5.
GEORGE T. DALTRY 2.	JOHN THOMAS 6.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 3.	FRED G. MAY 7.
RAYMOND J. WILKINS .. 4.	WILLIAM BEVAN Tenor.

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

This is J. Thomas' fiftieth peal, reference to which appears elsewhere.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 5, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

LEONARD J. TAYLOR* .. Treble.	†WILLIAM PERVIN 5.
FRANK PERVIN 2.	*ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT 6.
JAMES HUTCHBY 3.	THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 7.
FRANK G. BURLEIGH .. 4.	JAMES L. WELLS Tenor.

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by T. H. COLBURN.

*First peal of Bob Major. †First peal of Bob Major with a bob bell.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 5, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE G. JENKINS.. .. Treble.	PHILIP H. PIERCE 5.
CHARLES H. SAXBY 2.	FREDERIC G. BRETT 6.
HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 3.	KEITH HART 7.
JOHN STEDDY 4.	R. HYDER JENKINS Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 6-scores.

ARTHUR DANIELS Treble.	JAMES BLOTT 4.
CHARLES PRATT 2.	ALFRED PRATT 5.
HERBERT L. HARLOW* .. 3.	ALFRED BRYANT.. .. Tenor.

Conducted by HERBERT L. HARLOW.

First peal by all except the conductor. *First as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns. C. Pratt was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 7, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE H. STONESTREET Treble.	GEORGE A. CARD 5.
EDWARD MANKLOW 2.	WILLIAM STEED 6.
STEPHEN J. PERKINS 3.	KEITH HART 7.
THOMAS CARD 4.	GEORGE TURLEY Tenor.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

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

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

PETER INCE Treble.	ROBERT DUCKWORTH .. 5.
FRED MORRIS 2.	*FRED BANKS 6.
HARRY SMITH 3.	PETER NUTTALL 7.
JOHN MOSCROP 4.	GEORGE PINCOTT Tenor.

Conducted by FRED BANKS.

*First peal as conductor.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.

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

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal of Major.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. STEELE .. Treble.	HERBERT KNIGHT 5.
GEORGE BURROWS 2.	ALFRED TURLEY 6.
WILLIAM FISHER 3.	ROBERT PICKERING .. 7.
JOHN PERRY 4.	JOHN C. ADAMS.. .. Tenor.

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES, and
Conducted by ROBERT PICKERING.

First peal of Major on the bells. Rung on the twenty-eighth anniversary of the birthday of the conductor.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX AND HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, March 7, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5024 CHANGES. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR T. KING Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
HUBERT EDEN 2.	WILLIAM PYE 6.
JAMES GEORGE 3.	JOHN R. SHARMAN 7.
BERTRAM PREWETT 4.	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor.

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS PATEMAN* Treble.	CHARLES VALE 5.
GEORGE H. BARKER 2.	ARTHUR WRIGHT 6.
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE 3.	HERBERT BAKER 7.
JOHN SHEPPARD 4.	ALBERT LAWRENCE Tenor.

Conducted by GEORGE H. BARKER.

First peal as conductor. *First peal, and belongs to the local band.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES.
Tenor 20½ cwt.

H. BROOKER Treble.	J. PLOWMAN 6.
E. BENNETT 2.	A. TRAPPITT 7.
T. TALBOT* 3.	F. HOLDER 8.
W. S. SMITH 4.	*A. CLAYTON 9.
DR. A. B. CARPENTER 5.	C. GORDON Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by E. BENNETT.

*First peal in the method.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 9, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-two 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.

FRANK G. WARREN* .. Treble.	ALPHAUS J. BERRY .. 4.
EDWARD YOUNGS 2.	E. HARRY SYMONDS .. 5.
JOHN MAYS 3.	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

*First peal. All are members of the local company.

RYE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(RYE BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 9, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lbs.

JOSEPH B. BENNETT, JUN.* Treble.	CHARLES TRIBE 5.
GEORGE BILLENNESS 2.	THOMAS A. VINCETT .. 6.
CHARLES PRICE 3.	WILLIAM BILLENNESS .. 7.
FRANCIS A. VINCETT 4.	EDWARD CURD Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM BILLENNESS.

*First peal and first attempt. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. A. P. Howes, who came to take up his duties in the parish on that day.

ERITH, KENT.—THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 9, 1903, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR,
5008 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY AUDSLEY* Treble.	ISAAC G. SHADE 5.
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE .. 2.	EDWIN BARNETT 6.
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 7.
JOHN J. LAMB 4.	CHARLES WILKINS Tenor.

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and Conducted by CHAS. WILKINS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HAWLEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND OXFORD GUILDS.

On Monday, March 9, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WALTER HOARE Treble.	SYDNEY CLARK† 5.
WILLIAM BOYLES* 2.	MAURICE STEER 6.
ALFRED SMITH 3.	BARZILLAI HAWKINS .. 7.
GEORGE HAWKINS 4.	*GEORGE HORNER Tenor.

Conducted by BARZILLAI HAWKINS.

*First peal. †First peal of Grandsire. Rung as a farewell peal to G. Horner, who is leaving the neighbourhood. This is M. Steer's 50th peal, reference to which will be found elsewhere.

EMSCOTE, WARWICK.

On Saturday, March 9, 1903, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDWARD H. ADAMS Treble.	HENRY LETTS 5.
WALTER JOHN PINFOLD* .. 2.	WILLIAM COLLETT 6.
WILLIAM MALE 3.	JOHN D. MATTHEWS .. 7.
GEORGE ELLIS 4.	JOHN PINFOLD Tenor.

Conducted by E. H. ADAMS.

*First peal. First peal in the district by a local band only. The ringer of the 2nd is 13½ years of age, and great credit is due to him for the way he rang.

BRISTOL.

On Tuesday, March 10, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 28 cwt.

HENRY PORCH Treble.	WILLIAM R. PADDOCK .. 5.
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON .. 2.	†FRANCIS T. JEWELL .. 6.
HENRY C. E. APPERLEY* .. 3.	FREDERICK C. PEARCE .. 7.
WALTER APPERLEY* 4.	*CHARLES F. STRAWBRIDGE Tenor.

Conducted by HENRY PORCH.

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

Handbell Peals.

WOBURN.—THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 5, 1903, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. HERBERT,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES.

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

DOUGLAS HARRIS 1-2.	ERNEST HERBERT 5-6.
CYRIL HERBERT 3-4.	MORTIMER MATTHEWS .. 7-8.

A SILENT PEAL.

Umpires—Chas. Herbert and S. A. Avis. This is the first non-conducted peal by the Association, in the county, and by all the band. First peal of Bob Triples by all.

PEAL CORRECTION.—In the report of the peal of Bob Major rang at All Saints, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, it should read Tuesday, February 24th, and the number of changes was 5024, not 5040 as published.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

THE HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

This festival of the St. Martin's Guild appears to be increasingly recognised as the years roll on as an opportunity for the ringers of the district of which Birmingham may be considered the capital to meet in social gathering. Originally it was designed as a complimentary dinner to the late illustrious composer each year at as near a Saturday as could be fixed to his birthday, and was made memorable during his lifetime and on his 80th birthday by the celebration organised by Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart. (then known as Mr. Percival Heywood) in Birmingham, and from which celebration the inception of the Central Council came. We think that the Executive of the St. Martin's Guild did wisely in continuing these celebrations after Mr. Johnson's death, and in more closely identifying themselves with one who had served them so well by making these the Annual Festivals of the Guild. It may be noted that the eventful Saturday this year, February 28th, fell upon the actual birthday.

Some amount of touch ringing was indulged in at the parish church during the afternoon, and punctually at the advertised time—6.30—a company of about ninety assembled in the large room of Ye Olde Royal hotel. The noble room with its admirable lighting and ventilating arrangements surely never looked to better advantage than on this occasion, the tables with their fine array of plate and glass being most tastefully decorated with spring flowers. A dinner of excellent quality was served with an efficiency which can only be ensured by an adequate staff of trained waiters. On looking round the assembled company one could not but notice the mellowing effect of time on some of the better known faces, and, alas! the absence of others which had counted for so much in the life of the Guild.

As on the previous occasion it unfortunately happened that the gentleman who had along been announced to take the chair, Mr. W. Butler, found himself almost at the last moment unable to do so, but Mr. Evans, churchwarden at St. Martin's, was induced to fill the gap, and kindly did so in a very efficient manner.

At the clearing of the table the Secretary, Mr. Godden, mentioned various apologies for non-attendance which he had received from invited guests, commencing with Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., the Rector of St. Martin's, the Vicars of Aston, Harborne, and Selly Oak, the Masters of the Ancient Society of College Youths and of the Royal Cumberland Society, Mr. Kendall, one of the wardens at St. Martin's, and others.

In giving the toast of "King, Church and State," the chairman suitably touched on the love felt by all classes of the community for our present Sovereign, a love cemented and strengthened by the various trials they had gone through together, and which came in worthy succession to that felt for our late beloved Sovereign Queen Victoria. Commenting lightly on affairs of Church and State, he commended the toast to their hearty attention, asking one of the guests, Mr. Maylott, to emphasise it by leading the company in one verse of "God save the King."

After a selection on the piano by Mrs. Painter, and a song by Mr. Maylott, the chairman gave the toast of the evening—"The memory of the late Henry Johnson," to be drank in solemn silence. In doing this he asked the company to make allowance for the chairman's shortcomings, owing to his occupying that position entirely without notice.

The Guild's presiding ringing master, J. S. Pritchett, esq., M.A., B.L., in giving the toast of "Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild," asked the particular attention of his audience to the happy wording of that toast. It was not prosperity, but continued prosperity, thereby inferring that it was not only a prosperity of to-day, but a prosperity of the past which they desired to be continued in the future. In any review of the Guild's position one could not help being struck by the names of the celebrated men who had been associated with them, and coming to his own time—for he rang in his first peal at Bishop Ryder's in that city in 1874—he could mention those of Henry Johnson, Henry Bastable, and John Day, the latter of whom—although then ailing—had been with them at their last gathering of this kind. Surely no one then ever imagined that he was so soon to pass from among them. Speaking more personally he thanked the members for the honour they had conferred on him by making him the successor to such a man, and though he might not hope to bring such powers as Mr. Day possessed to that post, he could in all sincerity promise them that so long as he held it he would do the very best in his power. Speaking of the peal of Stedman Cinques which he had so recently the honour of conducting at St. Martin's, he thanked every ringer who had stood in the peal with him, and mentioned as a matter on which they as a Guild could congratulate themselves—the number of very young but still capable Cinques ringers they possessed in their ranks. With this toast he coupled the health of their Honorary Secretary, Mr. Godden, stating that they were all sorry to notice that Mr. Godden's health had not lately been so good as they could wish, and paying a very high compliment to his energy and urbanity.

This toast was enthusiastically honoured, and a course of Stedman Caters was then given on the handbells by Messrs. Hunt, Miller, Russam, Short and Withers.

The Secretary, in responding, deprecated so much credit being given to himself, stating that he had all along in the Guild's work been associated with such a powerful executive, that he was for ever being prodded on. He made a touching reference to the late John Day, saying that he had been privileged to know and to work with him at a period when his remarkable abilities were at their zenith. He then went on to give the toast of "Kindred Ringing Societies," shewing how much they in Birmingham in particular were interested in such a toast occupying as they did a geographical position bound up with many societies. He coupled with the toast the health of several friends then present as connected with or officials of such Societies. Such were his very old friend Mr. S. Reeves, Secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, Messrs. John Carter (Birmingham Amalgamated Society), Mr. John Smith (Secretary of the Worcester and Districts Association), Messrs. Jaggard and George of the Midland Counties Association, &c. This toast having been suitably honoured, the Chairman caused some amusement by calling on Mr. Jaggard to respond by giving a song, and any of our readers who happen to be intimate with Mr. Jaggard can readily imagine that the amusement then rapidly increased. Messrs. George and Reeves suitably responded.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Chairman and suitably responded to by him. The St. Martin's Guild can certainly congratulate itself on having added another successful and pleasurable evening to the number of previous ones.

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, Lower Thames Street, on March 26th, and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 17th. WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
"Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, to-day, Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. All ringers welcome.
JAS. JACQUES, *Sec.*

The Hertfordshire Association.—A Meeting will be held at Luton to-day, Saturday, March 14th. Bells available from 4 p.m.
J. EARWICKER, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Romney Marsh and District Guild.—A meeting of the above for combined practice will be held at Tenterden to-day, Saturday, March 14th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at the Coffee Tavern at 5.30. All ringers will be heartily welcomed, and should avail themselves of ringing on such a fine peal of bells.
C. TRIBE, *Hon. Sec.*
British School Villas, Tenterden.

The Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity church to-day Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready at 6 p.m. Business meeting 7.15.
G. PINCOTT, *Branch Sec.*

The Heavy Woollen District Association.—The next monthly meeting of the above Society will be held at Tong to-day, Saturday, March 14th. Meeting to commence at 5.30.
WALTER IDLE, *Hon. Sec.*
47, Vulcan Road, Dewsbury.

The Essex Association.—There will be a district meeting on Saturday, March 21st, at Widford at 5 p.m. in the schoolroom. Members intending to be present, let me know by the 17th inst.
G. GREEN, *Hon. Sec.*
Church Chase, Great Baddow.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Chatham, on Saturday, March 21st. Tower open at 4.30 p.m., Committee meeting at 6.30.
A. OSBORNE, *Hon. Dist. Sec.*

The Kent County Association.—A meeting of the central committee will be held at St. Mary's, Chatham, on Saturday, March 21st, at 4.30 p.m., for the purpose of (1) making a grant towards the restoration at Swanscombe, and (2) appointing a representative on the Central Council in place of F. W. Thornton.
FRED. J. O. HELMORE, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stretford parish church, Chester Road (six bells), on Saturday, March 28th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7.
JOHN SMITH, *Branch Sec.*

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The Annual Meeting of the above Society will be held at Leeds on Saturday, March 28th. Business meeting at The Nag's Head hotel at 7 p.m. Election of officers for ensuing year.
CHARLES PRATT, *Sec.*
Park View, Calverley.

The Waterloo Society, London.—All meetings for practice postponed till after Easter. St. John's, Waterloo Road, Wednesday, April 15th; St. John's, Vassal Road, Brixton, Monday, April 20th, and fortnightly from those dates.
F. G. PERRIN, *Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties Association.—Nominations for four representatives on the Central Council should be sent in at once.
Cotgrave. W. E. WHITE, *Hon. Sec.*

Compositions.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES.

By J. S. PRITCHETT, *King's Norton.*

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From which rounds are produced by calling bobs at 2, 6, 9, 10, 15, 17.

Rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, Feb. 24th, 1903.

The 7th is before the 8th throughout the peal, which is believed to be the first ever rung with the bells in this position.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. T. Redman has removed to 21, Ulster Street, Burnley.

NOTES TO PEALS.

THE PEAL AT NEWCHURCH.—The ringers were invited to supper by Mr. and Mrs. Tattersall at The Blue Bell Inn. After supper the evening was spent in a social manner. A vote of thanks was given to the host and hostess for the good things which were provided, the ringers wishing many happy returns of the day. This brought the evening to a close about 11 o'clock.

M. STEER'S 50 PEALS.—On six bells 5; Grandsire Triples 12; Stedman Triples 19; Bob Major, 8; Treble Bob Major 2; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 4.

Situations Wanted.

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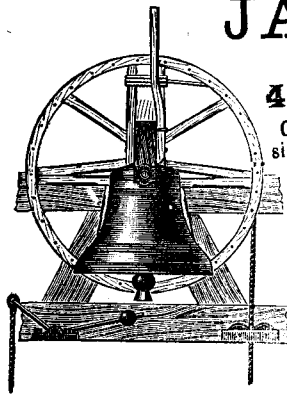
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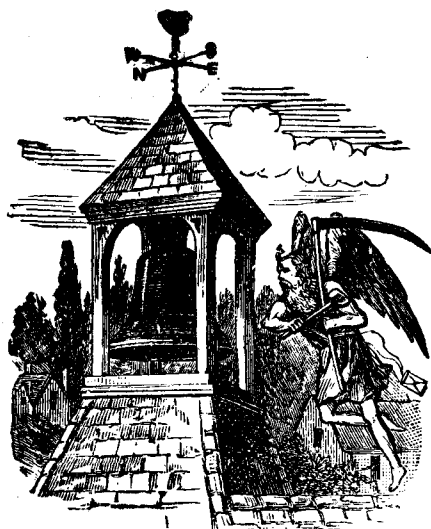
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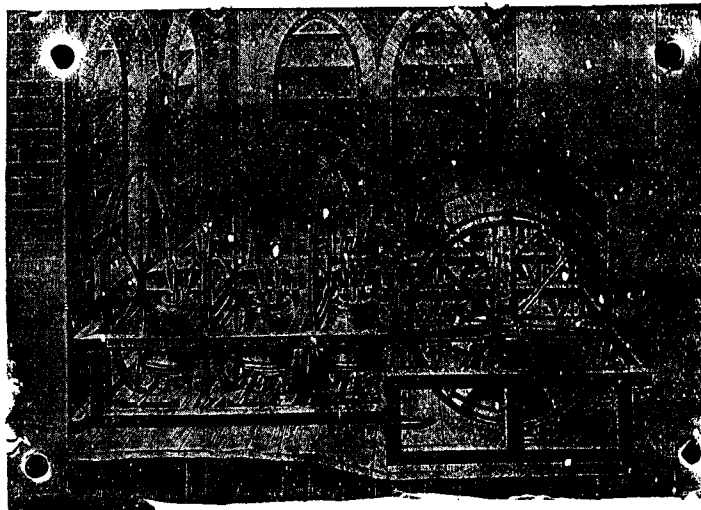
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OUR CHURCH BELLS.

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).

HELMINGHAM (Suffolk). St. Mary. Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1815. Tenor 19 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells do not go well. Nothing is known to have been done to these bells since they were hung. The soundbells are not much worn. Estimate for repairs has been supplied by Bowell, and half the sum required has been promised. Ropes new 1887, bad. Methods: Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob. As the bells cannot be rung, there is no Sunday ringing or practice.

HELMSHORE (Lancashire). St. Thomas. Lancashire Association. Eight bells. All by Mears, 1851. Tenor 10 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 3 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. No repairs have hitherto been effected by a bell-hanger. Improvement of ringing-chamber asked for, but there is no interest or money. Ropes new 1898, good. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Double Norwich, also Minor methods. Sunday ringing: 10 to 10.30, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD (Herts). St. Mary. Hertford County Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Lester, 1758; tenor 19 cwt., diameter 4 ft. by the same, 1767; 3rd, 1688; 4th, 1633; 5th, old; 6th, 1604; 7th, 1617; founders of these five not known. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Day, 1896, good. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 1st in month, 10.30 to 11, and 6 to 6.30. Practice: Friday, 8.15.

HENBURY (Gloucestershire). St. Mary. Gloucester and Bristol Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Taylor, 1897; 3rd, 4th and 7th by Warner, 1857; the rest by Evans, 1717. Tenor 25 cwt., diameter 4 ft. 2 in. Timber frame. Bells go well. A chiming apparatus is

fitted. The ring were repaired by Taylor, when the trebles were added in 1897. Necessary repairs are at once attended to. Ropes good. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: only on festivals. Practice: Friday, 8, from March to November, 7.30 from November to March.

HENFIELD (Sussex). St. Peter. Sussex County Association. Eight bells. Treble and 2nd by Mears, 1892; 6th by the same, 1813; 3rd and 4th by Lester, 1755; 5th and 7th, 1738; founder not known. Tenor 15 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 8 in., by Phelps, 1733, believed to be slightly cracked by too heavy clock hammer. Timber frame. Bells go well. The ring were rehung by Mears, 1892. Ropes new 1896, good. Method: Stedman. Sunday ringing: 10.15 to 11, and 5.45 to 6.30. Practice: Tuesday, 7, from October to Easter; other parts of the year by arrangement.

HENLEY (Suffolk). St. Peter. Norwich Diocesan Association. Eight bells. Treble, 2nd, 3rd and 5th by Taylor, 1902; 4th by Mears, 1809; 6th by Phelps, 1736; 7th and tenor are old Bury bells, date about 1480. Tenor 8 cwt., diameter 3 ft. 1 in. Iron frame. Bells go well. The ring were increased to eight and rehung by Taylor, 1902. Ropes good. Method: Plain Bob. Sunday ringing: 9.45 to 10.15, and 2 to 2.45. Practice: Monday and Thursday, 7.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

QUARTERLY MEETING AT FAREHAM, HANTS.

On Saturday, February 21st, this society met at Fareham, representatives and members attending from Gosport, Bournemouth, Basingstoke, Portsea, Winchester Cathedral, Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas (Guildford), Swanmore, York Town, Bursledon, Twyford, Wickham, and Fareham. W. Scott-Evans, Esq. (St. Peter's, Bournemouth), and several unattached members were present.

The Vicar (Rev. J. E. Tarbat), welcomed the early arrivals in the belfry, but was prevented from attending the business meeting. Various touches in standard methods were brought round, and at 5 o'clock a move was made for the Temperance hotel, where an excellent meat tea was brought round by thirty-six ringers, Mr. Pyle's catering being much appreciated.

The business meeting was held immediately after tea. The railway arrangements made it impossible to secure the services of the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, who lives at the other end of the diocese. The Rev. C. E. Matthews presided, and conducted the business of the meeting. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting at Chertsey, Surrey, were read and passed. Six honorary members were elected, including Major A. H. Lee, M.P. for the Fareham division of Hants., and the Rev. J. P. Nash, Rector of Bishop's Waltham. Seventeen performing members were also elected, including Mr. George Williams, of Brighton.

The Master reported that Mr. J. W. Whiting had

had reconsidered his resignation of the district secretaryship of Portsmouth, and they were very pleased his health had so improved of late. The appointment of a new secretary would be unnecessary.

Mr. Whiting stated he would endeavour to give more attention to the district now that his health had been restored.

Mr. H. White then resigned the secretaryship of the Basingstoke district. He did not resign because only three towers were affiliated in his district, but he felt that a clergyman, from the position he occupied, could do more for the general welfare of the Guild than he could, and proposed that the Rev. F. G. Hume, Rector of Oakley, be appointed Hon. Secretary for the district.

Mr. Scott-Evans's opinion was that working laymen were most useful as district secretaries. He thoroughly appreciated, however, the influence and position of the clergy who devoted their energies to the Guild.

Mr. W. J. Whiting proposed, Mr. W. H. George seconded, "That Mr. White's resignation be accepted with much regret."

Mr. J. Gould moved, and Mr. Scott-Evans seconded, "That the best thanks of the Guild be tendered to Mr. White for his past services to the Guild." Carried *nem con.*

The Master remarked that Mr. White's resignation would not make the slightest difference to his deep interest in the Guild. He could not help being keen whether he were in office or not.

Mr. C. H. Pearce (York Town), asked the chairman to read a letter which he had received from A. M. Kennett, Esq., solicitor, Camberley, in which he offered his services as hon. legal adviser to the Guild.

The Master said that he felt sure that while they accepted this kind offer with gratitude, they hoped the day would be far distant in which they would require Mr. Kennett in a professional capacity. This offer was accepted with the best thanks of the meeting.

The new rules were then read and compared with the old, various alterations and additions being suggested. It was stated that the Hon. Secretary had spent much time and trouble on these rules which had been drafted to meet the requirements of self-government in the various districts. No resolutions could be passed bearing upon the rules at this meeting, but the opinions of many of the members present will materially assist the representatives at the committee meeting at Guildford on May 26th. Nearly all were in favour of the admission of probationers on the same lines as the Kent County Association. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Dorking on Saturday, April 25th.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the chairman, concluded the business.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, LONDON.

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

"MARVEL" OR "SURPRISE."

SIR,—Mr. Baker's letter last week is one of the weakest I have ever seen. He says "whether the places are made at the two extremities or inside (of) the third row, *places* they are, and nothing can alter the fact," etc.

Now this looks very well at first sight, but it is really pure assumption and not argument at all.

Mr. Baker is just like a person who mistakes a wax apple for a real one, certainly the wax apple looks just like a real one, and certainly it is not fit to eat, although it has its use.

Similarly 8ths place, if Mr. Baker prefers to call the whole-pull behind so, does look just like 6ths place in Major, it consists after all of only two blows struck successively in the same place, but what is its structural use?

To put it simply the whole pulls on the lead and behind do not make any difference to the relative position of the treble among the working bells, whereas the place-making causes the treble to get into a different position among the working bells.

The whole pulls in front and behind are in fact a part of Plain Hunting, and when Mr. Baker writes down

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

and stops there, does he think that he has defined Plain Hunting, because if he assumes that to be plain hunting, I have as much right to assume it to be dodging, and which of the two it really is nobody can say. To get the plain hunt we must add another row, and that involves whole pulls in front or behind.

Place-making consists in striking two blows in one place, other than the two extreme places, where we are absolutely obliged to do so.

H. LAW JAMES.

SIR,—I notice Mr. George Baker is again laying down the law as to place-making. May I suggest that he should study Shipway's chapter on this subject? He may not entirely agree with it—I don't—but it is merely displaying a lack of humour to shut one's eyes obstinately to what such a master has said. If one is going to disagree with him, one cannot do so without producing weighty authority, which Mr. Baker has not done.

The reason why the blows at lead and behind have never come under the designation of "place-making" is that in the original plain changes (such as changes on three bells necessarily are) such blows were a necessary part of the work of the whole hunt. Thus in the ordinary six changes on three bells, as the treble hunts up to behind, 2 and 3 keep their same relative position: but in order to get all the changes, the half hunt (2), must move up a place, and to let her do so treble must pull two blows behind: and the same applies when she gets down to lead. Thus blows at lead and behind are a necessary part of the ordinary course, and do not come under the additional work of place-making.

H. DRAKE.

THE HERO OF THE CUMBERLANDS.

SIR,—The President of the Cumberland Youths has indeed taken upon him a hard task in seeking to justify the eponymous hero of his Society. The truth of the stories about his callous and cold-blooded murder of the wounded after Culloden may best be gauged by the revulsion of feeling against him which took place, as Mr. Daniell admits, immediately they became known. But, with all deference to Mr. Daniell's knowledge of history, I am forced to take exception to his extraordinary defence of this barbarism. He talks of the Highlanders of 150 years ago as if they were dervishes: they were, in sooth, "savages" who "could not understand the usages of civilized warfare." Certainly their education was not improved by their encounter with the English! But, seriously, does Mr. Daniell really think that these magnificent fellows were uncivilized barbarians, who lived by plunder and slaughter? Was it a mere raid which carried them through every obstacle as far as

Derby, and which would certainly have taken them to London, had it not been for their leaders' vacillation? If they had gone on they had no chance of "retreating to their mountain fastnesses": it was death or glory with a vengeance.

To show that Mr. Daniell is wrong in attributing such a character to the Highlanders and "the Butcher," it is only necessary to contrast the care taken of the English wounded at Holyrood, with the least atrocious of Cumberland's cruelties. And as to their methods of warfare—they were such that there was no question of his choosing the right "disciplinary teaching" for them: this came after a hard-won battle, in which he should have learnt respect for his courageous foes, and was a disgusting and uncalled for exhibition of cruelty. The cause of this effusion will appear from my signature. In conclusion, let me say that though Mr. Daniell has alluded to Guy Fawkes as our "patron Saint," presumably in joke, I for one would far rather commend myself to his protection, than to that of an unprincipled ruffian who attempted to cover his utter incapacity by the cold-blooded murder of wounded men. There is clearly no room for loyal Scots in the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

SCOTTISH COLLEGE YOUTH.

FALSE COMPOSITION.

SIR,—I would have answered Mr. Hollis's letter earlier, but my first impression on seeing it was that he was referring to peal 4, page 104, which was pointed out false as soon as "Grand-sire" was published, and which I corrected the following week, I believe, in "THE BELL NEWS." But on looking more attentively at number and date (No. 6, page 106), I find that Holt's singles cannot be employed with truth. As I have not got a copy of the manuscript of this peal, I cannot say now what I said about the singles, or whether I gave an illustration or not. I am very much indebted to Mr. Hollis for drawing attention to this, and I trust that it has received little attention from conductors, if Holt's calls were made. There is a printer's error at the second bob. The following single should be used:

5 7 1 6 2 4 3
5 1 7 2 6 3 4
1 5 7 2 6 3 4
1 7 5 6 2 4 3
7 1 5 2 6 3 4
7 5 1 6 2 4 3

Saffron Walden.

JOHN F. PENNING.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—UNVEILING OF A TABLET.

The local ringers assembled on March 16th in Kidlington belfry to witness the unveiling of a new marblette tablet recording the famous "long length" of Double Norwich rung there on May 22nd, 1899, in 11 hrs. 15 mins. There were also present the Vicar (Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn) and Mrs. Freeborn, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Rev. J. Bond, and Messrs. O'Brien and Erskine from Oxford, and several ladies.

The Vicar, in a short address, recalled the memorable occasion which the tablet was designed to perpetuate, and said that he and the parishioners well remembered that day. Nor had he forgotten the extraordinary antagonism shown by certain strangers.

Mr. Judge, the leader, who rang the treble in this peal, then called upon Mrs. Freeborn to unveil the tablet, which was forthwith admired by all present. After this—

A touch of 252 Stedman Triples by J. Franklin, W. Bennett, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Conor O'Brien, A. P. F. Erskine, H. Butler, H. Judge (conductor), W. Franklin. And after the departure of the ladies, 504 Stedman Triples. A. Erskine, W. Bennett, H. Judge, J. Franklin, E. C. O'Brien, H. Butler, Rev. C. Jenkyn conductor, W. Franklin. Also 336 Bob Major. W. Franklin, W. Bennett, A. Erskine, Rev. C. Jenkyn, E. C. O'Brien conductor, H. Butler, H. Judge, J. Franklin.

Since Kidlington was the birthplace of the conductor of the above peal, this seems to be a suitable place to call the attention of the readers of this paper to Mr. Washbrook's latest record at Arklow, viz.: a peal of Stedman Triples double-handed, recorded in the usual place at the time.

OBITER DICTA.

When the Central Council meets in London next Whitsuntide we are promised a discussion on the number of worthless and false compositions published. We do not propose to anticipate that discussion, nor are we going to suggest any remedy. And yet we think we can put our fingers on the root of this mischief. We have given some amount of attention to compositions—to other people's compositions—and nothing has struck us more forcibly than this, that the amount of knowledge required to produce a peal is exceedingly small. Given a table of course-ends and just sufficient knowledge to transpose one course-end from another, it only require time, pencil and paper for the veriest novice to turn out "peals" by the dozen. It isn't so very strange if he now and then drops on a good one of a sort. But it isn't composition. Take the case of our friend Blank. Before he left his first love Blank seemed to have the making of a decent ringer in him. He did ring a couple of peals or so, and it is possible that after sufficient study he might have grasped the principles of peal composition. Not that he ever had any ambition to be a composer so far as we know. Well, he came across a table of course-ends, and one Sunday in church, what time the tame curate held forth and the people dozed, he dotted down a composition on the fly-leaf of his Prayer Book. That peal has been rung in all parts of England, and is probably just now the most popular peal in the method. And that though he never published it, but left it to make its way by its own merits. Blank is a rather sensible sort of fellow, and has the advantage of a decent education. He consequently doesn't make the mistake of thinking that because he once made a lucky find he knows all about composition.

In this he is rather different from our good old friend Dash. Dash combines the duties of village carpenter and sexton in a not very important village situated between Newcastle and Land's End, and is the greatest authority on ringing in the district. It so happened that not long after the tame curate came to the village, he bethought himself of the bells, and being a new broom full of zeal (excuse the mixed metaphor), resolved within himself to find out what manner of man a ringer at his vocation might be. Therefore he made his way to the belfry, and Dash, swelling with pride and importance, did the M.C.

"But, excuse my density—I don't quite follow what you mean," as Dash, explaining not very clearly a 720 Bob Minor, arrived at the halfway single. "Do you mean to say that you actually move the bells into each other's places while you are ringing?"

"Cert'nly, sir, you must put the third in fourth's place and the fourth in third's place, or else it wouldn't be true." The tame curate passed the latter part of the sentence by. He couldn't understand it, and explanations only deepened the mystery. What filled him with wonder was the outlay of strength required to shift the third bell into fourth's place and the fourth into third's. "Wheel and axle, too, I suppose," he thought, but dared not ask. So he came to the conclusion that Dash was right when he said that there was a good deal in ringing. For the present his zeal should find an outlet in the village cricket club. He would wait till he was a rector with plenty of time before he took up the study of ringing.

Wherefore Dash came to the irrevocable opinion that ringing was one of those things hidden from the wise and prudent, and revealed only to such as he. That was how we found him when we made his acquaintance. When he first shewed us his compositions our words were few. It was none of our business to criticise other people's peals, so we withheld blame where we could not bestow praise. But Dash would fain pursue the subject. Then we diplomatically shifted our ground. We did not want to hurt the old gentleman's feelings. So we took several peals by other people, similar to his and as bad as his. Goodness knows we hadn't to hunt much for them. Then we pointed out a fault here and a fault there, and we hoped he would take the lesson to himself. He didn't seem to see the connection at all. "But now tell me exactly what you think of these," and he spread two of his most cherished compositions before us. We were very sorry, but one was a simple variation of Annable's three-part, the other was the reverse of Hubbard's five-part. He couldn't see it. Annable's peal he had never seen. Hubbard's peal he had forgotten years ago. How could he vary a peal he had never seen? In our folly we attempted to argue with him. He said a good many words, utterly missed

all our points, each one of which ought to have demolished him, and wound up by saying, "Well, after all, everyone has a right to his own opinions." That is a statement we most particularly abhor. It means in most cases (ringing among them) that everyone has a right to be wrong if he likes.

So we went away and reflected on the laws of the Central Council, the chosen of the people, the accumulated wisdom of the ringing world. And here was the hoary-headed old sinner setting them all at defiance and reaping thereby honour and glory among his fellows. Dash doesn't often publish his peals. His position gives him a certain amount of prestige, and his friends ring his composition, which is better than mere publication. The man most responsible for the figures that trouble the Council is the Young-Man-in-a-Hurry or the Would-be-Composer-on-the-Short-Cut-to-Fame. He is generally rather a decent sort of fellow, a little priggish, but harmless. He puts a few course-ends together somehow. Then he posts them off to any composer that he may think of, usually without a stamp for reply, and asks if it is true, and if it is original. Of course, the composer gives the required information, usually in charity stretching the word "original" to its utmost meaning. What the Young Man does not ask for, and what the composer if he is wise does not give, is a criticism of the qualities of the peal. Usually they are nil. But if you delicately hint that it may be magnificent but is not composition, either you dishearten the Young Man or he turns argumentative and disputes your statements—he that, campanologically speaking, ought to be in the nursery. Or you find yourself involved in an interminable correspondence to explain things which he ought either to find out for himself, or else to search "THE BELL NEWS" and standard books to find out. For him we have but one piece of advice. Make yourself thoroughly acquainted with the old peals and their construction, and learn what other people have done before you attempt to do anything yourself. Is there any other art or science but ringing in which the learner begins by putting himself on a level with the masters, and learns the rudimentary part of his work only after he has claimed to know the whole, or not at all? We speak not without a self-accusing conscience. Did we not ourselves "compose" Double Oxford, methods and peals as well, almost before we knew how to ring Bob Major? Thank goodness, the timely intervention of a friend stopped us from attempting publication!

We have another grievance with the Young Man. When he writes to us from the uttermost part of the land, he not infrequently adds to the address, "Bellringer" or "Campanologist." We are not at all ashamed of the ringer's name and title, but the popular conception of a ringer is something between a sexton and a gravedigger. If our correspondent were devoted to the engrossing and intellectual pastime of ping-pong, would he like us to address his letters, "Y. Man, esq., Ping-Pongist"? We said we should not offer a solution to the problem the Council sets itself, but we will go back on our words so far as to say this: what is wanted is to impress on the beginner that he must *learn* before he can know anything. And that it takes time and trouble.

We have heard a good deal about education lately. The Government have been pretty free with other people's money, as Governments are. But we regret to find that they do not propose to devote a single penny to the advancement of Ringing. Should a wise and enlightened Minister see his way clear to endow a Chair of Campanology at one of our Universities, and should he in his wisdom see fit to appoint us Professor thereof, we would for six months put our students to copying old peals, for six months to reversing and varying old peals, and for six months to proving old peals. After which, in exceptional cases, we might allow the most brilliant to attempt, under our strict supervision, an original peal. Moreover, we should keep by us a thin cane, long and supple, and should one of our disciples attempt to publish a peal before he could prove it, assuredly our soul should not spare for his crying.

J. A. T.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ST. MARY ABBOTS KENSINGTON GUILD.

On a recent Friday, this Guild held its Annual Dinner in the School Committee Room adjoining the Church. The Rev. Canon Pennefather, D.D., presided, and he was supported by the Rev. W. A. Berry, the Rev. L. J. Percival, Mr. R. A. Daniell, and W. E. Garrard. There were about thirty members present, and the visitors included Messrs. W. T. Cockerill (College Youths), A. Jacobs (Cumberland Society), Burton and Wilkes (Chiswick). Mr. H. Dains was prevented by illness from attending.

Canon Pennefather, who was heartily greeted on rising, said: I rise to propose a toast which I think will commend itself to everybody here, because it is the toast of yourselves, not as individuals, but as members of St. Mary Abbots Bell-ringers' Guild, and therefore my toast is "Prosperity to our Bell-ringers' Guild." The Guild is in a very good position at the present time, the members are numerous and certainly efficient. I have been tickling Mr. Garrard's brains this evening and he has informed me, and I heard the statement with much pleasure, that the Guild can turn out two full companies, and that it is possible to get one for the morning and one for the evening services. That fact alone shews that you are numerous in numbers and efficient in your work, and we know from the record of the past that you have given proof of your skill by the peals which you have rung. I do not know that the excellence of ringing is only, or chiefly, to be judged by the accomplishment of full peals. I know that it is absolutely necessary that they should be rung for members to get the experience which they need, but the excellence of ringing can be heard practically whenever the bells are rung, not only in your quarter-peals but in the ordinary ringing for services and also for weddings. May you have many of those in this next year, but I am sorry to tell you that so far the prospect is extremely bad (laughter). Whenever the bells are rung they certainly are rung well, and when visitors come to stay with me they nearly always comment on the even way in which the bells are rung, and the general excellence of the ringing, and it is very satisfactory to hear. As you know, I am not a ringer myself and never was. I don't know that you would easily find an ordinary rope that would hold me (laughter), and in my youthful days I was either too clumsy or too timid (laughter). It is a perfect marvel to me how you are able to get the changes. Mr. Berry has been confiding to me that it is a great mystery to him how some of the peals are rung. I suppose it comes all right to you, and I am quite content that you know the mystery and that you should be able to practise the Art. I am quite happy to do my part by listening and I only wish that everybody round the Church were as willing to do the part of listening as I am (laughter), when I should be rid of one of the little trials of my life and you would be free from some unnecessary annoyance (laughter). I wish to express to you my gratitude for what you do in the belfry and to thank you for all the services which you have so very kindly rendered during the past year. We are indebted to our friend Mr. Daniell, and we hope he will be restored to perfect health very soon. We owe very much to Mr. Berry (hear, hear). I asked him this evening how many he has taught. I think modesty prevented him from answering the question—perhaps even his powers of mental arithmetic might not enable him to count up all the many men that he has taught the art of change-ringing to. Then there is Mr. Fox, to whom we are indebted for the care which he takes of the bells and belfry (hear, hear). About yourselves—you are all really good ringers and jolly good fellows, and you don't expect me to dilate upon your individual virtues (laughter and applause).

Mr. R. A. Daniell, in responding, thanked the Vicar on behalf of the Guild and acknowledged with gratitude the uniform courtesy and cordiality always received by the ringers from the Vicar.

Mr. W. E. Garrard gave the toast of "The Visitors."

Mr. W. T. Cockerill, in responding, said it was always a pleasure to him to meet the members of the Guild. He would like to take the opportunity of congratulating the clergy and churchwardens of St. Mary Abbots on having such an excellent band of change-ringers. The mark of excellence which the

Guild had reached in so short a time under Mr. Garrard's tuition was unique as far as his experience went (hear, hear).

Mr. A. Jacobs and Mr. Burton also responded.

Mr. R. A. Daniell, in a humorous historical speech, gave the toast of "Prosperity to the Church of England," eulogising the vitality of the Church, and stating that ringers belonged to no party but their ranks embraced probably the extremest man on the verge of Romanism and the last man on the verge of Wesleyanism, who were all treated alike by the clergy.

Canon Pennefather responded, stating that the voluntary spirit and not compulsory measures was really the source and strength of the Church.

The Rev. L. J. Percival also responded, and congratulated the Guild on the enormous strides made in the art of change-ringing.

Mr. R. A. Daniell gave "The health of Mr. W. E. Garrard and Mr. Fox." They owed a great deal to Mr. Garrard, and he hoped they would all gather round him and back him up in his good work (hear, hear). Their gratitude was due to Mr. Fox for the way in which he looked after the comfort of members in the belfry.

Mr. W. E. Garrard, in responding, gave an account of the work of the Guild for the past year. They were in a very satisfactory position, numerically and financially. Owing to adverse circumstances they had only rung two peals during the year—one of Stedman Caters, the first and only peal of Stedman Caters rung by the St. Mary Abbots Guild; the second was a Coronation peal of Treble Bob Royal. Other peals had been scored by members during the year. Seven of their members had stood in a peal at Putney; the Guild had rung nine quarter-peals, one of which was historical as being the first quarter-peal rung by Miss Nichols, of America, when on a visit to London. They had had forty-nine ringing visitors to the belfry during the year. They were always pleased to welcome visitors and especially clergy ringers, of whom they had met during the year the Revs. H. C. Courtney, H. C. Bell, H. Drake and Maitland Kelly. He thanked the members for their support during the past year, and looked forward to a continuance during the coming year (applause).

Mr. Fox also responded, and assured the members that it was a great pleasure to him to do what he could for the Guild (hear, hear).

A very pleasant evening was spent and songs were sung by Messrs. Jack Eden, R. A. Daniell, Stibbins, F. Harris, Moss, and S. H. Godfrey.

Miscellaneous.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING (Berks).—On Wednesday, February 18th, at St. Giles's church, 1250 Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins. Rev. W. S. Mahony, E. Haynes, E. Goodall, E. Hughes, Rev. H. C. Bell conductor, F. Griffin. First quarter-peal by all except the conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECCLES.—On Monday, November 19th, meeting short for Treble Bob Major, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung instead, to commemorate the birthdays of Messrs. Barratt and Chapman. F. Smith, W. J. Taylor, J. Barratt, J. Smith, A. Cross, H. Chapman conductor. On Tuesday, December 9th, meeting short for a Major peal, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. J. R. Pritchard. M. Olefield, W. Moss, W. Brown, F. Smith, J. R. Pritchard, H. Chapman conductor.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

RIPLEY (Derbyshire).—On Sunday evening, December 28th, at All Saints church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled as a mark of respect to the late Archbishop of Canterbury G. Simpson, J. Shardlow, J. Bourne, H. Day, J. Bennett, W. H. Frost, H. George conductor, A. Clarke. First quarter-peal by the local band.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT (Mon).—On Tuesday, March 10th, on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the King's wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. F. Charles M. Lewis, T. Ford, C. Traviss, A. Thomas, B. Millard, J. W. Jones conductor, S. Baiss. First quar-

ter-peal and the longest length in the method by all except the conductor. These bells were rung for the first time last Easter by the above band, who in addition to learning the method have had to acquire the management of the bell.

ARDLEIGH (Essex).—On Thursday, February 26th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 48 mins. W. Quinton, H. Bacon, G. Rashbrook, G. Palley, J. Harrington, E. Fenner, E. Merchant, A. Bacon. Composed by the late H. Hubbard and conducted by E. Merchant.

BREXTON (Notts).—On Sunday, December 28th, for Divine Service at St. John's church, 546 Grandsire Triples. J. Paling, Private A. G. Clifford, W. Clifford, jun., W. Clifford, sen., A. Lowe, R. Clifford conductor, J. Hutchby, P. Price. Rung as a hearty send off to Private A. G. Clifford, R.M.L.I., H.M.S. Duke of Wellington. In evening, 560 Oxford Bob Triples. J. Paling, W. Clifford, jun., L. Price, W. Clifford, sen., F. S. Price, A. Lowe, R. Clifford conductor, P. Price.

BIDDENHAM (Beds).—On December 22nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob. O. West first in the method, C. R. Lilley conductor, C. West, H. King, J. Maxey, J. Davidson first in the method. Also 720 of Bob Minor, non-conducted. W. West, sen., H. King, W. J. Davidson, C. West, J. Maxey, C. R. Lilley. On December 24th, 720 Bob Minor. O. West, W. West, jun., C. West, N. Frossell, C. R. Lilley, W. Finedon conductor. On December 25th, for Divine Service, 720 Oxford Treble. W. West, C. West, W. J. Davidson, C. R. Lilley conductor, J. Maxey, J. Davidson. A 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. W. J. Davidson, H. King, C. West, C. R. Lilley conductor, J. Maxey, J. J. Davidson. And 720 Woodbine. C. R. Lilley, H. King, W. J. Davidson, W. Finedon, J. Maxey, M. Smith conductor.

CLIFTON (Beds).—On Sunday morning, December 14th, for Divine Service, 360 Bob Doubles. A. Daniels conductor, R. Musgrove, C. Pratt, F. Dilly, A. Pratt, J. Blott. And 300 Grandsire Doubles. A. Pratt, H. L. Harlow conductor, R. Musgrove, F. Dilly, J. Blott, W. Sharp. On January 4th, for Divine Service, 360 Grandsire Doubles. A. Pratt, H. L. Harlow conductor, R. Musgrove, F. Dilly, J. Blott, A. Daniels. And a 6-score of Bob Doubles. A. Daniels, R. Musgrove, F. Dilly, J. Blott, A. Pratt conductor, H. L. Harlow. On October 26th, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Bob Doubles, in 39 mins. W. Sharp, H. L. Harlow conductor, R. Musgrove, F. Dilly, A. Pratt, J. Blott. On November 2nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Doubles, in 44 mins. W. Sharp, C. Pratt, H. L. Harlow conductor, F. Dilly, A. Pratt, J. Blott.

CREWE.—On Sunday, January 4th, for Divine Service in the evening at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 47 mins. R. Rawlings, R. T. Holding, jun., G. Rawlings, J. Dentith, R. Langford, A. Crawley, R. T. Holding conductor, J. Crawley.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, December 21st at All Saints church for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 48 mins. G. Woodiss, J. Howes conductor, J. Herbert, R. H. Tidy (first quarter-peal), J. Crombie, G. H. Daynes, A. Jones, H. Adams, C. Charge, T. Daynes.

OXFORD.—On March 5th, on the occasion of the Institution of Canon Spooner as Warden of New College, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, 1177 changes, was rung on the College bells. W. J. Smith (composer and conductor), Hon. A. Erskine, J. Howes, E. V. Cox, Esq., F. A. Castle, E. C. O'Brien, Esq., T. Payne, A. Fox, W. Finch, W. Jeffery. First quarter-peal of Caters by 2, 4 and 6.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, March 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 50 mins. A. R. Glasscock, H. Miller, S. Jones, J. Armstrong conductor, W. Pickworth, A. J. Hughes, J. E. Miller, S. Wade.

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The Bell News & Ringers' Record.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1903.

WE record this week the performance of a peal of Bob Triples at Christchurch, New Zealand, the first in the method ever rung in the Colonies, or, it may be said, anywhere out of Great Britain. We suppose that this peal was actually rung at the city of Canterbury, where Christ Church Cathedral is situate, and that the report, therefore, as it appears, requires a little modification. What is pleasing in this matter is the knowledge that our Colonial brethren in the Western Hemisphere have made a beginning, which we hope may continue, and that we may soon read of a peal on higher numbers having been rung on Christ Church bells, New Zealand

THE CHRISTCHURCH SOCIETY, NEW ZEALAND.

The annual meeting was held in the tower on December 15th, there being a good attendance of members present. The President (Rev. W. Dunkley) occupied the chair. The Secretary's report showed the society to be in a sound position, both financially and in ringing matters. The whole of the officers were re-elected, and six new members proposed. The President, in congratulating the Secretary on his fine report, said that he would lay the report before Bishop Julius, who always takes a keen interest in the ringing of the bells and who never fails to ascend to the ringing-chamber every Christmas morning to personally wish the ringers a Merry Christmas.

He (the President) took this opportunity of congratulating the Society upon the advances it had made, which was no doubt due to the energy of the officers and the infusion of young blood into the Society.

The officers returned were:—Master, T. Biddle; Deputy-Master, J. Maples; Secretary, W. Saunders; Treasurer, W. Wraight; Committee, Messrs. J. Andrews, J. Biddle, A. Dunkley, W. Jones.

HANDKERCHIEFS AND NECK-WRAPPS FOR RINGERS.—We have just seen some beautiful specimens of these goods made in white figured silk, by Mr. Wilfred Matthews, of Macclesfield, whose announcement will be found in another column. These are very chaste articles indeed, and expert opinion upon them is very pronounced. We strongly advise our friends to get a sample of them from Mr. Matthews as soon as they can. He can furnish almost anything of silk manufacture; and there will be the inward satisfaction of dealing with a brother-string.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD (Branch for the Archdeaconry of Sarum).—The next meeting will be held at Longbridge Deverill (six bells) Easter Monday. Warminster, three miles, eight bells. Service at 3 p.m. Tea provided for those sending notice by April 6th to Mr. A. Dufosse, Church Street, Longbridge Deverill, Warminster. G. F. DOEL, Branch Sec.
5, St. Martin's Church St., Salisbury.

The Metropolis.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 14, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

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

THOMAS O. BONE* Treble.	WILLIAM TRUSS 5.
JAMES SCHOLES 2.	MATTHEW A. WOOD 6.
ALBERT COLES 3.	*DANIEL F. GIBBONS 7.
EDWARD WALLAGE 4.	*GEORGE DORRINGTON, JUN. Tenor.

Conducted by MATTHEW A. WOOD.

*First peal.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES. Tenor 18 cwt.

SIDNEY T. DARLINGTON* Treble.	*ALFRED W. DARLINGTON .. 5.
JAMES W. CHAPMAN† .. 2.	JAMES SAXBY 6.
GEORGE PAICE 3.	JAMES PARKER 7.
HENRY S. REEVES* 4.	WILLIAM WARD Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

*First peal of Superlative. †First peal in any method.

THE WATERLOO SOCIETY, AND THE ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, March 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES.

Tenor 28 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON Treble.	WILLIAM SHEPHERD 6.
FREDERICK G. PERRIN 2.	WILLIAM S. LANGDON 7.
ARTHUR N. HARDY 3.	*JOHN HOYLE 8.
JAMES E. DAVIS 4.	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD 9.
ERNEST H. NIXON 5.	WILLIAM R. CROCKFORD .. Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

*First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Dr. Bradley, ex-Dean of Westminster Abbey.

The Provinces.

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.

(THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 31, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HUBBARD'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN ANDREWS Treble.	*JOHN BIDDLE 5.
ARTHUR DUNKLEY* 2.	*JOHN MAPLES 6.
WILLIAM WRAIGHT* 3.	THOMAS BIDDLE 7.
WILLIAM SAUNDERS* 4.	WILLIAM JONES Tenor.

Conducted by THOMAS BIDDLE.

*First peal. First peal of Triples by all, and on the bells. First peal of Bob Triples in the Colonies. Rung on the front eight.

STOKE-BY-CLARE, SUFFOLK.

On Monday, February 16, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

BENJAMIN FRANCIS Treble.	ALFRED RICHARDSON 4.
WILLIAM ATKINSON 2.	CHARLES HAWES 5.
GEORGE MOORE 3.	ROBERT GOWERS Tenor.

Conducted by ROBERT GOWERS.

First peal on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. H. Highley, for granting the use of the bells.

NORTHALLERTON, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1903, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES. Tenor 17 cwt.

W. E. WALAND Treble.	*W. H. PORTER 5.
J. G. HALL 2.	F. P. HOWCROFT 6.
WM. NEWTON 3.	*T. HAIGH 7.
E. C. HUNT 4.	†T. METCALFE Tenor.

Composed by F. P. HOWCROFT, and
Conducted by T. METCALFE.

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

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 10, 1903, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

C. MEE Treble.	E. E. DIAPER 5.
H. J. MEE 2.	A. G. RIVERS 6.
W. E. TYDEMAN 3.	W. SOUTER 7.
W. G. MELBOURNE* 4.	W. WELHAM Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by C. MEE.

*First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the wedding-day of their Majesties King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 10, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED L. BROWN Treble.	JOHN CRAWFORD 5.
WILLIAM COOK 2.	JOHN HOYLE 6.
WILLIAM H. CORBETT* .. 3.	FREDERICK HOLDEN 7.
ALFRED H. WINCH 4.	THOMAS A. SHRUBB Tenor.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

Rung to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the wedding of His Majesty King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra. *First peal as conductor. First attempt by treble and tenor ringers, who were elected members of the Association previous to starting.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THREE TOWNS BRANCH)

On Wednesday, March 11, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, STONEHOUSE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD TAYLOR Treble.	WALTER HENRY MARSH .. 5.
EDWARD HENDY 2.	ALFRED J. RICHARDS .. 6.
ERNEST W. MARSH* .. 3.	WILLIAM FORD 7.
WILLIAM HOPLY* 4.	†HENRY MYERS Tenor.

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by H. MYERS.

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

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK A. HOLDEN .. Treble.	ALFRED H. WINCH 5.
JOHN BEAMS 2.	ARTHUR C. OTWAY 6.
FREDERICK W. CHALLEN .. 3.	WILLIAM HENRY COBBETT .. 7.
CHARLES E. READ 4.	WILLIAM GEARING Tenor.

Conducted by FREDERICK HOLDEN.

First peal by F. Challen since 1885.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, March 14, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE PIGOTT* Treble.	WILLIAM FRYER 5.
ROBERT MATTHEWS† .. 2.	FRED PLANT 6.
JOHN BASS* 3.	JAMES KRY 7.
JOSEPH PIGOTT 4.	THOMAS PIGOTT: Tenor.

Composed by SIR A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

†First peal. *First peal of Major.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'S ONE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

EDWARD E. FOREMAN .. Treble.	EDWIN BUESDEN 5.
FREDERIC G. BRETT .. 2.	CHARLES LUERY 6.
HENRY G. FAIRBRASS .. 3.	PHILIP H. PIERCE 7.
PERCY PAINE 4.	R. HYDER JENKINS Tenor.

Conducted by PHILIP H. PIERCE.

HULL, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 26 cwt.

J. W. CUNDALL Treble.	G. T. MARSHALL 6.
A. C. FEARNLEY 2.	D. W. BROWN 7.
T. F. EARNSHAW 3.	G. T. MILLER 8.
T. H. HAIGH 4.	W. THOMAS 9.
A. HAIGH 5.	C. JACKSON Tenor.

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by C. JACKSON.

First peal of Royal on the bells.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 20½ cwt.

FREDERICK MANNING* .. Treble.	FRANCIS L. BUMPSTEAD .. 5.
RICHARD W. STANNARD .. 2.	*ALBERT BURCH 6.
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 3.	STANLEY WOLFE 7.
FREDERICK RUDKIN* .. 4.	†WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD .. Tenor.

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD.

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

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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 SMITH Treble.	SIDNEY COLEMAN 4.
MARK LANE 2.	WALTER CHIBNALL 5.
ERNEST HERBERT 3.	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor.

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5035 CHANGES.

Tenor 30½ cwt.

JAMES HUTCHBY Treble.	ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT .. 6.
JOSEPH HARDY 2.	FRANK G. BURLEIGH 7.
THOMAS H. COLBURN .. 3.	JAMES L. WELLS 8.
FREDERICK J. BARRETT .. 4.	RICHARD F. LANE 9.
SAMUEL SMITH 5.	THOMAS GRUNDY Tenor.

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by RICHARD F. LANE.

ERITH, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE CONYARD Treble.	JAMES RANN 5.
GEORGE E. WILSON .. 2.	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 6.
HENRY T. WILSON* .. 3.	GEORGE HAYDEN 7.
JOHN MOULE 4.	EDWIN BARNETT Tenor.

Composed by the REV. J. HOLME PILKINGTON, and
Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN

*First peal of Treble Bob.

HOLBECK, YORKS.—THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, March 14, 1903, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED HARDWICK Treble.	FREDERICK W. DIXON 5.
PERCY JOHNSON 2.	JOHN B. JACKSON 6.
WILLIAM E. H. ASK 3.	JAMES A. TEALE 7.
HARRY TOMLINSON 4.	FREDERICK W. HIRD .. Tenor.

Conducted by F. W. DIXON.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.***On Saturday, March 14, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lbs. in A flat.

REV. WM. C. PEARSON .. Treble.	EDWARD SHERWOOD 5.
WILLIAM MOTTS 2.	JOHN W. TAYLOR, JUN. .. 6.
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM .. 3.	EDGAR PEMBERTON 7.
JAMES MOTTS 4.	LEWIS W. WIFFEN .. Tenor.

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

SUTTERTON.—THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, March 14, 1903, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s each called differently.

E. SELLERS Treble.	C. FLATTERS 4.
H. BISHOP, JUN. 2.	A. O. BARBER 5.
E. CLAYTON 3.	W. BARKER 6.
*J. BISHOP Tenor.	

Conducted by A. O. BARBER.

*First peal. The band wish to thank the Vicar for kindly providing refreshments at the close of the peal.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(THREE TOWNS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 14, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT H.M. CHAPEL, DOCKYARD, DEVONPORT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM RICHARDS .. Treble.	JOHN STEED 5.
ERNEST W. MARSH 2.	G. HARRY MYERS 6.
EDWARD HENDY 3.	WILLIAM FORD 7.
EDWARD TAYLOR 4.	*WILLIAM LINNELL .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN STEED.

*First peal.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.***On Saturday, March 14, 1903, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs.

EDWARD G. BOXALL* .. Treble.	FRANK BENNETT 5.
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK* 2.	†THOMAS STROUD 6.
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3.	*JAMES LEE 7.
ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. 4.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. Tenor.

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal on eight bells. †First peal of Bob Major.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs.

ERNEST J. PRESSLING* .. Treble.	GEORGE F. WILYIAMS .. 5.
HARRY CHURCHILL* 2.	FREDERICK W. RICE .. 6.
THOMAS STROUD 3.	FRANK BENNETT 7.
ARTHUR B. BENNETT .. 4.	GEORGE WILLIAMS .. Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

*First peal on eight bells.

COLN ST. ALDWYNS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.***On Sunday, March 15, 1903, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

FRANCIS W. BOND Treble.	H. CHARLES BOND 5.
HARRY LEWIS* 2.	JAMES KITCHENER 6.
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 3.	FREDERICK LEWIS 7.
JOHN THOMAS 4.	HENRY CLUTTERBUCK .. Tenor.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

*First peal with a bob bell.

BUSHEY, HERTS.**THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION,***On Monday, March 16, 1903, 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.

HENRY HODGETTS .. Treble.	HUBERT EDEN 5.
BERTRAM PREWETT 2.	ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 6.
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 3.	GEORGE N. PRICE 7.
FRANCIS A. SMITH 4.	SPENCER M. DODDINGTON.. Tenor.

Conducted by ERNEST E. HUNTLEY.

Handbell Peals.**SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.****THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, SPROUGHTON.)

On Monday, March 16, 1903, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. MEE,

ON HANDBELLS, RETAINED IN HAND,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

HARRY A. FISHENDEN .. 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 GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

Umpire—A. A. Girling. Further reference will be found on another page.

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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 Ancient Society of College Youths.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on March 26th. **WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.**
"Frodingham," Elmhurst Street, Clapham, S.W.

The Essex Association.—There will be a district meeting to-day, Saturday, March 21, at Widdford at 5 p.m. in the schoolroom. Members intending to be present, let me know by the 17th inst. **G. GREEN, Hon. Sec.**
Church Chase, Great Baddow.

The Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Chatham, to-day, Saturday, March 21st. Tower open at 4.30 p.m., Committee meeting at 6.30.
A. OSBORNE, Hon. Dist. Sec.

The Kent County Association.—A meeting of the central committee will be held at St. Mary's, Chatham, to-day, Saturday, March 21, at 4.30 p.m., for the purpose of (1) making a grant towards the restoration at Swanscombe, and (2) appointing a representative on the Central Council in place of F. W. Thornton.
FRED. J. O. HELMORE, Hon. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bury on Saturday, March 21st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.
W. ASHWORTH, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stretford parish church, Chester Road (six bells), on Saturday, March 28th. Bells ready at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7.
JOHN SMITH, Branch Sec.

Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The Annual Meeting of the above Society will be held at Leeds on Saturday, March 28th. Business meeting at The Nag's Head hotel at 7 p.m. Election of officers for ensuing year.
CHARLES PRATT, Sec.
Park View, Calverley.

The Waterloo Society, London.—All meetings for practice postponed till after Easter. St. John's, Waterloo Road, Wednesday, April 15th; St. John's, Vassal Road, Brixton, Monday, April 20th, and fortnightly from those dates. **F. G. PERRIN, Hon. Sec.**

The Midland Counties Association.—Nominations for four representatives on the Central Council should be sent in at once.
Cotgrave. W. E. WHITE, Hon. Sec.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bishops Lydeard, on Saturday, March 28th. Bells available from 1 o'clock. Service at 3 o'clock. Tea kindly arranged for by Rev. W. F. Eustace at 4 o'clock. Business immediately following. Members intending being present should inform me not later than Tuesday, March 24th.
A. E. COLES, Hon. Sec.
Bridgwater.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—The Annual Meeting of the above will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday. Particulars later.
JOHN SMITH, Hon. Sec.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.—The newly-designed certificates are ready for distribution. They can be supplied to old members at sevenpence (in stamps) each. Full name and date on old certificate must be sent.

C. E. BORRETT, Acting Hon. Sec.
10, Chester Street, Norwich.

St. Nicolas, Guildford.—All communications with regard to the bells of St. Nicolas, Guildford, are in future to be addressed to E. E. Heather, St. Nicolas Schools, Guildford. Times of ringing are first and third Sunday mornings in the month, 10.15 to 11; every Sunday evening, 5.45

THE GATESHEAD SOCIETY.

The Annual Dinner and Meeting were held on Tuesday, February 3rd, the Rector of Gateshead in the chair. Mr. Stuart was re-elected captain, and Mr. Peacock vice-captain and Secretary, the retiring Secretary, Mr. Wilkinson, not offering himself for re-election. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the retiring officers, and also to Mr. Hillier, of Newcastle Cathedral, for his unfailing courtesy and attention as instructor in change-ringing. The Rector, the Rev. J. A. Kempthorne, and the Rev. G. W. Froggatt also thanked the ringers for the way in which they carried out their important work. The retiring secretary presented his report, from which we select the following extracts: "The year just ended has been one of the best we know in the history of the Society, and the ringers have worked most harmoniously together. The day of the year was Saturday, November 1st, when our bells were re-dedicated after rehanging, the first time they have been rehanged for over 100 years. Prayers were said in the belfry, and after the opening peal a short service was held in the church, at which Canon Savage, of South Shields, gave us a most interesting address on the history of our bells and their use. The following week a band of the Durham and Newcastle Association rang a peal of Stedman, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 54 mins., tenor 15 cwt. Our own ringers are progressing favourably in change-ringing under the tuition of Mr. Hillier, to whom our best thanks are due. It is with gratitude and pleasure that we record the constant attendance of our members at Divine Service. As long as our ringers recognise in this way that as churchworkers they must also be God-worshippers, we have no fear for the future of our belfry."

NOTE TO PEAL.

THE PEAL AT SPROUGHTON.—This is the first peal in the method by all the band. The first peal of London Surprise Major in Suffolk was rung on Monday, March 16th, 1903. This is the first peal by the Association in the diocese. The Sproughton company have now scored the first peals of New and Old Cambridge Surprise Major, and the first silent peal of Treble Bob Major on handbells, and now the first peal of London Surprise Major. As there are only six bells at Sproughton church, it is not always convenient to get to a peal of eight; for that reason to make sure of the first peal, they were obliged to ring it on handbells. It is just four years since the majority of this company began to learn change-ringing, and during that time the Sproughton company have now rung upwards of fifty peals.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—After Monday, March 23rd, the address of Mr. C. Charge will be 41, Dartrey Road, Chelsea, S.W.—The address of William H. Barber is 60, Morrison Street, Edinburgh.

AN APPEAL.

SIR,—May I ask you to kindly insert this appeal on behalf of Mr. Robert Hawes, an old and respected member of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, who is seriously ill, and in need of assistance from any kindly-disposed brother-ringer. He is sixty-six years of age, and has taken part in many grand performances. All donations will be thankfully received by me—William Motts, Hon. Secretary of the above-named society, 25, Orchard Street, Ipswich.

INCORRECT ADDRESS.—In the Oxford Guild Annual Report, just published, Mr. W. Newell's address is wrongly given as The Angel inn, Reading, whereas he is still residing at 247, Oxford Road, Reading.

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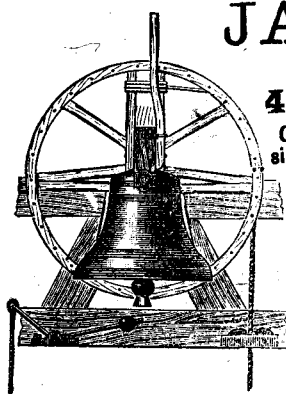
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